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Harry Mulhaire

This month, Laura Bergin got in touch with a Town legend, Harry Mulhaire.

Harry now lives in Tipperary but still follows the club he once represented valiantly at all age levels. Here he looks back at his life with the club.

Growing Up on the Dublin Road

I was born and reared on the Dublin Road in Portlaoise, near the Delaneys, Doyles and Carrolls. Football was everything back then. It was played day and night, and the competition was fierce from a very young age.

School Days and Early Promise

I attended the CBS on Tower Hill, where the main football coach was Brother Nolan, better known as "Pencil". I finished there as part of the Leaving Cert class of 1968. Out of a class of just 20, three of us went on to play senior football for Laois – Bobby Millar, Ivor Hoolihan and myself. It says a lot about the standard and passion for football at the time.

A huge influence on my development was the late, great Bill Phelan. He was everything to us – coach, motivator, organiser and even transport manager. He is a man who will never be forgotten around the club.

Breaking Onto the Senior Team

I played minor with both club and county and broke onto the Portlaoise senior team in 1968. That team was chasing three-in-a-row county titles and was packed with legends of the club – Paddy Bracken, Alfie Lewis, Paschal, Jim Hughes, Teddy Fennelly and Rake McDonald among others. One thing that always sticks with me is the smell of Wintergreen Rub in the dressing room as players prepared themselves for battle.

I was fortunate to play in four county finals, winning in 1968, 1970 and 1971, with the only disappointment coming in

1969 when we lost to Timahoe.

Strong Leadership and Coaching

At that time, the team was coached by former Tipperary great Phil Shanahan, with Ned Harkin, Jimmy Cotter and Tommy Keogh assisting. It was a brilliant setup and a great environment to be part of.

The Unforgettable Leinster Run of 1972

The Leinster Club campaign of 1972 stands out as something truly special. We came through tough games against Tinryland, Carberry and Ferbane before facing Athlone in the final in Carlow. We were nine points down at half time but somehow turned it around to win by two. That team had begun to evolve, with younger players like Michael Carroll, Mick Mulhall and an emerging Mick Dooley coming through.



Harry and his granddaughter Lalia who plays U15 football for Tipperary



Harry Mulhaire

So Near to All Ireland Glory

Our run eventually came to an end in Magherafelt, Derry, where we lost the All Ireland semi-final to Bellaghy by a single point. It was heartbreak at the time. So near and yet so far.

That team had incredible leaders and motivators in Jim Hughes, Teddy Fennelly and Paschal, along with hugely talented players such as John Fennell, Brian Delaney and Cyril O'Meara.

Life Beyond The Field

Off the field, I joined An Garda Síochána in 1969. I first served in Dublin before moving to Thurles in 1972. I spent over 30 years there working as a detective before retiring in 2007, and I still reside in Thurles today.

Looking back, it was a special time to be involved with Portlaoise. The memories, the people and the pride of wearing the jersey are things that have stayed with me ever since.



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LAOIS U12 'A' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS - 1960

Sunday, 3 July 1960 - Timahoe



Portlaoise 4-4 v 1-1 St. Joseph's

Back (l. to r.): Harry Mulhaire, Paddy McDonald, Tom Critchley, Malachy Byrne, Maurice Byrne, Sean Delaney, Louis McMahon, Kenny Scully, Michael Mulhaire, C. O'Leary, Micheál Carroll;

Front (l. to r.): Louis Harkin, Jim Hunston, Aidan Tierney, Dan Ryan, Paddy Conroy, Kevin Farrell, Pat Scully, James Bennett, Joe Conroy;



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LAOIS SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS - 1968

Sunday, 10 November 1968 - O'Moore Park



Portlaoise 1-10 v 1-5 Timahoe

Back (l. to r.): Ned Harkin (selector), Noel Lalor, Jimmy Cotter (Sec.), Paddy Brennan, Mick Murphy, Teddy Fennelly, Mick McDonald, Jim Hughes, Ollie Byrne, Paddy Doyle, Paddy Fitzpatrick, Joe Byrne, Jas. O'Reilly, Liam Carroll, Alfie Lewis, Pascal Delaney, John Whelan, Phil Shanahan (trainer);

Front (l. to r.): Donal Hoare, Tony Maher, Tom O'Reilly, Harry Mulhaire, Mark Carroll, Paddy Bracken (Capt.), Tom Walsh, Frank Byrne, Sid Harkin, John Joe Ging, Brian Delaney;



THREE IN A ROW



(A TRIBUTE TO PORTLAOISE, LAOIS SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 66/67/68)

On the tenth day of November boys in nineteen sixty eight,
Portlaoise won the Championship, and so the record's state;
'Midst mighty cheers, they took the field against gallant Timahoe,
This victory made, in Senior grade, the third in a row.

Hurrah! For Paddy Bracken, boys, our goalie-captain brave,
Who down the years, 'mid joyous cheers, made many a glorious save,
Staunch Alfie Lewis, Mick Murphy bold and Fran Byrne also,
Three great full-backs, staved off attacks for three years in a row.

At centre back, staunch Jimmy Hughes, long serving with the Town,
Flanked on the right by Tommy Walsh, a half-back of renown;
With Sydney Harkin on the left, put on a splendid show,
Defenders three brought victory for three in a row.

A midfield pair beyond compare, delightful to behold,
A treat to see Ted Fennelly, and Mick McDonald bold,
Now further on Red Pascal's gone with the ball upon his toe,
To help the Town to win renown for the third time in a row.

Tom Reilly and young Paddy Doyle, we surely can't forget,
Two forwards fast who in the past, did often shake the net,
And often, too, Mark Carroll broke through, the back line of the foe,
Due to their skill, we're Championb still - the third time in a row.

In praise I'll sing of John Joe Ging - the spear head of attack,
Of Harry Mulhare, I do declare, his goal brought memories back,
Of Donal Hoare, who oft' before, set all our hearts aglow,
All helped to make, without a break, the third one in a row.

I now propose a toast to those, who form the team's reserve,
Mick Dalton, Reilly, Byrne, Molloy - long with Portlaoise did serve,
Whelehan, Meagher and Seamus Beere, Mi praise, and rightly so,
Their loyalty helped victory, the third time in a row.

Your voices raise with mine, to praise an injured County Star,
His name is Brian Delaney, boys, well known both near and far,
This gallant heart could not take part in the final, as you know,
But did his share to get us there, the third time in a row.

Now, if I may, I'd like to say -'ere my song conclude,
To trainer grand, Phil Shanahan - a word of gratitude,
Our mentors too, so loyal and true, both in the ebb and flow,
Helped bring the Crown to Portlaoise Town, the third time in a row.



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LAOIS SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS - 1970

Sunday, 13 September 1970 - O'Moore Park



Portlaoise 1-7 v0-9 St. Joseph's

Back (l. to r.): Tommy Keogh, Mick Murphy, Alfie Lewis, Tom Walsh, Paddy Bracken, Eamon Whelan, Mark Carroll, Syd Harkin, Pascal Delaney, Mick McDonald, Ned Harkin (selector);

Front (l. to r.): Louis Harkin, John Joe Ging, Tom O'Reilly, Teddy Fennelly (Capt.), Brian Delaney, Kevin McGill, Harry Mulhaire;



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LAOIS SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS - 1971

Sunday, 19 October 1971 - O'Moore Park



Portlaoise 1-7 v0-7 The Heath

Back (l. to r.): John Grant, Jim Hughes, Mick Mulhall, Barry Larkin, Mark Carroll, Paddy Doyle, Tom Walsh, Ollie Byrne, Cyril O'Meara, Alan Larkin, Eamon Whelan, Mick McDonald, Pascal Delaney, Phil Shanahan (Manager);
Front (l. to r.): Noel Tynan, Kevin Farrell, Teddy Fennelly, Harry Mulhaire, Brian Delaney, Mick Murphy (Capt.), Louis Harkin, Larry Dunne, Mick Dooley, Jimmy Harding, Tom O'Reilly;

Mulhare goal a winner for Portlaoise

Portlaoise 1-10
Tinryland 0-9

PORTLAOISE — Laois S.F. champions last year, are through to meet Carbury — the Kildare champions in the Leinster Inter Club F.C. semi-final.

At Portarlington on Sunday last, in a game switched from Portlaoise because of ground conditions, they handed out a four point beating to Carlow champions — Tinryland, and if only for the way they took their second half chances they deserved to win.

Facing the wind Portlaoise found themselves in arrears to the tune of 0-5 to 0-3 at the interval, and in fact were still two points down after 40 minutes. Then they made their break. A brace of points from Larry Dunne and Tom Walsh — the latter a great long distance shot — set the sides level.

Immediately they were back again, hungry for scores and when Cyril O'Meara sent in a long ball, inter-county player — Harry Mulhare, somewhat subdued up to that, was in the right spot at the right time to score a typical Mulhare goal.

Undaunted, Tinryland fought back to cut the lead to a single point at the close of the third quarter, but the goal made their task too great with Portlaoise finishing the better side.

Tinryland should have scored a goal before the interval and at a time when they were leading by two points. Determined play by the Portlaoise defence however, and poor shooting averted the danger.

TOP CLASS SHOW

Portlaoise owe a great deal to former centre-back Teddy Fennelly. Playing in the corner on this occasion he was chiefly responsible for the Carlow side being but two points ahead at the interval. Tom Walsh was, as usual, sound in the half line while

the youthful Jimmy Griffin also looked promising but found the "going" a bit hard in the second half when he took a rather heavy charge.

Midfield appeared to present problems for the winners and it was not until Mulhare moved out that they appeared to at least break even, with Mick Dooley, coming more into the game.

With Pascal Delaney and Tommy O'Reilly absent the attack appeared to lack weight. Yet it possessed a top class player in John Fennell with Brian Delaney and Cyril O'Meara also moving well and with great speed. As at midfield this sector also improved with alterations.

Joe Gorman, Pat Doyle and Jim Nolan were top defenders for Tinryland, but for my money their real top player was Dave Power. Backed by Sean Townsend he caused the Portlaoise selectors to make a few switches before the interval.

Tommy O'Neill wasted a number of scoring opportunities in the opening half with Tom Dowling and John Doyle coming more into the game as it advanced.

Scorers: Portlaoise: J. Fennell 0-5; H. Mulhare 1-1; T. Walsh, M. Dooley, B. Delaney, L. Dunne 0-1 each. Tinryland: T. O'Neill 0-7, T. Dowling and P. Foster 0-1 each.

Portlaoise team: M. Mulhall, M. Murphy, J. Hughes, T. Fennelly, T. Walsh, J. Grant, J. Griffen, M. McDonald, M. Dooley, J. Fennell, H. Mulhare, L. Dunne, B. Delaney, C. O'Meara, M. Carroll. Sub. B. Larkin for Griffin.

Tinryland: L. Byrne, J. Nolan, P. Doyle, J. Mullins, L. Foster, J. Gorman, W. Dowling, S. Townsend, D. Power, J. Doyle, T. O'Neill, D. Byrne, T. Dowling, E. Townsend, P. Foster. Sub. M. Walsh for E. Townsend.

Mulhare switch downs Carbury

Portlaoise in Leinster club final

Portlaoise 2-8
Carbury 1-8

A WONDERFUL second half display from Portlaoise saw them through to the final of the Leinster Club Football championship at the expense of Kildare champions Carbury, at Tullamore on Sunday, March 19.

This was a game which produced some positively brilliant passages of football and the only regret one had after an enthralling game was the ill-feeling that came to the surface a few times during the hour.

Carbury, powered by county men Pat Nally, Pat Mangan, Jack Farrell and Kevin Kelly, looked the better side in the opening half and their defence did not seem unduly worried in containing a Portlaoise attack that was just not hitting it off.

Yet it was the Laois champions who struck the first major blow when county player Harry Mulhare, who had an outstanding game, went right through the Carbury defence to goal after seven minutes.

But back came Carbury and a Pat Mangan point was followed a minute later by a smashing Kevin Kelly goal. Kelly chased what appeared a lost ball and made his way to the edge of the Portlaoise square before sending a fierce drive past Mulhall. He was injured in scoring the goal but resumed.

Form here on it was score for score during the half and the tight marking of both sets of backs kept the scores at 1-4 to 1-4 in the Kildare side's favour at half-time.

On resumption Harry Mulhare was moved from centre-forward to centre field to counter the work of Mangan and the introduction of Pascal Delaney at full forward was another master-stroke.

One could immediately sense the confidence of the Portlaoise men and while Kevin Kelly was quick to whip over a Carbury point, this was the high point of Carbury's efforts.

Mulhare outfielded Mangan twice and now the Portlaoise forwards started to show their authority and three points on the trot from John Fennell (2) and Brian Delaney put them ahead.

Pat Tyrrell levelled the sides and Kevin Kelly restored his side's lead, but within a minute an upfield movement saw two Carbury defenders lose possession and the ball eventually came to Pascal Delaney. The burly full forward placed brother Brian on the edge of the square and he had an easy job to goal.

While Tyrrell did score another point, Eamon Whelan and John Fennell had further points for Portlaoise before the end.

The last ten minutes of the game was scoreless but sustained pressure from Carbury only yielded a number of close frees and a '50', all of which were cleared efficiently by a determined Portlaoise rear-guard.

The only difference between the side's was Portlaoise's ability to score. Their forwards looked very impressive in full flight but their defence has a tendency to be over-robust and this could prove costly in the final against Athlone.

Mulhare and Cyril O'Meara were their outstanding players while defenders Mick Murphy, Jim Hughes, Mick McDonald, and Teddy Fennelly closed ranks very impressively. The Delaneys, John Fennell and Larry Dunne were best up front.

Pat Mangan did his utmost to keep his side ahead and Ollie Crinnigan, Liam Balfe, Pat Nally and Jack Carey strove desperately to keep the Portlaoise forwards at bay.

Jack Farrell also turned in a good display beside Mangan, but only Kevin Kelly, Pat Tyrrell and John McKeown ever threatened danger up front.

Scorers: Portlaoise: J. Fennell, 0-5; B. Delaney, 1-1; H. Mulhare, 1-0; C. O'Meara and E. Whelan, 0-1 each.

Carbury: K. Kelly, 1-3; P. Tyrrell, 0-3; J. McKeown and P. Mangan, 0-1 each.



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LEINSTER SENIOR CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS - 1971

Sunday, 2 April 1972 - Dr. Cullen Park, Carlow



Portlaoise 2-11 v 2-09 Athlone (Westmeath)

Back (l. to r.): Jim Hughes, John Grant, Mick Mulhall, Tom Walsh, Micheal Carroll, Pascal Delaney, Mick McDonald.

Front (l. to r.): Teddy Fennelly, Harry Mulhaire, John Fennell, Mick Murphy (Capt.), Cyril O'Meara, Brian Delaney, Larry Dunne, Mick Dooley.



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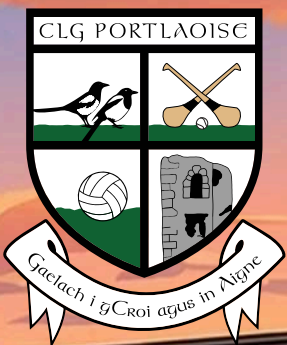
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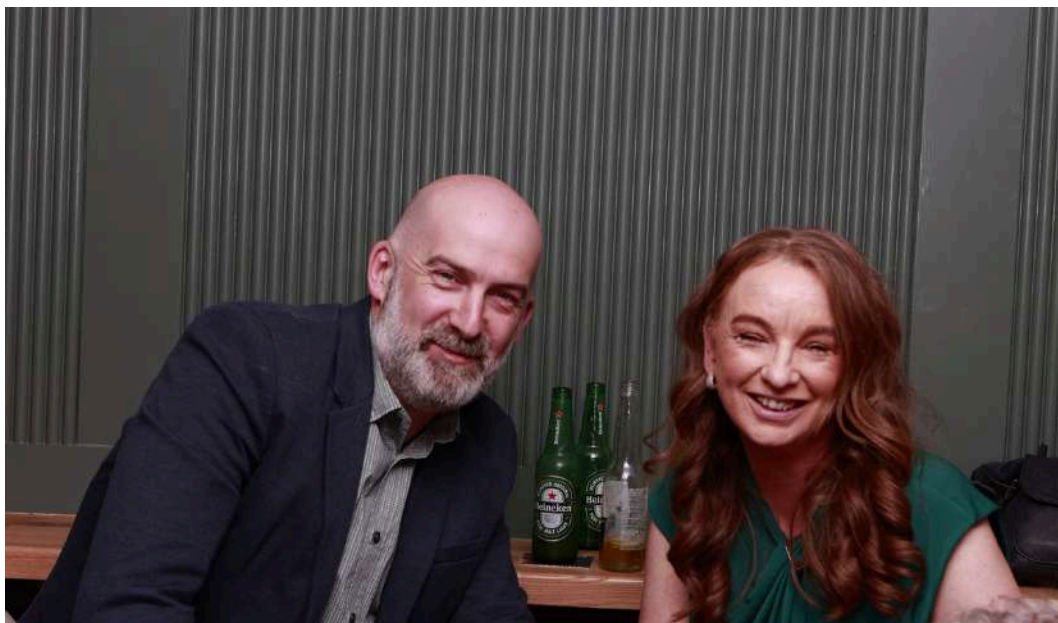
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Ned Fox
Noah Clear
Tyler Whelan
Tadhg Bohan
Ben McCormack

Fé 15

Fionn Delaney
Tadhg Graham
Dylan Fitzpatrick
Max Whelan
Tadas Širvaitis
Lee McStay
Conall Lalor
Ryan Fennell

Fé 16

Maksymilian Piech
Culainn McEvoy
Danny Breen
Dylan Clear

Fé 17

David Timmons
Daire Brosnan

Fé 19

Mark O Connor
Finn Dawson
Seán Powders
Ryan Morrin
Aaron McCormack
David Whelan

Fé 20

Ben O Connor
Conor O Callaghan
Darren Brennan

Sinsir

Ben Dempsey
Kevin Swayne
Josh Hogan
Benny Carroll
Darren Brennan



Fé 14

Danny Kerry
Lorcan McBride
Michael McGrath
Tadhg Bohan
Tyler Whelan
Zac Bowe

Fé 15

Fionn Delaney
Tadhg Graham
Max Whelan
Luke Devaney

Fé 17

Shane Carroll
Oisín McRedmond

Fé 20

Davy Delaney
Liam Conroy

Sinsir

Ciarán McEvoy



Fé 14

Aoibhe O Shea
Sofia Murphy
Olivia Canavan
Saoirse Kavanagh
Darcy Carroll
Anna Scully
Sarah Skehan
Amelia King

Fé 15

Sasha lawless
Sara Cully
Emma Moran
Kate Hynes
Amelia Knowles

Fé 16

Emily McEvoy
Lucy Mulhall
Emma Glennon

Idirmheánach

Sarah Fleming



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Aimee Conlon
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Fé 16

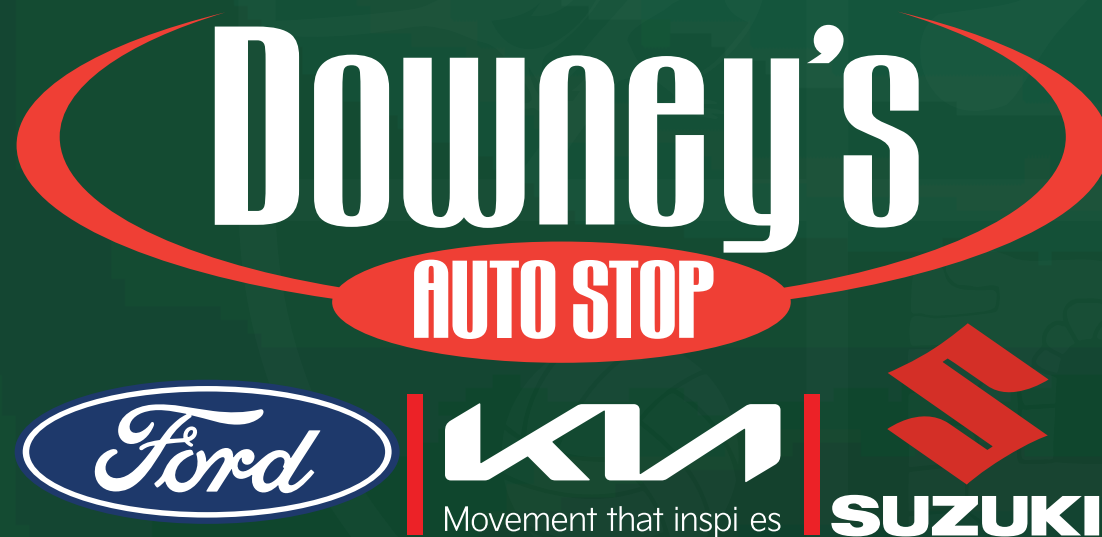
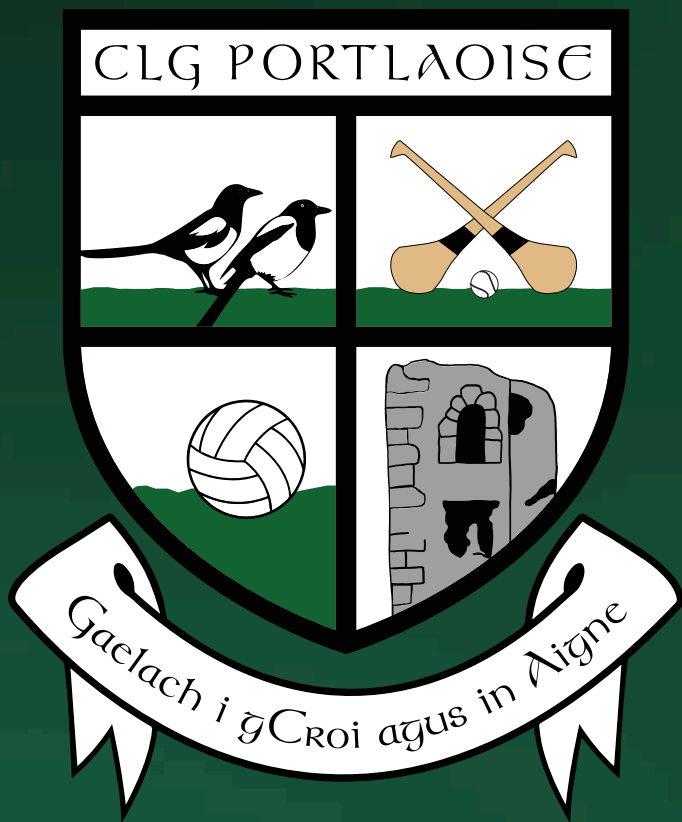
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Leinster Champions!!

Portlaoise CBS on a claimed victory over Ardee Community School in the 2nd Year Leinster B Football Final this month.

A superb performance saw them run out winners on a scoreline of 6-12 to 4-3, a huge achievement and a proud day for the school and the town.

Special congratulations to our club players who played their part in a fantastic win:

Fionn Delaney, Luke Devaney, Eoghan Dunne, Ryan Fennell, Noah Finn, Dylan Fitzpatrick, Conall Lalor, Brooklyn McCarthy, Lee McStay, Tiernan O'Dwyer, Tadas Sirvaitis and David Tiwo.

This victory is all the more impressive considering the majority of these lads won the Laois Féile na nGael at the weekend with the club.

Well done also to manager and clubman **Adrian White** on a great achievement.

A brilliant reflection of the work being done across club and school.



DAVID BROWN

MEMORIAL U-15 HURLING TOURNAMENT

Portlaoise GAA Club would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped make the David Brown Memorial event such a wonderful success.

The highlight of the day was the Under 15 hurling tournament featuring Portlaoise, Ballyfin, Clonad/Trumera, and Park Ratheniska/Timahoe. There was outstanding hurling on display, with great skill, sportsmanship, and community spirit evident throughout.

A special thank you to Niall Handy, Laois GAA County Board, and Mick Glynn for their valued support. And to Fiona in the kitchen for providing tea/coffee and treats for the Brown family and close friends.

We are very grateful to the managers and coaches who worked closely with organisers:

- Dessie Conroy – Park Ratheniska/Timahoe
- Denis Sheeran – Clonad/Trumera
- Seamus Quinn – Ballyfin
- Brian Devaney – Portlaoise

Our thanks also to referees Johnny Holland, Eoin Rochford, Connie Dunne, and Craig Haslam for their professionalism.

Thank you to Gerry Browne for donating the Player of the Tournament award, and to John Dunne and his organising committee for their hard work and the thoughtful gesture of Easter eggs for all players.

A big thank you to Jim Heffernan for keeping everyone warm with teas and coffees, and to Adam Keogh for capturing the day so brilliantly through his photography.

Most importantly, the day was a heartfelt tribute to David Brown—a valued member of our club and community. His passion for hurling and his dedication to those around him will never be forgotten, and it was truly special to honour his memory in such a meaningful way.



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Leinster Champions!!

A brilliant achievement for Emily McEvoy and Lucy Mulhall, along with their Laois U16 camogie teammates, who were crowned Leinster B Shield champions after a fantastic 3-14 to 1-6 win over Kildare this month.

A superb team performance and a proud moment for all involved.

Well done to the girls and management on a brilliant victory.



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Laois Féile na nGael Champions 2026

It was a truly special day for our U15 Hurlers who delivered a fantastic Féile na nGael victory, bringing another county title back to the Town on Sunday 12th April.

What an incredible day it was for this group. From battling the wind and rain in Kilcotton this morning with gritty wins over Borris-in-Ossory/Kilcotton and Rathdowney Errill, to making history in the Centre of Excellence this evening, it has been a day to remember. An epic semi final win over The Harps, which needed extra time to separate the sides, booked their place in the final against Camross. Another superb contest followed, with Portlaoise eventually emerging victorious after a brilliant team performance.

Huge congratulations to this outstanding panel:

Tadhg Bohan, Zac Bowe, Noah Clear, Luke Devaney, Fionn Delaney, Eoghan Dunne, Ryan Fennell, Fionnán Ging, Tadhg Graham (Captain), Danny Kerry, Conall Lalor, Lorcan McBride, Brooklyn McCarthy, Michael McGrath, Lee McStay, Tom Priede, Jack Reilly, Adam Sythes, David Tiwo, Max Whelan, Tyler Whelan.

And to the management team of Brian Devaney, Ed O Dwyer, Brian Bohan and Mick Bowe, who have guided this group so well throughout.

Each and every player played their part over the course of the day, and it's great to see the Town competing and winning at this age group once again. While this is our first Féile title since the competition moved from Under 14 to Under 15, it marks our 19th Féile na nGael title in Laois, a remarkable achievement for the club.

These lads now go forward to represent Laois at the National Féile finals in June, fully deserving of the honour.

A day they'll never forget, and a hugely proud one for the club.

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Laois Féile na nGael Champions 2026: Portlaoise 0-11 v 1-7 Camross





Laois Féile na nGael Champions 2026: Portlaoise 0-11 v 1-7 Camross





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LAOIS FÉILE NA NGAEL DIV 1 CHAMPIONS - 2026

Sunday, 12 April 2026 - Laois Centre of Excellence



Portlaoise 0-11 v 1-7 Camross

Back (l. to r.): Ed O Dwyer (Coach), Conall Lalor, Brooklyn McCarthy, Eoghan Dunne, Fionn Delaney, Lee McStay, David Tiwo, Jack Reilly, Tiernan O Dwyer, Tyler Whelan, Michael McGrath, Luke Devaney, Lorcan McBride, Brian Devaney (Coach);

Front (l. to r.): Max Whelan, Ryan Fennell, Danny Kerry, Zac Bowe, Tadgh Graham (Capt.), Tom Priede, Tadgh Bohan, Fionnán Ging, Adam Sythes, Noah Clear;

Management: Brian Devaney, Ed O Dwyer, Brian Bohan, Mick Bowe;

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Laois Camogie Féile B Runners Up

It wasn't to be for our Camogs in the Féile this year, but there was plenty to admire in a fantastic effort from this group who hurled brilliantly.

They came into the day in great form, showing real quality and determination through the earlier rounds. A strong opening win over Abbeyleix St Lazarian's on a scoreline of 3-5 to 1-1 set the tone, before a tight encounter with Clonad saw them just edged out 0-3 to 1-4. The response was excellent, bouncing back with a well-earned win over Clough Ballacolla, 0-7 to 1-2, to book their place in the final.

In the Laois Camogie Féile B Final, they once again faced a strong Clonad side. The girls gave everything, showing great heart and work rate throughout, but were just pipped at the finish on a scoreline of 1-3 to 0-1.

Massive credit is due to all involved for their performances across the day. There is no doubt this group has a very bright future ahead.

The panel on the day, was:

Freya Byrne, Alanna Cahill, Olivia Canavan, Darcie Carroll, Aisling Condon, Sara Cully, Ava Delaney, Ruth Gorman, Kate Hynes, Chloe Johnston, Saoirse Kavanagh, Amelia King, Amelia Knowles, Sasha Lawless (co-captain), Beth Lindsay, Lucy Marum McStay, Emily McEvoy (co-captain), Eve Montgomery, Emma Moran, Sophia Murphy, Robina Reinika, Ellie Sandgrove, Anna Scully, Sarah Skehan, Lilly Walsh, Aisling Young.

A special mention also to **Aoibhe O'Shea**, who unfortunately missed out through injury on the day.





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GAA INJURY

Logging Through Foireann

As of **1 June 2025**, all players who sustain an injury while playing or training must self-report the injury through **Foireann**. This is a change from the previous system, which was managed by the **Club Injuries Officer**.

Important: It is the **responsibility** of the **injured player** to start the process on **Foireann**. For **underage players**, the **parent** or **guardian** must start the process. The **club cannot log injuries** anymore unless the player or the parent/guardian has begun the report in Foireann.

The **GAA** has published an in-depth **guide** showing how to complete this. The guide can be found **[here](#)**.

If you are struggling to find your Foireann login details, email the Club Secretary at **secretary.portlaoise.laois@gaa.ie**



Club GPO Corner

Reminder again that our aim in all schools is to try and progress each child's skills in football and hurling while making the sessions as enjoyable as possible for all the children involved.

The Past Month

Scoil Bhríde: 6th class and Junior infants finished up their hurling blocks.

Gaelscoil: Junior infants and Senior infants started their blocks and are now in the middle of them.

Educate Together: Junior infants, 1st class and 3rd class have all completed their hurling block over the last month.

Holy Family Senior School: 4th class have completed the first few weeks of their football block. Friday morning sessions for hurling Cumann na mBunscol students are still ongoing with all the teams up and running.

Holy Family Junior School: Junior infants and 2nd class completed their hurling block. We now have TY students in to help coach on Fridays. This allows each class to play hurling and football every session going forward.

St. Mary's CBS Portlaoise: Both our first-year footballers and second year footballers are into Leinster finals. Delays on the other sides of both competitions have meant the lads have been training hard for the past while. The 1st year hurling is up and running.

The Next Month

Scoil Bhríde: 1st class and 3/4th class will start into their football blocks next week.

Gaelscoil: The Junior and Senior infants will finish out their block over the next two weeks. 1st and 2nd class are up next after that.

Educate Together: 2nd class, 4th class, 5th class and some of the remaining 3rd classes will be finishing their hurling blocks over the next 4 weeks.

Holy Family Senior School: 4th class will continue with their football block. The hurling sessions on Friday mornings for Cumann na mBunscol students will continue.

Holy Family Junior School: Senior infants and 1st class are rotating back in for the next 4-5 weeks. As mentioned earlier, with the extra support from the TY students, all students in Holy Family Junior school will do a dual session every week.

St. Mary's CBS Portlaoise: The 1st and 2nd year footballers will be finishing out their seasons with their finals taking place after the easter break. 1st year hurlers are now firmly up and running and into the middle of their season.

Other Updates

Nursery: Our u5 and u6 Town Tigers have kicked off their season and have been enjoying the sessions over the last few weeks. The u6 girls and boys are rotating every 2nd Wednesday at 6pm. While our u5 Town Tigers are on Fridays at 6pm with great numbers attending every week.

Juvenile Teams: All of our underage boys and girls teams have started into their league campaigns over the past few weeks.

Town Óg: Go Games are due to start for all our Town Óg age groups over the coming weeks. If any coaches run into any issues or have any questions on rules etc feel free to send me a message or email.

Laois GAA Programs: The Ó Módrha Óg (football) and Setanta (hurling) programs are starting on the 19th of May. The programs are for u10, u11, u12 and u13 boys. There will be one session a week and the programs will run for 6 weeks. It's a great opportunity for players to enhance their abilities and make new friends in a safe environment. It's also a great chance for volunteer coaches to receive valuable insight and experience to help them on their coaching journey.

As always, I can be reached by phone at **083 194 0412** or by email at **Josh.Hogan.po.laois@gaa.ie**. If any coach or parent needs a hand with anything, no matter how big or small, please don't hesitate to let me know. I'd be happy to help.

Josh Hogan

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LOOKING FOR THE BALL

Anseo!
Here!

Caith chugam é!
Pass it to me!

Tabhair dom é!
Give it to me!

Táim saor!
I'm free!

Táim oscailte!
I'm open!

Taobh thiar duit!
Behind you!

Ag Tabhairt Treoracha
Giving instructions

Suas leat!
Up you go!

Ar aghaidh!
Continue on!

Siar leat!
Back you go!

Téir Timpeall air!
Go around him!

Frásaí don lonsaí
Phrases for attacking

Rith leat!
Run on!

Brostaigh ort!
Go around him!

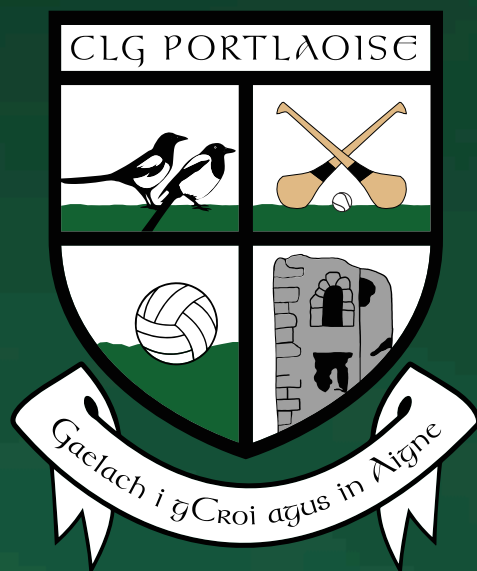
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Keep going!

Déan iarracht!
Try it!

Bain triail as!
Give it a go!

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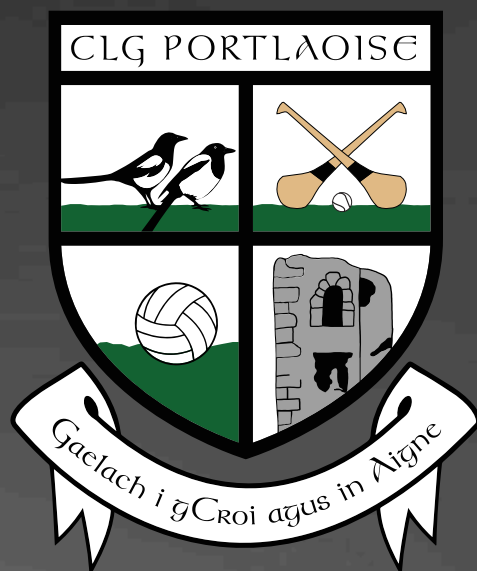


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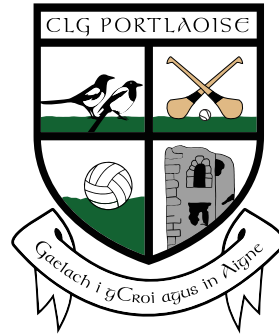


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