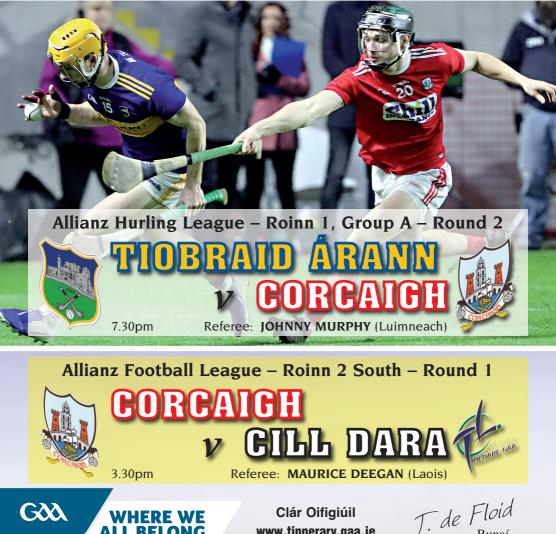


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On behalf of Tipperary Co Board, I am greatly honoured to welcome both teams and officials to this Round Two game of the National Hurling League between Tipperary and Cork. Both teams will draw encouragement from their opening round games. I expect both teams will improve on their performances of last weekend and this should lead to a very entertaining and competitive game.

Unfortunately, today's game will be played without spectators present but this will not diminish the rivalry between the two teams. I know that all GAA followers will be following the game on television or radio and the playing of the National League has helped to lift the morale of players and followers alike. Hopefully with the improvement in the rollout of the Covid vaccination programme, we will have spectators at matches again in the not too distant future.

I wish Johnny Murphy and his officials well in today's game.

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FRONT COVER – Jake Morris (Tipperary) gets away from Mark Coleman (Cork) during the 2020 Allianz NHL at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. (Photo: Bridget Delaney)



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With the pitch in great order we have a smashing contest in store

By: NOEL DUNDON (Tipperary Star)



S UCH has been the sporting famine of late in a GAA sense that anything remotely entertaining last weekend in the Allianz National Hurling League opening weekend was always going to be welcomed like a win in the lotto.

And, remote it was, for the vast majority of hurling enthusiasts were again forced to watch from the discomfort of their sitting rooms, rather than from the comfort of the bucket seats in the various stadia around the country which had the gates locked once the competing camps had been admitted.

Still though, as we edge closer to admittance, we also get nearer to championship like form and given the sprint this year to the provincial openers, rather than the usual gallop, these games mean a lot more.

So, it is with great licking of the lips that Tipperary will welcome Cork to Semple Stadium this evening – sure, they'll even turn on the lights for them!!

The Rebels had their guns firing last weekend against Waterford, whereas Tipp were less prolific in front of goal, but concentrated on containment against the All-Ireland champions in their own backyard. It's very likely that both teams will approach this evening's game in a very different manner.

Cork really impressed and it is clear to see that there is intent in their psyche. A number of disappointing seasons had dulled the mood in the southern capital, but if they have turned a corner, or are in the process of doing so, they will be a very formidable side.

Structural deficiencies in defence would appear to have been their downfall in recent times, but if they can sort that out, they will be very hard to beat – the addition of Donal O'Grady to the backroom is being heralded as a major step forward. It looks to have worked already, but it is early days yet.

Tipperary have a lot to prove this season also and they showed real steel in their bones when their backs were to the wall against Limerick last Saturday. The champions came from behind to set their juggernaut in motion, but Tipp managed to drive a wedge into the spokes and slow down their spin towards the winning post. At the end of the day, a share of the spoils seemed just about right and it was an important draw for Tipp given the effort they had put in, and the recent history between the sides.

So, Tipp and Cork – a great rivalry which spans the decades and a match which will certainly draw a sizeable TV audience. It's another chance for both management teams to look at a few things and of course, you cannot get better opposition when it comes to checking the credentials of fringe panelists.

This game should be a step up from last weekend in terms of tempo and sharpness, so we could be in for a smashing encounter on a beautiful surface which has been well watered by the elements over the last few days.

Enjoy the game.



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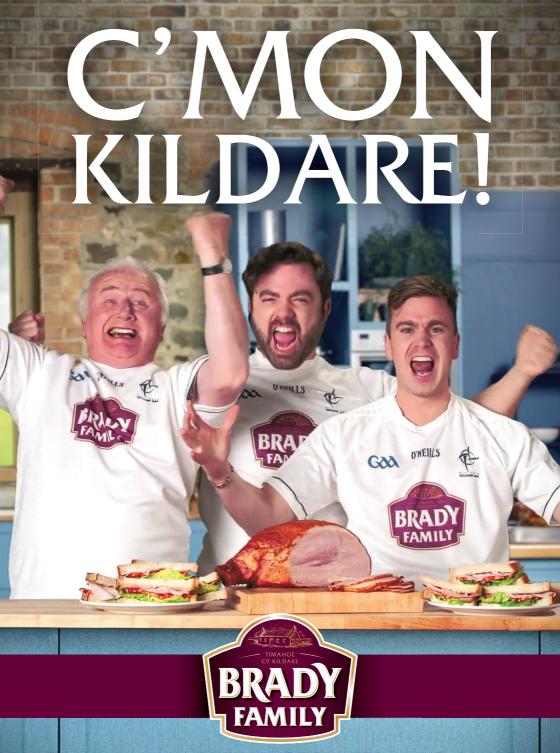
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The history By: SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

THERE have been 64 previous League meetings of Cork and Tipperary. The Rebels currently lead the way with 31 wins against The Premier's 28, while there were five drawn games. The last ten encounters resulted as follows:

1/4/2012	at Semple Stadi Tipperary 1-23		
22/4/2012	at Semple Stadi Cork 1-25		(semi-fight
23/2/2013	at Páirc Uí Rinn Cork 0-26		TA CIEnco
30/3/2014	<i>at Semple Stadi</i> Tipperary 3-25	<i>um</i> Cork 4-19 (quart	er-final)
22/3/2015	at Páirc Uí Rinn Tipperary 2-28	Cork 4-21	
20/3/2016	at Semple Stadi Tipperary 2-27		
26/3/2017	at Páirc Uí Rinn Cork 0-26	Tipperary 3-16	
11/3/2018	at Semple Stadi Tipperary 1-24		
10/3/2019	at Páirc Uí Rinn Tipperary 1-29	Cork 1-16	
1/2/2020	at Páirc Uí Chao Cork 2-24		Ronan Maher (Tipperary) comes away with the ball with Aidan Walsh (Cork) challenging during the 2019 Allianz NHL clash at Páirc Uí Rinn. (Photo: Bridget Delaney)

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- Cork and Tipperary hold an unique League record of meeting at the semi-final stage in five consecutive seasons from 1968 to 1972 inclusive. The victors went on to win the League title on four occasions, with Tipperary losing by a point to Limerick in 1971. In all five years, the League semi-final winners claimed the Munster title Cork in 1969, 1970, 1972 and Tipperary 1968 and 1971.
- The appointment of Johnny Murphy to referee tonight's game may not have attracted much attention, but it will be the first time a Limerick man takes charge of this fixture since Nealie Duggan in a November 1982 clash at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, which Cork won by 2-14 to 1-10. Since that game there have been a total of thirty one clashes, but none refereed by a Limerick man.





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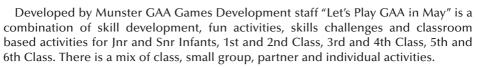
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Munster GAA Primary Schools "Let's Play GAA in May"

HE month of May is going to be a busy one in Primary Schools across Munster with many schools participating in *"Let's Play GAA in May"*. This is an initiative by Munster GAA where primary school children across the province will have weekly opportunities to take part in GAA activities which are in line with current guidelines.



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GDA's across Waterford, Clare, Tipperary, Cork, Kerry and Limerick will be supporting children and teachers in taking part in *"Let's Play GAA in May"*. Schools and teachers are being encouraged to submit pictures and videos to their local GDA for promotion on county and Munster social medial platforms.

Speaking in advance of *"Let's Play GAA in May"* Munster Games Managers Joe Carton and Pat O'Shea said 'We are delighted that through this initiative Munster GAA are providing all our primary school children in the province with activities to be done during the month of May and beyond. We see it as an additional resource for teachers and would encourage all schools to take part.'

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Round 3	Saturday, 22nd May TIPPERARY v GALWAY	Semple Stadium, 1.30pm						
Round 4	Sunday, 6th June WESTMEATH v TIPPERARY	TEG Cusack Park, 2.00pm						
Round 5	Sunday, 13th June WATERFORD v TIPPERARY	Walsh Park, 1.45pm						
ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE – Roinn 2 South								
Round 2	Saturday, 22nd May TIPPERARY V WICKLOW	Semple Stadium, 4.30pm						
Round 3	Saturday, 29th May OFFALY v TIPPERARY	O'Connor Pk, Tullamore, 3.00pm						



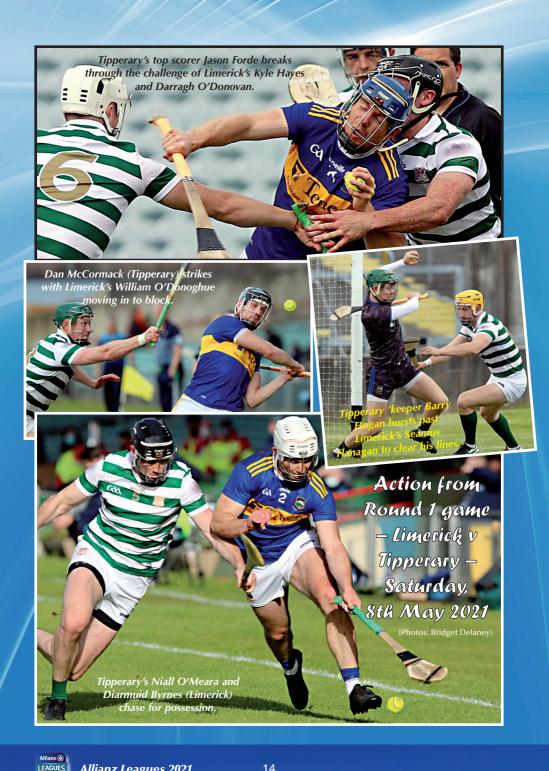


- Despite meeting regularly in the group and knock-out stages of this competition, the counties have not met in a League final since May 1st, 1960. Tipperary, captained by Tony Wall, won that decider at the Cork Athletic Grounds by 2-15 to 3-8.
- In their League history to date, Tipperary have faced opposition from twenty one counties, as well as New York. Only Cork, Kilkenny and Wexford have an advantage in contests, against their great rivals.
- The highest scoring game in the 64 played to date was the 2015 fixture at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, which produced an incredible aggregate 6-49 or sixty seven points. This game pipped the 2014 quarter-final meeting at Semple Stadium by two points.
- There have been only two games in this series which have failed to produce a goal. The group matches at Semple Stadium on February 7th 1982 (Cork 10, Tipperary 8) and on February 27th 1994 (Cork 17, Tipperary 15) were the exceptions to the norm.
- The first seventeen games in this rivalry always produced at least one goal for both teams, but that trend ended fifty years ago, when Tipperary failed to find the net in a 4-7 to 0-17 group match loss to Cork at Semple Stadium. The Premier county avenged that loss in the semi-final on May 9th, winning at Limerick by 2-12 to 2-10.
- ➤ The first meeting of Cork and All-Ireland champions Tipperary in the newly established National League took place at Cashel on May 2nd 1926. The teams were level 2-0 each at half-time, but Cork finished strongly to win by 5-3 to 4-1.
- Patrick Horgan holds the record for top scoring in this fixture. The Glen Rovers wizard has been Cork's leading marksman on eleven occasions in the twelve games played from 2010 to 2020. His overall tally is 7 goals and 102 points (123 points) for an impressive average of 11.18 points per game. He did not score in the 2011 drawn game at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, having been introduced as a substitute after fifty four minutes.



- The former Thurles Sportsfield Semple Stadium since 1971 has hosted twenty five League games between tonight's rivals. Not surprisingly the home team has won fourteen games, Cork were successful on nine occasions and there were two draws.
- The first time either county registered ten white flags in this fixture was at Croke Park in 1953, when Cork hit 2-10 in a final win over Tipperary, who replied with 2-7. The twenty point mark did not follow until 2001 when Tipp won a group match at Semple Stadium by 0-20 to 2-8. The day of the milestone thirty white flags is coming closer, with a victorious Tipperary reaching 29 at Páirc Uí Rinn in 2019.





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