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Hello hurling fans and welcome to the first edition of **HURLING WORLD**.

Here at **HURLING WORLD**, we feel that hurling is vastly under publicised and deserves unrivalled exposure. We plan to this on two levels, firstly, by launching this weekly E-zine and secondly by creating Hurling's Biggest Website. The website, www.hurlingworld.com, is currently under construction and will be live and available over the summer.

Our aim is to become a one-stop shop for hurling fans, players, officers and members of the press. It will be a place where anyone can go to find out the result of the Kilkenny junior B semi-final last weekend, or the Longford senior team injury worries ahead of an upcoming league final.

You can organise your challenge game, contact your hurley manufacturer, or find that old photo of your great grandfather winning his county medal back in 1937. You will be able to interact with other hurling fans, post comment, news, photos, video and much more. In other words we hope it will become a portal for all things hurling!

The weekly E-zine will contain latest hurling news, reviews and features. You will receive a copy to your email inbox every Monday morning. We hope you enjoy the first issue and any feedback would be greatly appreciated. If you have any news, features, comment or upcoming events that you would like to publish in the magazine, please feel free to contact editor@hurlingworld.com.

Copies of issue one are sent out directly from **HURLING WORLD**, but we have an automated delivery process in place which will be used from issue two onwards. Hurling fans can subscribe on-line on the home page of www.hurlingworld.com. After subscribing, you will receive a confirmation email.

We look forward to hearing from you and working with you on promoting the oldest field game in Europe and the fastest field game in the World. Until next week keep "two hands on the hurl".

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 - "Where the small ball matters"

Henry Shevlin Lifts the Allianz National Hurling League Trophy in Thurles on Sunday

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Cats tested in Thurles

Not many people gave Tipperary a chance against Kilkenny in the Allianz National Hurling League Final on Sunday though Tipperary are regarded by many as the team best equipped to challenge Kilkenny's dominance in modern day hurling.

Tipperary came out of the blocks today with a clear plan to match Kilkenny's intensity and the game was played at championship pace right from the start. On yesterdays evidence it appears these teams will have many fierce battles over the coming years.

Kilkenny got off to a flying start with 2 Henry Shefflin points within as many minutes but Tipperary were in no mood to collapse. Their hard tackling paid off when Michael Webster dispossessed James Ryall, James Woodlock took full advantage kicking to the net. Brian Hogan shipped a heavy shoulder challenge from Seamus Callina and his replacement Martin Comerford lasted only 2 minutes on the pitch as he tussled with Declan Fanning and both were yellow carded.

Above Right: Noel McGrath, in action against Jackie Tyrell, in the Allianz National Hurling League Division 1 Final.

Right: Richie Hogan, Kilkenny, in action against Shane McGrath, Tipperary in the Allianz NHL Division 1 Final.

Tipperary led at half time by 2-7 to 0-8. The second half started, as the first, at a frantic pace with Seamus Callinan and Richie Hogan raising the green flag. Shortly afterwards Henry Shefflin was yellow carded, Richie Hogan took over the free taking duties and proved an able replacement scoring 5 points in the second half. In the 49th minute Aidan Fogarty goaled to leave 3 points between the teams. From here to the end Kilkenny took control

and it was a point from a free by Noel McGrath that send the tie into extra time. The first half of extra time passed off without incident unlike the subsequent second half which started with a bang when Noel McGrath netted after a great run from Lar Carbett. From here to the finish Kilkenny began to exert more control on proceedings and scored 5 unanswered points to take their 14th League title on a scoreline of Kilkenny 2-26 Tipperary 4-17.



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Offaly take cup and promotion

There was a lot at stake in the Allianz National Hurling League Division 2 Final in Thurles on Sunday. Division One Hurling next year beckoned for the winners adding monumental importance to the tie. Promotion was vital for both sides who are both in a period of transition. A point stressed by both Joe Dooley and Colm Bonner during the week.

Offaly played with the breeze in the firsthalf and used it well by playing smart, low, forward friendly deliveriesball into their lively forward line. Offaly went on to score 1-4 without reply with the goal coming from Daniel Currams who flicked to the net from a long James Rigney delivery. Wexford responded with 4 points on the trot, 2 coming from Paul Carley frees.

Offaly led by 1-11 to 0-8 at the interval. The second half turned into a scrappy, dour affair with only 3 points coming from open play. Paul Carley opened the scoring with a free with Shane Dooley also replying with in simliar fashion in the 42nd minute. Diarmuid Lyng added another from a sideline cut and Malachy Travers scored the point of the game storming up from corner back before splitting the uprights.

Final score Offaly 1-13 Wexford 0-13.
Offaly : 1. B. Mullins. 2. D. Franks. 3. D. Kenny. 4. J. Rigney. 5. K. Brady. 6. G. Oakley. C) 7. P/ Cleary. (0-1 f) 8. R. Hanniffy.



9. B. Murphy. 10. B. Carroll. (0-3) 11. J. Brady. 12. D. Molloy. (0-3) 13. D. Currams. (1-1) 14. S. Dooley. (0-5 all f) 15. J. Bergin.
Wexford: 1. D. Flynn. 2. M.Travers. (0-1) 3. P. Roche. 4. A. O'Connell. 5. M. Jacob. 6. S. Nolan. 7. R. Kehoe. 8 D. Redmond. (0-1). 9 C. Kenny.10. D. Lyng. (0-2 2 sl). 11. A. Shore. (0-1) 12. P. Carley. (0-4 all frees) 13. R. Jacob. (0-2) 14. S, Banville. (0-2) 15. P. Kenny.

Above: Offaly's Daniel Currams scores the opening goal of the game despite the attempts of Wexford goalkeeper Dermot Flynn and Malachy Travers.



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Above: Donal Maloney, Kildare, in action against Joey Keenan, Meath in the Allianz GAA NHL Division 3A Final, Meath v Kildare, Kingspan Breffni Park, Cavan.

Left: The Kildare panel celebrate winning Division 3A of the Allianz National Hurling League in Breffni Park.

Kildare win Thriller in Breffni

Kildare made amends for being knocked out of the Christy Ring Cup in 2008 at the quarter-final stage by Westmeath when they had a three point win over Meath in Breffni Park on Saturday.

Though leading by 0-7 to 0-1 after 20 minutes great play by Stephen Clynch, Joey Keenan and Neil Hackett for Meath saw just 2 points between the sides at the

interval. Half-time Kildare 0-11 Meath 0-9.

David Cafferty swept home a Kildare goal two minutes after the restart, but Meath responded immediately with a Peter Durnin goal, netted on the rebound after Nicky Horan's shot was kept out by goalkeeper Paul Dermody. Though Meath had a goal by Barry Slevin disallowed in the final minute it was Tony Murphy's goal on 58 minutes that sealed Kildare's victory.

Kildare: P. Dermody, N. Doolan, P. Reidy, K. Chan, D. Kennedy, R. Hoban (0-3, 3f), J. Doran, D. Moloney, N. O'Muineachain, D. Carter (0-1), T. Murphy (1-1), D Harney (0-8, 3f), A. McAndrew (0-3), D. Cafferty (1-1), O. Lynch (0-1). Subs: L. Harney for Chan (35), F. O Muineachain for Lynch (56), M. Moloney for D. Moloney (64), K. Divilly for Harney (70).

Meath: S. Quinn, S. Corrigan, E. Fitzgerald, M. Foley, J. Boyle (0-1), P. Fagan, M. Horan, E. Keogh, J. Keenan (0-2), N. Hackett (0-9, 8f, 1 '65), S. Clynch (0-2, 1f), G. O'Neill (0-1), B. Slevin, N. Horan (0-2), P. Durnin (1-1).

Subs: A. Ryan for Fitzgerald (9) D. Kirby for Horan (yellow card, 52), D. Crimmins for O'Neill (63) Referee: T. Carroll (Offaly).

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Above: Sligo manager Michael Galvin and his two year old son Conor celebrate after Sligo's win in the Allianz GAA NHL Division 4 Final against Monaghan in Kingspan Breffni Park, Cavan.



Above: London's Mark Mythem, left, Colm Burke, centre, and Tom Twomey celebrate after the final whistle after London beat Roscommon in the Allianz National League Division 3B Final at Pairc Tailteann, Navan.

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Left: Sligo vice-captain captain Colin Herity lifts the cup in the Allianz GAA NHL Division 4 Final after Sligo beat Monaghan in Kingspan Breffni Park, Cavan. (Captain Fiacra Coyne had received a yellow card)

Right: Brendan Kelly, Roscommon, in action against Fergus McMahon, London in the Allianz GAA NHL Division 3B Final between London and Roscommon at Pairc Tailteann, Navan.



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2009 ALLIANZ National Hurling League Finals

NHL Division 1 Final Kilkenny 2-26 Tipperary 4-17

NHL Division 2 Final Offaly 1-13 Wexford 0-13

NHL Division 3A Final: Kildare 2-18 Meath 1-18

NHL Division 3B Final: London 2-19 Roscommon 2-13

2009 Division 4 Final: Sligo 1-13 Monaghan 2-8

Allianz GAA Hurling National League Roinn 1 Table

Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Agst	Diff	Pts
Kilkenny	7	6	0	1	178	111	67	12
Tipperary	7	6	0	1	143	127	16	12
Galway	7	4	0	3	142	136	6	9
Dublin	7	3	1	3	142	126	-3	8
Waterford	7	3	0	4	134	134	0	6
Limerick	7	3	0	4	121	124	-3	5
Cork	7	2	0	5	118	179	-61	4
Clare	7	0	1	6	112	153	-41	1

Allianz GAA Hurling National League Roinn 2 Table

Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Agst	Diff	Pts
Wexford	7	6	0	1	208	121	87	12
Offaly	7	6	0	1	174	103	71	12
Antrim	7	4	1	1	147	141	6	9
Carlow	7	4	0	3	122	144	-22	8
Laois	7	3	0	4	119	146	-27	6
Westmeath	7	2	1	4	136	155	-19	5
Down	7	2	0	5	125	155	-30	4
Kerry	7	0	0	7	104	170	-66	0

Allianz GAA Hurling National League Roinn 3A Table

Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Agst	Diff	Pts
Meath	5	4	1	0	103	86	17	9
Kildare	5	3	0	2	90	81	9	6
Derry	5	2	1	2	85	72	13	5
Armagh	5	2	1	2	74	80	-6	5
Mayo	5	2	0	3	65	73	-8	4
Wicklow	5	0	1	4	80	105	-25	1

Allianz GAA Hurling National League Roinn 3B Table

Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Agst	Diff	Pts
London	6	6	0	0	172	72	100	12
Roscommon	6	4	0	2	141	94	47	8
Fingal	6	4	0	2	123	111	12	8
Louth	6	3	0	3	117	87	30	6
Donegal	6	3	0	3	109	124	-15	6
Tyrone	6	1	0	5	68	153	-85	2
Longford	6	0	0	6	76	165	-89	0

Allianz GAA Hurling National League Roinn 4 Table

Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Agst	Diff	Pts
Monaghan	5	4	0	1	74	73	1	8
Sligo	5	3	1	1	91	65	26	7
Leitrim	5	2	1	2	74	74	0	5
Fermanagh	5	2	1	2	84	84	-1	5
Sth Down	5	0	3	2	73	82	-9	3
Cavan	5	1	0	4	71	88	-17	2

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AROUND THE COUNTIES

Did you treat your Mary Ann to some dulse and yellowman, At the Auld Lammas Fair in Ballycastle-O?



Justin McCarthy took his Limerick squad to Beautiful Ballycastle last weekend as they prepare for the first round of the Munster SHC against Waterford on June 14th.

Daly and Dublin drive on



Last weekend's football club games saw some of the Dublin Senior hurling squad miss out on their club games as they prepare for the 1st round of the Leinster SHC against Antrim at Croke Park on June 7th. The club games coincide with a week of intensive training scheduled by the Dublin Senior hurling manager, Anthony Daly.

Denis on the lookout!



As the Cork County Hurling Championship kicked off over the weekend, Cork Hurling manager Denis Walsh highlighted the importance of this year's club games for the County team "Myself and the selectors will be checking on the form of players over the weekend and the opportunity is there for players to make an impact," said Walsh. "It's not a situation whereby we were starting off in January so that makes these games very important."

Hayes saves champions!



It took Portumna a while to shake off the shackles of a recent trip to Dubai but in the end they had a little too much for an injury ravaged Athenry side in the first round of the Galway Championship. Athenry held a slender lead going into the final 10 minutes before a Damien Hayes goal gave Portumna some breathing space.

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Stanford capture loot

A great second half against Berkeley capped an historic year for Stanford on April 18th as they became the first team to lift a cup at the recently opened Páirc na nGael GAA headquarters on San Francisco's Treasure Island.



Berkeley's Josua Roberts (13) shoots a point despite pressure from Stanford's Dave Kirk (green helmet) and Berkeley's Mark Jennings (red helmet) with Berkeley Captain, Fionnán O'Connor in support.

In addition Stanford became the first university to win a collegiate hurling competition in the country, and the first to win the Gary Duffin Cup by defeating CAL (UC Berkeley) in the Northern California Collegiate Hurling Championship.

The first half of the game was quite even with a half-time score of 1-5 each, but

Stanford went into the second half with all guns blazing. Liam Reidy's presence on the Cal team was the primary concern of Stanford, and Stanford club founder John Mulrow did his best to keep Reidy under control.

The final scoreline was a lot more one-sided, giving Stanford a comprehensive win

Did Cicero start hurling in Rome?

In the 125th year of the GAA students and staff of two of the world's most prestigious Universities Berkeley and Stanford are promoting the Hurling on the West Coast.

The value of sport has long been appreciated by versatile minds. Writings show that the "Ball and stick" (*clavem et pilam*) were recommended by Cicero to the youth of ancient Rome in the first century BC Magistrates sponsored games (Ludi) before elections with free admission to help get elected..



Marcus Tullius Cicero
106 BC - 43 BC

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Eamonn Gormley (Chair of the California Collegiate GAA) Presents the Gary Duffin Cup to Team Captain Sam Svoboda also in the photo are (left to right) Roscoe Wetlaufer, Brian O'Neill (asst. coach), Ryan Goetz, Chris Sater, David Kirk, Dariusz Wodziak, Ben Arevalo, Adrian Archambault, and Mark Jennings (Co. Galway)

despite their already having a six point lead on aggregate in the two-game series.

Fionnan O'Connor of Cal presented the cup as a gesture of goodwill to Stanford Captain, Sam Svoboda, just to emphasize that the primary focus of the two clubs is to develop the game, and that winning championships, while still being important, is not the only consideration.

The Gary Duffin Cup was named for a young hurler in Tyrone who passed away at the age of 26 some years ago from a rare heart condition, and it was donated to the California Collegiate GAA by Seamus Canning.

The Stanford and Berkeley teams are now shifting their focus to games development on other college campuses. Some of the options being discussed include a road trip to Southern California in the next few months to play exhibition and challenge games against the burgeoning teams at Cal Poly, USC, and UCLA.

The two Bay Area college teams are also continuing to play challenge matches against the San Francisco Rovers, a new Junior C hurling club established by City College student Bryan Lynch. The Rovers will be taking players from the Berkeley team who are staying in the Bay Area for the summer, and plan to go to Boston to contest the North American Playoffs.

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Treasure Island



Downtown San Francisco

San Francisco GAA's new headquarters, Páirc na nGael, was officially opened in December 2008 by GAA President, Nickey Brennan. This historic event coincided with the Gaelic Football All-Star game and attracted a crowd of several thousand.

The headquarters are on Treasure Island which is an artificial island in the San Francisco Bay between San Francisco and Oakland. It is connected by a small isthmus to Yerba Buena Island. It was created in 1936 and 1937 for the Golden Gate International Exposition from fill dredged from the bay.

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Above: Berkley's Liam Reidy is challenged by Stanford's John Mulrow (red helmet) and Marty Casey (green helmet).



Above: Stanford Coach Des Nolan (Co. Carlow) holds the Stanford jersey with Captains John Mulrow, Berkeley (center) and Sam Svoboda, Stanford (right).



Above right: UC Berkeley Captain, Fionnán O'Connor accepts a set of Jerseys from Seamus Canning, (Canning Electric inc).



Stanford's Chris Sater tussles for the ball with Berkeley's Alan Sevier in the Northern California College Hurling Final 2009 at Páirc na nGael (Treasure Island, San Francisco).

Lost in 1906 Earthquake!



Ned O'Reilly from Shamrock Terrace, Blarney, won an All Ireland medal with Cork in 1890. He immigrated to San Francisco in 1900. After fighting in the Spanish American war he went to night school and became a successful attorney. His daughter Agnes married Ed Dunne, President of Standard Oil. His cherished All Ireland medal was lost when the family home was destroyed in the San Francisco earthquake of 1906. He died in Sonoma in the 1950's. We wonder if there are any of his relatives living in San Francisco today!

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The Gary Duffin Cup

Gary Duffin, from Coalisland, was a joiner with a local construction firm. He was one of five children in the family, and was engaged to be married in the summer. He played hurling for the Naomh Colmcille club, and also had a keen interest in football. He collapsed and died in his new house one evening while doing household chores in March 2005 at the age of 25. You can find out more about about SCD (Sudden Cardiac Death) at www.thecormactrust.com

Above Left: Berkley's Zack Streng heads for goal. Also in the photo are Berkley's Dave Kirk (green helmet) and Mark Jennings (red helmet) and Berkeley Captain, Fionnán O'Connor

Below Left: Liam Reidy takes a free for UC Berkeley in the Final V Stanford as Referee John O'Flynn looks on.



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ALL IRELAND GLORY



Nicky Rackard with the McCarthy Cup in Wexford in 1955.



Bobby Rackard gets some practice in before the 1955 All Ireland Hurling Final.

As had already happened in Leinster, competition increased in Munster in the mid-fifties and some sleeping dogs began to rouse. Clare had shown promise by beating Wexford in the 1954 Oireachtas final and people sat up to take notice when they went into the Munster championship of 1955 against Cork. At half time Clare led by 3 - 6 to 2 - 2 but Cork, once again inspired by Christy Ring, fought back and scored eight points without reply. Clare weren't fin-

ished, though, and they scored two points in the last five minutes to clinch the match by 3 - 8 to 2 - 10. In the semi-final, Clare defeated Tipperary by the same margin, 1 - 6 to 0 - 8. Limerick, who had beaten a good Waterford team in the other semi-final, were their opponents in the decider. Trained by Mick Mackey, Limerick were a talented, young side and they took a confident Clare team by surprise, running them ragged from start to finish. Final score: Limerick 2 - 16, Clare 1 - 6.

Wexford 1955

In Leinster, Westmeath were the surprise team who knocked Offaly and Laois out of the championship. They provided a great challenge against Wexford in the semi-final, although the latter's winning margin of ten points doesn't tell the full story. After an easy win over Meath, Kilkenny got a severe test from Dublin before winning by 4 - 15 to 5 - 8.

A record Leinster final attendance of 41,226 turned up to see Wexford and Kilkenny fight out a close match that ended in a draw, 2 - 7 apiece. The replay was also close but Kilkenny conceded three soft goals and lost by 3 - 9 to 5 - 6.

Antrim did not take part in the senior championship that year and, contrary to custom, Leinster were pitted against Munster in a semi-final, with Galway getting a bye into the All-Ireland final. So, the semi-final saw Wexford take on Limerick who played some brilliant hurling in the first half and led at the break by 2 - 2 to 1 - 3. The second half, however, belonged to Wexford and they notched up 1 - 9 to a solitary point for Limerick, leaving them ahead at the finish by 2 - 12 to 2 - 3.

In the early stages of the final, Wexford justified their strong favouritism by taking an early lead with a goal and a point. Galway though, were not prepared to lie down and, after making a few adjustments, they asserted themselves and led at the break by 2 - 5 to 2 - 3. Galway held their own for the early minutes of the second period but then Wexford suddenly sparkled and went on to dominate the rest of the match, winning by 3 - 13 to 2 - 8. It was their first All-Ireland hurling title since 1910.



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Wexford 1955



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Highlights of the 1955 All Ireland Hurling Final from the DVD "The West's Awake" are available on YouTube. (Type 1955 All Ireland Hurling Final into the youtube search box).

The "West's Awake" DVD (the history of Galway Hurling) is available from:

Hurling World,
Knockdoebeg East,
Claregalway, Co Galway.
At 15 euro including p&p.



Above: The crowd arriving for the 1955 All Ireland Hurling Final.



Top: Wexford Captain, Nick O'Donnell and Pdge Keogh look nervous before the 1955 All Ireland Hurling Final.

Middle: Paddy Egan gets Galway's first goal in the 1955 All Ireland Hurling Final.

Bottom: Nick O'Donnell is presented with the McCarthy Cup by GAA President, Seamus McFerran after the 1955 All Ireland Hurling Final.

In the footsteps of Joe Henry!

New Kids on the Block



Adrian Hession presents the trophy to John Duffy, captain of Scoil Iosa, Carracastle on winning the Mayo Cumann na mBunscoil mini-sevens in 2008.

A little bit of history was made on Saturday last as the newly formed Caiseal Gaels Hurling Club played their first competitive game of hurling, as they took on a Tooreen U-14 selection in Tooreen. The Caiseal Gaels Hurling Club was formed over the past number of months to cater for young hurlers in the Carracastle, Brosna, Kilmovee, Dernabroc and surrounding areas of South-East Mayo, while also drawing players from Ballaghaderreen and Charlestown.

Hurling coaching and games is catered for at the club for U-14s, U-12s and U-10's, with weekly training sessions taking place in the Ballaghaderreen Community Park.

The spark that ignited the formation of the Caiseal Gaels Hurling Club was the winning of the Mayo Cuman na mBunscoil mini-sevens title by the young hurlers of Scoil Iosa in Carracastle under the guidance of teacher Michael Bracken. They now go forward to represent Mayo in the Connacht hurling mini-sevens blitz day in the coming weeks.



Above: The history making Caiseal Gaels U-14 hurling team who were beaten 2-3 to 2-0 by Tooreen in the clubs first game last Saturday in Tooreen.

Back Row: Dermot Dillon, Vinny Coleman, Michael Raleigh, Michael Bracken, Martin Hopkins. Middle Row: D Bahrynowski, N Gallagher, M Gallagher, R Shryane, R Kelly, S Fleming, J Ganley, J Duffy.

Front Row: P. Vesey, A Egan, B Vesey, A Hopkins, C O'Donnell, K Murphy, D Williams, G Morley.

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Five Black and Amber DVD'S to be won!

Can you match the Kilkenny Players with their faces behind bars!

We have five Kilkenny DVD'S to give away this week to the five people drawn who correctly match the the players with their faces. The players are Eddie Brennan, Tommy Walsh, Richie Power, Aidan Fogarty and DJ Carey. (Closing date for entries is 12pm Friday May 8th 2009).

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B →



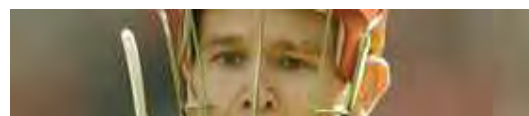
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Link the players names with the correct letter and email your answers to: admin@hurlingworld.com



The Black and Amber Story is the history of Kilkenny Hurling from 1884 to 2003.



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Calling all USA readers to check their attics!
 The 1912 Munster Final was probably the first hurling match to be filmed. Records show that it was filmed by Gaumont News for the USA exiles. The match was played in Dungarvan on the 27th of September 1912. If that footage exists HURLING WORLD like to hear from you. If you know anything about it contact the editor@hurlingworld.com

Would any of our readers have come across these old photos from 1924?



*To help identify them, there is video footage of the hurling match between these two teams, Trinity College and UCD in 1924 on YouTube. (Type **1924 Hurling UCD V TRINITY** in the YouTube search box).*

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In January 2009, more than 6 billion videos were viewed on YouTube. Today there are over 4000 hurling clips on the site but it's not always easy to find the clip you want. We think that a tagging system with each clip numbered might help as on the right. See if you can find these clips on YouTube this week and let us know what you think!

YouTube hurling list

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| 1928 Jim Power on Final | HURL0001 |
| 1924 UCD V Trinity | HURL0002 |
| 2009 Joe Canning part1 | HURL0003 |
| 2009 Joe Canning part2 | HURL0004 |
| 2009 Joe Canning part3 | HURL0005 |
| 1955 All Ireland Final | HURL0006 |
| 2009 NHL DIV2 Final | HURL0007 |
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