



Our undefeated minor hurlers rounded off in style what will undoubtedly go down in the Kiltha Og archives as a historic year with a fourth and final piece of silver ware on Saturday morning last. The opponents in this county hurling league final were Newcestown who we knew were going to provide a tough battle. Most spectators will agree that this game was won in the first 30 minutes with Kiltha Og's clinical and consistent sharp shooting and tireless work rate giving them a lead that they never relinquished. Although the second half in itself was a draw the work done in front of goal in the first half gave them a convincing win.

This was not only the last game of our hurling year, but also the final game in a Kiltha Og jersey for our 18 year olds who will now go on to represent Castlemartyr and Dungourney respectively. Fittingly enough this victory was a manifestation of the team spirit, hard work and admirable character displayed by this exceptional group of players and management, since our first gathering in early January this year. The fifteen young men on the field very much took it upon themselves during the sixty minutes to ensure that they finished out the year unbeaten in all competitions. This feat naturally gave great pride to loyal family and friends who so faithfully supported them throughout the year .

Having topped their hurling league group, they defeated Youghal in the East league final before overcoming a strong Ballyhea side in the county semi-final to set up this end of year decider with Newcestown.

The business end of the league campaign unfolded after their long and unforgettable journey to both East Cork and County championship glory in early September. Looking back on what has been an extraordinary campaign it is a true testament to all the players and management involved to reflect on the high quality teams encountered over the course of the unbeaten league and championship seasons. In the eastern division they came out on the right side of close battles with Youghal in the first round followed by Whitechurch, St.Catherines and finally Cobh in the far flung GAA grounds of Crosshaven in the East Cork Final. They then marched on to defeat a good Kilshanning side in Pairc Ui Caoimh in the county Semi final before that fateful night in Ovens when against all odds they outscored a reputable Bandon squad in the County Championship final.

Once again great credit is due to the tireless efforts and outstanding commitment shown by everyone involved over the past ten months. We would like to wish each of the lads all very best in the future. May the rest of their years on the field be as successful and enjoyable as this one has been.

Panel for the year: Dylan Healy, Daragh Moran, Joe Stack, Cormac Griffin, Kieran Geaney, Jack Knowles, Jack Bowles, Conor Sweeney, Conor Ronayne, Kyle Quinn Waites, Liam Padden, Cathal O' Callaghan, Peter Nestor, Shane Moriarty, Niall Morgan, Luke McGovern, Jack McGann, Eoghan Martin, Mike Leahy, Gearoid Harney, Shane Flynn, Niall Flynn, Eoin Flynn, Peter Fleming, Darragh Cashman, Odhran Cantwell, Rob Cahill, James Butler, James Ahern, Ciaran Joyce, Daire Coughlan, Ben Napier, Andrew Kelly, Zack McAuliffe, Niall McGrath, Ciaran Flynn, Ciaran Sice.

Management team: Billy Moran, Bill Ahern, Ivor Knowles, Ruari McGovern, James Leahy, Chris Moran, Barry Lawton.