

Éire Óg Annacarty-Donohill

1994 INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONS

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ÉIRE ÓG Annacarty-Donohill were crowned county intermediate hurling champions following their victory over Silvermines at the Ragg on October 10, 1994. The newspaper heading in *The Nationalist* the following week said: "Crosse point decisive in top class encounter".

Westside expanded on the vital score: "It was riveting stuff in the end. They'd been locked together at half-time but Éire Óg had slightly the better of matters in the second half and slowly edged one, two, and then three up. But just with the tape in sight an awkward hop goal-wards catches defence and goalie hesitant about whose ball it was and in nips Eoin Ryan of 'The Mines' to flick home the equaliser. In the last minute Anthony Crosse wins a vital

one, ships a tackle from Noel Sheedy and balances for the stroke that scrapes inside the right post. He'll hardly ever again point a more crucial one."

FIRST TITLE

Éire Óg's road to glory started with the first round of the West intermediate championship on August 21. Four teams took part in the championship, the others Golden-Kilfeacle, Lattin-Cullen and Sean Treacys, and the competition was played as a four-team league with the top two qualifying for the final.

Éire Óg's first outing was against Lattin-Cullen at Sean Treacy Park and they came through by 3-12 to 1-13. Their next opponents were Sean Treacys and they defeated them by 2-12 to 0-5 at Cappawhite on September 3. Their final game produced the tightest result



The winning Éire Óg team with club officers, selectors and young supporters

Back row (l.-r.): Tom Crosse, Patsy Furlong, John O'Dwyer, Curry Hanly, Anthony Crosse, Liam Gleeson. Connie Walshe RIP, Michael McGrath, Liam O'Dwyer, John Kelly, Neil Breen RIP, Bill Burke, Tom English, Michael Ryan (Mohera), Mike Fox, Michael Ryan (Alleen), John Quinn, Pake Joe Ryan, Donnacha Hughes, Donal Kelly, Vinny Ryan, Thady O'Carroll RIP. Front row (l.-r.): Liam Mooney, Jacko Breen, Liam Ryan, Denis O'Dwyer, Donie Horan, Vincent Ryan, Kevin Fox, Tim Heffernan, Pat Fox, Ger Griffin, Liam Hughes, Michael Heffernan.

Some of the children in the picture include Brian Fox, Kev Fox, Conor O'Brien, Damian O'Brien, Michael O'Dwyer.



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Back row (l.-r.): Michael Ryan (Alleen), Liam Gleeson, Shane Hennessy, Jacko Breen, Michael Ryan (Mohera), John Quinn, Liam Mooney, Liam O'Dwyer, Anthony Crosse, Bill Burke, John Kelly, Walter Corbett. Front row (l.-r.): Donal Kelly, Noel Griffin, Ger Griffin, Liam Ryan, Vincent Ryan, Tim Heffernan, Pat Fox, Donie Horan, Kevin Fox, Denis O'Dwyer, Donnacha Hughes, Michael Heffernan.

when they defeated Golden-Kilfeacle by 1-12 to 2-7 at Dundrum on September 9.

With full points from their three games they faced Lattin-Cullen in the final at Sean Treacy Park on September 19. Lattin got off to a flying start and led by 0-5 to nil at the end of the first quarter. John Quinn's penalty restored some parity but Éire Óg still trailed by 0-8 to 1-3 at the interval. The eventual winners made a storming start to the second half scoring 1-3 without replay in the first four minutes to go from 2-down to 4-up. But Lattin weren't finished and with nine minutes to go were level. However, it was Éire Óg, who found the winning scores. Anthony Crosse and John Quinn got the points and Tim Heffernan sealed a very fine win with a last goal for a 3-8 to 0-12 victorious score. Vinny Ryan captained Éire Óg to their first ever win in this grade.

Éire Óg: Donncha Horan, Denis O'Dwyer,

Kevin Fox, Jacko Breen, Vincent Ryan (capt.), Pat Fox, Liam O'Dwyer, Bill Burke, Liam Mooney, John Quinn (1-6), John Kelly, Michael Heffernan, Liam Ryan, Anthony Crosse (1-2), Michael Ryan. *Sub:* Tim Heffernan (1-0) for Liam Ryan

COUNTY PROGRESS

In the county semi-final Éire Óg played Carrick Davins at Boherlahan on October 16. The West champions dominated the first half and led by 0-10 to 0-2 at the interval. Early in the second half Davins had corner back, Peter Walsh, sent off and about the same time a long range free from Vinny Ryan went all the way to the Carrick net. Éire Óg led by 1-11 to 0-2 at this stage but Davins put in a strong rally that yielded two goals and the lead fell eventually to five points. However, Éire Óg held their nerve and eventually won on a scoreline of 1-14 to 2-6.

The Ragg was the venue for the county final

PATH TO COUNTY TITLE

West Championship

Date:	Venue:	Result:	
21/08/94	Sean Treacy Park:	Éire Óg 3-12	Lattin-Cullen 1-13
03-09-94	Cappawhite:	Éire Óg 2-12	Sean Treacys 0-5
09-09-94	Dundrum:	Éire Óg 1-12	Golden-Kilfeacle 2-7
19-09-94 (Final)	Sean Treacy Park:	Éire Óg 3-08	Lattin-Cullen 0-12

County Championship

16-10-94 (Semi-Final)	Boherlahan	Éire Óg 1-14	Carrick Davins 2-06
30-10-94 (Final)	The Ragg	Éire Óg 0-09	Silvermines 1-05

against the North champions, Silvermines on October 30. A close first half ended level at 0-4 each, with Silvermines squandering a few possible goal chances. The North champions took the lead with a point early in the second half but then Éire Óg became the dominant side. Points from John Quinn, Bill Burke and Quinn again put the West champions in front by three points with four minutes to play. But an Eoin Ryan goal for Silvermines a minute from the end squared the match and seemed to have rescued the North champions. It was then that Anthony Crosse came to the rescue with a point from about sixty yards to secure a thrilling win and a first ever for the club on a scoreline of 0-9 to 1-5. It was celebration time for team captain, Vinny Ryan, and his history-making colleagues.

Éire Óg: Donncha Horan, Denis O'Dwyer, Kevin Fox, Jacko Breen, Vincent Ryan (0-3), capt., Pat Fox, Tim Heffernan, Bill Burke, Liam Mooney, Michael Heffernan, John Kelly,

Michael Tyan (M), John Quinn (0-3), Anthony Crosse (0-3), Liam Ryan. *Sub:* Michael Ryan (A) for Liam Ryan.

SENIOR HURLING

Éire Óg also played senior hurling in 1994, in combination with Golden-Kilfeacle. The combo were one of seven teams to play in the knock-out senior hurling championship. The team had a bye in the first round and went straight into a semi-final against Clonoulty-Rossmore. The sides played a draw, 3-14 each at Cappawhite on July 31. The replay was a week later at Sean Treacy Park, again a close encounter that Clonoulty won by the minimum of margins on a scoreline of 1-14 to 2-10.

Golden/Éire Óg: John Leamy (G), John Cur-rivan (G), Kevin Fox (E), Tony Cooney (G), Liam O'Dwyer (G), Pat Fox (E), Vincent Ryan (E), Liam Mooney (E), David Fogarty (G), Brian Fogarty (G), John Quinn (E), Tom Leamy (G), Anthony Crosse (E). *Sub:* Jacko Breen (E) for Liam Mooney (E).