

2019

**All Ireland title in Scór.
National silver medal for Community Games team.**

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Team Management

Senior Hurling:	Tom Moylan (Manager), Michael Coffey, David Hickey. John Meskell, John Madden and Mark O’Leary helped with coaching.
Junior Hurling:	Ian Mellerick, Connie McGrath, Trevor Delahunty.
Under 21 H & F:	Trevor Delahunty (Manager), Pdraig Tobin, Shane Gavin, Pdraig Malone, Mike Coffey Red.
Minor H & F:	Joe Floyd
Under 16:	Paudge Tobin (Manager), Conor Floyd (coach), Diarmuid Collins, Pdraig Hogan, Kealan Floyd, Mike Ryan Cooper.
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Under 11:	Hugh McLoughlin, Dave Noone, Keith McIntyre, Dave Roche, James McKeogh
Under 10:	Alfie O’Brien, Ger Gaffney, Gerry O’Donoghue, Declan Carrig, Richie Ryan (coach), Tom Ryan (Bán).
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Under 8:	Mark Fitzgerald, Brian Heffernan, Johnny Flynn, Chris Ryan, James Coffey, Ann Marie Kennedy, Moira Moylan, Tom Moylan.
Under 7:	Pdraig Malone, Joe Hogan, Mark Harrington, Mary Coffey, Mike Coffey, Rosemary Carey, Colin McBride, Ronan Grimes, Dermot Duggan, Ed Earle, John O’Mahony and Mark Brassil.

Representative Teams

- Sean O’Brien won an All Ireland senior hurling medal with Tipperary, playing a part in many of the league and championship games, including the final against Kilkenny.
- Jack Delahunty was a member of the Tipperary senior football panel.
- Aaron O’Neill lined out at wing forward on the Tipperary Under 21 Football team.
- Mark Forde was goalkeeper on the County Under 14 Football team. Brian and James Tobin joined him on the North Under 14 Football team
- Niall Duffy, Daniel Egan and Jack Ryan played U16 football for Tipperary
- Gavin Mellerick, Paul Moloney, Lee Ryan, Stephen McCormack and Diarmuid O Riordan were part of the North Tipperary U15 football team.
- Jack Ryan was part of the North Tipperary U16 Hurling Team that won the Tipperary inter-divisional hurling competition.
- James Moloney was selected on the Tipperary team for the Primary Game football.



Sean O'Brien with his parents John & Bernadette with the McCarthy Cup in Croke Park, August 2019



Jack Delahunty, Tipperary senior football panellist 2019



Aaron O'Neill, Tipperary Under 21 Footballer 2019



Mark Forde, Tipperary Under 14 Footballer 2019

Miscellaneous

- Newport Boys National School won the Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol Under 11 (B) Football competition, defeating Gaelscoil Cluain Meala in the final.
- The Boys National School team of Harry Lee, Dara McGrath, Jack Powell & Cathal Ryan qualified for the county final of the GAA National Schools Quiz.
- The Juvenile Club participated in the St Patrick's Parade in Newport
- The annual Summer Cúl Camp attracted over 230 while 90 children attended an Easter Camp at Lacken Park.
- Newport/Ballinahinch won the County Under 13 Camogie final.
- Wheelchair Hurling came to Newport on 14th September when the gym at St Mary's Secondary School hosted teams representing the four provinces.
- Mentors of the juvenile teams completed a Basic First Aid certified course.
- As part of his fundraising in aid of Nurture Africa, Odhran Floyd conducted a 'Dawn to Dusk' training programme at Lacken Park. All age groups participated.
- As part of the Healthy Club initiative, 'Men on the Move' and 'Women Out Walking' continued at Long House Field each Monday evening.
- Sean O'Brien and Cian Flanagan presented the awards at the Juvenile Club Presentation Night in January. The victorious Under 14 football team of 2018 received their North and County medals, while the under 9½ Community Games Football Teams were also presented with their county award. Brendan Coffey was named the overall Juvenile Player of the Year.
- The annual Golf Classic was held at Nenagh Golf Club
- The Juvenile Club held a Church Gate Collection and a successful Table Quiz in The Coopers, Birdhill in May, while the Annual Duck Race was run on 16th August.

Visit of GAA President

John Horan, Uachtarán CLG visited Newport on 15th March to officially open the Hurling Wall and Astro Turf facility and to launch the updated History of the club. The task of compiling the history was undertaken by Denis Floyd. Volume One (1886-1985) was reproduced with Volume Two (1986-2018) in a mammoth 672 page tome. The President spoke of the importance of the GAA Club in the community, the handing on of the baton from generation to generation and the admirable work of the officers and leaders of the club over the years in fostering the ideals of Cumann Luthchleas Gael.

James Collins, Chairman Newport GAA Club, presents a copy of the Club History to John Horan



Senior Hurling

County League

9 th March in Newport:	Newport 4-22 Ballygarry 1-10
28 th March in Puckane:	Newport 2-16 Shannon Rovers 1-9
28 th April in Newport:	Lorrha 0-24 Newport 2-17
5 th May in Templemore:	JK Brackens 1-20 Newport 2-8
26 th May in Newport:	Newport 1-16 Ballina 0-14
9 th June in Mullinahone:	Mullinahone 0-28 Newport 2-16
21 st June in Golden:	Newport 5-15 Golden 1-15

North Championship

14 th April in Nenagh:	Borrisoleigh 0-20 Newport 0-9
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County Championship

6 th April in Nenagh:	Silvermines 1-14 Newport 0-14
7 th September in Dunderum:	Holycross 1-18 Newport 1-17

Newport got their league campaign off to a good start with an impressive win over Ballygarry. Darren Moore made a return to the fold. Andrew Hickey worked hard in his new midfield position while the full forward line accounted for 4-10 – Colin Floyd (1-3), Eoin Shinnars (2-3) and Pa Ryan (1-4). They picked up their second brace of points with a comprehensive victory over a dogged Shannon Rovers outfit. Newport were in control from an early stage, but a defensive error midway through the first half let Rovers in for a goal. The dismissal of county man Sean O'Brien for a red card offence just before the break was one of the main talking points at the interval when the score stood at Newport 1-9 Shannon Rovers 1-4. Pa Ryan was the goal scorer and when he raised another green flag after 20 minutes of the second half, the game was decided. Conor O'Mahony was assured in defence, Andrew Hickey & Cian Flanagan were an industrious midfield partnership, while Pa Ryan and Eoin Shinnars threatened most up front.

Newport led Lorrha for most of the hour in their third game, but a late flurry of points saw the Lower Ormond side shade the outcome. A very much understrength team lost out to JK Brackens in their next league outing. An early Pa Ryan goal got them off to the best possible start but Brackens were soon into their stride with ace forward Lyndon Fairbrother to the fore accounting for 0-14. Eleven of these came from frees, evidence of Newport's careless tackling. A late goal by Kealan Floyd put respectability on the scoreboard.

Newport controlled the first half of a well-contested game with Ballina, who were profligate in their shooting. Newport had a commanding 0-9 to 0-4 lead after 25 minutes, but the Shannonsiders stepped up the gears after the interval and within ten minutes had raced into a one point lead. Newport regained their composure with Darragh Carroll accurate from placed balls (he scored 5 to add to his 2 from play) and Colin Floyd (0-5) in good scoring form. Scoring was tit-for-tat for the next ten minutes, but the decisive score came in the 22nd minute when Eoin Shinnars raced on to a breaking ball to finish to the net. Conor O'Mahony was soundness personified in defence where Ben Wixted also made a promising debut. Mike McKeogh put in a solid hour's work at midfield.

Newport were level (1-10 to 0-13) with Mullinahone at half time, Pa Ryan accounting for 1-2, but the introduction of Eoin Kelly after the interval saw the Southsiders stack up the points to run out comfortable winners. They finished their league campaign with a good win over Golden.

Team in first League game: Paul Hogan, Pat Hickey, Conor O'Mahony, Rob Houlihan, Cian Flanagan, Odhran Floyd, Conor Keating, Peter O'Sullivan, Andrew Hickey, Darren Moore, Conor Floyd, Darragh Carroll, Colin Floyd, Eoin Shinnars, Pa Ryan.

Subs: Kevin Connolly, Paraic Hogan, Daniel Carew, Michael Quigley, Jordan Young, Mike McKeogh.

The first championship game pitted Newport against Silvermines in a dour and ill-tempered game. The Mines built up a healthy interval lead of 1-9 to 0-7 and although Newport restarted in determined fashion, they could never get their noses in front. The goal proved to be the decisive score of the game. Newport

were over-dependent on Darragh Carroll (0-6, 4f) and Eoin Shinnors (0-5f) for scores. The former received a red card in the closing minutes. County man Jason Forde earlier saw red after he had accounted for 0-8 of his side's tally from frees – he was well-marshalled during the game by his county team mate Sean O'Brien. A week later, Newport faced Borrisoleigh in the North championship. The sides were evenly matched during the first half and Borris led by a single point at the interval (0-6 to 0-5). Thereafter, with the aid of a biting wind, they used their experience to pile up the scores with only Sean O'Brien offering any real resistance while Andrew Hickey and Peter O'Sullivan worked hard at midfield. The Nenagh Guardian reporter remarked, "Borrisoleigh will take beating." How right he was, as they went all the way to the All Ireland club final!

Five months later, Newport faced Holycross, with qualification for the play-off stages of the Séamus Ó'Riain Cup still on the line. Newport just came up short, when the Holycross bench proved the stronger. Newport started well, but a goal for the Mid side after twenty minutes put the locals on the back foot. Nonetheless, they fought back well and a Darragh Carroll goal from a penalty nearing the end brought the sides level. However, they were to be denied by a late point.

Team v Holycross: Mike Flannery, Aidan Ryan, Conor O'Mahony, Rob Houlihan, Odhran Floyd, Sean O'Brien, Cian Flanagan, Conor Floyd, Peter O'Sullivan (0-2), Conor Keating, Colin Floyd (0-3), Darragh Carroll (1-9, 1-6f), Daniel Carew (0-1), Eoin Shinnors (0-1), Pa Ryan (0-1).

Thomas Floyd for Colin Floyd; Jordan Young for D Carew.

Andrew Hickey started in the two earlier rounds while Darren Moore, Paraic Hogan and Aaron O'Neill also played parts during the year.

Junior Hurling

North League 'A'

23rd March in Templederry: Templederry 0-22 Newport 3-11
30th March in Newport: Newport 2-17 Knockshegowna 0-19
27th April in Borrisoleigh: Borrisoleigh 3-13 Newport 1-8
10th May in Newport: Newport 2-22 Kilruane MacDonaghs 1-12

North Championship 'B'

8th June in Newport: Newport 0-23 Ballina 0-12
18th June in Toomevara: Newport 6-23 Toomevara 1-9
29th June in Lorrha: Newport 3-14 Lorrha 2-15
9th July in Newport: Newport 2-16 Shannon Rovers 0-11
13th July in Moneygall: Moneygall 1-12 Newport 0-11
10th August in Puckane: Borrisokane 1-13 Newport 0-14 (semi-final)

The Junior Hurlers participated in the 'A' League and in the 'B' Championship. Goals from Martin Carey, Kealan Floyd and Vinny Moloney seemed to put them in a good position in their opening League game, but Templederry's ability to pick off their points saw them victorious. They edged a very competitive game with Knockshegowna where Thomas Floyd (1-5), Daniel Carew (1-5) and Liam Duffy (0-3) were in good form. Two early goals from Borrisoleigh had Newport fighting an uphill battle in the third round and they faded away towards the end. They ended their league campaign with an impressive score in a game of no consequence against Kilruane.

Team v Knockshegowna: Paul Hogan, Cathal Floyd, Darragh Ryan, Jordan Young; Kevin Connolly, Mike Coffey, Ben Wixted; Aaron O'Neill, Liam Duffy; Kealan Floyd, Vinny Moloney, Kieran McCabe; Thomas Floyd, Brian Healy, Daniel Carew.

Brendan Coffey for K Floyd; Christy Koyce for A O'Neill.

Aidan Ryan, Martin Carey, Conor Keating and Pat Hickey played against Templederry.

Conor Hickey, Mark Harrington, Brendan Coffey, Mike McKeogh all started against Borrisoleigh, while Oisín O'Reilly and Brendan McMahon were subs.

A good all round performance marked the opening championship outing with Ballina. Mike McKeogh was outstanding at midfield, Kealan Floyd (0-8, 4f) was very accurate, Nigel Jones (0-5) impressed in the first half, while Jordan Young and Ben Wixted stood out in defence. They continued an impressive run through the championship to reach the semi-final. However, a series of injuries limited their resources, with such as Kealan Floyd, Cathal Floyd, Pat Hickey and Darragh Ryan forced to endure long-term lay-offs. Lack of scoring power was their downfall in the semi-final, while a first half red card for Vinny Moloney did not help. Borrisokane led 0-8 to 0-5 at the interval but Newport went into a one point lead within ten minutes of the resumption. However, a goal for the Lower Ormond side midway through the half was decisive. Newport did rally to draw level at 0-13 to 1-10 with five minutes remaining with the introduction of Martin Carey and Brendan Coffey bringing impetus to the attack, but they were unable to get their noses in front. Jordan Young and Ben Wixted were again most prominent in defence.

Team v Borrisokane: Paul Hogan, Jordan Young, Mark Harrington, Conor Hickey; Kieran McCabe, Mike Coffey, Ben Wixted; Mike McKeogh (0-1), Mike Quigley; Nigel Jones, Christy O'Connor (0-1), Christy Koyce; Jack Delahunty, Vinny Moloney, Thomas Floyd (0-9, 6f).

Subs: Martin Carey (0-1) for C Koyce; Brendan Coffey (0-2) for N Jones. Emmet Floyd & Darragh Ryan

Junior Football

Newport did not participate in the County Football Championship which was run separately to the Divisional competitions. The North Championship was not run off.

Under 21 Football 'B'

2nd February in Newport: Newport 1-16 Portroe 2-4

14th February in Puckane: Ballina 4-11 Newport 1-13

A team from whom much was expected, ultimately disappointed. They were very impressive in patches of both games, putting some good moves together, but ability to finish in front of goal let them down. They were over-reliant on Jack Delahunty for scores – he got 1-9 on both days out, 4 points coming from frees on each occasion. Their tally of 1-16 against Portroe should have been much greater, despite the best efforts of Cian Flanagan, Kevin Connolly and Nathan Hartigan. They were going well against Ballina in the semi-final under lights in Puckane, but two mistakes in the full back line allowed Ballina in for two quick goals around the 10th minute. They raised another green flag 5 minutes later and added a fourth on the stroke of half time. Newport kept fighting back, but could never reduce the deficit below 3 points. Ballina finished with a flurry of points for an impressive win. The dismissal of Colin Floyd for a black card offence in the first half was also a major blow.

Team v Portroe: Brendan Coffey, Brendan McMahon, Mikey Gorman, Paul Hogan; Kevin Connolly, Kealan Floyd, Cathal Floyd; Cian Flanagan, Colin Floyd (0-1); Emmet Floyd (0-1), Darragh Carroll, Nathan Hartigan (0-3); Thomas Floyd (0-2), Jack Delahunty (1-9), Colin Coleman.

Sub: Rory O'Connor for C Coleman.

Aaron O'Neill stepped in for the absent D Carroll in the second game, while Ciarán Flynn, Jack Connolly, Ben Wixted and Oran Connors were introduced as subs.

Under 21 Hurling 'B'

3rd November in Templederry: Newport 1-16 Ballinahinch/Templederry 2-11

9th November in Newport: Ballinahinch/Templederry 3-21 Newport 0-20 (2nd leg)

The fall of the die determined that Newport would play Ballinahinch in a 2-legged series of games to find a qualifier for the knock-out stages. Newport appeared to have the upper hand following the first encounter where Cian Flanagan and Colin Floyd led the way. They started the second game well and led by 3 points after 15 minutes, but from there on they played second fiddle with their defence split open on numerous occasions. Sean Ryan was outstanding for the winners, with Thomas Floyd being one of the few locals whose reputation was enhanced. The same fifteen started both games:

Paul Hogan, Rory O'Connor, Jack Delahunty, Colin Coleman; Ben Wixted, Cian Flanagan, Kevin Connolly;

Darragh Carroll, Thomas Floyd; Emmet Floyd, Colin Floyd, Brendan Coffey; James Jones, Mikey Gorman, Oran Connors.

Thomas Mulryan and Brendan McMahon were introduced as subs on both days while Diarmaid Rock also entered the fray during the second game.

Minor

Football 'B'

24th February in Newport: Ballinahinch/Templederry 5-12 Newport 2-4
Newport w.o. Silvermines scr.

10th March in Newport: Portroe 2-9 Newport 0-5

Hurling 'B'

League

3rd April in Newport: Newport 4-14 Portroe 2-16

17th April in Lorrha: Lorrha 12-11 Newport 1-17

24th April in Newport: Newport 2-11 Burgess 0-14

1st May in Dolla: Silvermines 5-14 Newport 4-13

8th May in Newport: Moneygall/Clonakenny 3-16 Newport 1-4

14th May in Shallee: Ballinahinh/Templederry 10-14 Newport 2-10

Championship

18th July Newport conceded to Silvermines and later withdrew from the championship.

Scarcity of numbers was a problem for Newport Minors in 2019. They put in some creditable performances in a special North Tipp Hurling League which was run with reduced numbers, but when it came to championship, they could not muster a team.

Under 16

Football 'B'

1st April in Shallee: Newport 7-10 Ballinahinch/Templederry 3-7

8th April: Newport w.o. Kilruane scr.

15th April in Moneygall: Moneygall/Clonakenny 4-7 Newport 1-1

22nd April in Lorrha: Newport 7-5 Lorrha 1-4

29th April in Newport: Newport 2-5 Ballinahinch/Templederry 0-4 (semi-final)

13th May in Dolla: Moneygall/Clonakenny 2-9 Newport 3-5 (North Final)

Hurling 'B'

15th July in Kilcoleman: Newport 5-10 Burgess 2-19

22nd July in Newport: Moneygall/Clonakenny 3-17 Newport 2-14

29th July in Templederry: Newport 6-10 Templederry/Ballinahinch 1-4

16th August in Lorrha: Lorrha Rovers Gaels 4-5 Newport 1-11

The Under 16's played in the 'B' grade in both hurling and football. Moneygall proved to be their bogey team in both codes. Newport gave a great performance in the football final before losing by the narrowest of margins. The Guardian report on the final remarked that "one would do well to see a more entertaining game of football, with pure attacking football on show throughout the game, which was a joy to watch as both teams were very evenly matched with a draw looking to be on the cards after 60 minutes of play." The Ryans took the scoring honours, with John J. finishing off a flowing move when he netted in the tenth minute, Jack rounding the keeper to goal soon after and Jay scoring from a spectacular volley in the second half. Newport led up to the 60th minute, withstanding serious pressure for long periods, but Moneygall came

with two late points for victory.

Team in final: Oisín Kennedy; Shaun Bonfield, Niall Duffy (Capt), Conor McHugo; Stephen Coffey, Aidan Ryan, Paul Moloney; Daniel Egan, Shane Murray; Jay Ryan (1-1), John J Ryan (1-0), Lee Ryan; Jack Ryan (1-4, 0-4f), Diarmuid O'Riordan, Gavin Mellerick.

Other panelists: Darren Coffey, Adam Moloney, Kevin O'Brien, Sean Nolan, Luke Collins, Colm O'Malley, Stephen McCormack, Aaron Pearson, Tom Allen, Diarmuid Cantillon, Thomas Byrne, John Lee, Dan Ryan, James Tobin, Brian Tobin.



Newport Under 16 Football team, North finalists 2019

Under 15 'B' Hurling Plate

29th September: Ballinahinch/Templederry 2-10 Newport 2-4

Under 14

Football 'A'

16th February in Ballina: Ballina 2-8 Newport 2-4 (Peil na nÓg)
16th April in Newport: Newport 6-14 Nenagh Éire Óg 3-6
18th April in Ballina: Ballina 1-15 Newport 3-6
25th April in Newport: Newport 7-12 Inane Rovers 1-4
9th May in Nenagh: Nenagh Éire Óg 3-11 Newport 2-5 (semi-final)

Football 'C'

23rd February in Portroe: Portroe 7-5 Newport 3-6 (Peil na nÓg)
11th April in Newport: Kildangan 9-4 Newport 0-0
18th April in Ballinderry: Shannon Rovers Gaels 4-7 Newport 2-3
25th April in Newport: Portroe 9-3 Newport 0-6

Hurling

Féile 'B'

3rd March in Newport: Newport 10-11 Ballinahinch/Templederry 1-1
9th March in Dolla: Newport 2-9 Silvermines 0-1
18th March in Newport: Newport 6-8 Borrisokane 0-4

25th March in Toomevara: Newport 3-18 Lorrha Rovers 0-8 (North Final)
 30th March in Cappawhite: Newport 5-6 Galtee Rovers 0-6 (County semi-final)
 6th April in Clonoulty: JK Brackens 3-7 Newport 1-4 (Co Final)

Championship 'B'

4th June in Ballinderry: Newport 3-16 Lorrha Rovers 1-4
 13th June: Newport w.o. Kilruane scr.
 27th June in Kilcoleman: Burgess 5-9 Newport 1-5
 11th July in Newport: Newport 2-25 Ballinahinch/Templederry 0-2
 26th July in Newport: Borrisokane 2-11 Newport 1-8 (Quarter Final)

Championship 'C'

17th June in Borrisoleigh: Borrisoleigh 9-6 Newport 4-6
 4th July in Newport: Newport 5-10 Portroe 7-4
 15th July in Newport: Newport w.o. Borrisoleigh scr.
 19th July in Portroe: Newport 4-8 Portroe 3-6
 2nd Sept in Portroe: Portroe 7-6 Newport 6-6 (Final)

The Under 14's fielded two teams in both hurling and football. The first team had an impressive run in the Féile na nGael competition, producing a great second half performance in the North Final to overcome a dogged Lorrha side, when Brian Tobin was the scoring hero notching 1-8 and Dara Kennedy and James Moloney were among the goal scorers. They were very competitive in the county final, but lacked a real scoring threat. Dara Kennedy worked tirelessly and hit an amount of ball, while John Lee and Aaron Coleman also worked hard. They disappointed in the quarter final of the championship when, short the injured Brian Tobin, they failed to take their scoring chances. John Lee did all he could to turn the tide, while Damien O'Brien and Shane Flanagan were also prominent.

Team v JK Brackens: Damien O'Brien, Christopher Egan, Mark Forde, Daire Cantillon; Shane Flanagan, John Lee, Aaron Coleman; Dara Kennedy, James Tobin; Michael Hewitt, Tom Allen, Daniel Ryan; Brian Tobin, Brian Nolan, James Moloney.

Subs: David Whelton for D Cantillon; Eoghan Browne for M Hewitt; Darragh Meaney for B Nolan. Also Keith Hogan, Robbie Murray, Darragh Gavin, Christopher Moloney.

The latter was in goals for their last championship outing, with Damien O'Brien at corner back and Daire Cantillon moved to full forward.



The second Under 14 Hurling team played a double round-robin with Borrisoleigh and Portroe. They drew with, defeated and lost to Portroe in their series of games, but unfortunately lost the one which mattered most. But the mentors were happy with their performances and development during the year. Portroe also proved to be their bogey team in football. The 'A' team surprisingly lost to Nenagh in the football semi-

final, having earlier delivered a heavy beating to the same opposition.

Under 13 'B' Hurling Plate

Newport w/o Silvermines

Newport 1-9 Roscrea 2-2

Lorrha 4-8 Newport 3-6

Newport 2-9 Kiladangan 2-1

Newport w/o Shannon Rovers

Newport 4-8 Moneygall/Clonakenny 4-7

Moneygall/Clonakenny 1-6 Newport 1-3 (semi-final 15th September)

Under 12

Football Group 'B'

30th March in Moneygall: Moneygall 4-5 Newport 1-2

1st April in Newport: Kiladangan 3-1 Newport 2-2

6th April in Lorrha: Newport 5-6 Lorrha 0-0

9th April in Newport: Silvermines 3-5 Newport 2-4

16th April in Toomevara: Toomevara 5-4 Newport 0-0

23rd April in Puckane: Kildangan 1-8 Newport 0-7

Football Group 'C'

30th March in Nenagh: Newport 2-2 Nenagh Éire Óg 2-1

10th April in Newport: Newport 6-2 Kilruane 1-3

23rd April in Templederry: Newport 6-4 Templederry 1-1

30th April in Newport: Newport 5-5 Neenagh Éire Óg 2-5 (semi-final)

23rd April in Puckane: Borrisokane 2-4 Newport 0-4 (North Final)

Football Group 'D'

6th April in Shallee: Newport 2-3 Ballinahinch 0-1

16th April in Toomevara: Newport 7-1 Toomevara 0-1

23rd April: Newport w.o. Inane Rovers scr.

1st May in Ballina: Ballina 1-4 Newport 2-0 (semi-final)

Hurling Group 'B'

4th June in Puckane: Kiladangan 2-10 Newport 2-5

11th June in Newport: Newport 3-7 Moneygall 1-4

18th June in Dolla: Newport 3-8 Silvermines 0-7

23rd June in Newport: Roscrea 3-4 Newport 1-6

12th July in Borrisokane: Borrisokane 1-5 Newport 1-4

21st July in Newport: Newport 3-8 Borrisokane 1-1

2nd August in Moneygall: Moneygall 3-6 Newport 1-8 (semi-final)

Hurling Group 'C'

4th June in Newport: Templederry 3-6 Newport 1-2

14th June in Lorrha: Lorrha 3-4 Newport 2-5

21st June in Newport: Newport 3-10 Nenagh Éire Óg 2-6

26th June in Newport: Kilruane MacDonaghs 5-4 Newport 1-4

1st July in Ballina: Newport 1-10 Ballina 1-3

8th July in Portroe: Newport 5-4 Portroe 2-7

13th July in Ballinderry: Newport 4-11 Shannon Rovers 5-6

16th July in Nenagh: Newport 4-16 Nenagh Éire Óg 1-2 (Qr Final)
 30th July in Portroe: Newport 7-4 Portroe 3-7 (semi-final)
 5th August in Toomevara: Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-8 Newport 1-5 (Final)

Hurling Group 'D'

4th June in Newport: Newport 2-3 Ballinahinch 0-3
 11th June in Toomevara: Newport 3-3 Toomevara 1-4
 23rd June in Newport: Newport 3-2 Roscrea 0-3
 8th July in Borrisoleigh: Newport 5-2 Borrisoleigh 2-4
 29th July in Newport: Borrisoleigh 5-2 Newport 3-4 (semi-final)

Fielding 3 teams at Under 12 level was a demanding task for mentors but one which they managed assiduously, being competitive at all grades. The second team consisted of Under 11 players and they had the misfortune to lose their finals in both hurling and football.

The Under 12 group travelled to play many challenge games and they took in a trip to Cork to see Tipperary successfully launch their All Ireland winning campaign. As the year ended they got their hands on some silverware, capturing the shield in the Joe Donnelly Hurling Tournament in Moneygall and winning the James O'Rourke Football Tournament in Newport.



Under 12 team which won the Moneygall Shield

Under 11

Community Games Hurling

6/4/19 in Roscrea: Newport 7-5 Roscrea 0-0
 8/4/19 in Ballina: Newport 4-8 Ballina 0-0
 28/4/19 in Newport: Newport 4-6 Toomevara 4-2

10/5/19 in Cloughjordan: Newport 4-3 Cloughjordan 0-2 (North Final)
 18/5/19 in Holycross: Newport 5-6 Ballingarry 3-3 (Co. Final)
 6/7/19 in Tralee: Newport 7-4 Bruff 1-6 (Munster semi);
 Newport 2-14 Ballincollig 4-6 (Munster Final aet).
 17/8/19 in UL: Newport 3-3 Oranmore 1-6 (All Ireland semi-final)
 Dicksboro 9-5 Newport 3-6 (All Ireland Final)

U11 'A' Hurling Plate

22nd August: Newport 4-7 Ballina 2-6
 29th August: Newport 5-7 Nenagh Éire Óg 0-5
 9th September: Newport 2-12 Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-7
 14th September: Toomevara 8-9 Newport 6-6
 22nd September: Newport 2-5 Ballina 2-1 (semi-final)
 22nd September: Newport 2-5 Toomevara 2-3 (Final)

U11 'C' Hurling Plate

18th August: Newport 9-8 Templederry 1-0
 22nd August: Newport 3-5 Lorrha 2-4
 29th August: Newport 3-5 Borrisoleigh 3-4
 9th September: Newport 3-2 Portroe 3-2
 14th September: Shannon Rovers 5-3 Newport 3-1
 28th September: Newport 3-2 Shannon Rovers 2-3 (semi-final)
 28th September: Portroe 3-3 Newport 2-2 (Final).

U11 'D' Hurling Plate

29th August: Nenagh Éire Óg 3-6 Newport 2-1
 14th September: Toomevara 0-2 Newport 0-1

2019 was a busy and successful year for the Under 11 players. They travelled widely and gained great experience against teams from many counties. Highlight was progressing all the way to the All Ireland Final of the Community Games and winning a silver medal. Having beaten Oranmore from Galway in a very competitive semi-final, they started well against Dicksboro in the final, but the Kilkenny boys gradually gained the upper hand and their ability to get through for goals saw them go on to victory.

Squad: Oisín O'Gorman (captain), Oisín Kennedy, Sean Carrig, Stephen O'Brien, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Conor McLoughlin, Colm Ryan, Harry Noone, Aaron Lane, Luke McIntyre, Ollie Roche, Eric Bates, Ronan Gaffney, Lucas Wright, Darragh McNamara, Cian O'Donoghue.

They participated in numerous hurling and football tournaments during the year, most notably in Na Piarasigh (Limerick), Upperchurch-Drombane, Dicksboro and Kilmacud Crokes where two Newport teams reached their respective finals. They won the inaugural John Kissane Memorial Football Tournament in Nenagh defeating the home side in the final.

The Under 11's finished the year on a high by winning the special North Tipp Plate Competition. Having lost to Toomevara in the earlier rounds, they turned the tables on the Greyhounds in a titanic final.



Newport under 11 Hurlers & Mentors, All Ireland Community Games silver medallists 2019

James O'Rourke Memorial Tournament: The Juvenile Club hosted the Annual James O'Rourke Memorial U11 & U12 Football Tournament. 7 clubs from 6 different counties participated over the course of the day. At under 11 level, Newport were joined by Cuala of Dublin, Shamrocks of Offaly and Mungret Saint Pauls of Limerick, while at under 12, Croom from Limerick, Wolfe Tones from Clare and Whitechurch from Cork provided the opposition. Newport teams ran out winners in both finals.

Under 6 to 10

The lower age groups were busy all year, coaching and developing skills at Lacken Park, fielding multiple teams at all grades, hosting visiting teams and travelling widely to play in various blitzes and tournaments. Most notable were two Under 9 teams winning at Kilmacud Crokes Festival of Hurling in UCD Belfield, two Under 10 teams winning in the Nevin Tournaments in Ballina and 95 players travelling to Whitechurch in Cork.



Under 10 team, winners of the Nevin Tournament in Ballina



Winners of the Under 9 Nevin Tournament in Ballina

Scór 2019

Another All Ireland Title

The Parish Final of **Scór na bPáistí** was held in Birdhill Hall on 10th February. Selected to represent Newport in the Area Final in Borrisoleigh were: -

Solo Singing: Aoife Mellerick and Calum Poole.

Recitation: Martin and Tom McCabe

Instrumental Music: Purple Group - Damian O'Brien, Ronan Fitzpatrick, Leah Wixted, Michael Foley and Martin McCabe. Gold Group - Brian McCabe, Liam Coffey, Darragh McGrath, Stephen O'Brien and David Roland.

Ballad Group: Purple Group - Eimear Raddie, Ava O'Malley, Kate Finnucane and Aoife Mellerick

Gold Group - Hannah Ryan, Hazel Walpole, Chloe Ryan, Muirna Ryan and Emily Gleeson

Quiz: Damian O'Brien, Oisín Kennedy, Martin and Brian McCabe

Both Martin & Tom McCabe qualified to represent the club in the Recitation competition in the 'B' Final held in Templederry where the latter was successful.

Qualifying for the North 'A' Final were:

Solo Singing : Aoife Mellerick.

Ballad Group : Purple Group with Aoibhinn Nugent added.

Instrumental Music: 2 groups .

Question Time Team.

Newport had no winners in the 'A' Final.

The County Final of **Senior Scór** took place in Newport on 23rd February. Newport's Léiriú group of Tom McCabe, Gavin Ryan, John Tuohey, Carol O'Hora, Cathriona O'Brien, Paraic Kennedy, Terry O'Brien & Producer Mary Browne took honours and went on to take Munster honours in Cork City Hall. A huge local crowd followed the act and saw them take the All Ireland crown in Castlebar on 13th April with their act entitled "Fowl Play at the Border."

Other Newport reps in the County Final were:

Rince Seit: Joe Floyd, Marie Tuohey, Dinny Ryan, Siobhan O'Gorman, Noel Galvin, Brid Coffey, Bernie Flynn & Anthony Floyd

Quiz: Anna Riordan, Rosemary Larkin, Pauline Murray & Alfie O'Brien.

Denis Floyd was Quiz Master for the All Ireland Quiz Final.

The County Final of **Scór na nÓg** was held in Holycross on 1st December. Representing Newport were: Instrumental Music: Eve Berry, Martin McCabe, Stephen McCormack, Kevin & Damien O'Brien. Novelty Act: Clara & Aoibhinn Collins, Martin, Brian & Tom McCabe and Damien O'Brien. The Quiz team of Dara Kennedy, Stephen McCormack, Kevin & Damien O'Brien finished second in their competition.



Newport Quiz team: Runners-up in the County Final of Scór na nÓg December 2019



All Ireland winners in the Leiriú Stáitse competition at Scór Sinsir Craobh Ceannais na hÉireann in Castlebar April 2019:

Back: Terry O'Brien, Páraic Kennedy, Aodán Ó'Braonáin (Cathaoirleach Coiste Scór), Gavin Ryan, John Touhey.

Front: Carol O'Hora, Mary Browne, John Horan (Uachtarán CLG), Tom McCabe (with Henrietta the Hen), Cathriona O'Brien.

Obituaries in 2019

Pádraig Harvey, Limerick and formerly of Tullow, Newport lined out with Newport under age teams during the 1970's and represented the club in Scór.

John Murray of Cragg and Cork Road, who died in Australia, played under-age with Newport during the 1960's, being especially prominent at football.

Paschal Grant (Clonbealy) was a staunch follower of the club, acted as umpire for various referees and helped with selling of lotto tickets during the 90's and early 00's

Ben Healy (Inchadrinagh) lined out with Newport teams in the 1960's

John Ryan (C) of Ashroe and Murroe won an Under 12 Hurling medal and North & County Under 16 'A' Football titles with Newport before transferring to Murroe.

Mikie Joe Tully (Birdhill) lined out with Newport juvenile teams in the 1960's.

End of Year

- The Juvenile Club announced that they would have Club-Crested Sliotars available to sell.
- The convent gym was used for a 12 week winter strength and conditioning programme for under 14s,16s and minors under the guidance of Shane Hassett.
- The annual Juvenile Club end of year Social/Celebration Night was held in Ryan's Bar.
- A free drop-in 'hands-only' CPR and AED demonstration was held in Newport GAA Club House in October.
- At the Club AGM, the Treasurer outlined expenditure of €23,116 on Field Maintenance and €12,890 on Team Expenses. The Weekly Lotto netted €40,034, the Tipperary Draw €24,085 and the Golf Classic €7,284.

The Secretary in her report said that for her, the three big events of the year were the publication of the Club History, the All Ireland Scór victory in the Léiriú competition and Sean O'Brien's All Ireland medal.

The Chairman, James Collins, spoke of a disappointing year for Newport adult teams on the field of play, but looked forward to a 'defining year' in 2020 for the senior hurlers in their fourth year in the grade. He referred to the visit of Uachtarán John Horan to officially open the Hurling Wall and launch the club history as a great day for the club.

At the Juvenile AGM, special thanks were extended to SYS Wealth for sponsorship of juvenile activities. Chairman of the Juvenile Club, Ollie Kennedy, said that the most important sponsors were the parents and families of the children who support and encourage the teams and who show tremendous community spirit in catering for visiting teams at blitzes and tournaments. He was particularly pleased at the development of players and with more than 250 playing members, the goal of the club is to see all teams participating in 'A' grades.

The AGM passed a motion to regulate the running of the Juvenile Committee in compliance with the Official Guide and a Child Safeguarding Statement was also adopted. There was discussion on the club's attitude to football and on the creation of a plan to develop a facility to assist in catering for an ongoing strength & conditioning programme. It was also agreed to explore the possibility of amalgamation for Under 21, as Newport would not have numbers to field on their own in 2020.