



Sean Burke from senior infants class at De La Salle Stephen Street with the County Senior Hurling Cup.
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Some De La Salle luminaries

A number of De La Salle players have worn the Waterford jersey with distinction down the years.

Most recently John Mullane, Bryan Phelan and Stephen Brenner won Munster medals in 2002 and '04 and '06, while John, Bryan and Kevin Moran were also National League winners in 2007.

Dunhill man Conan Watt was on the Portlaine panel that won the provincial championship for the first time in 39 years in 2002, and he also played senior football for the county.

John Mullane became the club's first All Star in 2003 and was selected on the 2008 GPA team of the year. He captained Munster to the Interprovincial title at Croke Park two years ago.

Previously the great Davy Duggan became one of Waterford's first All Star replacements in the 1970s.

There were four De La Salle players on the team that won Waterford's only Under 21 All-Ireland in 1992, namely: Owen Dunphy (current team manager) at full-back, Johnny Brenner, a star at midfield; centre-back Pat Fanning, and corner-forward Noel Dalton, who scored 1-15 during the campaign.

De La Salle clubman and Munster GAA Games Development Manager Joey Carton was a selector to that side alongside Peter Power and manager Tony Mansfield.

That same year Derek McGrath (then with St Saviours) was a half-forward on the Waterford Minor team that reached the All-Ireland final, and later played for the county seniors.

Johnny Brenner preceded his younger brother Stephen in playing for the Waterford seniors for several seasons up until 2001.

The late John Barron played in three All-Ireland finals (four if you count replays, including the '59 victory of course), and also won three Munster medals and a National League during Waterford's golden era of the late fifties and early sixties. "The greatest hurler our club has ever produced, John Barron was a De La Salle man from the cradle to the grave," says PRO John Sheehan of the Deise legend,

who sadly passed away last year. "He was an icon of our club, a paragon of honest humility."

The late 'Sonny' Walsh, to whom the Cleaboy grounds are dedicated, also won a National Hurling League medal with Waterford in 1963.

In football, former Waterford forward Jason Ryan, who managed Wexford to last year's All-Ireland semi-final at the age of 31, still plays intermediate for De La Salle. (His assistant with the Model County, Mick Casey, is the hurling team's fitness trainer. 'Micko' played on the

DLS team that won the 1989 county minor hurling title alongside Owen Dunphy and selector Alan 'Jack' Duggan.)

The aforementioned Kevin Moran captained WIT to the 2008 Fitzgibbon Cup, while Noel Dalton (top scorer) and Pat Fanning were members of the WRTC team that won the competition for the first time in 1992.

Derek McGrath won three Fitzgibbon Cups with UCC, including in 1997 on a team that included fellow Déise men Dave Bennett, Eoin Murphy, James Murray, Timmy Cronin and JJ Ronayne.



The late, great John Barron



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