

DE LA SALLE - SAID & DONE



Goalkeeper Stevie Brenner

On a memorable afternoon in Semple Stadium...

"I'm on the senior panel since 1991 and I never won a thing up until now and now it feels like it's raining trophies. It's great. We'll take anything that comes at this stage.

We knew on paper that we had a better team and that we could do it. It was just a matter of putting what we're doing in training onto the field today. In the first half it didn't happen for us but the second half was outstanding stuff from the lads. It was unbelievable."

At half-time we went in and we had a few words with each other... Not having scored in the first half could have had people thinking that the game

was over and that Adare were going to come out and hammer us... But we've shown some character in all the games we've played this year... The three substitutes probably won the game for us... which says a lot about how strong our panel is."

Nothing compares to this. Winning with your club is unbelievable. I know there mightn't be as many people in the stands here as they were in days for Waterford, but coming across the field there, meeting people you grew up with, meeting fellas that used be up training you and fellas you used be playing with, it's unbelievable... Anything that's good for us is good for Waterford hurling..."

Looking ahead to All-Ireland final day...

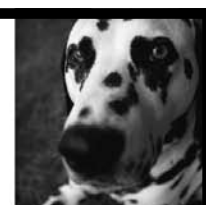
"In De La Salle we were down for so long I don't think we dream of things like this. We dreamt of winning county finals - and we won. It kicked on from there. We said we'd give it a lash and we won Munster.

For so long we had been down. For a small club like De La Salle, there's probably a big hole in our history where we have older members and then we kind of fizzled out. And then it comes to the likes of Joey Carton's era. It's great for that side of the club,

great for Waterford hurling in general. The teams that went before us - Ballygunner and Mount Sion - never got to All-Ireland finals.

They were remarkable teams, but they were unlucky. In our first year we win Munster and we are in the All-Ireland final. You can't get your head around it. It's unreal. There is great character in this team. They don't know how to lose. We are privileged to be representing Waterford. We'll give it a right lash. We have nothing to lose."

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