

DE LA SALLE - SAID & DONE

Captain John Mullane

On creating history by overcoming Cushendall...

"It was a game that had everything. It was just a fantastic 80 minutes of hurling. But credit to the team, we kept going to the end, kept plugging away and we never threw in the towel and if you keep plugging to the end, you don't know what can happen in this game.

Credit to our physical trainer Micko Casey who was with the Wexford footballers last year, he's a fantastic physical trainer. We've been finishing strong all last year and it was the same again today.

It's just a dream come true, really. I'm still scratching my head to believe it's after really happening. We weren't even contenders to win our county title last year but here we are now, on the 125th anniversary of the GAA, playing on Patrick's Day on the biggest day of the club calendar.

We've created a bit of history today because we're the first Waterford team that will play in Croke Park on Patrick's Day so that makes it that extra bit special too. We're going to enjoy the day and see what happens.

The bookies got it all wrong and had them at six and a half to one and us at one to six

which were crazy odds but the pressure's off us now. We're going into the final in the same position as Cushendall were in today.

I always feel the pressure and going into the final it'll be no different, that's just the way it is when you're a big game player and you have to lead by example. Every game that I play there's always that pressure there, but I'm used to it by now.

That [Portumna's victory in the other semi-final] didn't surprise me. All the boys had picked Portumna to win today. At the end of the day, they're the All-Ireland champions. It was very difficult to see why people were writing them off.

It's the best part of 30 years since a Waterford team has participated in an All-Ireland final and we've created a little bit of history today, becoming the first Waterford team that'll play in Croke Park on Patrick's Day too. So that's nice. It's just a dream come true to play on the biggest day of the club year with your friends and schoolmates. It's just extra special."

[Dermot Keyes]



Maureen Cotter and Maureen Keane congratulate De La Salle's 'captain fantastic' John Mullane after the All-Ireland club hurling semi-final at Parnell Park, Dublin. | PHOTO: MICHAEL KIELY



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all the players**

in The All-Ireland Club Final.



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Wish John Mullane and all the De La Salle hurling panel every success
in the All-Ireland Club Final