

Co. Tipperary Senior Hurling Final
Match Programme
1978



Clar Oifigiuil

Cluichi Craobh Iomana Thiobraid Arann

SINSIR

ROS CRE

v

**CILL RUAN
MHIC DHONNCHA**

3.30 i.n.

Moltoir — Liam O Riain (Ma'nistir
na Croise)



MIONUIR

EIRE OG, AONACH

v

**LUACHMA-
CAISLEAN AOIBHNE**

2.00 i.n.

Moltoir — S. O Riain (Laitiann)



**i Staid Semple, Durlas
15 Deire Fomhair, 1978**

*Tomás Ó Cearúil,
Kilnaha.*

MESSAGE FROM CO. CHAIRMAN

ONCE again it is my privilege to welcome you all to Semple Stadium, Thurles, to the show pieces of our year's activities — our senior and minor hurling finals. I would particularly like to welcome our four finalists and their supporters.

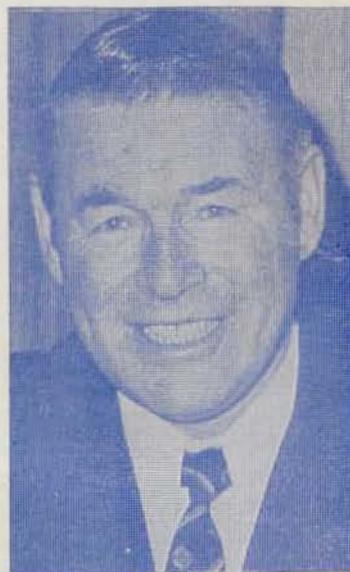
Our senior final brings together our present county champions, Kilruane MacDonagh, and Roscrea, champions on five occasions in recent years. Both teams have qualified for the final on merit alone. They have contributed much to our county and a repetition of their North final display would assure patrons of a thrilling hour's hurling.

Eire Og, Nenagh, defend their minor crown against Loughmore-Castleiney. This final has all the credentials of a really first class game. It's indeed a pleasure to salute all four finalists. In doing so, may I express, on behalf of our County Board, my sincere thanks to our four Divisions, their officers and clubs for their whole-hearted co-operation in making to-day's finals possible.

County Final Day is a really wonderful occasion for our Association. It is a day on which we are all reminded of the value of our national games, and may I take this opportunity of thanking our colleges and schools, at all levels, and their teachers for the splendid work that they are accomplishing.

The historic successes of Templemore C.B.S. in the Harty Cup and All-Ireland Colleges finals; the magnificent victory of the North Tipp, Vocational Schools team in regaining All-Ireland honours; the very notable and splendid victory of Borrisoleigh in the All-Ireland Sevens and the recent success of our county under-21 team, being Munster champions and All-Ireland finalists, is ample proof that hurling continues to flourish within our county.

Finally, my earnest wish is that the victorious team of to-day's final will maintain the high standard set by previous winners. The seeds of success are now sown, and may they, by their leadership and example, lead Tipperary to its coveted position as the Premier County.



Is mise le meas mor,
HOIBEARD O HOGAIN.

BUIOCHAS—APPRECIATION

This programme has been produced by Thurles Sarsfields G.A.A. Club. We are deeply indebted to our writers — Pilib O Duibhir, Michael Dundon, John O'Grady, Co. P.R.O.; Tadhg O'Connor, Tom Kirby, Pat O'Donoghue and Tom McGrath; also Tomas O Baroid, our Co. Secretary, for his advice and co-operation.

Our thanks are due to those who inserted advertisements and we ask readers to support them whenever possible.

Finally, we thank the staff of the "Tipperary Star" for their patience and help.

LIAM O DONNCHU, Runai.

PURCHASE OF VIDEO TAPE AND CAMERA

The Tipperary Co. Board has decided to obtain a video tape and camera to be used in training the county teams, minor, under-21 and senior. The money (in the region of £5,000) is not available for such modern equipment.

Other counties have got such up-to-date equipment, why not Tipperary?

I appeal to all who wish to help in any way to send a subscription, however small, to — County Chairman, County Secretary, or to Bro. Perkins, C.B.S., Templemore, Co. Youth Officer.

He who fails to prepare, prepares to fail.

Kilruane McDonagh

This is Kilruane's fourth appearance in the county final in five years, which in itself is an indication of the strength of the club, and three years ago, they won the county senior football crown. In that year, they were deprived of a county double by Moneygall hurlers.

They have suffered defeat in the final on four occasions, going under to Moneygall after a replay in 1975; losing to Roscrea in '73, and to Sarsfields in '59 and '44.

In the process, they have set all other clubs in the county an example, which if followed, can only bring about a vast improvement in the standard of hurling in Tipperary, and who will say that is not needed at the present time!

A list of the achievements of this great club in 1978 includes the following:—

- Under-12 hurling county finalists.
- Under-14 hurling (rural) county finalists.
- Under-21 hurling (semi-final).
- Under-21 football (semi-final).
- Intermediate hurling 1978, north Tipp. finalists.
- Senior hurling champions of North Division.
- Junior hurling semi-finalists.

All the club's social activities take place in the Father O'Meara Memorial Centre and club training is carried on in the Tomas MacDonagh Memorial Park and Pavilion in Cloughjordan.

The club's predecessors in the Cloughjordan area, Lahorna de Wetts, won the senior county title in

1902 by defeating Carrick 7-10 to 1-2 and it is interesting to note the recurrence of names of people who took part in that victory in today's lineout.

The Lahorna team was: Jack Dwan, Jim and Martin Darcy, Dan and Tom Ryan, Rody Nolan, Con Brewer, Din Whelan, Pat Williams, Mick Conway, Mick Mouloughney, Jim

Connors, Jack Meara, Mick and Paddy Kennedy, Mick Maher, Tim Carr, Mick Cleary and Paddy Behan.

Kilruane MacDonagh club officers, 1978: President, Very Rev. J. Hayes, P.P.; Vice-presidents, Very Rev. E. Whyte, Adm.; Rev. L. Murray, C.C.; Chairman, Patrick Quinlan; Secretary, Tom Kirby; Treasurer, Michael Hennessy; Registrar, Denis McLoughney; Assistant Secretary, Michael Cahill.

Roscrea



T. O'Connor, Roscrea.

Roscrea hurling club was formed in 1895 and its first Chairman was Mr Ned Maher, father of J. J. Maher. Chris Fletcher was its first Secretary. J. J. Maher was its longest serving Secretary, taking up duty in 1927 and continuing on to 1974.

Roscrea contested their first final in 1902 against De Wetts. They won but objection followed and Roscrea were beaten in the Board Room. They had to wait until 1936 to contest their next County Final and lost to Thurles Sarsfields. 1945 saw them again in the County Final and drew with Sarsfields in Nenagh. The replay was in Thurles where they were narrowly defeated.

1954—lost to Holycross; 1963—lost to Sarsfields; 1967—lost to Carrick Davins; 1968—won first County Final against Sarsfields (2-13, 3-4); 1969—won second against Carrick Davins; 1970—won v. Thurles Sarsfields; 1971—lost to Moyne; 1972—won v. Borris-Ileigh; 1973—won v. Kilruane. So they contested seven County Finals in a row. 1976—lost to Moneygall. 1978—lost North Final to Kilruane.

Down the years Roscrea has been a very progressive club and the fact that they have embarked on the construction of a social centre is ample proof of their modern outlook. Work on this building complex has just commenced. When the centre is completed the facilities available there will include: Dressingrooms, badminton hall, gymnasium, concert hall, squash court, showers and catering facilities. It will then be one of the most modern complexes of this kind in the country.

We wish them every success with this venture.

Roscrea club officer, 1978: President, John Moloney; Vice-president, J. J. Maher; Chairman, William O'Reilly; Vice-chairman, Jodie Spooner; Secretary/Treasurer, Tadgh O'Connor; Assistant Secretary, John McDonnell; P.R.O., Kevin Brady; Trainer, Michael Minogue.

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Wish Roscrea Best of Luck.

THE COUNTY FINAL

The North division's monopoly of county finals in recent years — this is the fourth successive year two North teams contest the decider, continues this year with Kilruane McDonagh, the county and divisional champions, being opposed by Roscrea.

Kilruane's success is not surprising in view of their magnificent achievements in under age competition, but in Roscrea they meet a club which is contesting its ninth county final since 1967, having won five of their eight previous appearances. This is Kilruane's fourth final since '73, and they have one title, last year's.

These teams have been regularly in opposition in the North division. Earlier in the year, Kilruane defeated Roscrea in the North final by 3-6 to 1-11 to win the Frank McGrath Cup, in a classical encounter, and a repeat performance today, irrespective of which side emerges victorious, will send patrons home very satisfied.

They met once in a county final in 1973 when Roscrea retained the title they won the previous year by a margin of 3-14 to 3-8.

The Roscrea team that day was — Tadgh Murphy, Tom Tynan, Mick Hogan, Brendan Maher, Liam Spooner, Tadgh O'Connor, Jimmy Crampton, Mick Minogue, Donie Moloney, Joe Tynan, Francis Loughnane, Joe Cunningham, Roger Ryan, Liam Stapleton and Jody Spooner.

Kilruane lined out as follows — Joe Hutchinson, Phil Reddan, John Kelly, John Moloughney, Tom Killackey, Sean Hyland, Paddy Williams, Seamus Keogh, Len Gaynor, Jim Williams, Gilbert Williams, Noel Killackey, Liam O'Shea, Sean O'Meara and Denis Cahill. Jim O'Meara came on as a substitute.

PATHS TO THE FINAL

Quarter-finals—

Kilruane McDonagh 2-15; Cappawhite 2-11.
Roscrea 2-20; Sean Treacys 2-8.

Semi-finals—

Kilruane McDonagh 3-13; Holycross-Ballycahill 2-6.
Roscrea 4-13; Drom-Inch 3-6.

AMHRAN NA bhFIANN

Sinne Fianna Fail,
Ata faoi gheall ag Eirinn,
Buionn dar slua
Thar toinn do rainig chugainn,
Faoi mhoid bheith saor,
Seantir ar sinsear feasta,
Ni fhagfar faoin tioran na faoin traill;
Anocht a theam sa bhearna bhaoil,
Le gean ar Ghaeil chun bais no saoil,
Le gunna-screach fao lamhach na bpileir,
Seo libh, canaig Amhran na bhFiann.

IRISH LANGUAGE

“A people without a language of its own is only half a nation. A nation should guard its language more than its territories”.

—Thomas Davis.

Is binne glor mo chamain fein
Na guth na n-ean na ceol na mbard,
Ni binne fuaim ar bith faoin ngrein
Na poc ro-threan ar liathroid aird.

• The weight of a hurling ball is from 3½ to 4½ ounces, its circumference 9 to 10 inches.

Music for to-day's game is being provided by the
Sean Treacy Pipe Band—Moycarkey-Borris.

• The ball is in play until the whole ball has passed over the line.

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Today's Coveted Trophy—Corn Ui Bhrian

Close on forty county finals were decided before there was a trophy for the winning captain. Some of our most famous skippers, like big Mikey Maher of Tubberadora, Tom Semple of the Thurles Blues, Wedger Meagher of Toomevara and Captain Johnny Leahy of Boherlahan, were all spared the bother of making a victory speech after the presentation of the cup.

This void was filled in 1931. When the Tipperary hurling team returned home after their victorious tour of the U.S., they brought with them a magnificent cup presented by Dan Breen, then resident in New York. The base of the cup, now resting in the Sean Treacy Museum in Tipperary town, bears the following inscription:—

Presented to Tipperary County Board by Dan Breen, Promoter of the 1931 U.S. Tour of Tipperary Hurling Team and his Associates, Con Neenan (Manager), Pete Landy (Sec.), Thomas Whitelaw, Thomas Armitage.

Toomevara had the honour of being first winners of this cup. Here I quote from Canon Fogarty's monumental history of the G.A.A. in Tipperary:— "The senior hurling final was postponed to February, 1932, due to the American Tour. John Leahy refereed. The game was started by Dan Breen, who presented a valuable perpetual cup to be given to the champions in this grade." The inimitable Martin Kennedy had the distinction of being the first captain to receive the trophy. This was a powerful Toom, side who had won county honours the previous year (1930), too. Their opponents in the '31 final, Moycarkey-Borris, were the winners in '32, and as well as being the first Mid victors of the trophy, became the first team to set up a hat-trick of victories, winning also in '33 and '34, under the captaincy of Phil Purcell. Sarsfields had two doubles in the 'thirties, '35-6 and '38-9 when they were led by Jim Lanigan. In between Moycarkey-Borris had another success in '37, when their leader was Paddy Ryan (Sweeper). 1940 saw Moycarkey-Borris on top again under the captaincy of Tom Kennedy. This was the last time the county title came to this famous stronghold of the game.

Boherlahan recorded their only win of the trophy in the Foot-and-Mouth year of 1941, when captained by Phil O'Dwyer. Sarsfields again captured it for the Cathedral town in '42, when Jim Lanigan was again captain. Dan Breen must have been thrilled in 1943 when his native parish, Anacarty-Donohill, became the first club to bring the cup to the West Division. In fact, no other West club has done it since. The captain of this history-making Eire Og team was Tom Ryan (Castle). Sarsfields recorded a hat-trick for '44-5-6, being ably led by John Maher of Killinan. The Swans made history in 1947, when they were the first team to bring the senior county title and the Dan Breen Cup to South Tipperary, under the captaincy of Willie Wall.

1948 saw Holycross-Ballycahill make the great break-through, when the first county senior title came to the Abbey parish. This grand side repeated the feat in '50 and '54. Francis Maher, a nephew of the legendary Tubberadora captain, Mikey Maher, had the honour and distinction of receiving the Breen Cup on all three occasions. In 1949 Borris-Ileigh made the headlines when Sean Kenny led his gallant men to highest honours in the county. He did so again in 1950. It is interesting to recall that Borris-Ileigh won the '49 title as Mid champions and the '50 title as standard bearers of the North Division,

being the first side to bring the cup to the North since Toomevara's win in 1931. When the club won its third title in '53, Tim Ryan had the honour of taking the cup to the North Division again. 1952 saw Sarsfields again in the honours list being led this time by the one and only Tommy Doyle.

They started their greatest ever run of successes in 1955, when the Breen Cup was brought to the cradle of the G.A.A. ten times in eleven years, from '55 to '65 inclusive. This wonderful record will hardly ever be equalled. The gallant Mickey Byrne was skipper for the first two triumphs —1955-6. 1957 saw Larry



Keane, Tony Wall's turn to receive the cup came in 1958, and he also accepted it in '59.

It was Toomevara interrupted the Sarsfields run of successes in 1960, when Willie Donovan led his gallant team of Greyhounds to victory over the Thurles side in the county final. When Sars. resumed their victory march in '61, Martin Maher (Musha) was at the helm, in '62 Michael McElgunn, '63 Bobby Mockler, '64 Jimmy Doyle and Patsy Dorney in 1965.

When the curtain came down on the great Sars. run of victories in '65, Mickey Byrne had won the amazing total of 14 county championships, a record for this county and hardly surpassed by any player in Ireland. An amazing feat in a first class hurling county.

The Davins brought the cup to Carrick-on-Suir in '66 and repeated the feat in '67, with Richie Walsh captain in 1966 and Mick Roche in 1967. 1968 saw Roscrea hit the jack-pot when a grand side, led by John Dillon, brought home a long deserved county title. No less than five championships were won in six years, Patsy Roland being captain in '69, Donie Moloney in '70, Mick Hogan in '72 and Jack Hannon in '73. The latter had the honour of being the first captain to receive the new Dan Breen Cup and Mick Hogan the last to be presented with the old one. It was Moyne-Templetuohy upset the Roscrea apple-cart in 1971, when the "Sons of the Soil," ably led by Jim Fogarty, brought the parish its first senior hurling honours.

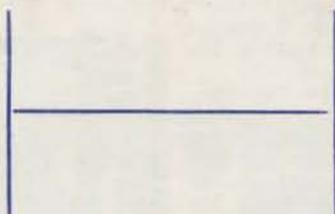
So, after over forty years travelling all over the county, the "old" Dan Breen Cup was replaced by a magnificent trophy, purchased by the County Board. Sarsfields were the second team to receive the new cup in '74, and could there be a more worthy recipient than Jimmy Doyle. A new name appeared on the honours list in 1975, when Moneygall, always a stronghold of the ancient game, and led by Pat Sheedy, captured this most coveted trophy. They made it a double in '76, when Mick Doherty was their skipper. Last year, another new name was added to the holl of honour, when Kilruane MacDonagh achieved what they had been striving for, over the years, and Dinny O'Meara brought home the cup on its first visit to the parish.

Let us hope, that to-day, we'll see a game worthy of the occasion, to decide the destination of the Dan Breen Cup for '78. May the better team win.

Slan agaibh go leir.

Luachma-Caislean Aoibhne

(Red and Green)



	(1) Proinsias Mac Craith FRANCIS McGRATH	
(2) Tadhg Mac An Ghoill TIM STAPLETON	(3) Peadar Ó Braonáin PETER BRENNAN	(4) Risteard Ó hAogáin DICK EGAN
(5) Declán Ó hAilín DECLAN ALLEN	(6) Risteard Mac An Ghoill RICHARD STAPLETON	(7) Seamus Ó Meachair JIM MAHER
	(8) Padraig Mac Craith PAT McGRATH	(9) Padraig Mac Cormaic PAT CORMACK
(10) Lorcán Ó Cearúil LANT CARROLL	(11) Padraig Ó Gliasáin (capt.) PAT GLEESON	(12) Padraig Ó Treasaigh PAT TREACY
(13) Gearóid Ó Gaoithin GERARD GEEHAN	(14) Seosamh Mac Suibhne JOE SWEENEY	(15) Micheál Breathnach MICHAEL WALSH

Fir ionad: (16) Joe Mockler, (17) Sean Og Lynch, (18) Brendan Meagher, (19) Joe Connell, (20) John Egan, (21) Joe Kiely, (22) John Healy.

LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY

For the fourth time in five years Loughmore-Castleiney will be taking the field in the minor hurling county final. So far it has been two defeats and one win. Of the four finals two were against Cashel and to-day they meet again last year's rivals—Eire Og, Nenagh.

On their way to the final Loughmore-Castleiney are unbeaten in the league section and play-off in Mid Tipperary. They have, however, been fully tested, particularly by Thurles Sarsfields in the Mid final and by Cappawhite in the county semi-final last Sunday. The care and selection of this team is in the capable hands of: Joe Grady, John Fitzpatrick, Philip Gleeson, Pat Kiely and Tom McGrath.

Loughmore-Castleiney will be fielding 10 of last year's county championship final team and many of their under-16 county championship winning team of 1977. The record of Loughmore-Castleiney is well-known in under-age competitions. Sixteen county championships have been won in recent years from under-21 down. The titles are: 3 in under-21 football; one in minor hurling; 2 minor football; 2 in under-16 hurling; 4 in under-14 football; 3 in under-14 hurling and one in under-12 football.

Club Officers: Chairman—Pat Cullen; Vice-chairman — Sean Mockler; Secretary — Tom McGrath; Treasurer—Eddie Webster; Trainer—Tom McGrath.

Eire Og, Nenagh

(Blue and White)



(1)
Seamus Ó Cinnéide
SEAMIE KENNEDY

(2)
Seamus Ó Riain
JIM RYAN

(3)
Conchubhair Ó Riain
CONOR RYAN

(4)
Micheál Ó Riain
ML. RYAN

(5)
Gearóid Ó Briain
GERARD O'BRIEN

(6)
Donncadha Ó Fiannachta
DENIS FINNERTY

(7)
Seamus Ó Breartún
SEAMUS BRERETON

(8)
Padraig Lee
PAT LEE

(9)
Brian Ó hÍffernáin
BRIAN HEFFERNAN

(10)
Philib Ó Cinnéide
PHIL KENNEDY

(11)
Seamus Ó Suilleabháin
JIM SULLIVAN

(12)
Paul Ó Faoláin
PAUL WHELAN

(13)
Micheál Mac Craith
ML. McGRATH

(14)
Peadar Ó Gliasain
PETER GLEESON

(15)
Padraig De Paor
PAT POWER

Fir Ionad: (16) Charlie Cavanagh, (17) Ml. Gavin, (18) John Heffernan, (19) Peter McKaye, (20) Sean Griffin, (21) Sean Murnane, (22) John Flannery, (23) Eddie O'Donnell, (24) Jim Nagle, (25) Sean Finn, (26) Ml. Mackey, (27) Martin O'Connor.

EIRE OG, NENAGH

Hurling has been popular in the Nenagh district since before the association was formed, and in the intervening years, there have been a number of clubs in the locality, De Wetts, Mitchells, Wolfe Tones, Emmetts, St. Mary's and now Eire Og.

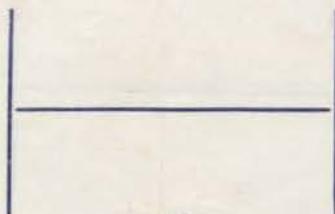
Eire Og—1977 county minor champions, having defeated Loughmore-Castleiney in a hectic game in Thurles, were also champions in 1969. Most of to-day's team have won county medals at under-12, 14 and 16 level, as well as minor medals last year. This indicates the care and attention that the club is giving to their under-age teams, a common factor among the finalists to-day.

It is this care and attention that Eire Og followers hope will lead to the club becoming a force in senior ranks once more, and they see to-day's game as the stepping stone to further honours in the higher grade.

Club Officers: Chairman—Tommy Mulcahy; Vice-chairman—Philip Molamphy; Secretary—Pat O'Donoghue; Treasurer—Liam Heffernan. Selectors of minor team — T. Mulcahy, P. O'Donoghue, J. Lawlor, J. Morris. Trainer — L. Heffernan.

CILL RUAN MHIC DHONNCHA

(Black and White)



(1)

A. Mac An Gadhaire
TONY SHEPPARD

(2)

S. Ó Eadhláin
SEAN HYLAND

(3)

D. Ó Meadhra
DENIS O'MEARA

(4)

E. Ó hOgáin
ENDA HOGAN

(5)

S. Ó Meadhra
JIM O'MEARA

(6)

P. Mac Liaim
PADDY WILLIAMS

(7)

D. Ó Cathail
DENIS CAHILL

(8)

S. Mac Eochaidh
SEAMUS (Mackey) KEOGH

(9)

S. Mac Aonghusa
SEAMUS HENNESSY

(10)

S. Mac Liaim
JIM WILLIAMS (capt.)

(11)

L. Mac Fhionnbhair
LEN GAYNOR

(12)

L. Ó Sé
LIAM O'SHEA

(13)

D. Ó Faoláin
DENIS WHELAN

(14)

S. Ó Meadhra
SEAN O'MEARA

(15)

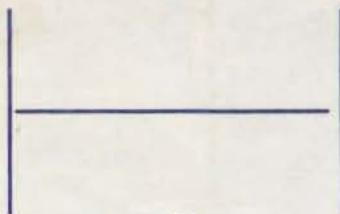
S. Ó Rodáin
JIM REDDAN

Fir Ionad: (16) Seamus O Tuairise (Seamus Waters), (17) Micheal O Caonlain (Michael Quinlan), (18) Sean O Cathail (John Cahill), (19) Gearoid Mac Liaim (Gerry Williams), (20) Gearoid O Broin (Gerry Burns), (21) Pilib O Rodain (Phil Reddan), (22) Eamon O Se (Eamonn O'Shea), (23) G. Mac Liaim (Gilbert Williams), (24) M. O hOgain (Ml. Hogan).

	An Chead Leath	An Dara Leath
GUIL		
GWILINI		

ROS CRE

(Red and White)



(1)

S. Ó Cuinneagáin
JAMES CUNNINGHAM

(2)

B. O Meachair
BRENDAN MAHER

(3)

S. O Maolfhachtna
SEAN MOLOUGHNEY

(4)

P. Ó Lachtnáin
PURDY LOUGHNANE

(5)

C. Ó Conchúir
KEVIN O'CONNOR

(6)

T. Ó Conchúir
TADHG O'CONNOR

(7)

C. O Brádaigh
K. BRADY

(8)

D. Ó Maoldomhnaigh
DONIE MOLONEY

(9)

S. Ó Sponair
JODIE SPOONER

(10)

G. Ó Conchúir
GER O'CONNOR

(11)

P. Ó Caolláí
PEADAR QUEALLY

(12)

L. Ó Sponair
LIAM SPOONER (capt.)

(13)

P. Ó Lachtnáin
FRANCIS LOUGHNANE

(14)

S. Ó Maolcloiche
J. STONE

(15)

S. Ó Teimhneain
JOE TYNAN

Fir Ionad: (16) E. O Lachtnain (H. Loughnane), (17) R. O Riain (R. Ryan), (18) S. O hOgain (J. Hogan), (19) P. A Riagain (F. Regan), (20) R. O Riain (R. Ryan), (21) S. O Meachair (J. Maher), (22) P. O Mathuna (P. Mahon), (23) G. Bruiseil (G. Brussels).

	An Chead Leath	An Dara Leath
CUIL		
CUILINI		

Roscrea—County Champions 1973



Kilruane MacDonagh—County Champions 1977



Back row (left to right)—P. Williams, M. Keogh, D. O'Meara, E. Hogan, T. Sheppard, S. Hyland, L. O'Shea, S. O'Meara.
Front row (left to right)—J. Reddan, S. Hennessy, D. Whelan, L. Gaynor, J. O'Meara, J. Williams, D. Cahill.

MICK RYAN—ROSCREA'S FINEST

Roscrea could be called, with some justification, the Sarsfields of the North. The parallel between the clubs relates to a certain town-flavoured quality in their approach to hurling — a flair and a taste for good ballplay and scientific stickwork in preference to the more physical aspect. This is not to infer any lack of resolution in the heat of the conflict; without this the "Ros" sides would never have achieved their large measure of success in the Division and the county. But excellent hands and cute heads have always been basic to their play.

If any individual player has typified this more than the rest it is a man who now farms on the southern fringe of Cork city; a man who, oddly enough, never won a Tipperary county medal but



Mick Ryan.

did win the premier club prize in counties where it is certainly not easy to do — Kilkenny and Cork. Mick Ryan has been a successful exile indeed; he won with Dicksboro in Kilkenny in 1947 and with St. Finbarr's in Cork in 1955. These honours supplemented his higher distinctions — three All-Irelands in 1949-'51, Railway Cup and Rest of Ireland representative status also. Mick had one good domestic opportunity before he left to work outside Tipperary. As a young man he played against Sarsfields at Gerry Doyle's goalkeeping kept Thurles level, and in the Sportsfield replay won by John Maher's men quite narrowly. He came onto the Tipperary team at not quite the best time, just as the All-Ireland side of 1945 broke up, mostly through age, and Tipperary were to suffer three poor years of first-round defeat by Limerick and Cork. The tide and the mood changed with the 1949 League victory, the advent of Reddan and the influence of new champions, Holycross.

Mick was mostly a centre-forward in those hectic years of the three-in-a-row, but in emergency, as in 1951 against Ring and Cork, he could be a great midfielder. As a "forty" man he had all the arts — he could double, high or low, with a turn of the wrist; he could distribute to his colleagues; he could take his own score when opportunity existed. But what remains now of Mick Ryan's hurling is an image in the mind's eye of graceful movement, sweet striking and sheer unmistakable class.

The most remarkable of his successes came after he had left — too soon, perhaps — the inter-

county stage. After a year or two with Blackrock during which he was not used to best advantage and didn't settle down well, he changed to the Barrs — the sort of switch the natives would think twice about. His greatest deeds for St. Finbarr's were in the famous games of 1955, a draw and a replay with Glen Rovers watched by amazing crowds of over 30,000. A certain noted Glen made the error of rousing Ryan's most determined frame of mind with an early tackle in the replay. He proceeded to hurl an inspired game from centre-back, bandaged but heroic, in taking the title away from Blackpool. He is surely an inspiration still to today's title-seekers from his native Roscrea.

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STARS OF THE PAST

KIERAN CAREY, Roscrea

TOM MOLOUGHNEY, Kilruane MacDonagh



An injury to county playing colleague, Michael Maher in 1958 brought Kieran Carey into the Tipperary side at full-back and he performed so brilliantly in that game against Limerick at Cork that a place had to be found for him in that year's Munster Final. For the following decade Kieran



Tom Moloughney of Kilruane MacDonagh first played for his county in a National League match against Galway in Autumn 1959. The following year he proved one of the "finds" of Tipperary hurling when playing so brilliantly at full-forward. Tom played in three All-Ireland senior hurling finals with Tipperary — 1960, '61, '62 and was on the victorious side in '61 and '62. He is also the holder of many Munster senior and National League medals as well as North Tipperary senior, junior and minor trophies.

Tom, for so many years dedicated to Kilruane must be thrilled by their excellent record in recent years. No doubt, he hopes for continued success today.

was one of Tipp's finest defenders. A close-marking dependable player with a great sense of position, he had a splendid understanding with Michael Maher and John Doyle, his full-back-line colleagues.

He is the holder of 5 All-Ireland medals and many Munster senior trophies, National League, St. Brendan Cup and Oireachtas medals. He has also represented Munster in Railway Cup competitions.

In 1950, he caused many to inquire who he was when helping Roscrea to win a North Tipperary minor title and a year later he won a Laois senior hurling medal with Kyle.

To his club, Roscrea, he has given many years of sterling service and he hopes that victory will be theirs today.

"Sport with a dash in it
Clatter and clash in it
Something with ash in it
Surely a game".

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1905—Denis O'Keeffe, Horse and Jockey
1907—Frank Moloney, Nenagh
1910—Tom Kerwick, Thurles

1914—Timothy Ryan
1915—Tom Semple, Thurles
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SONGS OF THE PREMIER COUNTY

TIPPERARY HILLS

Brightly beams the summer sun,
On the fair lands far away;
Green is the garb that valley wears,
Where silver streamlets stray,
But still I love my childhood's home,
Though dark its fate may be;
And Freedom's Home, where'er I roam,
Tipperary's Hills for me.

'Twas on those hills that steel was heard
Mid music's martial strain;
Where patriots sought to make our Isle,
A nation once again.
The outlaw bold, like eagle wild,
O'er mountain's brow is free;
And Freedom's Home, where'er I roam,
Tipperary's Hills for me.

Let others boast of happier homes,
In fair lands far away;
My love for thee shall never fade,
Though far my footsteps stray.
Tipperary's home of loving hearts,
My mountain nurse, mo chroí;
And Freedom's Home, where'er I roam,
Tipperary's Hills for me.

TIOBRAD ARANN ABU

(1930)

Tiobrad Arann abu! Tiobrad Arann abu!
That's our watchword and warcry for aye;
For Tipperary's brave men from the hill and the glen,
Are the champions of Ireland today.
Fling the news on the breeze, let it ring o'er the seas,
On the moorland and wild mountain blue,
How the boys on the field forced all rivals to yield,
With the cry, "Tiobrad Arann abu!"

"Tiobrad Arann abu"! Let it ring loud and true,
Till it shakes heather-crowned sliabh na mBan;
For no power could e'er smash Tipperary's swift dash,
With the clash of the ash sweeping on.
While of victory we boast, let us now drink a toast,
To the brave men, the tried, and the true,
Who so oft in the past nailed our flag to the mast,
With the cry—"Tiobrad Arann abu!"

In the games of the Gael may our men never fail,
To be loyal to Eire's fair name;
May they ever march on like the men who are gone,
True to gallant Tipperary's great fame.
Yes, with Ireland's caman and the speed of the fawn,
And the blood of the Gael thro' and thro';
Feeling proud of the past, they will fight to the last,
With the cry—"Tiobrad Arann abu."

—Tom Keating, Cloneen.

THE THOMOND FEIS SHIELD

Tipperary men stand up wherever you be,
At home in the green Isle or far o'er the sea,
Give three mighty cheers for those men of renown
That conquered them all from the Foyle to the Lee.
No doubt the bold Claremen a grand team did field,
But dash, science and pluck made those brave heroes
yield.

'Twas a soul-stirring sight when the train it slowed
down
To see our boys marching through old Limerick town;
Led on by bold Wedger who was ne'er known to yield—
In a short time we've taken the old Markets Field.
At 3 o'clock sharp the match did begin,
The teams toed the line and the ball was thrown in;
Clare's warriors were nimble, lithe, active and fit,
But the boys of Tipperary were all steel and grit.

Then Shanahan gave a huge drive to the ball;
It was met by Bob Mockler before it did fall—
A beautiful shot, sent it flying to the stand.
From the hop Hughie Shelly a nice goal did land.
Then score after score through the posts Tipp did
drive,
They swarmed round the Clare backs like bees round
a hive,
The ashens sticks crashed and the ball soared on high—
'Tis netted once more by the Bold Thurles Boy.

Then fill up your glasses and give them a toast:
Tipperary of those gallant heroes may boast;
Here's luck to Jack Kennedy, Dwan and Raleigh,
O'Meara, Bill Kelly, O'Keeffe and Cawley;
There's Hackett, Mick Hammonds and Shanahan too,
Paddy Brolan and Murphy all good men and true;
Jack Hartly and Mick Ryan are crowned with renown
But there's no match for Shelly from famed Thurles
town.

I must now conclude for my feelings are high;
May the Gaels in Tipperary and Clare never die.
I sounded their praises as well as I could,
Through village and valley, o'er hill and wild wood.
If mistakes I have made you'll forgive me I'm sure,
For I'm not in the same class as Davis or Moore,
Then Hip, Hip, Hurrah for Tipp's heroes so rare,
And a cheer for the boys from the bare hills of Clare.

They may boast of their hurlers in Galway and Clare,
Roscommon, Queen's County, Wexford, elsewhere,
Cork and Kilkenny can hurl the ball,
But the boys from Tipperary can leather them all.

Author: Michael Bourke (Newport).

Source: Wordsnare (Summer '77), a magazine of
North Tipperary verse, ballads and traditional
music, etc.

Tipperary senior hurling champions

1887—Thurles	1911—Thurles	1934—Moycarkey-Borris	1956—Thurles Sarsfields
1888—Clonoulty	1912—Toomevara	1935—Thurles Sarsfields	1957—Thurles Sarsfields
1889—Moycarkey	1913—Toomevara	1936—Thurles Sarsfields	1958—Thurles Sarsfields
1890—Toomevara	1914—Toomevara	1937—Moycarkey-Borris	1959—Thurles Sarsfields
1891-'93—	1915—Boherlahan	1938—Thurles Sarsfields	1960—Toomevara
1894—Drombane	1916—Boherlahan	1939—Thurles Sarsfields	1961—Thurles Sarsfields
1895—Tubberadora	1917—Boherlahan	1940—Moycarkey-Borris	1962—Thurles Sarsfields
1896—Tubberadora	1918—Boherlahan	1941—Boherlahan	1963—Thurles Sarsfields
1897—Suir View	1919—Toomevara	1942—Thurles Sarsfields	1964—Thurles Sarsfields
1898—Tubberadora	1920-'21—	1943—Eire Og, Annacarty	1965—Thurles Sarsfields
1899—Horse and Jockey	1922—Boherlahan	1944—Thurles Sarsfields	1966—Carrick Davins
1900—Two-Mile-Borris	1923—Toomevara	1945—Thurles Sarsfields	1967—Carrick Davins
1901—Ballytarsna	1924—Boherlahan	1946—Thurles Sarsfields	1968—Roscrea
1902—Nenagh De Wets	1925—Boherlahan	1947—Carrick Swan	1969—Roscrea
1903—Two-Mile-Borris	1926—Moycarkey	1948—Hollycross	1970—Roscrea
1904—Thurles	1927—Boherlahan	1949—Borrisoleigh	1971—Moyné-Templetuohy
1905—Two-Mile-Borris	1928—Boherlahan	1950—Borrisoleigh	1972—Roscrea
1906—Thurles	1929—Thurles	1951—Hollycross	1973—Roscrea
1907—Thurles	1930—Toomevara	1952—Thurles Sarsfields	1974—Thurles Sarsfields
1908—Thurles	1931—Toomevara	1953—Borrisoleigh	1975—Moneygall
1909—Thurles	1932—Moycarkey-Borris	1954—Hollycross	1976—Moneygall
1910—Toomevara	1933—Moycarkey-Borris	1955—Thurles Sarsfields	1977—Kilruane MacDonagh
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OUR HURLING STANDARDS — HOW CAN YOU HELP ?

There is every reason to believe that our hurling standard is fairly low at the moment. Many suggestions have been made at Convention and County Board level. Selectors, officials and County Board have been blamed, but where does all the "passing the buck" get us?

Action is what is required by one and all. Why blame anyone if you are doing nothing yourself? What are you doing in your club at any level? In the "good old days" there was little else to do — only go for a few pucks and this developed into hours and hours per week of hurling, each minute improving your skill. Today it's much different — there are so many places to go, plenty of money to get there and even if you are not a thrill-seeker it is brought into your living-room via television — all lost time in terms of hurling practice.

The clubs that are fortunate enough to have the workers are reaping success, the clubs that have not the personnel are just not successful. There are many ways you can help —

carry a few lads to a juvenile game — give a hand to run a Parish or Street League — join Ciste Gael and help your club finances — £1 a month will not break you!

The ladies can help in providing a cup of tea after training sessions.

Could you sponsor some small prizes for the Parish League?

Could you give a hand cutting ash or maybe you have some on your own land — if so give it to your local club.

Any help you can give will be appreciated by your club. Don't stand back and criticise, get "stuck in" and do the job, then you can criticise constructively.

You may think that because you are only working at juvenile level that it means nothing to Tipperary hurling, but it does — it means everything. The good and skilful Under-12 of 1979 will be the Minor in the Centenary Year. How proud one could feel if he were part of a Minor All-Ireland in 1984 — Start Now.

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We wish them every success in the replay.