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It is my pleasure on behalf of the Tipperary Co. Board of the G.A.A. to welcome you all to Semple Stadium this Sunday afternoon for what promises to be a feast of hurling on one of the great days in the annual G.A.A. calendar. To commence proceedings today we have the inaugural Seamus Ó Riain Cup final between two of Tipperary's most prominent clubs, Kilruane MacDonagh's and Carrick Swan.

This being the first year of this new competition, it was tremendous to see the interest shown by the competing clubs and after a number of excellent games we have two worthy contestants to do battle for the prestige trophy that perpetuates the memory of one of the counties greatest ever G.A.A. ambassadors the late Seamus Ó Riain. It is indeed fitting that the last man from our County to hold the prestige position of President of our Association should be honoured in this way and I extend a hearty céad míle fáilte to his family who are strongly represented here today.

In keeping with a well established practice, today is the turn of the Moyne/Templetuohy club to be honoured as champions of the past. Our thanks to our generous sponsors *The Tipperary Star* and Young's of the Ragg for making it possible and what an afternoon it will be for those great warriors of yesteryear to once more walk on to the sacred sod of Semple Stadium where they captured the club's one and only County Senior hurling title with a never to be forgotten (2-8) to (0-6) victory over the then reigning champions Roscrea.

As county final date comes around each year it gives us a chance to look back on the past year and from a hurling perspective one would have to be reasonably satisfied with 2008. For long periods of spring and summer we experienced a buzz not witnessed since that successful year of 2001. The National League and Munster Final victories were progress with a capital P. The defeat by Waterford in the All-Ireland semi-final was disappointing but just

the same, I have the utmost belief that under guidance of Liam Sheedy and his excellent management team that we can be serious contenders for the big September prize sooner rather than later.

We contested the four Provincial hurling finals in 2008 which is an indication that we are moving in the right direction and let's leave no stone unturned so that 2009 will be of similar vein, only that our success rate will be an improvement on the fifty per cent achieved in 2008. The best of luck to all our management teams in 2009 and a sincere thank you to our selfless and dedicated management teams of 2008.

I would like to welcome both teams and their mentors to Semple Stadium for what promises to be an excellent County Senior Hurling Final. There is no doubt but both the Sarsfields and Toomevara are here on merit and it is really a pairing of the traditionalists as both clubs occupy first and second place in the roll of honour with regards Co. Seniors Finals won.

In the county series Toome have had an impressive passage to the Final and were impressive in disposing of last year's champions Loughmore/Castleiney in the semi-final and will be favourites for today's clash. Sarsfields have been really tested on their way to the final with a youthful Clonoulty/Rossmore pushing them to the pin of their collar in the semi-final replay. The Sars showed real character in the replay against Clonoulty and if they can replicate the last ten minutes of the replay over sixty minutes we will be in for a County final to remember. In wishing both teams the best of luck, I hope that hurling will be the real winner on the 19th October.

I would like to wish Noel Cosgrove the best of luck in his first County Senior Final and considering his excellent performance in the Christy Ring Cup final in 2008, I have every confidence that he will do justice to the occasion. To Dinny Curtis who will officiate at the Seamus Ó Riain final, I would like to wish him and his team the very best of luck also.

To the County C.C.C. who have done an excellent job in progressing the championships despite a very busy inter-county season I would like to say a sincere thank you. My sincere thanks also to the Divisional Boards and their very dedicated officers for their part in the process.

Le sin a chairde tá sé in am tús a chur leis an iomáint agus ta siúl agam go mbeidh lá den scoth ag cách ar an Domhach.

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- 1.15 Carrick Swan team on to field
1.17 Kilruane MacDonaghs team on to field
1.30 **Throw-in for Co. Senior Hurling
Seamus Ó Riain Cup Final**
CARRICK SWAN v. KILRUANE MacDONAGHS
Réiteoir: DENIS CURTIS (Thurles Sarsfields)
- 2.00 Half-time in Co. S.H. Seamus Ó Riain Cup Final
(Entertainment by Sean Treacy's Pipe Band)
2.10 Second Half of Co. S.H. Seamus Ó Riain Cup Final commences.
2.40 End of Co. S.H. Seamus Ó Riain Cup Final
2.50 Presentation of Seamus Ó Riain Cup to winning Captain
followed by presentation of 'Man of the Match Award'
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2.55 Presentation of Moyne Templetuohy 1971 team
3.15 Thurles Sarsfields team on to field
3.17 Toomevara team on to field
3.24 Paráid na bhFoireann
3.28 Amhrán na bhFiann (sung by Clare Kavanagh)



- 3.30 **Throw-in for County Senior Hurling Final**
THURLES SARSFIELDS
v. TOOMEVARA

Réiteoir: NOEL COSGRAVE (Marlfield)



- 4.00 Half-time of Senior Hurling Final
4.10 Second half of Senior Hurling Final commences
4.40 End of County Senior Hurling Final
4.50 Presentation of Dan Breen Trophy to winning Captain
followed by presentation of the 'Man of the Match Award'
sponsored by John Quirke Jeweller

Buíochas

Many thanks to all those who contributed material for this programme – the officers in all four clubs, our regular contributors Séamus O'Doherty and Noel Dundon; J. J. Kennedy, Jackie Cahill and Paddy Bracken. Finally to County P.R.O. Ed Donnelly and to photographers Bridget Delaney, Jerry Ring and Tom Ryan Casey.

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COUNTY FINAL time again, how quickly it comes round.

Another clash of Thurles Sarsfields and Toomevara – their fifth time meeting in the county showpiece since 1992, with all previous bouts resulting in knockout blows for the North men.

That the Blues and Toome' are here at all this afternoon is rather curious. At various times during the year neither looked anywhere near county final standard and indeed, both could well have been dumped from the championship had fate not intervened. Toomevara came within a whisker of being eliminated by Burgess – Sarsfields by Clonoulty/Rossmore. But, although both sides have struggled to bring a run of form with them through the divisional and county championships, they have limped their way through to the final and will be hoping that peak form will arrive on this the biggest day of the year.

There is nothing quite like the sight of the blue jersey to rile up the Toome' lads and vice versa. Sarsfields had something of a hoodoo when it came to Toomevara in years passed but they put that to bed in 2005 when they defeated The Greyhounds in the county quarter-final. This though, is an opportunity for them to exorcise the ghosts of finals past and lift the Dan Breen Cup at their great rivals expense. Of course Toomevara will point to their own fine form in deciders against the Thurles men and will want to continue their dominance.

Both clubs had sizeable gaps to bridge when they met in the County Final of 1992. It took two days to separate them that year and Toomevara went on to dominate the hurling scene in Tipperary. Thurles could only wonder if it might have been their story had they emerged victorious in that famous replay. Instead they had to wait until 2005 to bridge what was then a 31 year gap – Toomevara had added 10 titles in the meantime. The Thurles lads now are very anxious to add another title to their lot in a bid to prove that their solitary one in three decades was no flash in the pan.

There is always something special about County Final Day in Semple Stadium – the buzz of the crowd; the team of the past; the pouring of supporters onto the pitch after the final whistle. It all makes for a great occasion here – long may that continue. But, it is the two teams and their supporters that

"Blue and Green Should Never Be Seen" – We'll Make an Exception for the County Final

By: NOEL DUNDON (Tipperary Star)

make the occasion and no better people than those from Sarsfields and Toomevara to help create the atmosphere and buzz. They say blue and green should never be seen – well, on County Final Day in The Premier County, they mix very well indeed and add great colour and pageantry to the occasion.

Taking a look around this famous old stadium, a lot has changed in a year. Some of the familiar faces, young and old, are no longer with us; the buildings continue to evolve with the progression of time; even the weather feels different these days. But, the famous sod of Semple Stadium remains the finest in the land – the envy of every county. Yes, this place is as special as those who come here, year in, year out – Gaels all.

Let's hope we'll be here again for the decider of 2009.

Enjoy the game.

Clare Kavanagh from the Borrisoleigh Club is today's singer of Amhrán Na bhFiann.

Clare is 15-years-old and is a pupil in the Ursuline Secondary School in Thurles. She has been competing in Scór for several years. She has taken part with her club in solo song, set dancing, instrumental music and ballad groups in both Scór na nÓg and Scór na Paistí. Last year in Scór na nÓg she represented her county in the 2008 Munster Final in Mallow.

Clare also loves hurling and this year is a member of the newly formed Camogie Club in Borrisoleigh and was recently a member of the clubs team in the All-Ireland seven-a-side in Dublin, scoring the club's first ever goal in the seven-a-side competition.

Clare's sister Anne-Marie and brothers Toby and Tommy have also competed in Scór over the years with great success. The whole family are great supporters of Scór and would encourage more GAA clubs and people both young and old to give greater support to Scór.





Death of long serving Club and County Official

ON Sunday morning 5th of October, the news spread like wildfire around the Village of Kilsheelan and beyond of the sudden death of one of their most popular residents Willie Robinson. Many residents spoke of an eerie silence descending over the area as the shock of this sad news was absorbed by the local community.

Willie Robinson was an integral part of the Gaelic Athletic Association and community life in the Parish of Kilsheelan Kilcash from his boyhood years. With Robinson's Bar being a home from home for the G.A.A Club, William was on the fringe of things from an early age. All the Club meetings were held in Robinson's Room with all the major Club decisions taken there and teams selected when the Club had no premises of their own.

Living close to the present Sportsfield as a young lad, Willie could recall all the action and excitement associated with the preparation and opening of the new field in 1952. He could remember all the voluntary workers involved and the spins on the tractors up and down the village as material was brought to and fro.

Later then, like many more of us in those early years, he was to enjoy the great games that took place there, games like Commercials and Fethard in senior football and Carrick Swan and Killenaule in



The late Willie Robinson.

senior hurling. He was no doubt influenced and motivated by these events and the spirit of those great father figures around him at that time, men like the late Jack Roche and Eddie Prendergast who were undoubtedly his mentors in his early days of Club involvement.

His talent as a player was also evident at an early stage, particularly as a footballer, and he gave impressive displays at juvenile, minor and under-21 level culminating in winning a County U-21 medal in 1966 under the Fethard banner, Kilsheelan having seven players playing under a gentlemen's agreement with Fethard. Williams display in that final possibly ranks as his greatest ever, scoring 0-8 out of a total of 0-9, in defeating Loughmore.

This display was to propel William on to the Tipperary Under-21 team of 1967 and he was to perform well on a team that was defeated by Kerry in a replay in the

Munster semi-final. He followed that by representing his County at Junior and Senior level winning a Div 2 National football League medal in 1971.

While he had the honour of representing his County, it was with his Club that he was to win his greatest honour and give his greatest service. The winning of the County Senior Football title in 1968 after a lapse of 35 years and William's captaincy of that team is now part of the history and folklore of his native Parish. Memories of William lifting that cup amidst a sea of highly emotional supporters on that November day in Clonmel nearly forty years ago are still cherished by all who were present.

If the winning of the cup was something special then the celebrating of it was something else and Willie played a major part in that as well and he enjoyed telling the stories in later years. An injury later in his career was to put him into semi retirement for a few years but he was to make a comeback and he contributed significantly too many championship successes for his Club in hurling and football.

Willie combined his playing activities with his administrative role as Club Secretary, a role he assumed at a very young age. When he relinquished his position as Club Secretary he became Club Treasurer and later



WILLIE ROBINSON R.I.P.

acted as Club Vice-Chairman. His role as Club Secretary brought him into the board room scene and he was a regular attendee at South Board meetings and Conventions over his lifetime. He was a member of the South Appeals committee and Vice Chairman of the Board in 1979-80.

He commenced refereeing while still a player and gave sterling service at Divisional, County and National level. Willie was one of those referees who exercised common sense with the whistle, he was popular with players as he wasn't whistle happy and preferred to let the game flow. If he sent someone off which he rarely did, you definitely deserved to go. He continued his role in the refereeing area when appointed as County and Munster referees' co-ordinator. His ability to assess referees, his knowledge of the rules, his help and advice to young referees made him an ideal candidate for the position and he continued that role until his untimely death.

When his playing days were over he gave considerable assistance to his

Club in coaching selecting and training teams and indeed spread his talents to neighbouring Clubs with great success. A County U-21 Football selector in 1989 he was also a coach and selector with the County Junior football team and was a selector with the present Kilsheelan Kilcash Intermediate football side.

When you add it all up it paints a picture of a man deeply immersed all his life in G.A.A. affairs. Willie Robinson epitomised that longevity of service that is the hallmark of members of the Gaelic Athletic Association and sets it apart from all other sporting bodies. He got tremendous enjoyment out of his involvement in Gaelic games and in sport in general and horse racing and greyhound racing were his other favourite pastimes.

It was a sad and emotional occasion as he was laid to rest on Monday last in Gambonsfield Cemetery. A huge gathering attended the obsequies on both occasions, led by Officers of the Co Board and Divisional Boards, by referees from all over and drawn from all walks of life, but particularly from all

areas of the G.A.A. where he had been involved over his lifetime. Following the funeral ceremonies past and present players and many of those who had been associated with him down the years recalled the memories of happier days, days of great games and victories and celebration in which Willie was at the very heart off.

All agreed that Willie Robinson lived life to the full and celebrated life's events to the maximum and that his friendly face and presence would be sadly missed from the gaelic games scene that he loved so well.

Tributes were paid at his funeral by John O'Mahoney, Tipp S.R. Co. Council, where Willie had worked for over forty years and by clubman Sean Nugent, former secretary of the South Board and by the Chairman of the County Board John Costigan.

We tender our sincere sympathy to his son Liam, his daughter Roisin and sister Marie and to the extended Robinson and Larkin families.

Go nDeanaí Dia Trocaire ar a Anam Dilis.

Sean Nugent



County Board and Referee Officials stand to attention to observe a minutes silence for the late Willie Robinson who died suddenly while on vacation in Lanzarote.



The quiet man from Moneygall

The curtain raiser today will be the inaugural final of the Séamus Ó Riain Cup Senior Hurling Competition as Carrick Swan take on Kilruane MacDonaghs.

It is fitting that his memory is honoured as he was for many years one of the leading GAA officials, serving as GAA President from 1967 to 1970.

Séamus was President of the Tipperary County Board from 1990 up to his death last year.

Below we reproduce a profile by Jay Drennan as published in 'Gaelic Sport' in June 1967.

TIPPERARY has had more than its share of the honours and distinctions of the Gaelic Athletic Association. But, greater even than the share of honours which it has taken has been the amount of service and loyalty it has given. Today, again, with typical fulfilment of that pattern, though it has ceased for the moment to enjoy the honours, it continues still to give of itself in the person of the President, Séamus Ó Riain.

Sometimes, unfairly to the individual concerned, we see in a man more than his own person, and view him instead in the context of his background, of the people from whom he is sprung, the record of his native place. Séamus Ó Riain must assume that position.

For he comes from Tipperary, the cradle of the Association, the county whose loyalty has never come in doubt, the part of the country above all others which has typified the ideals and spirit of the G.A.A. through

I anticipate a term of high distinction for Séamus Ó Riain, and a term which will bring added lustre to the Association



the

years.

Perhaps, when I say this, it may be looked upon as an indictment of policy and basic attitudes. Maybe it is, if one were to consider only the future. But, remember the Association set itself ideals which embraced all that was simple (in the proper meaning of that word), straightforward and characteristically Irish. And these qualities

have been found in the countryside when they had been ground out of the towns; they have retained unadulterated value in country districts when urban civilisation smothered them with expediences.

Not that one can ignore the greater part – and the more important part – of our country, now or in the future, for the towns and cities are the main missionary territory. But, when we cast all our energies into the work of entrenching the Association deeper and more meaningfully into the cities and towns where it still has large pockets of weakness, it will be to Tipperary and places like it that

we have to turn for the living spirit of Gaelic athletics.

One conserves one's strong points with jealousy, especially when venturing boldly on one's weak points; a player keeps working



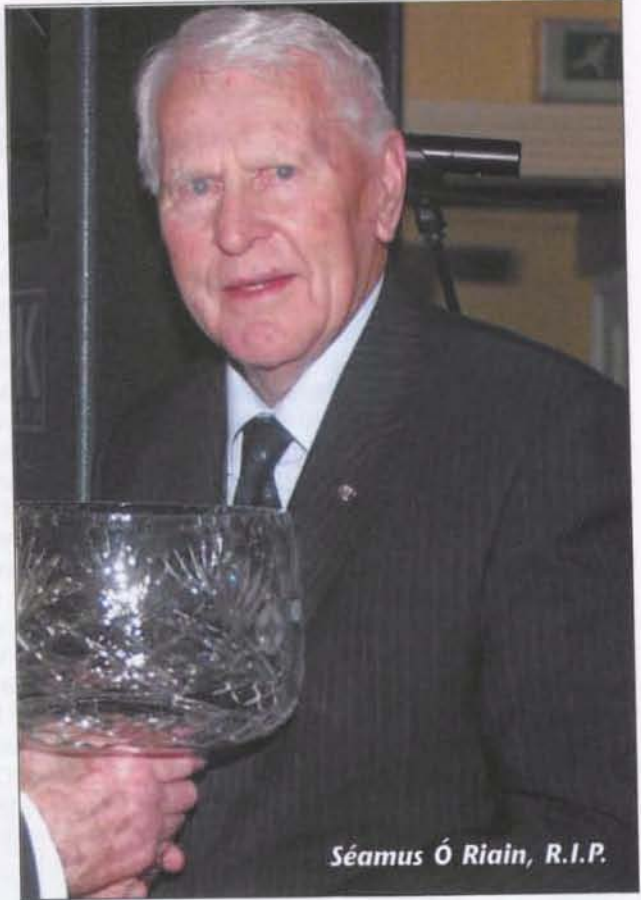
on his strong right foot making sure that it loses none of its efficiency, all the more when he is doing his damdest to bring his left up to standard. We have sensibly gone to the homes of Tipperary to seek out the man to lead into the exciting and tortuous work of expanding and increasing our urban strength, for his background and philosophy is proof against betrayal of essential principles.

Séamus Ó Riain is bathed in the Tipperary tradition – he grew up and learned hurling the Tipperary way, ran club and board affairs, imbibed the spirit of the G.A.A. even from his colleague and superior in his own school. He had shown his ability in his own county, and on the Provincial Council as a shrewd, likeable and quietly effective legislator and chairman.

Of all the epithets which I have heard used to describe Séamus, I think "quiet" is the most frequent. He is no great show-off, if that is what people mean who call him "quiet". That is certain. And he is quiet in his respectability and position in his own community. He is quiet in the tone and manner of his speaking. He is quiet with the quietness of mature consideration and the certainty of his position.

Quietly as he speaks, he leaves sincerity, conviction or decisiveness in no doubt. The qualities of control and firmness have made his stand out as choice for his local board, for his county and his province – and now for the Association as a whole. Clarity of thought and logicity of mind have made him a voice to be respected in every grade of leadership.

The new President is, of course, another in the catalogue of teachers who have been Presidents. While one wonders, sometimes, whether the monopoly of teachers does not give a false picture of the Association as in some way an extension of school or a vested interest of educators, and while one would like to see for the future a far wider section of the spectrum of professions and trades gaining this office, it must be admitted that it is good that such men should be at the top. Men used to authority; men who have been all their working and playing lives in



Séamus Ó Riain, R.I.P.

such positions of influence with youth; men who, traditionally, have been willing to devote more spare-time than most other professions to the burden of the work. It proves, too, of course, that the teaching profession is not lost or even less powerful in its allegiance to the G.A.A., in spite of the lack of interest of some of the younger ones.

Not a big man, but very firmly built, strong face and solid chin, hair turning grey – Séamus Ó Riain comes in the vigour of his life to the Presidency, with energy unimpaired. His philosophy is orthodox, his thinking wise, his views are respected; he will guard the basic ideals in all his doings. But, to suggest stringency or intractability would be to give a false picture of his most approachable of men and most pleasant of companions. No one better to thrash out problems and divergent opinions in informal meetings; none more accommodating to views of all shades in formal ones. I anticipate a term of high distinction for Séamus Ó Rian, and a term which will bring added lustre to the Association.



How many CHANCES

By: SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

IT IS obvious that the two clubs which will contest today's initial Seamus Ó Riain Cup final have put some effort into qualifying. Accordingly, we may expect a final worthy of the memory of Tipperary's last GAA President, who was much more besides.

Regrettably, only a few other clubs responded to the opportunity offered to extend their season with a degree of satisfaction, by moving on from failure to reach the Dan Breen Cup competition.

The Swan and MacDonaghs have gotten to know each other well at under-age level in recent seasons and while the Northern club may have achieved a little more success, there is significant progress being made along the banks of the Suir to encourage the Gaels in that part of the Premier county.

Carrick Swan won the 2004 MHC title, beating today's rivals in the semi-final, but were dethroned by the MacDonaghs in the 2005 decider. The Northern lads also had the upperhand in the under-21 grade, winning their final meeting in 2006 and last year's semi-final clash.

People with long memories will recall that Ma Donaghs, captained by Gilbert Williams, won their first Co. Minor title in 1971 (the same year that Moyne/Templetuohy won their Senior crown) and that they beat

Carrick Swan in the Co. semi-final at today's venue!

This year was expected to yield a more tangible return and both clubs were disappointed not to make the last four in their own Divisions. The consolation though is that by atoning for those shortcomings they find themselves on the Co. Final day stage, which will boost their future ambitions. Their last significant meeting here, at Senior championship level, was the 1977 Co. SHC quarter-final, which Kilruane MacDonaghs won comfortably on a 4-14 to 1-5 scoreline, en-route to their first county senior title.

The critical principle which has arisen about the future of this competition is the call for its winners to be granted readmission to the Dan Breen Cup. Let's be clear about the purpose of establishing the Seamus Ó Riain Cup competition in the first place. It was inaugurated to give Senior Clubs, which failed to reach the play-off stages of the main event, another outlet before the season ended. Remember that in the 2008 Divisional Championships each Mid club played a minimum of three games, the North played four, the West played five and the South played four. In all cases a modest success rate would have earned the club entry to the Dan Breen Cup play-off stages.



Séamus Ó Riain Cup

County Board Officers with the Seamus Ó Riain Cup (from left): Tim Floyd, County Secretary; John Costigan, County Chairman and Eamon Buckley, County Treasurer.



If they couldn't do it in those circumstances, why give them another chance? What benefit is it to clubs, which work their way out of their Divisions, if teams which they possibly have beaten can still come back and have another shot? There is already some disquiet about the Divisional winners not being rewarded for winning those titles and that had gathered momentum even before three of them failed to reach the recent Co. semi-finals.

The main argument in proposing a re entry ticket for the S.O.R. winners is to safeguard the future of the new competition. If that suggestion takes hold, the competitive edge may leave the group stages of each Divisional championship. There are a few teams around who would happily forsake the chore of local early season endeavour when a short and snappy campaign against lesser opponents can provide a safe landing for their Autumnal revival! The biggest concern of all of course is that a club could win the S.O.R. cup and then go on to lift the Dan Breen Cup. That was not the intention, but if the revision is made it becomes a possibility. It

would take a convincing argument to explain why one club should even be eligible to compete for both titles in the same season. The logistics of trying to feed one competition into another, at that stage of the season, if Tipperary continue to progress incrementally at inter-county level demand careful consideration. So let's get to the punchline. Relegation was scrapped and now teams want another back door, with additional locks, to keep them inside! The clubs on the inside should be obliged to work for the privilege.

A word of praise then to the black and white and the white and black. They may have come from opposite ends of the county, but it is the same county and the two teams have their eyes focussed on today's prize. Perhaps the players involved should be asked how proud they feel about being part of the big day? Maybe others could learn from them and give the Co. Board the authority to run a merit based Senior Hurling Championship. A Kilruane MacDonaghs' win is the expected outcome to the first S.O.R. Cup final.

Today's REFEREES

NOEL COSGRAVE

(Marlfield)

Noel, from the Marlfield Club, began refereeing in 2000 and has officiated at schools, county and inter-county level since. For the past number of years he has been on the national referees' panel, taking charge of League and Munster championship games. This year he refereed the Clare v. Cork under-21 Munster semi-final and the Christy Ring Cup final. Nearer to home he has officiated at finals at under-21, junior, intermediate and today will take charge of his first county senior hurling final.

Linesmen: Paddy Russell (Emly), John O'Brien (Arravale Rovers).
4th Official: Oisín Ryan (Cashel).
Umpires: P. J. O'Meara, Sean Ryan, Eddie Ryan and George Healy.



DENIS CURTIS

(Thurles Sarsfields)

Denis began refereeing in 1998. To-date he has taken charge of high profile games in his own division as well as at county level including Mid senior hurling and football finals and most recently the 2008 county under-21 'A' football final. It is a special day all-round for Denis as this is his debut officiating on county final day and he will also be honoured as a member of the 1971 Moyne/Templetuohy squad which won the county final.

Linesmen: Willie Clohessy (Drom/Inch), Patsy Ralph (Upperchurch/Drombane).
4th Official: Martin Ryan (Moyne/Templetuohy).
Umpires: Pat Troy, Paul Stapleton, John Hayes, Dermot Ryan.





Senior Hurling Séamus Ó Riain Cup Final

Kilruane MacDonaghs



Path to the Final:

1st Round:

Kilruane MacDonaghs 5-18
Cashel King Cormacs .. 0-9

2nd Round:

Kilruane MacDonaghs 3-12
Nenagh Éire Óg 1-16

Semi-final (a.e.t.):

Kilruane MacDonaghs 4-18
Upperchurch/Drombane 4-7

Kilruane MacDonaghs have played 3 games. They scored 12-48 and conceded 5-32.



ABOVE – Kilruane MacDonaghs Management Team (l.-r.): Len Gaynor, Paddy Williams and Gilbert Williams.



RIGHT:
Kevin Quinlan
Kilruane MacDonaghs Captain.



Kilruane MacDonaghs senior panel – County (Division 1) League Champions 2008 and are aiming for the possession of the Séamus Ó Riain Cup today. Back row: (l.r.): Paddy Williams (selector), Len Gaynor (selector), Gilbert Williams (selector), Martin Walsh, Liam Gibson, Mark O'Leary, Pat Williams, Stephen Murphy, Colm Williams, Declan Barrett, Ger Corcoran, Denis Cahill, Diarmuid Cahill, Jonathan Cahill. Front row: Thomas Williams, Shane Quinlan, Freddie Williams, Eoin Hogan, Shane Williams, Kevin Ryan, Gavin McAvinchey, Brian Gaynor (captain), Michael Costello, Mark O'Leary, Alan Ryan, Seamus Hennessy, Kevin Quinlan. Absent from photograph: Dinny Cahill (Manager).



Pen Pics....

KILRUANE MacDONAGHS



KEVIN QUINLAN (23) *Sales Assistant* (Captain). Led MacDonaghs to county u-21 success in 2006. Played u-21 and senior football with Tipperary.

GER CORCORAN (19) *Student*. Better known as Corky. Has played in goals since he was u-10. One of thirteen members of the panel who are past pupils of Cloughjordan N.S.

DIARMUID CAHILL (23) *Sales Rep.* One of seven players on the panel who has played on the Tipperary Primary Game hurling team. Skipped the Thomas MacDonaghs senior football team to win divisional title. Participating in this year's New York City marathon.

MARTIN WALSH (21) *Sales Assistant*. Captained the minors to county final victory in 2005. This is his fifth year on the senior panel.

PÁDRAIG KELLY (19) *Student*. A tidy and tenacious corner back who fought his way onto the team during the year. Nephew of camogie All-Star Suzanne Kelly.

EOIN HOGAN (20) *Student*. All-Ireland minor medallist in 2006. Captained MacDonaghs to the North minor title the same season when he was named minor hurler of the year. Nephew of former All-Star goalkeeper Pat McLoughney.

STEPHEN MURPHY (22) *Teacher*. A native of Wicklow. Captain of the MacDonaghs u-21 team, which won last year's county final. Played u-21 and senior football with Tipperary. A member of the Premier side, which won the Tommy Murphy Cup.

GAVIN McAVINCHEY (20) *Plumber*. Man of the match in last year's county u-21 final against Drom-Inch. This is his fourth year on the senior team. Alternates between corner and wing back.

SEAMUS HENNESSY (19) *Student*. Captained Tipperary to Munster u-21 honours this year. Youngest ever player to play both senior and junior hurling for MacDonaghs. Holder of two All-Ireland minor medals. Has won 17 divisional and 9 county medals with MacDonaghs.

MARK O'LEARY (30). All-Star and All-Ireland senior medallist in 2001. In his fifteenth season playing senior hurling with the club. Mark is the only married player on a team of bachelors. He is the designer and administrator of the club website www.kilruanemacdonaghs.com.

PAT WILLIAMS (26) *Bank Official*. He played most of the season in defence but now operates in the attack. His father, grandfather and great grandfather won North Tipperary senior hurling medals. Participating in the Niall Mellon Trust building project in South Africa in November. Heading to Australia in 2009.

SHANE QUINLAN (19) *Student*. Has played minor football for Tipperary. His father Philip and uncle Tony Sheppard were on the last MacDonaghs team to win the Dan Breen Cup.

THOMAS WILLIAMS (19) *Construction Worker*. Normally lines out in the number eleven jersey but has also played in defence. A dependable freetaker.

RAY McLOUGHNEY (21) *Student*. North Tipperary hurler of the year in 2005. Holder of two FitzGibbon Cup medals with Waterford IT. Player of the tournament at the Tony Forristal u-14 competition in 2001.

MIKEY COSTELLO (20) *Student*. He is one of seventeen players on the panel, who holds minor and u-21 county medals. Captained the u-16 team to divisional success in 2004.

ALAN RYAN (28) *Financial Manager*. Plays senior hurling for Meath. He was centre back on the intermediate team, which regained senior status in 2003.

KEVIN RYAN (19) *Student*. Has partnered Seamus Hennessy at midfield in various grades. He has recovered well from a serious hand injury.

BRIAN O'MEARA (18) *Student*. Known to everybody as Buggy. 2008 was a special year for the O'Meara family. Brian played with county minors, Mark lined out with Tipperary u-21s and Niall wore the Blue and Gold with the u-16s.

LIAM GIBSON (20) *Apprentice*. A skillful wing back, who has won honours at u-12, 14, u-16, minor and u-21 with MacDonaghs. One of nine members of the squad who learned his hurling in Kilruane N.S.

DENIS CAHILL (27) *Bank Official*. Centre forward on the intermediate team which won county honours in 2003. A model club player noted for his dedication and commitment.

DECLAN BARRETT (19) *Electrician*. Plays most of his hurling at corner forward where he can usually be found loitering with intent on the edge of the square. Has netted some crucial goals.

FREDDIE WILLIAMS (19) *Student*. A competitive corner back, who has worn the number two jersey since he first played u-12 in 1999.

JAMES WILLIAMS (18) *Student*. Youngest player on the panel. Plays Harty Cup hurling with Nenagh C.B.S. His father Paddy is a selector.

TIMMY WALSH (18) *Student*. Led the minor footballers to North final success. This is first year on the senior panel.



Senior Hurling Séamus Ó Riain Cup Final

Carrick Swan



Path to the Final:

1st Round:

Carrick Swan3-17
Lorrha3-09

2nd Round:

Carrick Swan 2-20
Borris Illeigh 0-15

Semi-final (a.e.t.):

Carrick Swan2-16
Moneygall1-17

Carrick Swan have played 3 games. They scored 7-53 and conceded 4-41.



ABOVE – Carrick Swan Senior Hurling Selectors 2008 (l.-r.): John Grace, Derek Hogan, Willie Hahessy, Michael John Collins, Sean O'Shea.



RIGHT – Carrick Swan Senior Hurling Staff 2008 (l.-r.): Siobhan O'Dwyer, Shane Ahearn, Bernard O'Neill



Left: Gerry Walsh, Carrick Swan Captain



Back row (l.-r.): S. Hogan, P. Diffily, B. Grace, D. O'Hanlon, G. Walsh (Capt), J. Sweetman, M. O'Halloran, J. Grace, A. P. Ryan. Middle Row (l.-r.): S. Hahessy, M. Russell, A. O'Sullivan, K. Lanigan, J. Walsh, D. Waters, A. O'Donnell, B. Ryan, D. Fahey, W. Lonergan. Front row (l.-r.): K. Reade, J. Power, R. Dunne, C. O'Sullivan, J. Cahill, K. Walsh, D. Fogarty, A. Walsh. Insert: J. Kennedy.



Pen Pics....

CARRICK SWAN



COLM O'SULLIVAN (21) *Occ Student*. A very experienced goalie since making his senior debut in 2004, graduated from a very successful juvenile set-up with u14, u16 and minor co championships on the sideboard. 'Sully' has made many crucial saves in that time.

JOHN WALSH (25) *Blocklayer*. A very stylish hurler who began his career as a noted forward. 'Sconny' has since made the no.2 spot his own.

JAMIE SWEETMAN (29) *Blocklayer*. Made the switch from the '40' to man the square. 'Busker' provides great leadership to the full back line.

GERARD WALSH (25) *Army*. Captains the team today from no.4. Gerry has made a huge contribution to the team with his all-action style.

MARTIN RUSSELL (20) *Blocklayer*. Another young man who has come through a very successful juvenile career. Martin is a very determined hurler with a never-say-die attitude.

KEVIN LANIGAN (21) *Student*. Another one of our most successful hurlers, who has settled in at centre-back like a veteran. Kevin was wing back on the Tipperary u21 team that won the Munster Final this year.

JOHN GRACE (24) *Army*. A very reliable and elegant hurler lining out at wing-back today. Johnny likes nothing better than winning possession and delivering sweet ball to his forwards.

STEPHEN HAHESSY (21) *Quantity Surveyor*. Another member of our successful juvenile teams. Stephen is a former defender who has adapted well to the engine room. Joined the senior ranks in 2003.

DARREN FAHEY (23) *Carpenter*. A former captain of successful minor and u21 teams. Darren is another former defender who has moved upfield to great effect.

ALAN O'SULLIVAN (25) *Hotel Store Manager*. A terrific fielder of the sliotar who loves to bring his team mates into the play. 'Thunder' always performs to a consistently high standard.

DANNY O'HANLON (21) *Farmer*. A very talented hurler who has worked extremely hard to recover from a nasty injury. Danny is a commanding presence on the '40'.

KIERON READE (21) *Architect Technician*.

Another young hurler with plenty of senior experience. 'Gizzy' is a very influential hurler with a knack of popping up with vital scores.

PAUL DIFFILY (23) *Blocklayer*. Another young hurler with tremendous talent. 'Tiger' has been very consistent and effective this year.

ALAN P. RYAN (29) *Electrician*. Our vice-captain today, 'P' is a very experienced forward with a proven eye for goal.

DWAYNE FOGARTY (19) *Salesman*. The youngest member of the team today. Dwayne is a very classy hurler with a great future in the game.

BOBBY RYAN (32) *Carpenter*. An excellent hurler who has used all his experience to great effect with this team. 'Reno' is very cool under pressure.

MARK O'HALLORAN (34) *Data Technician*. A terrific and skilful hurler, 'Halla' can bring all his experience and know-how to have a major influence on the game.

RAY DUNNE (33) *Carpenter*. A very skilful hurler with an uncanny eye for a score. Ray is an ace marksman.

ANTHONY O'DONNELL (26) *Hardware Salesman*. Began his senior career as an excellent goalie, has since made his name as a forward. 'Daffy' has got many a crucial score since moving outfield.

BRIAN GRACE (31) *Tiling Contractor*. A stylish hurler with great technique. Brian is normally a midfielder, but has played in both half-back and half-forward lines with considerable ease.

JAMIE POWER (28) *Plumber*. A very accomplished hurler in defence or mid-field. Jamie can deliver raking clearances from the tightest of situations.

SHANE HOGAN (21) *Blocklayer*. A neat and tidy hurler who always chips in with key scores. 'Hogey' is another member of our u21 team.

AARON WALSH (18) *Student*. A real bundle of energy that loves to drive forward from defence. Aaron is the youngest member of the squad.

WILLIAM LONERGAN (21) *Student*. A rock solid full back. Willie reads the danger very quickly and keeps tight control of the square.

DARREN WATERS (18) *Blocklayer*. A young hurler with great promise. Darren is a very difficult opponent who is always on the scoresheet.

JAMIE KENNEDY (18) *Student*. Another young hurler with a bright future in the game. Jamie is very quick onto the ball and can take a score from the tightest angle.

KEITH WALSH (27) *Store Manager*. A real dynamic hurler, Keith has the pace and skill to cause panic in the best defences.

JOHN CAHILL (27) *Carpenter*. A lovely hurler, Johnny has the ability to make and take scores from either side.



Carrick Swan

Colours: Black & White



na hEalaí

Fir Ionaíd:

- (16) R. Ó Riain
BOBBY RYAN
(Pearse Square)
- (17) M. Ó hAllúráin
MARK O'HALLORAN
(Cregg Lawns)
- (18) R. Ó Duinn
RAYMOND DUNNE
(Tanners Gate)
- (19) A. Ó Donail
ANTHONY O'DONNELL
(Tinvane Park)
- (20) B. Grás
BRIAN GRACE
(Clairin)
- (21) S. de Paor
JAMIE POWER
(Faugheen)
- (22) S. Ó hÓgáin
SHANE HOGAN
(St. John's)
- (23) A. Breathnach
AARON WALSH
(Crehana)
- (24) L. Ó Lonergáin
WILLIAM LONERGAN
(Ballyhennebry)
- (25) D. Ó hUisce
DARREN WATERS
(Treacy Park)
- (26) S. Ó Cinnéide
JAMIE KENNEDY
(Ballinurra)
- (27) C. Breathnach
KEITH WALSH
(Castle Heights)
- (28) S. Ó Cathaill
JOHNNY CAHILL
(Ard Mhuire)

<p>(1) C. Ó Suilleabháin Colm O'Sullivan (Comeragh View)</p>		
<p>(2) S. Breathnach John Walsh (Manor Close)</p>	<p>(3) S. Stuartman Jamie Sweetman (Mountain View)</p>	<p>(4) G. Breathnach (Capt.) Gerry Walsh (St. Nicholas Park)</p>
<p>(5) M. Ruiséil Martin Russell (Dunbane)</p>	<p>(6) C. Ó Lonagáin Kevin Lanigan (Ballinurra)</p>	<p>(7) S. Grás John Grace (St. Nicholas Park)</p>
<p>(8) S. Ó hAitheasa Stephen Hahessy (Oaklands)</p>		<p>(9) D. Fathaigh Darren Fahey (St. Nicholas Park)</p>
<p>(10) A. Ó Suilleabháin Alan O'Sullivan (Comeragh View)</p>	<p>(11) D. Ó hAnluain Danny O'Hanlon (Mill House Park)</p>	<p>(12) C. Ó Maoildeirg Kieran Reade (Collins Park)</p>
<p>(13) P. Ó Dubhgiolla Paul Diffily (Clairin)</p>	<p>(14) A. Ó Riain Alan P. Ryan (Collins Park)</p>	<p>(15) D. Fógartaigh Dwayne Fogarty (Faugheen)</p>

MANAGEMENT TEAM:

Manager: M. J. Collins. Selectors: John Grace, Willie Hahessy, Seán O'Shea, Derek Hogan. Coach: Shane Ahearne. Physio: Bernard O'Neill. First Aid: Siobhán O'Dwyer.

CARRICK SWANS	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	65m	Saor Pocanna
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2adh leath					
IOMLAN					



Kilruane MacDonaghs

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Fir Ionaid:

- (16) B. Ó Meara
BRIAN O'MEARA
(Ardcroney)
- (17) L. Ó Giobhsúin
LIAM GIBSON
(Bantiss)
- (18) C. Ó Riain
KEVIN RYAN
(Newtown)
- (19) A. Ó Riain
ALAN RYAN
(Ardcroney)
- (20) D. Ó Cathail
DENIS CAHILL
(Mullinkeagh)
- (21) D. Ó Baróid
DECLAN BARRETT
(Modreeny)
- (22) F. Mac Uilliam
FREDDIE WILLIAMS
(Townfields)
- (23) S. Mac Uilliam
JAMES WILLIAMS
(Windmill)
- (24) T. Ó Breathnach
TIMMY WALSH
(Lisgarode)

(1)
G. Ó Corcoráin
Ger Corcoran
(Derrinclare)

(2)
D. Ó Cathail
Diarmuid Cahill
(Mullinkeagh)

(3)
M. Ó Breathnach
Martin Walsh
(Lisgarode)

(4)
P. Ó Ceallaigh
Pádraig Kelly
(Ballymagree)

(5)
E. Ó hÓgáin
Eoin Hogan
(Modreeny)

(6)
S. Ó Murchú
Stephen Murphy
(Townfields)

(7)
C. Mac Dubhinse
Gavin McAvinchey
(Lisgarode)

(8)
S. Ó hAonghusa
Seamus Hennessy
(Knocknacree)

(9)
C. Ó Caoineáin (Capt.)
Kevin Quinlan
(Clermont)

(10)
M. Ó Laoire
Mark O'Leary
(Beechwood)

(11)
P. Mac Uilliam
Pat Williams
(Windmill)

(12)
S. Ó Caoineáin
Shane Quinlan
(Clermont)

(13)
T. Mac Uilliam
Thomas Williams
(Deerpark)

(14)
R. Ó Maolfhachtna
Ray McLoughney
(Merton Hall)

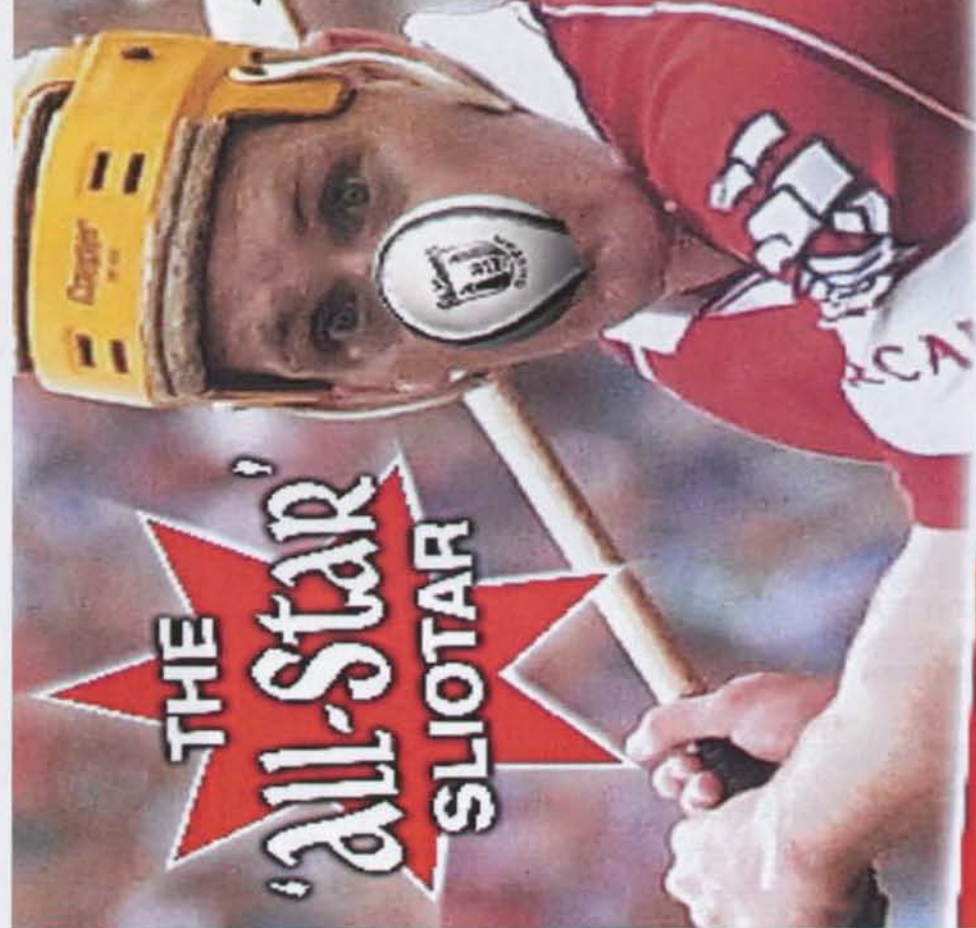
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Mikey Costello
(Templemore Road)

MANAGEMENT TEAM:

Len Gaynor, Paddy Williams, Gilbert Williams.
Physio: John Casey. First Aid: Liam Boyle.

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By: SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

THERE ARE three Toomevara hurlers who hold ten county senior hurling medals from the 1992-2006 era. One of them, Thomas Dunne, has retired, leaving his brother Terry Dunne and Tony Delaney to try for an eleventh today. Win or lose, it is a phenomenal achievement to have reached double figures. When Toomevara made the breakthrough in 1992 – winning their first title since 1960 – nobody knew what to expect thereafter. Toome's two point semi-final win over Loughmore/Castleiney and a three point win in a final replay against Sarsfields gave no indication of the dominance which would follow. In the period 1992 to 2006, Toomevara played in eleven finals, winning ten. Tony Delaney and Terry Dunne have been involved in all of them. Their commitment to Toomevara's ten victories is only outlined here – it would take significantly more space to detail the full extent of their contribution to the club's success.

1992 v. Thurles Sarsfields

Terry was at left half forward in the draw and replay, scoring a point in each game.

Tony was at midfield in each game, scoring 0-2 in the drawn match.

1993 v. Nenagh Éire Óg

Terry was a substitute but wasn't called into action.

Tony was at midfield and scored a point

1994 v. Cashel KC

Terry was at midfield and scored a goal .

Tony played at left half forward .

1996 v. Boherlahan/Dualla

(Toomevara lost by one point)

Terry came on as a sub. after fifteen minutes for the injured right corner forward Michael Bevans and scored 0-3.

Tony played at midfield .

1998 v. Clonoulty/Rossmore

Terry played at midfield.

Tony was at centre back and scored 0-3 – the winning margin.

1999 v. Nenagh Éire Óg

Terry played at midfield.

Tony played at centre back.

2000 v. Thurles Sarsfields

Terry played at midfield and captained his club to victory.

Tony played at centre back.

2001 v. Thurles Sarsfields

Terry played at midfield and scored 0-2.

Tony played at centre back and scored a point.

2003 v. Thurles Sarsfields

Terry played at

midfield and

scored 0-3.

Tony was at

centre back.

2004 v. Golden/Éire Óg

Terry was at

right half back .

Tony was at full

back.

2006 v. Nenagh Éire Óg

Terry was at

right half back

and scored a

point.

Tony was at full

back.



Tony Delaney and Terry Dunne each has 10 County S.H.C. medals.
(Picture: Bridget Delaney)



TOOMEVARA & SARSFIELDS

By: J.J. KENNEDY

go head-to-head

They're no strangers when it comes to the latter stages of the county championship. Sarsfields pulled off a famous quarter-final win over today's opponents in 2005 but in four county final clashes in modern times Toomevara have always been top dogs. Yet as the years trip along personnel change and on county final day '08 it's interesting to do a head-to-head comparison of the two teams.

A few years ago **James McGrath** inherited the number one spot for Toomevara. An accomplished goalie he maintains a fine tradition of Toomevara 'keepers including his uncle, Justin Cottrell (sub goalie today) and Jody Grace. His opposite number is **Patrick McCormack** who sports an impressive

goalkeeping pedigree. A son of team selector, Paddy, himself a net minder of merit, he's worn the county jersey at minor and U21 level and will be remembered in this championship for his defiance of John O'Neill in the drawn semi-final.

Both full back lines contain an element of newness this year. For Toomevara **Patrick Tuohy** has built on solid underage credentials with the club to finally pin down the number two spot. He's a first cousin of the Dunnes. Beside him **David Young** has established himself as a formidable full back. He captained Tipperary in that epic U21 final and replay of '06. Completing the line on the left is the much-travelled **Paul McGrath**. He played club hurling in Limerick and Cork, winning an Intermediate All-Ireland medal with the latter county. On his return to

Toomevara he re-invented his career as a defender after playing mostly in attack previously.

Sarsfields too have a fresh-faced inside defence. At right corner **Michael Collins** is a product of the Sarsfields underage production line. A panellist in 2005 he's finally claimed a permanent spot this year. Beside him **Padraig Maher** is arguable the most exciting personality on this year's team. The owner of two All Ireland minor medals he was man-of-the-match in this year's U21 defeat to Kilkenny. In the left corner **Kevin O'Gorman**, an All-Ireland minor medallist in 2007, has established himself as a defender with a bright future.

The respective half back lines pack more experience than the full lines. For Toomevara **Benny Dunne** anchors the line at number six. He's done it all before for both club and county and his experience will be invaluable today. On one wing **Padraig Hackett** is another who's been there and done it for the club. **Joey McLoughney** completes the line. He captained the Tipp minors to success in '06 but got injured with the U21s against Derry this year and has been working his way back onto the team in recent games.

Sarsfields will be hoping that **Liam Cahill** recovers from a dead leg in time to take his place at number six today. An All-Star on his debut year for Tipperary as a nineteen-year old in 1996 he gave many years of quality service to Ballingarry before transferring last year to Sarsfields. Beside him **Michael Cahill** has been one of the stars of the Sarsfields team so far this year. A tidy and vigilant defender he has an All Ireland minor medal and played on this year's U21 side that lost to Kilkenny in the final. On the left wing **Tom King** is another product of Sarsfields underage structure. He was part of the 2005 success.

At midfield Toomevara pack a lot of experience. **Francis Devaney** played all grades for Tipperary and is recognised as a hardy campaigner. Beside him **Terry Dunne** (like Tony Delaney on the subs list) is today chasing his 11th county medal. He won an All Ireland U21 with Tipperary in 1995.

For Sarsfields midfield has consistently

Thurles Sarsfields Shane Ryan wins the aerial duel with Clonoulty's Thomas Butler in the Tipperary SHC semi-final replay.





featured **Stephen Lillis** this year. He was there in 2005 too and has worn the Tipperary jersey at all levels. **Shane Ryan** too was part of the successful 2005 team establishing himself under Ger Cunningham that season. So far 2008 has been an impressive campaign for him.

Both attacks are loaded with scoring potential. For Toomev **Ken Dunne** has made the number eleven jersey his own. As sweet a striker as you'll see he's regularly the team's top scorer. **Paddy O'Brien** has been battling injury but is likely to feature today. He's played all grades for Tipperary and even helped Kildare in recent years. **Eoin Brislane** too has represented Tipperary at all levels. His physical strength makes him a formidable opponent.

For Sarsfields **Lar Corbett** has regularly started at number eleven this year. He has a curious background in that he never played minor for Tipperary and played senior for the county before playing U21. Nicky English saw the potential and since the All Ireland win of 2001 he's been a regular part of the Tipperary scene. **Jim Corbett**, not related to Lar, made his senior debut for the club in his thirties. Renowned for his fitness levels he's been popping up for goals with remarkable regularity this season. **Wayne Cully** is back this year after major leg surgery. He played underage for Tipperary.

The respective full lines too are packed with power. For Toomevara **John O'Brien** is always a potential match-winner at full forward. His display in the '06 county final is often recalled and he was man-of-the-match too for Tipperary in this year's Munster final. Beside him **Michael Bevans**, nifty and elusive, has been a stalwart of the team for many years. And **Willie Ryan** too needs no introduction to Tipperary followers, always a goal threat as Loughmore discovered in the semi-final.

For Sarsfields **Ger 'Redser' O'Grady** is the talisman at full forward. Always colourful and prominent he was captain in 2005 and is essential today to Sarsfields' prospects. In the corner **Pa Bourke** carries much scoring threat too. Man-

of-the-match in the 2006 All Ireland minor final he was fast-tracked onto the senior side (too fast perhaps) but still remains one of the county's brightest prospects. In the left corner **Johnny Enright** may well complete the formation. A precocious talent in his underage years he's worn the Tipp jersey at many levels and has returned for injury with great timing this season as Sarsfields chase another title.

Others too may feature during the action. **Ritchie Ruth** made a spectacular impact when he came on for Sarsfields against Clonoulty but injury is likely to keep him out today. His brother, **Tony**, and **David O'Dwyer** are other options for the Sarsfields selectors and the experienced **Garry Mernagh** will fill any defensive vacancy for the 'Blues'. For Toomevara players like **John Boland**, **David Kennedy**, **John Delaney** and **Barry Dunne** may well be called upon. Delaney missed the semi-final through illness but should be ready if needed today.

Toomevara are today managed by Borrisokane's **Vincent McKenna**. A former Tipperary minor selector, referee and Bord na nOg, activist he doesn't lack for experience. Assisting him are selectors **Owen Cuddihy**, **Frank Devaney** (father of Francis) and **Michael O'Meara**, captain of the Toomevara side that made the big breakthrough against Sarsfields in 1992.

Sarsfields are managed by the affable **Michael 'Glossy' Gleeson**. His son, also **Michael**, would also be featuring except for a broken jaw sustained against Drom/Inch. Michael Senior won a county medal with Sarsfields in 1974 and was a county minor selector with Declan Ryan for the past two years. His backroom support today comes from **Paddy McCormack** whose C.V. includes a long list of involvements with county minor and U21 sides as well as a spell with the county camogie team.

Johnny Burke completes the selection panel. He was a team mate of Michael Gleeson in 1974 and lives in Cullahill from where he's coached the Harps team in Laois as well as the Fenians in Kilkenny.

Toomevara's Terry Dunne grabs the ball in the County SHC semi-final.





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Killinan

Thurles S



Jim CORBETT

Iona Avenue



Michael GLEESON

Sean Treacy Avenue



Pa BOURKE

Moyn Road



Michael COLLINS

Colmyard



Lar CORBETT

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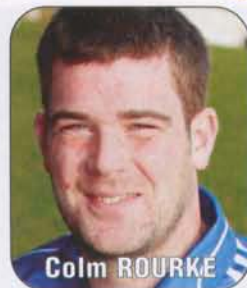


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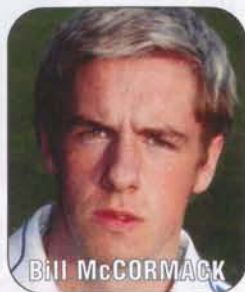
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Glen Carraig



David O'DWYER

Cabragh



Eoin RUSSELL

Brittas Road



Maher JOHN

Killinan



Patrick McCORMACK

Tonagha



Kevin O'GORMAN

Ardnacrusha



Richard RUTH

Bawntameena



Padraig MAHER

Tonagha



Gary MERNAGH

Cluain Glas



Ger O'GRADY

Childers Park



Tony RUTH

Bawntameena



Stephen MASON

Killinan



Barry O'DWYER

Bawntameena



Kevin O'HALLORAN

Willomere Drive



Shane RYAN

Bohernamona Road



Captain:

STEPHEN LILLIS

Age: 22

Occupation: Student in W.I.T

Honours to date:

1 Tipperary SHC,
1 Munster U21 HC,
1 Fitzgibbon Cup,
2 Mid SHC,
1 Tipperary U16AHC.

PA BOURKE

Age: 20

Occupation: Apprentice Carpenter

Honours to date: 1 All Ireland MHC, 1 National HL, 1 Munster SHC, 1 Munster U21 HC, 1 Tipp MAHC, 2 Tipp MAFC, 1 Mid SHC, 1 Tipperary U16AHC, Man of Match in this 2006 All Ireland Minor Hurling final

LIAM CAHILL

Age: 31

Occupation: A.C.C Asset Finance

Honours to date: 1 All Ireland SHC, 2 NHL, 1 Munster SHC, 1 Munster MHC, 2 Tipp MAHC, 2 Mid SHC, Won All Star as corner forward in 1996

MICHAEL CAHILL

Age: 19

Occupation: Student in U.C.C
Honours to date: 2 All Ireland MHC, 1 Munster U21 HC, 1 Munster MHC, 2 Tipp MAHC, 2 Tipp MAFC, 1 Mid SHC, 2 Tipperary U16AHC.

MICHAEL COLLINS

Age: 22

Occupation: Woodwork Teacher

Honours to date: 1 Tipperary SHC, 1 Tipperary U16AHC, 2 Mid SHC

TOMMY COLLINS

Age: 28

Occupation: Hair Surgeon
Honours to date: 1 Tipperary SHC, 4 Mid SHC, 1 Tipperary U16AHC

TONY CONNOLLY

Age: 26

Occupation: Fund Accountant
Honours to date: 1 Tipperary SHC, 1 Tipp U21 HC, 2 Tipp Minor HC, 2 Mid SHC, 1 Tipperary U16AHC, Captained Sarsfields to Co Minor Hurling Title in 2000

JIM CORBETT

Age: 36

Occupation: Entrepreneur
Honours to date: 1 Tipperary SHC, 2 Mid SHC

LAR CORBETT

Age: 27

Occupation: Electrician
Honours to date: 1 All Ireland SHC, 2 National HL, 2 Munster SHC, 1 Railway Cup, 1 Tipperary SHC, 1 Tipp U21 HC, 1 Tipp Minor HC, 4 Mid SHC

WAYNE CULLY

Age: 24

Occupation: Driver
Honours to date: 1 Munster U21 HC, 1 Munster MHC, 1 Tipperary SHC, 1 Tipp U21 HC, 1 Tipp Minor HC, 2 Mid SHC

JOHNNY ENRIGHT

Age: 31

Occupation: Business Consultant
Honours to date: 1 Tipperary SHC, 1 Munster MHC, 3 Fitzgibbon Cups, 5 Mid SHC, 3 Tipperary U16AHC

MICHAEL GLEESON

Age: 20

Occupation: Student in U.L
Honours to date: 1 All Ireland MHC, 1 Munster U21 HC,

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1 Tipp MAHC, 2 Tipp MAFC, 1 Tipp MAHC, 1 Mid SHC, 1 Tipperary U16AHC, Captained Sarsfields to Co Minor Hurling Title in 2006

TOM KING

Age: 22

Occupation: Student in U.L
Honours to date: 1 Munster MHC, 1 Tipperary SHC, 1 Tipp U21 HC, 1 Tipperary U16AHC, 2 Mid SHC

JOHN LAWLOR

Age: 27

Occupation: Publican
Honours to date: 1 Tipperary SHC, 3 Mid SHC,

PATRICK LEAHY

Age: 19

Occupation: Student in U.L
Honours to date: 2 Tipp MAHC, 1 Tipp MAFC, 2 Tipperary U16AHC

JOHN LILLIS

Age: 26

Occupation: Bank Official
Honours to date: 1 Tipp U21 HC, 2 Tipp Minor HC, 3 Mid SHC, 1 Tipperary U16AHC

JOHN MAHER

Age: 21

Occupation: Employee of A.D



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Ireland

Honours to date: 1 Mid SHC ,
1 Tipp MAFC 1 Tipperary
U16AHC

PADRAIG MAHER

Age: 19

Occupation: Apprentice
Plumber

Honours to date: 2 All Ireland
MHC, 1 Munster U21 HC,
1 Munster MHC, 2 Tipp
MAHC, 2 Tipp MAFC, 1 Mid
SHC , 2 Tipperary U16AHC,
Man of Match in this year's
All Ireland U21 Hurling final

STEPHEN MASON

Age: 27

Occupation: Accountant
Honours to date: 1 Munster
MHC, 1 Tipperary SHC,
1 Tipp U21 HC, 1 Tipp
Minor HC, 1 Fitzgibbon
Cup, 4 Mid SHC

BILL McCORMACK

Age: 18

Occupation: Student in D.C.U
Honours to date: 1 All Ireland
MHC, 1 Munster MHC,
1 All Ireland U16HC,
2 Tipp MAHC, 1 Tipp
MAFC, 1 Mid SHC, 3
Tipperary U16AHC,
Captained Tipp to All
Ireland U16 Hurling Title

PATRICK McCORMACK

Age: 24

Occupation: Student in U.L
Honours to date: 1 Munster
U21 HC, 2 Munster MHC,
1 Tipperary SHC, 1 Tipp U21
HC, 3 Tipp Minor HC, 4 Mid
SHC, 1 Tipperary U16AHC,
Captained Tipp Minor
Hurlers to Munster Title
2002

GARRY MERNAGH

Age: 32

Occupation: Advertising Sales
Representative
Honours to date: 1 Tipperary
SHC, 1 Fitzgibbon Cup,
5 Mid SHC, 2 Tipperary
U16AHC

BARRY O'DWYER

Age: 26

Occupation: Medical
Representative
Honours to date: 1 Tipperary
SHC, 1 Tipp U21 HC,
2 Tipp Minor HC, 3 Mid
SHC, 1 Tipperary U16AHC

DAVID O'DWYER

Age: 25

Occupation: Primary School
Teacher
Honours to date: 1 Tipperary
SHC, 1 Tipp U21 HC, 3 Tipp
Minor HC, 2 Mid SHC,
1 Tipperary U16AHC

KEVIN O'GORMAN

Age: 18

Occupation: Student in
Thurles C.B.S
Honours to date: 1 All Ireland
MHC, 1 Munster MHC,
1 All Ireland U16HC, 2 Tipp
MAHC, 1 Tipp MAFC, 1 Mid
SHC 3 Tipperary U16AHC

GER O'GRADY

Age: 29

Occupation: Road Marker
Honours to date: 1 Munster
MHC , 1 Munster U21 HC,

1 Tipperary SHC, 4 Mid
SHC, 1 Tipperary U16AHC,
Captained Sarsfields to Co
Senior Hurling Title in 2005

KEVIN O'HALLORAN

Age: 21

Occupation: Apprentice
Carpenter
Honours to date: 1 Mid SHC,
1 Tipp MAFC 1 Tipperary
U16AHC

COLM ROURKE

Age: 27

Occupation: Primary School
Teacher
Honours to date: 1 Tipp U21
HC, 1 Tipp Minor HC,

EOIN RUSSELL

Age: 22

Occupation: Insurance
Assessor
Honours to date: 1 Tipperary
SHC, 2 Mid SHC, 1
Tipperary U16AHC

RICHARD RUTH

Age: 22

Occupation: Woodwork
Teacher
Honours to date: 1 Munster
U21 HC, 1 Munster MHC,
1 Tipperary SHC, 1 Tipp U21
HC, 1 Tipp Minor HC,
2 Mid SHC

TONY RUTH

Age: 26

Occupation: Civil Engineer
Honours to date: 1 Tipp U21
HC, 2 Tipp Minor HC,
3 Mid SHC, 1 Tipperary
U16AHC, Captained
Sarsfields to Co Under 21
Hurling Title in 2002

SHANE RYAN

Age: 24

Occupation: Employee of
Liam Carroll Transport
Honours to date: 1 Tipperary
SHC, 2 Mid SHC, 1 Tipp U21
HC, 1 Tipp Minor HC.



CAPTAIN



Michael BEVANS

Ballymuckey



Too



Tony DELANEY

Castlequarter



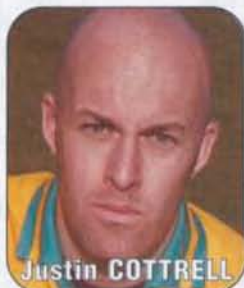
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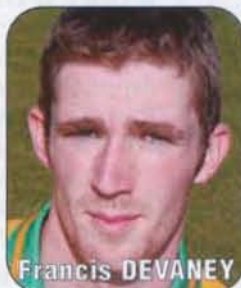
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Darren CUDDIHY

Gawn



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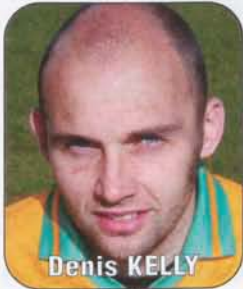


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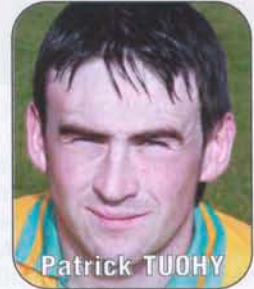
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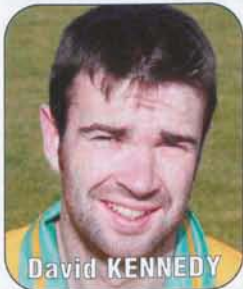
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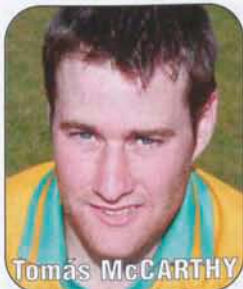
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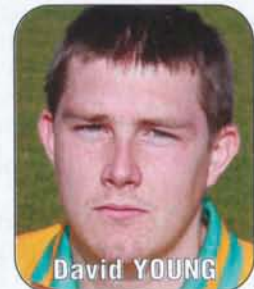
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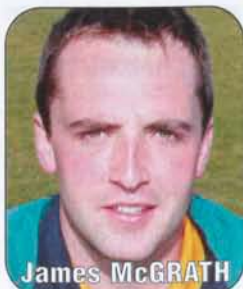
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James McGRATH

Knockinglass



John O'BRIEN

Fortwilliam



Willie RYAN

Laughton





Captain:

MICHAEL BEVANS

Age: 31

Occupation: Financial Advisor

Major Honours: Club – Senior 8 North, 8 County, 2 Munster Club, U21 1 County & various underage medals. Represented Tipp at Minor, U21 & Senior. 2 Fitzgibbon Cup medals with WIT.

BENNY DUNNE

Age: 28

Occupation: Sales Rep – Britvic

Major Honours: 1 National League 08, 1 Munster Senior 08, 7 Senior County titles, 2 Munster Club, 1 Harty Cup & 1 All Ireland Colleges (St Flannans).

BARRY DUNNE

Age: 29

Occupation: Carpenter

Major Honours: 6 County Senior Championships, 2 Munster Clubs, 2 North & 1 County U12, 2 North/County U14, 1 North/County U16, 2 North/1 County Minor, 2 North U21

DARREN CUDDIHY

Age: 20

Occupation: Apprentice Carpenter

Major Honours: U12 North/County, U12 Ground Hurling Skills, U14 North/County, U16 North, U21 North/County, Junior A League, North Junior A & B, Harty Cup B Munster Medal, Senior League Medal

PADRAIG HACKETT

Age: 30

Occupation: Builder

Major Honours: 7 County Senior Medals, 2 Munster Club Medals.

TONY DELANEY

Age: 37

Occupation: Sales Manager in

New Ireland Assurance

Major Honours: 10 County Senior, North Tipp Senior, 2 All Ireland Interfirms, County medals at all other grades.

DAVID KENNEDY

Age: 25

Occupation: Carpenter

Major Honours: Munster Minor Medal 01, 2 Munster Club, 5 Senior County Medals, various underage medals

EOIN BRISLANE

Age: 27

Occupation: Sales Director

Murray Stone

Major Honours:

North/County medals at all grades, Munster Minor Medal, Garda Cup medal, Tony Forrester medal, 5 North Senior medals, 7 County Senior medals, 2 Munster Club, Long Puc Champion Tipperary 2006, Egg & Spoon Champion Toomevara National School 1990 (later disqualified for using blu tac to secure egg)

KIERAN McGRATH

Age: 19

Occupation: Plant Operator

Major Honours: Minor All Ireland medal 2007, Junior B, U12, U14, U21 County medals.

JAMES McGRATH

Age: 23

Occupation: Farmer

Major Honours: U12, U14, U16, U21 North/County titles, North/County Senior titles.

KEN DUNNE

Age: 31

Occupation: Material Supply P & G

Major Honours: 2 Munster Club, 8 Senior County medals, 7 North Senior medals, 1 Munster U16 divisional, 1 All Ireland Junior Inter Firms, 1 All Ireland Colleges B.

TOMMY MCCARTHY

Age: 23

Occupation: Plant Operator

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Major Honours: U21 North/Senior County, Senior North/County. Munster Club medal.

JUSTIN COTTRELL

Age: 31

Occupation: Electrician

Major Honours: 7 County Senior medals, 7 North Senior medals, North Senior Hurler of the Year 03, U21 North/County, 3 North Minor

PAUL McGRATH

Age: 27

Occupation: Sales

Major Honours: 6 Senior County Medals, All Ireland Intermediate winner with Cork

DAVID YOUNG

Age: 23

Occupation: Substitute Teacher

Major Honours: 3 Senior County, 2 Munster Club, U21 County, 1 U/21 County, Munster Minor and U/21 with Tipperary. Captained Tipperary U/21 in 2006

DAVID NOLAN

Age: 18

Occupation: Builder

Major Honours: U/12 and U/14 North and County, North Junior A and Minor, 2 Junior A North Leagues



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JOHN DELANEY

Age: 23

Occupation: Construction Worker

Major Honours: North and County U/21, 2 County Seniors, 1 north Senior, 2 Munster Championships, 1 All-Ireland Colleges, 1 County Senior League

RONAN TYNAN

Age: 27

Occupation: Project Engineer
Major Honours: U/12, U/16 and Minor North and County, U/14 and U/21 North medals, 3 County Senior medals, College League medals

ANDREW RYAN

Age: 28

Occupation: Farmer
Major Honours: 1 Munster Club, 7 county senior medals and north senior medals, 2 Senior Leagues, 1 North Junior A, 3 North U/21 and minor medals, 1 county minor medal, 1 Garda cup medal.

WILLIE RYAN

Age: 23

Occupation: Bank of Ireland employee
Major Honours: 2 Fitzgibbon cups with W.I.T, 2 Munster Minor Medals, 1 Munster u/21 and 1 Munster Senior Medal, 1 NHL, 5 Senior County Medals, 3 Senior North

Medals, U/12, U/14, U/16 and U/21 North and County Medals

DENIS KELLY

Age: 30

Occupation: Primary Teacher
Major Honours: 6 County Senior Medals, 1 county Senior Dublin title with Faughs, Played County minor with Tipp

PADDY GRACE

Age: 16

Occupation: Student
Major Honours: All-Ireland U/16 with Tipperary, 2 Garda cup medals in 2006 and 2007, 2 Peadar Cummins in 2004 and 2005

PADDY O'BRIEN

Age: 29

Occupation: Physiotherapist
Major Honours: 1 Minor County, 1 U21 County, 7 Senior County Titles, 1 Dublin Senior County Title, 1 Fitzgibbon Cup, 2 Minor Munster medals, 1 Minor All Ireland, 1 Munster U21, 1 All Ireland Senior medal, 1 National League, 2 Munster Club, Player of the Year 2000 Tipperary, 2 Man of the match awards Tipperary County final, 1 Man of Match award Dublin Co Final.

JOEY McLOUGHNEY

Age: 20

Occupation: Electrician
Major Honours: 1 Minor All Ireland, Munster Medals, 1 County Senior Medal, 2 Munster Senior Club, U21 Munster Final, Vocational School All Ireland, U21 North/County Medal 0

FRANCIS DEVANEY

Age: 24

Occupation: Plumber
Major Honours: 2 Munster Club, 4 County Senior medals, 2 Munster Minor, 2 Munster U21, 1 County U21

PADDY TOUHY

Age: 23

Occupation: Carpenter
Major Honours: U12 North/County, U14 North/County, U16 North/County, U21 North/County, Senior & 2 Munster Club.

CONOR O'MEARA

Age: 16

Occupation: Student
Major Honours: U16 All Ireland, North Minor B, U14 North/County

KIERAN BRISLANE

Age: 23

Occupation: Farmer
Major Honours: North/County U12, U14 County Feile, Munster Colleges Medal, North/County U21, Junior B league, Junior A League, Runners up All Ireland Colleges medal.

JOHN BOLAND

Age: 24

Occupation: Carpenter
Major Honours: 3 North Senior, 4 County Senior, 2 Munster Club, 1 Munster Minor.

JOHN O BRIEN

Age: 26

Occupation: Sales Rep
Major Honours: 2 Munster Club titles, 7 County Senior titles. Various underage titles, 2 Munster Senior titles with Tipperary, Senior All Ireland 2001, 3 man of the match awards in county finals. 2 National League medals.

TERRY DUNNE

Age: 33

Occupation: Sales Agent/Farmer
Major Honours: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 1 National League Medal, 1 All-Ireland U/21 Medal, 1 Munster Senior Medal, 1 Munster U/21 Medal, 2 Munster Minor Medals, 3 Munster Club Medals, 10 County Senior Medals, 9 North Tipperary Senior Medals, Numerous underage club medals.



HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Thurles Sarsfields

Sunday 04/05/08

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling
Championship:
Thurles Sarsfields 0-15
Drom/Inch 0-15

Sunday 18/05/08

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling
Championship:
Thurles Sarsfields 1-13
Loughmore/Castleiney 2-19

Sunday 29/06/08

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling
Championship:
Thurles Sarsfields 1-22
J.K Brackens 1-17

Sunday 20/07/08

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling
Quarter-Final:
Thurles Sarsfields 1-17
Boherlahan/Dualla 3-09

Saturday 02/08/08

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling
Semi-Final:
Thurles Sarsfields 1-20
Moycarkey/Borris 0-11

Sunday 31/08/08

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling Final:
Thurles Sarsfields 0-22
Drom/Inch 2-19

Saturday 20/09/08

County Senior Hurling
Championship last 16:
Thurles Sarsfields 6-15
Golden/Kilfeacle 2-11

Sunday 28/09/08

County Senior Hurling
Championship Quarter-Final:
Thurles Sarsfields 3-15
Drom/Inch 2-09

Sunday 05/10/08

County Senior Hurling
Championship Semi-Final:
Thurles Sarsfields 1-14
Clonoulty/Rossmore 0-17

Sunday 12/10/08

County Senior Hurling
Championship Semi-Final
Replay (A.E.T):
Thurles Sarsfields 2-22
Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-20



Thurles Sarsfields Management (l to r) Paddy McCormack (selector), Michael Gleeson (Manager) and Johnny Burke (selector).



Equipment
manager John
Moroney



Team Doctor
Paul Ryan



Team Physio
Mick Clohessy

Overall Scorers in Championship 2008:

Pa Bourke	4-42
Johnny Enright	2-39
Shane Ryan	3-9
Wayne Cully	0-16
Larry Corbett	1-12
Liam Cahill	0-13
Jim Corbett	4-1
Ger O'Grady	0-11
Padraig Maher	1-8
Stephen Lillis	1-4
Richie Ruth	0-8
David O'Dwyer	0-6
Tony Ruth	0-3
Michael Gleeson	0-2
John Lawlor	0-1

Thurles Sarsfields played ten games and scored an average of 22.3 points per game with 1.16 points conceded.

They scored a total of 16-175 and conceded 13-147



Thurles Sarsfields team that defeated Clonoulty-Rossmore in the County semi-final replay. Back row: (l to r) - Ger 'Redser' O'Grady, Pa Bourke, Tom King, Kevin O'Gorman, Wayne Cully, Declan Ryan, Michael Cahill, Jim Corbett, Liam Cahill, Lar Corbett. Seated: Bill McCormack, Michael Collins, David O'Dwyer, Stephen Lillis (captain), Paddy McCormack, Padraig Maher, Shane Ryan.



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Toomevara



Overall Scorers in Championship 2008:

Ken Dunne.....	3-59
Willie Ryan	2-10
John O'Brien.....	1-12
Michael Bevans	0-9
Paddy O'Brien.....	0-8
Francis Devaney	0-6
John Delaney.....	1-2
David Kennedy	0-3
Eoin Brislane	0-3
Joey McLoughney	0-2
Barry Dunne	0-1
Paul McGrath	0-1
Terry Dunne.....	0-1
Kieran McGrath	0-1
Benny Dunne	0-1
Padraig Hackett	0-1
Ronan Tynan	0-1
David Nolan.....	0-1

Toomevara played 8 games and scored an average of 17.5 points per game with 14.5 points conceded.

They scored a total of 7-120 and conceded 8-193.



Toomevara Management team (l to r) - Michael O'Meara (selector), Frank Devaney (selector), Vincent McKenna (Manager) and Owen Cuddihy (selector).



MICHAEL BEVANS
Toomevara Captain

NORTH CHAMPIONSHIP

Round 1: Bye
Round 2:
Toomevara 2-13
Nenagh Eire Og 2-12
Round 3:
Toomevara 0-14
Roscrea 2-8
Round 4:
Toomevara 2-12
Lorrha 1-10
Round 5:
Toomevara 0-18
Borris-Ileigh 0-15
Quarter-Final: Bye
Semi-Final:
Burgess 0-15
Toomevara 1-10

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP:

Round 1:
Toomevara 1-14
Burgess 1-12
Quarter-Final:
Toomevara 1-22
Kildangan 1-13
Semi-Final:
Toomevara 0-17
Loughmore/Castleiney 0-13



Toomevara senior hurlers - County Finalists. Back row (l-r): Paddy Martin (TIPPO International - Main Sponsor), Joe Quinn (trainer), James McGrath, Conor O'Meara, Kieran Brislane, David Kennedy, Francis Devaney, Andrew Ryan, David Young Padraig Hackett, Ken Dunne, Paddy Tuohy, Denis Kelly, Ronan Tynan, Tony Delaney, Eoin Brislane, Paddy O'Brien, John Delaney, Frank Devaney (selector), Vincent McKenna (Manager). Front: Michael O'Meara (selector), Paddy Grace, Benny Dunne, Darren Cuddihy, Barry Dunne, Michael Bevans (captain), Justin Cottrell, Willie Ryan, Kieran McGrath, Paul McGrath, Terry Dunne (with daughter Eva), Tomas McCarthy, Joey McLoughney, Owen Cuddihy (selector).

**Fir Ionaíd:**

- (16) L. Mac Cormaic
BILL McCORMACK
(Glen Carraig)
- (17) A. Rút
TONY RUTH
(Bawntameena)
- (18) B. Ó Dubhuir
BARRY O'DWYER
(Bawntameena)
- (19) S. Ó Leathlobhair
JOHN LAWLOR
(Ikerrin Court)
- (20) S. Ó Masáin
STEPHEN MASON
(Killinan)
- (21) D. Ó Duibhir
DAVID O'DWYER
(Cabragh)
- (22) S. Ó Corbaid
JIM CORBETT
(Iona Avenue)
- (23) W. Colla
WAYNE CULLY
(Slí na Suire)
- (24) S. Ó Leighleis
JOHN LILLIS
(Killinan)
- (25) T. Ó Coilleáin
TOMMY COLLINS
(Colmyard)
- (26) S. Ó Meachair
John Maher
(Killinan)
- (27) C. Ó Ruairc
COLM ROURKE
(Monadreen)
- (28) E. Ó Ruiseil
EOIN RUSSELL
(Brittas Road)
- (29) P. Ó Laocha
PATRICK LEAHY
(Brittas Road)
- (30) A. Ó Congaile
TONY CONNOLLY
(Cabragh)
- (31) M. Ó Gliasáin
MICHAEL GLEESON
(Sean Treacy Avenue)
- (32) C. Ó hAilúráin
KEVIN O'HALLORAN
(Willomere Drive)

Thurles Sarsfields

Colours: Blue & White

**MANAGEMENT TEAM:**

Manager: Michael Gleeson Selectors: Paddy McCormack,
Johnny Burke Team Physio: Mick Clohessy, Roddy McConnell
Team Doctor: Dr. Paul Ryan Equipment Manager: John Moroney

THURLES SARSFIELDS	Cúil	Cúillíní	Seachái	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh leath					
2adh leath					
IOMLÁN					



Toomevara

Colours: Green & Gold



(1)
S. Mac Craith
James McGrath
(Knockinglass)

(2)
P. Ó Tuathaigh
Patrick Tuohy
(Ballymackey)

(3)
D. de Súin
David Young
(Latteragh)

(4)
P. Mac Craith
Paul McGrath
(Castlequarter)

(5)
P. Ó hAicéid
Padraig Hackett
(Knockanè)

(6)
B. Ó Dúinn
Benny Dunne
(Curraheen)

(7)
S. Mac Lahtna
Joseph McLoughney
(Main Street)

(8)
T. Ó Dúinn
Terry Dunne
(Ballybeg)

(9)
P. Ó Duibheannaigh
Francis Devaney
(Grenanstown)

(10)
P. Ó Briain
Paddy O'Brien
(Fortwilliam)

(11)
C. Ó Dúinn
Ken Dunne
(Curraheen)

(12)
E. Ó Briosláin
Eoin Brislane
(Cloone)

(13)
M. Ó Beabhain (Capt.)
Michael Bevans
(Ballymackey)

(14)
S. Ó Briain
John O'Brien
(Fortwilliam)

(15)
L. Ó Riain
Willie Ryan
(Laughton)

MANAGEMENT TEAM:

Manager: Vincent McKenna. Selectors: Frank Devaney, Michael O'Meara, Owen Cuddihy. Trainer: Joe Quinn.
Physios: Ned Murphy, Donncha Ryan. Doctor: Dr. C. O'Reilly.

Fir Ionaid:

- (16) J. Cottrell
JUSTIN COTTRELL
(Templedowney)
- (17) S. Ó Beoláin
JOHN BOLAND
(Clashnevin)
- (18) C. Ó Briosláin
KIERAN BRISLANE
(Ballinveny)
- (19) D. Ó Cuidithe
DARREN CUDDIHY
(Gawn)
- (20) B. Ó Dúinn
BARRY DUNNE
(Gortagarry)
- (21) S. Ó Dubhshláine
JOHN DELANEY
(Gawn)
- (22) A. Ó Dubhshláine
TONY DELANEY
(Castlequarter)
- (23) P. de Grás
PADDY GRACE
(Coolkeree)
- (24) D. Ó Ceallaigh
DENIS KELLY
(Borrisofarney)
- (25) D. Ó Cinneide
DAVID KENNEDY
(Baurroe)
- (26) T. Mac Carthaigh
THOMAS MCCARTHY
(Clonmore)
- (27) C. Mac Craith
KIERAN MCGRATH
(Knockinglass)
- (28) A. Ó Riain
ANDEW RYAN
(Laughton)
- (29) R. Ó Teimheann
RONAN RYAN
(Kilkeary)
- (30) C. Ó Meara
CONOR O'MEARA
(Ballinallick)
- (31) D. Ó Nualláin
DAVID NOLAN
(Grenanstown)

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2adh leath					
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Patrick McCORMACK

By: JACKIE CAHILL

"It's a cliché but the club means everything, playing with the lads you grew up with and lived next door to. I've been playing with some of them since U8 and U10 and it really is the centre of our world."

WITH seven minutes of normal time remaining against

Clonoulty last Sunday, Thurles Sarsfields goalkeeper Patrick McCormack feared the worst when John O'Neill flashed over a gorgeous point to put the West champions 1-15 to 1-10 in front.

The sides shared the next two scores before Sars produced a stunning comeback which forced the game into extra time. The rest is history and McCormack is certainly grateful that he was packing his bag this morning for the short trip to Semple Stadium.

"I thought to myself, is this going to be our day at all? Everything seemed to be going right for them (Clonoulty)," McCormack reflected. "Our lads showed unreal bottle – Shane Ryan, Larry Corbett, Stephen Lillis stepping up to the mark. That's something Thurles have been criticised for, people saying the Sars are soft but we stood up to it."

In the drawn encounter a week before, McCormack was in brilliant form between the sticks and produced two superb saves to keep out the aforementioned O'Neill.

Now he's preparing to face down a Toomevara attack laced with players who can do damage.

And he admits: "This is going to be our most difficult match. They were Munster club

champions in 2006 and have been there or thereabouts every year."

Having worked with Vincent McKenna when he was involved with the Tipp minors, McCormack knows exactly what the Toomevara manager will bring to the table.

"It's going to be an unreal battle but they will be red-hot favourites to win it," McCormack insisted.

Now 24, McCormack has been an outstanding goalkeeper since he first joined up with

In the McCormack house, they "eat, drink and sleep hurling"



Durlas Óg as a young boy.

Patrick's father Paddy was a goalie of some repute too and Patrick has carried on the family tradition with huge distinction.

He explained: "It's a cliché but the club means everything, playing with the lads you grew up with and lived next door to. I've been playing with some of them since U8 and U10 and it really is the centre of our world. I'm from out the country, two and a half miles outside the town, and I

remember watching the seniors training when I was younger.

"I remember the first day my

father brought me in was a real foggy morning. Durlas Óg trained in the CBS secondary school with tennis balls and made-up goals. That's where I started out before moving up to the Durlas Óg field when I got older."

In the McCormack house, they "eat, drink and sleep hurling" according to Patrick, who won Munster minor medals with Tipperary in 2001 and 2002, the latter season as captain.

Patrick is deeply indebted to the various selectors with Durlas Óg and Sarsfields who have tutored him down through the years, along with Vincent McKenna, Philip Ryan and Jamesie Ivors, selectors alongside Paddy with Tipperary.

Patrick traces back the family hurling history to his uncle Neddy, who was mad into the hurling, while "my grandmother goes to every game at 85 years of age."

As a young boy, Patrick closely studied his father's goalkeeper skills and picked up many tips.

He recalled: "You're always going to pick up things from watching all of the top goalies. When Dad was playing I'd be there following the ball. I'd always hold out hope of playing for the Tipp seniors but there are top-class goalies out there – Brendan Cummins, Gerry Kennedy, Darren Gleeson and Matthew Ryan. I'm happy enough playing with the club," said a content McCormack, who is studying for a H-Dip from University Limerick.

The immediate dream is to recreate the memorable scenes of three years ago, when Sars last captured the county senior title.

McCormack, who played in four Harty Cup campaigns with Thurles CBS, recalls: "I played in one county final before that and was sub for another three. I appreciated 2005 because I had seen the heartache. It would be brilliant to do it again but Toome' have serious tradition since 1992."



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Ken DUNNE

By: JACKIE CAHILL

THURLES Sarsfields know that if they concede frees within scoring range this afternoon, Ken Dunne is the man to punish them.

Dunne, who turned 31 last Thursday week, has been in high-scoring form for Toomevara during this year's North and county championships.

Dunne has calculated his overall tally at 3-59 from eight matches, 8.5 points per game, and every team the Greyhounds have faced this year have felt his scoring heat.

Dunne scored 1-7 against Éire Óg Nenagh in Toome's seasonal opener, 0-7 v Lorrha, 0-10 v Borrisileigh, 1-4 in the North semi-final defeat against Burgess, 1-5 when the teams met again in the last 16 of the county, 0-12 against North champions Kildangan in the county quarter final and 0-7 last time out when 2007 champions Loughmore-Castleiney were sent packing.

Toome' have built up a real head of steam in recent weeks and Dunne is anxious that his team-mates give a good account of themselves this afternoon.

Champions in 2006, Dunne admits that losing their grip on

the Dan Breen Cup last year was a painful experience.

"It hurt us a lot because we knew that we hadn't produced the form of previous years," Dunne reflects.

"The Ballyhale Shamrocks match (2007 All-Ireland semi-final) took it out of psychologically, it killed us really but in fairness to Loughmore they deserved their title and

we

were delighted to see them going on to win a Munster club."





In 2006, Toomevara came with a stunning second half display to defeat Éire Óg Nenagh in the final, a game noteworthy for the fact that five Dunne brothers – Ken, Terry, Barry, Tommy and Benny – all started the game.

"That was the only county final the five of us started in," confirmed Ken, who will line out in his tenth final this afternoon.

There's just one blot on his domestic copybook on the big day – a

For sheer drama and sense of achievement, Dunne rates that comeback win against Nenagh two years ago as "the best county final we hurled in."

1996 final defeat against

doubt about it. I have won county medals and Munster club titles with the club but we missed out on the big one."

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Toome' have had the upper hand on Sars in big matches in recent times, the 2005 quarter-final a notable exception, and Dunne is expecting a titanic battle.

"There's a long break after the Tipp championship and Sars have come through tough games and they know they can win tight ones. The last time we met Thurles they beat us in the county quarter-final and they're a real hurling team and will match us in terms of hurling ability. It's a 50-50 game no doubt."

And in such tight situations, Ken Dunne's abilities from placed balls and in general play will come in very handy indeed.

Boherlahan.

Dunne won an All-Ireland Interfirms title with Nenagh's Proctor and Gamble, where he is employed, in 2004, and can boast





Tipperary Supporters' Club

This interview with Eoin Kelly was won as a prize by EAMONN TROY, who is a Junior Member. Eamonn met with Eoin and put to Eoin questions which had been sent in by Junior Members. You can join as FREE Junior Member on www.tippsupportersclub.com



Eamonn Troy (centre)
photographed with
his mother Carmel
and Eoin Kelly.

1. Who was your favourite hurler growing up?

(Question from: Eamonn Troy, Ballinastick, Coalbrook, Thurles and Andrew Ormond, Forest, Templemore)

My favourite hurler growing up was Nicky English. He was Tipperary's outstanding forward of his time. I used to like him because he used to take the frees and he was always good for a goal in any Tipperary match.

2. How many hours each week do you train?

(Question from: Lorcan Troy, Ballinastick, Coalbrook, Thurles and Fiona McEniry, Mortlestown, Cahir)

We train Monday for an hour and a half in the gym. We train Tuesday, Thursday and

Saturday with the Tipperary team together. So all together I train four to five hours a week.

3. (a) Who is your favourite hurler now?

(Question from: Eoin Troy, Ballinastick, Coalbrook, Thurles)

My favourite hurler now would be Tommy Walsh of Kilkenny for the reason that he can play in the backs, midfield and forwards.

(b) Did you always want to play as a forward?

Yes, the reason I always wanted to play in the forwards was from watching Nicky English scoring the goals and the points. He was a top class forward so I always wanted to play in the forwards.



Club Junior Membership

4. I would like to ask Eoin does he eat a lot of pasta? They say it is good for energy.

(Question from: James O'Connell, Magorban, Fethard)

I eat loads of pasta. Before every game with Tipperary, league or championship, we get pasta and chicken and there's no sauce! It's very good for energy so I think that's the diet that every hurler should be on.

5. (a) Who was the toughest opponent you ever played against and why?

(Question from: Cathal Bourke, Cloneyharp, Clonoulty, Thurles)

Every opponent is tough but my toughest I'd say was Ollie Canning from Galway. The reason is that I was corner forward and he was corner back and he scored a point from play! I got a lot of slagging on the team bus on the way home from my team mates. They were saying that I hadn't done too badly as I had held Ollie Canning to a point!

(b) Who was the greatest influence in your hurling career?

The biggest influence would have to be my parents, anything I ever wanted like a hurley, a helmet, a sliothar or a pair of boots they would always get it for me and I will always remember that.

6. What is your favourite sporting memory?

(Question from: Katie Corbett, Ballybrien, Ballymccarbry, Co. Waterford)

I have two favourite sporting memories: winning the County Senior Hurling Championship with Mullinahone in 2002 and Tipperary winning the All-Ireland Senior title in 2001.

7. At what age did you show signs of making the county team and when you did how did you maintain it?

(Question from: Patrick Egan, Crumlin, Moneygall, Roscrea)

I suppose I showed signs of making the county team when I was 15. I was

goalkeeper for the Tipperary minors and then I played out the field. That was the start and then to maintain it the main things are looking after yourself, eating properly and training very, very hard and that's the reason.

8. What is his most treasured medal that you have won?

(Question from: Pa O'Dwyer, Clareen, Ballycahill, Thurles)

There's two in particular; the County Championship medal won with Mullinahone in 2002 and the All-Ireland medal won with Tipperary in 2001. If I had to make a decision between those two I would definitely pick out the County Championship medal with Mullinahone because a lot of the lads on the team I would have grown up with and gone to school with.

9. If Tipperary had been in the All-Ireland Senior Final, how would you think we would have performed against Kilkenny?

(Question from: Denis O'Connell, Glenduff, Kilcommon, Thurles)

I think we would have done very well. Kilkenny would have been the favourites, they never like playing Tipperary and Tipperary have a good record against them in All-Irelands and I think the last two times we played Kilkenny, this year in the league and last year in the league we beat them, so we would have had a great chance but hopefully it will come sooner rather than later, next year.

Thanks very much Eamonn and best of luck with your hurling career!



From left: Eoin Kelly, Eamonn Troy, Carmel Troy and John Coman (PRO, Tipperary Supporters Club).

VIDEO stars

By: SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

I AM NOT certain which was the first Tipp Co. hurling final to be filmed or captured on video tape. The Toomevara team which beat a six-in-a-row seeking Thurles Sarsfields in the 1960 final was honoured by the club in a Millenium reunion and some footage was shown of that game. It had been shot by Ciaran MacNioclas from Roscrea, but was forgotten about until club stalwart and future Tipp. Chairman Donal Shanahan was advised of its existence. He made the necessary arrangements and the film was 'reeled' out and shown on the night in the Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh, leading to many tears of nostalgia on an emotional occasion.

Nowadays, we take filming for granted and many of the well organised clubs, in the county, have devised match winning tactics from an assessment of their own performances and the study of opposing teams on video/DVD.

The video era in Tipperary began about 1977. The Cloughjordan area was to the forefront with Hubert Lynch and Liam O'Shea among the early pioneers of this new technology. It took off very quickly and Bro. Joe Perkins (RIP) came to Nenagh to film the North Final replay in 1980. He asked me to do the commentary and it was a very enjoyable occasion with Roscrea winning by a goal. The filming was done from the top of his school minibus.

Two years earlier he had organised a coaching day for juvenile hurlers in Thurles and part of the session consisted a short game which he taped and showed to the participants later on that afternoon.

The late Brother, who was Tipp Minor Coach from 1978 to 1986, also taped the NHL games for Tipperary in the 1981/82 season. There was quite a difference in working from the spacious gantry in Semple Stadium compared to the sideline in Rathdowney with the wire at your back and supporters pushing up against it.



Bro. Joe Perkins R.I.P.

Donal Sheedy (Roscrea) was a regular commentator in the early eighties and interest in the use of video cameras was increasing all the time. Some Borrisileigh gael, including John Stapleton and Paddy Ryan, also became involved and their "outside broadcasts" even included Junior championship games! There was nowhere to hide when that started! Tom Moyles, another man with Kilruane Mac Donagh loyalties, did an amount of filming and his work was highly acclaimed by viewers.

High standards are now the norm as equipment is of best quality and more manageable to transfer around the grounds. Many of the earlier difficulties of finding a suitable 'perch' have been resolved and the availability of monitors has ensured there is impressive collaboration among the crew involved.

Donal Mackey, originally from Ballymackey, is easily the longest serving commentator in the Tipp area. He began, I think, with a commentary on the Kilruane/ MacDonaghs and Borrisileigh North Tipp Final of 1977, with Hubert Lynch on camera. He became better known for his work with Willie



Donal Mackey

Fogarty from Lissenhall in their coverage of club games not only in Tipperary but throughout Munster and in other provinces for the Horizon Multi-Channel TV series



"The Munster Game" and "The Leinster Game". In a strange coincidence, Donal attended his first Co. Senior hurling final in 1960 and would have seen those Toome and Sarsfields greats live, without ever dreaming that he would work his way via the Order of Malta to match commentary for so much of the GAA world.

Donal's proudest engagement was on Sunday, March 16th 1986, when his beloved Kilruane MacDonaghs beat Buffer's Alley from Wexford to win the club All Ireland title. It was clear enough from his opening remarks that Donal would not be neutral in that commentary! Incidentally that game, along with enjoyable pre and post-match footage, was produced on DVD earlier this year with the assistance of Tom Moyles' video library to support Pat Williams' work with the Niall Mellon Trust in South Africa. It proved very popular in Tipperary and Wexford.

For many years now all of the major club games in the county are filmed and much of the footage has been seen by an increasingly large viewership. Thurles Sarsfields' County final victory in 2005 was celebrated with a comprehensive 162 minute Video/DVD

which was produced by Digital Image Productions and Tom Ryan Casey

Photography which carried the pre-match build up, the game itself, after-match scenes and several interviews.

There are many camera/broadcast crews around the county who have captured the action for posterity. However, there is only one commentary everyone truly recalls! They remember everything Eddie said, but not too many can tell you the final score of that under-21 football game!

In the early years the camerawork was often done under pressure and some precarious positions were used to get the best view of the action.

Sometimes the crew had to assemble the

scaffolding on arrival! There wasn't local radio until the late eighties, so these videos were hugely appreciated, by everyone who watched them. Club players became video stars, but the downside was that they could no longer exaggerate their brilliance! Perhaps the clubs of Tipperary would share their archives as part of the GAA 125 celebrations next year and show everybody what hurling and gaelic football were really like in an era that was very different to now. They really would be worth seeing!



Eddie Moroney (Match Commentator)

TEN CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

The last ten major championship meetings, between today's rivals, have produced a seven wins to two success rate, in favour of Toomevara. There was one draw. The results were:

1974 Semi-final	Thurles Sarsfields.....	3-15	Toomevara	2-9
1992 Final	Toomevara	0-11	Thurles Sars	1-8 Draw
1992 Final	Toomevara	0-12	Thurles Sarsfields.....	1-6 Replay
1993 Semi-final	Toomevara	0-18	Thurles Sarsfields.....	0-9
1994 Quarter-final	Toomevara	2-16	Thurles Sarsfields.....	0-9
1996 Semi-final	Toomevara	1-17	Thurles Sarsfields.....	0-6
2000 Final	Toomevara	2-10	Thurles Sarsfields.....	0-11
2001 Final	Toomevara	1-21	Thurles Sarsfields.....	1-13
2003 Final	Toomevara	3-19	Thurles Sarsfields.....	3-16
2005 Quarter-Final	Thurles Sarsfields.....	1-20	Toomevara	1-16



Tipp FM GAA Masterclass 2008

(in association with the Tipperary County Board)

By: IAN O'CONNOR (Tipp FM)

Saturday, May 3rd, was the date for the second Tipp FM GAA Masterclass in association with the Tipperary County Board in a sun-kissed Semple Stadium. Fifty boys and girls from across the Premier county were chosen from a draw during the month of April on Tipp FM's GAA programme with Paddy Finucane. Over 3,300 boys and girls entered for one of fifty places.

What was special about this class was that it focuses on boys and girls of all abilities to be trained by our county stars in hurling and football and a chance to play in the 'Field of Legends'. Eoin Kelly, Shane McGrath, Declan Fanning, Gerry Kennedy and Noel McGrath trained the class on the skills of hurling, while Declan Browne, Paul Fitzgerald, Damian O'Brien and John

Evans, Tipperary Football manager, showed the boys and girls the skills of football in association with our county referees. Fran Curry, broadcasting live from the event added, to the occasion. It certainly was a memorable day.

As you know a lot of work goes in to hosting an event like this. I would like to thank sincerely everyone that helped and supported the Masterclass in any way. It was a pleasure as always working with you all and I look forward to your support next year where talks are already beginning. On a sad note, we dedicated this year's masterclass to my mother Marian O'Connor (Fethard), Mick McGrath (Loughmore) and County Footballer Darryl Darcy of Shannon rovers whom we lost in 2008.

Go ndéana dia trócaire orthu.





EAMON BUCKLEY

– the new County Treasurer

EAMON BUCKLEY was recently elected as Treasurer of the Tipperary County Board in succession to the late Spike Nolan and he brings a wealth of experience to this important position.

Eamon became the West Boards tenth Treasurer when persuaded to take the post by Paul O'Neill in 1994. He has served the Board as Financial controller with distinction for the past twelve years. Previously he served as Bord na nÓg Treasurer from 1989 to 1992.

Since he took over the position of Treasurer of the West Board, his business background, his shrewd management skills and innovative style brought changes from old fashioned accountancy methods, and these benefit clubs and Board alike.

He played at every grade of hurling and football with his club Lattin/Cullen. He has continued his close relationship with the club down the years, serving on Juvenile Committees, managing Juvenile teams and recently one of the founding members of Ladies Football.



He coached the under-12 girls to its first County success last year. He won a West SFC medal in 1982 and later in 1989 he was the netminder when Lattin/Cullen won the County IFC. He has also three O'Donoghue Cup medals.

He was heavily involved in the administration of his club over many years, serving as club secretary and in a host of other positions including team selector on the IH team which captured the County title in 1996

and the Senior Football team that won West honours in 1994.

He refereed in the Division for many years and also was a regular umpire with George Ryan who officiated at the 1979 and 1985 All-Ireland finals.

He is married to Rosemary and has three daughters Emma, Lisa and Nicola.

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Is your club PARTICIPATING in Scór

By NOEL JOYCE, Oifigeach Cultúir agus Gaeilge

TODAY'S county final brings the curtain down on much of the hurling activity on the playing fields for this year. Of course the winners will go on to contest the Munster club championship and whoever they may be will carry the hopes and good wishes of all Tipperary Gaels with them. Let us hope that they can equal or indeed surpass the achievements of Loughmore/ Castleiney in 2007.

As activity on the field begins to wind down the clubs thoughts should be turning to off the field endeavors and in particular to the Scór na nÓg. Dates for North and Mid finals have already been put in place, these being November 29th for the Mid final and December 5th for the North Final with the County Final set for December 12th.

If you are reading this article as a club officer whose club has not been participating in Scór of late then I urge you to take the necessary steps to rectify this immediately and ensure that your club plays an active part in this the 40th anniversary of the competition. Likewise if you are an individual who would like to participate or a person who feels they have something to offer by way of coaching or organising Scór in your club do not ignore that inclination but rather nurture it and get in contact with your club secretary or any Scór officer who will put you on the right track. In my role as Oifigeach Cultúir I am available to all clubs in the County to help them to become involved in Scór. In particular I would like to help clubs that have been dormant, to reactivate their Scór involvement.

Clubs who are successful in Scór usually tend to have a Scór committee separate from the main G.A.A. committee. These committees are usually comprised of individuals who are not actively involved in the hurling or football end of things and as



such have more time to devote to the promotion of Scór. I feel that many club officers are already over worked in the running of the club and do not need to be weighed down with the running of Scór. However most officers would like to see their clubs participating and would support a Scór committee in every way possible both financially and otherwise.

Scór has so much to offer particularly to our young people. It helps to build confidence and self-esteem. It gives them an opportunity to display their abilities and talents before a wide audience. It is also a great social outlet with many new friends and acquaintances to be met. Above all it gives everybody, young and old, a chance to promote and foster the Irish culture and tradition and to ensure that this aspect of Irish life is not lost but handed on to the next generation.

As is every competition including today's hurling decider there has to be winners and inevitable where there are winners there has to be disappointment for others. I deliberately did not use the word losers here because it is my firm belief that in Scór there are no losers. You may not get the medals on the night, you may feel that you should have gotten them and be bitterly disappointed, but you have the satisfaction of knowing that you have given it your best shot.

More importantly you have had the honour of representing your club and parish, maybe your division, County or indeed Province and what greater honour can any Gael have?

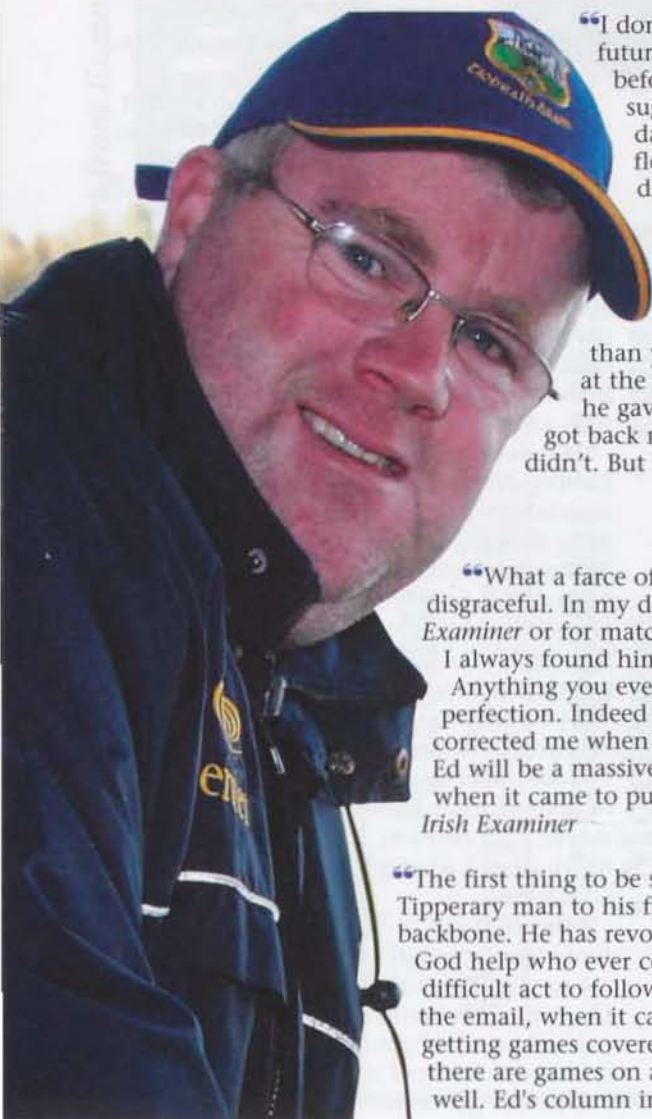
Táim ag tnúth le cluiche iontach anseo inniu agus go n-eirí an t-adh leis na foirne atá ag glacadh páirt. Tá súil agam go mbeidh bliain iontach againn Scór mbliana freisin mar is bliain tábhachtach é agus muid ag ceiliuradh daichead bliain de Scór.

'Ní neart go cur le chéile.'



Tributes to retiring

Tipperary GAA PRO Ed Donnelly is due to retire at the end of the season as his five year term comes to an end. He will be a huge loss to The Premier County as he has made this role his own and is regarded as the best PRO in the country by a long stretch. We thank Ed for all his work for the Premier County and look forward to seeing him bringing the same levels of efficiency and professionalism to other areas of the Association. Here's what many of our sporting scribes had to say about Ed Donnelly's contribution to the GAA.



"I don't know what plans Ed Donnelly has for the future, or what plans Tipperary have for him, but before he gets down to anything serious, I would suggest that Croke Park might borrow him for a day to give a seminar for other PRO's. Ed's flow on information about all things Tipperary did the county a great service and was a huge help to the media. That apart, he was a model of courtesy and efficiency and time a query was raised with him.

'Giving people a little more than they expect is a good way to get back a lot more than you'd expect' was the motto which Ed carried at the end of his e-mails. From a media perspective, he gave more than we expected. As to whether he got back more than he expected, well, he probably didn't. But then, he wasn't looking for it."

MARTIN BREHENY,
GAA Editor, *Irish Independent*

"What a farce of a rule. To be losing a man of Ed's calibre is disgraceful. In my dealings with him whether with the *Irish Examiner* or for match programmes involving Tipperary players, I always found him top class. Nothing was too great for him.

Anything you ever asked of him was always done to perfection. Indeed there were a few occasions when he corrected me when I made an error regarding Tipperary history. Ed will be a massive loss to the county. He was a rare breed when it came to publication relations."

BRENDAN LARKIN,
Irish Examiner

"The first thing to be said about Ed Donnelly is that he is a Tipperary man to his fingertips, and secondly a GAA man to the backbone. He has revolutionised the whole area of County PRO – God help who ever comes after him, because they will have a very difficult act to follow. Ed was always on the end of the phone, or the email, when it came to getting information, or organising getting games covered, especially at this time of the year when there are games on at all times of the day, and now the night as well. Ed's column in our papers was a huge hit, packed with



g ED DONNELLY

nuggets of information and facts. He always had his column with us on time and was as efficient in this regard as he was in every other way. We learned a lot from Ed and really appreciate his efforts on our behalf. He will be missed locally in his role, but we hope that he will not be lost to Tipperary and the GAA. His wife and family though will probably be happy to have him back again considering he spent the last five years married to Tipperary and as a father to all those who donned the blue and gold jersey.

Thanks a million for your efforts Ed.
Tiobraid Árann Abu."

MICHAEL DUNDON, *Tipperary Star*;

MICHAEL HEVERIN, *Clonmel Nationalist*;

SHANE BROPHY, *Nenagh Guardian*.

"I have two words for Ed Donnelly
– Un-Rale.

It's appropriate that the Premier County should have what is widely regarded as the premier PRO. As well as his passion for the game, the technological streak he has, led to the groundbreaking developments like the first live internet GAA match score tracker. As the GAA itself moves into the 21st Century you would imagine the manner in which Ed carried out his duties in Tiobraid Árann could be taken as the standard that needs to be met by other counties. His track record also identified him as someone that Croke Park should be recruiting to help with improving technology and communication within the association and with other units nationwide."

PAUL COLLINS, *Today FM*

"Ed was the best County Board PRO in the country by a distance. His co-operation and efficiency and acute sense of knowing what the media needed were greatly appreciated by all of us."

DENIS WALSH, *Sunday Times*

"In the words of Martin Luther King, I have a dream ... and it is that Ed Donnelly would be PRO, not just for Tipperary, but for every county in the country. When he took the job in Tipperary, we in the national media didn't know what hit us. He didn't just send us timely emails alerting us to the exact time that Tipp teams would be announced at night, he also warned us if he was working

away or on holidays and sent us contact details for who would be 'coming off the bench' for him. In a climate in which some PRO's find it difficult to understand the simple necessity to keep their mobile phones turned on at vital occasions like team selections. Ed's professionalism and expertise was a huge help and really could offer all clubs and counties the perfect blue print and barometer for how to do the job of PRO perfectly."

CLIONA FOLEY, *Irish Independent*

"Very sorry Ed to hear that your five year term is up. Thanks very much for all your help – the job or journos would be that much easier if other county PRO's were a fraction as efficient, professional and as dedicated to the job as you are."

PADDY HICKEY, *Freelance*

"My initial reaction on hearing that Ed had to give up was that this infamous 'five year rule' is daft. I know it was brought in for good reasons, but when it results in the loss of someone as valuable to the media – and obviously, to the Tipperary County Board – it's counter productive. The secret to being an effective PRO is to be available to take calls or requests through e-mails and to communicate on a regular basis. He was superb to work with, both at a personal and professional basis. One area in which he excelled was in producing press packs when Tipp were involved in major games at whatever level and all background data and contact numbers were provided. The only problem is that he has set an extremely high standard for his successor."

JIM O'SULLIVAN, *GAA Correspondent, Irish Examiner*

"Ed was the first PRO to establish regular internet contact with the national media. To that simple, labour saving device he added a wealth of detail about team selections as well as those uplifting aphorisms at the end of his e-mail. 'Making life easier for journalists is a good way of getting effusive tributes in the county final programme.' Like others in the media I'll be hoping it's not the last time Ed crosses our path. All the best."

SEÁN MORAN, *Irish Times*

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Days of Moyne & Roses

By: SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

THE imminent arrival of Moyne/Templetuohy on the Tipp. Senior hurling scene was presaged by their Minor breakthrough in 1964, when with Loughmore/Castleiney they won the Mid and County titles. A year later again with their allies, they lost the decider to Cappawhit. Thereafter, Moyne/Templetuohy's development was awaited, as Thurles Sarsfields began to fade following their golden era.

By 1968 the club had reached the Co. Senior hurling semi-final and despite leading Roscrea by six points at half-time, they lost their way to a John Dillon captained club on their way to a first Co Senior Title. That challenging test against Moyne/Templetuohy, which they won by 3-7 to 2-6, helped Roscrea to overcome the Mid Champions Thurles Sarsfields by six points in the Co. Final. Moyne/Templetuohy reached the Co. semi-final again in 1969 but lost to Carrick Davins by five points.

The club continued to make progress and in 1970 they won their first Mid senior title, captained by Willie O'Grady (Whitehead). That was the era of the open draw in Tipperary, but the club failed to reach the high profile Co. semi-finals. But in 1971, despite failing to retain their Divisional title, they made good progress before beating Eire Óg Annacarty in the Co. Quarter final and Ballybacon/Grange in the semi-final, to earn their place in a first ever Co. final against hotly fancied Roscrea. The Ros boys had beaten Thurles Sarsfields in the Co. semi-final and were expected to win their fourth title in a row to complement their corresponding Divisional dominance.

However, there was a shock in store for all and sundry on the last day of October. The Mid men took total control of the game early on. Kicking on with a dominant performance, but a narrow lead at half-time,

0-4 to 0-3, they eventually got through for two vital goals from Murty Troy and Martin O'Grady in the final quarter and held Roscrea at bay, to the end.

It is still regarded as one of the great shocks in the history of Tipperary County finals. They had eight points to spare, 2-8 to 0-6, and were warmly welcomed as the new champions. The clean sheet kept by Tom Russell, the tight defensive work by the two Jim Fogartys, Martin Esmonde, Mick Coen and Tom Fogarty are easily recalled along with the power of Martin and Michael Grady at midfield, and the sorcery of the Murty Troy, Tom Egan, Billy Grady inspired attack. In a squad loaded with Fogartys and Gradys, it was truly a family affair. Poems and ballads were written to mark the breakthrough.

Moyne/Templetuohy shook off their celebrations

in the new year and beat Kilmoley (Kerry) in the Munster Club semi-final at Ardferd on February 20th by 3-11 to 2-4. Unfortunately, the journey ended at the final stage in Kilmallock on April 25th when they lost to the brilliant Blackrock team of that era, which went on to win the All-Ireland title. The scoreline was 4-10 to 3-1.

Before 1971 was out, Roscrea came back to win the inaugural club All-Ireland title. The following year they dethroned Moyne/Templetuohy in the County quarter-final by 2-5 to 2-3. Roscrea went on to regain the Co title.

Moyne/Templetuohy won further Mid titles in 1972, 1976 and 1977. In the latter, they beat Thurles Sarsfields and then overcame Kickhams in the Co. quarter-final, before losing to Borrisileigh (1-11 to 1-8) in the Co. semi final – the club's last appearance at that stage of the championship. Their reign was brief, but the 1971 achievement won't be forgotten. Maybe the present generation will be inspired by the deeds of their heroes, who are being honoured here today.

The Moyne/Templetuohy 1971 final lineout

MOYNE - Green and Gold	1. Tom Russell	4. T. Fogarty
2. T. O'Grady	3. J. Fogarty	7. M. Esmonde
5. M. Coen	6. J. Fogarty	9. M. O'Grady
8. M. O'Grady	11. M. Fogarty	12. Tom Egan
10. M. Troy	14. T. O'Grady	15. P.weeney
13. M. O'Grady	16. D. Fogarty	17. M. O'Grady
SUBS:	18. M. Costigan	19. D. Egan
20. J. Egan	21. D. O'Grady	22. D. Dunne
23. P. Everard	24. T. Flynn	



Honouring the 1971

MOYNE-TEMPLETUOHY

In keeping with the practice of the past number of years, the Tipperary County Board, in conjunction with the 'Tipperary Star' and Younge's of the Ragg, honour the County Senior Hurling Champions of 1971, Moyne-Templetuohy, at the County Senior Hurling Final at Semple Stadium today. The members of the victorious panel will be given a reception at the Thurles Greyhound Track at 12 noon and will be guests of the County Board at the finals. At about 3 pm they will be led onto the field by their captain, Jim Fogarty, and introduced to the crowd.

After the games they will be taken to Younge's of the Ragg for dinner. Following the meal they will be made a presentation by the 'Tipperary Star'. The occasion should be a great opportunity for the members of the team to reminisce about their great exploits on the field of play thirty-seven years ago.

First County Senior Hurling Final

Moyne-Templetuohy made history in 1971 when they won their first-ever county senior hurling final. The seeds of that success are to be found in a series of Mid minor hurling titles won by the club in 1964, 1965 and 1966, which were the culmination of impressive earlier juvenile success. They went on to collect a county minor title in 1964 and were beaten by Cappawhite for a second in 1966

The breakthrough at senior ranks came in 1970 when they won their first Mid final. This success was heralded when they trounced the great Thurles Sarsfields team in the first round of the league-championship. They went on to record a convincing win over Moycarkey-Borris and met Sarsfields again in the final. This contest was a much sterner one than the first round meeting but they came through by a point, 2-11 to 3-7,



MOYNE-TEMPLETUOHY – 1971 County Senior Hurling Champions

Back row (l-r): Martin O'Grady, Tom Russell, Mick Coen, Billy O'Grady, Tom O'Grady, Michael Quinlan, Michael O'Grady. Front row (l-r): Willie Fogarty, Martin Esmonde, Marlin Troy, Tom Fogarty, Jim Fogarty (Captain), Paddy Sweeney, Jim Fogarty, Tom Egan.



TEMPLETUOHY *Players*

to record an historic victory.

According to Willie Butler in the Moyne-Templetuohy Parish History, the historic victory was celebrated in grand style in the parish. On Sunday evening bonfires blazed at both ends of Moyne village and captain, Willie O'Grady, was carried shoulder high. There was music and dancing on the streets until midnight and needless to say the cup was filled – and emptied – several times. On Monday night a motorcade of three hundred cars met the team on the Thurles road and escorted them to Templetuohy where bonfires also blazed.

Moyne-Templetuohy got a reality check in the Mid championship in 1971 but made amends in the separate county championship. They were surprisingly defeated by Moycarkey-Borris in the opening round of the Mid, got back on track with victory over Drom-Inch and Na Fianna (Upperchurch, Clonakenny and Clonmore), but had their hopes of retaining the Mid crown dashed when defeated by the Sarsfields.

Their concentration was now on the open

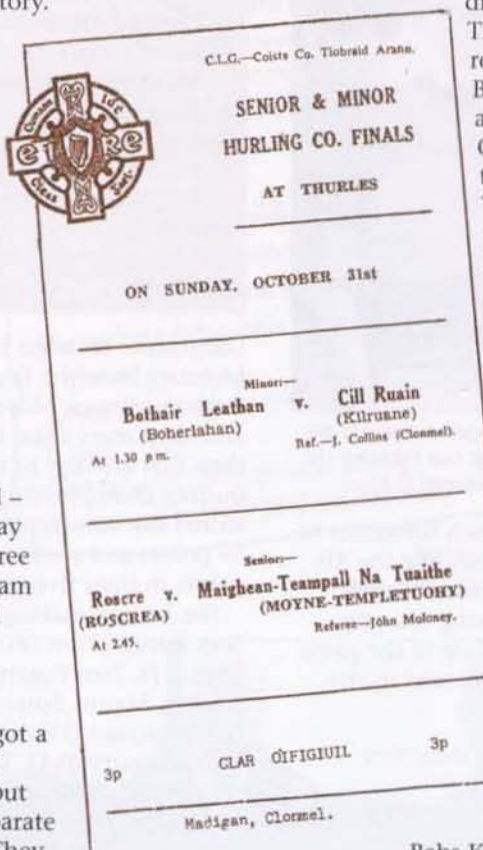
draw county championship. They had already won two rounds, with victory over Borrisokane by 7-14 to 1-2 and a second over Clonoulty-Rossmore by 5-13 to 4-7 in the second round. The county quarter-finals were played on August 22 in which Moyne-Templetuohy faced the West champions, Eire Óg. They made no mistake, running out easy winners by double scores on a scoreline of 4-12 to 2-6.

Because of Tipperary's involvement in the All-Ireland championship, the semi-finals weren't played until October 10. Moyne-Templetuohy played Ballybacon-Grange at Thurles. Jim Fogarty, who was a sub on All-Ireland winning team, kept a close rein on the Ballybacon star,

Babs Keating, allowing him only one point from play, and Moyne won easily by 4-12 to 3-3. In the second semi-final the following Sunday at Nenagh, Roscrea defeated Thurles Sarsfields by 3-13 to 4-7 in a close contest.

THE COUNTY FINAL

The final was played at Semple Stadium on October 31. Roscrea were champions for



ROSCREA – Red and White Collars & Cuffs

1. Tadgh Murphy
- | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 2. M. Hogan | 3. K. Carey | 4. B. Maher |
| 5. P. Roland | 6. T. O'Connor | 7. J. Crampton |
| 8. M. Minogue 9. D. Moloney (Capt) | | |
| 10. F. Loughnane | 11. J. Tynan | 12. J. Cunningham |
| 13. L. Spooner | 14. L. Bruseels | 15. J. Hannon |
- SUBS: 16. J. Spooner; 17. L. Stapleton; 18. N. Hogan; 19. M. Shanahan; 20. F. Dooley

MOYNE – Green and Gold

1. Tom Russell
- | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2. T. O'Grady | 3. J. Fogarty | 4. T. Fogarty |
| 5. M. Coen | 6. J. Fogarty | 7. M. Emond |
| 8. M. O'Grady 9. M. O'Grady | | |
| 10. M. Troy | 11. W. Fogarty | 12. Tom Egan |
| 13. Wm. O'Grady | 14. T. Quinlan | 15. P. Sweeney |
- SUBS: 16. D. Fogarty; 17. Wm. O'Grady; 18. M. Costigan; 19. D. Egan; 20. J. Egan; 21. D. Curtis; 22. D. Dunne; 23. P. Everard; 24. T. Flynn



Moyne/Templetuohy captain, Jim Fogarty, receiving the County Senior Hurling Championship Cup following the 1971 final from County Chairman Séamus Ó Riain.

three years and were very much favourites to make it four-in-a-row with stars like the All-Ireland captain, Tadhg O'Connor, Francis Loughnane, Kieran Carey, Tadhg Murphy and Liam Spooner. The build-up to the game was well-described by Culbáire later in the year in his Ballad of '71:

*The bold Roscrea had held firm sway three seasons in a row,
And now the fourth was booked for North, on the latest betting show;
The Punters brash, produced their cash and laid it on the line
At threes and more for a winning score against the lads of Moyne.*

Wearing the underdog's tag, Moyne-Templetuohy, right from the start confronted their opponents with almost fanatical intensity and completely knocked Roscrea out of their stride. They won by eight points but the margin didn't flatter in any way their superiority on the day. However, they made hard work of winning. With over seventy percent of the play in the first half they were ahead by only 0-4 to 0-3 at the interval. At the three-quarter mark they were still only a point, 0-6 to 0-5, in front but in the final quarter they scored 2-1 to secure victory on a scoreline of 2-7 to 0-6.

One of the outstanding performers on the day was Martin Esmonde, who held Francis

Path to County Final 1971:

June 13:	
Moyne-Templetuohy	7-14
Borrisokane	1-2
July 1:	
Moyne-Templetuohy	5-13
Clonoulty-Rossmore	4-7
August 22:	
Moyne-Templetuohy	4-12
Eire Óg	2-6
October 10:	
Moyne-Templetuohy	4-12
Ballybacon-Grange	3-3
October 31:	
Moyne-Templetuohy	2-8
Roscrea	0-6

Loughnane scoreless from play. When John Moloney blew the final whistle there was huge joy among Moyne-Templetuohy players and supporters alike, having succeeded at their first attempt to take the county senior hurling championship. For the record they scored the very impressive tally of 22 goals 59 points and conceded 10 goals and 24 points in their five championship matches.

The history-making team was as follows: Tom Russell, Tom O'Grady, Jim Fogarty (capt.), Fr. Tom Fogarty, Mick Coen, Jim Fogarty, Martin Esmonde, Martin O'Grady (1-1), Michael O'Grady, Martin Troy (1-0), Willie Fogarty (0-1), Tom Egan (0-3), Bill O'Grady (0-1), Tom Quinlan, Paddy Sweeney (0-2). Subs: Dick Fogarty, Fr. Joe Egan, Fr. John Egan, Tom Flynn, Martin Costigan, Paddy Everard, Billy O'Grady, Dinny Dunne, Dinny Curtis.

The selectors were Phil Blake, Hugh Craddock, John Everard, Billy Sweeney, John Travers.

CUP PRESENTED

The cup was presented to winning captain, Jim Fogarty, by county chairman, Seamus Ó Riain. Jim recalls how John Doyle and the Rattler Byrne came into the dressingroom at half-time. 'Twas very good of them because there was no love lost between us,' he adds. Doyle said: 'Ye will ate them if ye play as ye did in the first twenty-five minutes.' And Rattler added: 'If ye act the b-----ks as you did in the last five minutes, they will ate ye. An you're the real b-----ks,' he said, pointing to me.

As captain, Jim had given a major speech on discipline before the game. Mick Everard



called him over as the players were kissing the Archbishop's ring and said: 'I hope you're only coddling.'

Reflecting on the traditional tensions that existed between Moyne and Templetuohy, Rody Tierney, who was later to become Jim's brother-in-law, said to him after the game: 'You would have won it years ago if you played more 'Tuohy men!'

*Then hurrah for Moyne
and 'Tuohy
Our great hurlers one and
all
In a game of skill and
sportsmanship
We always will recall
Where they gave 11,000 fans*

Moyne-Templetuohy 1971

(By Gerard Ryan, Inch, Bouladuff)

To Semple Stadium they came with spirit rare
Spirit born of adversity through the years.
True grit depicts their effort on that day,
An exhibition that stirred the heart of every Gael.
A do or die display reminiscent of Kickham's
passage.

All for the sake of the combined villages.
What a renewal of this Celtic craft we saw?
This treasure of a thousand years –
The result of a fitting climax to a supreme parish
effort –

A final to rank with the epics of the Premier County
stage

Long may such Gaelic spectacles flourish!
Europe could make our great occasions small.

*A classical display
To win the county final
From their rivals in
Roscrea.*

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The club championship was in its second year and Moyne-Templetuohy defeated Kilmoyley by 3-11 to 2-4 in the semi-final at Ardferd on February 20, 1972. However, they lost the final to Cork champions, Blackrock, by 4-10 to 3-1 at Kilmallock on April 25.

While Moyne-Templetuohy continued to make an impact on senior

hurling in the county during the seventies, they never again reached the

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Photograph taken on the occasion of the announcement that Young's of the Ragg would sponsor the meal for the Moyne-Templetuohy team, who were county senior hurling champions in 1971, when they are honoured by the County Board and the Tipperary Star at the county final on Sunday. Left to right: county chairman John Costigan, Moyne-Templetuohy chairman Dominic Everard, chairman of organising committee Seamus King, proprietors of Young's of the Ragg, Donal and Rose. Standing: Pat Carey, representing the Tipperary Star and Tom Hassett, secretary, Moyne Templetuohy.

(Photo: Bridget Delaney)



The MOYNE-TEMPLETUOHY 1971 Panel

TOM RUSSELL

(Goalkeeper)

An outstanding goalkeeper of his time. Displayed excellent accuracy with his puck outs.



TOM O'GRADY

(Right Corner Back) R.I.P.

Represented by his brother John, one of three O'Grady brothers on the team. Tom was a tight marking corner back who always gave an honest display for his club.



JIM FOGARTY

Captain (Full Back)

From his full back position, Jim kept control of his back line as well as being a tough uncompromising defender. Brother of Sean, former Mid, County and Munster Chairman.



FR. TOM FOGARTY

(Left Corner Back)

Fr. Tom was one of three Fogarty brothers who played in the '71 county final. He was a tidy corner back whom opponents found it difficult to score against. He later managed Tipperary minor and senior hurling teams to success.



MICK COEN

(Right Half Back)

He was one of those "no nonsense" half



backs who had many a player ducking out of his way with his unique clearances. He played on the Tipperary team during the '71/'72 National Hurling League campaign. Mick later joined the Borrisoleigh club where he gained many successes.

JIM FOGARTY

(Centre Back)

Brother of Fr. Tom. Jim was a stylish and solid centre back who was never afraid to go forward and help his mid field players. Captained Tipperary during the '71/'72 League Campaign and later emigrated to the U.S.A. where he now resides.



MARTIN ESMONDE

(Left Half Back)

Martin was an outstanding member of the '71 team. He held Frances Loughnane scoreless from play during the county final. Martin captained Tipperary to win the 1972 Wembley final and won Munster and All Ireland under 21 medals in 1967.



MARTIN O'GRADY

(Centre Field)

Martin is the second of the O'Grady brothers. A solid player who was always worth a score. He won Munster and All Ireland Intermediate medals in 1966. Martin later became a popular inter county referee.



MICHAEL O'GRADY

(Centre Field)

Brother of Martin and the late Tom. He always just got on with the job and gave it his best.



MARTIN TROY

(Right Half Forward)

Murty to his friends. Always worth a score. Got a goal and a point in the semi final and a fine goal in the county final.



WILLIE FOGARTY

(Centre Forward)

A fine stick man. Willie made his own bit of club history in 1990 when completing his set of county medals, winning, minor in 1964, senior I '71, intermediate in '83 and junior in 1990.



TOM EGAN

(Left Corner Forward)

Tom was the main free taker on the team and an excellent score getter in general. He scored eight points in the semi final and three in the county final.



BILL O'GRADY

(Right Corner Forward)

Bill caused many a problem for most full back lines with his aggressive style of play and often appeared on the score sheet. He won a Munster and All Ireland medal in 1966.



**TOM QUINLAN**

(Full Forward)

A difficult player to mark, always worth a goal or two and while he did not score in the final, his 2-01 in the semi final was a major contribution on the day.

**PADDY SWEENEY**

(Left Corner Forward)

A very tidy player. Such was his consistency, corner forward was always his position. Paddy went on to coach and manage club teams as well as teams for other clubs.

**BILLY O'GRADY**

Popularly known as "Whitehead" was sub goalie on the '71 team, made history the year before when captaining the 1970 Moyne/Templetuohy team to win it's first Mid senior hurling title. Billy is first cousin to the three O'Grady brothers.

**FR. JOE EGAN**

Fr. Joe is a first cousin to Tom and Fr. John Egan. A lively and talented young player who was a half forward substitute on the '71 team, is now parish priest of Boherlahan/Dualla.

**DENIS DUNNE**

Played during the 1970 campaign but missed that historic final because of suspension. Denis won an All Ireland Intermediate hurling medal when coming on as a

sub in the 1966 final when Tipperary defeated Dublin.

DENIS CURTIS

He was a fine utility player who gave great service to his club in both hurling and football. Later joined both Thurles Sarsfields and Thurles Kickhams and became a top class referee.

**MARTIN COSTIGAN**

A keen member of the '71 panel who gave 100% when called upon.

**PADDY EVERARD**

Paddy was the youngest member of the '71 panel. He played corner back for Tipperary in the '74 Under 21 Munster hurling championship.

**TOMÁS FLYNN**

He was a difficult forward to handle. Won a Mid and county junior hurling medal in 1961 and was a selector with the Tipperary under-21 hurling team in 1986.

**FR. JOHN EGAN**

Fr. John, brother of wing forward Tom, was as tough as teak which belied his demeanour. He is now parish priest in Lattin/Cullen.

**DICK FOGARTY**

Dick is a brother of team captain Jim and Sean and was an excellent substitute for any half back position.



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heights of 1971. The club got to the quarter-finals of the county championship in 1972 before going down by 2-5 to 2-3 to Roscrea. They had the consolation of winning the Mid when they beat Moycarkey-Borris by 4-8 to 5-3 in the final on October 29.

The following year saw the beginnings of the 'Coen Affair' which was to rumble on for a number of years and distracted the club from their performances on the field of play. Another Mid final was won in 1976 but this time in the board room. The championship was awarded to Moyne-Templetuohy after Thurles Sarsfields refused to fulfil the fixture on the appointed date. Moyne-Templetuohy won their last Mid final in 1977 when they did on the field of play what they had done in the boardroom the previous year, defeat the Sarsfields at Thurles by 2-9 to 1-9. As the open draw was abolished that year the county championship reverted to previous practice, with the divisional finalists qualifying. Moyne-Templetuohy defeated Kickhams in the quarter-finals but were defeated by Borrisoleigh, 1-11 to 1-8, in the semi-finals.

When the Moyne-Templetuohy players and supporters look back to-day they will remember the seventies as their golden age in senior hurling and reflect that they should have won more than they did. They will also recall anecdotes and memories from the decade, and particularly from 1971, which, more than likely, have been well embroidered in the intervening years.

(Seamus J. King)



Michael 'Spike' Nolan

R.I.P.

Today we remember Michael 'Spike' Nolan who graced this 'Field of Legends' both as a player and administrator. Spike, ar dheis Dé go raibh do anam – anam mór, anam cineálta, anam flaithiúlach, anam cróga, anam dílis.

TOP SCORERS – County Finals 1980-2007

By:
Seamus O'Doherty

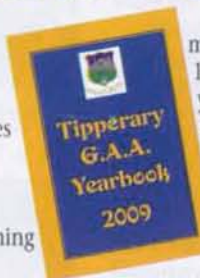
1980 – Francis Loughnane (Roscrea).....	1-7	1994 – Thomas Dunne (Toomevara).....	1-4
1981 – Noel O'Dwyer (Borrislisleigh).....	0-8	1995 – Michael Cleary (Nenagh Éire Óg).....	0-8
1982 – John Flanagan (Moycarkey/Borris).....	0-7 (draw)	1996 – Philip O'Dwyer (Boherlahan/Dualla).....	1-3
John Flanagan (Moycarkey/Borris).....	1-5 (replay)	Aidan Flanagan (Boherlahan/Dualla).....	0-6
1983 – Pat McGrath (Loughmore/Castleiney).....	0-8	Kevin Kennedy (Toomevara).....	2-0
1984 – John Flanagan (Moycarkey/Borris).....	1-3	1997 – Michael Kennedy (Clonoulty/Rossmore)	
1985 – Eamonn O'Shea (Kilruane MacDonaghs).....	1-4	and John Leahy (Mullinahone).....	0-7 each
1986 – Philip Kenny (Borrislisleigh).....	0-6	1998 – Michael Kennedy (Clonoulty/Rossmore).....	0-6
1987 – Pat McGrath (Loughmore/Castleiney).....	1-8	1999 – Thomas Dunne (Toomevara).....	1-7
1988 – Noel O'Dwyer (Borrislisleigh).....	0-4 (draw)	2000 – John O'Brien (Toomevara).....	2-2
Noel O'Dwyer and Seamus Devaney		2001 – John Enright (Thurles Sarsfields).....	1-9
(Borrislisleigh).....	0-4 each (replay)	2002 – Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone).....	0-4 (draw)
1989 – Kevin Ryan (Clonoulty/Rossmore) and		Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone).....	2-7 (replay)
Stephen Dwan (Hollycross/Ballycahill).....	0-4 each	2003 – Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields).....	2-1
1990 – Tommy Grogan (Cashel KC).....	0-6	2004 – Paddy O'Brien (Toomevara).....	2-3
1991 – Tommy Grogan (Cashel KC).....	1-4	2005 – Seamus Butler (Drom Inch).....	0-11
1992 – Seamus Quinn (Thurles Sarsfields).....	1-2 (draw)	2006 – John O'Brien (Toomevara).....	1-4
Connie Maher (Thurles Sarsfields).....	1-5 (replay)	and Ken Dunne (Toomevara).....	0-7
1993 – Michael Cleary (Nenagh Éire Óg).....	0-9	2007 – Evan Sweeney (Loughmore Castleiney).....	0-9

Tipperary G.A.A. Yearbook 2009

THE 2009 Tipperary G.A.A. Yearbook is being compiled at present and the Yearbook committee under the Chairmanship of Seamus King is seeking articles and information for inclusion.

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The deadline for sending information is **31st October 2008**. You can e-mail completed work

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TIPPERARY



Compiled by Pat Bracken

ACROSS:

5. He won an All-Star while playing with Ballingarry? (4, 6)
11. All Star and Young Hurler of the year nominee 2008? (6, 8)
12. **and 4 down.** 2007 Senior Hurling Champions? (9)
14. Nenagh Eire Óg clubman, who won an All-Star each year, 1990-1993. (7, 6)
18. This is an essential ingredient for any hurler? (5)
19. Last Thurles Sarsfields captain of Tipperary to lift the McCarthy Cup? (5, 5)
20. Father and son County medal winners with Thurles Sarsfields, in 1974 and 2005, Michael and Aidan _____? (6)
22. Nickname of the legendary Tommy Doyle? (6, 3)
25. Last County Senior Champions from south Tipperary? (11)
26. Leahy Park is in which town? (6)
27. The Co Tipperary Senior Hurling Trophy is named after this man? (3, 5)
28. 1988 and 1997 Clonoulty-Rossmore All Star winner? (6, 4)
29. Mid Tipperary senior hurling champions 2008. (4, 3, 4)

DOWN:

1. 2008 South Tipperary senior hurling champions? (10)
2. Through the _____, battle cry of the Thurles Blues? (6)
3. **and 17 Down.** West Tipperary senior hurling champions 2008? (9)
4. See 12 across
6. Number of County senior hurling titles won by Thurles Sarsfields? (6, 4)
7. 1971 All Ireland senior hurling club champions? (7)
8. Patrick Meagher, Toomevara legendary captain had the nickname of _____? (6)
9. Name the Thurles Sarsfields player in the accompanying photograph? (3, 7)

10. Who is the Toomevara player photographed here? (4, 5)
13. Winning Tipperary Captain in the All-Ireland of 1961? (4, 7)
15. 2008 North Tipperary senior hurling champions? (9)
16. Tommy, Benny, Barry, Ken and Terry of Toomevara? (5)
17. See 3 down. (8)
21. Type of dog associated with early Toomevara teams? (9)
23. Martin _____, Templemore CBS Harty Cup winning captain in 1978? (6)
24. Toomevara have won this many County Senior hurling titles? (6)

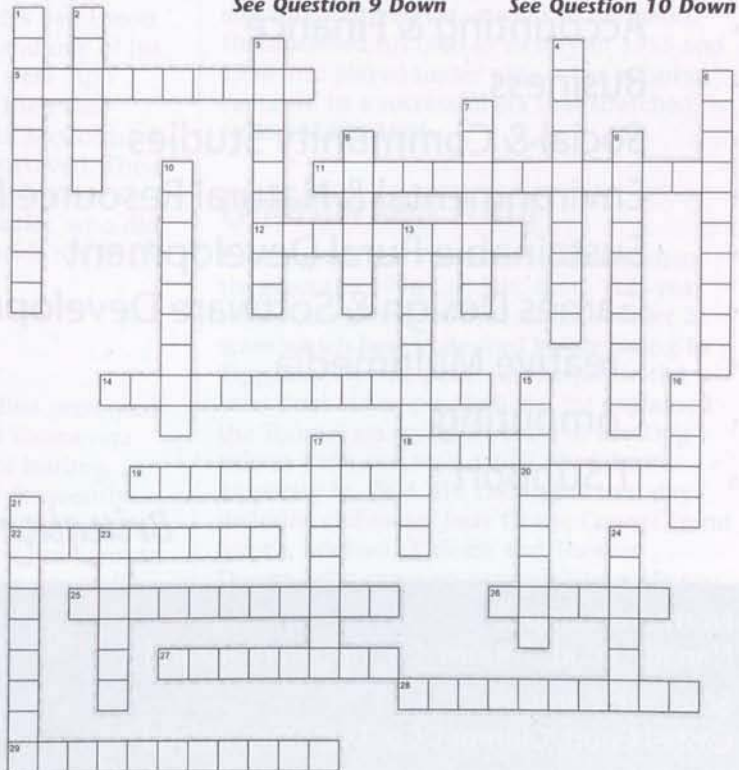
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DID YOU KNOW?

By: SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

Big day man

Back in 1971, Martin O'Grady played a significant part in Moyne/Templetuohy's County Senior hurling final win over Roscrea. He also finished the game as top scorer with 1-1 to his credit. You might think that the North Tipp club would have been glad to see the end of him after that, but it worked out differently. Martin went on to become an accomplished referee and he took charge of Roscrea's last County Senior hurling final win in 1980 when Kevin Brady was captain and Roscrea's last Co. Minor victory in 1984 when Paul Delaney was the man who climbed the steps of Ardán Uí Riain for the presentation. He is well deserving of being honoured here today, with his former team mates.

Master and students

There was an unusual scenario in the recent Thurles Sarsfields v. Clonoulty/Rossmore Co. SHC semi-final saga. The Thurles Bainisteoir was Michael 'Glossy' Gleeson and one of his players was Liam Cahill. Both were Tipp Minor selectors this year with their club colleagues Kevin O'Gorman Bill McCormack and Denis Maher very much involved. Their Tipp squad also included recent opponents in John O'Neill and Thomas Butler, who did their utmost to spoil the Sarsfields run to the county final.

Winning captains

Since the Dan Breen Cup was first presented in 1931, Thurles Sarsfields and Toomevara have lifted the symbol of senior hurling supremacy in the county more frequently than any other clubs. The record of leading most teams to success is held by Jim Lanigan (Thurles Sarsfields), who was the successful captain on five occasions. The full list is:

Thurles Sarsfields – Jim Lanigan 1935/36/38/39 and 42, John Maher 1944/45/46, Tommy Doyle 1952, Mickey Byrne 1955/56, Larry Keane 1957, Tony Wall 1958/59, Martin Maher 1961, Mick

McElgunn 1962, Bobby Mockler 1963, Jimmy Doyle 1964/74, Patsy Dorney 1965 and Ger O'Grady 2005.

Toomevara – Martin Kennedy 1931, Willie Donovan 1960, Michael O'Meara 1992, Jody Grace 1993, Pat Meagher 1994, Philip Shanahan 1998, Thomas Dunne 1999/2006, Terry Dunne 2000, Justin Cottrell 2001, Michael Bevans 2003 and Paddy O'Brien 2004.

Record holder

Despite the challenge from two Toomevara players (Tony Delaney and Terry Dunne), each of whom has ten Co. SHC medals going into today's final,



the all-time record is still held by Mickey 'Rattler' Byrne of Thurles Sarsfields, with an amazing fourteen Co. medals to his credit. He captained his club to victory in 1955 and 1956 and played under nine other winning captains, in a successful era that stretched from 1944 to 1965.

Uncrowned King

Pat King was the Toomevara captain when they lost the 1996 Co. SHC final. This year he was the trainer of the Limerick under 21 team which beat Waterford before losing to Tipperary, by one point, in the provincial semi final at Semple Stadium. Pat captained the Toomevara under-21 team to the Tipp title in 1986 and won a NHL medal with Tipperary in 1994. His colleagues that day included clubmates Jody Grace, George Frend (capt.), Michael O'Meara and Thomas Dunne, who came on as a substitute. He was chosen as 'Man of The Match' for the 1994 County final. In all Pat played in six Co Finals for Toome, winning five. He lined out at midfield in the 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996 and 1998 deciders and moved to centre forward for his last final, in 1999.



Review of the

JUVENILE HURLING YEAR

By JOHN SMITH, County Bord na nÓg P.R.O.

Another year on the Bord na nÓg calendar is nearing completion and it is appropriate at this time to take a look back at the club and county scene at juvenile level in the last twelve months.

UNDER-12

As in previous years the finals were played in Semple Stadium. Roscrea won their first county Under 12 'A' title since 1990 when they defeated Carrick Swan in the final. The first half was evenly poised with Roscrea leading by a point at the interval. Two Roscrea goals early in the second half saw them pull away from Swans to run out deserving winners. Ballina scored a comprehensive victory over Ballylooby-Castlegrace in the 'B' decider. Ballina were always in control and they played some wonderful hurling to bring the title back to North Tipperary. Newport proved too strong for a very young Moyle Rovers 'B' team in the 'C' final and thanks to a five goal blitz they ran out winners.

UNDER 14

Clonoulty-Rossmore defeated Toomevara in a thrilling 'A' final. This game was an excellent advertisement for underage hurling with Clonoulty having the upper hand in the first half and led by two points at the break. Toomevara came back in the second half and they went three points ahead on two occasions but Clonoulty fought back each time and when it looked as if the game would end level Clonoulty scored two late points to give the West champions a dramatic victory. The 'B' final between

Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams and Lorrha-Dorrha went to a replay. The drawn match was very exciting and the replay was equally as tense and

exciting with both teams having periods of dominance. The sides were level at the end of normal time and the game went to extra time where Knockavilla captured the title by a one point winning margin after an epic contest. Borrisokane won the 'C' title following a comprehensive win over Ballyneale. Borrisokane who gave a masterful display led from the start and ran out worthy winners. Toomevara were winners over Cashel King Cormacs in the Feile na nGael county final. This match was decided as a contest in the opening ten minutes as Toomevara dominated and led by 2-5 to 0-1. They went on to record an impressive win and bring the county Feile trophy back to Toome for the first time since 2002.

John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) won the County Feile na nGael Skills final and he went on to win the All Ireland Feile na nGael Skills final at O'Moore Park, Portlaoise. The conditions for the participants in the All Ireland final were atrocious with torrential rain throughout making it very difficult for a top class field. John gave a fantastic display to come out on top and bring the All Ireland trophy back to Tipperary and Loughmore-Castleiney.

The County Under 14 Long Puck final was won by Dylan Burke (Durlas Óg).

UNDER 16

Kildangan scored a convincing win over Newcastle to win the County Under 16 'A' title last weekend. The 'B'

final between Borris-Ileigh and Mullinahone was played yesterday while the 'A' final has yet to be played. Loughmore-Castleiney has qualified for the final.

County Hurling Championships 2008

U/12 'A'	Roscrea 4-8 Carrick Swan 1-3
U/12 'B'	Ballina 4-6 Ballylooby-Castlegrace 0-3
U/12 'C'	Newport 5-6 Moyle Rovers 'B' 0-1
U/14 'A'	Clonoulty-Rossmore 2-8 Toomevara 3-3
U/14 'B'	Knockavilla Kickhams 2-5 Lorrha-Dorrha 1-8
U/14 'B'Replay	Knockavilla Kickhams 3-8 Lorrha-Dorrha 1-13 (after extra time)
U/14 'C'	Borrisokane 5-11 Ballyneale 0-2
U/16 'C'	Kildangan 3-21 Newcastle 0-7
Feile na nGael	Toomevara 3-9 Cashel King Cormacs 0-2



CLONOULTY-ROSSMORE U-14 HURLERS – County 'A' champions.

(Picture: Bridget Delaney)

Clonoulty-Rossmore awaits the winners of the South final in the county semi final.

COUNTY TEAMS

Pride of place this year goes to the Under 15 hurlers who won the Carrigdhoun tournament for the first time. All the Munster counties with the exception of Kerry participate in this tournament. The round robin format means that the counties play each other with the top two contesting the final. Tipperary defeated Cork, Waterford and Clare before losing to Limerick in their last match. Tipperary by winning their first three matches were assured of qualification for the final and their loss to Limerick meant that both teams would meet again in the final. The final was a close encounter with Limerick dominating the exchanges in the first half and they led at the interval by 0-3 to 0-1. Limerick extended their lead early in the second half to leave four points between the teams. Tipperary gradually got back into the game and they produced a storming last ten minutes to win on a scoreline of 1-5 to 0-5.

Tipperary's dream of three in a row of Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland Under 16 hurling titles ended following a one point defeat by Offaly. Tipperary played their two group games in Nenagh and easily defeated Antrim in the opener. Then it all came unstuck when they lost by an injury time

point to a hard working Offaly side in round two. As a result Tipperary journeyed six miles up the road to Portroe and overcome Galway in the Shield semi-final. The Shield final against Waterford was played at Semple Stadium and here Waterford staged a remarkable second half comeback to win.

Tipperary easily accounted for Wexford in their opening match in the Tony Forristal inter county Under 14 hurling tournament and thanks to two late goals they defeated Clare in their next game to set up a semi final against Cork. The teams were level at the interval. The second half was very close with the teams still level as the final whistle approached and extra time loomed. Cork snatched victory with a late point to leave the final score Cork 0-6 Tipperary 0-5.

INTER-DIVISIONAL COMPETITIONS

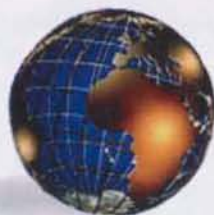
North Tipperary won the Under 16 Garda Cup hurling title for the fourth year in a row following a comprehensive win over West Tipperary in the final. They also won the Munster Under 16 'A' hurling championship following an extra time win over East Waterford in the final.

Mid Tipperary retained the Peadar Cummins Under 14 hurling tournament hosted by the Borris-Ileigh club. They defeated South Tipperary in a one sided final.

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Odds & Ends

by Séamus O'Doherty

LAST FINAL MEETING

The final clash of Toomevara and Thurles Sarsfields on October 12th 2003 left its mark, not only on the 10,200 attendance, but also on the pages of Tipperary hurling history. Thurles Sarsfields won the toss but Tommy Maher decided to play into the town end, giving Toomevara first use of the breeze. After 10 minutes Toomevara led by 1-5 to 0-1 and the Sarsfields' problems were deeper than facing the wind. By half-time the Green and Gold led by 2-10 to 0-5. The second half saw Sarsfields resuming with three substitutes in place. However, progress was slow and with a quarter of an hour to go it was 3-16 to 1-10. Ten minutes later Sarsfields were only a point better off. However, the concluding minutes brought an amazing rally which almost saved the day. Sarsfields outscored Toome in that spell by 2-2 to 0-2 and almost achieved the comeback of all time. When it ended, Toomevara had regained the title and Sarsfields had lost their fourth consecutive final. They had the minor consolation of registering the highest score by a losing team in a Tipp Co. Final and the irony was the score would have won most of the finals in the history of the competition! Toomevara had a good spread of scoring with their two midfielders and all six forwards making the score sheet. The 'Man of the Match' award went to Ken Dunne.

Toomevara: J. Cottrell, Benny Dunne, G. Friend, P. Shanahan, B. Duff, T. Delaney, D. Young, Terry Dunne (0-3), K. Dunne (0-6 frees), P. O'Brien (1-1), E. Brislane (0-3), J. O'Brien (0-2), M. Bevans (1-3, Capt.), Thomas Dunne (1-0), W. Ryan (0-1). Sub. J. Boland for B. Duff (46m).

Thurles Sarsfields: P. McCormack, B. O'Grady, T. Maher (Capt.), T. Connolly, B. O'Sullivan, E. Enright (0-1), L. Shanahan, S. Mason, W. Cully (0-3), J. Enright (0-6, 4f), G. O'Grady (0-2), T. Ruth (0-3), L. Corbett (2-1), E. Costello, S. Ryan. Subs. B. Carroll for S. Mason, S.O'Shea for A. Connolly, R. Ruth (1-0) for S. Ryan all ht, E. Walshe for E. Costello (49m).

Referee S Roche (Kilsheelan).

ON THE THRESHOLD

When Toomevara defeated Thurles Sarsfields in the high scoring 2003 final, their captain was Michael Bevans, who also leads the team today. If Toomevara are victorious he will join Thomas Dunne (1999 and 2006) as the only Greyhounds' captains to have been presented with the Dan Breen Cup on two occasions.

A DECADE AGO

Ten years ago Toomevara reclaimed the county title which had eluded them for the previous three seasons. They defeated the defending champions Clonoulty/Rossmore by three points in an entertaining final. The winning captain was Philip Shanahan, who has been coaching the Roscrea senior team in recent years.

HIGH SCORING FINAL

The highest scoring decider in the past twenty five years was the 2003 clash of Toomevara 3-19 and Thurles Sarsfields 3-16.

final, between Loughmore Castleiney 1-6 and Borrisleigh 0-9.

NO GOALS

The 2007 Co. final, in which Loughmore/Castleiney beat Drom/Inch by 0-22 to 0-13 was the last decider that failed to produce a goal.

LOW SCORING FINAL

The lowest in the past twenty five years was the 1988 drawn

ANSWERS TO "TIPPERARY QUIZ" ON PAGE 57

ACROSS – 5: Liam Cahill; 11: Seamus Callinan; 12: Loughmore; 14: Michael Cleary; 18: Skill; 19: Jimmy Doyle; 20: Dundon; 22: Rubber Man; 25: Mullinahone; 26: Cashel; 27: Dan Breen; 28: Declan Ryan; 29: Drom and Inch. **DOWN** – 1: Killenaule; 2: Thatch; 3: Clonoulty; 4: Castleiney; 6: Twenty nine; 7: Roscrea; 8: Wedger; 9: Jim Corbett; 10: Jody Grace; 13: Matt Hassett; 15: Kildangan; 16: Dunne; 17: Rossmore; 21: Greyhound; 23: Bourke; 24: Twenty.

Éacht

TA SÉ ag druidim le dhá scór bliain anois agus is iomaí cor agus casadh ar bhealach na hiomanaíochta i dTiobraid Árann ó shin. Ó 1955 go 1974 b'iad Tuaim Uí Mheadhra Teampall Tuaithe an dá chlub tuaithe amháin a leag lámh ar Dan Breen. Seasann lá na cinniúna sin i 1971 mar lóchrann i saol agus meon an phobail i gceartlár Thiobraid Árann.

Ag an am bhí formhór na ndaoine ag obair ar an bportach, ag feirmeoireacht nó sa mhonarca siúicre, áiteanna a raibh caidreamh is comhlúadar is síor chaint ar fhóirne agus imreoirí ó mhaidín go hoíche. Níor thuig daoine cé chomh maith is a bhí na himreoirí féin.

D'imir Tom Fogarty ar fhoireann mionúir an chontae i 1969, Jim Fogarty, Michael Coen, Martin Esmond ar fhoireann an chontae faoi 21 agus bhí bonn uile Éireann idirmhéanach ag Bill Grady. Ina theannta sin riaradh agus tógadh an fhoireann ar scéalta agus mianta Billy Sweeney agus na mílte tráthnóntaí taithí sa pháirc mhór leathan sin a d'imigh le fána i Teampall Tuaithe. Diaidh ar ndiaidh d'fhás an tuairim i ndeireadh na seascaidí go raibh an fhoireann ar chomhchéim le fóirne cáiliúla eile mórthimpeall ar chontae.

Nuair a sheas siad sa sportsfield in 1971 bhíodar réidh. Ó thaobh stíle de ní raibh friotal ar bith ach leanúint go gear leis an imirt. Lascadh an sliotar ó cheann ceann na páirce. Ba chuma leo pian ná gortú. Ghlac siad le buille agus leanadar ar aghaidh. Níor thugadar le rá gur fhan siad ar an talamh. Chomh maith le ard smacht ar an sliotar bhí téagar san imirt – a leithéid de Big Bill Grady, neart agus misneach aige, is beag

duine a sheas sa bhealach air. Rud eile a chuir go mór leo ná an fuath a cothaíodh idir lucht na tuaithe agus lucht bhaile mhóir a shíolraigh i bhfad siar. Ba mhinic é chomh teasaí ar an taobh line is a bhí ar pháirc an chatha. Ar ndóigh an lá dar gcionn ba chairde arís na comharsain ag buaileadh le chéile ag an uachtarlann nó siopa an bhearbóra nó pé áit. Is mór liom féin fós an cairdeas a bunaíodh idir imreoirí na linne sin agus a leanann leis na blianta.

An cuimhne is mó ná imirt órga agus imreoirí snasta. Michael Coen, tanaí folt dubh, sár aiclí – Jim Fogarty, breis is sé troithe

ar airde, fionn, láidir le lámha iontacha. Ba All Star é timpeall an ama sin – Paddy Sweeney a bhuaigh na mílte bonn faoi aois – Tom Fogarty sa chúinne agus Willie ar an gdiathán teaghlaigh le gaolta mórthimpeall na páirce. An fear a bhris a gcroíthe ná Martin Troy nuair a rinne sé mar ba dhual do fear ó Mhaiglean agus lasc sé go fíochmhar ar liathróid thart fan daichead agus bhí sé sáite san eangach sular bhog an cúlbaire a shúil fiú.

Is sinn ag tréaslú leis an bhfoireann iontach seo inniu ardaítear an sain – cheist arís faoi stair agus todhchaí an phobail bhig tuaithe. Le déantús ag tráth agus an taobh tíre bánaithe cad atá i ndán dóibh? Glac uaimse é – ma tá dushlán i gceist, beidh Maighean Teampall Tuaithe i lár an aonaigh mar a bhí cothrom an lae seo seacht mbliana is triocho ó shin nuair a fuair siad an lámh in uachtar ar an bhfoireann iontach sin ó Ros Cré agus las na tinte cnámh ar fud an pharóiste.

Séamus Ó Duagáin

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THURLES SARSFIELDS – Tipperary County Champions 1958



Thurles Sarsfields 4-11, Toomevara 3-3 – played in Nenagh.

Back row (l.-r.): Tommy Butler, John Lanigan, Noel Murphy, Micheál McElgunn, Tommy Semple, Larry Keane, Seán McLoughlin, Michael Craddock, Gerry McEntee, Benny Maher, Richard Tynan, Jerry Doyle, Mickey Byrne, Michael Callanan. **Front row (l.-r.):** Eddie Gleeson, Tommy Barrett, Patsy Dorney, Musha Maher, Tony Wall (captain), Jimmy Doyle, Michael 'Blackie' Keane, Bobby Mockler, Jimmy O'Brien, Joss Connors.