

Co. Tipperary Senior Hurling Final  
Match Programme  
1988 Replay



Ath-Imirt  
Cluiche Cheannais  
Iomána

**CHONTAE  
TIOBRAID  
ÁRANN**

*Stáid Semp*

*8ú Deire Fomhair,  
1988*

**BUIRÍOS-ÚÍ LÍOCH v. LUACH MAGH-CAISLEÁN AOIBHNE**  
(Borris-Ileigh) (Loughmore-Castleiney)

*Réiteoir:*

**LIAM Ó BARÓID**

(Willie Barret) *Ardfínnan*

**CLÁR OIFIGIÚIL**

**Tomás Ó Baróid**

*Runaí*

**LUACH:**

**50p**



# Fáilte ar ais go Stáid Semple



**F**EARAM fáilte ar ais romhaibh go léir inniu go Stáid Semple do cluiche ath-imirt idir Buiríos Uí Lioch agus Luach Magh an Chaisleain Aoibhne. Ar an gcéad dul síos ba mhaith liom buíochas agus comhdháirdeachais a gabháil le fóirne mionúir Caiseal agus Ros Cré as ucht an cluiche breá sportúil a d'imir siad an Domhnach seo chaite. Tá an-shuim sa chluiche sinsear inniu agus tá súil agam go mbeidh sór-chluiche againn agus uí déigh liom go mbeidh díomá oraibh.

*Now that the inevitable post mortems have ended we return again to Semple Stadium to watch Borris-Ileigh and Loughmore once again tussle for county supremacy. Today is unique not for the fact that this is only the eight occasion that a county final had to be replayed but also that this is probably the first occasion that a county final was played on a Saturday. The consensus of those present last Sunday agreed that a draw was the fairest result and both teams deserved to fight another day.*

*We look forward to a great game and we wish both teams well and to the winners, whoever they may be, we hope they will help to restore this premier county of ours to its former place of hurling glory.*

**N. Ó Muiris**  
Noel Morris  
Cathaoirleach  
Coisde Chontae

## NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE FIXTURES

30/10/88: Portláirge v Tiobraid Árann  
6/11/88: Tiobraid Árann v Uíbh Fháilí \*  
13/11/88: Tiobraid Árann v Loch Garman \*  
27/11/88: Luimneach v Tiobraid Árann  
19/2/89: Tiobraid Árann v Aontroim

5/3/89: Gaillimh v Tiobraid Árann  
12/3/89: Tiobraid Árann v Cill Chainnigh

\* Tipperary v Offaly — Venue Thurles.

\* Tipperary v Wexford — Venue Thurles.

# ***What they said . . .***

"I was disappointed with the standard of hurling in the drawn game and while conditions were very poor I didn't think it would effect the game as it would appear to have done. While Borris-Ileigh played well I do not think they are as good as the team of '86. At half time I felt Loughmore would sway the game their way as they tend to finish very strongly but on this occasion it was Borris-Ileigh who finished the stronger, coming from behind to equalise. For this reason alone I think Borris will win the replay".

***Paddy Kenny***

Manager — Holycross-Ballycahill

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"I was very disappointed with the standard of hurling but I must admit the day was not suitable with the pitch heavy and treacherous. I felt both teams had chances to win but lost these at crucial stages. I thought Borris-Ileigh lost out in the forward line, they tended to overcarry the ball and a lot of their short hand-passing went astray. I think it a pity that Loughmore cannot afford to accommodate Pat McGrath in the forward line, where he would be used to more advantage and would be more likely to get vital scores. All in all it was a fitting result on the day".

***Mickey Byrne***

Thurles Sarsfields

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"Everyone I've spoken to seems to think it was a poor game. I thought it was a good game and I certainly was happy with the outcome. Borris-Ileigh should have won, they had two golden chances towards the end, with first Noel O'Dwyer and then Aidan Ryan missing what I thought were easy chances. I believe that this game has done our players a power of good, they now have more belief in themselves and are confident of beating Borris-Ileigh. If we are to beat Borris, we need to break even at midfield and improve immensely in the forward line. I am certainly looking forward to the replay".

***Jack Walsh***

Loughmore Coach

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"The general feeling of the public was that it was not a good game. I would be inclined to agree as I feel it was too keenly contested. This can be expected when you have two neighbouring parishes in opposition even though they are from different divisions. I also felt that conditions did not contribute to good open hurling. From a Borris point of view I will be impressing on them to relax more, I thought the team was over anxious and were struggling to get things going. I expect the replay to be as keenly contested.

***Paddy Doyle***

Borris-Ileigh Coach

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## **NOTICE**

Copies of last week's Programme are available from Programme Sellers.

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# BUIRÍOS-UÍ LÍOCH

## (Borris-Ileigh)

Dathanna: **Marúin is Bán** (Maroon and White)

(1)

N. Ó Meachair  
**NOELIE MAHER**

(2)

B. Ó Cionaith  
**BRIAN KENNY**

(3)

T. de Stábaltún  
**TIMMY STAPLETON**

(4)

M. Ó Riain  
**MICK RYAN**

(5)

R. Ó Riain (Capt.)  
**BOBBY RYAN**

(6)

G. de Stábaltún  
**GERRY STAPLETON**

(7)

R. Ó Staicliúm  
**RICHARD STAKELUM**

(8)

P. Ó Riain  
**PAT RYAN (F)**

(9)

T. Ó Riain  
**TIMMY RYAN**

(10)

C. Ó Staicliúm  
**CONOR STAKELUM**

(11)

P. Ó Cionaith  
**PHILIP KENNY**

(12)

S. Mac Craith  
**JOHN McGRATH**

(13)

S. Ó Duibheannaigh  
**SEAMUS DEVANEY**

(14)

A. Ó Riain  
**AIDAN RYAN**

(15)

N. Ó Duibhir  
**NOEL O'DWYER**

**FIR IONAIÐ:** (16) S. Ó Meachair (**Joe Maher**); (17) S. Ó Glaisín (**John Glasheen**); (18) S. Ó Riain (**John Ryan**); (19) C. Réid (**Christy Reid**); (20) P. Ó Dulánaigh (**Philip Delaney**); (21) S. Ó Lachtnáin (**Joe Loughnane**); (22) S. Ó Meachair (**John Joe Maher**); (23) P. Ó Dubhlain (**Francis Doolan**).

**Selectors:** T. Ó Duibhir (Tommy Dwyer), B. Ó Cionaith (Brendan Kenny), M. Ó Comhdhain (Mick Coen).  
**Coach:** P. Ó Dubhail (Paddy Doyle). **Masseur:** N. Ó Duibhir (Niall O'Dwyer).

| BORRIS-ILEIGH | Cúil | Cúilíní | Seachai | 65m | Saor Pocanna |
|---------------|------|---------|---------|-----|--------------|
| 1 adh Leath   |      |         |         |     |              |
| 2 adh Leath   |      |         |         |     |              |
| Iomlán        |      |         |         |     |              |

# LUACH MAGH-CAISLEÁN AOIBHNE

## (Loughmore-Castleiney)

Dathanna: **Uaithne is Dearg** (Green and Red)

(1)

P. Mac Craith  
**FRANKIE McGRATH**

(2)

P. Ó Cormaic  
**PAT CORMACK**

(3)

P. Ó Braonáin  
**PETER BRENNAN**

(4)

E. Ó Braonáin  
**EAMON BRENNAN**

(5)

P. Mac Craith  
**PAT McGRATH**

(6)

S. Ó Meachair  
**JIM MAHER**

(7)

E. Mac Suibhne (Capt.)  
**EAMON SWEENEY**

(8)

E. Ó Riain  
**NED RYAN**

(9)

T. Mac Craith  
**TOM McGRATH**

(10)

L. Ó Cormaic  
**LIAM CORMACK**

(11)

S. Ó Cormaic  
**JOHN CORMACK**

(12)

P. Ó Treasaigh  
**PAT TREACY**

(13)

M. Mac Craith  
**MICHAEL McGRATH**

(14)

S. Ó Treasaigh  
**JOHN TREACY**

(15)

S. Ó Bohan  
**SEAMUS BOHANE**

**FIR IONAIÐ:** (16) T. Ó Lorcáin (**Tom Larkin**); (17) M. Ó Meachair (**Martin Meagher**); (18) D. Ó Ciolaigh (**Dinny Kiely**); (19) T. Ó Gliasáin (**Timmy Gleeson**); (20) S. Ó Nualláin (**Jimmy Nolan**); (21) S. Ó Cinnéide (**John Kennedy**); (22) T. Mac Craith (**Tom McGrath**); (23) S. Ó Meachair (**Stephen Maher**); (24) S. Ó Mocléir (**John Mockler**); (25) P. Ó Gliasáin (**Pat Gleeson**); (26) P. Ó Muiris (**Phil Morris**); (27) M. Mac Craith (**Mick McGrath**); (28) D. Mac Craith (**Denis McGrath**); (29) T. Ó Cuilinn (**Tim Cullen**).

**Selectors:** P. Ó Cuilinn (Pat Cullen), S. Ó Gradaigh (Joe O'Grady), M. Mac Craith (Mick McGrath), T. Ó hAogáin (Tommy Egan); **Coach:** S. Ó Breathnach (Jack Walshe); **Masseur:** P. Ó Floinn (Pat Flynn).

| Luach Magh-Caisleán Aoibhne | Cúil | Cúilíní | Seachai | 65m | Saor Pocanna |
|-----------------------------|------|---------|---------|-----|--------------|
| 1 adh Leath                 |      |         |         |     |              |
| 2 adh Leath                 |      |         |         |     |              |
| lomlán                      |      |         |         |     |              |

# ***Eighth Co. Final Replay***

**T**ODAY'S game is the eight replay of the county senior hurling final according to the official records. It should be the ninth but way back in 1897, after Suir View drew with Horse and Jockey, the game was not replayed, but the title was awarded to Suir View.

Borris-Ileagh were involved in a replay in 1977 when they drew with Kilruane MacDonagh 2-8 to 1-1 initially, but in the replay, Kilruane MacDonagh came out on top to win their first county final by 1-5 to 0-5.

The last county senior hurling final to be drawn was the 1982 decider between Roscrea and Moycarkey-Borris, which ended with a Moycarkey 3-9 to Roscrea 1-15 scoreline. A week later Moycarkey won their first county final for forty-two years by 2-12 to 0-11.

Kilruane also figured in a drawn final in 1975 when Moneygall were their opponents and they each registered 3-5. Two weeks later the bonfires blazed in Moneygall as they recorded their first county senior victory by resoundingly defeating their opponents on a 3-13 to 0-5 scoreline.

Thurles Sarsfields won the last of their great ten titles in an eleven years sequence in 1965 by defeating Carrick Davins who

were then "on the way up", but first the sides played a closely fought draw in Clonmel. Incidentally, Paddy Doyle and Jimmy Doyle, who today are on opposite sides in the coaching scene, were members of that victorious Thurles Sarsfields team.

Sarsfields were also involved in a replay in 1945 when they eventually overcame Roscrea, having been lucky to secure a draw in the first meeting at Nenagh.

In 1930 Toomevara and Boherlahan figured in a drawn county final but in the replay Toomevara emerged convincing 4-1 to 1-0 winners.

Of course Loughmore-Castleiney are no strangers to replays and have figured in a few in recent times, but these were in football rather than hurling. Loughmore won the county football final last year having drawn with Clonmel Commercials initially. They also figured in a drawn county football final in '85 but this time the replay went against them, Arravale Rovers coming out on top. In '83 Loughmore triumphed when beating Fethard in a replay and again in '77 they won a replayed county senior football final by defeating Galtee Rovers.

Such a record in replayed county finals should give Loughmore-Castleiney great heart for today's encounter.

## **Paths to the Final**

### **Loughmore-Castleiney**

Loughmore 2-15 Drom-Inch 4-9  
Loughmore 1-14 Drom-Inch 3-3 (replay)  
Loughmore 1-18 Sarsfields 2-6  
Loughmore 3-9 Holycross 0-15 (Mid-Final)

### **Borris-Ileagh**

Borris-Ileagh 1-6 Lorrha 2-12  
Borris-Ileagh 3-13 Borrisokane 1-13  
Borris-Ileagh 1-16 Éire Óg (Nenagh) 1-12  
Borris-Ileagh 2-14 Kilruane MacDonagh 3-8  
Borris-Ileagh 3-9 Roscrea 2-7 (N. Final)  
Borris-Ileagh 1-10 Holycross 1-9  
Borris-Ileagh 3-8 Cashesel 2-6

# Sarsfields' 26th title and 10th in 11 years

## Carrick never hit best form in county final

**Thurles Sarsfields** ..... 3-11  
**Carrick Davins** ..... 2-7

After all the excitement and drama of the drawn game at Clonmel, the replay of the county senior hurling final between Thurles Sarsfields and Carrick Davins at Cashel was by comparison, a subdued affair, with the holders, Sarsfields, jogging home worthy and undisputed winners by seven points. An effective rather than brilliant display gave Sarsfields their 26th county title, their 10th in 11 years and their 5th in a row. The attendance numbered 12,000 (gate receipts £1,799).

Following Sarsfields' narrow escape at Clonmel, popular opinion favoured Carrick men to topple the Thurles club from their lofty perch as kingpins of the county hurling scene for over a decade, and in the process register their first success in the championship. On Sunday, however, apart from the opening quarter, and the closing minutes, they never matched the champions in either teamwork or ability, and while Thurles were by no means great, they still carried too much power for the southerners.

During the opening half hour, Carrick, through the free-taking of Roche, kept well in touch, but a rather soft goal by Paddy Doyle for Sarsfields, in the 22nd minute, was a crippling blow from which the losers never quite recovered. Added to that was the fact that at least three scores went abegging on the Carrick boys in this half. These factors combined to take a good deal of the sting out of the losers' play, and to give Sarsfields an initiative they never afterwards lost.

However, the worst was yet to come as far as Carrick was concerned. In the third minute after the resumption Con Broderick was on the spot to finish to the net Roche's long lob,

bringing Carrick right into the picture once more and leaving only a point between the teams on the score 1-6 to 1-5 for Sarsfields. The prospects of a great second half were bright, but Jimmy Doyle put the finishing touch to Carrick's challenge, when one minute later, he blasted a 21 yard free off a defender into the net.

Broderick's goal never had a chance to give Carrick the boost they so badly needed, while Doyle's reciprocation sent Sarsfields marching to victory and though their scores did not come very rapidly, they came surely, and in sufficient number to leave the champions with enough in hand to tide them over a late Carrick rally that in different circumstances might have been more menacing.

On the centrefield struggle hung the balance of play and in this respect Davins might be said to have had all their eggs in the one basket, as with Roche and P. J. Ryan being more than curbed by Walsh and M. Dorney, they had nothing else with which to upset the winners. Sarsfields on the other hand, never gave an inch in defence and their forwards, despite at least one glaring miss, amassed a match winning tally without apparent exertion.

**Sarsfields:** M. Keane; M. McElgun, M. Byrne, B. Maher, N. Murphy, A. Wall; M. Dowd; M. Dorney, T. Walsh; J. Doyle, T. Kelly, P. Doyle; P. Dorney, S. McLoughlin, P. Butler. **Subs:** T. J. Semple for Butler; K. Houlihan for M. Dorney.

**Carrick:** E. Ryan; N. Walsh, T. Arrigan, J. Roche; T. Waters, R. Walsh, P. Arrigan; P. J. Ryan, M. Roche; N. Grace, J. Ryan, J. Walsh; T. Murphy, C. Broderick, T. Ryan. **Subs:** R. Ryan for R. Walsh; R. Walsh for N. Grace.

*Referee:* Mr. P. Ryan, Borrisoleigh.



*Gerry Stapleton (B) clears once again.*



*Conor Stakelum (B) seems to be "blowing" the ball away from Jim Maher (L)*



*Pat Ryan (B) fails to block Pat Treacy's (L) attempt for a point.*



*Not this time Aidan . . . Aidan Ryan (B) and Eamon Brennan (L) in the drawn game.*