

Co. Tipperary Senior Hurling Final
Match Programme
1981

Cluichí
Ceannais
Iomána
Thiobraid
Árann



Stáid Sempie
Dúrlas Éile
25
Deire Fómhair
1981



*Tomás Ó Baoith,
Ráinín.*

Clár Oifigiúil
Luach 35p

CLAR AN LAE

Cluichí Ceannais Iomána Thiobraid Arann

Mionúir 2.00 i.n.

Cluain an Ultaigh—Ros Mór

v

Tuaim Uí Mheára

Moltóir: Donal O Gormáin (Na Sáirséalaigh Dúrlas)

Sinsir 3.15 i.n.

Ros Cré

v

Buirfos Uí Luigheach

Moltóir— Liam O Cearúil (Naomh Muire, Cluain Meala)

The Hurley Player

By W. M. Letts

"When you are old" she said "Grown old and grey . . ."

I laughed to hear her say it, till the cold,
Strange thought came afterwards: You will
be old

Sometime and give your hurley stick away
For someone else to play.

It seemed a foolish word, yet she spoke true,
That you must be like other men and trail
Your dragging feet and tell a twice-told tale,
Rubbing dry wrinkled hands as old men do—
And yet it will be you.

Young men will praise new heroes of the game,
This one's endurance, that one's flying feet.
How will they know how strong you were and
fleet—

You who were once a storm-wind and a flame?
They will forget your name.

They will not dream, the careless and uncouth,
That you who wag an old man's tedious tongue
Were once a splendour, tawny-haired and
young.

But I shall laugh at them who doubt the truth
Of your immortal youth.

Fáilte agus Focal

Cuirim fáilte romhaibh go léir do's na cluichí inniu agus sé mo guidhe go mheidh cluichí sportiúla againn.

Our underage teams have been doing us proud at Inter-county level within recent years and our participants in to-days Minor final have players of outstanding ability who are capable of carving a name for themselves amongst the great names of Tipperary hurlers.

Our senior hurlers have not been enjoying a place in the sun recently. Our followers are hungry for inter-county success. From my association with Tipperary hurlers over a long period I would say that our players of today are as keen as any for success. They need just one Championship win. May today's senior final and its participating players be a sure indication of this long awaited success.



I thank all those who have contributed to making this final possible.

Beannacht Dé oraibh go léir.

M. O'Meara

Cathaoirleach Coiste Contae

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Finally a word of thanks to the members of the Communications Committee: John Lanigan, Timmy Grace, Conor O'Dwyer, Jimmy Duggan, Bro. Keane, Eugene Sheehan and Tomas O Baroid.

Beir Bua,

Liam O'Donnell

Programme Editor

Amhrán na bhFiann

Sinne Fianna Fáil,
Atá faoi gheall ag Eirinn,
Buíonn dár slua
Thar tionn do ráinig chugainn,
Faoi mhóid bheith saor,
Seantír ár sinsear feasta,
Ní fhágfar faoin tiorán ná faoin tráil
Anoch a théam sa bhearna bhaoil,
Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis no saoil,
Le gunna-scréach faoi lámhach na bpiléar
Seo libh, canaig Amhrán na bhFiann.

COVER PHOTO—Action from 1981 North Final
between Roscrea and Borris-Ileigh
—Nenagh Guardian.

Best wishes to the Roscrea Team in today's Game

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TIOBRAID ÁRANN ABÚ

All-Ireland Under 21 Champions 1981



Back row (left to right): D. Hayes, A. Buckley, P. McGrath, J. Maher, I. Conroy, P. Maher, J. McIntre, C. Maher, D. O'Connell, J. Farrell, B. Ryan, M. McGrath, B. Heffernan.

Front row (left to right): J. Sullivan, N. Byrne, J. Butler, P. Brennan, P. Fox, P. Kennedy, M. Ryan, N. English, A. Kinsela, G. O'Neill, S. Moran.

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Torthaí — Results — Torthaí — Results

Senior Hurling Quarter Finals

Holycross Ballycahill 4-10;	St Marys 0-14
Moycarkey Borris 4-14;	Carrick Swans 1-16
Roscrea 1-12;	Cashel 2-8
Borrisoleigh 2-19;	Eire Og 1-7

Semi Finals

Borrisoleigh 1-15;	Moycarkey Borris 3-8
Roscrea 2-9;	Holycross Ballycahill 3-6

Replay

Roscrea 1-15;	Holycross Ballycahill 2-6
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Final

Roscrea	Borrisoleigh
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Minor Hurling Semi Finals

Clonoulty Rossmore 3-9	Moycarkey 0-2
Toomevara 1-6;	Carrick Swans 0-4

Final

Clonoulty Rossmore	Toomevara
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 P. Fleming, P. Ryan, J. Doyle.
 Back: Phil Purcell, S. Kenny, J. Kennedy, Jn Walsh, Jn Hough, T. Kevin, T. Ryan, Dick Blake,
 T. Reddan, S. Maher, P. Shanahan, T. Brennan, C. Keane, Rev. J. Ryan, John Doyle, J. J. Hayes

20 YEARS AGO— TIOBRAID ARANN 1961— All-Ireland Champions



Front row: S. McLoughlin, J. Doyle, D. Nealon, D. O'Brien, M. Hassett (Capt),
 B. McLoughney, J. McKenna, T. English, T. Ryan, R. Mounsey.
 Back row: M. O'Gara, T. Wall, T. Moloughney, K. Carey, L. Devanney, M. Maher, J. Doyle,
 M. Burns, L. Connolly, J. Hough, P. Ryan.

10 YEARS AGO— TIOBRAID ARANN 1971 ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONS



Tipperary— All Ireland Champions 1971

Back row, left to right: Michael (Babs) Keating, Roger Ryan, John Flanagan, Liam King, John Kelly, Seamus Hogan, Mick Roche, Noel O'Dwyer.

Front row: John Gleeson, Francis Loughnane, Dinny Ryan, Tadhg O'Connor (Capt) Len Gaynor, P. J. Ryan, Peter O'Sullivan.

Best wishes to Borrisoleigh and Roscrea on County Final Day

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ROSCREA HURLING CLUB— A SHORT HISTORY

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

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

Defeat was their lot again in 1954 against Holycross-Ballycahill as it was in 1963 against Sarsfields and in 1967 against Carrick Davins.

In 1968 they won their first County Title when they defeated Sarsfields and they held the title for the following two years, 1972 saw them regain the Dan Breen Cup after losing the previous years final to Moyne-Templetuohy. In 1973 they defeated Kilruane MacDonagh in the final. Last year they again captured the coveted title following a thrilling final with the then reigning champions Kilruane MacDonagh. So today Roscrea are bidding for their seventh title.

The period 1968 to 1973 has been Roscrea's greatest when they contested seven Senior County finals in a row.

Roscrea has also won the North Senior Hurling Championship on 15 occasions.

We should not forget their memorable victory in the All-Ireland Club Championship of 1971.

Sunday 1st June last year was another milestone in the history of the G.A.A. in Roscrea because on that day the President of the GAA Padraig MacFloinn opened the new social centre at St Cronan's Park. This complex—costing almost £90,000 is one of the best of its kind in the country.

Roscrea GAA Club Officers, 1981

President: Jack Moloney. Vice President: J. J. Maher; Chairman: Wl. O'Reilly; Vice-Chairman: Ed. Treacy; Secretary: Ml Minogue; Assistant Secretary: Kieran McDonnell; Treasurer: Murt Deane; PRO: Ciaran McNicholas; Committee: Ml Nolan, Jack Pyne, Berty Fitzpatrick, Joe Spooner, Jim Brady, Tadhg O'Connor.

Selectors: Wl O'Reilly, Donie Moloney, Mick Minogue.

Captain: Roger Ryan.



MARCHING TO COUNTY HONOURS 1968—

J. Dillon (capt.), P. Rowland, M. Hogan, M. Nolan, B. Hogan, F. Loughnane, B. Maher, T. O'Connor, J. Hannon, K. Carey, M. Minogue, H. Loughnane, L. Brussels, T. Murphy and (hidden) Joe Tynan.



THE YEAR OF THE DISABLED



Hasn't it been a wonderful year for hurling. Here at Semple Stadium we have been treated to some excellent fare. Thousands of pairs of feet have tramped the dusty surrounds of the stadium; thousands have thronged the stands and terraces. The crowd stood mute as the Clare corner forward stunned Waterford with a last minute goal, a packed stadium rose as one man to acclaim a half hour of traditional Tipperary hurling, a baying crowd welcomed the resurgence of Clare as a seemingly eternal Cork bowed at last to youth and fiery determination. In a never to be forgotten final the skill and athleticism of Limerick were well matched by a dogged will to win that finally overcame a gallant Clare side.

Yes! for your ordinary man in the street the stadium this summer has left him emotionally and physically drained. He has squeezed through the clocking turnstiles and ascended the steps to gaze on the bright green carpet. He has keenly observed the nimbleness of goalkeepers and the solid strength of corner backs. He has leaped into the air with fists clenched, his elbows have dug into his companion's side as he simulated his teams struggles. Turning to argue toe toss with a hostile supporter three rows back he has doggedly pointed out the foul the referee never saw or the line ball that was never out. At the end of the game he has collapsed on his seat before trundling down the self same steps to greet his heroes as they emerge from the dressing rooms. And then the slow meander over the bridge and down into the square to greet old friends and engage in friendly banter before making his way homeward at the end of a perfect day.

Wasn't it all so wonderful! Don't ask me—ask that man inside the main gate of the Kinane Stand or that other lady tucked away in a Killinan corner. Not for them the endless tramping, not for them the wild leaping and raucous cry, not for them the crushed winding on the concrete stairs. They cannot turn to answer a desultory remark, they cannot raise their county's colours on high or jump for joy as the ball runs round the net. They sometimes cannot even grip the handles of their wheelchair as the milling thousands dance in ecstasy.

In this their special year let us think of them and ask, do we serve their interests as well as we might, not only in Semple Stadium but in all those well appointed club fields throughout the county. Those clicking turnstiles are translated into club development projects in well nigh every parish. As we plan our programme with an eye on 1984 let us build in at this vital planning stage the basic facilities necessary to ensure that our handicapped spectators are given every opportunity to enjoy our games. Semple Stadium itself is good example of what

is possible. The field is easily accessible from both sides by way of gentle inclines. In the new stand specially designed toilets are provided to cater for the handicapped. The attitudes of the hard pressed stewards and their concern for the handicapped has been admirable.

In every projected club development the advice of the local rehabilitation committee should be sought on the type of design best suited to a particular project. Very often we are determined to have the architect, surveyor, accountant on our development committee—might there not be a similar place for a representative of the handicapped. It is important that the position of the handicapped person be considered in its total context. We may provide the most suitable facilities within the development and neglect the important aspect of parking adjacent to the field on match days. Sloping ramps often end in a small flight of steps. Toilets are often provided without a thought being given to their use by the handicapped. In early summer or late autumn the grass margin of the pitch can become a sea of mud. Surely its not too difficult to provide a concrete or tarmacadam strip to cater for wheelchairs.

Almost every club in the county has its big match day sometime during the year, be it a mid junior final or a west u-21 final. A tremendous local effort is put into the presentation and grooming of a pitch on such an occasion and on the day the local committee feel justifiably proud of their achievement. Might I suggest that in the coming years the club might compile a register of local handicapped people and appoint an officer with sole responsibility for ensuring their transport to the field, their comfort within the venue and their availing of all the facilities on the day. Players too although totally immersed in the main business of the afternoon, should find time to greet and shake hands with the men and women confined to wheelchairs who cannot push their way into crowded dressing rooms at the end of a game.

The designation of this year as one particularly set aside for examining the role of disabled people in our everyday lives was a worthwhile and creditable venture. Its success will be judged on the changes of attitude towards handicapped people it managed to bring about. In our own association should an awareness of these specific problems become general, and I assume that it will, then the handicapped will be seen in larger numbers and in greater comfort in all our fields throughout the county. Tá súil agam go mbeidh toradh fóna ar obair na bliana seo.

James Duggan

BORRISOLEIGH IN THE COUNTY FINAL

It's County Final Day— 1981, and the sleepy little midland hamlet of Borrisoleigh has come alive. All roads lead to Thurles and why wouldn't they— Borris are in the Co. final.

Twenty eight years is a long time; and the loyal supporters are starved for victory. Today we see in the faces of young and old, the strength of a parish hurling tradition as the famed Semple Stadium hosts the peoples of Borrisoleigh and their noble rivals Roscrea. This event, comes around once a year; the battle for Tipperary's highest hurling honours, and men, women and children have followed their heroes to Thurles with hope and trust in their hearts.

"We should do it", neighbour confides in neighbour, as the most suitable vantage point for viewing the 'clash' is sought. "Begor, this is our year" is the catch phrase of an ever faithful and ever hopeful people, who hold hurling values higher than any parish in this county.

On reaching today's Co. final this present Borris squad threads along that same path as former stalwarts from the parish. Borrisoleigh's first Co. Title came in 1949 when the Club was in the Mid Division. In that year they mastered Holycross and Boherlahan in games, the recollection of which causes a quickening of the pulse, for many who recall them here today. The following year 1950, as North Division representatives, they overcame Thurles Sarsfields in the Semi-final, and exacted sweet revenge for their 1947 defeat by beating Carrick Swans in the Co. final. The following two years were marred by defeat, but in 1953 Borris were back, and Boherlahan bowed before them in front of a record crowd in one of Tipperary's greatest Co. finals.

In Borris they are very proud of the fact that in each of the three years 1949, 1950 and 1953 a new crowd record was set up for the Co. final; an indication of the colour and spectacular uniqueness that is associated with this famous club.

During those 'great years' the village gave to the county Paddy and Sean Kenny, Ned and Tim Ryan, Philly Ryan, Jimmy Finn and Liam Devaney. When one recalls the feats of these men it is easy to understand why Borris has won such a warm place in the hearts of their followers.

Today's team are a good team— most of its members having worn the Co. colours. The County honours have eluded them however, but a strange aura of hope and confidence surrounds the throngs of Borris people this year; and after 28 years Rathmoy Bridge awaits patiently that triumphant crossing of hurlers, supporters and Co. final trophy in that much awaited victory parade.

Timmy Delaney

Borris-Ileigh GAA Club Officers, 1981

Joint Presidents: P. J. Finn, Jas Devaney

Chairman: Tom Tierney.

Vice-Chairman: Martin Ryan.

Hon. Secretary: Pat Kavanagh.

Treasurer: Michael Delaney.

PRO: W. Ryan (Murray).

Committee: T. Delaney, M. Coen, T. Dwyer,

Tom Ryan, Pakie Stapleton, Timmy Stapleton,

M. O'Connell, Philly Ryan, Liam Devaney,

Tim Ryan.

Selectors: Philly Ryan, Timothy Ryan, Liam Devaney.

Trainer: T. Tierney.



Borrisoleigh County Champions 1949

The Motivator

Br. S. O Páircín

The father of modern coaching is Tony Wall whose book "Hurling" I read and re-read every year. Before that we heard of the great leadership qualities of Mikey Maher "the fair-haired giant of Tobberadora", Johnny Leahy, "Wedger" Maher and of course the great Tommy Semple whose discipline and leadership made the Thurles Blues a team to be respected and admired not only because of their controlled hurling but also on account of their gentlemanly behaviour. As captain and coach he looked for the three Ds—Dedication, Determination and Discipline and got the response from his team and those connected with it.

Nowadays the captain of a team has not as important a role to play. The coach or trainer of the team is the important person, as Fr Tommy Maher, Dermot Healy, Mick Leahy, Noel Dromgoole, Mick O'Dwyer, Kevin Heffernan, Br. O'Grady and Mick Minogue who has put such team-spirit into the u-21s.

Dermot Healy, the Offaly County Hurling coach says "I think coaching is all about motivation and psychology". Dermot was coaching the St Kieran's Kilkenny team from 1971 to 1975 with success. Here was a man practically unknown until Offaly looked around for somebody to train them. He set about training them—training mind and body. He corrected their faults, inspired them and motivated them and gave them a confidence to believe in themselves.

The four teams we see here today have four good coaches who have worked on the talent available to them and all are confident of success today if they give of their best on D-day.



Tony Wall



It takes time to get a team working with all the plugs functioning in top gear. I'm sure they'd like more time to correct faults in players (and some of them have glaring faults) more time to mould them together as a team, more time to improve their ground hurling, overhead striking, free-taking, side-line cuts, striking on the run, goal-getting, etc, etc. Time must be spent on tactics, match analysis, assessing the opposition, and getting to know each others play and what are the strong and weak points of the team.

A coach has much to do in a short period of time. He, too, must have a team of "back-up-men" with him in training and on the day of the match. He must be able to liaise with the team, selectors and club committee. How are we to find such men and how can we train them or give them help? The answer is to search out for suitable candidates in each club, bring them together for a short course and then send them back in their twos and threes to spread the "good news".

Unless we search for these men and help them we will not get them to start training a team next spring for their club.

Not every good hurler is able to communicate or motivate a team—not even a juvenile team. You must have "a way with you" and then use all the modern helps available, technological physiological and psychological.

We must have at least one coach for each team in our club. I prefer a motivator than a trainer. One who is properly motivated will train himself at every opportunity available to him. Bringing young lads to a field even two or three times a week for an hour or two is not sufficient to make him a good hurler. He must do his home exercises as well, practising the many skills of hurling on his own or with a partner. It is not a case either of "Practice makes perfect" but "proper practice makes perfect".

Not all the great coaches have success. Some are "born to blush unseen and waste their sweetness on the desert air." Some have success because they are dealing with good talent. Let the search go on for the Mick Priors, the Fr O'Rourke's, the Michael Forde's, the Sean Mc Manus's and the Liam Ryans. Without men like these "Knocknagow would be dead, with their help and the help that we can give them no other county will stand the onward charge of the "Matchless men of Tipperary."

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NA CAPTAEN — Today's Captains



Roger Ryan— The Roscrea Captain is no stranger to hurling supporters here in Tipperary. He was first seen in the blue and gold back in 1969 and was the regular full forward for almost a decade on the county team. In that time he won one All-Ireland medal (1971). Roger has also played with Munster in Railway Cup games. He won his first County Senior medal in 1973 and played a vital role in last year's victory for his club.



Timmy Stapleton, who captains Borrissleigh this afternoon has represented Tipperary at minor and under 21 level. He is also a member of the present senior panel. Timmy, who is a fitter welder, was educated at Borrissleigh N.S. and later at Templemore Vocational School. He is holder of 2 All-Ireland 7-a-side medals, 2 North Senior Championship medals and 2 Munster Minor medals. Timmy is confident that he will bring the Dan Breen Cup to Borrissleigh this evening.

THE FOUNDERS OF THE G.A.A.

Pádraig O Meachair O.S.



The GAA was founded in 1884. Ireland was still reeling from the effects of the Famine. National morale was low. Emigration was high. The language, culture and quality of Irish life were probably more threatened than ever before in Irish history.

Michael Cusack, from Clare, a teacher and champion of national tradition and culture, saw this decay and he was alarmed. But Cusack was a man of action. With Maurice Davin, an outstanding athlete from Carrick-on-Suir, he called the meeting which founded the GAA in Hayes Hotel, Thurles on the afternoon of 1st November 1884.

There were only seven men at that historic meeting. But its significance was soon felt when, almost immediately, three of the outstanding Irishmen of the time became Patrons of the new Association.

The three were Dr Thomas Croke, Archbishop of Cashel; Charles Stewart Parnell and Michael Davitt.

THE SAM MAGUIRE CUP

The Sam Maguire Cup was presented to Cumann Luthchleas Gael in 1928, as the trophy for the All-Ireland Senior Football winners, to commemorate a man who had given a lifetime of service to the Association and to Ireland.

Born of Protestant parents in Dunmanway Co. Cork, Sam Maguire entered the Civil Service on leaving school and was assigned for duty to London. He was very active in GAA circles and he was selected on the London side that played against the home champions in the play-off for the All-Ireland title in the early years of the century. He captained the London team in three All-Ireland finals.

In 1907 he was elected President of the London Board, when Liam McCarthy, whose memory is commemorated in the trophy for

the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship was elected Vice-President.

Sam Maguire played a full part in the struggle for independence and was an intimate friend of Michael Collins, with whom he had close associations in London. For his activities in this connection he suffered imprisonment and removal from the Civil Service. After the Treaty he lived for a time in Dublin and was a constant patron of Croke Park. His health failing, he returned to Dunmanway in 1924 and died there in 1927.



THE LIAM MCCARTHY CUP

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Liam McCarthy, who was born in London in 1851, the son of a Corkman and a Limerick mother, became the first Treasurer of the first County Board formed in London in 1895. He was instrumental in the visit of Munster and Leinster hurling teams in London in 1896.

He became President of the London Board in 1898, was re-elected the following year and officiated at a sports meeting held in conjunction with a football tournament on Easter Monday.

When a Provincial Council was established Liam McCarthy was elected President and proved to be an unselfish worker. In 1901 he was responsible for the visit of a Tipperary team to London on the August Bank Holiday. Three years later, while still President, he entertained a team of Limerick hurlers who visited London for a Whit Monday game and in September that year he arranged for a London selection to visit Limerick.

He presented the trophy for the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship in appreciation for the good work being done for the youth of Ireland by the G.A.A. and to stimulate a greater interest in the game; Limerick were the first winners when they defeated Dublin in the 1921 final.

Until he died in 1928 Liam McCarthy took an active interest in the G.A.A.



THE SAM MAGUIRE CUP

Na Réiteoirí

AN CLUICHE SINSIR



Billy Carroll, today's county senior final referee, seen here in his role as u-21 selector. He is talking to Bobby Ryan, Nioclás English, Connie Maher and Michael Ryan.

BILLY CARROLL of St Mary's Club, Clonmel is in charge of today's game. He is one of the most experienced officials in the county and has won wide acclaim for his handling of the many recent "Carrick Derbies" in the South Tipperary championship. Billy was a county u-21 hurling selector this year and he must be

thrilled with his team's recent All-Ireland victory. As a referee he is very much in demand at all levels and has refereed numerous National League Games. He was in charge of the 1977 1979 and 1980 Minor Hurling finals. Billy is also a very dedicated official with his club.

An Cluiche Mionúir

Donal O'Gorman of Thurles Sarsfields Club is today refereeing his first county minor final. Donal has been refereeing for a good number of years and has officiated at games of all levels in Mid Tipperary. Earlier this year he refereed his first All-Ireland final—this being the Special Minor final which was played on All-Ireland Day in September.

Donal is also a keen worker with Sarsfields Club—having been Secretary for some years, he is now engaged in compiling the club's history.

Donal, who is married, has two children and we wish him every success today.



Donal O'Gorman





Reigning Champions—Roscrea

Back, l. to r.: Jn Stone, Kevin Brady, Jody Spooner, Joe Roland, Liam Spooner,
Kevin O'Connor, Brendan Maher, Rodger Ryan.
Front, l. to r.: Joe Bergin, Ger O'Connor, Joe Hogan, Peadar Queally, Tadhg O'Connor,
Joe Tynan, Francis Loughnane.

Photo— O'Shea, Thurles

ROSCREA

Eolas ar na h-Iománaithe

JOE ROLAND, son of "Fanny" one of the greatest hurlers Roscrea produced. Played under age for Roscrea, then changed his allegiance to Borris-in-Ossory for a number of years where he appeared in county finals and also starred in goal for Laois. Also played in goal for Shinrone. Jeweller.

KEVIN BRADY, age 25. Played all grades of hurling for club, also represented Tipp in minor and under 21 grade. Kevin was last years victorious captain. Building contractor.

BRENDAN MAHER, age 32. Won minor, under-21 and senior medals with Roscrea. Represented Tipp in all three grades also holder of 6 county championships— senior, 3 Munster Club and one All-Ireland club medals. Haulage contractor.

JODIE SPOONER, age 29. Won u-16 minor under-21 and senior medals with Roscrea also won Fitzgibbon with U.C.G. Represented combined universities during Railway Cup. Also played minor with Tipp. Holder of 5 county senior championships, 3 Munster club and 1 All-Ireland club championship. Teacher.

KEVIN O'CONNOR. Age 25. Played all grades for club and was wing back on Tipp team that won league in 1979. Also played in goal for Tipp senior football. Carpenter.

TADHG O'CONNOR, age 32. Won minor, under 21 and senior medals with Roscrea. Represented Tipp at all levels. Carrolls and Bank of Ireland All Star. Captained Tipperary to their last senior All-Ireland in 1971. Assistant accountant.

LIAM SPOONER, age 31. Came on as a sub when Roscrea won their first title in 1968. Regular on team ever since winning 6 county titles. Has also played representative rugby for Leinster and represented Ireland in International athletics in Spain. Holder of 3 Munster club and one All Ireland club medals. Garage owner.

PEADAR QUEALY, age 25. Played minor and u-21 hurling and football for Tipp. Regular on Tipp senior team for past number of years. Won league medal in 1979. Also played representative rugby for Leinster and won Fitzgibbon championship with UCD. Teacher.

GER O'CONNOR, age 23. Has won All-Ireland medals at minor and under 21 level for Tipp. Played all grades of hurling for club, is appearing in 3rd county final. Carpenter.

MICHAEL "JACKIE" SHANAHAN, age 29. Has won 5 county senior championships with Roscrea and represented Tipp at minor level. Won south championship with Carrick Davins. Also accomplished footballer. Holder of 3 Munster club and 1 All Ireland club medals. Electrician.

JOHN STONE, age 23. Has represented Tipp at minor and under 21 level won All Irelands in both grades. Has played all grades of hurling and football with club. E.S.B. employee.

JOE TYNAN, age 31. One of the greatest forwards ever to play for Roscrea. Has won club honours from juvenile to All-Ireland club level. Has also represented Tipp at minor, under 21 and senior level. Joe also played football for county. Winner of 3 Munster club and 1 All-Ireland club championship. Painter.

FRANCIS LOUGHNANE, age 35. Francis has been the top forward in Tipp whether for club or county since the early 70s. Winner of every honour in the game including three All-Star awards and B & I award. Painting contractor.

JOE BUTLER, age 20. Second year on senior team. Joe is appearing in his senior final. Has played county minor for Tipp. and has represented his club in all grades. Trainer Manager.

JOE TREACY, age 19. Sub-goalkeeper. Has just won All-Ireland medal with Tipp. Has won juvenile awards at almost all grades. Student.

ROGER RYAN, age 36. Captain of team. Full forward for Tipp for almost a decade. Won All-Ireland in 1971 and has played for Munster. Also won county medal with Roscrea in 1973 and 1980. Sales Manager.

PADRAIG "PURDY" LOUGHNANE, age 23. Has represented Tipp at minor and under 21 level winning All-Irelands in both grades. Has been outstanding juvenile player and has played all grades with club. Factory employee.



Borrisoleigh, North Tipperary Champions 1981

Back, l. to r.: Pat Kavanagh, Timothy Ryan, Tommy Dwyer, Pat Ryan,
Noel Dwyer, Philip Kenny, Brendan Kenny, Timmy Delaney.
Front, l. to r.: Tom Tierney (Chairman), Owen Walsh, MI Coen, Francis Spillane,
Liam Carroll, Timmy Stapleton, Gerry Stapleton, MI Ryan.

Photo—Ned O'Shea, Thurles

BORRIS-ILEIGH

EOLAS AR NA hIOMANAITHE

Owen Walsh, goalkeeper, age 28, height 5-10, weight 12 stone. Educated at Templemore Technical School. Occupation— Lorry driver. Won 4 senior north medals, 1 north under 21 and county under 21, 1 All-Ireland 7 a-side.

Michael Ryan, corner back, age 21; height 5'9", weight 11½ stone. Educated at Borrisoleigh N.S., Templemore C.B.S. Occupation—Farmer. Won North, Junior and Senior medals. Harty and Colleges All-Ireland with Templemore C.B.S., 2 All-Ireland under 21 medals with Tipp

T. F. Stapleton, full back, age 32, height 6', weight 13st 7 lb. Educated at Ileigh N.S., Borrisoleigh N.S., Thurles C.B.S. & St Kieran's College Kilkenny. Occupation— Sugar Factory employee. Won 3 North Tipperary medals senior hurling, 1 County Tipperary u-21, 1 North Tipperary u-21 medal.

Timmy Stapleton, corner back, age 24, height 6'2½", weight 14 stone. Education at Templemore Vocational School. Occupation— Fitter welder. Won 2 All-Ireland 7-a-side, 2 North Championship medals, 2 Munster Minor medals (special).

Timmy Delaney, wing back, age 32, height 5'9", weight 12 stone. Educated at Borrisoleigh N.S., C.B.S. Templemore. Occupation — National Teacher. Won u-21 Co. Final, 4 North Tipp S. H. Championships, u-21 All-Ireland.

Gerry Stapleton, centre back, age 22, height 5'10", weight 12 stone. Educated at Coolderry & Templemore Vocational Schools. Occupation Hardware Assistant. Won Feile na nGael 1972, 2 North Junior titles, 2 North Senior 1976, All-Ireland 7-a-side 1978, Voc. All-Ireland 1974 Minor & Under 21 All-Irelands, National League medal 1979. Represented Tipperary in all grades. Ambitions to win county medal and All-Ireland Senior with Tipperary.

Francie Spillane, wing back, weight 10½ stone, height 5'8", age 31, Occupation— hotel owner. Educated at Borris N.S. and Thurles C.B.S. Won North Tipp Junior, Senior and 4 Juvenile medals. North & County Under 21 medals.

Patrick Ryan (Flowery), mid-field, age 23, height 5'11", weight 12 stone. Educated Borris-Ileigh N.S., Templemore C.B.S. Occupation— Student Accountant. Won North Tipp S.H.Championship medals 1976 & 1981. Corn Kinnane & Corn Phadraig (Templemore CBS) 1974 & 1975, Minor Munster All-Ireland medals 1976, U-21 Munster medal 1978; U-21 Munster All-Ireland 1979, National Hurling League medal 1978–79.

Timmy Ryan, mid-field, weight 11½ stone,

height 6 ft. Age 30. Occupation— Farmer. Educated at Ileigh N.S. & Templemore. Won North & County Under 21 medals, 4 North Senior medals, 5 Colleges medals with Templemore C.B.S.

Philip Kenny, wing forward, age 17, height 6ft weight 12 stone. Educated at Borris N.S. Templemore CBS. Occupation— student. Won Munster and All-Ireland Minor medals 1980, Nealon Trophy 1981, Croke Cup medal with CBS, 4 North Tipp Juvenile medals, North Tipp S.H.C. 1981.

Brendan Kenny, half forward, weight 12½ st. height 6'1", age 26, Occupation— baker. Educated at Borris N.S. & Templemore CBS, Won 2 Harty 'B' medals with Templemore, Munster Minor medal, 4 North Senior medals, 2 Seven-a-side All-Irelands.

Bobby Ryan, half forward, weight 12½ stone, height 6'0", age 20. Occupation— farmer. Educated at Borris N.S. & Templemore CBS. Won 4 North Juvenile medals, 4 Munster Colleges medals, 1 Harty & 1 All-Ireland Colleges medals, 2 Munster & 2 All-Ireland Under 21 medals.

Noel O'Dwyer, centre forward, age 32, height 6 ft, weight 13-7. Educated at Borrisoleigh N.S. & Templemore CBS. Occupation— Sales Manager. Won 1 All Ireland Senior, 2 Munster Senior, 3 Oireachtas, 3 Railway Cup, 1 Nat. League, 1 All-Ireland u-21, 1 Munster u-21, 4 North Senior.

Pat Kavanagh, corner forward, weight 12 stone, height 5'9", age 35, Occupation— Veterinary Surgeon. Educated at Rower N.S., Good Counsel College New Ross, U.C.D. Won SHC 1969 & JHC 1963 with Rower Inistioge; won All-Ireland SH medal 1969 with Kilkenny; won Dublin SH medal & League medal with UCD, won All-Ireland 7-a-side 1978 & North Senior medal 1981 with Borrisoleigh.

Michael Cowan, corner forward, weight 11 st. height 5'9" age 31. Occupation— Fitter. Educated at Templemouhy NS & Templemore Voc. School. Won 1 Mid Senior Hurling medal, 1 County SH medal, 3 North SH medal with Moyne Templemouhy. Numerous under age medals with Moyne Templemouhy; 1 Oireachtas medal, 2 All-Ireland seven-a-sides.

Tommie O'Dwyer, full forward, age 31, height 6'2", weight 14 st. Educated at Borrisoleigh N.S. Templemore CBS. Occupation— Miner. Won 3 Kinane medals, 3 Croke medals with Templemore CBS, u-21 North final & County final, 4 North finals (Senior), 1 Oireachtas medal with Tipperary.

BORRISOLEIGH

Marún agus bán
Maroon and white

(1) Eoin Breathnach
Owen Walshe

(2) Mícheál O Riain
Michael Ryan

(3) T. P. Mac an Ghaill
T. F. Stapleton

(4) Tadhg Mac an Ghaill
Timmy Stapleton (capt.)

(5) Tadhg O Dubhsláine
Timmy Delaney

(6) Gearóid Macan Ghaill
Gerry Stapleton

(7) Proinsias O Spealáin
Francis Spillane

(8) Pádraig O Riain
Pat Ryan

(9) Tadhg O Riain
Tim Ryan

(10) Breandán Cionnaith
Brendan Kenny

(11) Riobáird O Riain
Bobby Ryan

(12) Nollaig O Duibhir
Noel O'Dwyer

(13) Mícheál O Cadhain
Michael Cowan

(14) Tomás O Duibhir
Tommy O'Dwyer

(15) Pádraig O Caomhánach
Pat Kavanagh

Fir Ionaid: 16. P. O Cionnaith (P. Kenny); 17. P. O Riain (P. Ryan); 18. L. O Cearúil (L. Carroll); 19. S. O Gonáin (J. Kinnane); 20. T. O Riain (T. Ryan); 21. D. O Riain (D. Ryan); 22. R. O Gonáin (R. Kinnane); 23. D. O Meachair (D. Maher); 24. R. O Staiclum (R. Stakelum); 25. S. Mac Crath (J. McGrath); 26. P. O Coilleán (F. Collins); 27. S. Mac an Ghaill (J. Stapleton); 28. S. O Slaterra (J. Slattery).

Buiríos, O Luígeach	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor-Pucanna
1ú Leath					
2ú Leath					
Iomlán					

FOR TOP COVERAGE OF GAA GAMES



ROSCREA

Dearg is Bán
Red and white

(1) Seosamh O Róilan
Joe Roland

(2) Caoimhín O Brádaigh (3) Breandán O Meachair (4) Seosamh O Spuinéar
Kevin Brady Brendan Maher Jody Spooner

(5) Caoimhín O Conchubhair (6) Tadhg O Conchubhair (7) Liam O Spuainéar
Kevin O'Connor Tadhg O'Connor Liam Spooner

(8) Risteárd O Dúinn (9) Peadar O Caola
Richard Dunne Pearar Quealy

(10) Gearóid O Conchubhair (11) Mícheál O Seanachain (12) Seán O Maolcloide
Ger O'Connor Michael (Jackie) Shanahan John Stone

(13) Seosamh O Teimhneáin (14) Prionsias O Leachtnáin (15) Ruairí O Riain
Joe Tynan Francis Loughnane Roger Ryan (capt)

Fir Ionaid: Joe Treacy (Sub goalie); 16. Purdy Loughnane; 17. Paul O'Connor; 18. Francis Fletcher; 19. Joe Bergin; 20. Joe Hogan; 21. Ed. Hogan; 22. Philip Ward; 23. Aiden Shanahan; 24. Paul Minogue; 25. Joe Butler; 26. Joe Stapleton.

Roscré	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65 m	Saor-Pucanna
1ú Leath					
2ú Leath					
Iomlán					

IPPERARY STAR / THE NATIONALIST

Cluain an Ultaigh-Ros Mór

MIONUR

Dathanna
Gorm— blue

(1)
Aindreas Fryday
Andrew Fryday

(2) Seán O Duibhir
John O'Dwyer

(3) Pádraig O h-Aodha
Pat Hayes

(4) Niall O Riain
Niall Ryan

(5) Dáithí O Riain
David Ryan

(6) Mícheál O Catháin
Michael Keane

(7) Seán O Slatarra
Sean Slattery

(8) Séamus Hammersley
Seamus Hammersley

(9) Seosamh O h-Aodha
Joe Hayes

(10) Niall Mac Gearailt
Niall Fitzgerald

(11) Mícheál O h-Ifernáin Seosamh Mac Gearailt
Michael Heffernan

(12) Joe Fitzgerald

(13) Seán O Cinnéide
John Kennedy

(14) Séamus O h-Ifearnáin
Seamus Heffernan

(15) Pádraig O Riain
Pádraig Ryan

Fir Ionaid: 16. Patrick Bourke; 17. Michael Ryan; 18 Jerry Kennedy; 19. Richard Keane; 20. John Ryan; 21. Francis Kearney; 22. Francis Ryan; 23. Paul Quirke; 24. Tom Kennedy.

Clonoulty Rossmore	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor-Pucanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
Iomlán					

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Tuaim Uí Mheara

MIONUIR

Glas is órga
Green and gold

(1) Pat Haverty
Pádraig O Havartaigh

(2) John Spillane
Seán O Spealláin

(3) Tim Shanahan
Tomás O Seanacháin

(4) Brendan Spillane
Breandán O Spealláin

(5) John Delaney
Seán O Dúbhshláine

(6) Seán Nolan (Cpt)
Nollaig O Dónaill

(7) MI Spillane
Mícheál O Spealláin

(8) Noel McDonnell
Nollaig O Dónaill

(9) Liam Flaherty
Liam O Flatharta

(10) Jas Connolly
Seamus O Connghaíle

(11) Larry Hickey
Labhrás O h-Icí

(12) Michael Murphy
Mícheál O Murchú

(13) Liam Nolan
Liam O Nualáin

(14) Declan Delaney
Déaglán O Dubhshláine

(15) Brian Delaney
Brian O Dubhshláine

Fir Ionaid: 16. Paddy Kennedy; 17. MI Kennedy; 18. MI Harty; 19. Pat McCormack;
20. Jody Grace; 21. Joe Ryan; 22. Ned Younge; 23. Con Dwah.

Tuaim Uí Mheara	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	65m	Saor-Pucanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
Iomlán					

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Good luck and best wishes to Toomevara Minor team.



Eire Og— Annacarty

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West Tipperary Senior Hurling Champions

Final Team— Tom O'Rourke, Tom Fox, Seamus Hanley, John Hanley, John Breen, Pat Fox, Conor Ryan, Seamus Fox, Matt Ryan, Michael Ryan, Gerry O'Dwyer, Kevin Fox, Ailbe Buckley, Tommy Carew, Vincent Ryan.

COISTE THIOBRAID ARANN THIAIR

(West Tipperary Board)

Oifigigh (officers)

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Rev. J. Walshe PP, Lattin
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Denis Tuohy, Eire-Og
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Co. Board representatives— John Treacy
Cappawhite, Brendan Ryan, Clonoulty-Rossmore, James Hennessy, Kickhams, Morty O'Connell, Golden-Kilfeacle.

Torthaí— Results Senior Hurling Championship

17/5/81— Golden
Kickhams 3-13 v Clonoulty 2-5
24/5/81— Clonoulty
Cappawhite 1-12 v Sean Treacys 0-13
Semi-finals
28/6/81 Dundrum
Cappawhite 1-11 v Cashel 2-6
19/7/81 Sean Treacy
Eire Og 1-5 v Kickhams 0-8
26/7/81 Park Replay
Eire Og 2-11 v Kickhams 1-11
Final
9/8/81 Clonoulty
Eire Og 0-14 v Cappawhite 0-7

MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Group A. 3 to qualify for semi-finals

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Cashel K.C.	3	2	0	1	5
Clonoulty	3	2	0	1	5
Kickhams	3	1	2	0	2
Cappa—Eire Og	3	0	3	0	0

Group B 1 to qualify for semi-finals

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Lattin-Emly	4	4	0	0	8
Sean Treacys	3	2	1	0	4
Golden-Rockwell	3	1	2	0	2
Arravale Rvs	3	1	2	0	1
Solohead-Aherlow	3	0	3	0	0

Semi-finals

Bansha 2/8/81
Clonoulty 4-9 v Kickhams 2-5
Cashel 4-3 v Lattin-Emly 3-5

Final 9/8/81 in Clonoulty
Clonoulty 3-17 v Cashel K.C. 4-6



CLONOULTY-ROSSMORE

Clonoulty-Rossmore West Tipperary Minor Hurling Champions 1981

Front row, left to right: Patrick Bourke, John Ryan, Michael Keane, Joe Hayes, Pat Hayes, David Ryan, Michael Heffernan, Andrew Fryday.

Middle row, left to right: John Kennedy, Sean Slattery, Seamus Hammersley, Richard Keane, Padraigh Ryan, Francis Kearney, Seamus Heffernan.

Back row, left to right: Joseph Fitzgerald, Francis Ryan, John O'Dwyer, Neil Ryan, Neil Fitzgerald, Jerry Kennedy, Paul Quirke, Michael Ryan.

CLONOULTY/ROSSMORE GAA CLUB

The GAA was only four years old when Clonoulty men took up the caman and sliothar and launched into success in 1888. The Clonoulty hurlers better known as the "Boheen men" due to the shape of their hurleys defeated Boherlahan in 1888 to take Tipperary's second county final. Football was also played in the early days especially in the Rossmore end of the parish.

The club continued to be active in the early years of the association and playing in the mid division in those years they won junior hurling success in 1919 and 1924 and were defeated in the senior hurling final by Moycarkey in 1926. In 1927 they won a mid senior title at the expense of Holycross. In 1928 Clonoulty representing the mid division defeated Toomevara in the County Semi-final but were defeated by Boherlahan in the County final.

1930 saw the founding of the west Division and Clonoulty-Rossmore had the honour of winning the first four west finals in 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933. In 1936 the Clonoulty GAA pitch was given to the club by the Irish Land Commission. The club won the west junior hurling the same year but were defeated by Boherlahan in the County final. The Club had to wait until 1951 for their next success in senior hurling at divisional level. They

dethroned the County champions Borrisoleigh in the County semi final but neighbours Holycross were much too strong in the County final.

In the late fifties juvenile hurling began to flourish under the guidance of Rev. P. Cooney CC who took a very active role in the promotion of GAA activities in the parish. Success came the clubs way in 1957, 1958 and 1959 in under 15 and again in the 1960s they won under 15, under 16 and minor hurling at divisional level and were defeated by Boherlahan in 1970 in their first County minor final appearance.

However today's team went one step further in 1977 when they won the under 14 hurling County final for the first time and the opposition in that final was no less than Toomevara—today's opponents.

Today we hope this team will have another first when they bring the County Minor title to Clonoulty-Rossmore for the first time. Best of luck lads.

Selectors— Jim Ryan, T. J. Ryan, Cecil Ryan.

Trainer— Timmy Delaney.

Club Officers— Chairman: Jim Ryan.

President: Very Rev. T. Kennedy.

Secretary: Joe Hammersley.

Treasurer: John O'Dwyer.

Juvenile Committee— Paddy Maher, Tom Ryan, John Kennedy.

Coiste Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh

(North Tipperary Board)

Oifigigh 1981

Uachtaráin: Róidí O Nialláin,
Donncha O Coisteala

Cathaoirleach: Tomás O Ciarba (Cill Ruáin)

Leas Cathaoirleach: Séamas O Dómhnaill-
áin (Port Rua); Pádraig O Duinnle
(Béal Ath Gabhainn)

Cisteoir: Donncha de Flóid, O.S. (Tulach
Seasta)

Rúnaí agus P.R.O.: Pádraig O Meachair OS
(Muine Gall)

Cláráitheoir: Pádraig Mac Craith (Buirgéis)

Baill den Choiste Chonndae

Seán O Meára (Lothra)
Nollaig O Muiris (Buiríos Uí Chatháin)
Séamas O Laoire (Teampal Doire)
Gearóid De Luíng (Cnoc Sí Gamhna)
Seán O Cinnéide (Eire Og)
Tomás O Maolcatha (Eire Og)

Torthaí— Results

S.H.C. games played in 1981

Borrisileigh 2-7	Silvermines 2-7
Lorrha 3-9	Roscrea 1-10
Borrisileigh 1-14	Eire Og 0-6
Borrisileigh 1-12	Moneygall 2-9 Draw
Borrisileigh 1-5	Kilruane 3-11
Eire Og 2-11	Roscrea 1-7
Borrisileigh 3-10	Lorrha 1-13
Roscrea 0-7	Borrisileigh 4-9
Roscrea 3-7	Kilruane 1-11
Roscrea 1-12	Silvermines 1-9
Moneygall 1-8	Silvermines 0-7
Moneygall 2-5	Roscrea 2-17
Lorrha 3-6 (draw)	Kilruane 2-9

North Semi-finals

Roscrea 3-10	Lorrha 2-10
Borrisileigh 2-12	Kilruane 2-7

North Final

Borrisileigh 1-8	Roscrea 1-6
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ROSCREA SELECTORS

Donie Moloney
Willie O'Reilly
Michael Minogue

Captains of Roscrea's Winning Co. Final Teams

1968	John Dillon
1969	Mick Hogan
1970	Patsy Roland
1972	Jackie Hannon
1973	Francis Loughnane
1980	Kevin Brady

Roscrea were the first holders of the new Dan Breen Cup. Their opponents were again Borrisoleigh in that County final of 1972.

Roscrea became the first All-Ireland club champions in 1971 when they defeated St Rynaghs at Birr, Co. Offaly. Score— Roscrea 4-5, St Rynaghs 2-5

Tadhg O'Connor who plays today at centre back was the first Roscrea man and the last Tipperary man to bring the coveted Liam McCarthy Cup to the Premier County. This was in 1971. Roger Ryan and Francis Loughnane who feature for Roscrea today in the full formost line, were also on that All-Ireland team.

BORRISOLEIGH 1949 PANEL

J. Ryan, Mí Shanahan, J. Quinn, Paddy Kenny, "Sonny" Burke, E. Finn, W. Stapleton, D. Meagher, Phil Ryan, Eddie Ryan, Tom Ryan, Phil Kenny, Phil Maher, Sean Kenny (Capt.), M. O'Dwyer, J. Hackett, J. Coffey, J. Finn, P. Crowley, M. Ryan.

TOOMEVARA



The Toomevara team after a recent training session.

Toomevara Hurling Club officially founded in 1885. First recorded county championship in 1890.

In 1910 under the leadership of Wedger Meagher the Greyhounds were formed and over the next 20 years were to become one of the leading clubs throughout the county. Between 1912 and 1923 they had many marvellous tussles with Boherlahan, each winning five county finals. They won the county final again in 1930 and became the first holders of the Dan Breen trophy in 1931. The greyhounds of that era won 17 North Senior Championships and eight county finals.

The resurgence of Toome occurred in the mid fifties. In all Ireland hurlers Phil Shanahan and John Hough they had fine stalwarts and their finest day came when they broke Sarsfields fine run in 1960.

Matt Hassett captained Tipperary to their All Ireland victory in 1961 and also on the Tipp panel were John Hough, Matt O'Gara, Roger Mounsey and Tom Ryan.

Today's team is the product of some fine juvenile teams in the late seventies and is poised to restore Toomevara to the forefront of hurling where it rightly belongs.

Minor Selectors— Joe McGrath, James Dunne, Tony Dunne, Frankie Ryan.



Exiles Meet: The late Wedger Meagher (seated) greeting "Gega" O'Connor, Kerry's former All-Irelander, after a match at Gaelic Park, New York.



St Mary's Clonmel, South Tipperary Senior Hurling Champions

Vincent Mullins, Tony Cronin, Jimmy Ryan, Sean Walsh, John Guidera, Mossy Carroll, Dessie Mullins, Gerry McGrath, Franny Kelly, Willie Peters, Tony Smith, Tommy Walsh, Terry O'Neill, Philip Butler, Seamus O'Neill.

COISTE THIOBRAID ARANN THEAS (South Tipperary Board 1981)

Na hOifigigh (officers)

Sean Pleamonn, Cathaoirleach.
Micheál Mac Áogáin, Pádraig de Brun, Leas
Cathaoirleach.
Eamonn O Seaghdha, Cisteoir.
Micheál O Meara, Rúnaí.

Iomaint na Mionúr 1981

Semi-finals

Carrick Swan 5-11 Brian Borus 1-5

St Mary's 1-9 Cahir/Ballybacon 1-7

Final

Carrick Swan 5-8 St Mary's 2-5

Nine teams competed on a 2 Group League system with two teams from each group qualifying for the semi-finals.

Iomaint Sinnsear 1981

Semi-finals

St Mary's 3-11 Carrick Davins 0-6

Carrick Swan 1-13 Ballingarry 3-4

Final

St Mary's 1-14 Carrick Swan 1-12

Seven teams competed in a one group League

system with the top four qualifying for open draw semi-finals.

The final table after the League stages had been completed read:-

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Ballingarry	5	5	—	—	10
St Marys	5	4	—	1	8
Carrick Swan	6	4	—	2	8
Carrick Davins	6	3	—	3	6
Eire Og	6	2	—	4	4
St Augustines	6	2	—	4	4
Cahir/Ballybacon	6	—	—	6	—

The game between Ballingarry and St Mary's was not played.

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Major Achievements by the Club

County Champions (3) 1949, 1950, 1953
County under 21 champions (1) 1969
North Senior Champions (8) 1947, 1950,
1953, 1955, 1972, 1973, 1976, 1981.
North Junior Champions— 1931, 1978.
Nealon Trophy Winners— 1981
All Ireland Seven-A-Side— 1976, 1978.

The 3 senior selectors have all won All-Ireland senior hurling medals with Tipperary.
Philip Ryan— sub in 1937 and sub in 1951.
Liam Devaney 1958, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965.
Tim Ryan 1951.

The following players are playing in their third county senior hurling county final with Borris-Ileigh— T. Delaney, Noel O'Dwyer, Timmy Ryan, Brendan Kenny, Liam Carroll, Tommy O'Dwyer. They all played in 1972 and 1977.

The following players have won under 21 County medals in 1969— Tommie O'Dwyer, Owen Walsh, Tom Ryan, Timmy Ryan, Bill Carroll, John Kinane, T. F. Stapleton, Timmy Delaney, Francie Spillane, Noel O'Dwyer.

Timmy Delaney also won a Dublin under 21 medal with U.C.D. in 1969.

Pat and Bobby Ryan are sons of Timmy Ryan who won County final medals in 1949, 1950, 1953.

Philip Kenny is son of Philip Kenny who won county final medals in 1949, 1950 and 1953.

Brendan Kenny is a son of Sean Kenny of the same era.

Timmy Ryan is the son of the late Mick Ryan who was on the Tipp junior All Ireland champions in 1930— the "Triple Crown Year"

The following present day players have won All Ireland medals—

Noel O'Dwyer	Senior 1971
Pat Kavanagh	1969 with Kilkenny
Jerry Stapleton	Minor 1976
Pat Ryan	Under 21 1979
Michael Ryan	Under 21 1980
Bothy Ryan	Under 21 1981
Philip Kenny	Minor 1980
Timmy Delaney	Under 21 1967
Noel O'Dwyer	Under 21 1967

Michael Cowan is seeking his 2nd county senior medal on Sunday. He has already won one with Moyne-Templetohy in 1971 v Roscrea.

Pat Kavanagh is seeking his 3rd county senior medal in 3 different counties. He has already won county senior hurling medals in (a) 1969 with Rower-inistlogue in Kilkenny (b) 1968 with U.C.D. in Dublin.



LIAM DEVANEY



Mid Champions 1981 Moycarkey/Borris

Photo—O'Shea, Thurles

Back l. to r.: Willie Ryan, Tom Mullins, Nicholas Bergin, Robert Hayes, Matty Bourke
John Hackett, Tom Doran.

Front l. to r.: Jack Caesar, Dickie Quigley, Liam Bergin, Jack Bergin, Jim Flanagan,
Eamonn Darmody, Jn Flanagan, Tommy Quigley.

COISTE THIOBRAID ARANN MEAN

(Mid Tipperary Board 1981)

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Date	Venue	Teams & Scores
17/5	Thurles	Drom-Inch 4-9 Upperchurch Drombane 4-4
24-5	Templemore	Loughmore 2-10 Sarsfields
31-5	Holycross	Moycarkey 4-13 Clonmore 0-7
14-6	Thurles	Loughmore 1-9 Holycross 1-4, semi final
28-6	Thurles	Moycarkey 4-8 Drom-Inch 2-9 Semi-final
26-7	Holycross	Moycarkey 3-10 Loughmore 2-9 Final

Losers Group

28-6	Holycross	Sarsfields 4-10 Upperchurch 1-3
12-7	Littleton	Sarsfields 3-10 Clonmore 2-6
12-7	Littleton	Holycross 7-7 Drom 3-8
26-7	Littleton	Holycross 2-10 Sarsfields 0-9 Semi final
9-8	Templemore	Holycross 3-8 Loughmore 1-6 final

Mid Minor Hurling Championship 1981

Played on a basis with two groups strong and weak. Top three teams in strong group and winners weak group contest semi finals.
Special trophies for Group 'B' winners.

Results group 'A' Strong

Date	Venue	Teams & Scores
5-4	Boherlahan	Moycarkey 5-6 Naomh Padraigh 0-2
5-4	Drombane	Sarsfields 1-11, Clonmore 2-8
11-4	Boherlahan	Moycarkey 3-7 Holy cross 2-4
11-4	Drombane	Clonmore 2-7 Naomh Padraigh 2-2
25-4	Thurles	Holycross 2-4 Clonmore 0-7
26-4	Boherlahan	Sarsfields 3-4 Moycarkey 2-2
2-5	Boherlahan	Holycross 2-10 Sarsfields 2-4
2-5	Holycross	Moycarkey 3-7 Clonmore 3-3

Group B

5-4	Kickham Park	Loughmore 6-10 Fennellys 0-2
11-4	Ballycahill	Moyne 2-2 Loughmore 1-0
11-4	Littleton	Boherlahan 8-7 Fennellys 0-0
25-4	Littleton	Moyne 8-7 Fennellys 1-3
26-4	Littleton	Moyne 2-11 Boherlahan 1-3
	Templemore	Moyne 1-7 Loughmore 1-5 "B" final
17-7	Holycross	Moycarkey 4-6 Moyne 2-3 Semi final
18-7	Littleton	Sarsfields 5-6 Holycross 1-3 Semi final
2-8	Holycross	Moycarkey 1-10 Sarsfields 3-2 Final

1941~ The Foot and Mouth Year

How time flies. Forty years have gone by since the famous (or infamous) year of the Foot & Mouth Disease, surely the most disappointing and frustrating in the whole history of Tipperary hurling.

Limerick were Munster & All Ireland Champions in 1940. On 22 June 1941 with the assistance of Jimmy Cooney of Carrick, then an Army Officer in Limerick they beat Clare decisively. When Waterford came to Thurles to play Tipp on 27 July they were hot favourites. "The Tipperary Star" had this to say:—"from Mid March up to some 3 weeks ago hardly a blade of grass was clipped by a caman in all Tipperary. The Co. Board called off all games, consequent on the outbreaks of Foot & Mouth disease in the county. Waterford was not affected. Tipp however rose to the occasion and won on the score of 4-7 to 3-4. The Tipp line-out was—

Jimmy Maher (Boherlahan)

Dinny Gorman (Hollycross) Jer Cornally (Sars) Phil Dwyer (Boherlahan)

Johnny Ryan (Moycarkey) Capt. John Maher (Sars) Tommy Doyle (Sars)
Wm O'Donnell (Golden) Niall Condon (Killenale)

Mat Ryan (Moycarkey) Tom Treacy (Young Irelands) Tom Kennedy (Moycarkey)

Peadar Flanagan (Templederry) Jim Heeney (Thurles Kickhams) Paddy Ryan (Moycarkey)
Sub: Denis Doorley (Borrisokane)

Cork beat Limerick but the Munster final could not be played owing to restrictions of travel. Central Council, however insisted on the All Ireland final being played, as usual, on the first Sunday of September. The Munster Council nominated Cork and the Leinster Council, Dublin. Cork won by a comfortable margin.

The Munster final was not played till 26 October and of course, Tipp were the underdogs. The Premier Co. had a resounding victory on the score of 5-4 to 2-5.

There were 3 changes from the Waterford game. On the Sunday before the final Phil Dwyer received a knee injury, which finished his hurling career, when helping Boherlahan defeat Roscrea in the Co. semi-final. Tom Kennedy and Paddy Ryan of Moycarkey could not train for the final because of shift work in the Sugar Company. They were replaced by Tom Hayes, Jerry Ryan and Jer Looby. Tom Hayes (of Ballyerk) Moycarkey came on as sub for N. Condon during the game.

The "Star" account of the game had the Headline: "The Sensation of the Gaelic Year". In an Editorial it said that the result "proved to sportsmen everywhere the absurdity of the

decision which ruled this County and Kilkenny out of the running for the highest honour a hurling team can achieve. . . . On the question of the final destination of the honours the Chairman of the Council ruled that the team that won the "half-baked" final would remain the year's champions whether they were beaten in the Provincial finals (still to be played) or not. That decision was palpably unfair at the time and it seems doubly unfair now. It was all the more questionable when it is recalled that another Central Council Chairman some years ago gave a directly opposite ruling. Why these decisions are left to one man's ruling at all is indeed something difficult to fathom."



**Paddy Ryan and Tommy Doyle
stars of 1941**

So Cork retained the All-Ireland medals thanks to the ruling of Padraig McNamee (Antrim) President of the G.A.A. It is the only case, that I know of, where a County has gone down in the record books of being All Ireland champions without being winners of its own Provincial honours for the same year. Cork get credit for being the only county to win four successive S.H. Championships but 1941 was the first of these, so I leave it to readers to judge how valid this four-in-a-row claim is. It was the first of Christy Ring's 8 All Ireland wins also but without detracting in any way from the record and worth of the Cloyne Maestro the fact remains that he has no Munster medal for 1941 to match his All Ireland one. For everyone of John Doyle's 8 victories he has a Munster trophy to go with it, so I think that any fairminded person would have to agree that the Holy Cross man's record is unique.

As we watch this Co. final of 1981 let us not forget those gallant men of 1941 who won Munster Laurels forty years ago, this very day, but were deprived of the All Ireland title through the mistaken decision of the President of the G.A.A.

By the way, Dublin beat Kilkenny in the delayed Leinster final of 1941.

Cursa Foghlama R.T.E.

Le Eamonn De Stafort, Oifigeach na Gaeilge

Tá cúrsa nua foghlama le tosú ar R.T.E. an mhí seo chugainn dár teideal **Anois Is Arís**. Cheana féin tá an cúrsa seo á fhógairt ar Raidió agus ar theilifís agus tá leabhar breá foilsithe ag R.T.E. i gcomhar le Bord na Gaeilge a bhaineann leis an gcúrsa. Is léir go bhfuil an-spéis curtha sa chúrsa ós rud é go bhfuil 25,000 cóip den leabhar **Anois Is Arís** scaipithe tríd an tír agus an méid cheánna arís le foilsiú go luath. Is fíor le rá gur mór-iarracht í seo le labhairt na Gaeilge a fheabhsú sa tír agus tá an cúrsa dírithe ar aosaigh— sé sin, daoine a d'fhoghlaim Gaeilge ar scoil ach nár chleachtaigh í ina dhiaidh sin. Tar éis réamh-fhéachaint ar chúpla clár den chúrsa feictear dom go bhfuil an-éagsúlacht sa chúrsa agus ceangailt meallcach idir na sraigh-chláir. Ní cúrsa dian-fhoghlama atá ann ach clár taitneamhach le héagsúlacht a léiríonn moltaí ar chonas an Ghaeilge a chur in úsáid. Moltar do dhaoine gur mian leo leas a bhaint as an gcúrsa an leabhar a cheannach agus páirt a ghlacadh i rang, nó i ngrúpa foghlama. Tá na Coistí Ghairm Oideachais lán sásta ranganna Gaeilge a chur ar fáil ach an t-éileamh a bheith ann. Ach lasmuigh de ranganna foirmeálta d'fhéadfadh cumann ar bith grúpa foghlama a eagrú d'fhonn leas a bhaint as an gcúrsa.

Anois Is Arís— Ideal for the Clubs

The forthcoming new R.T.E. learning Irish series must surely represent the most welcome language development for many a year, and comes at a time when such a course is badly needed. It is to be welcomed on many fronts; firstly because there is a wave of favour towards the Irish language in evidence throughout the country, and secondly because the use of the language is now being permeated through a much greater cross section of people than heretofore. The barriers of shyness are slowly but surely coming down and people are beginning to shed their embarrassment at hearing themselves speaking Irish. However this is not to suggest that all is well and it is obvious that people wishing to learn and use the language need help. The **Anois Is Arís** course will provide such help. At the same time it must be stressed that there is no short cut towards learning Irish; and it does require a personal effort. Anyone who has achieved a competent fluency in Irish will agree that it is not an overnight achievement.

How the Clubs can play their part

I would like to take this opportunity of making some suggestions to many clubs in the country who can play a positive role in using the **Anois Is Arís** programme to improve their competence and confidence in Irish. Already the Vocational Educational Committees are co-operating with R.T.E. and Bord na Gaeilge in organising Irish classes throughout the country. It is expected that due to the publicity being given to the programme there will be a



greater demand for Irish classes. Already 25,000 copies of the **Anois Is Arís** book have been distributed and another 20,000 copies are due to be published. Evening classes are organised in each county by the Adult Education organisers under the auspices of the V.E.C. There are two such committees in Co. Tipperary, one in North Tipperary based at Nenagh and one in South Tipperary based at Clonmel.

The contact for North Tipperary is: Vincent Kinsella, Adult Education Organiser, Church Rd, Nenagh.

and for South Tipperary:

Bob Keating, Adult Education Organiser, The Mall, Clonmel.

Apart from formal Irish classes the programme provides an ideal opportunity for the formation of learning groups, which could be part of the clubs activity each week. It only requires one leader to organise such a group and the "class" could be built around the weekly programme. Many clubs now have club premises with a T.V. and such clubs have an ideal opportunity to organise a learning group. Other clubs might consider organising a group on Thursday nights to discuss the previous night **Anois Is Arís** programme. The course commences on R.T.E. 1 at 6.30 pm on 11th November next with a repeat on R.T.E. 2 on the following Monday at 8.45 pm. There will be a radio programme on Radio 1 on Sundays at 2.00 pm with a repeat on Radio 2 at 8.00 pm on Saturdays. A copy of the book is desirable to achieve best results from the programmes.

As Oifigeach Na Gaeilge for Co. Thiobraid Arann I would appeal to all clubs in the county to play their part in supporting this programme by encouraging the members to follow the cúrsa and by organising learning groups— if the support from the club is not adequate such groups could be formed on a parish basis with co-operation from other organisations i.e. Conradh na Gaeilge, Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Macra na Feirme, I.C.A., Muintir na Tíre, Youth Clubs etc. I will be happy to give any advice necessary on the setting up of such groups.

Tá an Ard Oifig ag tacú go mór leis an iarracht seo agus ag seimniúar a tionóladh le déanaí i mBaile Átha Cliath d'iarr an t-Uachtarán Pádraig Mac Floinn ar oifigh na Gaeilge an dícheall a dhéanamh d'fhonn leas a bhaint as an gcúrsa foghlama seo. Ós rud é go bhfuil sé mar aidhm ag C.L.G. an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn tá súil agam go nglacfaí leis an deis is deireanaí seo chun cur le husáid na teanga.

BORRISOLEIGH'S GOLDEN ERA

Borrisoleigh line out in the 1981 County final today as champions of North Tipperary. The title was captured at the expense of Roscrea. This was the tenth North title to be won by Borrisoleigh hurlers.

The first County S.H. Championship was won in 1949 when the great Sean Kenny led the team. With Sean were his two brothers Paddy and Phil. The Mantle of champions was bestowed on Borrisoleigh once again in 1950. In 1947 the North Championship was won but the Borris men fell to Carrick Swan in the County final. This was a golden era for Tipperary hurling also. Sean Kenny led Tipp to the All-Ireland titles of 1949 and 1950. Tipperary carried off the league titles also. A rare double of championship and league in successive years.

In the 1949 County Championship Sean was at Centrefield, Paddy at half-forward and Phil the utility man playing everywhere from full back to full forward. The opening round brought Borris and defending champions Holycross into battle. Borris confounded Tipp



Sean O'Driscoll

hurling fans by holding the hot favourites to a draw. The critics really sat up and took notice when the replay was won by a 10 point margin. The Abbey men fielded such stars as John Doyle, Pat Stakelum, Jim Ryan and Bob Stakelum.

In the quarter final Borris and Boherlahan played a draw in what is regarded as the greatest club game to be played in Tipp. Sean Kenny led his men to a two point victory in the replay. Sean and Paddy Kenny retired during the replay and Phil played the game of his life from the centre back spot.

Roscrea were next to fall in the Co. semi final by a two point margin. The scene was now set for the County final with Knockavilla facing Borris. Sean Kenny's men responded to the call and emerged with 8 points to spare at the call of time. Borrisoleigh had carved their name on the Tipperary County Championship Roll of Honour for the first time. The third title was won in 1953. So today Borris chase their fourth title.

How nice it would be if history would repeat itself. When Borris won the championships of 1949 and 1950 Tipperary took three S.H. All Irelands in 1949, 1950, 1951.



Sean, Phil, Paddy Kenny
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Toomevara again hurling champions 1931. Due to the 1931 tour of the United States the county final was delayed until February 14th 1932.

On a beautiful spring day Toomevara faced the mid champions Moycarkey-Two Mile Borris. According to contemporary reports major credit must go to Tom O'Meara in the Toomevara goal for his teams victory. Moycarkey started well in the first twenty minutes but O'Meara defied their best efforts. At the other end P. O'Meara and Martin Kennedy were very impressive and these, along with Gareth Howard, were the chief contributors to Toom's victory.

Moycarkey lost this game in the first twenty minutes. Except for Purcell their deliverances were weak and Cahill was a long way off his brilliant form in a weak forward line. Apart from J. J. Hayes Moycarkey were out of gear.

Tooms first goal is well worth recording. A puck taken by Gleeson in front of the stand was sent towards the town goal, caught on the run by T. Burns who sent it straight to Martin Kennedy. He also caught it and immediately flashed it to the net.

Half time Toomevara 2-1

Moycarkey 0-1.

Soon after half time Kennedy placed another ball into the Moycarkey goalmouth and O'Meara goaled. Kennedy added another goal and Toomevara ran out easy winners. Final score— Toomevara 5-4

Moycarkey 0-2

Capt. J. Leahy wearing a 'swanky' blue and gold sweater with light blue cap, a souvenir

of the American trip, refereed Toomevara: T. O'Meara, P. O'Meara, W. O'Meara, S. Gleeson G. Howard, Sean Donovan, S. Hackett, M. Kennedy, John Guilmartin, P. Collison, John Kennedy, T. Burns, T. Gleeson, John Gleeson, M. O'Brien.

Moycarkey: P. Purcell, T. Kelly, Joseph Maher, J. J. Hayes, John Maher, W. O'Brien, Martin Dwyer, T. O'Meara, M. Maher, Phil Cahill, John Fanning, T. Bourke, John Ryan, W. Kennedy, T. Hayes.



Martin Kennedy (Toomevara)

**Bain úsáid as pé Gaeilge
atá agat.**

*Bring our youth to see
our games—and remember
a hurley makes an excellent
present.*

Tipperary's All-Ireland Referees

Ask most genuine GAA followers in the county the number of All-Irelands in any particular code won by Tipperary and you'll get a fairly prompt answer; but ask them about the number of Tipperary men who have refereed all-Irelands and the response may not be as forthcoming.

Yet Tipperary has a proud record where the refereeing of senior All-Ireland finals in both codes are concerned. Indeed the first senior football All-Ireland in 1887 between Limerick (Commercials) and Louth (Young Irelands) won by the former, was refereed by Tipp man John Cullinane.

Of course John Moloney of Bansha, has the greatest distinction of all Tipp men, having officiated in both codes, in 1974 at the hurling final and on no fewer than five occasions at the football final, 1967, 1969, 1973, 1975 and 1977.

Thurlesman John Joe Callanan has the unique distinction of captaining Tipperary to win the 1930 All-Ireland Hurling final and then, ten years later, to have charge of the hurling final between Limerick and Kilkenny.

The late Bill O'Donnell of Anacarty, well-known caman weilder in his day with Tipperary and Munster, played on the Tipperary team which won the hurling All-Ireland in 1937 at Killarney, and refereed the 1941 hurling All-Ireland between Cork and Dublin.

Former county secretary, the late Phil Purcell Moycarkey, who won a senior All-Ireland in 1930, the triple crown year, refereed the 1947 All-Ireland between Kilkenny and Cork.

In 1955, it was the turn of Holycross' Bob Stakelum to officiate at the senior hurling All-Ireland, this time featuring Wexford and Galway.

The most recent Tipp man to have charge of



George Ryan 1979 final

a hurling final is George Ryan of Lattin, chairman of the West Tipperary board, who was the man in the middle for the 1979 final in which Cork emerged victorious.

Only four Tipperarymen have had the honour of refereeing All-Ireland senior football finals. John Moloney's five finals earn him a special niche in the county's records, and John Cullinane's distinction of refereeing the football final has also been mentioned.

When Kerry defeated Kildare, 1-11 to 0-8 in the 1931 final, the third of a four-in-a-row, only equalled this year, the referee was Tom Keating from Clonee; Cavan and Meath met twice before the destination of the Sam Maguire was decided, and on each occasion Sean Hayes was the man in charge.

Though not a native of Tipperary, Limerick's Pat McKenna is Tipperary by adoption, having spent most of his time as a Garda Sergeant in Thurles, where he still resides in retirement. Pat had charge of the 1941 football All-Ireland in which Kerry beat Galway and in 1943 he refereed the drawn final between Roscommon and Cavan, which the former won in the replay.

So Tipperary's contribution to this aspect of the association is a proud one, and with so many prominent and promising men giving tremendous service in this thankless job, the indications are that the tradition will be carried on in the years to come.



John Moloney
Refereed All-Irelands on six occasions

Michael Dundon, *Tipperary Star*



Noel Murphy and John Ryan heading for the turnstiles

Faces at . . .



Paddy Nolan "Up Moycarkey"



Jim Max
in happy mood!



Tomas O Baroid
County Secretary



Tommy Max

Semple Stadium 1981

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and
Larry Moloughney
caught by
Ned O'Shea's
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The Role of a Club P.R.O.

Every club should have a Public Relations Officer. The job of the P.R.O. is a specific one, to ensure publicity for the club. This helps its development, attracts new members and generally shows the public that the club is fulfilling a useful role in the Community.

Communication within the club is also important. While a lot of communication within the club is done by the Secretary—a P.R.O. can take some of the work load and also use additional means of "spreading the Gospel". A simple stencilled Newsletter giving up-to-date information re training sessions, fixtures, Scor competitions, social events, etc. is very effective. Hand it out before or after Sunday Mass—usually "the lads" congregate outside the Church. Add a reminder to have correct club gear—socks, clean togs. Any other relevant information can be included. For those fortunate enough to have a Clubhouse, use a Notice Board to publicise club activities whatever form is used ensure that the information is accurate.

The work done by the P.R.O. outside the club is most important. It creates part of the image projected by the club. Firstly the PRO should know the aims and objectives of the Association and be able to exercise sound judgement in what he/she writes and says on behalf of the club. A PRO works in consultation with the Chairman and Secretary before going public. The job is not a publicity vehicle for any individual but rather for the club.

The local papers are the main means of publicity for the club. Write, phone or call on the Sports Editor. Establish guidelines for material. It's important to be consistent in supplying material. No Editor can be expected to reserve a space unless there is a weekly piece. Many clubs do not realise that newspaper reporters can only cover a limited number of games. So it's up to the PRO to supply a brief report of the game, also names of scorers and players who did well. All players like to see an acknowledgement of their efforts—try and mention all players during the season. This is particularly important for juveniles. Every youngster loves to see his name in the paper. If the PRO cannot attend every game a simple report form should be given to the team Manager. I cannot over emphasise the importance of coverage in the local paper. Why do you read The Guardian, The Star or The Nationalist? To read the local news. Make sure your club features. Also, pass on the results to your Divisional PRO for inclusion on Sean Og's Sports Results on Sunday night. Again establish a pattern re time of contact each time your club plays.



Liz Howard, P.R.O. Tipp. Co. Board

Photography is a powerful publicity weapon. Get photographs of your teams published during the season. If supplying photographs make sure they are of good quality. Build up a Scrapbook with reports and photographs—it helps to build up club tradition.

Social or any special events run by the Club during the year should be publicised:

1. Members activities—some member may be getting married, leaving the area, selected for the county team and so on.
2. Presentation of prizes to club teams.
3. Community work—co-operation with other organisations in community projects.
4. Fund raising activities.
5. Annual General Meeting—report and result of elections.
6. Motions put forward by the club to its County Convention.

If a club has a ground under its control which is used for important matches the PRO should ensure that adequate provision is made for reporters. Covered accommodation, a table and seat and an unobstructed view of the game. We need the good will of the reporters—they give us publicity—let us give them the facilities necessary to do their job.

These are basic guidelines for the Club PRO. If you have anything of National interest perhaps you'd write to me at the address below unless you want to send it directly to the National papers.

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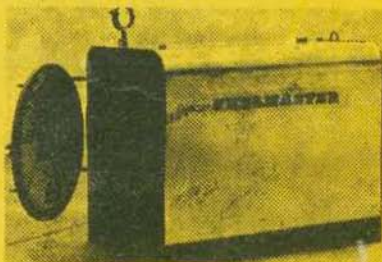
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