Co. Tipperary Senior Hurling Final Match Programme 1983

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PAIRC UI LAOCHDHA CAISEAL 30 DEIRE FOMHAIR 1983





MIONÚIR 1.45 MOYCARKEY-BORRIS

ROSCREA
REITEOIR: BILLY CARROLL

SINSIR 3.15 BORRISILEIGH

LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY RÉITEOIR: JOHN MOLONEY CLÁR OIFIGIÚIL LUACH 50p.

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County Hurling Final Day is a very special occasion for many people and none more so then the players out there on the field of play. All the effort put into the games and training during the year now reaches the climax. With all the preliminary preparations adequately taken care of and once the referee throws in the ball, the remainder, to a very large extent, rests with the players.

Each player to his own position to discharge his duties to the best of his ability, combining with the other players on his side, striving with might and main, utilising all the skills he has practised and bringing into use all the coaching he has received in the game for that very special and much sought-after award — the winning of a County Hurling medal.

Last year, Moycarkey-Borris and Roscrea were the participants in the County Senior final. The start of today's proceedings will again see both of these famed hurling strongholds in opposition in the minor final decider. Keeping in mind their performances during the year and the great hurling tradition of both clubs, our expectations are for a final in keeping with the great minor finals of the past.

The contestants in the senior final, Borrisileigh and Loughmore-Castleiney, are a unique pairing. Unique in so far as the hurlers of Loughmore-Castleiney are contesting their first ever senior hurling final. But who can say that they are not there on merit alone. Their attention to and success in every grade from Juvenile age upwards is but honest reward for earnest endeavour. More noted and still very much to the fore as a football stronghold, their hurling successes to date are many and exciting.

Borrisileigh are no strangers to the county final scene. It is only two short years since they recorded their last success at this level. Over the years they have produced many outstanding hurlers, names that will be forever recalled when the game of hurling is discussed either within or outside the confines of Tipperary.

We look forward to a great game and we wish each and every player well in not alone giving of his best but also helping to maintain the traditional high standard of sportsmanship and splendour that other finals have set for us. To the winners of the Dan Breen Cup, whoever they may be, our earnest wish is that they with the help and co-operation of all others will restore this cherished county of ours to its former place of hurling glory.

Finally, to the Sportsfield Committee and the Cashel King Cormacs club, our unstinted praise and admiration for your efforts in keeping with this great occasion.



Willie Ryan

Willie Ryan is the President of the Cashel King Cormacs club for the past three years but his association with the club goes back over fifty years. Willie played mostly junior hurling and very few of the old junior team are now left. Others are Joe Byrne, Jackie Ryan and Paddy Keeffe.

One of the highlights of Willie's career was a match against Golden at New Inn, played in Hyland's field, on a day when the opposition had five O'Donnells on the team. Cashel were short so the captain, Michael Burke, called on Willie's services and gave him no less a task than to mark Bill O'Donnell. Willie rose magnificently to the occasion and scoring 3-1 to help his side to victory. The memory of the day is often recalled in Cashel.

Buíochas

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BILLY CARROLL

Billy Carroll of Clonmel is in charge of to-day's minor county final. He is chairman of the St. Mary's club and was a county minor selector from 1975-77. Since then he has been a selector of the county under 21 team. Billy is a native of Clonmel and a former chairman of Bord na nOg. He has substantial experience as a referee having taken charge of the 1977 Munster minor final and the 1981 county hurling final. He has also refereed two county football finals and two Munster club semi-finals. His umpires for to-day's game are Jim Coy, Tommy Murphy, Dan Kavanagh and Dick St. John and his linesmen are Kevin Leahy and Joe McNamara.

JOHN MOLONEY

John Moloney is one of the most familiar figures in charge of a hurling or a football match. In fact he has been refereeing since 1956 and has an impressive list of matches under his whistle during the intervening twenty-seven years.

During that period he refereed nine Munster finals, six in football and three in hurling. His last in football was this year and in hurling in 1979. He has refereed six All—Irelands, a hurling in 1974 between Kilkenny and Limerick and five in football, the last of which was in 1977. His county final record is even more impressive having refereed about twenty in hurling and football.

Although the record shows him refereeing more football than hurling he much perfers the latter game. Besides refereeing at the top level John is well-known his willingness to referee at any level of the game. He takes charge of over one hundred matches a year at all levels. In 1982 he refereed one hundred and twenty games.

John is a member of the Referees Association and they run a football competition between themselves. Tipperary have won it out in the last two years and it has been decided to run it in this county next year in honour of the centenary of the G.A.A.

John is a farmer in the Bansha area is a married man with five sons. His is a faithful member of the Bansha club and has held every office. At present he is Trustee and President of the Juvenile section.



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MOYCARKEY - BORRIS.

The first G.A.A. club was formed in the parish in November 1885 and since then has always held a prominent place in the parish. Twelve months ago it was the senior hurlers who held the limelight as they regained the county final after a lapse of forty-two years. To-day the spotlight shines on the minors as they endeavour to bring the U/18 hurling title to the club for the third time. Having being previously successful in 1968 and 1972.

Like most clubs Moycarkey-Borris always had a strong juvenile section and to those dedicated workers at under age ranks, behind the scenes, must get a lot of the credit for success at adult level. To-day's minors, too have graduated from juvenile ranks and have taken divisional honours in most grades and were successful at county U/12 level. Last year's senior winning squad learned their hurling too, in the juvenile ranks and indeed two of that side, David Fogarty & Jimmy Leahy were on the successful Mid winning team of 1981, while Jack Bergin, Tom Doran, Eamonn Darmody & Dick Quigley won county minor honours in 1972, the last year that the club was victorious at minor level.

Whatever the fortunes of to-day's fifteen it is hoped that in future years they will form the nucleus of senior winning sides.

Captain of the side to-day is Michael McKenna, who played at schools level with Thurles C.B.S. Dean Ryan and Harty Cup teams. Michael was a member of this year's Tipperary Munster winning side and had the honour to captain his county in the All—Ireland semi-final replay against Galway. Michael is joined in defence with his brother Mark, who has also made a name for himself in athletic circles, representing Tipperary at the Community Games. Another stalwart of the defence is Jimmy Bergin, of the famous Grallagh hurling family and will try and emulate his brothers, Jack, Liam and Nicholas who won county senior medals twelve months ago.

Midfielder Phil Cahill is grandson of the legendary, stylist hurler of Tipperary fame of the same name, and in whose honour the Cahill Cup for the Mid Senior League was donated. He is joined on the panel by his 15 year- old-brother Pat, a most promising young sticksman. The panel also contains twin brothers, Joe and Pat Bracken, while the Cleary family have the biggest representation, Johnny, Milo and Billy.

Trainer, Tom Harold and his fellow selectors have looked after this crew with great dedication all during the season and they will hope that their young recruits will defeat Roscrea as their seniors of twelve months ago did and write another chapter into the history of this great Mid Tipperary Club.

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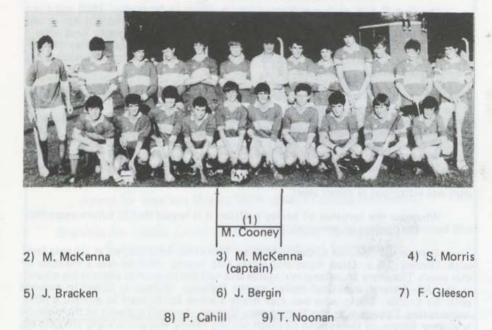
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MOYCARKEY-BORRIS MINOR TEAM



D. Byrnes, 17) P. Bracken, 18) T. Gleeson, 19) M. Quinn, 20) B. Cleary, 21) T.P. Croke, 22) N. Doherty, 23) C. Kelly, 24) P. Cahill.

11) D. Kirwan

14) M. Shaw

12) J. Cummins

15) T. Darmody

10) J. Cleary

13) M. Cleary

Path to the Final

Moycarkey-Borris U/18 hurlers played six matches on their march to to—day's final. They scored 21-47 and conceded 8-42. Their match sequences were:—beat Sarsfields 3-2 to 1-4; beat Clonmore 6-5 to 1-7; beat Holycross (holders) 2-5 to 1-5; beat Boherlahan 5-11 to 2-5. In the Mid decider they drew 0-8 each with Sarsfields but beat the "Blues" in a thrilling replay by 3-8 to 1-11, and in the county semi final overcame South champions, Carrick Swan by 2-8 to 2-2.

Moycarkey-Borris Club Officers 1983

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Selectors:

Moycarkey-Borris Selectors :- Tom Harold, Paddy Maher, Billy Ryan and Eddie Ryan. Trainer: Tom Harold.

ROSCREA MINOR TEAM



B. Connolly

2) F. Hearns 3) B. England

4) M. Fletcher (captain)

5) J. Mullally

6) P. Delaney

7) J. Gleeson

8) J. Pyne

9) D. O'Donnell

10) M. Nolan

11) E. England

12) P. Dolan

13) L. Carson

14) D. Cummins

15) D. Ryan

 B. Carey, 17) A. Minogue, 18) S. McLoughlin, 19) T. Grimes, 20) T. Hoctor, 21) J. Wright, 22) D. Kealy.

PATH TO THE FINAL

Beat Nenagh in first round 4-12 to 2-5
Beat Kilruane in second round 4-10 to 0-4
Beat Erin's Hope in third round 0-12 to 1-8
Beat Toomevara in North final 2-6 to 2-4
Beat Lattin-Cullen in County semi-final 5-11 to 1-7

Roscrea Club

President: Jack Moloney, Vice-President: J.J. Maher, Chairman: Ned Treacy, Secretary: Willy O'Reilly, Treasurer: Jack Pyne, P.R.O.: Ciaran MacNicolas,

Roscrea Juvenile Club

President: Christy Maher, Chairman: Barry Barrett, Secretary/Treasurer: S. Doherty, Secectors: B. Barrett (Manager), Mick Hogan (Trainer), Murt Deane.

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1953-Rahealty 1954-57 - Thurles Sarsfields 1962-63-Roscrea 1964-Movne/Templetuoty 1965-Cappawhite 1966-67-Roscrea

1968-Movcarkey 1969-Eire Og, Nenagh 1970-Boherlahan 1971-Kiruane

1972 - Movcarkey/Borris

1973-Sarsfields 1974-Cashel 1975-Cashel

1976-Loughmore/Castleinev 1977-Nenagh, Eire Og

1978-Nenagh, Eire Og

1979—Loughmore/Castleiney 1980-Cashel King Cormacs 1981-Clonoulty/Rossmore

1982-Holycross Ballycahill

About The Roscrea Minor Team

Roscrea minors have been North Tipperary champions on twenty-six occasions. 1. This year's title was their first since 1980.

They have been county minor champions on eight occasions, 1858, 1959, 2.

1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1966, 1967,

3. Their last appearance in a county minor final was in 1975 when Cashel beat them 2-15 to 0-4. The team was captained by Jimmy Cunningham. 4.

The last county minor final meeting of Roscrea and Moycarkey took place in 1968 when the Mid men emerged victorious by 3-5 to 2-3.

5. Roscrea won their last county minor title in 1967 when they beat Golden

Kilfeacle in the decider by 4-7 to 0-3.

6. On to-day's team Brian and Eamon England are brothers. Michael Nolan and John Pyne are Cousins. Donnacha Ryan is a son of Dinny Ryan of the Tipperary 1949-51 era. Michael Nolan's father, Mickey, won an All-Ireland Tipperary 1949-51 era. Michael Nolan's father, Mickey, wo minor medal in 1959 on Larry Kiely's winning Tipperary side. 7.

Donal Kealy was the Tipperary minor centreback last year and this year. Donal and Dan O'Donnell won Munster medals with North Tipperary U-16

hurlers in 1981.

Brian England, Paul Delaney, John Pyne, Michael Nolan, Paul Dolan have also 8. played Munster championship hurling with North Tipperary under-16's.

9. Brendan Connolly, Brian England, Dan O'Donnell, Michael Nolan, Eamon England, Paul Dolan and Liam Carson won Dr. Rogers cup medals (Munster under-18 hurling) Colleges 'C' already this year with Roscrea C.B.S.

10. John Pyne and Paul Delaney were on this year's Munster title winning North

Tipperary Vocational Schools hurling team.

In 1981 Roscrea contested the North-Tipperary hurling finals at under-12, 11. under-16, minor, junior and senior and lost them all, In 1982 they contested the North Tipperary hurling finals at under-12, under-14, under-16, minor,

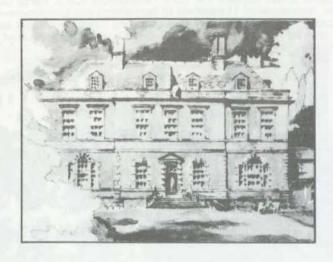
under-21, junior and senior. They were successful in under-14 and junior. The success of Roscrea C.B.S. in recent years on the hurling field has been 12. exceptional and has been a great source of encouragement to club teams. Among the titles won are Munster under-15, 1982, Dr. Rogers Cup, 1982 and 1983, Dr. Kinane Cup, 1983, Fitzgerald Shield 1981 and 1983.

The last Roscrea player to captain the Tipperary minor hurling team was 13.

Joe Hogan in 1976 and Tipperary won the All-Ireland.

So far in 1983 Roscrea have won North under-12 football, under-14 football. 14. under-16 football and under 17 football League. Tipperary/Munster/All-Ireland champions under 13½ Community Games Hurling, County Under-16 champions and North minor hurling champions.

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Harty Cup and All—Ireland colleges champions 1978

Opponents Today - Colleagues in April 1978

The above photo contains the 1978 Templemore C.B.S. Harty Cup winning combination. It consisted of 11 members of Borrisileigh and Loughmore-Castleiney clubs and today nine members of that outstanding combination will compete for Tipperary's premier hurling prize. So the friendship and comradeship of yesteryear will have to be left aside for one hour at least.



PHOTO: BACK ROW (L to R) Br. O'Peirun, Pat Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney) J. Kennedy, Pat McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) Brendan Russell, Tommy Stapleton (Loughmore-Castleiney) Peter Brennan (do) Br. Seaver, Jim Maher (Loughmore-Castleiney) Rd. Stapleton (do), Canon Cody, Pat Cormack (Loughmore-Castleiney) Ml. Ryan, Sean O'Costagan.

FRONT ROW (Lto R) Joe Bourke, Liam Farrelly, Michael Ryan (Borrisoleigh) Joey Sweeney (Loughmore-Castleiney) Pat Hassett, Noel Farrelly, Morturi Bourke, John Hauley, Frankie McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) Bobby Ryan (Borrisoleigh)

Noelie Fogarty.

While Templemore C.B.S. has much success on the hurling fields of Tipperary and Munster over the past two decades much of it is due to the tremendous influx of players from dedicated juvenile clubs in the surrounding parishes and it is indeed a very happy day for the school to see so many of its past-pupils feature today in combat for the ultimate prize of Tipperary Hurling.

In the Borrisileigh line out the O'Dwyer brothers, Timmy Ryan, Noel Maher and Timmy Delaney figured in Kinnane Cup and Con Padraig victories from 1966-

1970. While John McGrath, Phillip Kenny, Aidan Ryan, Richard Stakelum were colleagues of Loughmores John Cormack on Templemore C.B.S. Harty Cup Team defeated in quarter final by famed North Monestary, Cork in 1981 by a four point margin.

Other members of both selections won many trophies with the school during the '70's namely, Frankie McGrath, R. Stapleton, Peter Brennan, Denis Kiely, Pat Cormack, J. Maher, Connor Sweeney, Pat McGrath, Connor Brennan, Liam Cormack, Pat Treacy, John Treacy, MI McGrath, and John Cormack (all Loughmore-Castleiney) and Bobby Ryan, Ml. Ryan (Borrisileigh).

Lets hope that the dedication and commitment of those young men will be an inspiration to other clubs in the area to strive harder and achieve success in Tipperary Championships.

Wishing Success to Everyone on County Final Day

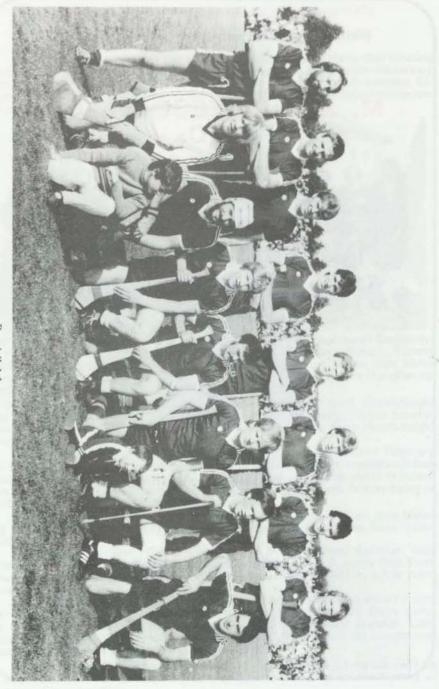
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Borrisileigh

OWEN WALSH: Goalkeeper, age 30, height 5-10, weight 12-00. Works as a lorry driver. Won five senior North medals and one county medal, one North under-21 and county under-21, one All—Ireland 7 a-side.

MICHAEL RYAN: Cornerback, age 23, height 5-9, weight 11½ stone. He is a farmer. Won North junior and senior medals and county senior medal. Won Harty

and Colleges All-Ireland medals and 2 All-Ireland under-21 medals.

T.F. STAPLETON: Fullback, age 34, height 6.01, weight 13-7. Occupation-Sugar Factory employee. Won four North Tipperary medals in senior hurling and one county medal. Also won North and County under-21 medals.

TIMMY DELANEY: age 34, height 5-9, weight 12 stone. A National Teacher. He has won an under-21 county final, five North senior hurling medals and one

county. Also an under-21 All-Ireland.

RICHARD STAKELUM: Right wing-back, age 21, height 6-1, weight 13-00, Occupation: a teacher. Won two North and one county senior hurling medals. GERRY STAPLETON: Centre-back, age 24, height 5-10, weight 12-00. Hardware assistant. Two North junior titles, three North senior titles, one county

senior title. All—Ireland minor and under-21 medals. National League medal. NOELIE MAHER: Left half-back, age 31, height 5-8, weight 11-7, A Clerk, he has won one county under-21 title three North Senior medals and one county

senior medal.

TIMMY RYAN: Midfield, age 32, weight 11½ stone, height 6-00. A Farmer. Won North and county under-21 medals, five North and one senior hurling medal. JOHN McGRATH: Centrefield, age 19, height 6-3, weight 11-7. Is an A.1.

Official, Has two North senior medals and one county senior medal.

PHILIP KENNY: Right wing-forward, age 19, height 6feet, weight 12-00; A student. Won an All-Ireland minor medal in 1980. North and county senior medals in 1981.

BOBBY RYAN: Centre Forward, age 22, height 6 feet, weight 12½ stone. A Farmer. Won four North juvenile medals, four Munster Colleges medals, one Harty and one All—Ireland Colleges, two Munster and two All—Ireland under-21 medals, one North and one county senior medals.

AIDAN RYAN: Left wing-forward, age 18, height 5-8, weight 11-00. A student. He has won an All-Ireland minor hurling medal and a North Tipperary

senior hurling medal.

MICHAEL COEN: Right corner-forward, age 33, height 5-9, weight 11-00. A Fitter. Five divisional medals and two county medals in senior hurling. One Oireachtas medal.

TIMMY STAPLETON: Full-forward, age 26, height 6-2½, weight 14-00. A Fitter-welder, Won two All-Ireland seven a-side. Three North senior hurling and

one county senior hurling medal.

NOEL O'DWYER: Left corner-forward, age 35, height 6-0, weight 13-7. Sales Manager. Won 1 All—Ireland senior, 2 Munster senior, 3 Oireachtais, 3 Railway Cup, 1 National League, 1 All—Ireland under-21, 5 North senior and one senior hurling medals.

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2) M. Ryan

3) T.F. Stapleton

5) R. Stakelum

- 6) G. Stapleton
- 8) T. Ryan 9)) J. McGrath
- 10) P. Kenny

11) B. Ryan

12) A. Ryan

Delaney

7) N. Maher

13) M. Coen

14) T. Stapleton

15) N. O'Dwyer

16) F. Spillane, 17) T. O'Dwyer, 18) F. Collins, 19) P. Tynan, 20) J. Treacy 21) A. Kelly, 22) B. Kenny, 23) P. Kavanagh

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1ú Leath						
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RLING FINAL

LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY

(1) Frankie McGrath

Richard Stapleton

3) Peter Brennan

4) Dinny Kiely

Pat Cormack

6) Jim Maher

7) E. Sweeney

8) Pat McGrath 9) Eamon Brennan

Tom McGrath

11) Pat Treacy

12) Liam Cormack

13) Michael McGrath

14) John Treacy

15) John Cormack

16) Tommy Gleeson, 17) Martin Meagher, 18) John Geehan, 19) Pat Gleeson, 20) Rat Cahill, 21) Martin Walsh, 22) Dick Egan, 23) Tom Ryan, 24) Jim Geehan.

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	65m	Saor-Pucanna
1ú Leath					
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Iomlán					

FRANKIE McGRATH: Goalkeeper, age 21, height 5-7, weight 10-7. Works for the P & T. Won most under-age competitions and played in the minor and under-21 championships.

RICHARD STAPLETON: Right corner-back, age 23, height 5-11, weight 13-0 Works in the Civil Service and is Captain of the team. Has won Harty cup and most

under-age competitions. He is also a footballer.

PĒTER BRENNAN: Full-back, age 22, height 5-10, weight 12-0. He is Clerical student. His is Full-back on the county team and has won two under-21 hurling All—Irelands. He is also a footballer.

DINNY KIELY: Left corner-back, age 29, height 5-8, weight 11-0. He is a

store manager and won an intermediate county final in 1980.

PAT CORMACK: Right corner-back, age 22, height 5-8, weight 11-0. He is an University student. Has won Harty Cup medal, under—age competitions and two county minor medals.

JIM MAHER: Centre-back, age 21, height 6-0, weight 14-0. He is a farmer and was captain of the All—Ireland minor team. Has played with all under-age teams.

EAMON SWEENEY: Left wing-back, age 26, height 5-6, weight 10-0. He is a

postman and has won a Mid minor hurling title.

PAT McGRATH: Centrefield, age 22, height 5-10, weight 12-00. He is a Post Office clerk. Has won a Harty Cup medal, two under-21 All—Ireland titles, under-age competitions and he also plays football.

EAMON BRENNAN: Centrefield, age 23, height 5-10, weight 12-0. He is a farmer. Has won a county minor medal. Also won county senior and under-21

football medals.

PAT TREACY: Right wing-forward, age 22, height 5-11, weight 11-10. He works in the Civil Service and has won Harty Cup, All—Ireland Colleges medals. Also under-age competitions and plays football.

LIAM CORMACK: Centre-forward, age 21, height 5-10, weight 12-00. He is

a Teacher and has played in club under- age competitions.

TOM McGRATH: Left wing-forward, age 27, height 5-10, weight 12-7. He is a Town Clerk in Templemore. He captained the first minor team in 1974. Played with county in all football grades.

MICHAEL McGRATH: Right corner-forward, age 25, height 5-9, weight 11-0. He is a farmer and was on the 1976 minor team. Won an All-Ireland under-21

medal.

JOHN TREACY: Full-forward, age 28, height 6-0, weight 13-00. He is a teacher and has won a county under-21 medal and three county senior medals.

JOHN CORMACK: Left corner-forward, age 19, height 6-0, weight 12-00. He is a student and has won an All—Ireland minor medal. Has played in all underage competitions.

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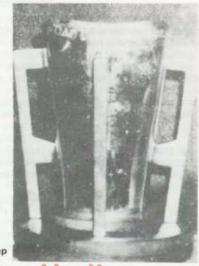
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Philly Ryan of Borrisileigh

On reaching to-day's Co. Final, the parish of Borrisileigh lays aside everthing, and the people of this hurling stronghold throng to "Cashel of the Kings" with hurling in their veins. Because it is on an occasion like this that the Gaels of the parish relive the hurling feats of the great men of the past. Today, no matter how well the teams plays, or no matter how impressive an individual performance may be, the followers of 'Borris have seen it all before from previous 'Borris teams.

In reaching to-day's Final the Club is afforded an opportunity to avail of this momentous occasion in playing a tribute to "Philly".

The occasion is especially tinged with sadness since it is unlikely for Philly to be present here in Cashel to-day, because as most of his friends are aware his hospilisation is not complete. As most Gaels in Tipperary already know, he had both his legs removed earlier this year because of serious illness.

The Borrisileigh Club would dearly wish for Philly to be with us to-day; but such is the way of life, and our thoughts and prayers are with him in hospital.

There is little need to remind Tipperary Gaels of the influence Philly had on Borrisileigh Hurling, both during his playing career, and as an administrator.

In his 'hey day' few centre field men could stand with Philly for a 'dropping ball'. His overhead hurling was the centrepiece of many 'Borris victories during the forties and fifties. During a playing career that extended over many decades, Philly Ryan won the respect and admiration of all followers of the game.

His input into Tipperary hurling was also immense, both as a player and selector. His views on hurling and and his judgment as a hurler have always been sought with respect.

For thirty years Philly kept the 'flag flying' in Borris as the Club's Secretary, He was then elected Chairman until his health failed him,

An indication of the esteem in which he is held by the players was seen again this year when he was the unanimous choice of the Senior Players as a Selector.

A moving moment was witnessed in this years North Final when just before the "throw-in" the entire team approached the sideline together and saluted "Philly" in his wheelchair.

Oh time how cruel you are to lay your icy hands on such a man! But consolation lies in the knowledge that Philly is with us still, and this is an inspiration to our players to-day. We trust his players will not let him down in upholding an honour that is dearest to his heart.

Let this one be for you Philly.

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Bill Ryan Laha

There are only two players left from the last team to win an All—Ireland football final for Tipperary They are Mick Tobin of Grangemockler and Bill Ryan of Laha. Bill is now eighty-nine years and lost his wife only recently. He played right-back most of his life on the team with the exception of one occasion against Sligo in an All—Ireland semi-final when he played centrefield. On the same day the Tipperary hurlers were beaten by Kilkenny. It was the 1922 championship played in 1923.

Bill was on the Tipperary team for twelve or thirteen years and won three Munster football medals! The other two were in 1918 when Wexford beat them in the final and 1920 when they went ahead to win their last All—Ireland football Championship.

His first success was with Castleiney when he won a senior football medal in 1914 when they were combined with Templetuohy. The combination beat

Nenagh Institute in the final at Thurles. There were only two drinking on the team. Bill recalls they were taken in to John Maher's after the match by some Gael and there were only two alcholic drinks in the round. They were beaten in the county final in 1915. They didn't have the full team as some were injured and one of the players had a death in the family. They broke up with Templetuohy after that. A few went with Templemore. In 1925 they beat Fethard in the final at Carrick—On—Suir. Three years later they won the Mid but were beaten by Fethard in the Final.

Bill remembers the Munster championship of 1918. Tipperary beat Cork and Waterford and met Kerry in the Munster final in the Cork Athletic Grounds. The results was 1-1 to 0-1 in favour of Tipperary. They beat Mayo by a point in the semi—final and trained at Dungarvan for the final, which wasn't played until February 1919. They spent two weeks in collective training. For the final they were missing three forwards, Including Bill Barrett of the commons, an uncle of Tommy's, because of flu. They got three fifties in the second half and failed to score. At full-time they were a point behind, five to four in favour of Wexford, who made it four-in-a-row on that day. Bill remembers that his Wexford opponent that day, Reynolds, was one of the most elusive players he ever came across.

Tipperary were beaten by Kerry in the 1919 Munster final but they reversed the result in 1920. They overcame Mayo by five points in the semi-final. The All—Ireland against Dublin was played in June 1922. The team trained in Mullinahone, staying in houses for the fortnight. Those from around the area went home at night. Every day there was a regimen of football, running and sprints. There was no compensation for being away from the farm. The final result was 1-6 to 1-2 in favour of Tipperary.

Bill has vivid memories of 'Bloody Sunday' in November 1920. The occasion was a challenge match between Dublin and Tipperary to raise funds for the I.R.A. The team went up on Saturday evening. Bill got the train at Templemore. There were fourteen English soldiers on the train and there was nearly an incident between them and the players on the train. When the train arrived at Kingsbridge there was a large military presence and Bill and his fellow players expected to be arrested on some pretext. Instead the soldiers were arrested. Seemingly, they had done some damage at the station at Templemore before leaving and the station-master

had wired Dublin. The players stayed at Barry's Hotel. When the team lined out on the Sunday, Mick Hogan was playing behind Bill. They had a discussion about changing positions because the Dublin corner-forward, Frank Burke, was a great forward and a bit of a handful for Hogan. However, they didn't change. Tipperary were defending the Canal End and the game was on about twelve minutes when the attack came. The soldiers came in at the Canal End and there was pandemonium when the firing started. The field also was surrounded because Bill made two attempts to get away and was turned back by the military on both occasions. Eventually, somebody gave him a coat and he made his way back to the hotel where the team had togged out. There was no score at the time of the military incursion and the match was replayed for a set of medals the following year and Tipperary won. Two other members of that team were shot later: Jackie Brett went with the column and was shot and Jim Egan got shot in the Civil War.

Bill was not a big man. In fact he was only 5' 8" and weighed only 11-8 at peak fitness. He relied on speed, which he had in abundance, and highfielding to make up for his physical limitations. The two best footballers he ever saw were Tommy Murphy of Laois and Larry Stanley of Kildare. Bill's life wasn't all football. He started hurling with the Clonmore junior team. Later he played with Templetuohy juniors and won a Mid final with them in 1923. He won another medal with Castleiney juniors in 1925 on a team that included, Martin Whelan of Toomevara, who was working on the Council in the area at the time. The team had to go senior as a result of this victory and Bill won a Mid senior medal with them in 1928. He stopped playing in 1932 when his knee went and became a club officer. Himself and Jim Ryan of Loughmore carried the team along for many years after that. Bill is eighty-nine years of age to—day and is still remarkably fit and lively. He's looking forward to a Loughmore-Castleiney victory today with as much enthusiasm as he did to his own great victory in the Mid Senior final in 1928.

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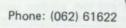
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NOVEMBER Who was there?

The following report appeared in the 'Tipperary Advocate' on Saturday, November 8, 1884. It was entitled: 'Irish National Pastimes' and it read: 'A meeting was held in Thurles on Saturday in the Commercial Hotel to form a Gaelic Association for the promotion of Irish National Pastimes, The following were present: Messrs Maurice Davin, Carrick-on-Suir, who presided; M. Cusack, Dublin; John Butler, Ballyhuddy; Wm. Foley, Carrick-on-Suir; John McKay; Cork Athletic Club; D.C. Culhane, Thurles; Wm. Delahunty, Thurles; Joseph Ryan, Solicitor, Callan; M. Cantwell, Thurles; Mr. Bracken, Templemore; and D.I. McCarthy, R.I.C. Mr. Cusack read a large number of letters expressing approval of the movement and promising co-operation. These included letters from Mr. Michael Davitt, M. A. Miller and Rev. J. Cantwell. Resolutions were adopted for forming an association which shall be called 'The Gaelic Association for the Preservation of our National Pastimes, appointing the Archbishop of Cashel, Mr. Parnell M.P. and Mr. Michael Davitt to be patrons, Mr. Maurice Davin, President, and Mr. Cusack, Mr. J. Wyse-Power and Mr. John McKay, secretaries, with power to add to their number.

There are different opinions on who was present and T.K. Dwyer, a grandson of one of those reputed to have been there did an article on the controvercy in the program for the Munster Final of 1979. It follows.

Saturday 1st November will go down in history as the date of the foundation of the G.A.A. The meeting at Hayes' Hotel, Thurles to set up the association was called by a circular signed by Michael Cusack, a Clareman teaching in Dublin, and Maurice Davin, a farmer from Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir. Both men had been All-Ireland champions at athletic events run by the Irish Champion Athletic Club, in the 1870s.

Some writers have given the number of people present at the meeting as seven. V. Rev. Canon P. Fogarty in "Tipperary G.A.A. Story" (1960) calls them an "Immortal Seven" and names them as J.K. Bracken and J. McCarthy (Templemore), P.J. Ryan, Solicitor, Thurles and Callan; J. McKay, Cork and J.W. Power, Naas, plus Messrs Davin and Cusack, Mr Seamus O'Ceallaigh in "Story of the G.A.A." (1977) gives the same and tells that John Wyse-Power was editor of the Leinster Leader and that John McKay, a Belfastman was a correspondent with the Cork Examiner. Local tradition and general opinion in the Littleton area did not accept this list as correct as it was generally accepted that T.K. Dwyer, a local athlete of the time was present at the meeting, and unless there had been two meetings some one was wrong.

A search of the local newspapers of that time gave some help. The 'Chronicle' (Nenagh) gave details of the meeting and gave the names of seven people who were among those present. Three of these names were not on the Fogarty or O'Ceallaigh

lists. They were Wm. Foley, Carrick-on-Suir; Wm Delahunty, Thurles and James Butler, Ballyhudda. A Leinster Leader of 8th Nov. 1884 gives a long account of the meeting, but only names Cusack, Davin, Wyse-Power and McKay. In his description of the event, the reporter said that there was a large crowd of people present, and that there were high hopes of the organisation being successful.

The "Cork Examiner" of the same date gave a long account of the meeting but did not state how many were present; except to say that the crowd was very small in in relation to the number of invitations sent out. However in his book "Champions of the Athletic Arena" (1946), Wm Dooley the well known athletic broadcaster and journalist gives an extract form a newspaper of the time (but doesn't name the paper), naming twelve people who were present at the meeting. they were: — Maurice Davin, Carrick; Ml. Cusack, Dublin; John Butler, Ballyhudda; Wm Foley, Carrick: John McKay, Cork: Dwyer, C. Culhane, Thurles, Wm Delahunty, Thurles; J.K. Bracken, Templemore: and District Inspector McCarthy, R.I.C,

"The Irish Sportsman" of 8th Nov. '84 with a short statement says that a meeting was held in Hayes Commercial Hotel, Thurles on Sat. 1st Nov., formation of a "gaelic association for the preservation of our National Games and Pastimes". Present were: - and the same 12 names are written as published in "Champions of the Athletic Arena". In case of Dwyer, neither publication gave a christian name or, initial, or address, T.K. Dwyer was mile champion of Ireland in 1878 and was a friend of Maurice Davin. John Butler was a well known sportsman and writer of the period. Wm Delahunty was a prominent public figure in Thurles at the time. He was grandfather of Mrs Mary Barry former chairperson Thurles U.D.C. Charley Culhane was a well known athlete. He ran a business in (now) Rossa St., Thurles. Wm. Foley was in the Civil Service in Dublin and was a prominent all round athlete. I haven't got any information on M. Cantwell. A remarkable feature of this research was the completely different views taken of the same thing by the two newspapermen present, Wyse-Power and McKay. But that is only human nature- in court under oath, no two people will give an identical account of the same incident. But, whoever they were, or how many, this group of gentlemen did a good evening's work.

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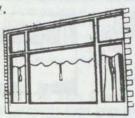
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