

Co. Tipperary Senior Hurling Final  
Match Programme  
1986



# CLUICHÍ CEANNAIS IOMANÁ THIOBRAID ÁRANN

STÁID SEMPLE, DÚRLAS ÉILE

MEÁN FOMHAIR 28, 1986



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Luach 50p

## **CLÁR AN LAE**

**Minor Final 2.00 p.m.**

**MOYCARKEY BORRIS v.  
TOOMEVARA**

Referee: Willie Barrett, Clonmel

**Senior Final 3.30 p.m.**

**BORRISOLEIGH v.  
KILRUANE MacDONAGH**

Referee: John Maher, Boherlahan

### **WILLIE BARRETT**

Willie Barrett of Ardfinnan, who has charge of the County Minor Hurling Final, is one of the county's most experienced young referees and a man quickly establishing a big reputation for himself. Willie is also actively involved at administrative level in the Association, and is a member of the County Board.

### **JOHN MAHER — REFEREE**

John Maher from the Boherlahan — Dualla club will to-day be refereeing his first County Senior Hurling Final. John has been refereeing since 1975 and has officiated at games of all levels in Mid Tipperary, including two Senior hurling finals. Based in Dublin, John has also refereed many Dublin and Leinster Colleges' games.

John hails from a family with a long association with the G.A.A. His father, Martin, better known to hurling followers as Sonny, played at full forward for Tipperary, winning All-Ireland medals in 1949-50-51. Both of John's grandfathers achieved All-Ireland honours — Jack Maher in 1898 and William O'Dwyer (first Chairman of the West Board) in 1916. Jack Maher was a brother of the Tubberadora captain Mickey.

John is looking forward to his first County Senior Final to-day and hopes it will be in the best tradition of Tipperary hurling, abounding in skill, endeavour and sportsmanship.

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County Final day is a really wonderful day for our Association. It is a day when all of us are reminded of the value of our national games, and it is a very important day for hurling within the county. It is the objective of all senior hurling clubs to contest a county hurling final and our teams today are no strangers at such a stage —Kilruane defending their title and Borrisoleigh the challengers.

Kilruane, a powerful, disciplined and dedicated team are All-Ireland club champions and did us proud as our standard bearers in 1985. Borrisoleigh have many talented players on their team but have not always reached their full potential. Today we look forward to these teams to provide a sporting and manly game that will embrace all that is good in the game of hurling, a game



worthy of the occasion and one to be remembered by all present.

In the minor final, again we have two clubs who gave many great players to county teams over the years. Toomevara, current under-21 champions, and Moycarkey, minor champions in 1983, can set the pattern for what should be a great day's hurling.

Another year has now come to an end with no great success for us at provincial level and during my short term in office I have given

## NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE FIXTURES

Oct. 12 .....	Antrim v. Tipperary
Oct. 26 .....	Tipperary v. Laois
Nov. 9 .....	Kerry v. Tipperary
Nov. 23 .....	Tipperary v. Meath
Dec. 7 .....	Tipperary v. Dublin
Feb. 22 .....	Waterford v. Tipperary
Mar. 8 .....	Tipperary v. Mayo

## CHALLENGE GAME

Sat. Oct. 4 .....	Tipperary v. Kilkenny at Cloughjordan
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## Buíochas

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great thought to the fact that we have not won a Munster senior title since 1971.

In the under-age grades the county has been very successful and many Tipperary people believe that a senior hurling title must be around the corner.

I think, however, that while it is imperative to continue promoting our games at all levels, and hopefully winning titles, we should take a serious look at the method of running our senior hurling championship. It is my opinion that we have too many teams who are Senior in name only, contesting the championships, and we should revert to the old system of "Knock Out" championships in all division with the divisional champions contesting the county semi-finals. Teams should have to be fully prepared for first round games and the championship would be keenly contested from the outset and should be of much more benefit to selectors to get the type of player required for Munster championship hurling.

Our priority at the moment on the hurling scene must be to win division 2 of the National League. our fixtures' programme has been geared so that all players will be available for selection for first round League games. However, to have success we must have the utmost in discipline, dedication and

commitment from all players on the panel. Our supporters, rather than being critical at all times, should have confidence in, and encourage players, team manager and selectors. We are also conscious of the fact that officialdom will be criticised when we are not successful, but all our teams are adequately catered for at all times, and County Board have and will provide the necessary resources and facilities for preparation and success of our teams.

In recent years our hurling pride has been badly dented, but with proper dedication from our players, support and encouragement for them, and those in charge, I feel that the long awaited and much desired breakthrough may be around the corner. All of us can play a part and make a contribution towards this effort and I sincerely ask you to do so.

As you depart the scene today I trust you enjoyed your visit to Semple Stadium and that our games will continue to have your full support at all times, and by your encouragement that the youth of your locality will at all times give their first allegiance to the Gaelic Athletic Association.

Go raibh maith agaibh go léir.

**MICHEÁL Ó LABHRAÍ**  
*Cathaoirleach*

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TOOMEVARA MINORS  
from  
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## KILRUANE MacDONAGH



*FRONT ROW (left to right) – Philip Quinlan, Gilbert Williams, Dinny Cahill, Tony Sheppard, Jim O'Meara, Gerry Williams, Michael Hogan, Seamus Gibson.  
BACK ROW (left to right) – Paddy Williams, Jim Williams, John Cahill, Joe Banaghan, Dinny O'Meara, Eamonn O'Shea, and Enda Hogan.*

## BORRISOLEIGH



*FRONT ROW (left to right) – Noel Maher, Aidan Ryan, Brian Kenny, Mick Coen, Francis Spillane, Francis Collins, Mick Ryan, Gerry Stapleton.  
BACK ROW (left to right) – John McGrath, Conor Stakelum, Philip Kenny, Noel O'Dwyer, Timmy Stapleton, Richard Stakelum and Bobby Ryan.*

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# Kilruane's bid to retain title

**T**HE meeting of All-Ireland club champions, Kilruane MacDonagh and Borrisoleigh in today's county senior hurling final has all the ingredients of a classic confrontation and should be an encounter well worthy of a county final.

Were one to be predicting back in March the clubs most likely to figure in the closing stages of the championship both of these sides would be mentioned, and rightly so, as their records and the quality of the players they have available to them are of the highest calibre.

Kilruane MacDonagh have gone through two years of intensive hurling, losing only one game — a North division league encounter to Lorrha earlier this year, and this speaks volumes for the consistency of a side which has done Tipperary proud by winning the All-Ireland title at club level for the county for the first time since Roscrea's triumph back in '71.

Borrisoleigh, on the other hand, are something of an enigma. The talent at their disposal is the envy of other clubs, and individually few clubs in the country, not just in Tipperary, could stand four-square with them, but collectively they have frequently experienced great difficulty in getting their act together when it matters most.

Yet, they have won two Tipperary titles in the eighties, in 1981 when they beat Roscrea and in 1983 when they overcame Loughmore-Castleiney and to-day they are seeking their sixth pennant to add to those won in '49, '50 and '53. Undoubtedly, they have the players to do it; the question is, have they the determination?

No one questions Kilruane MacDonagh's determination, and it is a facet of their game which has carried

them to success on more than one occasion when defeat seemed imminent. Of course, they have to line out to-day without Dinny Cahill, so unfortunately injured in the semi-final, but they have quality players in reserve to fill in as they bid to add to the championships won in '77, '78, '79 and last year.

The records favour Kilruane MacDonagh as they have twice beaten Borrisoleigh in important games this year, initially in the North league final, and more recently in the North championship semi-final. That is an encounter which Borrisoleigh should find as a great source of motivation as the humiliation suffered in that game greatly stung club pride.

With Tipperary longing for the breakthrough at senior inter-county level, and the emphasis initially on putting the strongest possible team in the field for the league campaign, which begins in two weeks' time against Antrim, followers will be looking with great interest to today's game for the players to provide the leadership for the Tipperary recovery.

Mention has been made of Dinny Cahill's absence, but a thought should also be spared for Borrisoleigh's Timmy Delaney, a stalwart of the club for years, and going as well as ever this year until a severed tendon in the North semi-final against Kilruane MacDonagh ruled him out of hurling for the remainder of the year. Hopefully, Timmy will soon be back in action again in the maroon jersey.

All in all, it promises to be a hectic final, and while Kilruane have the doubtful distinction of being favourites, Borrisoleigh would make worthy champions.



# Kilruane MacDonagh Pen-Pictures

**Ger Williams:** Age 29. The youngest of four brothers in the team. One of four members of the side to hold county u-21 medals in both hurling and football. A member of the 1978 junior hurling team. *Stores Assistant.*

**Jim Williams:** Age 34. Represented Tipperary in senior hurling and in minor, u-21 and senior football. Captained the 1978 senior hurling team to county honours. Holder of a national league medal.

**Eamonn O'Shea:** Age 31. Represented Tipperary in u.21 and senior hurling. Had the honour of leading the MacDonaghs to their first county title in 1977. *Carpenter.*

**Paddy Williams:** Age 37. Lining out in his nineteenth season at senior level for his club. Played for Tipperary at minor, u-21 and senior level. Captained Tipperary to National League victory in 1979. All-Star replacement in 1979. *Telecom Eireann Employee.*

**Philip Quinlan:** Age 28. Played his first senior game in 1980. Holder of county medals in u-21 hurling and football and junior hurling. *Clerical Officer.*

**Joe Banaghan:** Age 25. Holder of county u.21 football medal. Made his debut on senior team in 1980. *Stores Assistant.*

**Pat Quinlan:** Age 22. Holder of county u-21 football medal and All-Ireland seven-a-side trophy. *Farmer.*

**Paul Mulcahy:** Age 20. Represented Tipperary in minor hurling. *Student.*

**Ned Darcy:** Age 20. Came on to the senior team in 1983.

**David Quinlan:** Age 18. A member of this year's Tipperary minor team. *Student.*

**Tom Killackey:** Age 18. Captain of 1985 minor team. *Student.*

**John Quinlan:** Age 31. Winner of county medals in senior football, junior hurling and u-21 hurling. *Creamery Employee.*

**Sean Williams:** Age 22. Played Fitzgibbon Cup hurling for U.C.G. this year. *Teacher.*

**Eamon Kirby:** Age 18. Won Munster medal with North Tipperary in 1984. *Student.*

**Ailbe Hogan:** Age 23. New to panel. *Farmer.*

**Tony Sheppard:** Age 30. Captain of the side. Holder of four county and five North senior hurling medals. Winner of numerous under age honours. Represented Tipperary at u-21 level. *Company Rep.*

**John Cahill:** Age 28. captain of the 1978 u-21 hurling team which took divisional honours. Played junior hurling for Tipperary. *Haulage Contractor.*

**Denis O'Meara:** Age 34. Captain of the 1975 senior football team which took county honours and also captained the first of the four in a row county u-21 hurling teams in 1973. Has manned the edge of the square for his club since 1975. *Heating Contractor.*

**Seamus Gibson:** Age 23. Completing his second season in senior grade. Son of Jimmy Gibson, one of Mac Donagh's greatest centre-backs. *Creamery Employee.*

**Michael Hogan:** Age 31. Captain of the victorious u-21 hurling side of 1975. A member of the 1978 junior hurling team which took county honours. *Agricultural Adviser.*

**Jim O'Meara:** Age 31. Has played minor, u.21 and senior hurling for Tipperary. Holder of four county u.21 hurling medals. One of ten players on the team to hold four county and five north senior hurling medals. *Telecom Eireann Employee.*

**Gilbert Williams:** Age 32. Represented Tipperary in minor, u-21 and senior hurling. Captain of the 1971 hurling team which took county honours. Also captain of the all-Ireland seven-a-side winning team in centenary year. *Primary Teacher.*

**Enda Hogan:** Age 28. Represented Tipperary in minor, u-21 and senior hurling. Holder of All-Ireland u-21 and minor medals. *Farmer.*

**Seamus Hennessy:** Age 30. Was the youngest MacDonagh's player ever to appear in North final at the age of 17 in 1973. Represented Tipperary in minor, u-21 and senior hurling. The second member of the side to hold four u-21 hurling medals. *Farmer.*

*Best wishes to Borrisoleigh from*

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## ***Borrisoleigh Pen-Pictures***

**Noelie Maher:** Age 34. *Occupation:* Asst. Accountant. Noelie won Kinnane Cup, Croke cup and Corn Phadraig hurling medals with Templemore C.B.S. in 1968; North Tipperary and County Hurling Medals in 1972, 1973, 1976, 1981 and 1983, and two County Senior Hurling Medals in 1981 and 1983.

**Michael Ryan:** Age 26. *Occupation:* Farmer. Michael won Harty Cup and All-Ireland Colleges' medals with Templemore C.B.S. in 1978; Rice Cup (Munster Under 14) 1974, Corn Phadraig (Munster Under 15½) 1975 and 1976 medals with the same school; North Tipperary Junior hurling medal 1976 and Senior hurling medals in the same division in 1981 and 1983. He has also won two County Senior hurling medals in 1981 and 1983. In addition, Michael has won two Munster and All-Ireland Under 21 medals with Tipperary in 1980 and 1981.

**Timmy Stapleton:** Age 29. *Occupation:* Sales Rep. Timmy has won three North Tipperary senior hurling medals in 1976, 1981 and 1983; two County Senior hurling medals in 1981 and 1983. Timmy has also played senior hurling for Tipperary and, in fact, was Captain of the Tipperary team in the Munster Championship in 1982.

**Francis Spillane:** Age 36. *Occupation:* Hotel Manager. Francis has won two North Senior hurling medals and two County senior hurling medals in 1981 and 1983, and was Captain of the team in 1983. He has also won a North Tipperary and County hurling Under 21 medals in 1969; North Tipperary Junior hurling medal in 1978.

**Richard Stakelum:** Age 24. *Occupation:* Teacher. Richard has won two North Tipperary senior hurling and County medals in 1981 and 1983. Richard was a member of the Tipperary Under 21 hurling team which won the Munster Final in 1984, but unfortunately were defeated in the All-Ireland final. He has also been a member of the Tipperary senior hurling panel since 1985.

**Gerry Stapleton:** Age 27. *Occupation:* Hardware Assistant. Gerry won three North senior hurling medals in 1976, 1981 and 1983; two County senior hurling medals in 1981 and 1983; an All-Ireland Under 21

hurling medal 1979. In 1979, Gerry was also a member of the Tipperary senior hurling team and won a National League medal and was a member of the panel which won the Ford Open Draw senior hurling tournament in 1985. He is a brother of Timmy.

**Bobby Ryan:** Age 25. *Occupation:* Farmer. Bobby has won four Munster Colleges' hurling medals between 1974 and 1977 before winning the historic Harty Cup and All-Ireland Colleges' medals with Templemore C.B.S. in 1978. With the County team he has won two Munster and All-Ireland Under 21 hurling medals in 1980 and 1981, plus a Ford Open Draw senior hurling medal in 1985. He was captain of the Tipperary senior hurling team that was defeated by Cork in that never to be forgotten Munster Final on the 15th July, 1984, at Semple Stadium — Centenary Year. Bobby has also won two North senior hurling and county medals in 1981 and 1983. Bobby was an All-Star replacement in the Carroll's senior hurling team in 1985 and had the distinction of touring America.

**Francis Collins:** Age 24. *Occupation:* Architect. While Francis might be considered as a newcomer to the team, he has served with distinction on juvenile, minor and Under 21 sides. He won North senior hurling and County medals as a member of the Borrisoleigh panel in 1983.

**Aidan Ryan:** Age 21. *Occupation:* Carpenter/Joiner. Aidan won a Rice Cup medal with Templemore C.B.S. in 1978, an U-16 Munster hurling championship medal with North Tipperary in 1981; an All-Ireland minor hurling medal with Tipperary in 1982. He won an All-Ireland Under 21 hurling medal in 1985 and also won North Tipperary senior hurling and county medals as a member of the Borrisoleigh team in 1983. Aidan is a brother of Bobby.

**Philip Kenny:** Age 24. *Occupation:* Insurance Clerk. Philip, another product from the Templemore C.B.S. teams, won an All-Ireland minor hurling medal with Tipperary in 1980. Philip was a member of the Tipperary Under 21 hurling teams which won the Munster Finals in 1983 and 1984. He has also won two North senior hurling and county medals in 1981 and 1983.



**Noel O'Dwyer:** Age 37. *Occupation:* Sales Manager. Noel, the veteran of the team, has won one Munster and All-Ireland senior hurling medals on the last occasion Tipperary won the All-Ireland in 1971. He has also won one National League medal in 1979, two Oireachtas medals in 1970 and 1972, two Railway cup medals with Munster in 1970 and 1976 and two All-Ireland seven-a-side medals in 1976 and 1978. The year 1981 was a great year for Noel as he won the "Man of the Match" award for his display in the County Final and also the "Player of the Year" sponsored by the *Nenagh Guardian*. In the 1983 county final Noel also won the "Man of the Match" award. Noel had the distinction with the other members of the Tipperary team in March, 1972, of paying a visit to San Francisco to play exhibition games against the Carroll's All-Stars. This is Noel's twentieth consistent year playing hurling for his native club.

**Conor Stakelum:** Age 18. *Occupation:* Student. Conor, a novice on the team, but his record to date has been quite impressive. In 1984, Conor was a member of the North Tipperary Under 16 Munster hurling champions. He was also a member of the Borris-Ileigh team that won North and County minor 'B' medals in 1985.

**Brian Kenny:** Age 23. *Occupation:* Teacher. Brian, another newcomer to the team, won a Rice Cup (Under 14) hurling medal with Templemore C.B.S. in 1978. He became a current member of the Borrisoleigh hurling team during the 1985 campaign.

**John McGrath:** Age 22. *Occupation:* A.I. Official. John won a Rice Cup (Under 14) hurling medal with Templemore C.B.S. in 1978. In 1985 he won Munster and All-Ireland medals with Tipperary in the Under-21 hurling grade. At club level he won two North senior hurling and County championship medals in 1981 and 1983.

**Michael Coen:** Age 37. *Occupation:* Fitter/Welder Contractor. Michael has won one Oireachtas medal in 1972. In the same year he was a member of the Tipperary senior hurling team which won the Garryowen Cup in the Wembley Tournament. At club level, Michael has won five senior divisional medals in 1971, 1973, 1976, 1981, 1983 and three county medals in 1971, 1981 and 1983.

**Timmy Ryan:** Age 35. *Occupation:* Farmer. Timmy won a Croke Cup hurling medal with Templemore C.B.S. in 1964 and a Kinnane Cup hurling medal in 1966 with the same

school. At club level, he won one North and County hurling Under 21 medals in 1969, five North senior hurling medals in 1972, 1973, 1976, 1981 and 1983, and two County hurling medals in 1981 and 1983.

**Brendan Kenny:** Age 35. *Occupation:* Baker. Brendan won a Rice Cup hurling medal with Templemore C.B.S. in 1969 and a Corn Phadraig hurling medal in 1971. At club level he has won five North senior hurling medals in 1972, 1973, 1976, 1981, 1983 and two County hurling medals in 1981 and 1983.

**Tommy O'Dwyer:** Age 35. *Occupation:* P.O. Employee. Tommy, like his brother Noel, is a long serving member of the Borrisoleigh team. At club level, Tommy has won North and County Under 21 medals in 1969, five North senior hurling medals in 1972, 1973, 1976, 1981 and 1983, two County medals in 1981 and 1983.

**Timmy Delaney:** Age 36. *Occupation:* National Teacher. Timmy has given outstanding service to the Borrisoleigh club, both on and off the field and would be an automatic choice for to-day's game only for an unfortunate leg injury suffered in the first half of the North Tipperary semi-final against Kilruane. Timmy won an All-Ireland Under 21 hurling medal in 1967. At club level, he has won North and County Under 21 medals in 1969, five North senior hurling medals in 1972, 1973, 1976, 1981 and 1983, two County medals in 1981 and 1983. Timmy has played in every position on the team and this year is his twentieth consecutive year playing senior hurling with his native club.

**John Joe Maher:** Age 19. *Occupation:* Farmer. John Joe is playing in the senior grade for the first time this year. He was a member of the Borrisoleigh team that won North and County minor 'B' medals in 1985.

**John Glasheen:** Age 19. *Occupation:* Mineral Water Factory Employee. John is playing in the senior grade also for the first time this year. He was also a member of the Borris-Ileigh team that won North and County minor 'B' medals in 1985.

**John Ryan:** Age 19. *Occupation:* Student. John is also playing in the senior grade for the first time this year. He also was a member of the Borrisoleigh team that won North and County minor 'B' medals in 1985.

**Joe Harkins:** Age 26. *Occupation:* A.I. Official. Joe is a newcomer to the panel, this being his first year playing with the club.

# BORRISOLEIGH

(Maroon & White)

(1)

**N. Ó Meachair**

Noel Maher

(2)

**M. Ó Fiain**

Mick Ryan (Capt.)

(3)

**T. Mac Anshair**

Timmy Stapleton

(4)

**O. Ó Spealáin**

Francis Spillane

(5)

**R. Stakelum**

Richard Stakelum

(6)

**G. Mac Anshair**

Gerry Stapleton

(7)

**R. Ó Riain**

Bobby Ryan

(8)

**A. Ó Riain**

Aidan Ryan

(9)

**P. Ó Coileáin**

Francis Collins

(10)

**P. Mac Cionnaith**

Philip Kenny

(11)

**N. Ó Duibhir**

Noel O'Dwyer

(12)

**C. Stakelum**

Conor Stakelum

(13)

**B. Mac Cionnaith**

Brian Kenny

(14)

**S. Mac Craith**

John McGrath

(15)

**M. Ó Cadhain**

Mick Coen

**Subs:** (16) Timmy Ryan, (17) Brendan Kenny, (18) Tommy O'Dwyer, (19) Timmy Delaney, (20) John Joe Maher, (21) John Glasheen, (22) John Ryan, (23) Joe Harkins.

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# KILRUANE MacDONAGH

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(1)

**A. Mac Aoire**

Tony Sheppard (Capt)

(2)

**S. Ó Cathail**

John Cahill

(3)

**D. Ó Meara**

Denis O'Meara

(4)

**S. Mac Gib**

Seamus Gibson

(5)

**M. Ó hÓgáin**

Michael Hogan

(6)

**S. Ó Meara**

Jim O'Meara

(7)

**S. Mac Uilliam**

Gilbert Williams

(8)

**S. Ó Banaghan**

Joe Banaghan

(9)

**E. Ó hÓgáin**

Enda Hogan

(10)

**G. Mac Uilliam**

Jerry Williams

(11)

**S. Mac Uilliam**

Jim Williams

(12)

**Eamon Ó Sé**

Eamon O'Shea

(13)

**P. Ó Caoinealláin**

Pat Quinlan

(14)

**P. Mac Uilliam**

Paddy Williams

(15)

**P. Ó Caoinealláin**

Philip Quinlan

**Subs:** (16) Seamus Hennessy, (17) David Quinlan, (18) Ned Darcy, (19) Sean Williams, (20) Ailbe Hogan, (21) Donal Treacy, (22) Paul Mulcahy, (23) Eamon Kirby, (24) John Quinlan, (25) Tom Killackey, (26) Denis Cahill (inj.).

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# "The 'Cocks' of the North Rule the Roost"

**T**HIS is a headline from the *Tipperary Star* on the week after the County Final in 1950. The "Cock" has been synonymous with Borris-Ileigh since both clubs in the Parish united in 1948. In the specially designed crest for this the Centenary Year of the Club the "Cock" is proudly displayed on same.

There are a number of stories as to the origin of the "Cock", but for the purpose of this article the reader can take whichever explanation he chooses. The most modern definition is that on achieving unity in 1948, the Borris-Ileigh players were so proud that they would strut confidently, regardless of the opposition, on to the playing field — like "Bantam cocks". The purists and local historians would disagree in "cacophony" with this explanation, pointing out that its origin is from those fearful days of the faction fights, between rival parishes or within the parish. Whichever explanation you wish to accept is a matter purely for each individual.

Mention of the "Cock" and its association with the Borris-Ileigh club would not be complete without reference to the man who displayed the "Cock" to the ultimate in what is referred to as the 'Golden Era' of the club between 1948 and 1955/56. The man in question was Paddy D'Arcy, a small shopkeeper who resided in his business premises beside Ileigh Church, who on the days of matches in which Borris-Ileigh were taking part would be selling badges of the club colours only, with a picture of each player or the player of your choice on same. Incidentally, these badges are now collectors' items within the parish and anyone with a full set can consider him or herself in the "millionaire" or "millionairess" class. Paddy's "assistant" when selling the Borris-Ileigh colours was the "Cock" resplendently dressed up in the Club colours. With the business for the day complete, Paddy

would attend the match parading around the field with the proud and colourful "Cock" by his side.

In fact, the bird was so well trained that when Borris-Ileigh would get a major score, the "Cock" would take flight from his sideline seat to display his delight in the only way he knew! Naturally, confusion and bedlam would range on occasions and sideline officials and referees are reported to have "shook in their boots" as Paddy's "Cock" did his 'War Dance' on the field of play.

The "Cock", therefore, has been the symbol of the Borris-Ileigh club down the years and traditionally he has taken his "rightful place" at each major match that the club has been involved in. For those who are interested, suffice is it to say the "Centenary Cock" will be in attendance at to-day's game.

*Best wishes to*

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**FRONT ROW** – Declan O'Meara, George Frend, Bill Carroll, Kieran Farrell, Ml. O'Meara, John Galvin, Joe Kennedy.

## MOYCARKEY-BORRIS



**Back row (left to right)** – Thomas Ryan, Brian Maher, Michael Bourke, Dermot Maher, J. J. Maher, Philip O'Dwyer, Andrew Bourke (capt.), Mark Ryan, Martin Power, Billy Lanigan, John Cass.

**Front row (left to right)** – Edward Donnelly, Ken Ralph, Michael Hayes, Henry Bourke, Eamonn Donnelly, Paul Moore, Pat Cahill, Thomas Flanagan, Ken Higgins, Michael Buckley.

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## TOOMEVARA MINOR TEAM

It is a rather strange fact in Toomevara's hurling history that the club has never won a county minor hurling title. County Championships have been won by teams from the club in every grade of hurling from under-twelve to senior level.

The non-appearance of Toomevara's name in county minor hurling records is the spur which drives this year's minor team to fill that one vacancy in the records of a proud hurling club.

Toomevara appeared in the County minor hurling final of 1981 but were defeated by Clonoulty in a fine game.

The North Tipperary minor hurling championship was run on a league system, from which Toomevara emerged to meet Roscrea in the semi-final. Roscrea had already beaten Toome in a league win. There have been many epic struggles between these two clubs at under-age level through the years and this game was no exception, ending in a draw in a Titanic struggle, with Toome snatching the

equaliser in the replay, playing with fourteen men in the second half, to win narrowly.

Old rivals, Kilruane MacDonagh, faced them in the North final, which was a thriller, with Toomevara retaining their North title by the minimum margin.

Toomevara's opponents in the county semi-final were Clonoulty, with whom they had an old score to settle since 1981. Clonoulty were a formidable force with which to be reckoned, but were unable to stem the onward surge of the young 'Greyhounds'.

This Toomevara minor team has been together as a unit since it was defeated in an under-twelve county final by St. Mary's, Clonmel, in 1980. It won a county under-fourteen title in 1982 and was beaten in an under-sixteen North Tipperary final by Roscrea in 1984. So, it has arrived in today's county final eager for success, eager to make history for Toomevara and take its place in the roll of honour of County minor hurling champions.

**1886:** The first County Board was formed in December, 1886. J. K. Bracken, Templemore, was elected president and was assisted by the following: Pat Hoctor, Nenagh, vice-president; E. M. Walsh, Nenagh, secretary; F. R. Moloney, Nenagh, treasurer; committee: Pat O'Brien, Nenagh; Hugh Ryan, Thurles; John Cullinane, Bansha; John Hackett, Fethard.

**1896:** Mr. Pat McGrath of Tipperary was Co. Chairman. The Annual Congress reduced the value of a goal to three points. Co. S.H. Semi-finals: Suir View 5-8, Clodaigh Rangers 3-10; Tubberadora 2-5, Horse and Jockey 0-5. Tubberadora defeated Suir View in the final 4-8 to 2-2. This game was played in Tipperary.

**1926:** The following Gaels were in charge of Co. Board affairs: J. Leahy (chairman); Wedger Meagher (secretary); vice-chairman Frank McGrath; W. O'Dwyer, Tim Gleeson, J. McLoughney (treasurer). The committee was comprised of R. Mason, J. Gleeson, J. J. Hayes, J. Campbell, J. J. Callanan, M. Moylan, R. Nealon, J. Conway, P. Kennedy, P. Hennessy, J. Shelly, T. Regan, E. Duhy, E. Cummins, Rev. H. Synott, M. Dargan.

The Tipperary hurling team set off on a tour of America.

Moycarkey defeated Boherlahan 6-4 to 4-2 in the championship final. The game was played at Thurles in May 1927. The American tour was the reason for the delay.

# TOOMEVARA

(Green & Yellow)

(1)

**C. Mac Cormaic**  
Kevin McCormack

(2)

**S. Guerin**  
Joe Guerin

(3)

**S. de Bhriolán**  
Seamus Brislane

(4)

**S. Frend**  
George Frend

(5)

**C. Ó Fearghail**  
Kieran Farrell

(6)

**M. Ó Meara**  
Michael O'Meara

(7)

**C. Ó Dubhsláine**  
Kevin Delaney

(8)

**D. Ó Meara**  
Declan O'Meara

(9)

**S. Ó Cinneide**  
Joe Kennedy

(10)

**S. Ó hAbhartagh**  
George Haverty

(11)

**M. de Bhriolán**  
Martin Brislane

(12)

**M. Ó Nolláin**  
Michael Nolan

(13)

**S. Galbhain**  
John Galvin

(14)

**M. Ó Riain**  
Michael Ryan

(15)

**L. Ó Cearbhail**  
Bill Carroll

**Subs:** (16) Michael Delaney, (17) Tommy Carroll, (18) Liam Hogan, (19) William Ryan, (20) Joe Ryan, (21) Michael Ryan, (22) Paul Delaney.

**T**WO of Tipperary's old hurling clubs, Moycarkey-Borris and Toomevara, meet in this year's minor hurling final, a game that should be a fitting curtain-raiser to the senior decider.

Both clubs recently marked their centenaries with the publication of club histories, but there is one important difference going into this final: Toomevara have never won a county championship in this grade and they will be hoping that this, their third time appearing in the final, time they will make the breakthrough.

Toomevara have enjoyed tremendous success at juvenile level in recent

years, and it is from this success that they hope that honours at minor and adult level will follow. Already, the signs are there that this will happen as this year Toome contested the North senior hurling final against Kilruane. Last year they won the county under-21 hurling title and all the signs are that Toomevara will be a team to watch in the future.

Of course, Moycarkey-Borris are no strangers to success at all levels of the game and they have on three previous occasions won the county championship in this grade. Their last success was in 1983, but they were also triumphant in '68 and in '72 and



# MOYCARKEY-BORRIS

(Red and Yellow)

(1)

**E. de Búrca**  
(Henry Bourke)

(2)

**T. Ó Riain**  
(Thomas Ryan)

(3)

**T. Ó Flanagan**  
(Thomas Flanagan)

(4)

**M. de Paor**  
(Martin Power)

(5)

**L. Ó Lanagáin**  
(Billy Lanigan)

(6)

**A. de Búrca**  
(Andrew Bourke, capt.)

(7)

**M. ÓhAodha**  
(Michael Hayes)

(8)

**B. Ó Meachair**  
(Brian Maher)

(9)

**E. Ó Donghaile**  
(Eamonn Donnelly)

(11)

**M. de Búrca**  
(Michael Bourke)

**P. Ó Cathail**  
(Pat Cahill)

(12)

**P. Ó Duibhir**  
(Philip O'Dwyer)

(13)

**D. Ó Meachair**  
(Dermot Maher)

(14)

**S. de Cass**  
(John Cass)

(15)

**M. Ó Buachalla**  
(Michael Buckley)

**Subs.:** (16) Declan Cullagh; (17) Ken Higgins; (18) J. J. Maher; (19) Paul Moore; (20) Ken Ralph; (21) Edward Donnelly; (22) Mark Ryan.

**Selectors:** Seamus Ryan, Billy Ryan, Martin Ryan (L), Robert Hayes, Dan Bergin.

**Trainer/coach:** Noel Purcell.

they have come through this year's campaign in most impressive fashion. In the Mid final, they overcame last year's county champions, Thurles Sarsfields, and in the county semi-final they defeated St. Mary's (Clonmel), who were beaten county finalists last year.

Toomevara's path to the final was not without incident, and they got the better of Kilruane MacDonagh in the North final before eliminating Clonoulty-Rossmore at the county semi-final stage. Toome also won the North title last year but they lost to Sarsfields in the county semi-final.

So the stage is set for what promises to be a most invigorating contest.

Toomevara, with county minors Michael Nolan and Michael O'Meara in their ranks, are many people's favourites and they will be hoping that these, along with Joe Kennedy, George Friend, Declan O'Meara, Martin Brislane and Paul Madden will pave the way for the club's first triumph in this grade.

Moycarkey-Borris are an extremely well balanced outfit with not a weak link in the side. They are particularly strong along the middle and will look to Andy Bourke, Thomas Flanagan, Pat Cahill, John Cass, Brian Maher and Eamon Donnelly to carry them to glory.



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# MOYCARKEY-BORRIS

**W**HEN Moycarkey—Borris under-18 hurlers take the field in Semple Stadium to-day they will be maintaining a great record for the Mid-Tipperary club of contesting some County Tipperary hurling final since 1982. That year the seniors won the senior crown, with the minors successful in 1983, the following year the seniors were back to take centenary honours, while last year it was the turn of the intermediates to contest and win a county final.

This afternoon the club's minors will be bidding for a fourth such title being successful in 1968, 1972 and 1983. Mid minor titles were won in 1968, '69, 1972, 1976, 1981, 1983 and this season.

Captain of this afternoon's side is centre-back Andrew Bourke, a Thurles C.B.S. Harty player and considered most unlucky not to make this year's Tipperary minor panel. His colleagues from the Harty campaigns include Michael and Henry Bourke, Martin Power, Billy Lanigan and Pat Cahill. Two team members, Billy Lanigan and Eamonn Donnelly, have been successful at skills competitions at all levels. Michael and Henry Bourke are the only brothers on the team.

There is a connection with the 1983 successful team through Pat Cahill (a sub. that year) who is a grandson of the famous Phil Cahill of Tipperary fame and selector Billy Ryan who was also a mentor three years ago.

Four members of the panel — Henry Bourke, Eamon Donnelly, Ken Ralph and Ken Higgins were members of the Mid-Tipperary team beaten in this year's Munster final. That side was captained by goalkeeper Bourke. Other relationships abound between the team and its successful selectors — Thomas Ryan is first cousin of Seamus (a selector) and Harry (club chairman and local county councillor), Michael Hayes is a first cousin

of Robert, minor selector and club senior hurler.

To-day's opponents will be no strangers to each other as Moycarkey—Borris beat Toomevara in the 1983 U/14 county final and this selection includes Thomas Flanagan, Henry Bourke, Billy Lanigan, Michael Hayes, Dermot Maher, Brian Maher, J. J. Maher, Ken Ralph and Eamonn Donnelly from that occasion in Templemore.

But past meetings or records will mean little this afternoon when those two famous clubs of Tipperary Gaeldom meet to decide the destination of Tipperary minors' honours for 1986. Both sides have reached the final on merit and Moycarkey-Borris followers will be hoping that this young side — nine are eligible for next year — will respond to the urgings of trainer Noel Purcell and their very committed selectors and bring a fourth minor title to the club. They are wished every success in their efforts to overcome the "young greyhounds".

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**1946:** Thurles Sarsfields had fourteen points to spare at the final whistle over their Southern opponents, Carrick Swans. The score was 4-5 to 0-3.

The winning panel was as follows: Tom Mason, Bill Dwyer, Mick Murphy, J. J. Semple, John McGuire, Michael Maher, Jim Hurley, Gerry Doyle, Jack Ryan, Jack Dwyer, Paddy Gorman, John Maher, M. Murphy, Mikey Doyle, Tommy Doyle, Ger Cornally, Mickey Byrne, Tommy Ryan, Paddy Maher, Eddie Gleeson.

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# MINOR RESULTS 1931 TO 1985

1931	South Selection			
1932	Mid Selection	5-1	South Selection	1-0
1933	Mid Selection	5-3	West Selection	4-2
1934	Mid Selection	4-3	South Selection	2-2
1935	Thurles C.B.S.	2-1	Carrick	0-3
1936	Thurles C.B.S.			
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1938	Mid Selection	6-2	West Selection	2-4
1939	North Selection	5-1	Mid Selection	2-2
1940-1945	Not played			
1946	Mid Selection			
1947	Mid Selection			
1948	Mid Selection	8-6	West Selection	2-3
1949-1952	Not played			
1953	Rahealty	6-7	Eire Og, Nenagh	5-2
1954	Thurles Sarsfields	2-9	St. Mary's, Clonmel	2-2
1955	Thurles Sarsfields	7-4	Eire Og, Nenagh	2-1
1956	Thurles Sarsfields	8-4	Toomevara	1-6
1957	Thurles Sarsfields	8-9	Borrisokane	3-1
1958	Roscrea	6-8	Thurles Sarsfields	5-3
1959	Roscrea	13-6	Wild Rovers, Cahir	2-3
1960	Roscrea	1-5	Ballingarry	1-3
1961	Roscrea	9-3	Na Fianna (Templemore/ Clonakenny/Drom)	2-5
1962	Roscrea	3-9	Na Fianna (Templemore/ Clonakenny/Drom)	2-1
1963	Roscrea	7-6	Ballingarry	3-3
1964	Moyne Templeuohy	4-4	Carrick-on-Suir	2-4
1965	Cappawhite	5-6	Moyne Loughmore	3-3
1966	Roscrea	2-7	Cappawhite	1-7
1967	Roscrea	4-7	Golden/Kilfeacle	0-3
1968	Moycarkey/Borris	3-5	<b>Roscrea</b>	2-3
1969	Eire Og, Nenagh	8-8	Moycarkey/Borris	1-7
1970	Boherlahan	7-6	Clonoulty/Rossmore	3-6
1971	Kilruane McD.	3-12	Boherlahan Dualla	3-3
1972	Moycarkey/Borris	2-5	Kilruane McD.	1-4
1973	Thurles Sarsfields	5-7	Cashel K.C.	2-5
1974	Cashel K.C.	5-7	Loughmore C.	3-4
1975	Cashel K.C.	2-15	Roscrea	0-4
1976	Loughmore Castleiney	3-4	Cashel K.C.	1-6
1977	Eire Og, Nenagh	2-5	Loughmore Castleiney	0-10
1978	Eire Og, Nenagh	2-13	Loughmore C.	3-7
1979	Loughmore Castleiney	1-12	Knockavilla Kickhams	2-4
1980	Cashel K.C.	2-11	Thurles Sarsfields	0-7
1981	Clonoulty/Rossmore	2-10	Toomevara	2-5
1982	Holycross/Ballycahill	2-9	Carrick Swans	1-5
1983	Moycarkey/Borris	2-5	Roscrea	1-5
1984	Roscrea	7-10	Kickhams West	2-5
1985	Thurles Sarsfields	2-10	St. Mary's, Clonmel	1-7