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Match Programme  
1989

# Cluichí Ceannais Chontae Tiobraid Árann



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# **Clár an Lae**

2.00 i.n. —

Cluiche Cheannais Mionúir

## **ÉIRE ÓG, AONACH**

(Éire Óg, Nenagh)

v.

## **CAISEAL RÍ CHORMAIC**

(Cashel King Cormac's)

*Réiteoir: WILLIE CLOHESSY*

3.30 i.n. —

Cluiche Cheannais Sinsear

## **CLUAIN ULTAIGH-ROS MÓR**

(Clonoulty-Rossmore)

v.

## **MAINISTIR NA CROISE/BAILE CATHAIL**

(Holycross-Ballycahill)

*Réiteoir: JOHN MOLONEY*



# CLONOUITY-ROSSMORE

## County Finalists 1989



Back Row (l to r.) John Kennedy, Declan Ryan, Cecily Ryan, Peter Hayes, Joe Hayes, Dan Quirke, Andrew Fryday, Noel Keane, David Ryan (H), Front row (l. to r.) Seamus Hammersley, T. J. Ryan, Tommy Kennedy, Michael Helfernan, Phil Shanahan, Kevin Ryan.



# HOLYCROSS-BALLYCAHILL

## County Finalists 1989



Back Row (l. to r.) Declan Carr, Phil Dwyer, Benjiy Browne, Pat Lannigan, Jim Ryan, Michael McGrath, John Doyle, Paddy Kenny (coach), Front Row (l. to r.): Tom Dwyer, Stephen Duane, Ruairi Duane, Tim Slakelum, Paul Slattery, Tony Lannigan, Robert Slakelum, Michael Doyle.

# CASHEL v. NENAGH

## *A unique minor final pairing*

**D**EFENDING champions, Cashel King Cormacks, will be seeking their fifth Tipperary minor hurling championship when they line out today against the champions from the North, Éire Óg, Nenagh.

Cashel won the title last year by defeating Roscrea in the final and their previous triumphs were in 1980, '74 and '75. Nenagh are seeking their fourth championship. Their last success was in '78 but they also won in '77 and in '69.

The West Tipperary side's emergence is intriguing in that the Cashel club has not enjoyed great success at juvenile level in recent years while Éire Óg have been county under-16 and under-14 champions in recent times.

This is the first time the clubs have met in a final at minor level. Cashel defeated Thurles Sarsfields in their semi-final while Éire Óg accounted for the challenge of Killenaule at the same stage. Cashel also figured in the county

minor football final this year, losing to Fethard.

Both clubs know what it is to lose a final in the grade. In 1953 Éire Óg lost to Rahealty and two years later they went under to Thurles Sarsfields. In '76 Cashel lost to Loughmore-Castleiney and in the '73 final they fell to Thurles Sarsfields.

The importance of success at this level to these clubs cannot be over emphasised.

Cashel won the West senior crown last year and will want to built on that triumph through the young players coming on stream.

Nenagh have not won a North senior championship since 1964 and they will be looking to the boys in action to-day to provide the nucleus for future success.

On top of all that, Tipperary will be depending on these clubs to give the lead next year in the bid to capture the All-Ireland honours that have eluded us of late.

There is indeed much to play for today.

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# Fáilte ón gCathaoirleach

**F**áilte is fiche romhaibh go léir inniu go Stáid Semple go dtí cluichí cheannais, iomána chontae Tiobraid Árann. Tá súil agam go mbeidh an dá chluiche go breá spórtúil.

The fact that Tipperary are the all-Ireland hurling champions at senior, junior and under-21 levels focuses additional interest on today's showpiece of Tipperary Club Hurling. Those who recall some of the stirring club games which coincided with periods of Tipperary hurling dominance are forecasting an epic encounter. The fact that both teams are such close neighbours adds further interest to the final.

The Minor Final sees defending champions Cashel against Éire Óg, Nenagh. A rousing match is in store here also.

And so we look forward to games which will make us proud of our hurling



heritage and in which the skills of the contestants will be surpassed only by their sportsmanship. Whoever loses, we hope that hurling itself is the winner.

**N. Ó Muiris**  
(Cathaoirleach)

## Acknowledgements

**T**his official programme is produced by Thurles Sarsfields G.A.A. Club and distributed by the pupils of Thurles C.B.S. under the supervision of Brother Hickey. Without the assistance of and contributions from the following this production would not have been possible: Francis Kearney, Clonoulty; Bob Stakelum, Holycross; Seamus King, Cashel; Jimmy Minogue, Nenagh; Seamus O'Doherty; Seán O'Driscoll; Liz Howard, County P.R.O.; Danny Morrissey; Billy Sweeney; Marthún Ó Caoimh, Oifigeach na Gaeilge; Michael Dundon, Tipperary Star; Conor O'Dwyer, Gerry Ring and Brendan O'Connor for their superb photographs.

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**John McCormack**  
Programme Editor





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# Donal O'Gorman

**T**ODAY, as we gather to celebrate another County Final in famed Semple Stadium, it is only fitting that this production should remember one man, who, if he was still with us, would be to the fore in the organisation of the event and even perhaps the refereeing of one or other of the finals. Donal O'Gorman, who died on 29th May last, aged 40 years, was Editor/-Compiler of the match programme at the stadium and was also a referee of high repute.

With his production for the 1987 Tipperary v. Cork Munster Final (Drawn game), Donie set a standard in match programmes which forced all other Munster venues to follow suit. As a result, wherever the Munster Final — or indeed any Munster championship match — is now staged, be it Thurles, Limerick, Killarney or Cork, patrons are guaranteed a superb souvenir match programme packed full of colour and information.

This same high standard Donie brought to his productions for Tipperary club championship matches — something which all regular and even irregular patrons of the stadium will confirm.



His production for the 1987 county senior hurling final between Cappawhite and Loughmore won the prestigious McNamee award for best County Final Programme nationally.

Shortly before his death Donie completed work on the Thurles Sarsfields Club History to be called: "Thro' The Thatch" — The Thurles Sarsfields Story. As a fitting tribute to a great and kind man, we hope to publish this History in the near future.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

**John McCormack**

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# Semple Stadium

**S**EMPLE Stadium, the venue for today's county finals, has a special place in the hearts of all followers of our national games; for Tipperary folk it is the natural home for all the big games. Most likely, it is only when we calmly consider the facts that we realise what an asset this stadium is to Thurles, to the county, to Munster, indeed to the nation.

Many a business person will have an increased lodgment to make tomorrow because of today's games. That story is repeated many times during the year. Because of its central location, Semple Stadium is the ideal venue for inter-divisional and county games. It is only when one is involved in the organisation of games that you fully appreciate and realise the amount of work and cost involved. As in every undertaking, success does not happen; it is the result of detailed planning and much work.

The comforts we now enjoy in Semple Stadium have been dearly bought and the cost would have been much greater were it not for the vast amount of voluntary labour undertaken by many people over the years. Perhaps those who use the amenity most and appreciate it best are the players, not only the countless teams that play here but the teams that train here, particularly our county hurling team.

Semple Stadium is a venue to be proud of, an asset to be treasured and, let's face it, a facility for which we have to pay. The last development phase, including new stand and terraces, cost £1.350 million. This outlay was serviced by Bank borrowings, Double Your Money Investment Scheme, and with the assistance of Munster and Central Council.

The repayment of interest charges, the costs of maintenance and upkeep, rates, insurances and general charges are



funded from a 10% of gate receipts, advertising revenue and the sale of 10 year tickets.

The day-to-day upkeep of a vast complex such as this is very costly, even when we attend to essential items only. It is very evident that our traditional sources of income are not sufficient to meet our financial commitments. This considerable annual shortfall has been met in part for the current year by a contribution from County Board Draw and receipts from the recent concert.

Our committee are charged with the daunting task of raising £1.2 million over the next four years to discharge our responsibilities and commitments to the financial institutions and our investors. The first step in this regard is the re-sale of our very attractive 5 year tickets. We wish to advise patrons that current ticket holders have been offered an option to re-purchase existing seats. Surplus seats are available for sale to general public. Today's programme includes all details and an official application form.

Semple Stadium Management Committee are determined to meet our obligations and in doing so are very conscious that new sources of income must be generated. To meet that challenge is our task as a management committee. We can undertake our



responsibilities only in the full knowledge that we have the total support of all units of the G.A.A. and the necessary response from the general public.

I avail of this opportunity to thank our patrons for their support in the past and look forward to your continued co-operation and assistance in the future.

Thanking you

**Michael Lowry T.D.**

Chairman.

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## **THE FINAL THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN**

**Leinster Champions  
OFFALY**

v.

**Munster Champions  
TIPPERARY**

3.00 p.m.

**McDONAGH PARK, NENAGH  
October 30th**

Referee: T. Murray

*In conjunction with*

**Éire Óg G.A.A. Club**

*official opening of*

**Sports and Leisure Complex  
at McDonagh Park**

## **An Appeal on behalf of Bord na nÓg Tiobraid Árann**

THE organisation of juvenile hurling and football competitions in Tipperary is entrusted to Bord na nÓg, which runs many competitions for boys up to sixteen years of age. All the work involved is done on a voluntary basis by many dedicated people throughout the county.

Bord na nÓg depends mainly on gate receipts at juvenile games to fund its activities. But for the help received from County Senior Board, and the clubs of the county, it would be very difficult to cater for the needs of our young players.

To help defray some of the expense that is now required in promoting the games within Tipperary, a collection will be held during to-day's games, and Bord na nÓg appeals to your generosity and will be very thankful for your contributions and support to maintain our national games and to preserve our Irish culture and way of life.

**DONAL SHANAHAN**  
(Chairman)

# Clonoulty-Rossmore

## PEN PICTURES

**ANDREW FRYDAY:** Age 25. Occupation: Farmer. Married. Honours: West and County Minor Hurling Championship 1981; West Minor Hurling Championship 1982; All-Ireland Colleges "B" with Cashel C.B.S. 1980; West U-21 Hurling Championships, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1985; West and County Junior Football championships, 1985; West and County Intermediate Football Championships 1986; West Senior Hurling Championship this year.

**DAVID RYAN:** Age: 25. Occupation: Sales Consultant. Single. Honours: West and County Minor Hurling Championships, 1981; West Minor Hurling Championships, 1982; All-Ireland Colleges "B" with Cashel C.B.S., 1980; West U-21 Hurling Championships, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1985; West and County Junior Football Championships, 1985; West and County Intermediate Football championships, 1986; West Senior Hurling Championship this year.

**CECIL RYAN:** Age 30. Occupation: Train Driver. Married with one child. Honours: Munster Vocational Schools Medals, 1975, 1976; with Thurles Vocational School (North Tipp.); West and County Junior Football Championships, 1985.

**NOEL KEANE:** Age: 19. Occupation: Carpenter. Single. Honours: West Minor Hurling Medals, 1985, 1986; West U-21 Hurling Championships 1985, 1988; West and County Junior Football Championships, 1985; West & County Intermediate Football Championships, 1986; Munster Minor Hurling Championship 1987; Munster and All-Ireland U-21 Championships this year; West Senior Hurling Championship this year.

**SEAMUS HAMMERSLEY:** Age: 26. Occupation: Electrician. Married with one child. West and County Minor Hurling Championships 1981; Leinster Colleges Football Medal with Ballyfin College, 1980; West U-21 Hurling Championships 1981, 1982, 1984; Munster U-21 Hurling Championships, 1983, 1984. West Senior H.C. this year.

**JOHN KENNEDY:** Age: 24. Occupation: Sales Rep. Single. Honours: West and County M.H.C. 1981; West Minor H.C. 1982; All-Ireland Colleges "B" H.C. with Cashel C.B.S. 1980, 1982; West U-21 H.C. 1981, 1982, 1984, 1985; West & County Junior F.C. 1985; West and County Intermediate F.C. 1986. Captained

Tipperary Minor team to Munster and All-Ireland victories 1982; Munster U-21 hurling medals 1983, 1984, 1985; All-Ireland U-21 Hurling medal 1985; Munster Senior Hurling medals 1987, 1988, 1989; National Hurling League medal 1988; All-Ireland Senior Hurling medal this year. West Senior H.C. this year.

**PHIL SHANAHAN:** Age 22. Occupation: Student. Single. Honours: West Minor H.C. 1982, 1985; West U-21 H.C. 1984, 1985, 1988; West S.H.C. this year.

**T.J. RYAN:** Age: 28. Occupation: Victualler. Married with one child. Honours: West U-21 H.C. 1981, 1982; West & County Junior F.C. 1985; West and County Intermediate F.C. 1986; West S.H.C. this year.

**KEVIN RYAN:** Age: 20. Occupation: Electrician. Single. Honours: West M.H.C. 1985, 1986; West U-21 H.C. 1988; Munster and All-Ireland U-21 Championships this year. West Senior H.C. this year.

**DECLAN RYAN:** Age: 21. Occupation: Sales Rep. Single. Honours: West M.H.C. 1985, 1986; West U-21 H.C. 1984, 1985, 1988; All-Ireland Vocational Schools final with Thomatown Voc. School, 1986; West and County J.F.C. 1985; West and County Intermediate F.C. 1986; Captained Tipperary U-21 hurling team to Munster and All-Ireland victories this year; Munster S.H.C. 1988, 1989; National Hurling League medal 1988; All-Ireland Senior Hurling medal this year. All-Star award 1988. West S.H.C. this year.

**JOE HAYES:** Age: 26. Occupation: Garda. Single. Honours: West and County M.H.C. 1981; All-Ireland Colleges "B" medal with Cashel C.B.S. 1980; West U-21 H.C. 1981, 1982, 1984; West and County J.F.C. 1985; West and County Intermediate F.C. 1986; Munster and All-Ireland Minor H.C. 1980; Munster U-21 H.C. 1983, 1984; All-Ireland Garda F.C. 1985; Munster S.H.C. 1987, 1988, 1989; N.H.L. medal 1988; All-Ireland S.H.C. 1989.

**MICHAEL HEFFERNAN:** Age: 25. Occupation: Store Manager. Single. Honours: West and County M.H.C. 1981; West U-21 H.C. 1981, 1982, 1984; West and County J.F.C. 1985; West and County Intermediate F.C. 1986; West S.H.C. this year.

**TOMMY KENNEDY:** Age: 22. Occupation: Welder. Single. Honours: Munster M.H.C. 1981,



1982; West U-21 H.C. 1984, 1985; West and County J.F.C. 1985; West and County I.F.C. 1986.

**PETER HAYES:** Age: 28. Occupation: Farmer. Single. Honours: West U-21 H.C. 1981; West and County J.F.C. 1985; West and County I.F.C. 1986; West S.H.C. 1989; Munster S.H.C. 1987.

**DAN QUIRKE:** Age: 21. Occupation: Sales Rep. Single. Honours: West M.H.C. 1982, 1985, 1986; All-Ireland Colleges "B" H.C. with Cashel C.B.S. 1982; West U-21 Championships, 1984, 1985, 1988; West and County J.F.C. 1985; West and County I.F.C. 1986; Munster and All-Ireland U-21 H.C. this year. West S.H.C. 1989.

**PADDY BOURKE:** Age: 24. Occupation: Metal Fabricator. Single. Honours: West and County M.H.C. 1981; West M.H.C. 1982; West U-21 H.C. 1982, 1984, 1985; West and County J.F.C. 1985; West and County I.F.C. 1986; West S.H.C. this year.

**NEIL RYAN:** Age: 25. Occupation: Insurance Rep. Single. Honours: West and County M.C. 1981; West M.H.C. 1982; All-Ireland Colleges "B" H.C. with Cashel C.B.S. 1980, 1982 (captain 1982); West and County J.F.C. 1985; West and County I.F.C. 1986; West S.H.C. this year.

**PATRICK RYAN:** Age: 29. Occupation: Joiner. Married with one child. Honours: West U-21 H.C. 1981; West and County J.F.C. 1985; West and County I.F.C. 1986; West S.H.C. this year.

**JOHN KENNEDY:** (Laffana). Age: 29. Occupation: Garda. Married with one child. Honours: West U-21 H.C. 1981; West and County J.F.C. 1985; West and County I.F.C. 1986; Holds 2 Munster Garda championship medals. West S.H.C. this year.

**TIM SHANAHAN:** Age: 20. Occupation: Student. Single. Honours: West M.H.C. 1982, 1985, 1986; West U-21 H.C. 1984, 1985, 1988; West S.H.C. this year.

**TIMMY CORCORAN:** Age: 32. Occupation: Metal Fabricator. Married. Honours: J.H.C. 1983; West S.H.C. 1989.

**ALAN O'DWYER:** Age: 22. Occupation: Student. Single. Honours: West M.H.C. 1982, 1985; West U-21 H.C. 1984, 1985, 1988; West and County J.F.C. 1985; West and County I.F.C. 1986.

**JOHN RYAN:** Age: 25. Occupation: Farmer. Single. Honours: West and County M.H.C. 1981; West M.H.C. 1982; West U-21 H.C. 1984, 1985; West S.H.C. this year.

**JAMES RYAN:** Age: 29. Occupation: Stud Farm Worker. Married with one child. Honours: West Senior Hurling Championship this year.

**JOHN FITZGERALD:** Age: 29. Occupation: Farm Manager. Single. Honours: West U-21 H.C. 1981; West and County J.F.C. 1985; West and County I.F.C. 1986; West S.H.C. this year.

**PHILIP QUIRKE:** Age: 20. Occupation: Electrician. Single. Honours: West M.H.C. 1985, 1986; West U-21 H.C. 1988; West S.H.C. this year.

## Le háthas agus Aiteas Croí

CÉ a chreidfeadh é! Cé a chreidfeadh an tráth seo anuraidh go mbeimis anseo i nDurlas Éile ag Craobh an Chontae i nDeireadh an Fhómhair seo agus Craobh na hÉireann bainte ag ar n-imreoirí ní hamháin sa ghrád sinsearachach sa ghrád sóisearach agus faoi aon bhliain is fiche chomh maith!

\* Bhí comharthai dóchais ann, ar ndóigh, mar cé gur buadh orainn anuraidh sa Chraobh bhí sé soiléir go raibh feabhas mór tagtha ar an bhfoireann ón mbliain roimhe sin — ach cé a chreidfeadh go dtitfeadh cursaí amach faoi mar a dhein!

\* An rud is sásúla ar fad, is dócha, ná gur le scil agus dea-imirt amháin a rug ár bhfoirne an Chraobh leo, agus nach raibh orthu dul i muinín salachair ná fill chun an bhua a bhaint. Agus tá clú agus meas tuille acu dá réir ar fud na tíre agus i gcéin.

\* Mar sin is le croí sásta a thagaimid anseo inniu chun clabhsur cuí a chur le himeachtaí na bliana. Bheifeá ag súil, bliain ar bith, le cluiche maith ar ocaid mar seo, ach is bliain thar bhlianta é seo agus beimid ag súil le barr feabhais. Mas aon chomhartha iad na cluichí leath-chraoibhe is é sin a gheobhaimid!

Guímid rath ar na laochra uile a bheidh ag imirt inniu. Pé foireann a bhuaídh is í iománaíocht agus traidisiúin Thíobraid Árann a bhainfidh a leas.



# Holycross-Ballycahill

## PEN PICTURES

**MICHAEL McGRATH** Age 40. Married. Holder of 3 Mid-Championship senior medals, Lancashire County Championship and one County Junior Football Medal. Played his first senior game for Holycross-Ballycahill in late sixties.

**JOHNNY DOYLE** Age 32. Married. Has won Munster Medals in Minor and U-21 Hurling. Mid-senior championships in 1978, 1985, 1989. County Championships in u/16, u/21, junior hurling and junior football.

**TOM DWYER** Single. Age 23. Holds two Mid-senior championship medals and one county minor award.

**RUAIRI DWAN** Single. Team captain this year. Has won 3 Fitzgibbon Cup medals with U.C.C. (2) U-21 Munster Championships, County U-21 and junior football trophies.

**PHIL DWYER** Age 24. Single. Holder of two Mid senior medals, one Munster minor championship and one county minor medal.

**MICHAEL DOYLE** Age 31. Married. Holds one National League Medal, 1979. One Munster senior championship 1987, all-Ireland and Munster medals in minor and U-21 hurling. County championships U-16, U-21, junior hurling and football and 3 Mid senior medals. Played on county senior team from 1978 to 1987. Captained the U-21 all-Ireland winning team 1979.

**BENJY BROWN** Age 19. Single. First year in senior team. Won Mid senior championship 1989. Mid and county junior medals 1988.

**DECLAN CARR** Age 24. Single. Won Munster and all-Ireland senior medals 1989. Munster and all-Ireland u-21 trophies 1985. Inter-firm all-Ireland with Dublin Fire Brigade. Mid and county minor championships 1982. Gave an outstanding display in this years all-Ireland final.

**JIM RYAN** Age 25. single. Has won two Mid senior medals, county championships in minor and junior hurling.

**TONY LANIGAN** Age 21. Single. Winner of Munster and All-Ireland U-21 championships 1989, 2 Mid senior hurling medals and county final awards at minor hurling. Played on county minor team in 1985 and 1986.

**P. J. LANIGAN** Age 24. Married. Captained Tipperary minor team that won 1983 Munster Championship. Holds two Mid senior and one county minor medal.

**STEPHEN DWAN** Age 25. Single. Has won two Mid senior medals and one county minor award. An accurate free-taker he has contributed many scores during the championship campaign.

**TOM STAKELUM** Age 33. Married. Holds three Mid senior medals, one county junior hurling trophy and one county junior football award. On senior panel since 1974.

**ROBERT STAKELUM** Age 34. Married. Played junior football for Tipperary 1983. Has won county championships in junior hurling and junior football. Holds three Mid senior medals.

**PAUL SLATTERY** Age 19. Single. Won Mid senior medal 1989 county junior hurling award 1988.

**TOMMY LANIGAN** Age 31. Married. Has given great service to the club, winning county titles at U-16 hurling, U-21 hurling and junior football and junior hurling. As well as three Mid senior medals.

**DONAL RYAN** Age 20. Single. Senior Mid championship 1989. Mid and County U-14 medals 1982.

**GERRY FENNESSY** Age 23. Married. Mid senior championship 1989. County minor 1982. County junior medal 1988.

**PAUL MAHER** Age 19. Single. Holds one Mid senior medal 1989. County junior title 1988.

**JIM BUTLER** Age 25. Single. Mid senior championships 1985 and 1989. County minor 1982. County junior hurling 1988.

**JIM FITZPATRICK** Age 33. Married. Holds two Mid senior medals 1978, 1989. Two county junior hurling medals 1984 and 1988. Junior county football 1982.

**PHIL LOWRY** Age 38. Single. On senior panel since 1968. Holds three Mid senior championships, two county junior hurling and one junior county football medals. Scored 3-4 when helping Tipperary to win the 1982 7-a-side Referees all-Ireland championship. Has been a county minor selector for many years.

**FRANCIS MAHER** Married. Won Mid senior medals in 1985 and 1989, Co. U-21 championship in 1978 and a county junior football award in 1982.

**PADDY BROWNE** Age 23. Single. Holds one Mid senior medal 1989. County minor championship 1982 and county junior hurling award for 1988.

**WILLIAM RYAN** Age 20. Mid senior championship 1989 and Mid and county junior medals 1988.

# ÉIRE ÓG, NENAGH

## Officers:

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**A**FTER a lapse of eleven years Éire Óg today contest the Minor Hurling final, bidding for their fourth title in the grade. Their three previous titles were achieved in 1969, 1977 and 1978. Members of the 1969 team included Robert Ashman, Willie Condon, Liam Heffernan (Minnie), Martin Hogan, John Grace, P. J. Cooney, Denis O'Connor, Fr. Matt Sheary, Martin Moroney, Joe Rice and Martin O'Meara.

The 1977 team included such players as Eugene Hackett, John O'Gorman, Michael Kennedy, Ger Grace, Chris O'Halloran, Sean Minogue, Michael Griffin and Roger Coffey. Members of the 1978 team included Philip Kennedy, Brian Heffernan, Jim O'Sullivan, Michael McGrath, Paul Whelan and Conor Ryan.

In the mid-80's the club attempted to address the lack of success at juvenile level. A juvenile committee under Chairman Rory Flannery was formed and the seeds which have brought this team to the final was born. Most of today's team were on the team which won county under-16 honours last year. Indeed, 13 of them are under-age again next year.

## PEN PICTURES

**GEARÓID CLEARY** (17), Nenagh C.B.S. U-12, U-14, U-16 Football Co. Medals; U-12, U-16 Hurling Co. Medal; Fitzgerald Cup Medal 1988.

**FERGAL HYNES** (16), Nenagh C.B.S. U-12, U-14, U-16 Football Co. Medals; U-12, U-16 Hurling Co. Medals, Fitzgerald and Croke Cup Medals 1988.

**DEREK CONROY** (17), Nenagh C.B.S. U-12, U-14, U-16 Co. Football Medals; U-12, U-16 Hurling Co. Medals; Fitzgerald Cup Medal 1988.

**JOE O'DONOGHUE** (18), Nenagh C.B.S. U-12, U-14, U-16 Co. Football Medals; U-12, U-16 Co. Hurling Medals.

**BRIAN CONNOLLY** (17), Nenagh C.B.S. U-12, U-14, U-16 Co. Football Medals; U-12, U-16 Co. Hurling Medals.

**DECLAN NOLAN** (18), Moylish College, Limerick. North Minor Football Medal 1988; North U-16 Hurling Medal, 1987.

**ROBBIE FOLEY** (17), Nenagh C.B.S. U-12, U-14, U-16 Football Co. Medals.

**JOHN KENNEDY** (17), Athlone Regional College. U-12, U-14, U-16 Co. Football Medals; U-12, U-16 Co. Hurling Medals; Fitzgerald Cup Medal 1988.

**MARK SHEEHAN** (17), Nenagh C.B.S. U-12, U-14, U-16 Co. Football Medals; U-12, U-16 Hurling Co. Medals; Fitzgerald Cup Medal 1988.

**BRENDAN SHANAHAN** (16), Nenagh C.B.S. U-16 Hurling and Football Co. Medals.

**CON HOWARD** (17), Nenagh C.B.S. U-16 Hurling and Football Co. Medals; Fitzgerald Cup Medal 1988.

**RONAN BURNS** (18), Nenagh C.B.S. North Minor

and U-21 Football Medals 1988; North U-16 Hurling Medal 1986. Son of Mick Burns.

**ROBBIE TOMASILSON** (15), Nenagh Vocational School. U-16 Co. Football Medal; U-14, U-16 Co. Hurling Medals.

**EDDIE TUCKER** (17), Nenagh C.B.S. U-16, U-14, U-12 Co. Football Medals; U-12, U-16 Co. Hurling medals, Fitzgerald Cup Medals, 1988.

**CYRIL BAILEY** (17), Nenagh C.B.S. U-12, U-14, U-16 Co. Football Medals; U-12, U-16 Co. Hurling Medals.

**JOE MULQUEEN** (18), Nenagh C.B.S. North U-16 Hurling Medal, 1986.

**FRANK McGRATH** (15), St. Flannan's, Ennis. County U-14, U-16 Hurling Medals, 1988; Croke Cup Medal 1988.

**JOHN COLLISON** (17), Nenagh C.B.S. U-12, U-14, U-16 Co. Football Medals; U-12, U-16 Co. Hurling Medals.

**CON MALONE** (17), Nenagh C.B.S. U-16 Co. Hurling and Football Medals, 1988.

**JOHN MOYLAN** (18), Farmer.

**TOM MOYLAN** (17), Nenagh C.B.S. U-16 Co. Hurling and Football Medals, 1988.

**RORY FLANNERY** (16), Nenagh C.B.S. U-16 Co. Hurling Medal 1988; Croke Cup Medal 1988.

**EAMON O'KENNEDY** (17), Nenagh C.B.S. Co. U-16 Hurling Medal 1988.

**DAVID McCAULIFFE** (16), Nenagh C.B.S. Native of Middleton, moved to Nenagh 1988.

**DAVID CALLANAN** (16), Nenagh C.B.S. Native of Templemore, moved to Nenagh 1988.



## Holycross-Ballycahill v. Clonoulty-Rossmore

# *They met before in 1951*

**T**HE fact that Tipperary are All-Ireland champions adds an extra dimension to to-day's showpiece of the Tipperary hurling calendar, the county senior hurling final between Holycross-Ballycahill and Clonoulty-Rossmore.

Neighbouring parishes, separated by the Clodiagh river, it is a confrontation which has whetted the appetites of hurling followers throughout the county, particularly since both have been for so long out of the limelight.

It's twenty-five years since Holycross-Ballycahill last won a county senior final. This they achieved in 1954 when they overcame the challenge of Roscrea to add to the titles won in '51 and '48.

Clonoulty have only once triumphed at this level, and that over one hundred years ago, in 1888, when they conquered Boherlahan 1-1 to 0-2.

Mention of the '51 final immediately recalls the fact that that was the only time these clubs met in a county senior hurling final. Clonoulty-Rossmore had created something of a shock when they defeated the champions of the two previous years, Borris-Ileigh, in their semi-final and this pitted them against Holycross-Ballycahill, masters of Coolmoyne, in their semi-final.

Most people attending today's game will know that the final was a very poor contest with Holycross-Ballycahill sweeping home by 5-15 to 1-4 in a game in which Pat Stakelum

gave a majestic display for the winners at midfield.

The Holycross-Ballycahill team that day was captained by Francis Maher and lined out: F. Bannon, J. Stakelum, M. Maher, J. Doyle, F. Maher, D. Gorman, B. Stakelum, P. Stakelum, J. Ryan, J. O'Dwyer, J. Byrne, C. deBhial, G. Doyle, E. Gorman, P. Maher. Sub: M. Ryan for Jim Ryan (injured).

The Clonoulty-Rossmore line-out was: J. Gleeson, D. Purcell, M. Kinane, P. Quirke, J. Davern, T. Brennan, P. Ryan, L. Shanahan, J. Kearns, J. Ryan, J. Quirke, P. Ferncombe, B. Ryan, J. Hennessy, M. Maher. Sub: P. O'Shea for P. Ryan.

The events of twenty-eight years ago will have little bearing on to-day's clash. Clonoulty-Rossmore come out of the West division as champions and with a side bristling with inter-county talent, yet they lack the experience at this level which Holycross-Ballycahill have gained over a number of campaigns in recent years.

Both sides are champions in their divisions but Holycross have had to work that bit harder to get to the final, overcoming Cappawhite (the champions of '87) in the quarter-final, and then accounting for North champions, Lorrha, in a thrilling semi-final.

This sets the stage for what promises to be a great game between neighbouring parishes, but where will the bonfires burn to-night?



# TIPPERARY UNDER-21 ALL-IRELAND HURLING CHAMPIONS 1989



Back Row (l. to r.) John Madden, Pádraic Hogan, Seamus Maher, Michael Ryan, Brendan Bane, Conor Stickleburn, Dan Quirk,  
Liam Sheedy. Front Row (l. to r.) Don Lyons, George Friend, Tony Langan, Declan Ryan, Denny Ryan, Conal Bonnar, John Leahy.

# NA RÉITEOIRÍ



**SINSEAR**

## ***John Moloney***

(Club: Galtee Rovers)

What can be written about John Moloney that has not already been put in words. This year he is celebrating 33 years as a referee — and what a distinguished refereeing career it has been. The high points, no doubt, have been the All-Irelands he has officiated at, namely, Senior Hurling All-Ireland 1974; Senior Football All-Irelands 1967, 1969, 1973, 1975, 1977; Under-21 Hurling All-Ireland 1973; Under-21 Football All-Ireland 1967; Minor Hurling All-Ireland 1972.

It is a testament to the man and his ability that he has been in such demand and has officiated at All-Irelands in both codes. He must rank as the most honoured referees of his time.

Also a great clubman, John was in the fore in the development of the field and Social Centre at Bansha. Canon Hayes Park has a capacity of 7,000. John has also been involved in the development and improvement of refereeing standards nationwide and has given numerous courses/lectures on the subject.

We wish John well in today's Senior Final.

**Umpires:** Eddie McCarthy, James Byron, Liam Quirke, John Anthony Moloney.

**Linesmen:** Willie Barrett, John McDonald.



**MIONUR**

## ***Willie Clohessy***

(Club: Drom-Inch)

WILLIE is today refereeing his first County Final at any level. He is the son of the late Michael Clohessy, who gave sterling service to his club as a player and to the Mid Board as a referee. Willie has been officiating at Mid games for the past four years and took charge of this year's Mid senior hurling final. He holds the rare distinction of having interrupted his honeymoon to return to referee a Mid senior final.

Willie has also played a major part in his own club's development in recent years. He served terms as both treasurer and secretary of his club and was to the forefront in the development of Drom-Inch's beautiful new pitch and dressing-rooms. This development is a great credit to the club as a whole and will rank as one of the most attractive venues in the county when fully developed.

We wish Willie well in today's minor final and hope that today is the first of many county finals at which he will officiate.

### **UMPIRES:**

Matt McGrath, Pat Looby,  
Kevin Bourke, Ted Kennedy.

### **LINESMEN:**

Eamon Long, Sean Hayes.



# TO-DAY'S CAPTAINS

## CASHEL



**SEANIE BARRON**

## NENAGH



**DECLAN NOLAN**

## HOLYCROSS/BALLYCAHILL



**RUAIRI DWAN**

## CLONOLTY/ROSSMORE



**T. J. RYAN**

# EIRE ÓG, NENAGH

*Dathanna:* **Gorm 's Bán** (Blue and White)

(1)  
G. Ó Cleirigh  
**GEARÓID CLEARY**

(2)  
F. Ó hEidhin  
**FERGAL HYNES**

(3)  
P. Mac Conraoi  
**DEREK CONROY**

(4)  
S. Ó Donnchú  
**JOE O'DONOGHUE**

(5)  
B. Ó Conghaile  
**BRIAN CONNOLLY**

(6)  
D. Ó Nualláin (Capt.)  
**DECLAN NOLAN**

(7)  
R. Foghlaigh  
**ROBBIE FOLEY**

(8)  
S. Ó Cinnéide  
**JOHN KENNEDY**

(9)  
M. Ó Siocháin  
**MARK SHEEHAN**

(10)  
B. Ó Seanacháin  
**BRENDAN SHANAHAN**

(11)  
C. Hiobárd  
**CON HOWARD**

(12)  
R. Ó Broin  
**RONAN BURNS**

(13)  
R. Mac Toimilín  
**ROBBIE TOMLINSON**

(14)  
E. Ó Tuathchair  
**EDDIE TUCKER**

(15)  
C. Báille  
**CYRIL BAILEY**

**FIR IONAID:** (16) Joe Mulqueen; (17) Frank McGrath; (18) John Collison; (19) Con Malone; (20) John Moylan; (21) Tom Moylan; (22) Rory Flannery; (23) Eamon O'Kennedy; (24) David McAuliffe; (25) David Callanan.

**Selectors:** Jimmy Minogue, Billy Flannery, Michael Kearns.

Eire Óg, Nenagh	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
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Iomlán					



# CASHEL KING CORMAC'S

*Dathanna:* **Glas 's Dearg** (Green and Red)

(1)

P. Ó Flannagáin  
**P. J. FLANAGAN**

(2)

A. Ó Cúrnáin  
**ANDREW COURTNEY**

(3)

S. Ó Duibhir  
**SEÁN O'DWYER**

(4)

T. Ó Conghaile  
**T. J. CONNOLLY**

(5)

Duine Eile  
**A. N. OTHER**

(6)

S. Ó Donnchú  
**SEANIE O'DONOGHUE**

(7)

A. Céitinn  
**ALAN KEATING**

(8)

D. Ó Maoldomhnaigh  
**DAVID MOLONEY**

(9)

S. Barún (Capt.)  
**SEANIE BARRON**

(10)

R. Ó Riain  
**RAYMIE RYAN**

(11)

A. Bonar  
**AILBE BONNAR**

(12)

N. Ó Murchú  
**NOEL MURPHY**

(13)

Duine Eile  
**A. N. OTHER**

(14)

T. Ó Maoldomhnaigh  
**TIMMY MOLONEY**

(15)

S. Ó Laoire  
**JOE O'LEARY**

**FIR IONAIÐ:** (16) Aidan King; (17) John Maher; (18) Denis Keating; (19) Shane Lawrence; (20) Gary Quirke; (21) Michael Butler; (22) Craig Rothwell; (23) Martin Hayes; (24) Michael Quinlan; (25) Christy O'Neill; (26) Ruane King; (27) Seamus Morrissey; (28) Eamon Foley; (29) Seamus O'Keeffe.

**Selectors:** Joe Moloney, Sean Slattery, Joe Dwyer.

Cashel King Cormacs	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	65m	Saor Pocanna
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Iomlán					

# Clonoulty-Rossmore

## *A Brief History and some interesting connections*

**By: FRANCIS KEARNEY**

### **Officers:**

*Chairman:* Tom Ryan; *Secretary:* Francis Kearney; *Treasurer:* John Kennedy; *P.R.O.:* Denis Ryan

**T**HE G.A.A. was only four years old when the men of Clonoulty launched into success in the hurling championships of 1885. The Clonoulty hurlers better known as the "Boheen Men" due to the shape of their hurleys, defeated Boherlahan to take Tipperary's second hurling final. After victories over Gortnahoe, Upperchurch and Silvermines, Clonoulty met Boherlahan in the final and won on the score: 1-1 to 0-2.

The team was: Thady and John Ryan, Derrymore; Pat Butler, Cloneyharp; Tom and Pat Harney, Cloneyross; John Dwyer, Patsy Hennessy and Will Kennedy, Milltown; Martin Condon; Ned and Patsy Kennedy, Clogher; John Murphy, Joe Gould, Clonoulty; Jimmy and Tom Byrne, Coolanga; James and Tom Dwyer, James Garrett, Dan and Pat Ryan, Ballagh; Con Ahearne, Glenough. Subs: Will Ryan, James English, Jim Quirke, James Ferncombe and Tom Hennessy.

Clonoulty, representing Tipperary were drawn against Cork in the Inter-County games. The game was played at Buttevant. Clonoulty defeated Cork representatives Tower Street by 2-1 to nil, but the game was not finished. Cork objected and got a replay at Cahirmee. Clonoulty considered this venue too far away and did not fulfil the fixture. Thus they bade farewell to the championship of 1888. The club had won its first County Final, but, unfortunately, has failed to emulate this success in the last one hundred years.

1928 was an eventful year for Clonoulty

hurling. They defeated Holycross in the Mid Senior hurling semi-final but no final was played as Clonoulty were suspended. As Mid champions of the previous year Clonoulty were nominated to represent the division in the county series. They defeated Toomevara by 11-4 to 4-2 in the semi-final and went on to meet Boherlahan in the county final. The final had to be abandoned with fifteen minutes remaining, as violence erupted on the field of play. Boherlahan were awarded the match on the score 5-4 to 2-2 and Clonoulty were suspended for twelve months.

The suspension of Clonoulty was a major factor in precipitating the foundation of the West Board in 1930. Clonoulty had the honour of winning the first four West finals — 1930, 1931, 1932, and 1933, beating Solohead, Newpark and Cappawhite-Donohill (twice) respectively. Unfortunately county honours eluded Clonoulty in these years. The first president of the West Board was Rev. J. Moloney C.C., Clonoulty and the first secretary was Dan B. English, Rossmore.

In 1951 Clonoulty won the West Senior Hurling final when, inspired by a great performance by Tony Brennan, they defeated Kickhams on the score 3-2 to 0-3. They went on to play a fancied Borrisoleigh in the county semi-final in Thurles. They caused a major surprise in defeating Borrisoleigh by 3-7 to 1-8. The county final was a great disappointment as Clonoulty were totally outclassed by today's opponents, Holycross, and went down to a heavy defeat: 5-15 to 1-4.



It is interesting to trace connections between the teams of '51 and '89. Dan and Philip Quirke's two uncles, P.P. and John played at corner-back and corner-forward respectively on the 1951 team. Brothers Cecil, Patrick and Kevin Ryan are cousins of 1951 wing-forward, Patsy Ferncombe R.I.P., Mick Kinane, centre-back on the 1951 team, is an uncle of John Ryan (J). John Kennedy and Tommy Kennedy are cousins of 1951, midfielder, John Kearns, R.I.P. David Ryan's father, Jim, R.I.P., our late club chairman played at wing-forward in 1951 while another former club chairman Timmy Hammersley was wing-back. Coincidentally his son Seamus is also wing-back on the present team.

It is significant that all players on today's senior team have won divisional honours at some level of under-age competition. In 1975 and 1976 we won successive U-16 West titles, beating Cashel and Cappawhite in respective years. These teams went on to be beaten in Co. Semi-finals by Ballingarry in '75 and Loughmore-Castleiney in '76. From these teams Patrick Ryan, T. J. Ryana, Peter Hayes, James Ryan, John Fitzgerald and John Kennedy (Laffana) are members of today's panel.

1977 saw the club capture U-14 hurling honours beating Toomevara in the Co. Final. The same panel of players went on to win the Co. Minor Final in 1981, beating the same opposition. Andrew Fryday, Seamus Hammersley, David Ryan, Michael Heffernan, Joe Hayes and John Kennedy who line out with today's team were on the teams of 1977 and '81.

Clonoulty-Rossmore tasted victory in the U-16 hurling final in the G.A.A.'s Centenary year. Dan Quirke, Noel Keane, Declan Ryan and Kevin Ryan were members of this team which defeated Kickhams in the West final and St. Mary's, Clonmel, in the county decider. Coincidentally these four players also represented the club in Tipperary's U-21 team which won the All-Ireland this year.

Phil Shanahan and Tommy Kennedy hold five West U-21 championship medals and four West Minor medals between them. Phil's minor honours came in 1982 and 1985 while his U-21 successes were achieved in 1984, 1985, 1988. Tommy won his minor medals with the teams of 1981 and 1982 and U-21 successes were gained in 1984 and '85.

Thus the importance of juvenile and under-age competitions as nurseries for young hurlers can be seen and cannot be over-emphasised. We have been fortunate in Clonoulty-Rossmore in having men who were dedicated to the promotion of juvenile hurling and football. We honour them today, and though some of them have departed this life, we know that they are with us in spirit. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

## **TIPPERARY'S NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE FIXTURES 1989/90**

**Sunday Next, October 29  
(H) TIPPERARY V. CORK**

**November 12th  
(A) ANTRIM V. TIPPERARY**

**November 26th  
(H) TIPPERARY V. GALWAY**

**February 18th, 1990  
(A) WEXFORD V. TIPPERARY**

**February 25th  
(H) TIPPERARY V. LIMERICK**

**March 11th  
(A) KILKENNY V. TIPPERARY**

# CLONOUTLY-ROSSMORE

(Cluain Ulaigh-Rós Mór)

Dathanna: GREEN & GOLD

(1)

A. Mac an Phrír  
**ANDREW FRYDAY**

(2)

D. Ó Riain  
**DAVID RYAN (H)**

(3)

C. Ó Riain  
**CECIL RYAN**

(4)

N. Ó Catháin  
**NOEL KEANE**

(5)

S. Ó Hammerslaigh  
**SEAMUS HAMMERSLEY**

(6)

S. Ó Cinnéide  
**JOHN KENNEDY**

(7)

P. Ó Seanacháin  
**PHIL SHANAHAN**

(8)

T. Ó Riain (Capt.)  
**T. J. RYAN (R)**

(9)

C. Ó Riain  
**KEVIN RYAN**

(10)

D. Ó Riain  
**DECLAN RYAN**

(11)

S. Ó hAodha  
**JOE HAYES**

(12)

M. Ó hIfearnain  
**MICHAEL HEFFERNAN**

(13)

D. O'Cuir  
**DAN QUIRKE**

(14)

P. Ó hAodha  
**PETER HAYES**

(15)

T. Ó Cinnéide  
**TOMMY KENNEDY**

**FIR IONAIÐ:** (16) Paddy Burke; (17) Alan O'Dwyer; (18) Neil Ryan; (19) John Kennedy; (20) James Ryan; (21) Tim Shanahan; (22) Timmy Corcoran; (23) John Ryan; (24) John Fitzgerald; (25) Philip Quirke; (26) Patrick Ryan.

**Selectors:** Eoin Ryan, Michael Ryan, Tom Ryan.

**Coach/Trainer:** Len Gaynor.

Clonoutly/Rossmore	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	65m	Saor Pocanna
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2 adh Leath					
Iomlán					



# HOLYCROSS/BALLYCAHILL

(Mainistir na Croise/Baile Ceathail)

Dathanna: GREEN & WHITE

(1)

M. Mac Craith  
**MICHAEL McGRATH**

(2)

S. Ó Dúil  
**JOHNNY DOYLE**

(3)

T. Ó Duibhir  
**TOM DWYER**

(4)

R. Ó Dubháin  
**RORY DWAN (Capt.)**

(5)

P. Ó Duibhir  
**PHIL DWYER**

(6)

M. Ó Dúil  
**MICHAEL DOYLE**

(7)

B. de Brún  
**BENJY BROWNE**

(8)

S. Ó Riain  
**JIM RYAN**

(9)

D. Ó Carra  
**DECLAN CARR**

(10)

G. Ó Fionnghura  
**GERRY FENNESSY**

(11)

P. Ó Lanagáin  
**PAT LANIGAN**

(12)

A. Ó Lanagáin  
**TONY LANIGAN**

(13)

R. Ó Staicliúm  
**ROBERT STAKELUM**

(14)

S. Ó Dubháin  
**STEPHEN DWAN**

(15)

P. Ó Slatarra  
**PAUL SLATTERY**

**FIR IONAIÐ:** (16) Tommy Lanigan; (17) Donal Ryan; (18) Tim Stakelum; (19) Phil Lowry; (20) Jim Fitzpatrick; (21) Paul Maher; (22) Francis Maher; (23) Jim Butler; (24) Paddy Browne; (25) William Ryan.

**Selectors:** Michael Ryan, Phil Lowry, Paddy Kenny (Trainer/Coach).

Holycross/Ballycahill	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	65m	Saor Pocanna
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# Clonoulty-Rossmore v. Holycross-Ballycahill

## - PREVIOUS CLASHES -

By BOB STAKELUM

**I**N 1910 Rossmore defeated Holycross by 1-8 to 0-2. The game was refereed by Mikey Maher, Tubberadora.

Rossmore again proved themselves to be the better team in 1911 when Holycross lost by 0-11 to nil in Drombane.

In the Mid junior final of 1922, Holycross-Ballycahill defeated Clonoulty by a wide margin at Borrisoleigh.

Holycross Selection was: Bill Leahy (Ballyroneen), Jack Harty (do.), Mick Harty (do.), Rody Dwan, Jack Ryan (A), Mick Ryan (A), Pakie Ryan (A), Phil Cahill, J. Cleary, Jack Reilly (Tobin's Cross), Mick Dwan (Beeakstown), Tom Doyle (Glenbane), T. Maher, Phil Purcell (Garrynamona), Johnny Doyle (Glenbane).

Rody Dwan's grandsons Stephen Dwan, Ruairi Dwan and Paul Maher are members of the present Holycross-Ballycahill panel.

The two Doyles are grand-uncles of Michael and Johnny Doyle.

In 1927 and 1928 a Holycross-Ballycahill-Drombane combination, known as Clodiagh Rangers, met Clonoulty-Rossmore in the Mid championship.

The 1927 game was played in Cashel when Clonoulty won on the score 4-3 to 2-2 after a none-too-gentle contest.

Clodiagh Rangers led by eleven points during the second half of the 1928 clash, played at Borrisoleigh, but Clonoulty came with a late rush to win by 4-2 to 3-3.

Clodiagh Rangers players in these games included: Phil Cahill, Jas. Kennedy (Mayoliffe), Denis Ryan, Jack Hayes (Lisheen), Rody Dwan, Willie Dwan, Tom Dwan, Pakie Hennessy, Jack Ryan (A), Wm. Maher (Cormackstown), Thady Lowry (Drombane), Paddy McGrath

(Killeenyarda), Jim Dwyer (The Glebe), Jack Reilly, Narie Ryan (Dispensary), Mick Ryan (A), Paddy McGlynn (Moyaliffe), John Ryan (Ballyfinane), Pat Finn (Ballinahaw), Andy Donoghue (Drombane), Con Hayes (Holycross).

Paddy McGrath's son, Mick, plays in goal for Holycross to-day.

Clonoulty won the 1927 Mid championship and were nominated to represent the Mid in the 1928 County semi-final against Toomevara as the Mid championship had not been completed in time.

The Clonoulty team that defeated Toomevara was: Jack Dwyer (Larry), Mick Ryan (Fox), Dan B. English, Ned, James and Martin Browne, John Joe Lysaght, Joe and James Gould, Pakie Mahony, Dave Carey, Pat and Gerry Kennedy, Tom Duggan, Matt Morrissey. Sub: Jack Ryan.

The County final — Clonoulty v. Boherlahan — was unfinished as Clonoulty left the field when behind on the score 5-4 to 2-2.

The last confrontation between these two neighbouring parishes was in the 1951 Co. Final, which was won by Holycross-Ballycahill on the score 5-15 to 1-4.

Of the 1951 Holycross team, John Doyle, Bob Stakelum, Francis Maher, Philly Dwyer, Jimmy Ryan and John Butler have sons on to-day's Holycross-Ballycahill panel.

## Holycross-Ballycahill OFFICERS

President ..... Rev. T. Ryan P.P.  
Chairman ..... John Ryan.  
Secretary/PRO ..... Jackie Lanigan  
Treasurer ..... Francis Maher



# Decade of Change

by  
Séamus O'Doherty

**B**ETWEEN 1970 and 1979 the county senior title went North on 8 occasions. The other two titles came to the Mid Division. The decade just ending has seen a remarkable change in the balance of power and of the nine finals decided so far only 5 have gone northwards. The Mid has improved slightly with three titles, while significantly one has gone to the West. This season's decider will ensure that another title goes Mid or West and that the North won't improve on its haul of titles.

The 'decline' of the North is interesting. Every county senior final from 1966 to 1986 had at least one North team involved and there were six all North Co. Finals in the '70's and four all North pairings in the '80's. This is the second time in three seasons that the Dan Breen decider will not have the North Division represented.

But it would be wrong to say that the standards have fallen there because the real answer is that the Mid have reclaimed much of their former glory — even with minimal inter-county representation — while the West have now the best and most competitive Divisional Championship in Tipperary.

In the circumstances, the failure of Lorrha and Toomevara in the penultimate round cannot really be classed a surprise.

The rise of Holycross/Ballycahill — appearing in their first decider since 1964, and Clonoulty-Rossmore playing in their first final since 1951 — have followed similar paths in this decade. Perhaps the fact that they are close neighbours accounts for that! Both clubs served warning last year that their big day was not too far off. Clonoulty-Rossmore defeated 1987 Co. Champions Cappawhite in the West championship, while Holycross/Ballycahill lost by one point to Borrisleigh in the county semi-final. 1989 has seen the anticipated rate of progress translated into tangible proof of success, as each won their divisional titles and now stand poised to lift the county title for the first time in many years.

There are many similarities in the clubs' record during the present decade. Both have won under-16 county titles — Clonoulty in 1984 and Holycross 1989. The county minor title has also come to both clubs — Clonoulty in 1981 and Holycross in 1982. Both have lost under-21 finals: Clonoulty to Eire Óg Nenagh 1982, Toomevara 1985 and Thurles Sarsfields 1988. Holycross lost to Roscrea in 1983.

Both camps have availed of 'outside' assistance and recently appointed Tipp. minor coach, Timmy Delaney, to train the two clubs. The 'outside' influence prevails today with Len Gaynor assisting Clonoulty while Paddy Kenny guides Holycross.

Another factor to bear in mind is the big number of players on both sides who have worn the Tipp. colours in various grades. Proof indeed that the Bord na nóg influence in these clubs has paid off and that the follow-up at schools' level has also added to the work.

Clonoulty-Rossmore will probably start as favourites today because of their convincing win in the semi-final and because of the plentiful presence of Tipp. senior and under-21 stars in their squad.

Holycross/Ballycahill, however, have much to offer and if they look to Ml. Doyle, Declan Carr and Tony Lanigan for inspiration their colleagues will be wholehearted in support.

Whichever side wins it will be a popular victory and success will no doubt start a chain reaction in that club. The losers need not be downhearted either because even in defeat they will have made considerable progress and the future will be more promising than it has been for many years.

The Tipperary selectors will be looking for talent today and of course we know they will find it. On the inter-county and inter-club scene it has been a decade of change for Tipperary. The end result is success and how much more exciting it is to be facing the nineties with optimism than was the case a decade ago.

# CASHEL KING CORMAC'S

## Minor County Finalists 1989



Back Row (l. to r.) John Maher, Timmy Moloney, Seán Ó Duibhir, Seanie O'Donoghue, T. J. Connolly, Seanie Barron (captain), David Moloney, Ramie Ryan, Front Row (l. to r.) Alan Keating, Noel Murphy, Andrew Courtney, P. J. Flanagan, Ailbe Bonnar, Joe O'Leary, Aidan King.



# Éire Óg, Nenagh - Minor County Finalists 1989



Back row (l. to r.) John Kennedy, Derek Conroy, Joe O'Donoghue, Con Howard, Mark Sheehan, Eddie Tucker, Ronan Burns, Robbie Tomlinson. Front row (l. to r.) Brendan Shoradon, Robbie Foley, Geroid Cleary, Brian Connolly, Declan Noldan (captain), Fergal Hynes, Cynil Bolley.

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# The seal on a great year

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*"It bears back our memory on history's wings  
To the days of Erin's high heroes and kings".*

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I love County Hurling Final Day in Thurles. It has a special flavour. The expectation of a good game, meeting players of the past, the Ryan's of Moycarkey, John Maher of Killinan, Tony Reddan, Mickey Byrne, Pat Stakelum and many more. The children, many of whom carry hurleys, hoping for a "few pucks" in famed Semple Stadium. The Moycarkey Pipe Band, the loyal supporters, the atmosphere, are all part of a great day. Today the hurlers of Éire Óg, Nenagh, Cashel King Cormac's, Holycross and Clonoulty/Rossmore provide the entertainment. I hope that all four teams do justice to their considerable hurling skills and the game of hurling.

Holycross and Clonoulty/Rossmore were among the first clubs in Tipperary when the G.A.A. was founded. Clonoulty were strong in hurling, while Rossmore were the football standard bearers. Clonoulty were known as the "Boheen Men" because of the shape of the hurleys they used. Later "the Boheen" was excluded "lest Clonoulty should smash every hurley". In 1888 Clonoulty won the County Final defeating Boherlahan 1-1 to 0-2. Players on that team included Thady and John Ryan, Will Kennedy, John Dwyer, Ned and Patsy Kennedy and Joe Gould. At inter-county level they met and defeated Tower Street, representing Cork. However, Cork objected and the game was to be replayed in Cahirmee. The Clonoulty men refused to travel to the "world's end", so Tower Street were awarded the game.

In 1886 Holycross, Moycarkey, Thurles, Killenaule and Fethard travelled to Cork "to measure skill and strength with Rebel

Cork in native pastimes". Holycross defeated St. Finbarrs, they were led by Mike Ryan-Cleary.

Overall, Tipperary won the tournament. In 1889 Holycross were also very much to the fore, defeating Golden and Drombane in the championship. They were then scheduled to meet Toomevara in the semi-final, but neither side could agree on a venue within Tipperary. They requested the County Board to allow them play the game in Dublin.

A train was hired, the teams travelled to the Metropolis where Toome won by 1-2 to 2 points. Holycross faded somewhat from the scene after that.

Today is not the first meeting of Holycross and Clonoulty/Rossmore in a county final. They met in 1951, when the team from the Mid were victors. Holycross won county championships in 1948 and '54 also. Pat Stakelum led Tipperary to National League and All-Ireland honours in 1949. Indeed, that was a golden era in Tipperary hurling and saw the emergence of John Doyle from Holycross. Present chairman of Munster Council Michael Maher and former county full-back was another Holycross star. Tommy Barrett, lived in and played for Holycross before moving to Thurles. In 1951 Clonoulty had the late great Tony Brennan on their team. Tony was part of Tipperary's three-in-a-row team, 1949, '50, '51.

Both Holycross and Clonoulty/Rossmore won minor county titles in the early 80's. John Kennedy led Tipperary to all-Ireland victory showing skill and leadership in Croke Park. Those successes earlier in the decade laid the



foundation for today's final. Both sides have hurlers of class. Clonoulty/Rossmore have an abundance of talent, the elegant John Kennedy, stylish Declan Ryan, dashing Joe Hayes and brother Peter, bustling Dan Quirke, solid corner-backs Noel Keane and David Ryan (H) and the hardworking Kevin Ryan. They wear the green and gold with pride. Holycross are an even, balanced side. A side which depends on team work. Much will depend on Declan Carr, who had such a wonderful all-Ireland final, Michael Doyle who has a great sense of positional play and is a fine ball player, dashing Johnny Doyle and rock solid captain, Rory Dwan and the talented Tony "Tonto" Lanigan. It promises to be a great final, two fit teams well prepared by Paddy Kenny and Len Gaynor who train Holycross and Clonoulty respectively.

Who will I support? I have good friends in both camps. A very dear friend Fr. Roger Kinane, far away in Port Harcourt, Nigeria is from Rossmore. Despite many years in Africa his heart is in West Tipperary. My good friends John Ryan, Mick Ryan and Larry Mackey are all from Holycross. Elaine Ryan (H) is from Clonoulty, Martina Coughlan from Holycross. Indeed Martina has a problem, fiancée is John Kennedy! Anyway, I'll lie low and hope for a good game. Think of Mick Maxwell, Michael Kennedy (John's dad) and Jim Ryan (Hanna) all gone from us, but with Clonoulty in spirit.

I hope all the supporters enjoy the game, the hurlers play well, that the referees have a good game also. This is Tipperary's show-piece. May it set the seal on a great year. Tiobráid Árann Abú.

**Liz Howard**

(P.R.O., Co. Board)

## STAR OF THE PAST

# TONY BRENNAN

**B**orn in Clonoulty on November 4th, 1917, Tony was educated at Thurles C.B.S. and Rockwell College. He hit the hurling headlines at an early age in the Dean Ryan Cup competition and later helped Thurles C.B.S. to victory through a great Dr. Harty Cup campaign.

Picked for Munster Colleges, the stripling that grew into a six-footer, weighing 13 stone 4 lbs. at the height of his hurling power, played inter-provincial for three seasons, besides figuring with his native parish with whom he won a West senior hurling final in 1951.

Tony Brennan, shopkeeper and farmer, answered the call of his country during the Emergency, and did some of his best hurling while stationed with the Irish-speaking Batt. in Renmore, Galway, and playing with An Cath Gaedhealch club.

Winning a Connaught Junior Championship with Galway before returning to his native Tipperary, Tony

won the first of his four senior All-Ireland trophies with the Premier County when he figured at full-forward on the team which beat Kilkenny in the 1945 final.

His other Blue Riband successes were secured against Laois in 1949, Kilkenny in 1950 and Wexford in 1951. In all three of these finals he filled the full-back berth.

Tony had previously won two minor all-Ireland titles with Tipperary in the years 1933 and 1934.

Brennan comes of fine old Clonoulty Athletic stock. His uncles, on his father's side were outstanding athletes in their day, and from his mother he inherited his hurling prowess, for she was a sister of Phil Byrne, Coolanga, Clonoulty, who won four all-Ireland medals with Tubberadora, and of Tom Byrne, holder of two all-Ireland football medals won with Dublin.

By **FRANCIS KEARNEY**

# Tipperary All-Ireland Junior Hurling Champions 1989



Back row (l. to r.) Liam Sheedy, John Sheedy, Maurice McCormack, Eamon Kelly, Richie Quirke, Mick Ryan, Jody Grace, Front row (l. to r.) Damien Quirlan, Kevin Laffan, Donal Flannery, Dinny Ryan, Paudie Everard, Seán Nealon, Michael Stapleton, Jerry O'Brien.



# Star of the Past



## Michael Maher

(Holycross-Ballycahill)

Michael Maher the former Tipperary full-back of a very successful era in the Premier County history is the present Munster Council Chairman. He formed a very famous back-line with John Doyle and Kieran Carey as his partners. A hurler who gave sterling service to club, county and province. His heroic deeds on the field are matched by his very valuable contribution as an administrator in several capacities since his retirement from the playing fields. He was the driving force behind the G.A.A. Centre when domiciled in the capital town. Mick was elected County Chairman in 1979 and served until 1982.

A veteran of many Munster Championship battles he won Provincial honours in 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964 and 1965. He added All-Ireland medals to the Munster awards on five occasions. 1960 was the exception when Tipperary were beaten. As a member of four successful Munster teams in 1958, 1959, 1961 and 1963 the Maher medal collection was growing year by year. Mick collected numerous other awards including county championship, N.H.L. and Oireachtas medals. In 1963 he was selected as the Tipperary Hurler of the Year (Cidona Award).

When the great guardian of the Tipperary square retired from the game his name was firmly inscribed in the Tipperary list of greats.

**Seán O'Driscoll**

# Star of the Past

## Pat Stakelum

(Holycross-Ballycahill)

Pat Stakelum of Holycross/Ballycahill hurling club was one of the greatest hurlers ever to pull on the county jersey. He led Tipperary to the 1949 all-Ireland S.H. title and won further medals in the 1950 and 1951 successes. As a pupil at Thurles C.B.S. and former centre-back played Harty Cup hurling and represented the Munster colleges. Pat's contributions to the game attracted a legion of fans and admirers and his name is always sure to be mentioned when great men and great deeds are recalled.



## Fact File

*M.H.*: 1945 Munster Medal.

*Club*: 1948, 1951, 1954, Co. S.H.

*All-Ireland's*: 1949, 1950, 1951 (capt. '49).

*N.H.L.*: 1949, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1957.

*Railway Cup*: 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1957 (won); 1954, 1956 (beaten).

*Ireland Sel.*: 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956.

*Rest of Ireland Sel.*: 1957.

Pat won numerous other honours with club and county and retired in early 1958 from the county team but continued to assist the club. As an administrator he served as County Secretary, Munster Council Representative, County S.H. Selector and now plays a leading role with Durlas Óg club. His sons Padraic and Fionn now plays with Thurles Sarsfields.

**Seán O'Driscoll**

# Cashel Pen Pictures

**P.J. FLANAGAN:** Age 17. Works with Rima Pharmaceuticals. Won County Schools' u-17 football medal with Cashel C.B.S. West M.H. and M.F. medals 1989.

**ANDREW COURTNEY:** Age 17. Business Studies student at RTC, Athlone. Won Fitzgerald and Croke Cup medals with Cashel C.B.S. Three west MH medals and 1 county M.H. medal. One west M.F. medal.

**SEÁN Ó DUIBHIR:** Age 16. C.B.S. student. Won County schools' u-17 football medal. Has 1 county M.H., 2 west M.H. and 1 west M.F. medals.

**T.J. CONNOLLY:** Age 17. Football coach. Won 2 Fitzgerald and 2 Croke medals with Cashel C.B.S. Also Kinane Cup medal. Has west u-12, u-14, and u-16 hurling medals plus county u-14 medal. Also west u-14 football medal. Three west M.H. and 1 west M.F. medals. One county M.H. medal. Also 1 O'Donoghue Cup medal.

**DENIS KEATING:** Age 17. Apprentice tradesman. Won Fitzgerald Cup medal and County schools' u-17 football medal with Cashel C.B.S. Two west M.H. and 1 west M.F. medals. One county M.H. medal.

**SEANIE O'DONOGHUE:** Age 16. Student at Cashel C.B.S. Won Fitzgerald Cup medal and County schools' u-17 football medal with Cashel C.B.S. Three west M.H. and 1 west M.F. medals. One county M.H. medal. One Garda Cup medal.

**ALAN KEATING:** Age 17. A carpenter. Won three west M.H. and 1 west M.F. medals. One county S.H. medal.

**DAVID MOLONEY:** Age 17. Works in the Fruit and Vegetable business. Won Fitzgerald Cup medal with Cashel C.B.S. Has 1 west M.H. and 1 west M.F. medals. Also an All-Ireland Handball medal.

**SEANIE BARRON:** Captain of the team. Age 17. Works in Cahir Meats. Won Fitzgerald Cup medal with Cashel C.B.S. Has 3 west M.H. and 1 west M.F. medals. Also 1 county M.H. medal. Won O'Donoghue Cup medal.

**RAYMIE RYAN:** Age 18. Electrical technician trainee with Kents. Won Fitzgerald, Croke and Kinane Cup medals with Cashel C.B.S. Has 1 west u-16 hurling, 3 west M.H. and 1 west M.F. medals. One county M.H. medal. Also, west S.H. medal and u-21 All-Ireland hurling medal.

**AILBE BONNAR:** Age 18. Shop attendant. Won Croke and Kinane Cup medals with Cashel C.B.S. Won west u-12, u-14, u-16 hurling medals, 3 west M.H. and 1 west M.F. medals. Has county u-14 and M.H. medals. One west senior hurling championship.

**NOEL MURPHY:** Age 16. Student at Cashel V.S. Has won 2 west M.H. and 1 west M.F. medals. One county M.H. medal. Also has won an All-Ireland handball medal.

**AIDAN KING:** Age 18. Pharmacy student at T.C.D. Won west and county u-14 hurling medals.

**TIMMY MOLONEY:** Age 16. Student at Cashel V.S. Won west M.H. and M.F. medals this year. Also, holder of All-Ireland handball medal.

**JOE O'LEARY:** Age 18. Agricultural contractor. Won 2 Croke, Kinane and Fitzgerald Cup medals with Cashel C.B.S. Has 3 west M.H. and 1 west M.F. medals. Also, county M.H. medal.

**JOHN MAHER:** Age 18. Works at Cahir Meats. Won three west M.H. medals and 1 west M.F. medal. Also county M.H. medal.

**SHANE LAWRENCE:** Age 17. Student at Cashel C.B.S. Won County schools' u-17 football medal. Has 1 west M.H. and 1 west M.F. medals. Also, county M.H. medal.

**SEAMUS MORRISSEY:** Age 15. Student at Cashel C.B.S. Won 1 west M.H. and 1 west M.F. medal.

**MICHAEL BUTLER:** Age 15. Student at Cashel C.B.S. Won west M.H. and M.F. medals this year.

**RUADHAN KING:** Age 15. Student at Rockwell College. Won west M.H. and M.F. medals this year.

**MARTIN HAYES:** Age 16. Student at Cashel C.B.S. Won west M.H. and west M.F. medals this year.

**GARY QUIRKE:** Age 16. Student at Cashel C.B.S. Won west M.H. and M.F. medals this year.

**CHRISTY O'NEILL:** Age 18. Trainee monumental sculptor. Won 2 west M.H. and 1 M.F. medals. Also, county M.D. medal.

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# Under-21 All-Ireland 1989

By **DANNY MORRISSEY**

**A**N unexpected phone-call from Mick Maguire and a word from Mick Ryan of Holy Cross were the earliest indications that our assistance was being sought at county under-21 level for 1989. It transpired that the 'old guard' of the late 70's and early '80's were being pressed back into action. The County Chairman's role in the matter was the key. Despite our initial reluctance we were genuinely glad to be renewing old acquaintance again and hoped that we would justify the faith of many people in us and in our ability to build a successful team.

We have believed collectively since we first met that the best guarantee of a decent run in the championship is by way of a timely start which becomes all the more necessary when you're drawn to play Cork in the first round. Hence, our early start in October '88.

We first met in the Park Avenue on 26th October for an informal chat, a cup of tea, some discussion on the likely panel and a tête-a-tête with the officers of the Co. Board, at which we discussed relevant matters of mutual interest to both groups. We were happy to find them both enthusiastic and supportive. Having dispensed with these preliminaries we set about choosing a panel of 40 players which would be based to a great extent on the minor teams of the previous three years, none of which had won an All-Ireland title.

Trials and challenge matches were played while players were being sifted and vetted. Waterford R.T.C., Waterford Co., Cashel, Holy Cross twice, Boherlahan, Offaly, Tipp Juniors, Kilkenny twice, were all played between January and the end of

May '89. Eventually the panel took shape and the team to play Cork was selected.

We have always relished the challenge of playing Cork. However, we had the fear which afflicts all team mentors on its first hurdle. No amount of training and challenges can fully gear a team towards the unique atmosphere of championship contest.

Our prior feats were to prove well-founded as a porous defence was to concede five goals, many against the run of play.

One scored on the stroke of half-time had us in fits of despair. We were rescued from early obscurity and utter embarrassment by the industry of Dinny Ryan, but, in particular, by our captain Declan Ryan. His effort and achievement in securing a draw for us that night is one of two memories that will be forever etched in our mind. Our decision to appoint him captain was the single most important decision we made all year. The rest of the panel decided that it owed him a debt and vowed that an appearance on the winners' rostrum on All Ireland day was the only reward that would fully compensate him. They never left him down. Ironically, it was he who almost did with that thrown ball incident in the Munster senior final.

'Courage was required', as a friend said to me in the Stadium after the replay, and so courageous re-modelling was applied to the back-line for the return match in Thurles. Bane came into goal; Sheedy went to right corner; Michael Ryan to full back; George Frend was introduced at left corner; Seamus Maher replaced Kelly at wing and Don Lyons went in at corner



forward. While Cork matched us with their usual skill and passion, the result was never in doubt. The re-modelled team had passed its first test. Bonnar's display was the highlight. An early blow from Mullins had dazed and slightly concussed him, but his second half was truly heroic.

With the token resistance of Kerry behind us, we marched into a Munster Final appearance against Limerick. Minoue's assessment of them was fully vindicated with us inflicting a massive drubbing of 22 points on them. Leahy, the Mullinahone jewel, shone like a beacon, giving a display reminiscent of Roche in '64. One point of his in front of the old stand was sheer magic. Lanigan's booted pass and Quirke's finish were but the icing on the cake of Munster Final success. Faint rumblings of a triple crown by certain fans were gathering momentum as the senior and junior teams were showing distinct possibilities of success.

Meanwhile, the spotlight switched to other fields, which would likely militate against our chances of annexing an All Ireland crown. Firstly Offaly were victorious in Leinster and impressed us suitably in the process. Secondly, Eamonn Kelly was sidelined in a tempestuous Junior final, thereby kindling the fuels of further friction subsequently. We were disappointed at our loss.

Thirdly, the Tipp senior team had disposed of Galway in August amid a torrent of controversy and abuse. Leahy was embroiled in the controversy and our concern was that it would affect his performance in the semi-final. Ironically Galway would be in opposition again. The whole unfortunate episode ensured that a huge throng attended the shoot-out in Limerick, with thousands missing the early action due to the traffic jams.

However, the game itself was played in a very sporting spirit despite the atrocious conditions, which weren't conducive to skilful hurling. Our team spluttered somewhat for long periods. A missed

tackle by both Frend and Ryan was the preamble to a goal by Duane which ignited our team into action and which led to some stylish points by Hogan and a comfortable victory. By now Slievenamon had become the anthem and it received raucous rendering in the Limerick-Ryan by way of entertainment for our fellow guests — the Galway team. The party repaired to Newport and Ned O' The Hill. We were ready for the final act.

While the senior stars Bonnar, Leahy and Ryan were the leading lights in the championship to date, they had to leave centre stage to the rest on final day — a fact which didn't disappoint us one bit as it highlighted the strength in depth that was in the team. I must admit that the game itself was the single most thrilling occasion with which I had ever been associated. In hindsight, I'm particularly proud to have been involved in the winning of the Triple Crown.

The details of the match have been widely reported. However, a number of incidents deserve mention in what was an epic encounter in every respect: Bane's early error and subsequent redemption; Dan Quirke's astonishing scoring spree with his sensational goal 'on the drop' from a re-bounding ball; John Madden's heroic work in defence; Stakelum's delightful hurling and scores; Cahill's and Regan's tantalising misses for Offaly; Nolan's coming of age; Frend's trip across the goal late in the game to make a timely interception and a multitude of incidents which set the hearts palpitating. However, the second memory of which I mentioned earlier will live forever alongside Declan's point, i.e. the late free and the resultant save by Michael Ryan.

I would have had a close-up view of the scene had I chosen to look upon it, but, the prospect of the tantalising denial of 'crowning glory' was unbearable and so I chose to look the other way. The reaction of the Tipperary fans was my cue for turning to salute a gallant last stand by our

invincible team. A marvellous year had reached an incredible climax.

Uninhibited feelings of emotion were given free expression in O'Moore Park as Declan accepted the trophy from Michael Maher, Munster Council Chairman.

I was extremely happy for our genial coach Mick Mingoue, who has few if any peers in the art of team preparation as his record will testify. I salute my fellow selectors Paddy O'Meara, Mick Ryan and Billy Carroll and those who had any association with this happy band of warriors. I'll finish by scribing the names of those who were the panel of '89 and who

never wilted, even when the third and, in many respects, the most difficult leg of the Triple Crown was thrust upon them:

Brendan Bane  
Liam Sheedy Michael Ryan George Frend  
John Madden Conall Bonnar Seamus Maher  
John Leahy Declan Ryan (Capt.)  
Padraig Hogan Conor Stakelum Dinny Ryan  
Michael Nolan Dan Quirke Tony Lanigan  
Subs: Declan Ryan, Don Lyons, Jim Cahill, Noel Keane, Jim Harvey, Kevin Ryan, Colm Egan, Seamus Bohan, Raymie Ryan, Patrick Kearns (on panel to Munster Final).

# Caiseal Rí Cormac

## County Minor Finalists 1989

### OFFICERS:

President ..... Willie Ryan  
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The Cashel K.C. minor hurlers arrive at Semple Stadium today to hopefully win their fifth county title and second in a row. Eleven of last year's county final winning panel are still eligible to play this year. Cashel K.C.' have won the county minor title four times — 1974, 1975, 1980 and 1988.

The Cashel K.C. minors played and won three championship matches. On Sunday, August 20, they overcame a strong Kickhams team in the West semi-final. The final score was: Cashel K.C. 3-10, Kickhams 2-8. Top scorer on the day for the K.C.s was Timmie Moloney. He scored a total of 3-1.

On Saturday, August 26, in the West

final, the King Cormacs overwhelmed their opponents, Arravale Rovers, by a final score of 3-16 to 1-4. Top scorer was the youngest of the Bonnar brothers, Ailbe, who scored 1-5.

On Saturday, September 23rd, the King Cormacs had three points to spare over Thurles Sarsfields, at Boherlahan. The final score was: Cashel K.C. 0-13, Thurles Sarsfields 0-10. Top scorer on the day was Raymie Ryan, who scored 0-10 of Cashel K.C.' total. P.J. Flanagan played a superb game in goal that day saving the King Cormacs on a number of occasions.

### CAISEAL RÍ CORMAIC

#### Minor Hurling Selectors:

Joe Joe Moloney, Sean Slattery,  
Joseph O'Dwyer.

#### Team Medics:

Dr. P.J. Breen, Pearce Bonnar.

#### Physical Trainer:

Peter Fitzell.



# “Phil Conway — A man for all seasons”



Who is Phil Conway? In 1988, few people outside of athletics would have known. Not everyone in Tipperary knows just who Phil Conway is. He is the man who brought a new level of fitness to the senior hurling squad. He is a hero. He is respected and recognised. His contribution is considerable.

Phil Conway has had the honour of representing Ireland at the Olympic Games in Munich in 1972, in the Shot Putt. He knows all about physical fitness and mental preparation, that is his profession as well as his hobby. He is highly qualified and is now in Belvedere College, where he teaches P.E. Phil also spent a year teaching in Rockwell. His track record speaks for itself. It was Ollie Campbell, one of Ireland's more talented rugby players who first recommended Phil Conway to “Babs” Keating. He had worked with the Irish rugby squad. And the players were most impressed with his methods.

When Phil first arrived in Tipperary, he assessed each player individually, taking his weight and height into account. He worked to a set plan, a tough physical programme, geared towards an improved level of stamina.

This took place over the winter months. By June players were much fitter. Mind you, some had changed shape also. Jane Fonda eat your heart out! From then onwards Phil concentrated on sharpness. Combining stamina and sharpness, Tipperary hurlers were fit as never before. Phil was mindful of each individual, pulling out players from specific aspects of the programme, when

he considered it necessary. We saw the results of his programme in the Munster Final and in the all-Ireland semi-final when Tipperary took a lot of physical punishment and yet didn't wilt.

The players responded well to Phil. Indeed, he built up an excellent relationship with them. To a man, they respect him, both as a professional coach and as a person. They speak highly of him. Two players involved in today's game, John Kennedy and Declan Carr said of him “Phil Conway approached the task in a most professional way, he also developed a special relationship with the players, based on respect”. (John)

“Phil is a tremendous asset, totally committed to the rôle he undertook, hopefully, he will give back what he has given to us”. (Declan)

Married to Deirdre, who is also a P.E. teacher, they have three daughters and live in Dublin. Phil has an aura about him, an intensely private man. He has a calmness, a stillness which wouldn't encourage idle chatter from anyone. Yet, he is not remote, a smile and a few words for children shows another side to him. On the way home to Tipperary in the bus on the Monday following the all-Ireland, we saw Phil relax and enjoy the fun. He also contributed to the fun, singing a couple of Dublin songs. On the stage in Semple Stadium, he was greeted warmly and loudly by Tipperary fans. A man for all seasons is Phil Conway — Honorary Tipperaryman of the Year. Thanks for a job very well done, Phil.

**Liz Howard**

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# JUNIORS BLAZED THE TRIPLE TRAIL

By **BILLY SWEENEY**

**T**IPP'S junior hurlers this year took an All-Ireland that was important in itself, and gained more by setting the pattern for seniors and under-21's. When selectors Jackie Cooke (Mid), Michael O'Brien (North), Tom Murphy (South) and Vinnie Ryan (West), with myself having the honour of coaching the squad, began our campaign we had the aim of going one better than had the juniors of 1988 — they lost to Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final — and also improving on the Munster final defeat by Cork in 1987.

We look back with satisfaction on a mission achieved, for which the main credit, of course, goes to the players themselves. We could not have had a more united and willing group, from the "veterans" like Gerry O'Brien, John Sheehy, Michael Stapleton and Mick Ryan — if they'll pardon the term — down to the younger men: some of these, Eamonn Kelly, Liam Sheedy and Dinny Ryan, were to figure also on the Tipp. under-21 side. Right from the first training sessions, we knew we had strong contenders, with plenty of hurling in them and the grit to battle through tight situations.

This quality was called on twice in the four-match series, played almost in "blitz" fashion over no more than seven weeks from early June to mid-July. The team showed its form at once in a big win over Limerick at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on the same day the seniors began their own march to the title. Seán Nealon was the scoring star that day with sharp finishing. At the other end the strong full-back play of Mick Ryan was the main feature — his performances during the championship have since gained him, as well as wing-back Liam Sheedy, centre-forward Paudie Everard, promotion to the senior squad for the League.

The Munster Final against Clare was

one of our tougher tests. In trouble for much of the game, we had to call on all our reserves to battle through against a team that had several ex-seniors, like Stack, Minogue and Guilfoyle. The next outing was at faraway Bundoran, a new venue for a Tipp. team, against Donegal. This weekend was one of the highlights of the year, the squad travelling on the Saturday to the Ulster resort — very enjoyable and without any real worry about the outcome. We had the expected large margin to spare.

Galway were our All-Ireland opponents at Limerick. The senior rivalry and the anticipation of the coming semi-final in August added to the public interest and our players' eagerness for success. There was extra pressure from Tipp., having lost at the final hurdle the previous year. All was well, except for an incident just on the half-time whistle which cost Eamonn Kelly his under-21 place. Retaliating after a foul by Steve Mahon, he and the Galway midfielder were sent off: they got three months' suspension.

Among many fine displays was that of Paudie Everard on centre-back Treacy, who replaced Keady on the Galway seniors. Captain Kevin Laffan of county champions Gortnahoe-Glengoole became the first of three Tippetmen to receive a national trophy in this wonderful season for the Premier County. It was a privilege for us as mentors to work with these players.

For the record, the final line-out: J. Grace (Toomevara), M. Stapleton (Templederry), M. Ryan (Ballinahinch), D. Quinlan (Arravale), L. Sheedy (Portroe), R. Quirke (Cahir), G. O'Brien (Portroe), K. Laffan (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), capt. E. Kelly (Kildangan), D. Flannery (Kildangan), P. Everard (Moynemacshane), D. Ryan (Newport), M. McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields), J. Sheedy (Portroe), S. Nealon (Burgess).





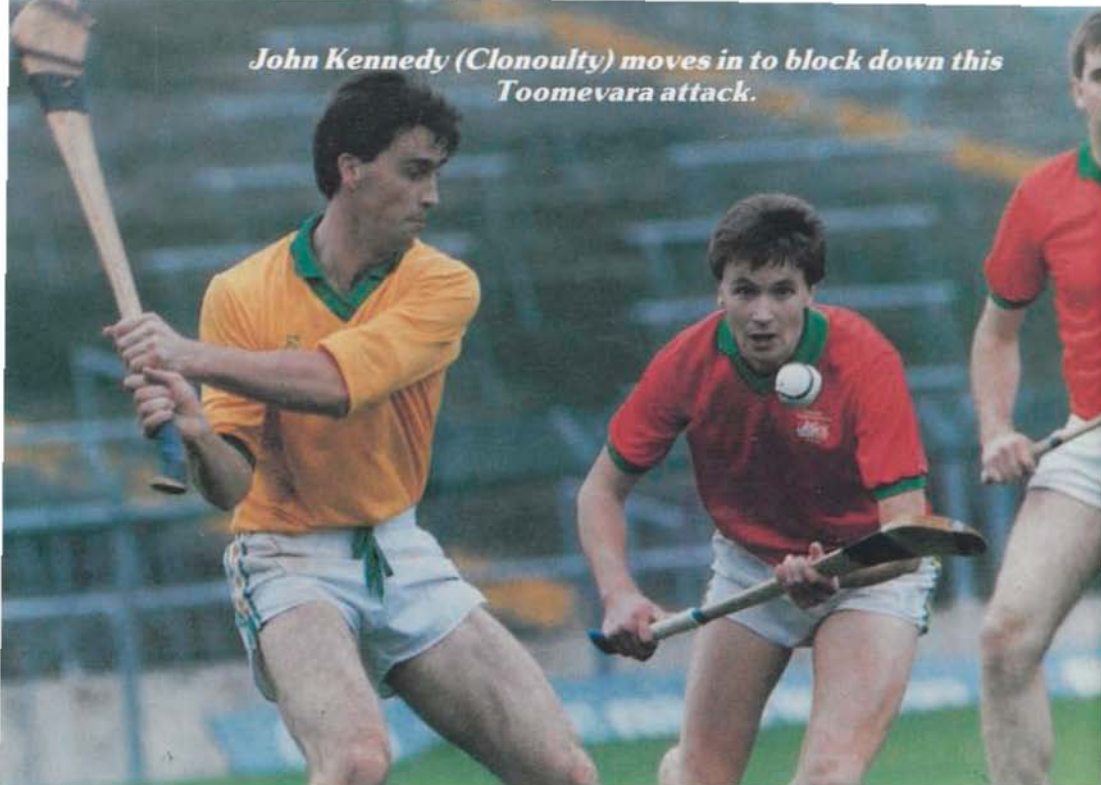
The Tipperary bench at the Junior All-Ireland Hurling Final in Limerick featuring (players only) - Back row (l. to r.): Seamus Fox, James O'Meara, Tom Crowe, Phil Kiely, Colm Egan. Front row (l. to r.): Ger Carey, Eamon Lanigan, Joe Murphy, Justin Quinlan, John Flannery.



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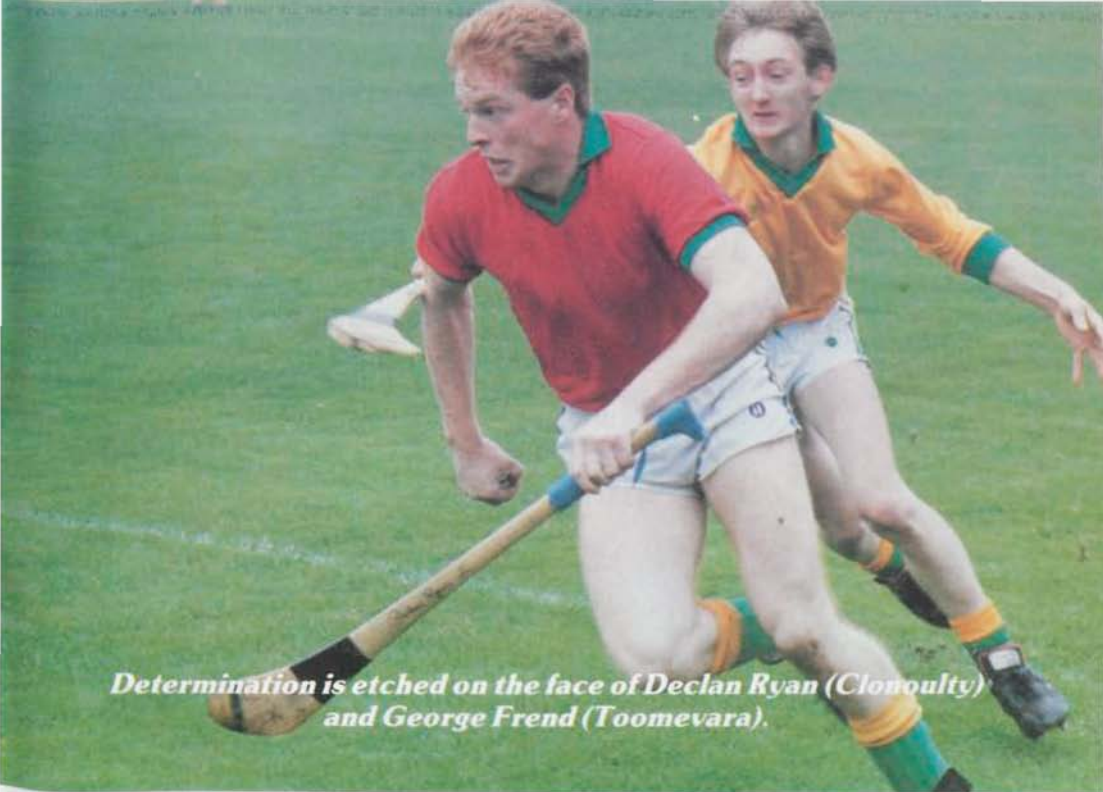
From left: Willie Sweeney (trainer/coach); Jackie Cooke, Vinny Ryan, Jim O'Brien, Tommy Murphy.

*John Kennedy (Clonoulty) moves in to block down this Toomevara attack.*



*Tony Lanigan (Holycross-Ballycahill) gets in his shot despite the best efforts of Eamon Sherlock (Lorrha) to stop him.*





*Determination is etched on the face of Declan Ryan (Clonoulty) and George Frend (Toomevara).*



*Paul Slattery (Holycross) appears to be juggling with the ball — watched by John Madden (Lorrha).*

# THE MAN WHO MADE IT ALL HAPPEN

— Michael “Babs” Keating

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*with  
Pat Hartigan  
of Limerick  
after the  
1971 Munster Final  
in Killarney.*

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*on the steps  
of the Hogan Stand.  
His smile says  
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the Cup aloft.*





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# Tipperary team who defeated Galway in All-Ireland Semi-Final



***Back row (l. to r.)***

Joe Hayes, John Heffernan, Noel Sheedy, Conor O'Donovan, Ken Hogan,  
Declan Ryan, Declan Carr, Bobby Ryan.

***Front row (l. to r.)***

Nicholas English, Michael Cleary, Cormac Bonnar, Conal Bonnar, Pat Fox,  
John Cleary, Pat Delaney.