

Co. Tipperary Senior Hurling Final  
Match Programme  
1993

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TIPPERARY COUNTY  
SENIOR HURLING  
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# THE NENAGH CO-OP TIPPERARY COUNTY SENIOR HURLING FINAL



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# CLÁR AN LAE

1.30 County Minor Hurling Semi-final Replay:

**Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams**

v.

**Toomevara**

*Réiteóir: WILLIE CLOHESSY (Drom and Inch)*

3.00 Nenagh Co-Op County Senior Hurling Final

**Éire Óg - Nenagh**

v.

**Toomevara**

*Réiteóir: PADDY LONERGAN (Galtee Rovers)*

## **Buíochas**

*Many thanks to those who contributed articles for today's Programme. Special thanks to Gerry Ring and Brendan O'Connor who supplied all the photographs.*

John McCormack

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# Teachtaireacht an Cathaoirligh



**T**AN áthas orm fáilte a chur roimh gach éinne go Páirc Semple inniú. Tá súil agam go mbeidh árd chaighdeán sna gcluichí agus go mbainfaidh gach éinne idir na h-imreoirí agus lucht féachanna sult agus taitneamh as an lá mór.

The focus of all Tipperary people, whether at home or away, will surely be on Semple Stadium today for the premier hurling event within the county. It will be an occasion to assess the state of the game by viewing the merits and strengths of the two teams that have survived the long hard road of championship hurling through divisional and county contests to the final test.

Today, for the first time since 1986, the two contestants come from the same division. Toomevara go into this final in the hope of putting two county championships back to back. The last occasion they were in a similar position was in Templemore on October 15, 1961. The previous year they had stopped Thurles Sarsfields getting six-in-a-row and were hopeful of a second victory. But misfortune had its say. Gerry Hough was killed in a lorry accident at Clonakilty a few days before the game. Understandably, his brother and captain, John, did not line out and, if that were not enough, one of their players was sent to the line in the early stage of the game. The result was defeat. No doubt Toomevara will be striving with might and main today to ensure that this opportunity does not slip them.

Éire Óg, Nenagh will have other ideas. They will go into this final with the confidence that comes from having beaten the opposition already this year in championship hurling. It may be the parish's first senior final since 1907, when the famed deWets were beaten by Carrick, but they have a proud and noble hurling ancestry. Modern Nenagh hurling may not have come of age until the old Éire Óg and Sarsfields clubs were united under the banner of St. Mary's, and the music of 'When the Saints Go Marching In', in the late forties, but they have provided a steady flow of hurling talent to county teams. One recalls great minors like Billy O'Brien, pinned to the stanchion of the goal net in the photograph from the 1946 All-Ireland, and the better known players like Seamus Bannon, Charlie Downes, Johnny McGrath, Terry Moloney, Mick Burns and contemporaries like Conor O'Donovan, Philip Kennedy, John Heffernan and Michael Cleary whose exploits have thrilled the fans across the land.

In writing about today's game it behoves me to mention a new dimension to it: for the first year our county championship has been sponsored and I see this as a very important development. Financial backing is vital on account of escalating costs and the Tipperary County Board are extremely happy that Nenagh Co-Op, who are not new to G.A.A. sponsorship, came forward with a generous offer. I should like to use this opportunity to thank the Chairman of Nenagh Co-Op, Dick Tobin, and his board for their very significant contribution and hope that they will achieve an appreciable commercial return from their sponsorship of the Nenagh Co-Op Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship.

The first game is the replay of the county minor hurling championship semi-final. Yesterday week Kickhams and Toomevara drew in Templemore after a great second-half display by the West champions, who trailed by five points at the interval. Both teams have been very strong at underage level over the past few years and we can expect another rousing display.

Finally, I should like to extend a sincere thank to all the teams that participated in the county championships this year, to the referees and match officials at today's games and to all those involved in the organisation and presentation of this great event.

Mó bhuíochas díobh uile.

MICHEÁL MAGUIDHIR,  
Cathaoirleach Coiste Chondae



# Nenagh's biggest day -but greyhounds have short tails!

*By: Seán O'Doherty*

TODAY'S all North Tipperary County Final – the first since 1986 – will ensure a bumper attendance to witness the answer to the year's major question. Despite Nenagh's semi-final victory and their earlier twin successes against Toomevara, people are still unsure if they are good enough to pull off their biggest ever coup and lift the Dan Breen Cup. This uncertainty has its source in three factors: (1) Toomevara were more impressive in their Co. Quarter and Co. Semi-Final games than Nenagh; (2) Toomevara have impressed significantly since their humiliation by Nenagh in the Divisional Semi-Final; (3) Pat King is now available to Toomevara.

However, Nenagh will have their own reasons for optimism, including their strong finish against Holycross-Ballycahill and despite their unconvincing form all their tight finishes have gone their way and an unbeaten record remains their proud boast.

They will be heartened too by recent breakthrough successes of Cappawhite (1987), Loughmore/C. (1988) and Cashel K.C. (1991) and so the fear of a first final need not bear too heavily on their minds.

Significantly, neither semi-final produced a goal and with the tight defences on both sides, there won't be too many green flags today either. Both teams have their chief marksmen and their ability to find the target could very well determine the outcome. Michael Cleary played really well for Nenagh two weeks ago, despite a bout of illness, which reduced his capacity to per-

form at 100% and led to his selection at full-forward. His most able assistant was Kevin Turner, this year's Tipp minor captain, who has turned several games for his club since making an impressive entry v Lorrha.

Robbie Tomlinson last year's Tipp minor captain will be hoping to repeat his usual good form against Toomevara, while John Kennedy has the ability to make the chances count. Nenagh will need all of their wiles to breach a very safe Toome rearguard, led by captain and goalkeeper Jody Grace.

Rory Brisbane has been very sound at full back in recent outings, while Michael O'Meara is flanked by two lively hurlers in George Frend and Philip Shanahan. Inside the corner men Pat Maher and Declan O'Meara are tenacious defenders who give little away. But Toome's trump card now is midfielder Pat King whose height and strength give his team a superb midfield anchor. His presence in front of the half-back line enhances the resistance of his defence in that he prevents so much ball from getting through and allows his inner sextet to keep their shape intact.

Nenagh's response to this obstacle may determine their claim to glory.

Up front Toome have their own sharpshooters in Michael Nolan, Tommy Dunne and Tommy Carroll, with Michael Murphy leading the attack in fearless fashion and Tony Delaney always likely to pop up for a score when the opportunity presents itself.

Toomevara as defending champions will start favourites. Their victory over Sarsfield's left no room for argument. Last year's experience will be helpful and they are unlikely to be unnerved by anything the day produces.

If Nenagh are to win they will have to play as never before. I think they will try to utilise the pace of their attack to draw the Toome defence out of position and then deliver the ball quickly to their forwards.

The team with the better freetaker on the day will be a lot of the way home, but it won't be won easily.

I'd love to see Michael Cleary win his well deserved county medal. Many of his teammates have been trying to help him achieve this aim, none better than his former county colleagues Conor O'Donovan at full-back and John Heffernan in attack, along with Philip Kennedy of the so unlucky 1984 team at midfield.

Nenagh's moment is nigh but Greyhounds have short tails!

You can make your own mind up – the only certainty is that next year's Tipp captain will

Senior Referee:

## **PADDY LONERGAN**

Paddy is a member of the Galtee Rovers - St. Pecaun's Club. Although this is his first time to referee a County S.H. Final, Paddy is no stranger to the whistle.

He has refereed Munster J.F. Final, Munster S.F. semi-final and Munster M.H. games. He has also refereed 3 West S.H. finals and a County M.H. final. He is married with

8 children. We wish Paddy well in this his first senior hurling final.



**Umpires:** John Peters, Gerard Loneragan, Jim Byron, Ned Collins.  
**Linesmen:** Willie Barrett, Tommy Loneragan.

## **MINOR CAPTAINS**



**P.J. HORGAN**  
(Knockavilla)



**JOHN WOODS**  
(Toomevara)



# Nenagh Éire Óg



**CHRISTY McLOUGHLIN:** Factory employee. North senior hurling; all underage county football and hurling titles.



**DONIE O'BRIEN:** Bricklayer. North senior hurling. North and county U-21 and junior hurling. North and county junior football.



**CONOR O'DONOVAN:** Building society manager. North senior hurling. Tipp hurler of the year 1987. 4 Munster senior hurling; 2 All-Irelands.



**NOEL COFFEY:** Factory employee. North senior hurling; 2 North and county U-16 hurling; 3 North senior football; 2 North senior hurling league.



**JOHN HEFFERNAN:** Self employed. North senior hurling; 3 Munster and 1 All-Ireland senior hurling; North and county U-16 hurling.



**FRANK MORAN:** Farm apprentice. North senior hurling. 2 North senior hurling leagues; 3 U-21 North football; 3 North senior football.



**NEILLY CORBETT:** Electrician. North senior hurling. 2 North senior hurling leagues.



**EDDIE TUCKER:** Factory employee. North senior hurling. North and county U-16. 2 North and one county minor football.



**PAUL KENNEDY:** Glazier. last year's captain in North senior hurling victory; North and county U-21 hurling; 2 North senior hurling leagues.



**PHILIP KENNEDY:** Lab. technician. 2 All-Ireland U-21s; 2 county minor hurling; 3 county U-21 hurling; North and county junior football; North senior hurling.



**MICHAEL CLEARY:** Retailer. 2 All-Irelands; 5 Munster hurling (senior); 1 hurling league with Tipp; 3 All-Star awards; Tipp hurler of the year; Nenagh CBS All-Ireland Colleges 'B'; North senior hurling.



**ROBBIE TOMLINSON:** Student. Last year's Tipp minor captain; 2 North and 1 county minor football; U-16 North and county hurling and football; North senior hurling.



**KEVIN TUCKER:** Student. This year's county minor captain; 2 minor North and county; various awards with Nenagh C.B.S.



**PAUL DOLAN:** Teacher. 5 county titles (Roscommon); North senior hurling; 1 Connacht championship; 2 All-Ireland colleges.



**RONAN BURNS:** Student. North senior hurling; North minor hurling; 3 North U-21 football; North and county junior football.



**DENIS FINNERTY:** Pharmacist. North senior hurling; All-Ireland minor hurling; 2 county minor hurling; 4 county U-21 hurling.



**MICHAEL KENNEDY:** Civil Servant. All-Ireland U-21 hurling; North and county minor hurling; 3 North senior football; North senior hurling.



**GEARÓID CLEARY:** Student. North and county U-16 hurling and football. 2 North senior football, North and county minor football; North minor hurling; North senior hurling.



**PHIL HENNESSY:** Purchaser. North senior hurling; 3 North senior hurling leagues; North senior football; 2 North and county U-21 football.



**CHRIS BONNAR:** Garda. North minor football; 3 North U-21 football; 2 North senior football.



**CON HOWARD:** Student. North and county U-16 hurling and football; North and county minor football; North minor hurling; North senior hurling league.



**MICHAEL GRACE:** Farmer. North and county U-21; North senior hurling league; North and county junior and intermediate football.



**JOHN TUCKER:** Apprentice electrician; North and county U-14; 2 U-16 North and county U-16; 2 minor hurling titles.



**SHANE CONNOLLY:** Quantity controller. Last year's minor captain for Éire Óg; all underage titles; various colleges awards.



**DECLAN O'MEARA:** 2 North and county minor; various underage titles; captain senior hurling and football for Nenagh CBS this year; present Tipp minor team member.



*Action from the Semi-Finals*

# Toomevara



**JODY GRACE:** Age 26. Won Co. Championships at U-12, U-14, U-16, U-21, Intermediate and North S.H. Medal in 1991. He has represented Tipp at minor and U-21 and in 1989 won All-Ireland Junior medal with Tipp as goalkeeper and is presently a member of the Tipp senior panel. County S.H. medal 1992. Farmer.



**PAT MAHER:** Age 27. Won Co. Championships at U-12, U-14, U-16, U-21 and North S.H. Medal in 1991. He has played U-21 hurling with Tipp. County S.H. medal 1992. Office Clerk.



**RORY BRISLANE:** Age 26. Won Co. Championships at U-12, U-14, U-16, U-21, Intermediate. Was captain of senior team in 1991, won All-Ireland colleges medal with St. Flannan's. He has also played minor and U-21 hurling with Tipp. County S.H. medal 1992. Sales Representative.



**SEAN NOLAN:** Age 30. Won many divisional honours at underage level and a Co. Intermediate medal in 1984, won a North S.H. medal in 1991, and represented the county at Minor, U-21 and Junior level. County S.H. medal 1992. Butcher.



**GEORGE FREND:** Age 23. Won Co. Championship medal at U-12, U-14, U-16, Minor, U-21. Won North S.H. medal in 1991. Won All-Ireland U-21 medal with Tipp. In 1989 and was captain in 1991, has played with Tipp at corner back in this year's championship. County S.H. medal 1992. Teacher.



**TONY DELANEY:** Age 22. Won Co. Championships at U-12, U-14, U-16, Minor, U-21. Also North S.H. medal in 1991. Has played for Tipp in Minor and U-21 hurling. County S.H. medal 1992. Insurance Representative.



**MICHAEL O'MEARA:** Age 24. Won Co. Championships at U-12, U-14, U-16, Minor, U-21. Won North S.H. Medal in 1991. He was captain of the Tipp M.H. in 1987, has played with the Tipp U-21 team, and is currently a holder of an All-Ireland medal for 1991. Michael is also captain of today's team. County S.H. medal 1992. Factory employee.



**DECLAN O'MEARA:** Age 23. Won Co. Championships at U-12, U-14, U-16, Minor and U-21. Won North S.H. medal in 1991. He was captain of Tipp M.H. team in 1988, and has played with the county U-21 and senior teams. County S.H. medal 1992. Carpenter.



**PAT KING:** Age 28. Won Co. Championship medal at U-12, U-14, U-16, and U-21. Intermediate. Won North S.H. Medal in 1991. Has played on a number of occasions for Tipp senior team. County S.H. medal 1992. Factory Employee.



**THOMAS DUNNE:** Age 19. Won Co. Championship medals at U-12, U-14, and Minor, U-21. Won North S.H. Medal in 1991. Won honours with Tipp U-14 and U-16 teams. Has played with Tipp Minor team for 3 years and was also a member of this year's U-21 panel. County S.H. medal 1992. Apprentice Electrician.



**MICHAEL MURPHY:** Age 28. Won Co. Championships and a Co. U-21 in 1990. Won North J.H. & S.H. medals in 1991, played with Tipp in this year's M.H. Championship. County S.H. medal 1992. Student.



**TERRY DUNNE:** Age 18. Won many underage championships and a Co. U-21 in 1990. Won North J.H. & S.H. medals in 1991, played with Tipp in this year's M.H. Championship. County S.H. medal 1992. Student.





**LIAM FLAHERTY:** Age 28. Won Co. Championships at U-12, U-14, U-16, U-21. Won North S.H. medal in 1991. Won Munster U-16 Medal with North Tipp in 1981. County S.H. medal 1992. Farmer.



**LIAM NOLAN:** Age 28. Won Co. Championships at U-12, U-14, U-16, U-21, Intermediate. Has played for Tipp in Minor and U-21 grades. Won Co. Dublin Intermediate medal with Commercials in 1991. County S.H. medal 1992. Publican.



**MICHAEL NOLAN:** Age 25. Won Co. Championships at U-12, U-14, U-16, Minor, U-21. Won North S.H. medal in 1991. Has played with Tipp. Minor and U-21 teams, winning All-Ireland U-21 medal in 1989. Also has played with Tipp. Senior team and won Div. II medal in 1987. County S.H. medal 1992. Factory employee.



**TOMMY CARROLL:** Age 22. Won Co. Championship at U-12, U-14, Minor, U-21. Won North S.H. medal in 1991. Has played for Tipp. at Minor and U-21 level. County S.H. medal 1992. Student.



**JIMMY DUNNE:** Age 31. Has won many Divisional honours at underage level, won Co. Intermediate Medal in 1984, and North S.H. medal in 1991. County S.H. medal 1992. Carpenter.



**KEVIN McCORMACK:** Age 22. Won Co. Championships at U-12, U-14, U-16, Minor, U-21, won North S.H. medal in 1991. In 1988 won All-Ireland V.S. medal with Tipp. V.S. Has played in goals for Tipp Minor and Under-21 teams. County S.H. medal 1992. Carpenter.



**JOHN RYAN:** Age 28. Won Co. Championships at U-12, U-14, U-16, U-21 and many divisional honours and North S.H. Medal in 1991. Farmer.



**BRENDAN SPILLANE:** Age 28. Won Co. Championships at U-12, U-14, U-16, U-21 and Intermediate. Was a regular on the senior team until injury. County S.H. medal 1992. Office Clerk.



**PHILIP SHANAHAN:** Age 19. Won Co. Championships at U-12, U-14, Minor and U-21. Won North S.H. Medal in 1991, and also North J.H. medal in 1991. Has played for Tipperary in U-14, U-16 and Minor. County S.H. medal 1992. Trainee Hurling Coach.

**KEVIN KENNEDY:** (22). Won Co. Championships at U-12, U-14, Minor, U-21. Won North J.H. League medal in 1993. Played with Tipp in minor hurling in 1988 and '89. Factory employee.

**MICILÍN DELANEY:** (24). Has won many championships at underage level and J.H. League medal in 1993. Was member of Tipp minor panel that were defeated in 1987 All-Ireland. Blocklayer.

**AIDAN MAXWELL:** (19) Has only joined the panel for this year's championship, has won a number of underage championships with the club and also played on the team that won the North Junior League in '93. And North J.H. Championship in 1991. Student.

**NOEL KENNEALLY:** (19) Won Co. Championships at U-12 and U-14, Won J.H. League medal in '93 and J.H. Championships in 1991. Carpenter.

**MICHAEL McCORMACK:** (33) Long serving club player, the oldest member of the panel, won Co. Intermediate in 1984, also the holder of 3 J.H. League medals and one J.H. championship medal. Steel Erector.



*Action from the Semi-Final*

**MINOR:**

# **KNOCKAVILLA-DONASKEIGH KICKHAMS**

Dathanna: Amber and Black

1. S. Ó Briain  
**JOHN O'BRIEN**

2. O. Ó Riain  
**OLIVER RYAN**

3. R. Mac an Lia  
**BOBBY ALLEY**

4. M. O'Riain  
**MICHAEL RYAN**

5. S. Ó Seancháin  
**JOSEPH SHANAHAN**

6. B. Ó hArgáin  
**BRIAN HORGAN**

7. A. Ó Murchú  
**AIDAN MURPHY**

8. A. de Buitléir  
**AIDAN BUTLER**

9. P. Ó hArgáin  
**P.J. HORGAN (Capt.)**

10. M. Ó Briain  
**MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

11. G. Ó Fearáil  
**GER FARRELL**

12. S. Mac Craith  
**JOHN McGRATH**

13. S. Mac Caomhánaigh  
**SHANE KAVANAGH**

14. A. Ó Cinnéide  
**ANDREW KENNEDY**

15. T. Ó Fearáil  
**TADHG FARRELL**

**FIR IONAIÐ:**

16. **Adrian Crosse** (A. Mac an Chrosáin)
17. **Diarmaid Crosse** (D. Mac an Chrosáin)
18. **Aidan McGrath** (A. Mac Craith)
19. **Paddy O'Dwyer** (P. O' Duibhir)
20. **P.J. Flanagan** (P. Ó Flannagáin)
21. **Paul Ryan** (P. Ó Riain)
22. **Eamon Browne** (E. de Brún)
23. **Fergal Heaney** (F. Ó hÉanna)
24. **Fergal Horgan** (F. Ó hArgáin)
25. **Kevin McGrath** (C. Mac Craith)
26. **William Shanahan** (L. Ó Seancháin)

**SELECTORS:**

Christy Ryan  
Seanie O'Brien  
Johnny Butler.

**MINOR:**

# TOOMEVARA

Dathanna: Green and Gold

1. J. Cottréil  
**JUSTIN COTTERELL**

2. O. Meiscill  
**OLIVER MAXWELL**

3. R. Ó Meara  
**JOE O'MEARA**

4. R. Mac Eachaidh  
**RAYMOND HACKETT**

6. I. de Búrca  
**JAMES BOURKE**

7. T. Ó Dúinn  
**TERRY DUNNE**

8. D. Ó Meara  
**DAMIEN O'MEARA**

8. D. Ó Ceallaigh  
**DENIS KELLY**

9. G. Ó hAisi  
**KEN HASSETT**

10. B. Mc Eachaidh  
**BERNARD HACKETT**

11. S. Mac Conchoille  
**JOHN WOODS (Capt.)**

12. M. Bebhán  
**MICHAEL BEVANS**

13. D. Mac Craith  
**DECLAN McGRATH**

14. S. Mounsaigh  
**JAMES MOUNSEY**

15. C. Ó Dúinn  
**KEN DUNNE**

- 16. John Meagher
- 17. Derek Delaney
- 18. Kevin Cornally
- 19. Gerard Grace
- 20. Martin Cahalan
- 21. John Cleary
- 22. David McGrath
- 23. Dermot Brislane
- 24. Eoin Woods
- 25. Shane O'Meara
- 26. Padraic Hackett
- 27. Terence O'Brien
- 28. Collwyn Martin
- 29. Brian Duff
- 30. Noel Cummins
- 31. Aidrian Connolly

**SELECTORS:**

Philip Shanahan (Coach)  
Gerry Kelly  
Martin Ryan





*Toomevara Minor Team*



*Knockavilla-Dunaskeigh Kickhams Minor Team*

# TOOMEVARA

COUNTY SENIOR HURLING FINALISTS 1993





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# Breaking new ground

**By M. Dundon  
(Thurles)**

New ground is being broken in this year's county senior hurling final with Eire Óg Nenagh appearing in the decider for the first time as they oppose the title-holders Toomevara who are seeking their tenth title.

While it is the Eire Óg club's final debut, it will not be the first time the championship goes to Nenagh if they should triumph. That honour went to the famous Nenagh Dewets or Lahorna De Wets who triumphed in 1902 and who were beaten finalists in the following two years.

Nenagh will be encouraged in their aspirations by the fact that in recent times quite a few clubs have recorded their first title. Cashel achieved that goal in '91, Loughmore-Castleiney did likewise in '88 and in the previous year Cappawhite got their name on the plinth for the first time. It will be

noted too that Clonoulty-Rossmore's success in '89 came after a century of waiting.

Eire Óg will also draw encouragement from the fact that they have twice beaten Toomevara this year in championship hurling but they will not need reminding that those victories will count for nothing if they lose to "the greyhounds" today.

Toomevara go into today's game as champions and it has to be acknowledged that when it mattered most they rose to the occasion. They won the North League in the early part of the year which guaranteed them a play-off at least for a county quarter-final spot. Their form dipped then, losing in the North semi-final to Nenagh but they made good use of the lay-off

and have looked very sharp in their victories over Cashel in the quarter-final and Thurles Sarsfields in the semi-final, both club's with title aspirations.

The Greyhounds are steeped in tradition and many people regard them as being well equipped to become the first club to put Tipperary senior titles back to back since Kilruane McDonagh's great run from '77 to '79.

The fact that it is an all-North final, the first since Borrisoleigh beat Kilruane in '86 before going on to win All-Ireland club honours, does not take from the county-wide appeal of this final. The tremendous rivalry between the sides guarantees a thriller, in keeping with the great tradition of Tipperary finals down the years.



*Jubilant Eire Óg players after county semi-final - having defeated Holycross-Ballycahill.*

# Éire Óg (Nenagh)

Dathanna: (Light Blue and Navy)

(1) C. Mac Lochlainn  
**CHRISTY McLOUGHLIN**

(2) N Ó Cofaigh  
**NOEL COFFEY**

(3) C. Ó Donnabháin  
**CONOR O'DONOVAN**

(4) D. Ó Briain  
**DONIE O'BRIEN**

(5) P. Ó Cinnéide  
**PAUL KENNEDY**

(6) P. Ó Moráin  
**FRANK MORAN**

(7) P. Ó hAonusa  
**PHIL HENNESSY**

(8) P. Ó Cinnéide  
**PHILIP KENNEDY**

(9) M. MacGiolla Arraith  
**MICHAEL CLEARY**

(10) R. Mac Tamin  
**ROBBIE TOMLINSON**

(11) S. Ó hIfeárnáin  
**JOHN HEFFERNAN**  
(Captain)

(12) S. Ó Cinnéide  
**JOHN KENNEDY**

(13) E. MacTuachair  
**EDDIE TUCKER**

(14) P. Ó Duláin  
**PAUL DOLAN**

(15) C. Mac Tuachair  
**KEVIN TUCKER**

**FIR IONAD:** 16. N. Ó Coirbín **Neilly Corbett**; 17. C. Ó Cnáimhsi **Chris Bonner**; 18. D. Ó Fiannachta **Denis Finnerty**; 19. D. Ó Meára **Declan O'Meara**; 20. S. Mac Tuachair **John Tucker**; 21. C. Ó hIomhair **Con Howard**; 22. G. Mac Giolla Arraith **Gearoid Cleary** (sub goalie); 23. M. Ó Cinnéide **Michael Kennedy**; 24. M. de Grás **Michael Grace**.

**Selectors:** Liam Heffernan (coach); John Tucker, Billy Flannery.

# Tuaim Uí Mheara (Toomevara)

Dathanna: (Green and Gold)

(1) S. de Grás  
**JODY GRACE**

(2) P. Ó Meachair  
**PAT MEAGHER**

(3) R. Ó Brisleain  
**RORY BRISLANE**

(4) D. ÓMeara  
**DECLAN O'MEARA**

(5) S. Frend  
**GEORGE FREND**

(6) M. Ó Meara  
**MICHAEL O'MEARA**

(7) P. Ó Seancháin  
**PHILIP SHANAHAN**

(8) A. Ó Dúlainne  
**TONY DELANEY**

(9) P. Ó Cionga  
**PAT KING**

(10) M. Ó Nualláin  
**MICHAEL NOLAN**

(11) M. Ó Murchú  
**MICHAEL MURPHY**

(12) L. Ó Fluirhcartaigh  
**LIAM FLAHERTY**

(13) T. Ó Doinn  
**TOMMY DUNNE**

(14) C. Ó Cinnéide  
**KEVIN KENNEDY**

(15) T. Ó Cearúil  
**TOMMY CARROLL**

**FIR IONAIÐ:** Sub-goalie: C. MacCormaic **Kevin McCormack**; 16. S. Ó Riain **John Ryan**; 17. T. Ó Doinn **Terry Dunne**; 18. L. Ó Nualláin **Liam Nolan**; 19. M. Ó Dúlainne **Michael Delaney**; 20. S. Ó Nualláin **Sean Nolan**; 21. S. Ó Doinn **Jimmy Dunne**; 22. A. Ó Meiscill **Aidan Maxwell**; 23. B. Ó Speoláin **Brendan Spillane**; 24. N. Ó Cinnaolaidh **Noel Kennealy**; 25. M. Mac Cormack **Michael McCormack**.

**Selectors:** Fr. Michael Casey, Jim McDonnell, Frank Ryan. **Trainer:** Sean Stack.



# Hackett's Field, Thurles

## – a proud tradition

*By John Guiton (Tipperary Star)*

The town of Thurles and the Gaelic Athletic Association are synonymous. The Cathedral Town not only served as the birthplace of the Association 109 years ago, but staged one of the first hurling tournaments in Ireland. Easter Sunday 1886 brought special honour to the G.A.A. when a monster tournament was held at Hackett's Field, at Clongour, on the outskirts of the town.

Five local men got together to stage the unique event that attracted a huge attendance. Hugh Ryan, Andy Callanan, Jim Stapleton, James Butler and John Gleeson by their exploits put the town on the map and the event took on a special importance in the annals of the Association.

The hurling matches took place in two fields, owned by the Hackett family and according to accounts of the events in *Tipperary's G.A.A. Story*, by Rev. Canon Fogarty P.P., "enthusiasm ran riot during the many tussles for supremacy". Point posts were erected for the first time and the teams presented themselves in gorgeous costumes. Beaten but unsubdued, was the verdict in a hurling clash between the Dublin Metropolitans and Holycross. Holycross won by a goal dashed in by Pat Ryan; "I hit in the first goal scored under Davin

rules in Tipperary", he quipped.

Before the curtain fell on a day of excitement the crowds headed by Maurice Davin, Tom Condon and the dauntless John O'Leary, marched through the streets of the town to the Bishop's Palace to get the blessing and the encouragement of the Archbishop. Visibly affected as he surveyed the scene before him, Dr. Croke said, "You have today safely planted the G.A.A. and your magnificent tournament will ever constitute the Premier Page of Irish Gaelic history". Following the tournament new clubs were formed in Roscrea, Ballina, Birdhill, Newport, Toor, Ballinahinch, Toomevara, Killea, Clonoulty, Cappawhite, Moyglass, Glengoole, among many other areas.

Today, landowner Mr. Willie Hackett, his wife Margaret and family have maintained a strong sporting tradition in this area of the town. Located close to where the hurling tournaments took place is their Thurles Golf driving range, an ideal facility for a few shots on these winter evenings!

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# ÉIRE ÓG, NENAGH

COUNTY SENIOR HURLING FINALISTS 1993





# 50 Years Ago – 1943

## Divisional Finals – Senior Hurling

- South:** Killenaule 2-2, Clerihan 2-1  
at Fethard 8-8-1943  
**North:** Kiladangan 6-2, Roscrea 5-4  
at Nenagh 22-8-1943  
**West:** Eire Óg-Anacarty 8-1, Cappawhite 3-2  
at Dundrum 15-8-1943  
**Mid:** Moycarkey-Borris 2-5, Thurles Sarsfields 1-1  
at Boherlahan 22-8-1943.

## Co. Semi-Finals

- Moycarkey-Borris 6-6, Kiladangan 2-4  
at Borrisoleigh 12-9-1943  
Eire Óg-Anacarty v Killenaule  
(Game not played as Killenaule failed to line out  
because of a dispute over a suspended player).

## County Final

- Eire Óg-Anacarty 4-3; Moycarkey-Borris 2-4  
at Thurles 3-10-1943.  
Referee: Con Heffernan.

A crowd of around 8,000 travelled for the final which was a great turn out due to the problems for everyone at that time.

The Mid champions were favourites to add the county title to their impressive list of honours.

Eire Óg-Anacarty who were beaten by Boherla-

han in the 1941 final had other ideas. After a very good first half the teams were level at the break, at 1-2 each.

During the second half the Mid champions got on top and appeared to have the Cup in their grasp. With about 10 minutes to go Bill O'Donnell crashed a great goal to the Moycarkey net which altered the trend of the game. Another goal from Tom Joy and the Dan Breen Cup was on its way to the West club for the first time.

**Eire Óg/Anacarty:** Jimmy O'Donnell, John Ryan, Jim Hanly, Jack Dee, George Ryan, Phil Ryan (C), Tom Ryan (C), Tom Burke, Bill O'Donnell, Jerry Ryan, Denis Condon, Michael Ryan (C), Jack Cooney, Tom Joy, Jerry Ryan (W).

**Moycarkey/Borris:** Jim O'Keeffe, Phil Purcell, Tommy Hayes, Jimmy Maher, Mick Dempsey, Johnny Ryan, Tommy Purcell, Mick Hayes, Willie Ryan, Mutt Ryan, Paddy Ryan, Willie O'Keeffe, M. Commins, Tony Molloy, Tom Hayes.

After the game the Dan Breen Cup was presented to Tom Ryan (C) captain of Eire Óg/Anacarty by Dan Breen himself who was present at the game.

## **TOM SEMBLE (Thurles Blues)**

The death of Tom Semple the famous Thurles Blues captain, and Tipperary hurler, took place on April 11th, 1943. He led the "Blues" to county honours in 1904, 1906, 1907, 1909 and 1911. He is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Thurles.

Seán O'Driscoll

## COUNTY BÓRD NA NÓG – BUCKET COLLECTION

The bucket collection being taken up today will help County Bórd na nÓg to finance juvenile activities in Tipperary. Bórd na nÓg not only caters for running of games for 70 clubs in four divisions, but over the past year's is now running inter-county and inter-divisional competitions at under-14 and under-16 level. During the past twelve months the following progress can be reported.

### ● **Under-16 Munster Competition**

Mid-West and North contested the semi-finals with Mid and North reaching the Munster Final. North Tipp the winners.

### ● **Nenagh Co-Op Under-16 Inter-county hurling**

Tipp piped by one point by Kilkenny in last year's final.

### ● **Under-16 Football**

Tipp won Bennett Cup at Wexford.

### ● **Under-14 Hurling** – Tipperary won the Tony Forristal Tournament at Waterford in August, with an easy victory over Cork in the final.

Coaching Courses were held for under-16 hurlers and footballers.

Seminars for all juvenile clubs, on club development were held in conjunction with Club Development Officers and County Youth Officer. The work of Bórd na nÓg has expanded significantly over the past ten years. We have many dedicated voluntary workers, in schools and clubs. We appreciate any financial support we get. The annual bucket collection on County Final day is a big help to Bórd na nÓg.

Liam McGrath (P.R.O.)

# A GAME TO REMEMBER — HOPEFULLY !

*By LIZ HOWARD, P.R.O. Tipperary Co. Board*

County Final Day, the show-piece of the Tipperary's hurling year. Expectations of a classic by hurling lovers, partisan followers want victory, good hurling a bonus! Some divisional smugness about an all-North Final! We want an exciting, keenly contested final. Tipperary hurling needs a game to remember.

It promises to be a great game. Both sides have a certain amount to prove. "Toome" want to win two championships back-to-back and a crack at the Club championship. Nenagh, desperately anxious to win the Dan Breen Cup for the first time, adding a county title to their North Tipp crown. There is little between the sides, tactics will play a large part as to where victory will rest. Shrewd planning is essential. Where are the wiser mentors?

My view is, that midfield is vital to the outcome of today's game. Nenagh have to dom-

inate in this department, if they are to succeed. By winning in this sector, the sliothar can be delivered into their full forward line, thereby by-passing the Toomevara half back line. If the "Greyhounds" dominated here, it will put pressure on Nenagh. These lads love the big occasion, hurling well, they "lift" the entire team. Perhaps the game will take a different course, but I see the outcome in that sector as crucial to the result.

This is the first ever sponsored County Championship, courtesy of Nenagh Co-op. The Co-op. has given solid support to Gaelic games, at juvenile level and to the u-16 inter-county tournament being played at present. It is a mutually beneficial partnership, sport and the produce from the Co-op. being particularly complimentary. Long may it continue.

Next Sunday sees the start of the Church and General



Hurling League, as Tipp. travel to play Antrim in Casement Park. I hope it will herald the end of a summer of discontent. Following Galway's two point victory over Tipperary "it" started. "It" being the public trial and judgement of 'Babs' by a small caucus of people.

Now, constructive criticism is healthy. Constructive criticism by informed people is most acceptable but when a man is torn asunder by "fair weather" or "latter stage of the championship" critics, it is unacceptable and unfair. Hurling is an amateur sport, no one has given more to Tipperary hurling than "Babs" Keating. He brought pride, two All-Irelands, one League, five Munster Championships and an Oireachtas title to the county. Sure, he made some mistakes. Who hasn't? But what about the balance? The scales weigh in his favour. The County Board gave him a vote of confidence. I ask the public to do likewise.

No-one in the public eye escapes comment, whether it be in political, business, church or sporting life. Again balanced comment is accept-

able. Some of the worst critics haven't the courage to stand over what they write. Some use false names, others hide behind "name and address with the Editor".

I despise cowards, but I expect that Tipperary has its quota. It makes me wonder about such people. What motivates them? Are they genuine or are they so focused on winning that nothing is sacred. Are they for real? I wonder how they deal with the real issues of life. After all, hurling is only a game!! An amateur game at that.

I hope that all spectators enjoy the games to-day. Enjoy the atmosphere of Semple Stadium. The meeting of friends, the banter, the skill of hurling, picking out "man of the match", agreeing or disagreeing with the choice, the unique Tipperary flavour of the day.

Who will I support? As far as I'm concerned the day is all about Tipperary hurling. I will cheer and applaud skill and courage, whether the jersey be Green and Gold or Blue and Navy. Good luck to both teams, to the referee, and may hurling be the real winner.



## FOCUS ON JUVENILE HURLING

### The West - Cappawhite (Under-16A hurling champions)



*Back Row (l-r): J. English, D. Costelloe (capt), P. O'Neill, C. O'Neill, S. Ryan, J. Tierney, M. McCarthy, T. Julian. Front Row (l-r): E. O'Neill, E. O'Keefe, B. O'Neill, P. Kelly, T. Costelloe, S. McDermott, S. Grisewood.*

Cappawhite won the West U-16A hurling championship this year for the first time in the club's history. Most of the team won County Rural U-14 Football and a County Féile title in hurling in 1992.

In winning their title this year they had victories over

Sean Treacy's, Cashel, Clonoulty and Golden/Kilfeacle. They were defeated by Roscrea in the county semi-final after a replay. The team was trained by Anthony O'Neill, with good assistance from Patsy O'Neill, John Barry, Gerry

Beary and Ger O'Neill.

Credit for the success of this team must also go to the coaches employed under the County Coaching Scheme, who visited the schools and the club on a regular basis.

### The North - Kildangan (Under-14 Co. Urban/Rural Football Champions)

This was Kildangan's first ever success at this grade. Éire Óg, Nenagh, were defeated in the North final on the way to the County Final. In the Rural County Final a heavy defeat was suffered

at the hands of Ardfinnan.

However, one week later the result was reversed when, in the Urban/Rural County semi-final, Kildangan caused a major shock when they defeated Ardfin-

nan by 4 points.

In the county final Moycarkey/Borris were defeated by 1-6 to 0-4. This victory placed Kildangan as one of the top juvenile clubs in North Tipperary.



*Kildangan Under-14. Back Row (l-r): L. Ryan, F. Kelly, D. Hackett, R. McKeogh, B. Connors, M. Ryan, G. Kennedy, J. Slattery, E. Nolan. Front Row (l-r): L. Carroll-Flannery, G. Slattery, T. Connors, D. Hogan (capt.), B. Lawlor, S. Hegarty, M. Connors.*

## **The Mid – Moycarkey-Borris (U-12 Co. Hurling Champions)**

The juvenile teams of Moycarkey-Borris will have fond memories of 1993. In a great County Final replay, the U-12 hurling team won the club's first county title at that level when accounting for a fine Toomevara side.

Under the guidance of

Frank O'Regan, John Carey and Co., the side displayed a winning blend of crisp ground hurling and exceptional team-spirit.

The under-14 team won the Mid-Rural hurling title in a classic final with Holycross. In football, the team won the

Urban-Rural 'A' and Rural Mid titles but lost out in the Urban-Rural County Final. Moycarkey-Borris acknowledge the great work of the schools, the juvenile committee, mentors, sponsors and supporters.



*Back Row (l-r): D. O'Dwyer, G. Dempsey, B. Clohessy, K. Leahy, P. Dempsey, M. Bracken, J. Butler, E. Butler, J. Ryan, P. Doran, K. O'Regan, P.J. Flanagan, M. Shortall, S. Quigley, J. Kelly, A. Bourke, L. Flanagan. Front Row (l-r): R. Bannon, G. Maher, R. Quinlan, S. Shanahan, C. Ryan, D. Bannon, J.P. Leahy, D. Hassett, T. Ryan, E. Ryan, C. Ryan (capt), P. Carey, J. Scott, R. Quigley, N. Carey, D. Grace.*

## The South - Mullinahone (U-14 (Rural) County Hurling Champions)

Mullinahone began the South championship with wins over St. Mary's and Carrick Swans. Defeat by Ballybacon, when nothing went right, followed. A victory over Fethard put the team into the semi-final where Cahir were defeated

after a replay. Victory was secured against Ballygarry in the Rural final. Another victory against luckless Cahir and a revenge win over Ballybacon gave Mullinahone its first Urban-Rural title. The team progressed through the rural and urban-

rural county semi's with victories over Golden and Holycross respectively.

The county rural title was secured with a victory over Toomevara. However, Roscrea proved too strong in the urban-rural decider.



Mullinahone's panel for the Rural victory: P. Kelly (capt.), E. Kelly, N. Curran, J. Maher, M. Luttrell, D. Collins, J. Luttrell, G. Collins, P. O'Brien, P. Curran, A. Maher, R. Cahill, F. O'Meara, N. Foxe, P. Denny, N. O'Shea, B. Tobin, M. Quirke, V. McNamara, M. Costelloe, B. O'Brien, K. Collins.

## FIXTURES

### NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE (Div. 1)

October 17th ..... Antrim v. Tipperary

October 31st ..... Tipperary v. Limerick

November 14th. Waterford v. Tipperary

February 13th .... Tipperary v. Galway

February 27th ..... Tipperary v. Cork

March 6th ..... Tipperary v. Down

March 20th ..... Wexford v. Tipperary

### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (Div. 3)

October 10th ..... Tipperary v. Armagh

October 24th ..... Tyrone v. Tipperary

November 7th ..... Tipperary v. Cavan

November 21st Monaghan v. Tipperary

February 6th ..... Tipperary v. Offaly

February 20th ..... Antrim v. Tipperary

March 13th ..... Tipperary v. Wexford



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# "Corbett whacks the Yanks"

**Eddie Corbett from Ballyporeen had his best year in handball so far with some great high points during the year.**

Eddie won the All-Ireland 40/20 senior singles title in May and was also a finalist in the R.T.E. Irish Open Singles competition but one of his great wins was when in June, Eddie won the W.S.H.A. 40/20 Open Singles title.

Eddie followed in the footsteps of fellow countyman Tony Ryan who won the title in 1986 and these are the only Irish players to have won this title.

Eddie travelled to the United States and to the city of Baltimore, Maryland for his first trip, to handball in America. It makes Eddie's achievement all the more admirable because totally different conditions prevail in American handball; luxurious facilities, multi-court sports clubs, air-conditioned alleys, change to the Spalding ball and having to have to play twice daily, against opponents who restrict their playing activities exclusively to the 40/20 court.

As Eddie tells us, the only time I was out of this country was on a school tour to France several years ago.

Moreover, Eddie made things more difficult than necessary for himself because he also entered the Pro. singles event at the championships which had all the leading full-time, paid handballers from the U.S., Canada and Mexico taking part. There he got to the second round, where he came up against

John Robles of Spokave, who was the No. 3 seed. Nevertheless, Eddie did creditably before losing 21-14, 21-12.

In the Open Amateur event, the Ballyporeen man, who was seeded only seventh, he beat Louis Clarke of Tugrez, Mexico, 21-5, 21-11 in the first round and then beat Paul Tadevich of Tucson 21-16, 21-2 in the quarter-final. In the semi-final Eddie beat No. 2 seed Dave Steinberg of Portland 21-5, 21-15 in a performance that opened some eyes who witnessed the match, as Steinberg was a former Pro. player and had also won the Open Singles twice ('88-'89). In the final, Eddie turned in a superb performance to overwhelm Alan Frank of Baltimore 21-1, 21-6 to take the Open Singles title. Eddie, a blocklayer by trade was laid-off last February, but used his time very fruitfully with regard to his handball. Eddie sat down with local Garda and his trainer Liam O'Reilly, and set out a tough training schedule which meant seven days of training and some days he trained twice daily, and for the U.S. trip Eddie got a lot of help from Tony Ryan and in the end it all worked out well.

Eddie is passionately involved in handball, not just as a player, so it is particularly gratifying to see him succeed as he has done this year. He is South Tipperary handball secretary and public relations officer with the Co. Board. Eddie will now be turning his attentions to '94 when the World Championships will be in Ireland and maybe further success is only down the road.



**W.S.H.A. VICTORY** Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) receiving his prize from former Irish Handball Secretary Joe Lynch with defeated finalist Alan Frank (Baltimore) at the Nationals in Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.

# *Centre Stage for Centrefield*

The magnificent restoration work which has just been completed on the Centrefield Building, Slievenamon Road, Thurles, was recognised with a special award at the Fás Community Awards presentation in Limerick. The high standard of the work carried out by local craftsmen and the fact that the project was completed without any debt outstanding, were the deciding factors in winning the prestigious award.

The presentation was made by Mrs. Mary O'Rourke, Minister for State at the Department of Labour, who stated at the awards ceremony, that projects such as this brings to the attention the extent to which local communities can control and shape the future.

Centrefield or Lár na Páirce is the first national interpretive centre for Gaelic

Games. Renovation of the building began in 1989 and included the major job of replacing the roof and securing the building. The restoration work was completed earlier this year.

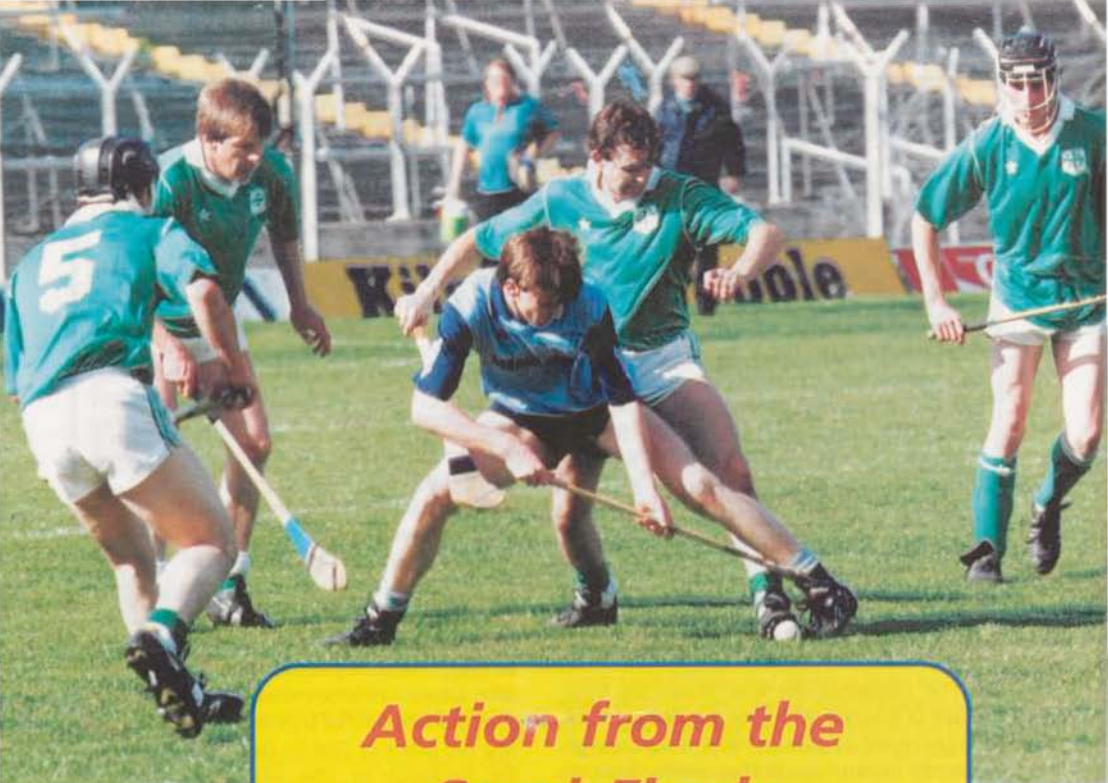
May, 1994, is the target date for the official opening of Centrefield.

At present a lay-out design for the Centrefield is being prepared by Denis Brennan of Brennan & Whally, Interpretive Designers. Denis Brennan has strong G.A.A. links as his grandfather won an All-Ireland medal with Kilkenny. The centrepiece of this exhibition will be the full story of Gaelic Games which will be brought to life with the modern interpretive techniques and will cover not just the history of the G.A.A. since 1884, but the story of how Gaelic Games have shaped Irish history since the dawn of our civilization.

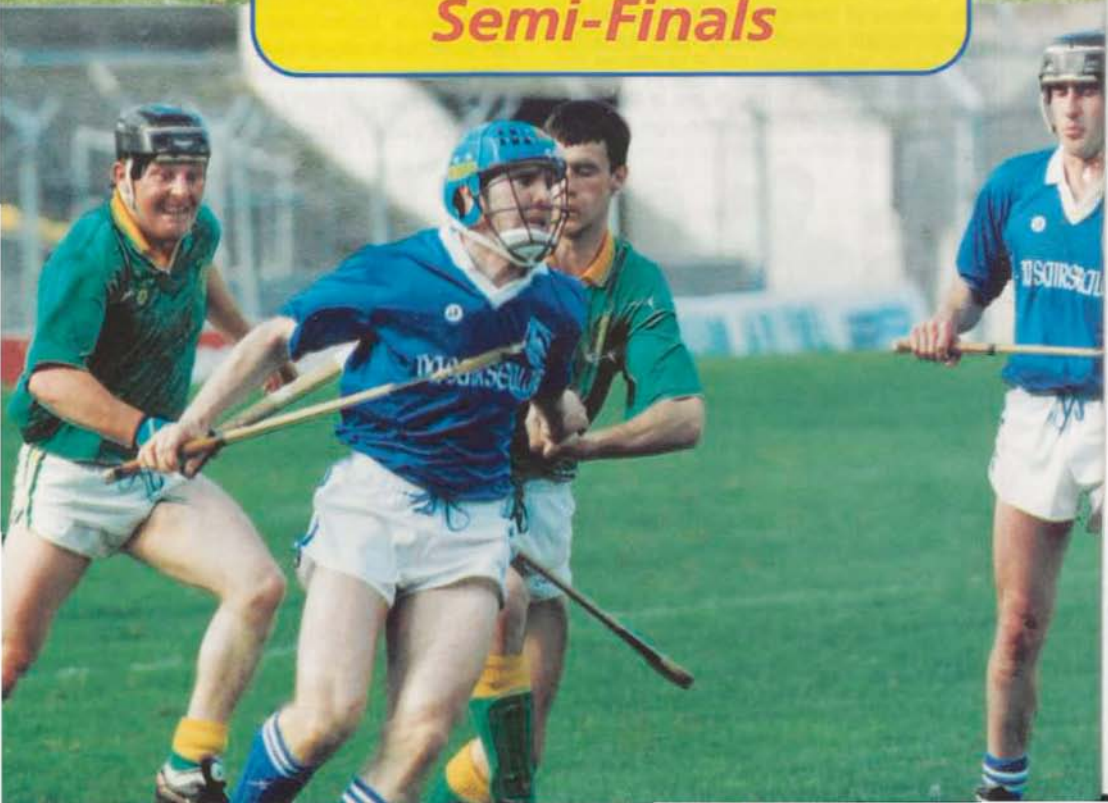


Photograph taken at a reception to mark the completion of restoration work on The Centrefield building, showing county chairman Michael McGuire and Maura Scully, chairperson, Thurles U.D.C., with the representatives of Shannon Development, Fás and Thurles Development Association, all of whom co-operated in the restoration work.





*Action from the  
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# The Team Manager

"We lost the game so we shot the manager".

The big, coloured man grinned from ear to ear as he said it and the tropical sun sparkled on his white teeth. It was on a United Nations job in Africa many years ago and I still don't know if the chap was telling the truth. There were a lot of men shot at the time – some of them for less than losing a football match.

Here in Ireland we don't shoot the managers (so far) and I personally am not in favour of it. But we criticise them in public and, now and then, we sack them. Good men like Fr. Michael O'Brien, Billy Morgan, Paddy Cullen, Brian MacDonald, Donie Nealon, Babs Keating, Eamonn Cregan, Mick O'Dwyer, Mickey O'Sullivan, Brian McEniff, Joe Lennon and a dozen more all get a lash, now and then, of the people's whip.

Even the hero-managers of my youth, Jim "Tough" Barry of Cork, Dr. Eamon O'Sullivan of Kerry, Hugh O'Reilly of Cavan and Johnny Dunne of Galway didn't escape when their teams were beaten. But who escapes criticism anyhow? Not in this life, whatever about the next. Many years ago a great old hurler died. He had a wonderful funeral because he was a fine old character. We all stood around the grave as he went down and, there by the edge, stood his old pal Billy, a tall gaunt man and another good hurler. Sadly and silently Billy watched his friend down to the final earthy bed. Then the undertaker's men got the long sack of straw to put down on the coffin so the sound of falling earth and stones would not upset the relatives. For a

moment Billy watched the men at their little task of courtesy. Then "*put that thing away*" he growled. Startled the men looked at him. "*Put that thing away, I told yeh*". Billy repeated. "*He can take it*". And that's the way with the trainers and coaches and managers. They came up the hard way and they can take it.

Coaches are chosen by the County Committee, made up of experienced men, who generally knew what they're doing. The coach is always an experienced, intelligent man whose selfless enthusiasm will lead him on to spend many, many hours of his leisure, some of it owed to his family, in the cause of twenty-five hardy young men, all mad eager to prove they're good players.

Players and coaches often spend long hours, in darkness and rain perhaps, straining nerve and muscle, honing mind and body in the pursuit of athletic excellence. Why? Because they, like all human beings, wish to excel. Their games are hurling and football but we know well that the same bursting enthusiasm could also be channelled into religion or politics or making money. What happens at the end of all the hard work, the dedication, the self-discipline? In games the team simply exults in victory or grinds its teeth in defeat and frustration.

When we win, everything is fine, the players are great, the selectors are wise men and the manager is magic. A golden shower of community praise falls from the blue skies to burnish in glory the whole panel from captain to bagman. Is this correct? Of course it is. When we lose what happens? Good old Sean Citizen, the wisest judge this side



of Texas, on the terraces or the sideline, the field or the factory, the sanatorium or the cinema, the home or the headland, will tear to small pieces the forward who missed the goal, the back who caused one, or the manager who told us beforehand that the team would win.

Is all this fair play? Of course it is. Good work earns praise, bad work gets blame. The cloak of victory covers many a fault. The beaten team is naked to the skies. I see no change coming ever. All we can hope is that enthusiastic participation in sport will help us to be sportsmen. A sportsman is fair and honest and he will give praise and blame as he sees fit. No doubt he will be just a little sympathetic. That forward didn't really try to miss that goal.

All we ask of the sportsman on the line is that he will use his loaf as well as his voice, and at the end, sprinkle the whole company with a few snowflakes of Christian charity. After all the players

are human and believe it or not, so is the coach. I remember the day in West Cork long ago when Timmy Joe the selector went in at the end of the game to console his beaten team.

"Look at him" says the man beside me. "Pick a team. Him? Bejays he couldn't pick apples off a tree". And I knew in my heart that this last statement was very wrong because when Timmy, Joe and I were boys together we "slocked" many an orchard and he was a lot faster at it than I. But you can't win, the team does it for you.

I'll finish with a few words from a man who knew a lot about winning and losing.

*"If you can dream and not make dreams your master,*

*If you can think and not make thoughts your aim,*

*If you can meet with triumph and disaster,*

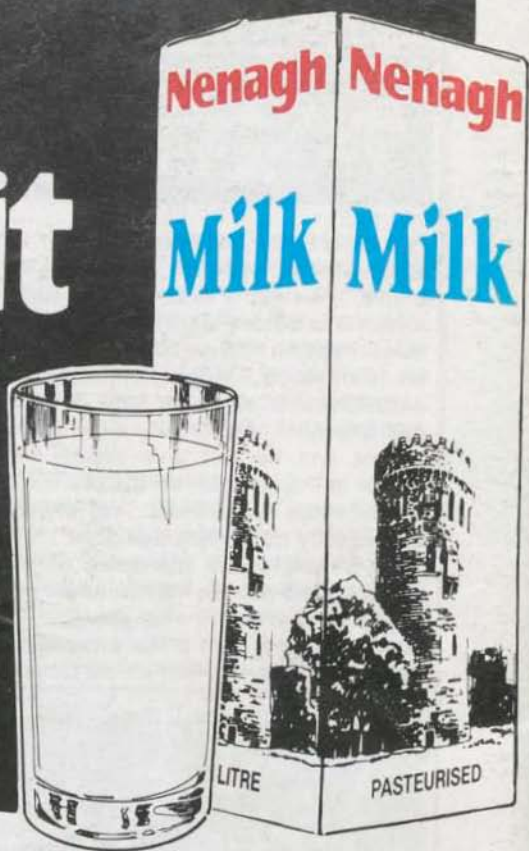
*And treat those two imposters just the same . . ."*



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