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Match Programme
2006

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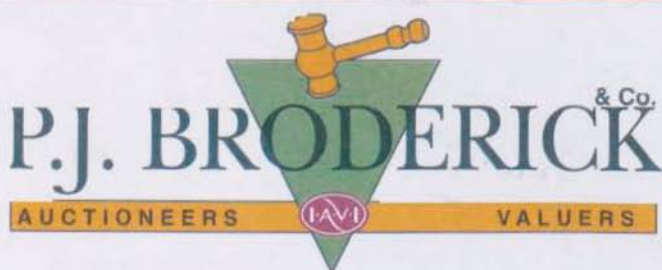
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It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to Semple Stadium today for what I regard as one of the most important days in the Counties G.A.A. calendar. County final day like Munster final day has something special about it and I hope that we never see the day when the one or the other will be downgraded.

As County final day comes at the end of the hurling year 2006 and with the new campaign for our inter county team on the horizon people come in expectation of seeing new talent that will enhance our County Senior hurling prospects for 2007. I hope today's final between Toomevara and Eire Óg Nenagh will be of a standard that will indicate a bright future for our County in 2007.

The success of our Minor team and the gallant effort by the County's (u-21) team augurs well for the future and please God 2007 will see our Senior hurlers break back into the honours list. To the minors of Ballingarry and Thurles Sarsfields I say continue the fine hurling that you have produced to get to the final and if you do patrons will be well pleased. Today as has now become customary we are honouring the great Roscrea teams of the sixties and seventies. Prior to 1968 Roscrea had not won a county senior hurling title. It is hard to believe that such a hurling town had failed to do so. When they made the breakthrough in 1968 they made up for lost time adding titles in 1969, 70, 72, 73 and 80, six in twelve years. We welcome you today and hope that the Dan Breen Cup will make its way to the North East town in the not to distant future. "Tipperary needs a strong and vibrant Roscrea."

On behalf of the County Board I wish to express our sincere thanks to the Third Tipperary Brigade Old I.R.A. commemoration committee for their generous donation of the new Dan Breen Cup which will be presented today for the first time. This is the third edition perpetuating the memory of one of Tipperary's finest and long may our County Senior hurling championship continue to do so.

It is great today to see two referees Richie Barry (Cappawhite) and John Cleary (Knockshewowna) who have given great service honoured on our big day. I wish both the best of luck. I could not let the occasion pass without briefly referring to the passing of John Moloney who graced Semple Stadium on many a county final day. A man of the highest integrity who will be sadly missed by us all but especially by his wife Betty and the boys to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

Finally I wish to apologise for inconvenience caused by the work on Ardán Uí Chiuinín but I assure you it will be worth it.

Seán Ó Costagáin

AR gCLUDACH: The three Dan Breen Cups photographed in Semple Stadium with the new cup (centre) which will be presented to the winning team today.



Clár an Lae

Cluichí Cheannais Iomána
Thiobraid Árann
SINSEAR AGUS MIONÚIR
22 October 2006

- 1.15 Ballingarry Minor hurling team on to field
- 1.17 Thurles Sarsfields Minor hurling team on to field
- 1.30 Throw-in for County Minor Hurling Final
THURLES SARSFIELDS v BALLINGARRY



Réiteoir: John Cleary, Knockshewowna

- 2.00 Half-time in Minor Hurling Final
- 2.10 Second half of Minor Hurling Final commences
- 2.40 End of Minor hurling final
- 2.50 Presentation of Sean Treacy Trophy to winning Minor captain followed by presentation of the Man of the Match Award sponsored by John Quirke Jeweller
- 2.55 Presentation of Roscrea teams of the Sixties and Seventies
- 3.15 Nenagh Eire Óg team on to field
- 3.17 Toomevara team on to field
- 3.28 Amhrán na bhFiann
- 3.30 Throw-in for County Senior Hurling Final
NENAGH EIRE ÓG v TOOMEVARA



Réiteoir: Richie Barry, Cappawhite

- 4.00 Half time of senior hurling final
- 4.10 Second half of senior hurling final commences
- 4.40 End of County Senior Hurling Final
- 4.50 Presentation of Dan Breen Trophy to winning Senior captain followed by presentation of the Man of the Match Award sponsored by John Quirke Jeweller

Best of luck in the County Final to
KEVIN TUCKER and all the EIRE ÓG team

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May the best team win

By NOEL DUNDON (*Tipperary Star*)

COUNTY Final time again and what a great day it is for the parishes of Toomevara and Nenagh, Thurles and Ballingarry.

This time of the year always has the effect of sending ripples of excitement through the parishes participating in the decider and for the winners there will be a very special time indeed. Celebrations will continue for days and the heroes will make their way into folklore and the cups will travel throughout the parish, visiting schools, hospitals, nursing homes, public houses and anyone who will receive it. These days will never be forgotten by the players and those involved in the team and club.

Of course, the endeavours to get to a County Final are huge and the four clubs can take a well earned bow this afternoon. It takes a massive effort, full of concentration, organisation and planning to get to a County Final and there really is a huge achievement in making it to today in the first place. But, let nobody feed off sentiment – County Finals are all about winning – nothing comes close to that feeling.

Toomevara are here by the skin of their teeth and yet are the favourites to take the title. The late late show in the semi-final starring Paddy O'Brien drew gasps of disgust from the vast majority in Semple Stadium – Mullinahone were outed in dramatic fashion and the peoples choice was not upheld. But, therein lies the motivation which drives Toomevara on. They are well aware that the majority of people are rooting for Eire Og Nenagh today – that's the price of success. Toomevara are going for their 11th county senior hurling title since 1992 – a fantastic achievement and one that has to be admired. Tommy Dunne and Tony Delaney are also going for their 11th county medal and suddenly the record 14 held by Mickey Rattler Byrne of Sarsfields is coming into view – they still have a bit to go though.

Eire Óg Nenagh will relish this chance to put one over their great rivals. They have made it to the final on merit and they have plenty of experience to rely on when the ball is thrown in. The town of Nenagh needs this county final and while the Eire Óg lads know that they will have a lot of support in the stands, they have to make it count on the pitch. More than anyone else, they are aware that they cannot let Toomevara get into stride – to do so would be fatal.

Popular opinion suggests that Dan Breen will head towards Nenagh this evening. However, there will be a turn off on the road to the right towards the village of Toomevara – the destination of the cup. This is just the kind of talk that Eire Óg Nenagh want to hear – the underdogs tag suits them down to the ground and they will come out with all guns blazing once the ball is thrown in.

This game could be a real cracker with the ball flying off the sod. It will also be the last time you will see Semple Stadium in action

this season – the redevelopment work is well underway and the pitch will not re-open until well into the new year when the facilities under Ardán Uí Cuinneáin will be significantly enhanced.

Let's hope for a fine game of hurling worthy of the County Final.

May the best team win.
Enjoy the game.

Nenagh players celebrate their semi-final victory.

Toomevara stalwar
Tony Delaney



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BY MARTIN RYAN



Masters of all they survey ... Liam Ó Donnchú (public address) and Micheál Hassett (scoreboard) busy at work on county semi-final day in an empty Ardán Uí Chuinneáin.

The arrival of another County senior final may be regarded as the official season curtain-call, and the mixed findings of the inevitable stock-taking might invoke the hoary old curate's egg cliché. Blue and Gold caps remain doffed to Liam Sheedy and his minors who became majors in Croke Park last month. A range of skill as broad and heartening as the Episcopal smile at the presentation augurs well for the future.

Tipp's unforgivingly demanding internal critics – Páidí Ó Sé might have a name for them! – will have been pleased by the stoic efforts of Fr. Tom's Under-21 team, but will be even happier at regular reality-checks from the straight-talking manager. Ultimate ambition unsated, but respect restored – what else

would you expect from a team where the firebrand Len Gaynor also patrols the sideline?

If the general year mirrors a prospective parish priest's petit dejeuner, the senior year might be a low-cost flight – no frills and still some way to go to the desired destination at the end.

The League campaign oscillated between the disappointing and the utterly pointless. The championship had redeeming features, not least the Mullinahone marvel who would surely have stirred Kickham's quill. But even the mitigating factors have frugal limits. The ferocity of the exchanges in the All-Ireland Final made for stark viewing from where we currently sit. Babs will need a surgeon's skill and an assassin's emotional compass in

the months ahead.

Unpalatable verities still prosper nearer home. Whichever part of Ormond territory is charmed by Dan Breen's presence later tonight, only eight senior clubs will have played in the last fifteen county finals. Given that the championship system has more escape routes than a James Bond movie, such a narrow representation on the showpiece day is a numbing indictment of a county which insists that twenty-five odd clubs are senior material. Blundly put, this is now a two-tier competition and structures should reflect that. Many senior clubs are like the landlords of old – without the wherewithal to attend to a broken slate but still tweedily strutting around on a sixteen-hander acting the part. Standards may drop but the façade never! Where did we leave those reality pills again?

Martin Ryan is a journalist who writes for the Tipp supporters' website www.premierview.ie and author of the recently published '3 by the Lee – The making of Cork Hurlers' 3 In-a-Row 1976-78'.

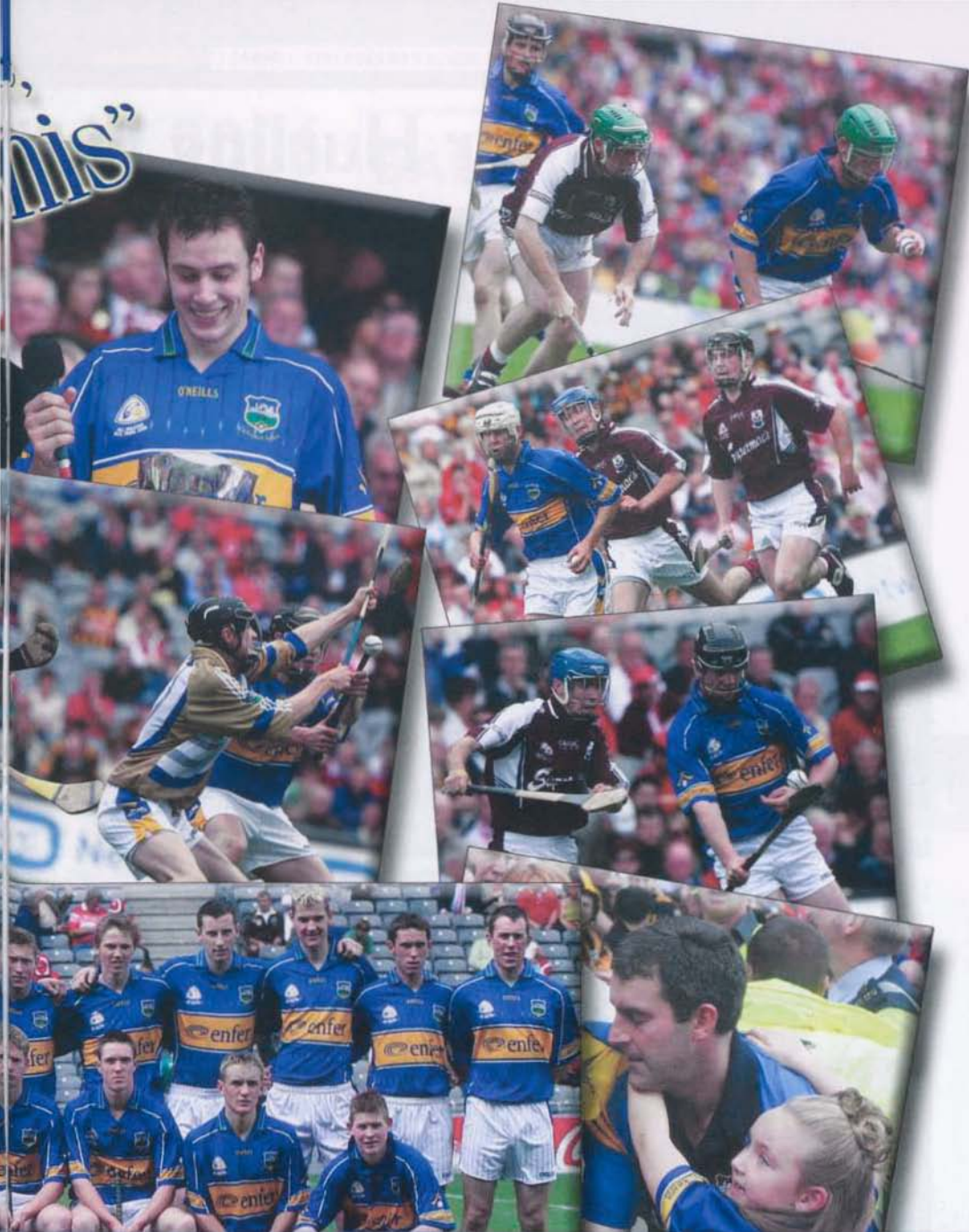
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*"My Mama always told me
there'd be days like this"*



TIPPERARY ALL-IRELAND MINOR



R HURLING CHAMPIONS 2006

County Minor Hurling Final



Ballingarry Minor Hurling Finalist - Back row, from left: Adrian Cleere, Matthew Butler, Brian Kelly, Michael Ivers, Billy Horan, Ciaran Shelly, Jack Fennelly. Middle row: Ian Ivers, Gerard Fitzgerald, Daniel Fitzgerald, Brendan Brennan, James Logue, Daniel Fennelly, Tom Butler, Tommy McGrath, Jack Ivers. Front row: Matthew Treacy, Kevin Fitzgerald, Thomas Donovan (capt), Kevin Croke, Carl Rotherham, James Maher, Kieran Fitzgerald.



Ballingarry Management team - From left: Eamon Cahill (selector); William Maher (manager); Patrick 'Blondie' Ivers (selector).

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BALLINGARRY

Tom Donovan
Ballingarry Captain

BALLINGARRY'S PATH TO THE 2006 MINOR 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

League section

Ballingarry 1-14 Killenaule 3-18, Ballingarry 0-13 Mullinahone 0-13, Ballingarry 8-12 Carrick Swans 0-4, Ballingarry 4-12 Carrick Davins 2-8, Ballingarry 1-16 Moyle Rovers 4-6, Ballingarry 1-20 St Patrick's, Drangan 3-13.

South Semi final

Ballingarry 3-8 Mullinahone 2-11

Replay Ballingarry 1-14 Mullinahone 0-16 AET

South Final

Ballingarry 2-13 Moyle Rovers 1-13

County Semi Final

Ballingarry 2-11 Arravale Rovers 0-11

TOTAL SCORED	23-130 (199pts)
TOTAL CONCEDED	15-104 (149pts)

COUNTY TIPPERARY MINOR H

Ballingarry

Colours: Maroon and White



Fir Ionaid:

(17) S. Ó hOdhráin

BILLY HORAN

(Jessfield)

(18) S. MacIomhair

IAN IVORS

(Ballingarry)

(19) S. Ó Fionnghalaigh

JACK FENNELLY

(Glengall)

(20) B. Ó Braonáin

BRENDAN BRENNAN

(Ballingarry)

(21) C. MacGearailt

KIERAN FITZGERALD

(Ballinastick)

(22) B. Ó Ceallaigh

BRIAN KELLY

(Coalbrook)

(23) M. de Buitléir

MATTHEW BUTLER

(Williamstown)

(24) S. MacIomhair

JACK IVORS

(Lwr Ballingarry)

(2)

D. MacGearailt

DANIEL FITZGERALD

(Ballingarry)

(5)

M. Ó Treasaigh

MAT TREACY

(Garrynoe)

(8)

T. de Buitléir

TOM BUTLER

(Ballinastick)

(10)

C. Rotterham

CARL ROTTERHAM

(Boulea)

(13)

M. MacIomhair

MICHAEL IVORS

(Gawn)

(3)

T. Ó Donnabháin (Capt)

TOMÁS DONOVAN

(Foyle)

(6)

T. MacCraith

TOMMY McGRATH

(Lwr Ballingarry)

(4)

D. Ó Fionnghalaigh

DANIEL FENNELLY

(Glengall)

(7)

C. MacGearailt

KEVIN FITZGERALD

(Earlshill)

(9)

S. Ó Meachair

JAMES 'SKIPPY' MAHER

(Ballingarry)

(12)

C. Ó Sealbhaigh

CIARAN SHELLY

(Gawn)

(11)

S. Ó Laoghóg

JAMES LOGUE

(Gawn)

(14)

G. MacGearailt

GERARD FITZGERALD

(Ballingarry)

(15)

A. Ó Cléirigh

ADRIAN CLEERE

(Ballyphilip)

Manager: William Maher
Selectors: Patrick 'Blondie' Ivors
Eamon Cahill

Medical: Sandra Molloy
Jimmy Maher

<i>Ballingarry</i>	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh leath					
2adh leath					
IOMLAN					

Thurles Sarsfields

Colours: Blue and White

(1)

L. MacCormaic
BILL McCORMACK
(Glen Carrig)

(2)

L. Ó Faoláin
LIAM PHELAN
(Seskin)

(3)

S. Ó Dóirinne
STEPHEN DORNEY
(Killinan)

(4)

C. Ó Gormáin
KEVIN O'GORMAN
(Ardnacrusha)

(5)

P. Ó Conchurbhair
PAUL CONNORS
(Kickham Street)

(6)

P. Ó Meachair
PÁDRAIG MAHER
(Tonagha)

(7)

M. Ó Ceathail
MICHAEL CAHILL
(Kilrush)

(8)

C. Ó Sé
CIARAN O'SHEA
(Willomere Drive)

(9)

M. Ó Glasáin (Capt)
MICHAEL GLEESON
(Sean Treacy Avenue)

(10)

P. Ó Laochda
PATRICK LEAHY
(Brittas Road)

(11)

S.S. de Búrca
JOHN JOE BURKE
(Moyné Road)

(12)

E. Ó Duibhir
EOIN O'DWYER
(Clongour)

(13)

P. de Búrca
PA BURKE
(Moyné Road)

(14)

C. Ó Maoldomhnaigh
CONOR MOLONEY
(Leugh)

(15)

S. Lennon
JAMIE LENNON
(Childer's Park)



Fir Ionaid:

Sub Goalie:

- (16) D. Ó Meachair
DENIS MAHER
(Mullaunbrack)
- (17) L. de Búrca
LAURENCE BURKE
(Rossetown)
- (18) R. Ó Masáin
RODNEY MASON
(Kilfinan)
- (19) S. Ó Meachair
SHANE MAHER
(Athaid)
- (20) S. Ó Meachair
SHANE MEAGHER
(Willomere Drive)
- (21) S. Mac
SEAN SMITH
(Bohernamona Road)
- (22) S. Ó Dóirinne
SHANE DORNEY
(Killinan)
- (23) P. Ó Donghaile
PETER DONNELLY
(Highfield Close)
- (24) S. Ó Ceallanáin
JOHN CALLANAN
(Moyné Road)
- (25) M. Ó Céin
MICHAEL KEANE
(Bohernamona Road)

Manager: **Michael Gleeson**

Selectors: **John Dorney,
Gary Mernagh,
John Cahill,
Thomas Callanan.**

Sarsfields	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh leath					
2adh leath					
IOMLAN					

County Minor Hurling Final



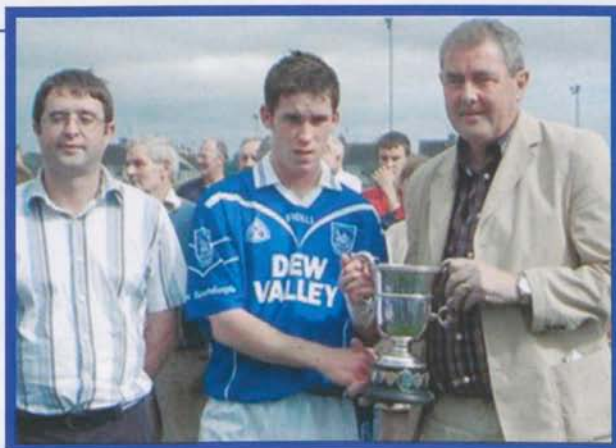
Thurles Sarsfields Minor Hurling Finalists - Back Row Left to right: Declan Ryan, Paul Connors, Shane Dorney, Eoin O'Dwyer, Conor Moloney, John Joe Burke, Pa Burke, Bill McCormack, Shane Meagher, John Callanan, Patrick Leahy, Kevin O'Gorman, Michael Gleeson (Capt) Denis Maher. Front Row Left to Right: Laurence Burke, Stephen Dorney, Shane Maher, Sean Smith, Michael Cahill, Jamie Lennon, Padraig Maher, Kieran O'Shea, Michael Keane, Peter Donnelly, Liam Phelan. Photo: Jimmy Doyle



Thurles Sarsfields minor hurling team Management (from left) - Gary Mernagh, Michael Gleeson (Manager), Thomas Callanan, John Dorney, John Cahill.

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THURLES SARSFIELDS



Michael Gleeson receiving the Fr John Maher Cup from Mid Chairman P.J. Maher. On left is Noel Burke representing sponsors The Credit Union.

Photo: Jimmy Doyle

THURLES SARSFIELDS PATH TO THE 2006 MINOR 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

League section

Thurles Sarsfields	3-21	Holycross / Ballycahill	2-08
Thurles Sarsfields	2-17	Drom & Inch	2-10
Thurles Sarsfields	2-18	Moycarkey / Borris	1-17

Mid Semi final

Thurles Sarsfields	1-19	Holycross / Ballycahill	0-07
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Mid Final

Thurles Sarsfields	2-14	Drom & Inch	2-03
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County Semi Final

Thurles Sarsfields	1-16	Kilruane McDonaghs	1-12
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TOTAL SCORED 11-105 (138pts)

TOTAL CONCEDED 8-57 (81pts)

THURLES SARSFIELDS



Thurles Sarsfields players who played leading roles in the All-Ireland minor success with Tipperary (from left) - Michael Cahill, Padraig Maher, Michael Gleeson and Patrick Bourke. Photo: Bridget Delaney.

Thurles has to be very proud of Sarsfields Minors contesting today's Minor Hurling Final and next Sunday's Minor Football Final. It is a wonderful achievement. For the past two years they have been a credit to their mentors, their families and their club.

The development and promotion of Gaelic games in urban areas is a cause for concern in Senior GAA circles. It is good that the GAA is so strong in Thurles fielding no less than six adult hurling teams. This is a magnificent achievement when one considers the strength of other codes in the town, very few areas of similar population can match this.

The current strength and popularity of our games in Thurles is due to the foresight of people like Pat Stakelum, Mick Carroll, Jimmy Coppinger, Tommy O'Dowd RIP, Michael Murphy, Michael Kennedy, Larry O'Connor, Brother

Higgins, Gerry Spain and many others who saw the need for a unified interclub approach to promote Juvenile Gaelic Games. Having more than one juvenile club was not proving successful. By agreement with all the clubs and with the approval of the Mid and County Boards Dúrlas Óg was formed and its success was instant and continues to provide a steady stream of hurlers and footballers to meet the needs of the parish. The names and traditions of all the clubs in the parish must be maintained. Dúrlas Óg is non-directive and on reaching maturity the players are given the freedom to pick the club

of their choice thereby maintaining the traditions and loyalties of all in the parish.

Thurles Sarsfields are very fortunate to have a very dedicated group of Minors aiming to achieve a County Double in Hurling and Football. Their dedication and discipline have been exemplary; they have combined very successful academic achievements with their sporting activities. Four of the panel have already won All-Ireland Minor medals giving us great hope for the future.

We salute the players and mentors in their quest for double and wish them every success today and next Sunday.

SARSFIELDS PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

If you have photos relating to the club from its earliest days right up to the present, please loan them to the club. They will be scanned and returned to you. They are required for inclusion in the Mid Tipp History and future club publications.

As you are aware Mid-Tipperary GAA Board are celebrating the centenary of its foundation in 2007, and one of the projects currently being compiled is a book detailing the photographic history of the division for the past 100 years.

Photographs can be handed in to the Clubhouse, given to any club member or posted to Liam Ó Donnchú, Ballymoreen, Thurles.

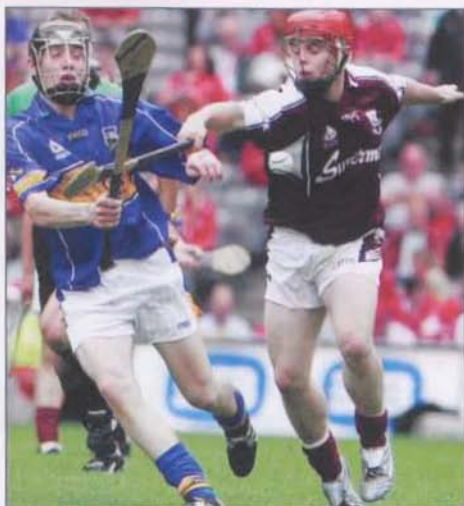
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BALLINGARRY

This is Ballingarry's first appearance in the final since the famous double of Ballingarry Gaels in 1994 and 1995. The significance of that achievement is reflected in the fact that Ballingarry Gaels was the first club side ever from South Tipperary to win the County Minor Championship since it was inaugurated in 1932. During that period of 1994/95 they went a total of 21 championship games without defeat, beating Toomevara in the final of 1994 on a score line of 1-11 to 1-7 and Thurles Sarsfield in 1995 on a score line of 3-9 to 1-14. They also won the minor 'B' final of 1992 against Rathelty. Previous to that they contested and lost narrowly the minor finals of 1960 and 1962 to that all conquering Roscrea club that put 7 County minor titles back to back in the 1960's. Tommy Brennan was the best known Ballingarry minor of that era and had the misfortune of losing 3 minor All-Irelands to Kilkenny in the 1960's but made up for it by being a member of the first All-Ireland winning Tipp U-21 team in 1964.

Of the 1994/95 panel, the 1994 Captain Michael Ivors won an All-Ireland U-21 medal with Tipperary in 1995. Liam Cahill won the man of the match in the Munster Senior Hurling final of 1996 and also became Tipp's youngest ever All-Star that same year. William Maher captained the Tipperary minors and led them and his colleagues Nigel Cleere and Michael McGrath to All-Ireland success in 1996. William also represented Tipperary for 3 years at U-21 and was a Senior Panellist until his eye injury curtailed his career. Donal Shelly (just 14 years of age in 1995) represented Tipperary minors for 3 years and represented Tipp at U-21 and was a senior panellist up until last year. Brian Walton became the first-born Ballingarry man to captain a winning UCD Team in the Dublin Senior Hurling championship. Adrian Cleere also represented Tipperary at Minor and U-21. Marcus Morris (man of the match in the '95 minor final) also represented Tipp at U-21.

What then of this 2006 panel? Well they are a talented bunch alright but extremely young. Two thirds of the team are under age again next year with no less than 7 members on the U-16 side that lost the County U-16 semi final by one point to Kildangan just last weekend after a ding-dong struggle. Tommy McGrath, one of only four eighteen year olds on the team, came through serious injury in the earlier part of the year to represent Tipperary minors with distinction at centre forward in this year's All-Ireland final. James Logue, leading scorer in the minor campaign so far, is a prominent member of the Tipp U-17 development squad. Ciaran Shelly was a member of an impressive All-Ireland U-16 winning Tipp team this year (a team



The ball is in sight of Tipperary centre-forward Thomas McGrath from Ballingarry club and his marker in the All-Ireland minor final.

Photo: Bridget Delaney

ably coached by his father Kevin) whilst under 15's Adrian Cleere, Micheal Ivors and Jack Fennelly will all be heard of further in the very near future. Teak tough full back and captain Tom Donovan will test any forward and is well supported by his corner men Danny Fitzgerald and Daniel Fennelly. Half backs Mathew Treacy, centre Tom Butler and wing Kevin Fitzgerald are in place now for 2 years and should have the experience required in this sector. James 'Skipper' Maher has an appropriate nickname. Carl Rotherham, a signing from abroad and just hurling a few years gives scant comfort to those 'traditionalists' who insist that you have to come from a certain part of the country to be able to hurl.

Because of the panel's age profile, it could be argued that they are boxing well above their weight but they have been battle hardened by this years campaign as evidenced by the number of close calls they had when you refer to the 'paths to the final' profile.

Whatever the outcome today they have done themselves, their families and their parish proud already and we wish them every luck and success. They have also been well prepared and the Club would like to thank the management team of William Maher, Patrick Ivors and Eamon Cahill for their unstinting efforts in this regard.

Finally, we have had wonderful sponsors for this team throughout the campaign and the club would like to take this opportunity to record our thanks and appreciation to all of them for this terrific support.



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referee profiles



RICHIE BARRY (Cappawhite)

Senior Ref



When did you start refereeing? 1988

What Finals have you done?

I have officiated in West Finals at every grade in hurling. At Colleges level, I have taken charge of matches at post-primary and 3rd level, including the Dean Ryan Cup Final; White Cup Final and

Harty Cup Semi-Finals. At inter-firms level, I have refereed 8 County Finals, 3 at Senior level and 5 at Junior level in addition to 2 Munster Senior Inter-Firms finals and 1 All-Ireland Senior Inter-firms semi-final.

What is the one rule you would change given the chance? I would remove the hand pass. Many players are simply throwing the ball today and because it is done so fast, it is hard for referees to confirm if players are fouling the ball or not.

Why did you get involved as a referee? My father was a referee back in the 1950's and 1960's. I retired early as a player and I took up refereeing to stay involved with the GAA.

Hobbies / Interests: Greyhound Coursing and Walking.

Linesmen – Seamus Roche (Kilsheelan-Kilcass) and Sean Bradshaw (Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams)

Umpires – Andrew Cleary, John O'Neill, Johnny Ryan (P) and Shane Ryan.

JOHN CLEARY (Knockshewowna)

Minor Ref



When did you start refereeing? 1985

What Finals have you done?

2005 Mid Senior Hurling Final, 2005 West Intermediate Hurling Final, 2 North Minor 'A' Hurling Finals, North Under 21 'A' Hurling Final,

What is the one rule you would change given the chance?

I would bring back the hand passed goal – I think it would make the game better if this option was restored.

Why did you get involved as a referee? I went to watch a match between Lorrha and Burgess. No referee turned up and Donie Nealon asked me to referee. That's where it all started.

Other Comments: I am still involved with the Knockshewowna Junior hurlers and won a North Junior 'A' hurling medal with them earlier this year.

Linesmen – Jimmy Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs) and Neil McGrath (Burgess)

Umpires – Tom Kennedy, Pete Morris, Sean Morris and Sean Cleary

County Senior Hurling Final Referees

1980	Martin O'Grady	(Moynemacshane)
1981	Billy Carroll	(St Mary's Clonmel)
1982	George Ryan	(Lattin) – Draw & Replay
1983	John Moloney	(Galtee Rovers)
1984	Willie Barrett	(Ardfinnan)
1985	Donal O'Gorman	(Thurles Sarsfields)
1986	John Maher	(Boherlahan)
1987	Gerry Long	(Knockshewowna)
1988	Willie Barrett	(Ardfinnan)
1989	John Moloney	(Galtee Rovers)
1990	Willie Barrett	(Ardfinnan)
1991	Johnny McDonnell	(Roscrea)
1992	Tommy Lonergan	(Kilsheelan) Draw & Replay
1993	Paddy Lonergan	(Galtee Rovers)

1994	Michael Doyle	(Holycross Ballycahill)
1995	T.J. Corby	(St Mary's)
1996	Willie Barrett	(Ardfinnan)
1997	Michael Cahill	(Kilruane MacDonagh)
1998	Willie Barrett	(Ardfinnan)
1999	Johnny McDonnell	(Roscrea)
2000	Willie Barrett	(Ardfinnan)
2001	Seamus Roche	(Kilsheelan)
2002	Paddy Russell	(Emly) Draw
	John McDonnell	(Roscrea) Replay
2003	Seamus Roche	(Kilsheelan)
2004	Willie Clohessey	(Drom Inch)
2005	Brian White	(Clonmel Commercial)

Toome' by four

By: Séamus O'Doherty

IT IS hard to believe that a year has passed since Thurles Sarsfields beat Drom/Inch in the first all-Mid county final since 1964.

Anybody who thought that Mid domination was about to follow would have been surprised to see that the North is now the premier division! Therein lies the challenge for all others!

We must believe that the two best teams have reached the decider, despite the long and winding journey that Nenagh Éire Óg have taken to get there, they have beaten the champions of the Mid and West en route.

Killenaule probably have more regrets than most – they lost by a point to the North men – with the exception of Mullinahone whose semi-final failure will be remembered for many years to come.

The South champions lost their concentration and failed to clear one final attack to lay the ghost of their greatest modern day rivals. Mullinahone need only reflect on their quarter-final victory over Kildangan and that gilt edged chance, which the North men spurned, to realise that living dangerously is a habit which ultimately claims its price.

So that leaves us with two freescoring teams, who know each other so well there will not be any surprises. Toomevara are set on claiming their 10th title in 15 seasons, putting them second only to Thurles Sarsfields who won 10 in 11 seasons (1955-1965), for consistency over a long period of time.

Nenagh Éire Óg have always felt that their own consistency merited more than one title and they had the players to achieve it, but time moved on and the second crown is still a dream, which "the Blues" will hope to turn into reality today.

Back in 1973, Roger Ryan won the first of two county titles as a Roscrea player, when Kilruane MacDonaghs were beaten in an all-North decider. Seven years later he scored the goal which won another county title for 'Ros' and ended Kilruane's dream of a five-in-a-row. In

Eoin
Fitzgibbon
(Nenagh
Éire Óg)



more recent years Roger has been a successful selector with Toomevara and that role will keep him away from much of the reunion with his Roscrea colleagues today.

He is joined on sideline duties by Niall Williams, who was the greatest juvenile hurling coach in the county for many years. His defensive strategy was always sound and he oversaw most of his teams' success from a vantage point behind his left corner back. He was watched but not emulated!

Pat Herbert, who played for Limerick against Tipp in the 1981 Munster championship is the Bainisteoir in keeping with the club's preference for external influences! It is an impressive brains trust and one which Nenagh Éire óg will relish challenging.

No better than than Conor Ryan, the Blues manager, to lead the resistance. The presence of Michael Cleary – now

eligible for Masters hurling! – on the backroom team has resulted in some highly impressive scoring returns and an effective use of attacking ball in recent games. There is a consistent return of 20 points in total over the past few outings for the Nenagh men.

Observers will say that anything less today will have little chance of success against Toomevara, who scored 3-10 and 2-18 in their last two games.

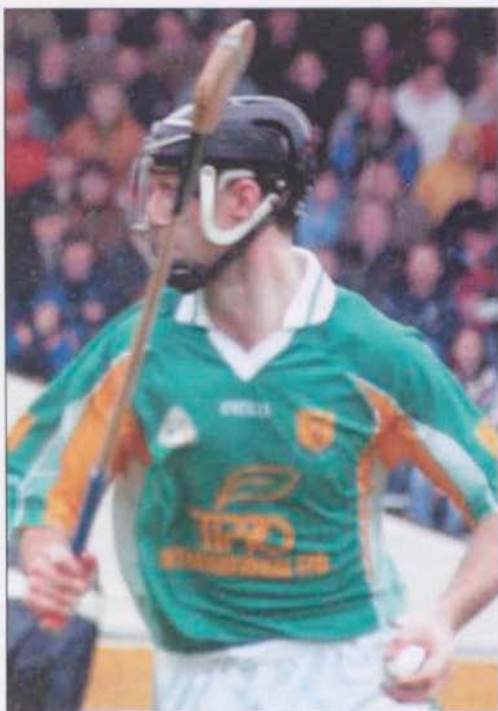
The fear exists that Toome will take control early on and run the game as they did in the 1999 decider. Nenagh's modest 13 points return never had a chance of being enough then and it won't be sufficient today. 'The Blues' will have to raise at least one green flag to be in the game for the final quarter. Toome are renowned for strong finishes, when the scent of victory is at its most tempting.

There is more at stake here than bragging rights, and the onfield leadership of Tipperary hurling for the 2007 campaign.

Toomevara's defence will make scoring difficult for the key Nenagh Éire Óg marksmen, who will still compile a reasonable return.

However, the difference is that Toome' have their own firepower up front, all of whom will need to be negated for the full hour if they are to be overcome.

We have seen previous coincidences in this rivalry and while tempted by Nenagh's success over Drom-Inch (which was predicted here!), the feeling remains that Thomas Dunne will re-enact his 1999 experience and become the first man to lift the second and third Dan Breen Cups – 1999 and 2006. Toomevara by four points looks about right.



Tommy Dunne (Toomevara)

John Moloney *A Tribute*

"The rock of the parish is gone," the woman in the pub said to me on Sunday evening as we awaited the arrival of the remains of John Moloney to the Parish Church in Bansha.

His sudden and most unexpected death two days previously had stunned all who knew him. His physical fitness, good life style and active involvement in the community, not only in the parish of Bansha and Kilmoyler but in the wider world also, belied his years.

Reactions to his death were many. A fifty-year old man in Cashel recalled games he played as a young man with John as referee. "We were in awe of the man and considered it a privilege to have him as referee. When he called us by our names we were amazed that such an important man, who had refereed All-Ireland finals would know our names!"

The man who broke the news of his death to me, Joe Hayes, recalled the famous incident between Cecil Ryan and John at a county championship match in Thurles. "Was it a shove or an accident?" Joe recalled the 'sensible' way John dealt with it, where another referee might have stood on his dignity and given Cecil the line.

Such behaviour was typical of the man. "Tom, I saw that," was a way he often dealt with infringements of the rules. His authority was rarely questioned, his very presence commanding respect. He could combine courtesy to players with firmness in implementing the rules. The fact that he made it his business to know players and call them by their first names gave him some kind of moral control over their behaviour on the field.

Most people are familiar with the statistics of his achievements, five All-Ireland football finals, one hurling, eleven Munster finals. Not many referees perform at the highest level in both hurling and football as John did. On top of a busy inter-county career that straddled the



The man in the middle – John Moloney (R.I.P.) pictured prior to a West Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship game.

period 1965 to the eighties, John refereed numerous games at club level, from the lowliest to the highest, over an incredible period of five decades.

Despite his national profile as a referee, John maintained a close involvement with his club, Galtee Rovers, serving on different occasions as chairman, secretary and treasurer. At the time of his death he was club president. He was a member of the Referees' Association that he helped found, and contributed to the general improvement in refereeing standards.

Probably one of his involvements in recent years that gave him the greatest pleasure was with Cumann na Sean Ghael. A founder member of the body in the county, he saw the need to recognise those who had served the association well during their lifetimes, and who might not have had their contributions recognised. He took great pleasure out of identifying and recognising these people at the annual awards in Brú Ború. He was already at work on the 2006 awards before his untimely death.

John has now joined the ranks of the deceased Sean Ghael and his passing from this life has left a big vacuum in his family, in the parish of Bansha and Kilmoyler, in the wider world of the G.A.A., and in the lives of all who had the privilege to be acquainted with this very distinguished man. Ar dheis lamh De a ainm.

Seamus J. King

NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG



(Top) – Nenagh's John Slattery ground shot gets past Drom's goalie Damien Young but was disallowed as he was deemed to be in the square which was a controversial decision; (Right) – Nenagh's Richie Flannery ensures that there is no way through for Drom's Eric Woodlock who has possession; (Bottom right) – Michael Heffernan sends the ball over the bar despite the best efforts of Drom's Edward Costello.

Photos: Bridget Delaney

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS WON BY NENAGH

Senior Hurling	.....	1995
Senior Football	.....	1911, 1915
Intermediate Football	..	1988, 1998
Junior Hurling	.....	1947, 1983, 2000
Junior Football	.....	1986
U-21 Hurling	.....	1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1993
U-21 Football	1991, 1993
Minor Hurling	1969, 1977, 1978, 1991, 1992
Minor Football	1990

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County Senior Hurling Final



The Nenagh Éire Óg panel who defeated Drom & Inch in the County semi-final on a scoreline of 2-14 to 1-13 – Back row, left to right: Healy, Shane Maher, Alan Kelly, Michael Hackett, Declan O'Meara, Ritchie Flannery (captain), Noel Maloney, John Flannery, Eddie McNamara, Hugh Flannery, John Slattery, Brian Maxwell, Eamon Hodgins, Brian Dillon, Robert Tomlinson and Brian Fitzgibbon. Front row: Lawlor, Brian Flannery, John Donnellan, Liam O'Gara, Conor Kirwan, Paul Ryan, John Brennan, Hugh Maloney, Eoin Fitzgibbon, Kevin Heffernan, Stephen Ryan, John Kennedy, David Hackett, Conor Brennan.



Nenagh Éire Óg Senior Management left to right: Billy Flannery, Conor Ryan (Manager), Eamon Brennan, Michael Cleary (Coach)

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NENAGH EIRE ÓG



Richie Flannery
Captain

NENAGH EIRE ÓG PATH TO THE 2006 SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

North Championship Quarter Final

May 27 Cloughjordan Nenagh Éire Óg .. 0-14 Borris-Ileigh 0-17

Co Round Robin

July 3 Ragg Nenagh Éire Óg .. 1-12 Galtee Rovers 1-7

Co Round Robin

July 14 Templemore Nenagh Éire Óg .. 1-17 Holycross 1-11

Co Round Robin

July 28 Holycross Nenagh Éire Óg .. 3-18 Ballingarry 4-15

County Qualifier

Aug 27 Templemore Nenagh Éire Óg .. 2-15 Killenaule 2-14

County Quarter Final

Sept 23 Templemore Nenagh Éire Óg .. 1-17 Knockavilla 1-11

County Semi Final

Oct 8 Thurles Nenagh Éire Óg .. 2-14 Drom Inch 1-13

Nenagh have played seven games.

They scored 10-107 and conceded 9-88 in total.

TOP SCORER'S

Kevin Tucker 2-46 (19 frees); Paul Ryan 3-15 (2pts frees); Michael Heffernan 2-5; Richie Flannery 0-10 (5 frees, 3 65's); Eddie Tucker 0-7; Noel Maloney 2-0; John Flannery 0-5; Michael Hackett 0-4; Declan O'Meara 1-1; John Slattery 0-3; Hugh Maloney 0-2; Hugh Flannery 0-1.

COUNTY TIPPERARY SENIOR H

Nenagh Éire Óg

Colours: Light Blue and Navy

(1)

M. MacConmara
MICHAEL McNAMARA
(St Joseph's Park)

(2)

S. Ó Riain
STEPHEN RYAN
(Cormack Drive)

(3)

S. Ó Braonáin
JOHN BRENNAN
(Gortlandroe)

(4)

A. Ó Flannabhra
HUGH FLANNERY
(Millview)

(5)

A. Ó Maoldomhnaigh
HUGH MALONEY
(Sarsfield St)

(6)

R. Ó Flannabhra (Capt)
RICHIE FLANNERY
(Richmond)

(7)

E. MacGiobúin
EOIN FITZGIBBON
(Richmond)

(8)

S. Ó Cinnéide
JOHN KENNEDY
(Dublin Road)

(9)

S. Ó Flannabhra
JOHN FLANNERY
(Melrose)

(10)

S. Ó Slatara
JOHN SLATTERY
(Lisboney)

(11)

P. Ó Riain
PAUL RYAN
(Clamatha Meadows)

(12)

E. Tucker
EDDIE TUCKER
(Yewston)

(13)

K. Tucker
KEVIN TUCKER
(Yewston)

(14)

N. Ó Maoldomhnaigh
NOEL MALONEY
(Sarsfield St)

(15)

M. Ó hIfeárnáin
MICHAEL HEFFERNAN
(Birr Road)

Fir Ionaid:

- (16) S. Ó Néalaighthe
SEAN HEALY
(Knockanah)
(17) M. Ó Haicéid
MICHAEL HACKETT
(Bawn)
(18) A. Ó Ceallaigh
ALAN KELLY
(Melrose)
(19) R. Tomlinson
ROBERT TOMLINSON
(St Joseph's Park)
(20) D. Ó Haicéid
DAVID HACKETT
(Bawn)
(21) D. Ó Meadhra
DECLAN O'MEARA
(Tobar Mhuine)
(22) C. Ó Giarbhúcháin
CONOR KIRWAN
(Sallygrove)
(23) C. Ó Braonáin
CONOR BRENNAN
(Gortlandroe)
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(Millers Brook)
(27) B. Maxwell
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(Rathnaleen)
(28) B. Ó Diolún
BRIAN DILLON
(Tyone)
(29) E. Hodgins
EAMON HODGINS
(Richmond)
(30) S. Ó Domhnaillán
JOHN DONJELLAN
(Cormack Drive)
(31) M. Ó Flannabhra
MARK FLANNERY
(Cormack Drive)
(32) S. Ó Meachair
SHANE MAHER
(Knight's Crescent)
(33) P. Ó Murchú
PATRICK MURPHY
(Grange)

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Selectors: **Eamon Brennan, Billy Flannery**
Doctor: **Paul O'Farrell**
Physio: **Michael Tynan**

Coach: **Michael Cleary**
Trainer: **Martin O'Grady**
First Aid: **Bartley Ryan**

Nenagh Éire Óg	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh leath					
2adh leath					
IOMLAN					

HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 2006

Toomevara

Colours: Green and Gold

(1)

S. MacCraith
JAMES McGRATH
(Knockinglass)

(2)

B. Ó Doinn
BARRY DUNNE
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(3)

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TONY DELANEY
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(4)

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PAUL McGRATH
(Grawn)

(5)

T. Ó Doinn
TERRY DUNNE
(Curraheen)

(6)

B. Ó Doinn
BENNY DUNNE
(Curraheen)

(7)

P. Ó Laicéid
PADRAIG HACKETT
(Knockane)

(8)

E. Ó Brisleáin
EOIN BRISLANE
(Ashgrove)

(9)

C. Ó Doinn
KEN DUNNE
(Curraheen)

(10)

P. Ó Briain
PADDY O'BRIEN
(Fortwilliam)

(11)

F. Ó Dubhánaigh
FRANCIS DEVANEY
(Grennanstown)

(12)

T. Ó Doinn (Capt)
THOMAS DUNNE
(Curraheen)

(13)

M. Bevin
MICHAEL BEVANS
(Ballymackey)

(14)

S. Ó Briain
JOHN O'BRIEN
(Fortwilliam)

(15)

L. Ó Riain
WILLIE RYAN
(Ballinlough)

Manager: Pat Herbert
Trainer: Ross Dunphy
Physio: Ned Murphy
Mick Clohessy

Selectors: Neil Williams, Roger Ryan
Doctor: Dr Colm O'Reilly
First Aid: John Tuohy



Fir Ionaid:

- (17) S. Ó Dubhshláine
JOHN DELANEY
(Grawn)
- (18) D. de Siain
DAVID YOUNG
(Latteragh)
- (19) A. Ó Klein
ANDREW RYAN
(Knockane)
- (20) S. MacLachlan
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(Main Street)
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BRIAN McCORMACK
(Grennanstown)
- (22) C. Ó Cúimín
KEVIN CUMMINS
(Curraheen)
- (23) S. Ó Coigligh
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(Ballymackey)
- (28) S. Ó Beolláin
JOHN BOLAND
(Knockinglass)

Toomevara	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh leath					
2adh leath					
IOMLAN					

County Senior Hurling Final



Toomevara Senior Hurling Finalists – Back row, left to right: Jamie Quigley, Kevin Cummins, Denis Kelly, Franny Devaney, Ken Dunne, Pdraig Hackett, Paul McGrath, Tony Delaney, Wille Ryan, Eoin Brislane, James McGrath, Brian McCormack, David Kennedy. Front row, left to right Barry Dunne, Andrew Ryan, John Delaney, Michael Bevans, Tommy Dunne, Paddy O'Brien, Terry Dunne, David Young, Benny Dunne, Joey McLoughney, Paddy Touhy.



Toomevara Senior Management left to right: Roger Ryan, Pat Herbert (Manager), Niall Williams.

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TOOMEVARA



Tommy Dunne
Captain

TOOMEVARA PATH TO THE 2006 SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

North Championship Quarter Final

May 28 Nenagh Toomevara 2-18 Burgess 3-10

North Championship Semi Final

July 9 Cloughjordan Toomevara 1-17 Borris-Ileigh 0-14

North Championship Final

July 30 Nenagh Toomevara 1-15 Kildangan 0-12

County Quarter Final

Sept 24 Nenagh Toomevara 2-18 Loughmore/C'iney. 2-15

County Semi Final

Oct 15 Thurles Toomevara 3-10 Mullinahone. 0-18

Toomevara have played five games.

They scored 9-78 and conceded 8-69 in total.

TOP SCORER'S

K. Dunne 0-38 (27f, 3 65's); T. Dunne 2-5; P. O'Brien 1-7 (1 goal free); F. Devanney 1-7; M. Bevan 1-6; W. Ryan 0-7; E. Brislane 0-4 (1 lineball); J. O'Brien 1-1; B. Dunne 1-0 (free); J. Delaney 1-0; P. McGrath 1-0; D. Young 0-2.

TOOMEVARA

Building a new future for Hurling and Camogie in Toomevara

What is this all about?

Since 2004 Toomevara GAA and Camogie Clubs have had a development plan which focuses on the capital development of our clubs. The aim of the project is quite simple to provide state of the art playing facilities for the community of Toomevara.

The GAA and Camogie clubs are part of the fabric of life in Toomevara, County Tipperary. They build pride and contentment in who we are and where we're from. They are helping re-energize our community and are providing activities for hundreds of children under the age of 18. They give the elders an outlook for recreation and talk. Toomevara GAA and Camogie builds in a challenging world a powerful sense of continuity and well being.

The members of Toomevara GAA and Camogie clubs believe that a vibrant and energetic GAA/Camogie club in Toomevara is not just desirable but necessary. Equally we believe it doesn't just happen: **IT HAS TO BE MADE**

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What are we doing?

Toomevara GAA and Camogie are building for the future. We in Toomevara are in no doubt about our esteemed past and current position as one of the strong-hold clubs in Tipperary. But we do not live for the past we strive for the future.

To do this we look at our current facilities and recognise that they do not meet the standards for present day games.

We are building a new club house that consists of:

- 4 New dressing rooms
- Referees room and shower
- Medical Room
- Physiotherapy and

Hydro-therapy room

- Complete new player showering facilities
 - Laundrette
 - Reception
- all on the first floor.*

The second floor consists of:

- Kitchen with full catering area
- An office
- Large meeting room
- Small meeting area
- All kitted out with photos and memorabilia to revisit past glories

We are also providing:

- Floodlighting on our new field
- New store for Grass mower
- Electronic scoreboard
- Hurling Alley (60x30 in dimension)
- Full car parking facilities on-site
- New entrance with old entrance being pedestrian only



Deirdre Hughes
Toomevara camogie
legend

Toomevara's
Eoin Brislane
catches the ball



With your help
and support
our future
will be
secured.



Toomevara's
Ken Dunne

PLAYER PROFILE

Kevin Tucker (Nenagh)

By Leonard Fitzgerald



Eire Óg Nenagh has produced many outstanding hurlers over the years; with the Tuckers among them, no different thriving to make the break through.

A strong underage structure brought a young enthusiastic player, Kevin Tucker up through the ranks. Divisional titles followed at U-14 and U-16 level in the late eighties and early nineties. While still learning and mastering the skills at Bord na nÓg level, Kevin was promoted to the minors. He soon witnessed the atmosphere of Semple Stadium for the first time in corner forward as the light blue and navy colours claimed County minor honours in 1991 against Knockavilla Kickhams. Back to back titles followed as Nenagh added a second title in the 1992 final win over Thurles Sarsfields. Kevin was an automatic selection for the county minors with the added responsibility of captaincy on his shoulders for the first time.

On Munster final day, in which the Tipp seniors toppled Clare by a record margin, Kevin was the proud recipient of the Munster Minor trophy. While still maturing, the youngest in a family of five took his inspiration from Senior stalwarts, Pat Fox and Michael Cleary.

Playing Senior hurling for club and county was his utmost ambition. That year, Kevin made his senior club debut in the North championship, but suffered an agonising defeat by a single point in their unsuccessful county final loss to Toomevara. Once over age for the minors, Kevin was almost directly included in the U-21 set-up. He in turn established his regular wing forward berth for the Premier County for the next three years. 1995 happened to be a fruitful campaign. Tipp defeated Kilkenny in Thurles to claim the Dr Morris Trophy in which proved a memorable year for the ace-attacker.

On the club front, being an integral member of the Nenagh attack meant that he posed a serious threat to all opposition when in top form. With an All-Ireland medal safe in his back pocket, Kevin was also enjoying the club's progress in the championship. Pa-Joe Whelehan was the man in charge as Nenagh reached only their second ever county final via the back door route with re-entry after capturing the North Tipp league. After coming so close two years previously, Nenagh finally found the Holy Grail at Boherlahan's expense as Dan Breen settled in the North Tipp capital for the first time. Kevin made a huge contribution to the victory, but their championship run came to an end against

Sixmilebridge in the Munster final.

His bumper season in '95 earned him a call up to the senior panel for the 1996 League and championship campaign. It wasn't until the following year that he made an impression operating on the half forward line, notching his share of scores with each outing in both league and championship.

After Tipp's Munster final loss, the reshuffle in attack meant that Kevin returned to the bench. His second chance for redemption never came as Tipp's pursuit of glory fell short at the final hurdle. In 1998, Kevin collected more silverware as Nenagh achieved a unique senior hurling and football divisional double. The very next year, Toome' again provided the opposition in the county final, but the light blue and navy brigade went home empty-handed.

Now in his thirty first year, Kevin and older brother Eddie want to set the record straight. For both today is their fourth county final appearance. They have never beaten their arch-nemeses in the concluding stages of the championship. However Kevin is adamant that his fellow colleagues can upset the odds and repeat history in reclaiming county honours through the qualifier system reminiscent of the memorable 1995 season.



Final Day Musings

By: SÉAMUS O'DOHERTY

TOOMEVARA play today in their 11th decider over the past fifteen seasons. Their haul is impressive with 9 wins to their credit. Their only draw was in 1992 and they beat Thurles Sarsfields in the replay. Their only loss came in 1996, when Liam Maher's point won the day for Boherlahan Dualla.

IF MULLINAHONE had held on to win their semi-final meeting with Toomevara, we would have seen the first North v South County final since Roscrea beat Carrick Davins in the 1969 decider.

NENAGH Éire Óg have played in the of 1993 – lost to Toomevara; 1995 – beat Boherlahan Dualla and 1999 – lost to Toomevara.

WHEN THE club met in the 1993 county final, Nenagh Éire Óg were North champions, having beaten Moneygall in the decider. Six years later Toomevara beat their town rivals in the Divisional decider and then confirmed their status in the County final. Toome' are current North champions, having beaten Kiladangan in this year's decider.

IT IS interesting to note that since their 1992 breakthrough Toomevara have only won the Divisional/County double in 1994, 1999, 2000 and 2003. They will tell you that the Dan Breen Cup – mark 2 or mark 3 – is what really matters!

THE County SHC final has ended in a draw on ten occasions – the years were 1899, 1930, 1945, 1965, 1975, 1977, 1982, 1988, 1992 and 2002.

THE LAST all-North County final was in 1999, when Toomevara beat Nenagh Éire Óg in the decider. The final score was 1-17 to 0-13.

THE LAST drawn final was in 2002, when Mullinahone scored 0-14 and Thurles Sarsfields registered the same. The Southerners won the replay by 2-10 to 1-11. The drawn game was the last goal-less decider.

TOOMEVARA'S highest score in their (1992 - 2004) County final appearances was the 3-19 recorded against Thurles Sarsfields in the 2003 decider. They were under pressure at the finish and conceded a total of 3-16.

NENAGH Éire Óg's 2-25 in their 1995 victory over Boherlahan Dualla was the highest score registered by a County final winning team since Thurles beat Racecourse/Grangemockler by 10-4 to 5-2 in the 1909 final.

TOOMEVARA have no objection to playing County finals in October. Since their win in 1992 (8th November replay), six of their titles have been won in October – 1993 October 10th; 1994 October 4th; 1998 November 1st; 1999 October 10th; 2000 October 15th; 2001 November 11th; 2003 October 12th; 2004 October 10th. Nenagh Éire Óg won their sole title on 15th October, 1995.

THE late John Moloney (Bansha) will be in

everyone's mind today, having graced the County final occasion many times in his lengthy career. Most of the Roscrea players, being honoured here today, will remember him from many of their successful days in the 1967-1973 era. He refereed their first County final victory in 1968. John's last County senior hurling final assignment came in 1989, when he refereed the Clonoulty/Rossmore v Holycross/Ballycahill decider. It was a tribute to his standing as a referee that a Mid Tipp. club had no objection to John refereeing with a club from his own division involved.

TOOMEVARA was the last club to win the County SHC title without scoring a goal. They defeated Clonoulty/Rossmore (holders) in the 1998 decider by 0-16 to 1-10.

IT IS hard to believe that Kilraune MacDonaghs won their first County title in 1977 when they beat Borrisoleigh in a replay by 1-5 to 0-5. The bad weather was responsible for the low scoring returns. Interestingly, the MacDonaghs had lost the 1975 final replay to Moneygall and scored only 0-5 themselves!

IF TOOMEVARA win the County title, Thomas Dunne will become the first man from the Club to captain two winning teams since Martin Kennedy in 1930 and 1931. By a strange coincidence, in 1931 the Dan Breen Cup was presented for the first time. Today the third dan Breen Cup will be presented for the first time. Perhaps it a good omen? Toome's winning captains since 1931 were: Willie Donovan (1960), Michael O'Meara (1992), Jody Grace (1993), Pat Meagher (1974), Philip Shanahan (1998), Thomas Dunne (1999), Terry Dunne (2000), Justin Cottrell (2001), Michael Bevans (2003), Paddy O'Brien (2004).

Nenagh's Eire Óg successful captain in 1995 was Limerick native Conor O'Donovan.



Man of the Match awards

This award scheme was introduced in 1981 and sponsored originally by Frost (Nenagh). John Quirke (Jeweller) Chair has been the sponsor for many years past. The list of winners is impressive.

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1985	Eamonn O'Shea	Kilraune MacDonaghs
1986	Philip Kenny	Borrisoleigh
1987	Pa O'Neill	Cappawhite
1988	Pat McGrath	Loughmore-Castleiney
1989	Michael Doyle	Holycross Ballycahill
1990	Stephen Dwan	Holycross
1991	Raymie Ryan	Cashel KC
1992	Philip Shanahan	Toomevara
1993	Michael Cleary	Nenagh Éire Óg
1994	Pat King	Toomevara
1995	Eddie Tucker	Nenagh Éire Óg
1996	David Ryan	Boherlahan Dualla
1997	Michael Shiner Heffernan	Clonoulty Rossmore
1998	Tony Delaney	Toomevara
1999	Paddy O'Brien	Toomevara
2000	John O'Brien	Toomevara
2001	John O'Brien	Toomevara
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Previous Meetings

By: SÉAMUS O'DOHERTY

TOOMEVARA and Nenagh Éire Óg have met in two previous finals – 1993 and 1999. Victory on both occasions went to 'The Greyhounds' and coincidentally the two games were played on October 10th.

1993 – at Semple Stadium

Toomevara 1-14

Nenagh Éire Óg 1-13

Toomevara – J. Grace (capt.), P. Meagher, R. Brislane, D. O'Meara, G. Frend, M. O'Meara, P. Shanahan, T. Delaney (0-1), P. King, M. Nolan (0-5), M. Murphy (0-2), L. Flaherty, T. Carroll (1-2), K. Kennedy (0-1), T. Dunne (0-3). *Subs:* J. Ryan for M. Murphy.

Nenagh Éire Óg – C. McLoughlin, D. O'Brien, C. O'Donovan, N. Coffey, P. Hennessy, F. Moran, Paul Kennedy, Philip Kennedy, M. Cleary (0-9), P. Dolan (1-1), John Heffernan (capt.), R. Tomlinson, J. Kennedy, N. Corbett, K. Tucker (0-1). *Subs:* D. Finnerty for D. O'Brien, E. Tucker for N. Corbett, C. Bonar for J. Kennedy.

Referee – P. Lonergan (Galtee Rovers).

Man of the match: Michael Cleary.

Attendance: 7,000 +.

1999 – at Semple Stadium

Toomevara 1-17

Nenagh Éire Óg 0-13

Toomevara – J. Cottrell, G. Frend, R. Brislane, Benny Dunne, E. Brislane, T. Delaney, P. Hackett, Terry Dunne, B. Duff (0-1), M. Bevens (0-1), P. King, P. O'Brien (0-5), P. McGrath, Thomas Dunne (1-7) (capt.), J. O'Brien (0-2). *Subs:* T. Carroll for J. O'Brien, A. Ryan for Terry Dunne, M. O'Meara (0-1) for P. King.

Nenagh Éire Óg – C. McLoughlin, A. Quinn, N. Coffey, J. Heffernan, R. Flannery, F. Moran, J. Kennedy, C. Howard (0-1) (capt.), J. Slattery, D. O'Meara, E. Tucker (0-1), J. Tucker, R. Tomlinson (0-3), K. Tucker (0-6), M. Cleary (0-2). *Subs:* H. Flannery for F. Moran, L. O'Gara for J. Tucker, M. Hackett for C. Howard.

Referee – Johnny McDonnell (Roscrea).

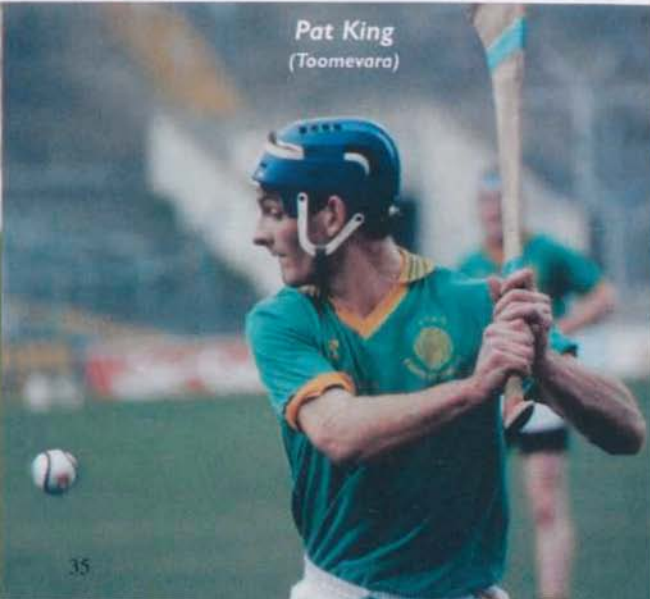
Man of the match: P. O'Brien.

Attendance: 9,049.

Philip Kennedy
(Nenagh Éire Óg)



Pat King
(Toomevara)



Mick Prior Tournament

ON Saturday 30th. September the annual under 10 hurling tournament in honour of the late Mick Prior, a former stalwart of Borris-Ileigh Juvenile GAA Club, took place.

The hosts, Borris-Ileigh, were joined by Drom-Inch, Templederry and Boherlahan-Dualla. Following some very exciting round-robin matches

played in atrocious weather conditions at times, Boherlahan beat Drom in the Plate final, while Borris-Ileigh and Templederry qualified for the Mick Prior Cup final.

In a very hard fought battle the teams were level at half-time but Borris-Ileigh pulled away in the second half to win the tournament for the second year running on a score line of 1-2 to 0-1. Congratulations to the young hurlers of Borris-Ileigh.

Presenting the Cup to Bill O'Connell, the winning captain, Paddy Prior (brother of the late Mick) said he was delighted to see all of young hurlers taking part and enjoying the tournament and the Prior family were delighted to be associated with it. He also thanked the Officers and Committee of Borris-Ileigh juvenile Club for organising the competition each year ensuring that the memory of his brother was kept alive in the Club.



The victorious Borris-Ileigh panel proudly show off the Mick Prior Cup and medals.

Best Wishes

Since the tournament final was played Paddy Prior has been hospitalised and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

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DAN BREEN CUP



The Third Tipperary Brigade Old IRA Commemoration Committee who presented the new Dan Breen Cup to the Tipperary GAA County Board on October 12, 2006 at Lar na bPáirce, Thurles. Back row: (from left) – Barry O'Brien (Co Board Vice-Chairman), John O'Neill, Anthony Ryan, Sean Nugent, Con Hogan, Sally Ryan, Jim Tierney, Bernie O'Doherty, Myles O'Keeffe, Kevin O'Reilly, Raymie Shanahan, Liam Moloney, Betty Nugent. Seated: Michael O'Brien (Co Board Secretary), Sheila Hogan, John Costigan (Co Board Chairman), Pat Hogan (Commemoration Committee Chairman), Carrie Acheson, Seamus Leahy. Photo: Bridget Delaney



Attending the presentation of the new Dan Breen Cup presented by the Third Tipperary Brigade Old IRA Commemoration Committee to Tipperary County Board were (from left) – Michael O'Brien (County Secretary), Richie Flannery (Nenagh Éire Óg captain), Carrie Acheson (Commemoration Committee Secretary), John Costigan (County Chairman), Tommy Dunne (Toomevara captain) and Pat Hogan (Chairman Commemoration Committee).

The Trophies

The Dan Breen Cup was presented for the first time to Toomevara captain and full forward **Martin Kennedy** in 1931. Tom Ryan, captain Éire Óg/Annacarty, had the honour of receiving the trophy from Dan Breen himself in 1943. It was taken out of circulation in 1971 – the last man to receive the original trophy was **Jim Fogarty** of Moyne/Templetuohy.

The second trophy was presented by the Dan Breen Commemoration Committee and **Jackie Hannon** (Roscrea) was its first recipient. **Ger O'Grady** (Thurles Sarsfields) was the last man to receive it on the occasion of their victory in the 2005 County Final.

The new Dan Breen Cup was presented last week to the County Board by the Third Tipperary Brigade Old IRA Commemoration Committee. Who will be the first recipient of this new trophy? – **4.50pm today will reveal all!**

Buiochas

Thanks to the officers in all four clubs who assisted in providing material for today's programme. Special thanks to Ed Donnelly, P.R.O. Tipperary County Board, Seamus O'Doherty and Liam Hogan; to photographers Bridget Delaney, Jerry Ring and Tom Ryan-Casey. Ger Corbett, Programme Editor

PLAYER PROFILE

Paddy O'Brien (Toomevara)

By Leonard Fitzgerald



ONE OF Toomevara's prized assets on display today that came up through the ranks is one Paddy O'Brien. He developed his skills at Cistercian College, Roscrea. Despite rugby been its primary interest, Paddy regularly lined out for the hurling team in the Leinster colleges Championship. After finishing secondary school, University College Dublin was his next landing point. With physiotherapy studies in mind, he also found time to make the Fitzgibbon Cup team immersed in a wealth of inter-county talent.

A Fitzgibbon Cup triumph with the added bonus of a Dublin county

championship win came in quick time before Paddy graduated, but this was only a small part of the success he was about to achieve.

His first appearance in a county jersey was at the Tony Forrester tournament. His performances caught the eye and further elevated him onto the Tipp U16's in 1994 and the Nenagh Co-op sponsored All-Ireland Championship winning squad at Semple Stadium. In 1995, now a year older, he played a significant role in helping the Premier County win a second successive title in the competition, ousting Galway in the final.

Toome' also availed of his services and he helped in no small part to win north Minor and U-21 wins plus securing a coveted county U-21 'A' title. Tipp minor manager Dinny Cahill called him on to the minor panel. Having captured the U-16 All-Ireland title the previous two years, Tipp had reason for optimism. In 1996, The Tipp minors achieved national success with Paddy another invaluable segment in the team's pursuit of glory. A second provincial title followed in 1997, but an uncharacteristic lapse against Galway ended the team's involvement.

That same season, Toomevara regained the North Championship, but Paddy had to wait a little longer to enjoy county success as Boherlahan put them out in the quarter final. Despite the senior disappointment the Toome' minors reached the county final and proved too strong for Golden-Kilfeakle. Paddy operated at wing-forward on Toome's 1998 county senior final victory over Clonoulty-Rossmore.

The following year, he received the John Quirke sponsored 'man of the match' award for his performance against Nenagh.

On the county front, in 1999, the U-21's with the Toomevara ace at no 10 foiled the Banners' quest of a first Munster championship in Cusack Park. In his last year on the County

U-21's, Paddy was included in Tipp's national league squad. He featured at corner forward in Tipp's league final defeat to Galway, but the signs were ominous for the forthcoming championship. Paddy played in all three Munster championship outings against Waterford, Clare and Cork scoring in all three games. The Munster final loss was a bitter pill to swallow as Galway further ended Tipp's participation in the Quarters.

With Paddy now an established member of the county set-up, the future looked bright. However Paddy suffered injury that effectively kept him out of action for quite a while. He returned to the Tipp panel for Tipp's 2001 All-Ireland series. He was further introduced in the All-Ireland final in the final eleven minutes registering an important score that spear-headed Tipp's path to victory. Injury again forced him out of Toome's county final win against the Sarsfields.

By the time Paddy re-emerged in 2002, he was attempting to break into the first fifteen of the All-Ireland champions. Paddy in turn had to wait for his chance. He returned in time to help the Greyhounds claim yet another county crown in 2003. After a sporadic return to the Tipp team in 2004, Paddy had the honour of lifting the Dan Breen Cup after yet another triumph of Sarsfields. On the 21st of November Paddy further lifted the Munster Club trophy after Toome's last minute goal snatched victory from Mount Sion's grasp.

Now after a year out of the spotlight, Toome are hungry for more silverware. There's no doubt that Toome' can be thankful for the opportunism of Paddy O'Brien as his last gasp pile-driver broke the hearts of Mullinahone in the semi-final two weeks ago. If Toome are to complete another chapter in their illustrious history, in completing a coveted tenth title in 15 seasons, they will need Paddy once again to be firing on all cylinders.



REVIEW OF UNDERAGE HURLING YEAR

By John Smith, County Bord na nÓg P.R.O.

Another successful hurling year at County Bord na nÓg level is nearing completion. The highlight of the year on the inter county scene was Tipperary's triumph in the Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland Under 16 final while at club level eight county titles have been decided to date with the Under 16 'A' final still to be played.

Under 12

The three Under 12 finals were played in Semple Stadium and all matches were close and exciting. Two late goals gave Toomevara a dramatic win over Loughmore-Castleiney in the 'A' final. Loughmore held a five point lead with two minutes of normal time remaining and they looked odds on to win but Toomevara didn't throw in the towel and two goals in as many minutes gave the Greyhounds a famous win. Despite failing to score in the second half Kildangan defeated J.K. Brackens in a low scoring 'B' final. Brackens will regret having missed some good scoring opportunities particularly in the second half but they will be the first to admit where it not for a magnificent display by their goalie Kildangan's margins of victory would have been greater. An impressive second half display helped Fr. Sheehy's to claim the 'C' title at the expense of Durlas Óg 'B'. Fr. Sheehy's failed to score in the first half but a powerful second half performance saw them edge out a spirited Durlas Óg side.

Under 14

Durlas Óg dominated the Under 14 grade winning the 'A', 'C' and Feile na nGael titles. The Thurles side retained the 'A' title following victory over Kilruane MacDonaghs in the decider. Despite hanging on grimly for much of the game, an injury time goal from Durlas Óg finally killed off the challenge of Kilruane MacDonaghs in a high quality final. J.K. Brackens became the 'B' champions when they came from behind to score 1-1 in injury time to secure a fantastic win over Borrisokane following an extra-ordinary and very exciting final with the lead changing four times in the last five minutes. Durlas Óg completed a historic county 'A' and 'C' double when their 'B' team defeated Newcastle in a thrilling 'C' final. This was an epic final with a last minute goal giving Durlas Óg the title by the narrowest of margins. Durlas

Óg proved too strong for Clonmel Óg in the Feile na nGael county final. Two goals in less than a minute in the closing stages of the first half laid the foundation for the Thurles side to go on to retain their title.

Under 16

Portroe won the Under 16 'B' title following a two point victory over J.K. Brackens in a thrilling final. This was one of the best finals played in a long time with both sides having periods of dominance during the sixty minutes. Portroe led by seven points at the break. Brackens completed dominated the third quarter and scored seven points without reply to level the match. A Portroe goal in the final quarter proved to be the decisive score and in a pulsating finish the North champions held on for a magnificent victory. The 'A' decider between Durlas Óg and Kildangan has yet to be played.

County Teams

Pride of place this year goes to the Under 16 hurlers who produced a great display of skilful hurling to defeat Clare in the Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland Under 16 Hurling final. This was Tipperary's eight All Ireland Under 16 title and the county's first since 2002. Tipperary defeated Cork and Galway in the group rounds and Limerick in the semi final. The final was played in Semple Stadium and despite conceding two goals inside the opening five minutes Tipp led by four points at half time. They increased the lead to eight points as the game entered the

final quarter and despite Clare reducing the deficit to four points Tipp finished strongly and went on to record an impressive victory on a scoreline of 3-17 to 3-9. 3-12 of Tipperary's total was scored from play.

Tipperary defeated Dublin and Cork in the groups rounds of the Tony Forristal Intercounty Under 14 tournament to set up a semi final meeting with Waterford. Tipp were leading by a point as the match entered the final quarter but Waterford finished strongly and scored a crucial goal with five minutes remaining to go on to win by 1-12 to 1-8.

After a great day's hurling Tipperary suffered a heartbreaking two point defeat to Clare in the final of the Under 15 Carrighoun Tournament. Tipperary won their four group matches defeating Limerick, Cork, Clare and Waterford. Clare who Tipp defeated earlier were their opponents in the final. Tipp were leading up to the last ten minutes of the match when Clare struck for a crucial goal and added two points to take the title on a scoreline of 1-9 to 1-7.

Inter Divisional Competitions

North Tipp retained the Under 16 Garda Cup inter divisional competition following a three point win over South Tipp in the decider and the North Division also won the Peadar Cummins Under 14 inter divisional tournament when they defeated West Tipp in the final. Mid Tipperary suffered an agonising one point defeat to East Clare in the final of the Munster Under 16 final.

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U/12 'A'	Toomevara 3-2	Loughmore-Castleiney 2-3
U/12 'B'	Kildangan 2-2	J.K. Brackens 1-2
U/12 'C'	Fr. Sheehy's 3-1	Durlas Óg 'B' 0-4
U/14 'A'	Durlas Óg 2-10	Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-6
U/14 'B'	J.K. Brackens 3-7	Borrisokane 4-1
U/14 'C'	Durlas Óg 'B' 3-6	Newcastle 1-10
U/16 'B'	Portroe 2-15	J.K. Brackens 2-13
Feile na nGael	Durlas Óg 4-7	Clonmel Óg 0-1

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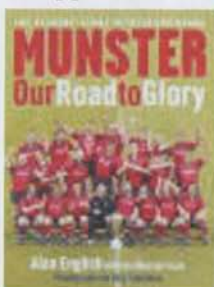
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As the days grow shorter and the temperatures begin to drop, many sports men and women (and their supporters) will be looking forward to a well earned rest over the winter months and time to recharge the batteries for next season.

One area of sport, which only takes off in the depths of winter, is that of sports publishing. It is generally accepted that about 75% of all sports book sales occur between October and December. Indeed most sports books depend on the Christmas market to succeed. There is very good reason for this of course—a good sports book makes an ideal gift. Every year from October on, our bookshelves heave with new titles on sports and sporting personalities of every type, gender, nationality and description.

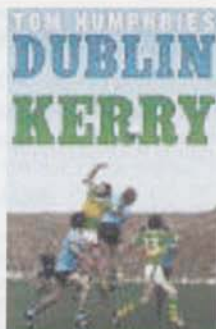
Irish sport and sports people have seen great success not only on the field of play but also in the field of book sales. In Tipperary, hurling and horse racing are the perennial favourites, which is hardly a surprise. This year will be no different and fans of both sports will not be disappointed. The success of Munster in the Heineken



"Our Road to Glory" - ALAN ENGLISH — The official inside account of Munster's epic journey to the top of European club rugby, in the players own words.

Cup has spawned a plethora of books on their quest for the holy grail of club rugby. Likewise Europe's victory in the Ryder Cup will see a number of publications celebrating the event. Gaelic Football is also well represented this year with a couple of outstanding titles.

While we cannot mention them all, we have highlighted just a few of the sports books we feel will be under many a Christmas tree this year!



"Dublin v Kerry" - TOM HUMPHRIES — Splendid account of a golden age of Gaelic football, which was defined by a rivalry that lifted the sport to great heights.



"The Will to Win" - SEAN BOYLAN — The man who brought Meath to remarkable success in twenty years of exceptional management.



"Vincent O'Brien The Official Biography" - JACQUELINE O'BRIEN — The biography of arguably the greatest horse trainer the world has ever seen, now in paperback.

Refurbishment at Semple Stadium



The first phase of the new development plan for Semple Stadium has now commenced following the signing of contracts at Lár Na Páirce Thurles recently. Picture shows (front): Denis Breen (James Sheehan & Ass), Mike King (Duggan Brothers), Con Hogan (Chairman Semple Stadium Management Committee), David Duggan (Duggan Brothers), Frank O'Mahoney (Wilson Architecture); (back): John McCarthy (Wilson Architecture), Niall Fitzgerald (Horgan Lynch), Paul Overy (Overy Associates), Ger O'Leary (Winthrop Electrical).

PHASE ONE of the project will concentrate on the Kinnane Stand, also known as the Old Stand. The present project concentrates on the player facilities under this stand. Four new dressing rooms, equipped to meet present day requirements will be installed. Two referees' rooms, drug testing room, first aid treatment room, stewards' room, catering area, etc.

The open concourse under the stand will also receive a much needed face lift. This area will contain shops, merchandise and catering outlets, etc. Toilet facilities will be improved and new turnstiles installed to ease access to the stadium.

Both Con Hogan, Chairperson

of Semple Stadium and Micheál Egan as Secretary are spearheading the project.

All in all, exciting days ahead for this mecca of Gaeldom, which has hosted our games for almost a century. Go Leanfaidh sé mar seo go deo.



Jimmy Purcell (caretaker) oversees his last project in Semple Stadium.





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Roscrea

Hurling Championship winning teams

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(Defeated finalists in 1963, 1967, 1971, 1976, 1978, 1981, 1982 – Replay, 1985)

In keeping with the tradition of recent years, today's County Senior Hurling Final day will include a tribute to a team of the past. The Roscrea teams which won County Championships in 1968, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1973 and 1980 will be honoured this afternoon. The team meet in Thurles Greyhound Stadium before the match and will be introduced to the crowd after the presentation of the Sean Treacy Cup to the winning Minor captain. After the matches today, the Roscrea panels will travel to Young's of the Ragg for dinner and a night of reminiscing about their achievements of yesteryear. I am sure you will give the teams your full support today. The entire event is being sponsored jointly by the Tipperary Star and Young's of the Ragg.



Roscrea Senior Hurlers, 1968 Co Final – John Dillon leads the Roscrea team in the prematch parade prior to the club's first ever County Senior title. The players marching behind him are:

Patsy Rowland, Mick Hogan, Mickie Nolan, Barney Hogan, Francis Loughnane, Brendan Maher, Tadhg O'Connor, Jackie Hannon, Kieran Carey, Mick Minogue, Harry Loughnane (RIP), Liam Brussels, Tadhg Murphy and Joe Tymon (hidden).

CAPTAINS

John Dillon – A quiet, effective captain who led by example. He curtailed, on a regular basis, the best intercounty forwards of the opposition, without ever giving away unnecessary frees. Won 2 Senior, 3 North, 1 All-Ireland Senior 1965 & U21 1964 with Tipperary.

Mick Hogan – A great role model for the younger player, first one on the training pitch, he gave constructive advice and always encouraged his teammates. Won the first of his 5 Senior County titles at the age of 35. Holder of 6 North, 1 All-Ireland Club, 2 Munster Club, 1 County Junior Football.

Patsy Rowland – One of the best attacking club wingbacks in the county. His accurate deliveries were often the catalyst for attacking moves that were

characteristic of Roscrea Hurling in Tipperary and Munster championships. An outstanding career unfortunately cut short by injury. Won 4 Senior, 6 North, Minor, 1 All-Ireland Club, 2 Munster Club, 1 County Junior Football.

Jackie Hannon – A direct hurler who played a pivotal role at centre forward for the Roscrea team. He was very skilful in switching the play swiftly from wing to wing to facilitate lighter forwards. His powerful striking enabled him to score many goals and points from ground play. Won 4 Senior, 6 North, Minor, 1 All-Ireland Club, 2 Munster Club

Francis Loughnane – Belonged to an era of forwards who were strong, skilful and purposeful. He was unstoppable on route to goal and regularly repulsed nonchalantly the despairing opposition

tackles on his way to classic scores. Holder of 6 Senior, 7 North, Minor, 1 All-Ireland Senior & U21 (Captain), 1 All-Ireland Club, 2 Munster Club, All-Ireland 7 a-side Championship, Oireachtas Cup, 3 All-Star Awards.

Kevin Brady – Represented Tipperary at Minor and U21. Played consistently at cornerback and was very efficient at closing down the opposing forward line. Won 1 Senior, 1 North, All-Ireland 7 a-side Championship, All-Ireland Vocational Schools.

GOALKEEPERS

Tadhg Murphy – His spectacular saves were instrumental in the team's early successes. Represented County in all grades of Hurling and was also a brilliant footballer- 5 Senior, 4 North, U21, Minor Hurling & Football, U16, 1 All-Ireland Club, 2 Munster Club

Joe Rowland – His return to the club in 1980 was a huge asset to the team where he played a significant part in the 6th County Final win. Won 1 Senior, 1 North, and a County Minor Football in 1969

with Inane Rovers. Played in goal for Laois and Shinrone.

Josie Fitzgerald – A great goal-keeper who also played corner forward for the club. Won 2 Senior, 1 North, and a County Minor Football medal with Inane Rovers in 1969 against Templemore Éire Óg.

FULL BACKS

Kieran Carey – A member of Tipperary's renowned full back line, known as 'Hell's Kitchen' and/or 'The Iron Curtain'. Strong and fearless full back who gave sterling service to both club and county. Won 5 All-Ireland Senior, 7 Munster, 5 NHL, 5 Oireachtas, 4 Railway Cups, 3 County Senior, 6 North, 1 All-Ireland Club, 2 Munster Club.

Brendan Maher – A tenacious tackler and a suitable replacement at fullback to follow in Kieran Carey's footsteps. He had a brilliant rapport with referees, even in close encounters and highly charged atmospheres, which sometimes confounded the opposition and bewildered his colleagues alike. Won 6 Senior, 5 North, Minor, U21, 1 All-Ireland Club, 2

1970 Ros Cré v Na Sairsealaigh

SINSEAR

ROS CRE

Dearg agus Bán (red and white).

(1) T. O Murchú (T. Murphy)		
(2) B. O Meachair (B. Maher)	(3) C. O Clardha (K. Carey)	(4) M. O hOgáin (M. Hogan)
(5) P. O Rothlái (P. Roland, Capt.)	(6) T. O Conchubhair S. Mac Cramtain (T. O'Connor)	(7) M. O hOgáin (J. Crampton)
(8) M. O Mionóg (M. Minogue)	(9) P. O Leachtain (P. Loughnane)	
(10) S. O Cuinneagáin (J. Cunningham)	(11) M. O Nualláin (M. Nolan)	(12) D. O Maoldomhaigh (D. Maloney)
(13) S. O hAnnon (J. Hannon)	(14) A. O Leachtain (H. Loughnane)	(15) S. O Teimhnáin (J. Tynan)

Fir Ionaid—(16) B. O Hogan (B. Hogan), (17) A. O Spáineir (A. Spooner), (18) J. O Spáineir (J. Spooner), (19) S. Mac Gearailt (J. Fitzgerald), (20) L. Mac an Ghaill.

SINSEAR

NA SAIRSEALAIGH

Gorm agus bán (blue and white).

(1) S. O Dugáin (J. Duggan)		
(2) T. O Foghlú (T. Foley)	(3) R. O Ceallanain (D. Callanan)	(4) M. Mac Giolla Gunna (M. McElgunn)
(5) S. O Dúill (J. Doyle)	(6) P. O Dúill (P. Doyle)	(7) P. O Leighín (P. Leane)
(8) T. Sempéal (T. Temple, Capt.)	(9) M. O Fogartaigh (M. Fogarty)	
(10) S. O Cuaig (J. Cooke)	(11) S. O Dúill (J. Doyle)	(12) D. O Meachair (D. Maher)
(13) P. O Broin (P. Byrne)	(14) S. Mac Lochlainn (J. McLoughlin)	(15) N. O Cinnéide (N. Kennedy)

Fir Ionaid—(16) B. O'Neill (B. O'Neill), (17) S. O Ruain (I. Ryan), (18) T. O Coláirda (T. Collins), (19) S. Párláil (J. Purcell), (20) L. O Baróid (L. Barrett), (21) T. O Ruain (T. Ryan), (22) L. O Donohú (L. Donoghue), (23) M. O Glasáin (M. Gleeson), (24) N. O Murchú (N. Murphy), (25) T. O Haoghna (T. Hennessy), (26) S. De Búrca (J. Burke), (27) M. O Broin (M. Byrne).



Pictured at the Ragg Pub, in the Ragg, recently were (l to r): Seamus King, chairman of the organising committee; Donal Young, The Ragg, sponsor; John Costigan, Chairman of County Board and Pat Carey, Tipperary Star, sponsor. Photo: Brid Ryan

Munster Club, All-Ireland 7 a-side Championship. Represented the county at Minor & Under 21, New York Tipp GAA 'Person of the Year 2006'.

Tom Tynan – 2 Senior County, Minor, Tipperary Minor 1970. Reliable and tidy cornerback for two championship successes who was rarely beaten and his intelligent clearances set up many attacks.

Sean Moloughney R.I.P. – (Mary Moloughney) 1 Senior, 1 North. Alternated between the full back and full forward positions for the club. Full back on the 1976 team which lost by a point to Moneygall.

Frankie Dooley R.I.P. – (Angela Dooley) Won 1 Senior, 1 North, U21 and Minor. Played full-forward against Blackrock (Cork) in an epic Munster Club encounter in St. Cronan's Park 1973.

Mickie Moloney – Another player who made a significant contribution to Roscrea teams in the sixties which ultimately led to the breakthrough in 1968. Won 1 County Senior, 2 North, Under 21 and Minor.

Seamus Moloney R.I.P. – (Loretta Moloney) A stylish halfback who toiled to great effect with a number of Roscrea teams in the sixties and who eventually achieved their ambition of a first County Title. Won 1 Senior, 1 North, Under 21 and Minor.

Frank Regan – He played consistently at wingback where his long clearances were a feature of his play. He was a member of the history making panel in 1968 and won his second senior in 1973 against Kilruane McDonaghs. Won 2 County Senior, 2 North.

Philip O'Rourke – Outstanding back on a

number of Roscrea winning minor and under 21 teams in the early sixties. Won 1 Senior, 4 Minor, U21. Represented Tipperary Minors 1962&63, Munster Champions and All-Ireland Runners-up in 1963.

Michael Bergin – Gave many fine displays for Roscrea in all grades at cornerback. Won 2 Senior in 1972/1973 and a County U21 against Thurles Sarsfield in 1968.

Jimmy Brady – Played consistently at cornerback on many club teams. Won 1 Senior, 1 North, County Minor and Junior Football with Inane Rovers.

Purdy Loughnane – An outstanding underage player at cornerback. His ability to catch the high ball under pressure was a feature of his play. Won 1 Senior, 1 North, County Minor & U21 All-Irelands with Tipperary. Unfortunate with injuries which curtailed his career.

Paddy Landy R.I.P. – (Maisie Minogue) A strong tenacious cornerback who represented the club in all grades. Particularly strong under the high ball and in keeping the opposition out from the goalmouth. Won 1 County Senior, 2 North, Under 21 and Minor.

HALF BACKS

Tadhg O'Connor – Stylish halfback with an amazing sidestep as he jinxed his way past bewildered attackers in clearing his lines. Fantastic commitment to his club at all times, setting a great example for other prospective county players to follow. He never missed club training sessions during his years representing Tipperary. Won 6 Senior, U21 Club & County, Minor, 1 All-Ireland Club & County (Capt), 2

Munster Club, All-Ireland 7 a-side Championship, 3 All-Star Awards, 1 Oireachtas Cup.

Pat Dynan – A great dual player, who has the distinction with Mickie Nolan, of having both senior hurling and football medals. Won 2 Senior, 3 North, 1 Senior Football, 1 County Junior Football, Oireachtas Cup 1 All-Ireland Club, Munster Club.

Jimmy Crampton – Outstanding wingback and played in that position for Tipperary. His deft clearances to colleagues were a strong feature of his unselfish play. Won 4 Senior, U21, Minor, U15, 1 All-Ireland Club, 2 Munster Club, All-Ireland Vocational Schools.

Kevin O'Connor – Played all grades for club. A strong and determined tackler with great speed which was used to great effect in setting up attacks. Won

1 Senior, 1 North, All-Ireland 7 a-side Championship, 1 NHL with Tipperary at wingback. He is one of four brothers from 1980 winning panel.

Philip Ward – Won 1 Senior, 1 North. Unlucky not to add to his collection when Roscrea lost out by a single point to St Finbarrs in the Munster Cup Final in 1980. Top class footballer with Inane Rovers.

Joe Bergin – Won 1 Senior, 1 North. Joe gave many fine displays for the club in all grades on both full back and half back lines. His clever distribution of the ball set up many fine scores.

Murty Ryan – Played all grades for the club. A great ground hurling exponent whose long clearances set up colleagues for scores. A valuable member of the panel which brought the Senior County and Senior North to Roscrea in 1980.

CENTRE FIELDERS

Jody Spooner – A fine exponent of ground and overhead hurling who was also very versatile. On

winning teams as a back, centre-field, forward in 10 final appearances. Won 4 Senior, 3 North, U21, Minor Hurling & Football, U16, 1 All-Ireland Club, 2 Munster Club. Midfielder on Tipp Minors 69&70, Fitzgibbon Cup UCG, Represented Combined Universities in Railway Cup, Captain All-Ireland 7 a-side Championship.

Mick Minogue – Astute direct hurler who invariably won all the psychological battles against the stiffest of opposition. His unselfish and accurate distribution of ball to his colleagues was of the highest calibre and contributed to many victories. Won 5 Senior titles, 4 in the centre field position, 6 North, 1 All-Ireland Club, 2 Munster Club.

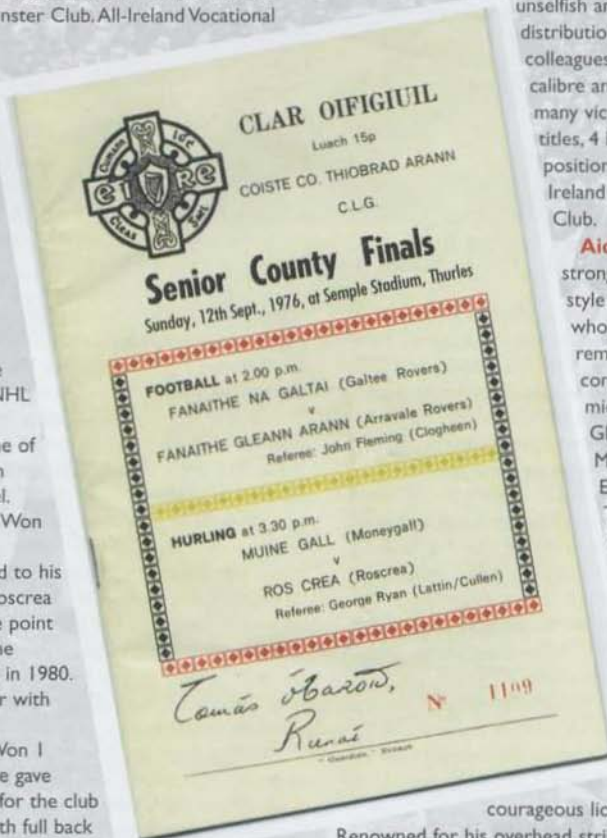
Aidan Spooner – A strong hurler similar in style to Jackie Hannon who will be remembered for his complete domination of midfield v star-studded Glen Rovers in 1st Munster Club win on Easter Sunday 1971 in Tipp town. Won 2 Senior, 3 North, U21, Minor, 1 All-Ireland Club, 2 Munster Club. Tipperary Minor 1963 & 1964.

Donie Moloney – Though small in stature he was a

courageous lion-hearted player.

Renowned for his overhead striking of the ball which ensured a quick delivery to team-mates and also had the effect of wrong footing the opposition. Won 4 Senior, 5 North, U21, Minor, 1 All-Ireland Club (Captain), 2 Munster Club

Peadar Queally – A strong, skilful player, he also played as a forward and was a regular name on the scoreboard. Won 1 Senior, 1 North, NHL. Represented County in all Hurling and Football grades, Fitzgibbon Cup UCD, All-Ireland 7 a-side Championship



HALF FORWARDS

Mickie Nolan – A physical imposing forward who used considerable strength to shield the ball from the opposing backs, instrumental in forging the scoring opportunities for lighter colleagues. Won 3 Senior, 1 Senior Football, 6 North, All Ireland Minor (Captain), U21, 1 All-Ireland Club, 2 Munster Club, 1 County Junior Football.

Liam Brussels – A strong, skilful player. He played mostly at wing forward and was a regular scorer. He also created many scores and fitted in well with the Roscrea system of forward play. Won 3 Senior, 4 North, Minor, U21, 1 All-Ireland Club, 2 Munster Club

Barney Hogan – Strong and forceful forward who invariably provided the mirth to all the 'Spartan' training sessions which endeared him to the players but sometimes brought frustration for the coaches. Won 4 Senior, 5 North, 1 All-Ireland Club, 2 Munster Club, 1 All-Ireland U21, Tipperary Minor.

Liam Spooner – International athlete whose speed was instrumental in breaking down the Thurles Sarsfield halfback line when introduced as an 18 year old in 1968. Won 4 Senior, 3 North, U15, Minor, U21, 1 All-Ireland Club, 2 Munster Club, U21, Minor, All-Ireland Club, Munster Club 2, All-Ireland 7 a-side Championship

Joe Cunningham – He was a prolific scorer at wing forward. His speed and skill made life very difficult for many defences. Won 4 Senior in Tipperary and Dublin (Faughs), 3 North, U21, Minor Hurling & Football, 1 All-Ireland Club, 2 Munster Club. Tipperary Minor and U21 Played in goal for Dublin Hurlers.

Michael (Jackie) Shanahan – Played a significant role at centre forward in 1980 championship. His domination of this position contributed to the steady supply of ball to the inside forward line. This good possession produced many valuable scores. Won 4 Senior, 4 North, U21, Minor Hurling & Football, County Junior, Tipperary Minor panel 1970, 1 All-Ireland Club, 2 Munster Club.

Gerard O'Connor – Speedy and skilful forward who tormented defences with his pace. Won 1 Senior, 1 North. Member of Tipperary Minor & U21 All-Ireland winning teams. Has played all grades of Hurling and Football for club.

John Stone – Gave sterling service as a player to both Inane Rovers in football and to Roscrea hurling club. His strong running opened up many defences and made many scores. Won 1 Senior, 1 North in 1980. John was a member of Tipperary Minor & U21 All-Ireland winning teams.

FULL FORWARDS

Joe Tynan – A real crowd pleaser who regularly embarrassed the best of cornerbacks with his cheeky

Roscrea's Hurling Men

Pat Joe Whelan

On the thirteenth of October in the year of sixty-eight,

The story of a hurling game, to you I will relate,
It was the county final, and all hurling hearts were gay,
When fifteen gallant hurlers brought the title to Roscrea.

Long life to Tadhg Murphy, may he guard the posts for long,
To far famed Kieran Carey, a full-back brave and strong,
And the gallant Michael Hogan, who gave a great display,
Sure hoorah for brave John Dillon, the captain of Roscrea.

Pat Roland so brave and true, and Brendan Maher too,
And the stylish Tadhg O'Connor, whose equals they are few,
Well we'll not forget Pat Dynan, the hero of the day,
His hurling power for half an hour, carved victory for Roscrea.

And Mick Minogue at centrefield, was always to the fore,
With the one and only Frank Loughnane, who got the vital scores,
When hurling men will gather, for to talk of this great day,
They will speak with pride of Frankie boy – the idol of Roscrea.

Now with the men in the attack, I will spend a little while,
To meet the youthful Tynan, who has hurling skill and style,
With Mick Nolan and Liam Spooner, their stickwork paved the way,
And that famous name of Brussels, laid on victory for Roscrea.

So here's to Barney Hogan, in the corner he played fine,
And likewise Jackie Hannon, who always kept on trying,
Sure we'll raise our glass to Harr Loughnane
whose vital goal that day
Was the one that made the bonfires blaze
in good old sweet Roscrea.

Well here's a health to John Joe Maher, a leader loyal and true,
And the evergreen Martin Loughnane, to mention only two,
But to all the men who did command, we'll drink a health today,
For we're proud to see the Dan Breen Cup at last in sweet Roscrea.

goals. Joe was the custodian of the holy water throughout all our campaigns. Won 6 Senior, 9 North, U15, Minor, U21, 1 All-Ireland Club, 2 Munster Club, All-Ireland Vocational Schools. Also an accomplished footballer.

Roger Ryan – Scorer of winning goal in 1980 final against Kilruane McDonaghs when introduced as a substitute. Won 2 Senior, 1 North, Munster and All-Ireland with Tipperary. Currently using valuable experience garnered with Roscrea (including last minute wins) to good effect as a selector with Toomevara.

Willie Stapleton – A vital member of the full forward line who regularly distracted the opposition to allow colleagues score crucial goals. He had the capacity to continue in this vein with colleagues at post-match debriefings, in the dressing room and on the training field. Injury curtailed his exploits on the field. Won 5 Senior, U15, Minor, U21, 1 All-Ireland Club, 2 Munster Club.

Harry Loughnane R.I.P. – (Mary Loughnane) Won 3 Senior, 4 North, 1 All-Ireland Club, 2 Munster Club. Scorer of a crucial goal in 1968 final at corner forward and reversed roles to being a custodian in helping to win an All-Ireland 7 a-side Championship as our goalkeeper eleven years later.

Joe Butler – His speed and skill in the corner forward position made life difficult for many defences in 1980 and he contributed many crucial scores in vital games. Joe won 1 Senior, 1 North, and played County Minor for Tipperary.

Liam Bourke – Represented the club in all grades. Was an outstanding minor and won back to back County Minor titles as an effective forward in the early sixties. He went on to win 1 Senior, 1 North, and an Under 21.

Paul O'Connor – Played for the club in all grades. An accomplished corner forward with great pace which unsettled many full back lines. Won 1 Senior and 1 North. The youngest of the O'Connor brothers on the 1980 panel.

Purdy McMahon – Represented the club in both hurling and football. He played corner forward and gave many outstanding performances in both codes. Won County Senior and North in 1980 and a member of other panels who narrowly lost finals.

Tom Ryan – Forceful and sturdy Full Forward who represented club at all grades. He was always a menace to the opposing full back line and contributed many valuable scores. Won Senior, 1 North in 1980.

Joe Treacy – Youngest member of the six panels. Won 1 Senior, 1 North, All-Ireland Vocational Schools 1980. Joe won an All-Ireland Minor title in 1980 with Tipperary and many juvenile honours with the club.

SELECTORS

- John Joe Maher R.I.P. (Madge Maher)
- Martin Loughnane R.I.P. (Michaél Loughnane)
- Billy Brussels R.I.P. (May Brussels)
- Willie O'Reilly R.I.P. (Anne O'Reilly)
- Joe Cunningham R.I.P. (Jimmy Cunningham)
- Masseur: Danny Moloney

The Roscrea Days

Séamus O'Doherty

1968

15 Sept	Co Quarter Final	at Thurles
	Roscrea.....5-15	Marfield.....1-2
29 Sept	Co Semi Final	at Nenagh
	Roscrea.....3-7	Moyné Templetuohy.....2-6
13 Oct	Co Final	at Thurles
	Roscrea.....2-13	Thurles Sarsfields.....3-4
Captain: John Dillon		

1969

5 Oct	Co Quarter Final	at Nenagh
	Roscrea.....4-11	Borrisokane.....3-7
12 Oct	Co Semi Final	at Nenagh
	Roscrea.....2-12	Lorha.....3-4
26 Oct	Co Final	at Thurles
	Roscrea.....4-13	Carrick Davins.....0-5
Captain: Mick Hogan		

1970

8 Aug	Co Quarter Final	at Nenagh
	Roscrea.....2-8	Newport.....1-8
20 Sept	Co Semi Final	at Thurles
	Roscrea.....5-15	Carrick Davins.....2-9
4 Oct	Co Final	at Thurles
	Roscrea.....3-11	Thurles Sarsfields.....2-12
Captain: Patsy Rowland		

1971

18 Aug	Munster Club Final	at Limerick
	Roscrea.....4-11	Clarecastle.....1-6
14 Nov	All-Ireland Semi-Final	at Loughiel
	Roscrea.....6-10	Loughiel Shamrocks.....2-8
19 Dec	All-Ireland Club Final	at Birr
	Roscrea.....4-5	St Rynagh's.....2-5
Captain: Donie Moloney		

1972

17 Sept	Co Quarter Final	at Thurles
	Roscrea.....2-5	Moyné Templetuohy.....2-3
1 Oct	Co Semi Final	at Cloughjordan
	Roscrea.....3-11	Lorha.....1-11
12 Nov	Co Final	at Thurles
	Roscrea.....5-8	Borrisleigh.....3-6
Captain: Jackie Hannon		

1973

16 Sept	Co Quarter Final	at Thurles
	Roscrea.....3-11	Carrick Davins.....1-12
30 Sept	Co Semi Final	Nenagh
	Roscrea.....5-11	Newport.....4-7
14 Oct	Co Final	at Thurles
	Roscrea.....3-14	Kilruane MacDonaghs.....3-8
Captain: Francis Loughnane		

1980

10 Aug	Co Quarter Final	at Thurles
	Roscrea.....5-12	Carrick Davins.....1-7
31 Aug	Co Semi Final	Nenagh
	Roscrea.....1-16	Thurles Sarsfields.....1-10
28 Sept	Co Final	at Thurles
	Roscrea.....3-11	Kilruane MacDonaghs.....2-13
Captain: Kevin Brady		

ON THIS DAY

By: SÉAMUS O'DOHERTY

THE LAST time the County S.H.C. final was played on October 22 was in 1989, when Clonoulty/Rossmore beat Holycross/Ballycahill by 1-11 to 1-9 at Semple Stadium, Thurles. The westerners led at half-time by 0-8 to 0-5 and a Peter Hayes goal was the decisive score. The winning captain was T. J. Ryan and the attendance – in the aftermath of Tipp's first senior All-Ireland victory in eighteen years – was an amazing 20,000 approximately.

ATTENDANCES

THE next best attendances at County S.H.C. finals over the past 25 years were:

1997 – Mullinahone v Clonoulty/Rossmore	17,020
1995 – Nenagh Éire Óg v Boherlahan/Dualla	14,137
2004 – Toomevara v Éire Óg/Golden Kilfeacle	12,710
2001 – Toomevara v Thurles Sarsfields	12,140
1990 – Holycross/Ballycahill v Cashel King Cormacs	12,000 (approx.)
1991 – Holycross/Ballycahill v Cashel King Cormacs	11,000 (approx.)
2002 – Mullinahone v Thurles Sarsfields (replay)	10,905



Left: Holycross/
Ballycahill 1989.

Below: Clonoulty/
Rossmore 1989.

Below Left: The
late John Moloney
keeps a close eye
on proceedings in
the 1989 final – his
last senior hurling
final assignment.



An Seanphort go Deo

Cad as a dtagann an neart suime seo inar gcluichí dúchais, ní h-amháin ar lá an ochtó míle i bPáirc an Chrócaigh nó fiú i gcluiche ceannais an chontae i lár an Fhómhair? Le roinnt Satharn anuas tá sreaidbhailte beaga na tuaithe plódaithe ag cluichí idirmheánacha agus sóisearacha a bhfuil gach mac máthar agus iníon máthar i láthair as paróistí ó cheann ceann an chontae. Sea, coimhlint idir pharóistí bunchloch an chluiche áille seo agus mion seicheamh de siúd ná an tsean aighneas idir an bhaile mór agus an ceannantar maguaird. Sin díreach atá idir lámha againn inniu.

Ní féidir a shéanadh go bhfuil líon ollmhór daoine ag brú isteach sna bailte móra le gairidbailte le crainn tógála ag bun na spéire, eastáit ollmhóra ag fás in aghaidh an lae agus mura bhfuil na mílte páiste ag súgradh ar na h-eastáit céanna faoi láthair, beidh amach anseo. Is tá cumainn óige na mbailte móra ag saothrú go dian díograiseach, neart páiste ag luascadh camán agus tuismitheoirí ag faire ar an gcliathán ó thúis deiridh na bliana. Ní hamhlaidh atá an scéal faoin tuath agus cé go bhfuil forbairt ar ghach uile bothar go háirithe sna sráidbhailte sin atá imithe ina mbruachbailte, ar an iomlán níl an méadu i líon na dtithe faoin tuath chomh scaipthe ná chomh cuimsitheach fiú ar an talamh méith. Is iarracht ollmhór é i gceantair áirithe tuaithe foireann a chur ar an bhfaiche ó

bhliain go chéile. Ach cogar, cé mhéad uair le fiche bliain anuas a bhfuil Corn Dan Breen lonnaithe i mbaile mór i dTiobraid Árann – ní bheadh an dara lámh uait. Pé rud faoi uimhreacha agus statisticí tá i bhfad Éireann níos mó i gceist ó thaobh fóirne i mbarr réime de. Cé go dtagann Mainistir na Corn. Portomna neo Béal Átha an Rí chun cuimhne láithreach tá sé thar a bheith deacai rpobal iománaíochta le meon is le spiorad a cothú. I ndeareadh an lae is é an tuiscint atá ag an bhfoireann ar a préamhacha, a pobal dúchais féin, cad as dóibh, an bhfuil tobar láidir de chuimhní, de chomharsanacht, de ghaolta agus de chuideachta gur féidir tarraingt as in am an ghatair. Seachas aon rud eile sin a bhéarfaidh an fhoireann ar bhóthar a leasa go barr an tsleibhe.

Ar ndóigh is féidir spioraid pobail a chruthú sna cúl bóithre cúnga dorchá maraon leis an bóithriní casta. Is buntáiste don dá fhoireann go bhfuil aithne acu ar a chéile, gur comharsana béaldorais iad ag maireachtáil ar scáth a chéile. Ar tháinig an tAonach ar chiall ceannaigh? An bhfuil a bport seinnte ag Tuaim Uí Mheadhra? nó cé acu a bhfuil an craos millteanach iontu a réabfaidh isteach sa chluiche agus a bhéarfaidh an báire leo. Pé tsli a chasann sé cuirfear go mór le saibhreas pobail an Aonaigh agum Tuaim Uí Mheadhra inniu.

Larry Barrett R.I.P.

The unexpected death of Larry Barrett, Childers Park, Thurles, during the week, brought great sadness to his many friends in the town and surrounding areas. Growing up on Sarsfield St., Larry had a deep interest and involvement in Gaelic games since he first lined out in the torrid Thurles Street League games of the 1960's. In the following years, he played with Sarsfields in both hurling and football, in all grades. As a hurler, Larry is remembered as a skilled operator, being blessed with a great pair of hands and natural athletic ability.

Here at Semple Stadium, Larry was a valued and reliable member of the stadium staff, being in charge of the scoreboard. This is a position he held for many years until recent times, when the electronic scoreboards were installed.

Larry will be sadly missed by all of us. Sincere sympathy to his wife Josie, Jennifer (daughter), Lar and Jamie (sons). Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.





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