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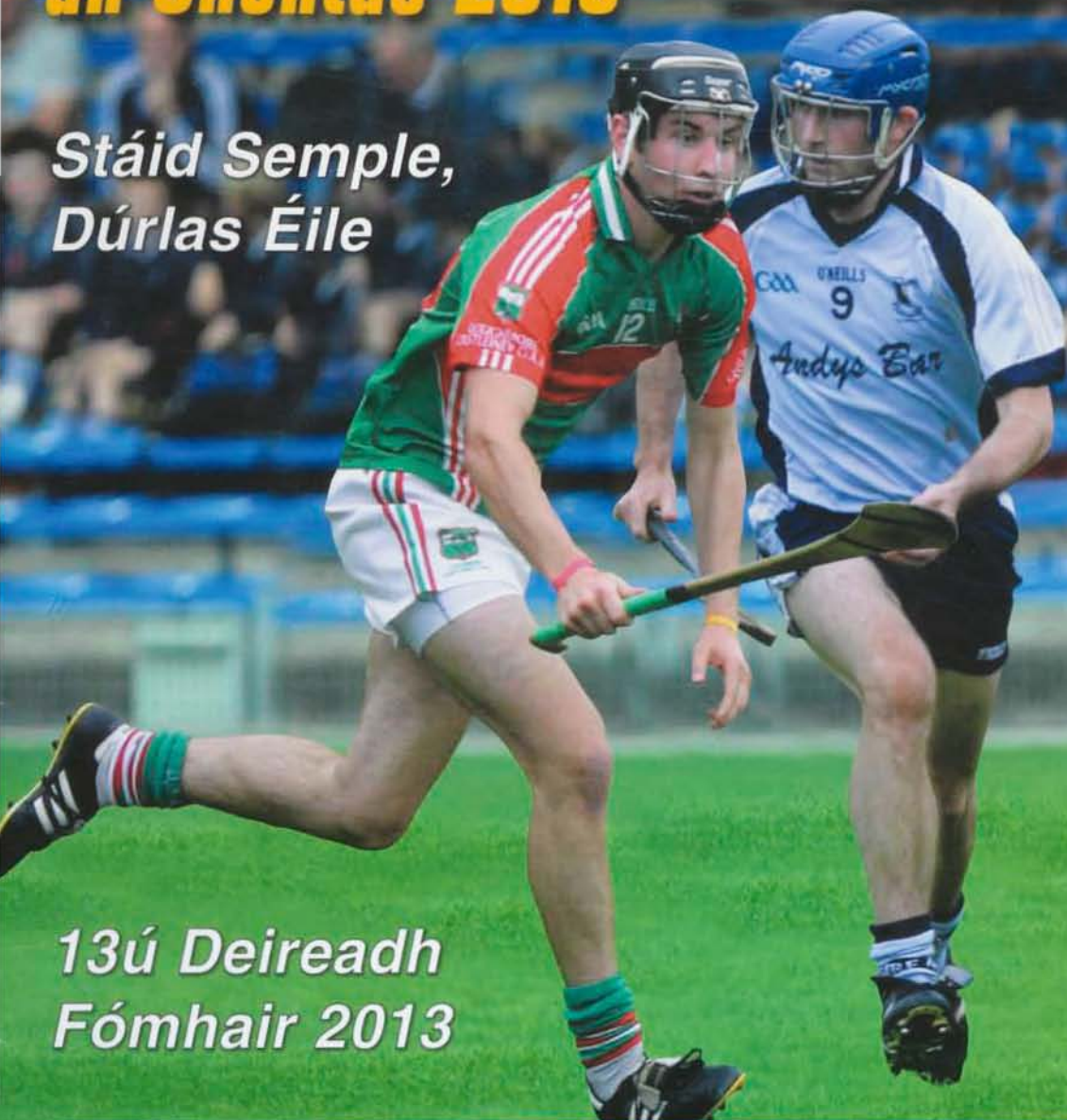
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## Fáilte ón gCathaoirleach



**F**ÁILTE romhaibh go léir go dtí Cluichí Cheannais Iomána Tiobraid Árann anseo i Stáid Semple. Táim cinnte go mbeidh iomaníocht laidir ann idir na foirne ins an dá cluiche cheannais. Fáilte fé leith roimh na h-imreoirí, na h-oifigigh agus na reiteoirí agus tá súil agam go mbeidh sar chluichí spoirtí lá againn.

County final time has come around again and it is my pleasure on behalf of Tipperary County Board to welcome all our valued patrons to Semple Stadium for this showpiece occasion for Tipperary hurling. A special welcome to the teams from Ballina and Moyne-Templetuohy who will contest the Intermediate final and Nenagh Éire Óg and Loughmore-Castleiney who will do battle for the supreme prize in Tipperary hurling – the Dan Breen Cup. It's a great occasion for players and supporters and we all look forward to games that will have the intensity, passion, skill and sportsmanship that Tipperary is renowned for.

The opening game today between Ballina and Moyne-Templetuohy has all the ingredients for an exciting encounter. The Intermediate championship had a new structure for 2013, it provided extra games and opened up new horizons for the clubs involved. Both teams have reached the final on merit and are sure to provide a titanic struggle to win the Jacksie Ryan Cup and assume senior status for 2014.

This year's Senior Championship had an extra bite to it for the clubs involved in that there were so many things to play for and to avoid also. The ultimate prize is on offer today, but failing that to win the divisional title was silverware on the sideboard, while reaching round three of the county championship ensured your place in group one of next year's

championship and of course avoided the dreaded relegation zone for this year and next year's championship. Many prizes then on offer, but the honour of claiming the top prize today falls to the hurlers of Loughmore-Castleiney and Nenagh Éire Óg. Unusually neither won their divisional title but this did not deter them from chasing the ultimate prize with great dedication and determination, which has been rewarded by their presence here today.

Today is an extra special day for the Loughmore-Castleiney club as their county senior hurling champions team of 1988 are being honoured on this occasion. Our thanks to the 'Tipperary Star' and the Templemore Arms for making this possible and to the committee responsible for the organisation of the event.

I want to take the opportunity of thanking Clean Ireland Recycling for their sponsorship of all our championships for 2013 and look forward to their much valued participation in the future.

Best wishes to John McCormack who referees the senior game and John O'Brien who referees the intermediate final and their respective officials and our thanks to all our referees over the course of the year for their outstanding service, led by county co-ordinator John Lonergan.

Finally my thanks to the county C.C.C for their excellent scheduling of fixtures in sometimes challenging and difficult circumstances; to Ger Corbett, programme editor, for his excellent production of programmes on so many occasions; to the many club venues who hosted games and to Semple Stadium management and staff for the excellent facilities on offer.

Go mbeidh sar chluichí againn le cunamh Dé!

**SEÁN Ó NUINSEAIN**

Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Thiobraid Árann

## Buiochas

We hope you enjoy reading today's programme. It has been produced with the assistance of Ger Ryan (County PRO), Tim Floyd (County Secretary), Tom Maher (Assistant County Secretary) and Liam Ó Donnchú. Many thanks to all who contributed articles: Seamus O'Doherty, Noel Dundon, Jackie Cahill, Seamus J. King, Liam Hogan, Pat Bracken, Seosaimhín Ní Chathail and John Guiton. A special word of thanks to Bridget Delaney and Sportsfile for their photographs.

GER CORBETT, Programme Editor



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# Clár an Lae

- 1.00** Ballina amach ar an bpáirc
- 1.02** Moyne-Templetuohy amach ar an bpáirc
- 1.15** Tús an chluiche – *Clean Ireland Recycling Intermediate Hurling Championship Final:*  
**BALLINA v MOYNE-TEMPLETUOHY**  
 Referee: **John O'Brien** (Arravale Rovers)
- 1.47** Leath-am – Mini Games
- 1.57** Tús an dara leath
- 2.30** Críoch an chluiche
- 2.40** Presentation of the Jacksie Ryan Cup to the winning captain by Micheál de Búrca, Leas Cathaoirleach an Chontae, followed by presentation of 'Man of the Match' award (Sponsored by John Quirke jewellers, Cahir)
- 2.50** Presentation of the Loughmore-Castleiney 1988 County Senior Hurling Champions
- 3.08** Loughmore-Castleiney amach ar an bpáirc
- 3.10** Nenagh Éire Óg amach ar an bpáirc
- 3.25** Pre-Match Parade lead by the Moycarkey Pipe Band.
- 3.28** Amhrán na Bhfiann
- 3.30** Tús an chluiche – *Clean Ireland Recycling Senior Hurling Championship Final:*  
**LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY v NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG**  
 Referee: **John McCormack** (Knockavilla Kickhams)
- 4.02** Leath-am – Mini Games
- 4.12** Tús an dara leath
- 4.45** Críoch an chluiche
- 4.55** Presentation of the Dan Breen Cup to the winning captain by Séan Ó Nuinseain, Cathaoirleach an Chontae, followed by presentation of 'Man of the Match' award (Sponsored by John Quirke Jewellers, Cahir)



**SINÉAD GRANT**, Newcastle, Co. Tipperary is today's singer of 'Amhrán na bhFiann'. Sinéad is a second year business student at U.L. and is a girl of many talents. She won the All-Ireland Senior Scór Final in Solo Singing earlier this year with a beautiful rendition of 'There were Ros'. She is very musical and plays both piano and guitar. She has a keen interest in set and sean-nós dancing and has won numerous awards at county, provincial and All-Ireland level for same. To date Sinéad has won five county medals with the Ballymacarbry Senior Ladies Football team and yesterday played in a Munster B semi-final against the Banner team from Co. Clare. Is cailín iildánach í gan dabht.

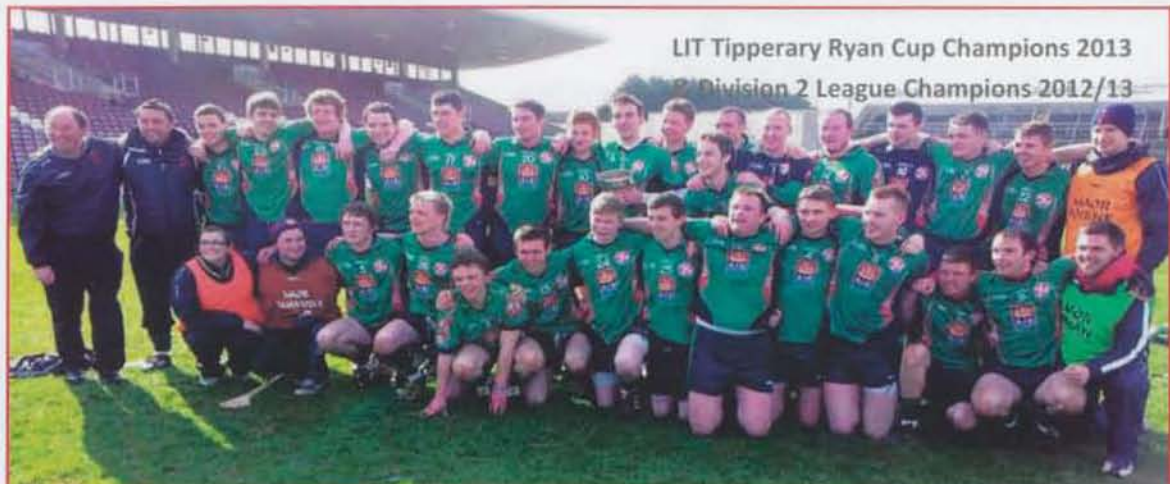


## "Man of the Match" Silver Jubilee

Today, John Quirke Jewellers, Cahir, will sponsor the Senior Hurling "Man of the Match Award" for the 25th year-in-a-row. His first award in 1989 was to Michael Doyle, Holycross-Ballycahill who, though on the losing side, gave a "Man of the Match" performance against Co Champions that year Clonoulty-Rossmore. Tipperary County Board very much appreciate John's commitment to this award and his generosity over the last 25 years.

**Deferred coverage of today's Tipperary Senior Hurling Final will be broadcast on TG4 this afternoon.**





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It is, of course, the year of The Gathering but for the thousands of hurling fans of Ballina, Loughmore-Castleiney, Moyne-Templetuohy and Nenagh Éire Óg this is the 'gathering' that matters most. Today Semple Stadium becomes a crossroads of high emotion for these fans as they come together in hope and expectation that this day, October 13th, 2013 will go down as one of the greatest in their history.

As a family run company that now operates into every corner of Tipperary, we see up-close on a daily basis just what the hurling means to this county. It is more than a game. For so many it is a way of life, a constant conversation that echoes across the county, on the door steps, in the shops, on the streets — pretty much everywhere people gather, you will hear talk of hurling. In many of these areas, too, football is referenced in equally respectful tones but today, hurling takes centre stage. And a great and proud stage it is.

Prior to this year, as fans of the GAA, we were well familiar, of course, with the prestige of the Tipperary club finals. But to be here supporting them as sponsors and experience this great occasion 'up close and personal' is, indeed, a privilege.

For the four participating clubs, their passion and fanaticism for the game crystallises into what will be the most anticipated and tense 70 plus minutes of the year for every man, woman and child who comes from within their club boundaries. The county's countless other hurling fans can sit back in comfortable celebration at the joy of it all as these outstanding club championships come to a head. We think also of the, no doubt, thousands across the globe unfortunate not to be able to join us today in Semple Stadium who will be logging onto the Tipp FM website to join, from afar, in the ebb and flow of it all.

Since we came on board as sponsors earlier this year, we have been fortunate to witness some truly memorable games, meet some outstanding players and tip our hats to the amazing spirit of volunteerism in the background that makes a great day like this come together.

So it is with great joy that we join you here today to celebrate the great Tipperary club finals. Our support is for all four wonderful clubs, indeed for every club that participated in these and the other equally proud Tipperary club championships.

One bit of housekeeping before we conclude, we have a sense ourselves of the sweet taste of success today's victors will savour. Just last weekend we won the prestigious Repak National Industry Award 'Best Kerbside Collection Service' for the second year running. No more than today's winners, that success is a team effort and you, our loyal customers, have been central to that remarkable achievement. We thank you for this and your continued support.

So, we wish all four teams the very best and may the best men win and trust that when all is said and done, we will be around later to clean up the embers of victory and ashes of defeat after what will no doubt be a magnificent day of hurling here at Semple Stadium.

**CAROLINE WALSH**  
Financial Controller





# Solohead Sliothar fetches 4,000 dollars for US Charity

By: JOHN GUITON



**A** FAMOUS hurling ball used in the Centenary Year All-Ireland final in Semple Stadium in 1984, and autographed by the late GAA commentator Micheál O'Hehir, has scooped 4,000 dollars for a US benefit fund.

The historic sliothar was kindly donated to the fundraising initiative by Solohead man Oliver Coffey who had it in his possession since that special day in Thurles all of twenty nine years ago. The ball was recently auctioned as part of a benefit fund established to support the family of 41 year old Cappamore native Ann McDonnell (née O'Malley) whose untimely death caused widespread sadness. A much loved personality, Ann passed to her eternal reward at her home in Pearl River in USA on November 4th 2012, following an illness she bore with typical dignity and fortitude.

The organisers of the McDonnell family benefit fund were very grateful to secure the special piece of GAA memorabilia for the auction. The sliothar found itself flying to the USA following a chat between a couple of Tipperary GAA fans after the national league semi-finals last April. Oliver Coffey, and his friend Mike Ryan (C), both well-known Solohead GAA club stalwarts, were chatting to Dublin-based Mick Bruder and well-known Thurles hurley-maker/repairer, Kilcommon native Noel Ryan, when among the topics discussed was the US benefit fund. Without hesitation, Oliver



Oliver Coffey (left) and Mike Ryan (C).

asked Mick Bruder, who had been in contact with the fundraising committee in US, to inform members that he planned to donate the Centenary final sliothar to the benefit fund auction.

Oliver Coffey and Mike Ryan (C) were watching the 1984 All-Ireland between Cork and Offaly from the terrace at the rear of the town goal in Semple Stadium when a ball struck by famous Offaly forward Pat Carroll (RIP) for a point whizzed in their direction.

In real Solohead style Oliver rose magnificently to the challenge! He came down gallantly with sliothar in hand after an acrobatic leap that was the envy of the Cork defence! Oliver received prompt assistance from his friend Mike when it came to securing their GAA gift! Solohead fellas stick together!

After the game, Oliver procured the legendary commentator Micheál O'Hehir (RIP) to sign the sliothar. Accompanied by his son Freddie, and their friend

Keith Hadnett, the group made its way way to Limerick Junction on the Monday after the game and were delighted when several members of the victorious Cork team signed their names to the sliothar before boarding the train on their triumphant return home. Dundrum House Hotel had been Cork's headquarters on the weekend of the final.

Oliver told me "The ball may be of huge importance to Mike and myself in terms of its history and sentimental value, but, I can assure you it has given me even more pleasure to realise that it raised such a large sum of money for a most worthy fundraising initiative." Oliver and Mike have been the recipients of much praise and gratitude, at home and abroad, for their generous gesture.

County Leitrim native and US based Paul Rowley purchased the sliothar at the auction. In the past he has helped raise money for GAA in New York to enable the Association to open its first GAA pitch in the city.



## ~ Meet the Match Officials ~

### INTERMEDIATE



**John O'Brien**

### Ballina v Moyne Templetuohy

**Referee:** **JOHN O'BRIEN**  
(Arravale Rovers)  
**Std-By Ref:** **Keith Delahunty**  
(Moyle Rovers)  
**Linesman:** **Andy Murray**  
(Upperchurch Drombane)  
**Sideline Official:** **Pat O'Mahoney**  
(Nenagh Éire Óg)

### Loughmore-Castleiney v Nenagh Éire Óg

**Referee:** **JOHN MCCORMACK**  
(Knockavilla Kickhams)  
**Std-By Ref:** **Fergal Horgan**  
(Knockavilla Kickhams)  
**Linesman:** **Sean Bradshaw**  
(Knockavilla Kickhams)  
**Sideline Official:** **Ger Fitzpatrick** (Roscrea)

### SENIOR



**John McCormack**

## Some notable referees

By: SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

**T**AKING a prompt from the four clubs which reached this year's co. semi-finals, it is interesting to note that the most recent county final refereeing appointments were held by Tommy Ryan (Kildangan) who handled the 2007 all-Mid decider between Drom & Inch and Loughmore-Castleiney, while Philly Ryan (Borris-Ileigh) was in charge of the 1964 Thurles Sarsfields v. Holycross-Ballycahill and 1965 Thurles Sarsfields v. Carrick Davins (draw and replay) games.

John Moloney (Galtee Rovers) refereed every county final from 1966 to 1972 inclusive and five more (as well as the 1977 replay) besides, with his last in 1989. Prior to his arrival on the scene, Seamus O'Dwyer (Kickhams) had refereed four consecutive finals from 1956 to 1959. Seamus was a useful hurler himself and shared in Kickhams' golden years in the West championship during the late 1940s and the 1950s. In recent years, his club men Sean Bradshaw (2009) and Fergal Horgan (2012) have also taken charge of the county final. Both of them are on the lines today, as another Kickhams stalwart, John McCormack, referees his first Dan Breen Cup tie.

Hubie Hogan (Lorrha) refereed the 1952 final between Borris-Ileigh and Thurles Sarsfields and was his club's top scorer with 1-2 in their 1956 loss to Thurles Sarsfields. He also came on as a substitute in the 1948 final loss to Holycross-Ballycahill.

Martin O'Grady (Moyne Templetuohy) was top scorer with 1-1 in his club's 1971 win over Roscrea. He was the referee in 1980, when Roscrea

beat Kilruane MacDonaghs and ended their quest for a four in a row.

Michael Doyle of Holycross-Ballycahill played in 1989 (lost to Clonoulty-Rossmore, but was chosen as Man of the Match), 1990 (beat Cashel KC) and 1991 (lost to Cashel KC) finals, before refereeing the 1994 decider, in which Toomevara beat Cashel KC.

Timmy Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore), who refereed the 1955 decider between Thurles Sarsfields and Borris-Ileigh, was the grandfather of Tipperary's 2013 All-Ireland winning Intermediate hurler of the same name and club. Old timers will tell you that Timmy's refereeing style was unique, but that he understood the game, the players' intentions and acted accordingly.

Tommy Semple (Thurles Sarsfields) who refereed the 1954 final between Holycross-Ballycahill and Roscrea at Thurles, was also a hurler of note and he played in county finals with Thurles Sarsfields during a successful spell between 1935-1946. Tommy also served the club as Secretary from 1942 to 1947. He was a member of Tipperary's All-Ireland winning Minor team of 1930. Tommy died in the GAA Centenary Year 1984.

Other legendary figures who refereed the Tipperary Co. final included Johnny Leahy, Roddy Nealon, Bill O'Donnell, Phil Purcell, J.J. Callanan, Con Heffernan, Jerry O'Keefe, Con Murphy (Cork) who went on to become GAA President (1976-1979), and William O'Donoghue from Limerick, who took charge of the 1953 decider and was the last external appointment to a Dan Breen Cup tie.



**Tommy Ryan**



# COUNTY FINAL

By: SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

# moments

## North control

THIS year's decider will be the first North v Mid contest since Toomevara beat Thurles Sarsfields by 2-14 to 0-17 in the 2008 final. The last ten North v Mid finals, going back to Moycarkey-Borris' win over Roscrea in the 1982 decider, saw the advantage with the North on a convincing 7/3 split. For the Mid, Loughmore-Castleiney were winners over Borris-Ileigh in the 1988 replay and Moycarkey-Borris had wins over Roscrea (1982) and Lorrha (1984) respectively. For the North, Toomevara won five titles (1992, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2008), while Nenagh, Éire Óg (1995) and Borris-Ileigh (1983) completed the tally.



## On this date

THE last time a Tipperary County Senior Hurling Final was played on October 13th occurred in 1985 when Kilruane MacDonaghs made an impressive second half recovery to overcome Roscrea by 2-11 to 0-10. The North Tipperary club had a man of the match performance from current Tipperary Bainisteoir Eamonn O'Shea and went on to lift Provincial and All-Ireland honours afterwards.

## All-Stars

NENAGH Éire Óg's Michael Cleary holds four awards, which he won in 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993.

Loughmore Castleiney's Noel McGrath won two awards in 2009 and 2010.



## Unique final

TODAY'S clash of Nenagh Éire Óg and Loughmore-Castleiney is a first ever final meeting, although the clubs have met in the concluding stages of the championship over the past three decades. They came face to face in the 2007 semi-final at Semple Stadium, which the Mid men won by 0-15 to 0-13. Prior to that they had been quarter final opponents in 1988 at Leahy Park, Cashel, with victory also claimed by the Mid representatives, on a 3-8 to 0-9 scoreline. People with long memories will recall the great under-age rivalry in the late 1970s, when the clubs played some wonderful games in the Minor and Under-21 grades.

## Club records

THE highest score recorded in a county final by a player from today's participating clubs was: Loughmore Castleiney - Pat McGrath 1-8 in the 1987 final loss, against Cappawhite.

Nenagh Éire Óg - Michael Cleary 0-9 in the 1993 final loss to Toomevara.

## Holy show

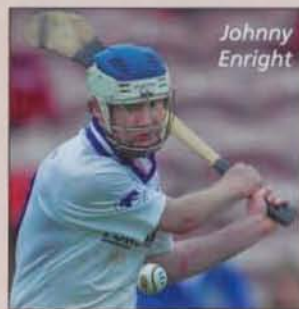
THE last time that a club won the Dan Breen Cup by scoring more goals than points was on October 3rd, 1954, at Thurles Sportsfield when 10,000 people saw Holycross-Ballycahill, captained by Francis Maher, who top scored with 1-3, beat Roscrea by 5-4 to 2-3 in a game which was refereed by Tom Semple.

## Unlucky thirteen

SEVEN finals have been won by a point and on four occasions the losers' points tally was thirteen. Those unlucky teams were Roscrea 1978, Kilruane MacDonaghs 1980, Loughmore-Castleiney 1987 and Nenagh Éire Óg 1993.

## Ups and downs

JOHNNY Enright had a long and successful career with Thurles Sarsfields, but it wasn't all a bed of rose. He captained Sarsfields in 2001 when they retained the Mid title and came face to face with Toomevara for the second consecutive year in the county final. Despite his wonderful contribution of 1-9, they lost badly. The breakthrough season was in 2005 when he won a well deserved county medal with victory over Toomevara in the quarter-final, Loughmore-Castleiney in the semi-final and Drom & Inch in the decider. His 2008 and 2009 experiences couldn't have provided more of a contrast. A 0-13 contribution wasn't enough to help his club to victory in 2008, as Toomevara won the Dan Breen Cup by three points. In 2009, he scored just 0-5 in the decider, surprisingly finished as top scorer, but more importantly captained the winning team as Drom & Inch were beaten again.





# All to play for IN UNIQUE DECIDER

By: NOEL DUNDON 'Tipperary Star'



**I**T'S COUNTY Senior Hurling Final day in The Premier County – the biggest day on the domestic hurling scene.

A lot of hurling has been played throughout the length of Tipperary and what a summer of fare it has been. Favourites have fallen; then the new favourites fell; then the new favourites again fell. And so, here we are with Nenagh Éire Óg taking on Loughmore-Castleiney in a unique decider which pundits find very hard to call.

Nenagh Éire Óg have been the giant killers this season and as they ready themselves for battle this afternoon, they know that one more massive performance can bag them their second ever county senior hurling title. They have gone to the well this season and drawn from deep within to make it to the decider and now they stand on the precipice ready to make that leap of faith into the champions enclosure. Sounds easy, doesn't it – thing is they are staring down the barrel of a shotgun held by Loughmore-Castleiney.

The Mid men have resurrected their season after a dismal showing in the Mid Final and have battled adversity and trials as they journeyed through the campaign. They have not hurled as they would wish so far – perhaps this is the day it will all fall into place. You can

only but admire their tenacity and their sense of purpose as they battled and scrapped for possession en-route to today's milestone.

Nenagh Éire Óg probably played within themselves in the semi-final replay against Kildangan. They have hurled with a lot of freedom and seem to relish the space Semple Stadium affords. Their attack has been impressive in their score taking while defensively they have been solid enough too. And, in midfield they have the evergreen Kevin Tucker who helps make them tick – he was there for their first title and would make a perfect link were they to capture the Dan Breen Cup this evening.

Loughmore-Castleiney's 2007 title is more recent but patrons here today will acknowledge the fabulous team of 1988 which won their first ever title. Eleven of the fifteen players came from four households in the parish and now 25 years later, there is a fair sprinkling of the same names coming through again. Were they to win today it would make for an amazingly special day for the club and parish.

After a disappointing season on the inter-county scene for Tipp, the hope is that the club spotlight will continue to shine brightly. Next year, a new format will be tried out and if it yields as many good games as this year, we will be happy enough.

So, it's down to two now – who will win it? Time will tell.

Enjoy the game.



Photographed at the press launch for the Clean Ireland Recycling Tipperary County Senior Hurling Championship Final between Loughmore-Castleiney and Nenagh Éire Óg (from left): Kevin Tucker (Nenagh Éire Óg's longest serving player), John McCormack (Referee, Knockavilla/Kickhams) and Ciarán McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney Captain). (Photo: Bridget Delaney)



# COUNTY FINAL

By: SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

## moments

### Scoring star

**A**MONG the Loughmore-Castleiney team of 1988, which is being honoured today stands a player with an unusual record. A member of the famous GAA family, Pat McGrath, topped the scoring returns for the Tipperary quarter-final, semi-final and final in 1983, scoring an impressive and consistent 0-8 per game. He is the last man to top the scoring list in those three rounds of the county championship.



Pat McGrath

### Point spree

**T**HE highest ever return of points in a Tipperary county final was achieved by Nenagh Éire Óg, with 25 in their 1995 win over Boherlahan-Dualla. Other high tallies were achieved by Loughmore-Castleiney, 22 v. Drom & Inch in 2007, Toomevara 22 v. Thurles Sarsfields in 2001, Thurles Sarsfields 21 v. Drom & Inch in 2012 and Toomevara 21 v. Nenagh Éire Óg in 2006. Not surprisingly, the club which registered these points claimed victory every time.

### Low point

**T**HE lowest ever score in a final was the Thurles 0-3, North Tipp 0-0 return in the 1887 decider.

### Scoreless

**I**T IS hard to imagine it happening nowadays, but there have been four occasions that teams failed to score in the county final. The clubs which had the misfortune to lose without raising a flag were: 1887 North Tipp lost to Thurles 0-3 to 0-0; 1894 Thurles lost to Drombane 4-4 to 0-0; 1913 Cashel lost to Toomevara 2-3 to 0-0; 1916 Toomevara lost to Boherlahan 2-2 to 0-0.

### High scoring

**T**HE highest scoring decider was the 2003 clash of Toomevara 3-19 and Thurles Sarsfields 3-16. The next best was the 1909 final between Thurles 10-4 and Racecourse Grangemockler 5-2. That game, which was played at Fethard, holds the record for most goals scored in a county final. The nearest challenger was the 1937 final between Moycarkey-Borris (7-7) and Cashel (6-2), which yielded 13 goals.

### No goals

**T**HERE have been six county finals which failed to produce a goal. Those barren final years were 1887, 1986, 1990, 2002 (draw), 2007 and most recently 2009, when Thurles Sarsfields beat Drom & Inch by 0-14 to 0-5.



Action from the 2009 County Senior Hurling Final between Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) and Eamonn Buckley (Drom & Inch). (Photo: Brian Lawless/Sportsfile)

### Record wins

**T**HE record winning margin for a county final was set in 1942, when Thurles Sarsfields beat Killenaule at Boherlahan on a scoreline of 8-5 to 0-1. The winning captain was Jim Lanigan, who received the Dan Breen Cup for a record 5th time. His previous wins were in 1935, 1936, 1938 and 1939.

### Timely advice

**L**AST August, Thurles Sarsfields and Carrick Davins played in the final of the Seamus LÓ Riain Cup at Clonmel Sportsfield, with Michael Cahill leading 'The Blues' to victory. The clash brought back memories of their 1965 drawn and replayed County final meetings. Sarsfields won the replay by 3-11 to 2-7, thus completing a second five in-a-row over eleven seasons. The match programme (which was a modest production in comparison with this edition) for the replay at Cashel Sportsfield on Sunday, November 21st @ 2.30 pm cost 1 shilling and carried five pieces of advice on the page bases. These gems were – Speak your language ... Wear an Fáinne nua ... Buy Irish goods ... Keep our roads safe ... Join Brú na nGael.



Michael Cahill



# PREVIEW *Clean Ireland Recycling County Intermediate Hurling Final*

By: LIAM HOGAN



**T**ODAY'S curtain raiser provides a novel pairing as Ballina take on Moyne-Templetuohy in the Clean Ireland Recycling County Intermediate Hurling Final.

It's certainly novel in the sense that this is only Ballina's second appearance in a County Intermediate decider, having lost to Silvermines twelve months ago. Moyne-Templetuohy last appeared in the 2004 decider when losing to Kildangan, but they were winners in 1961, 1965 and 1983.

Sunday's meeting will be the second clash between the teams as Ballina had one point to spare in the opening game of the new County Championship open draw format. Ballina went on to top the group with Moyne finishing second.

Looking back to last year, Ballina lost two important finals in six days when losing to Silvermines in both the County final and the North decider six days later.

It was another disappointing week in the club as their quest for first time honours continued but that changed just last August when they defeated Shannon Rovers in the North final by nine points. It was a comprehensive win and just rewards for their loyal men, such as Martin McKeogh, Roddy Kennedy, Patrick Cosgrave,

Thomas Collins, Jerry O'Brien and the Stritch brothers.

As the North success coincided with the team's progress in the new County Championship, the progress continued with Brendan McKeogh's men adding good wins over Clonakenny in the quarter-final and Lattin Cullen Gaels in the semi and with the youthful Stephen O'Brien, Michael Breen and Kevin Cosgrove enhancing their team.

Meanwhile, Moyne-Templetuohy had mixed fortunes. They lost to Clonakenny in the Mid final but recovered lost ground by way of a narrow win over Sean Treacys in the quarter-final.

A semi-final meeting with Newport saw the Mid side come from a disastrous start to win by the narrowest of margins once more. It was a day when Tom Meade, John Coghlan, Simon Everard and Martin Kelly came to the fore. Changes by Moyne management helped the cause with Liam Butler moving from the left wing to man the centre back berth while Thomas Hassett left his wing forward position to take up employment at wing back. The moves certainly shored up the defence as John Coghlan, Pierce Meade and James Moloney gave little away in the inside line.

Certainly this Moyne side can certainly dig out a win and they will need to be a full throttle against a Ballina side that are setting up high returns each and every day.

To call it – Ballina to win.



Moyne-Templetuohy and Ballina contest today's Clean Ireland Recycling County Intermediate Hurling Championship Final with John O'Brien as Referee (from left): Tom Meade (Moyne-Templetuohy Vice-Captain), John O'Brien (Referee) and Roddy Kennedy (Ballina Vice-Captain).

(Photo: Bridget Delaney)





David Hickey  
(Captain)

# Ballina



## Players Profile

	Age	Occupation
Aaron Devane	33	Shop owner
Adrian Hurley	19	Student
Adrian Power	17	Student
Aidan Hanly	18	Student
Brian McKeogh	28	Teacher
Brian O'Connor	22	Production Assistant
Brian Stritch	38	Carpenter
Conor Maguire	17	Student
Daniel Frawley	28	Teacher
David Hickey	30	Electrician
Des Morgan	35	Auctioneer
Diarmaid Healy	27	Chemist
Domhnall McKeogh	29	Construction Manager
Donal Kent	23	Student
Eamonn Hayes	20	Student
Eamonn O'Sullivan	31	Technician
Eoin Kent	22	Student
Eoin Sheehy	27	Financial Services
Fergal Collins	23	Fitness Instructor
James Murtagh	17	Student
Jerry O'Brien	28	Electrician
Kevin Cosgrove	31	Student Recruitment Officer
Martin Kennedy	20	Student
Pat Kennedy	30	IT
Padraig Sheehy	31	Teacher
Martin McKeogh	27	Insurance Rep
Michael Breen	19	Student
Niall Sheehy	20	Student
Paul Ryan	28	Blocklayer
Rody Kennedy	27	PE Teacher
Ronan Bourke	17	Student
Sean Collins	38	Warehouse Manager
Sean McKeogh	31	Auctioneer
Stephen O'Brien	18	Student
Stephen Stritch	29	Engineer
Thomas Collins	29	Bank Official
T.J. O'Connell	28	Farmer
Pat Cosgrove	27	Civil Engineer

## Ballina Path to Final

### Clean Ireland Recycling County Intermediate Hurling Championship:

- Rd 1 – April 27th: Ballina 0-13, Moyne-Templetuohy 0-12  
 Rd 2 – May 5th: Ballina 3-15, Drom & Inch 0-15  
 Rd 3 – July 20th: Ballina received a walkover from Fr. Sheehy's  
 Rd 4 – July 27th: Ballina received a walkover from St. Mary's, Clonmel

### Denis Meats North Tipperary Intermediate Hurling Championship:

- Semi-Final – Aug. 10th: Ballina 4-19, Ballinahinch 4-16  
 Final – Aug. 30th: Ballina 1-20, Shannon Rovers 1-11

### Clean Ireland Recycling County Intermediate Hurling Championship:

- Quarter-final – Sept. 22nd: Ballina 2-21, Clonakenny 2-12  
 Semi-final – Sept. 28th: Ballina 0-19, Lattin Cullen 2-11

Total scores – For 10-107, Against 9-77



Ballina Team Management (l.-r.): Jim McGrath, Martin McInerney, Adrian King, Ger Hurley, Brendan McKeogh (Manager).



Ballina – Denis's Meats North Intermediate Champions for the first time ever. Back row: Jim McGrath (Selector), Adrian Hurley, T.J. O'Connell, Eoin Sheehy, Brian McKeogh, Steven O'Brien, Jerry O'Brien, Adrian Power, Daniel Frawley, Aaron Devane, Brian O'Connor, Martin McKeogh, Michael Breen, Conor Maguire, Eamon Hayes, Paul Ryan, Patrick Kennedy, Rody Kennedy, Adrian King (Selector), Eamon O'Sullivan, Ger Hurley (Selector), Brendan McKeogh (Manager), Mike Breen (First Aid). Kneeling: Stephen Stritch, Eoin Kent, David Hickey (Capt.), Fergal Collins, Kevin Cosgrove, Sean Collins, Thomas Collins, Sean McKeogh, Pat Cosgrove, Aidan Hanley, James Murtagh, Des Morgan, Donal Kent, Niall Sheehy, Martin Kennedy, Donal McKeogh, Martin McInerney (Selector), Ger Spaight (Hurley Carrier).

(Photos: Bridget Delaney)





**SIMON EVERARD**  
(Captain)

# Moyne-Templateuohy



## Management and Backroom Team

MANAGER:	Theo Lloyd.
SELECTORS:	Willie Fogarty, Tom Guilfoyle, Liam Stapleton, Timmy Bergin, Claire and Tricia Hassett
PHYSIO:	Teresa Everard
FIRST AID:	Teresa Everard
HURLEY AND WATER:	
CARRIERS:	Dominic Everard, Mark Dunne and James Butler.

## Moyne-Templateuohy Path to Final

27/04/2013 IHC: Ballina 0-13, Moyne-Templateuohy 0-12  
 03/05/2013 IHC: Moyne-Templateuohy 2-18, St. Mary's Clonmel 3-11  
 07/06/2013 IHC: Moyne-Templateuohy 5-23, Fr. Sheehy's 0-07  
 20/07/2013 IHC: Moyne-Templateuohy 1-14, Drom & Inch 0-17  
 15/09/2013 IHC: Moyne-Templateuohy 1-17, Ballybacon-Grange 0-10  
 22/09/2013 IHC: County Qr. Final: Moyne-Templateuohy 1-14, Sean Treacys 1-10  
 29/09/2013 IHC: Semi-Final: Moyne-Templateuohy 1-14, Newport 1-13

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Moyne-Templateuohy Management (from left): Willie Fogarty, Liam Stapleton, Timmy Bergin, Theo Lloyd (Manager), Tom Guilfoyle.

## Players Profile

	Age	Occupation
Eddie Kelly	29	Mechanic
Cathal Ely	34	Shop Manager
John Coughlan	24	Teacher
Pierce Meade	20	Student
Robert Larkin	18	Student
Colm Everard	32	Lecturer/Engineer
Liam Butler	22	Sales Manager
Tom Meade	20	Student
Niall Russell	27	Block Layer
Tomas Hassett	26	Fitness Instructor
Simon Everard	33	Tax Consultant/Solicitor
John Hassett	29	Engineer
Martin Kelly	21	Barman
Hugh Coughlan	29	Garda
Diarmuid Fogarty	22	Student
Joe Leahy	34	Mining Technician
Jason Bergin	20	Student
James Moloney	19	Student
Paul Maher	18	Student
Louis Everard	32	Technician
Jack Fogarty	24	Trainee Accountant
Denis Kelly	27	Mill Worker
Joe O'Grady	25	Farmer
Odhran Lloyd	33	Teacher
Padraig Costigan	36	Ag. Adviser
Tomas Egan	31	Tiler
Cathal O'Loughlin	28	Technician
Ronan Ely	28	Shop Manager
Brian Kelly	26	Carpenter
Gerry Maher	28	Engineer
Enda Everard	37	Sales Rep.
Michael Esmond	34	Garda
Donnacha Dunne	19	Student
Gearoid Leahy	24	Student
Declan Kelly	29	Builder
Aidan Kelly	21	Block Layer
David Costigan	27	Trainee Pilot
Shane Ryan	18	Student



Moyne-Templateuohy panel that defeated Newport in the Clean Ireland Recycling County IHC semi-final. Back row (l-r.): Enda Everard, Brian Kelly, Jason Bergin, Louis Everard, Gerry Maher, Joe O'Grady, Paul Maher, Denis Kelly, John Coughlan, Cathal Ely, James Moloney, Odhran Lloyd, Paucir Costigan, Colm Everard, Pierce Meade, Ronan Ely. Kneeling: Simon Everard (Capt.), Tom Egan, Diarmuid Fogarty, Jack Fogarty, Liam Butler, Martin Kelly, Eddie Kelly, Tom Hassett, Hugh Coughlan, Robert Larkin, Tom Meade, Niall Russell, John Hassett.

(Photo: Bridget Delaney)





# Ballina

Dathanna: Gorm agus Bán

INTERMEDIATE

	1m LEATH	2m LEATH	IRISHMAN
CUIL			
CUILINÍ			
SEACHAÍ			
GSN			
SADH POCANNA			



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| 16. A. de Paor<br><b>ADRIAN POWER</b>      | 21. E. Ceannt<br><b>EOIN KENT</b>          | 26. A. Ó hAinle<br><b>Aidan Hanley</b>            | 31. E. Ó hAodha<br><b>EAMONN HAYES</b>       | 36. S. Ó Murchú<br><b>JAMES MURPHY</b> |
| 17. R. Ó Cinnéide<br><b>RODY KENNEDY</b>   | 22. F. Ó Coileáin<br><b>FERGAL COLLINS</b> | 27. E. Ó Súilleabháin<br><b>EAMONN O'SULLIVAN</b> | 32. D. Ó Muireagáin<br><b>DES MORGAN</b>     | 37. P. Ó Sioda<br><b>PAUDIE SHEEHY</b> |
| 18. P. Ó Cinnéide<br><b>PAT KENNEDY</b>    | 23. B. Straoits<br><b>BRIAN STRITCH</b>    | 28. N. Ó Sioda<br><b>NIALL SHEEHY</b>             | 33. A. Ó hUirthuille<br><b>ADRIAN HURLEY</b> | 38. R. de Búrca<br><b>RONAN BOURKE</b> |
| 19. P. Ó Riain<br><b>PAUL RYAN</b>         | 24. S. Ó Coileáin<br><b>SEAN COLLINS</b>   | 29. D. Ó hÉill<br><b>DIARMUID HEALY</b>           | 34. M. Ó Cinnéide<br><b>MARTIN KENNEDY</b>   |  |
| 20. B. Ó Conchúir<br><b>BRIAN O'CONNOR</b> | 25. C. Mag Uidhir<br><b>Conor Maguire</b>  | 30. A. Ó Dubháin<br><b>AARON DEVANE</b>           | 35. D. Ó Freaghaile<br><b>DAN FRAWLEY</b>    |  |

Manager: Brendan McKeogh. Selectors: Martin McInerney, Jim McGrath, Ger Hurley, Adrian King.

Equipment: Ger Spaight. First Aid: Michael Breen.

# Moyne-Templetuohy

Dathanna: Glas agus Ór

**INTERMEDIATE**

	1. Am LEATH	2. Am LEATH	3. Am LEATH
CÚIL			
CÚILÍ			
SEACHAI			
OS			
SABH POCANNA			



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|---|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| 16. S. Ó Laocha<br><b>JOE LEAHY</b>       | 21. S. Ó Fógartaigh<br><b>JACK FOGARTY</b>     | 26. T. Mac Aogáin<br><b>TOMÁS EGAN</b>         | 31. E. Eibhearard<br><b>ENDA EVERARD</b>     | 36. S. Ó Riain<br><b>SHANE RYAN</b> |
| 17. C. Eibhearard<br><b>COLM EVERARD</b>  | 22. D. Ó Ceallaigh<br><b>DENIS KELLY</b>       | 27. C. Ó Lochlainn<br><b>CATHAL O'LOUGHLIN</b> | 32. M. Easmann<br><b>MICHAEL ESMONDE</b>     |                                     |
| 18. C. Ely<br><b>CATHAL ELY</b>           | 23. S. Ó Gráda<br><b>JOE O'GRADY</b>           | 28. R. Ely<br><b>RONAN ELY</b>                 | 33. D. Ó Doinn<br><b>DONNACHA DUNNE</b>      |                                     |
| 19. P. Ó Meachair<br><b>PAUL MAHER</b>    | 24. O. Lóid<br><b>ODHRAN LLOYD</b>             | 29. B. Ó Ceallaigh<br><b>BRIAN KELLY</b>       | 34. G. Ó Laocha<br><b>GEARÓID LEAHY</b>      |                                     |
| 20. L. Eibhearard<br><b>LOUIS EVERARD</b> | 25. P. Mac Oistigín<br><b>PADRAIG COSTIGAN</b> | 30. G. Ó Meachair<br><b>GERRY MAHER</b>        | 35. D. Mac Oistigín<br><b>DAVID COSTIGAN</b> |                                     |

Manager: Theo Lloyd. Selectors: Tim Bergin, Willie Fogarty, Liam Stapleton, Tom Guilfoyle.

First Aid: Teresa Everard. Physios: Claire & Tricia Hassett.



# Tom KING

Loughmore-Castleiney

By: JACKIE CAHILL



**T**OM KING'S determined to soak in every last moment this time around. Six years ago, he admits that he got caught up in the hype a little bit as Loughmore-Castleiney stormed to county final glory. But King is 32 now, a few years older and wiser, and he's determined to remain grounded.

The club's march to another Clean Ireland Recycling county decider brings back memories of that stellar 2007 campaign, when Loughmore-Castleiney claimed Tipperary and provincial honours.

"It does and really gives the place a lift," says King, enjoying another solid campaign in the half-back line.

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"When you experience it once, it's nearly easier the second time around. You don't get caught up in the hype and you can enjoy it a bit more."

"You can see what it means to everyone. When you experience it once, it's nearly easier the second time around. You don't get caught up in the hype and you can enjoy it a bit more."

In 2007, King was one of the main reasons why Loughmore-Castleiney did so well.

His excellent form prompted a clamour for him to be included in the county squad for the following campaign but the call never came and that came as a disappointment.

"Absolutely," he nods. "It's everyone's dream to

get in and play for Tipp at senior (championship) level.

"But the competition is so fierce in Tipp. It's a regret that I have but there's nothing I can do."

Nevertheless, King can claim a Munster minor hurling championship medal with Tipperary from 1999, and he also played in the All-Ireland final of that year against Galway.

King got the call after he lined out at senior level for the club for the first time in 1998, with his debut coming in Mid divisional final of that year.

"I was a sub up to that," King recalls. "We lost Noel Morris and David Kennedy through injury and illness. I got in there through default and I've been hanging in ever since."

King also played two years at U21 level for Tipperary but in both years, Tipp were pipped by an all-conquering Limerick in memorable matches.

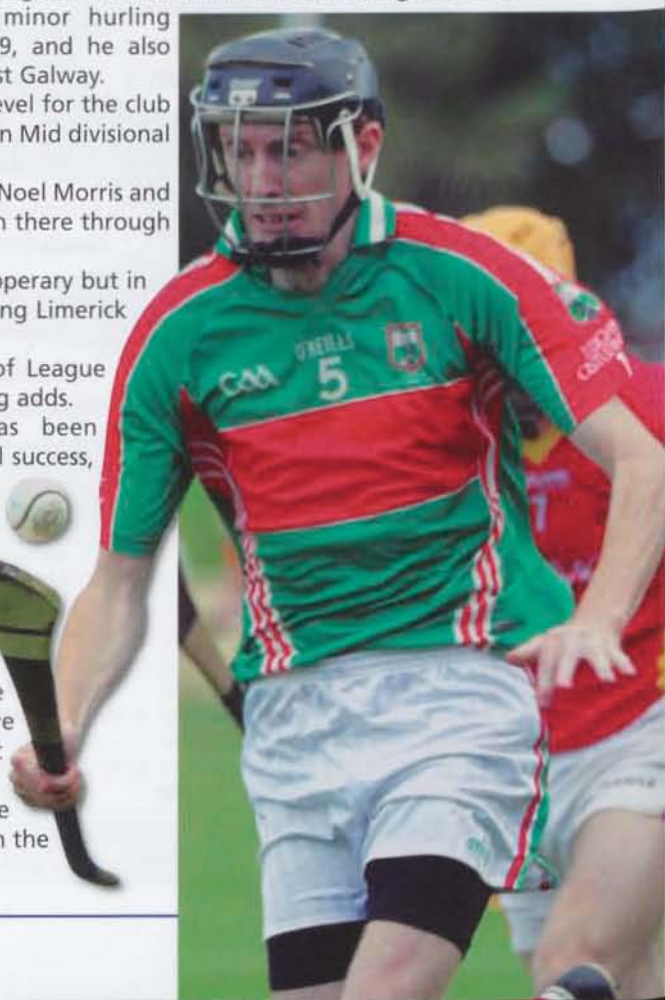
"I was with the Tipp seniors for a handful of League matches but that's as far as I got with that," King adds.

But with Loughmore-Castleiney, King has been fortunate enough to taste county and provincial success, with possibly more to come.

And victory against Nenagh Éire Óg this afternoon would cap a remarkable turnaround after a heavy defeat against Drom & Inch in the Mid final.

"That turned out to be a disaster," King admits. "And that's two years in a row. In that ten minute spell in the first half, Drom turned the screw and there was no way back. But we regrouped after that and asked ourselves: what do we want to get out of the year?"

Around ten to five this evening, they could be collecting the most coveted piece of silverware in the county. And what a turnaround that would be.





# Ritchie FLANNERY *Nenagh Éire Óg*

By: JACKIE CAHILL



SOME may try to overcomplicate it but in Ritchie Flannery's eyes, hurling remains a simple enough game.

His philosophy is straight-forward and the template upon which Nenagh Éire Óg's march to this afternoon's Clean Ireland Recycling Tipperary senior hurling championship final has been based.

"If you don't have the ball, try and work to get it back and if you have it, try to hold onto it and do something well with it," explains Flannery, now 34.

Positioned on the edge of the opposition's square, Flannery's hurling ability remains undimmed despite the passing years.

He's played the vast majority of his hurling at full-back and centre back in the last decade but having missed out on Nenagh's campaign until July,

because of injury, Flannery was happy to get a game anywhere.

When he returned, the key central defensive positions were occupied by Nenagh captain Noel

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"I said to some of the other lads, when I came back in July, that any place they could play me, I'd be available."

Maloney and his brother Hugh and Flannery found himself pushed into attack.

It's a move that has paid rich dividends and Flannery not only has a scoring touch, as evidenced by his well-taken goal against Kildangan in last Sunday's semi-final replay, but he also provides invaluable experience up front.

Flannery joked: "Some people are telling me the next step is out over the line!

"The backs are going very well. I said to some of the other lads, when I came back in July, that any place they could play me, I'd be available."

"If I made it, if not I'd give them an option. So be it. If they want to play me in the goals, whatever, I don't mind."

This afternoon, Flannery could win his first county senior hurling championship medal, having already sampled defeats on the big day. Nenagh's last two appearances in county finals – in 1999 and 2006 – both ended in defeat against Toomevara.

But hopes are high that the Blues can bridge an 18-year gap back to their one and only Dan Breen Cup success in 1995.

Flannery says: "We have a lot of young lads coming now and they have a good bit of experience of playing in these matches."

"People will say that Nenagh don't have tradition but tradition will have to come some time. The young lads are playing in minor county finals and all the rest of it and we've played in a couple of county finals as well. "Tradition comes in time. Every club has to win their first county final."





# Loughmore-Castleiney



**Loughmore Castleiney senior hurlers that defeated Borris-Ileigh in the Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling Championship semi-final.**

Back row (from left): Brian McGrath, Tommy Maher, Dinny Brereton, Shane Hennessy, John Scully, Derek Bourke, Tomás McGrath, Cian Hennessy, David Kennedy, Tom King, John Ryan, Eddie Connolly, Evan Sweeney, Henry Maher, Paddy Moynihan, Tommy Long.  
Front row: Johnny Campion, Willie Evison, John McGrath, Aidan McGrath, Joseph Hennessy, Shane Nolan, John Meagher, Liam McGrath, Ciarán McGrath, Noel McGrath, Lorcan Egan, Micheál Webster. (Photo: Bridget Delaney)



# Loughmore-Castleiney

## Path to the Final

Loughmore-Castleiney .....	0-23
Thurles Sarsfields .....	1-19

### Mid Semi-final:

Loughmore-Castleiney .....	0-15
Moycarkey .....	0-12

### Mid Final:

Loughmore-Castleiney .....	1-11
Drom & Inch .....	3-20

### Round 4:

Loughmore-Castleiney .....	0-21
Roscrea .....	2-11

### County Quarter-Final:

Loughmore-Castleiney .....	2-17
Killenaule .....	1-15

### County Semi-Final:

Loughmore-Castleiney .....	1-17
Borris-Ileigh .....	2-12

**Ciarán McGrath**  
(Loughmore-Castleiney Captain)



## Loughmore-Castleiney scorers in Championship 2013 to-date

Noel McGrath .....	1-29	David Kennedy .....	0-03
Evan Sweeney .....	1-17	Liam Treacy .....	0-02
John McGrath .....	0-15	Tomas McGrath .....	0-02
Cian Hennessy .....	2-07	John Ryan .....	0-02
Liam McGrath .....	0-11	John Meagher .....	0-01
Ciaran McGrath .....	0-09	Tom King .....	0-01
Aidan McGrath .....	0-05		



Loughmore-Castleiney Management Team (from left) Seamus Bohan, Declan Laffan and Pat McGrath.

(Photos: Bridget Delaney)






# Loughmore-Castleiney


Dathanna: Glas agus Dearg

SENIOR


	1st LEAD	2nd LEAD	WIDE
COIL	9	1	
COILÍNÍ	6	17	
SEACHAI			
OS			
SAOB			
PUCANNA			




S. Ó Nualláin  
Shane Nolan




T. Ó Longáin  
Tommy Long




D. de Búrca  
Derek Bourke




S. Ó hAonasa  
Joseph Hennessy



A. Mac Graith  
Aidan McGrath




S. Ó Meachair  
John Meagher



T. Ó Cionga  
Tom King



C. Mac Craith (Capt.)  
Ciaran McGrath




T. Mac Craith  
Tomás McGrath




S. Mac Craith  
John McGrath




D. Ó Cinnéide  
David Kennedy




N. Mac Craith  
Noel McGrath



L. Mac Craith  
Liam McGrath



E. Mac Suibhne  
Evan Sweeney



C. Ó hAonasa  
Cian Hennessy



16. S. Ó Scolai  
JOHN SCULLY

20. L. Ó Aogáin  
LORCAN EGAN

24. B. Mac Craith  
BRIAN McGRATH

28. E. Ó Connaille  
EDDIE CONNOLLY

17. L. Eviston  
WILLIE EVISTON

21. S. Caimpion  
JOHNNY CAMPION

25. D. Bréartún  
DENIS BRERETON

29. L. Ó Treasaigh  
LIAM TREACY

18. S. Ó Riain  
JOHN RYAN

22. T. Ó Meachair  
TOMMY MAHER

26. S. Ó hAonasa  
SHANE HENNESSY

19. M. Webster  
MICHEÁL WESBTER

23. A. Ó Meachair  
HENRY MAHER

27. P. Ó Muíneacháin  
PADDY MOYNIHAN

Selectors: Declan Laffan, Seamus Bohan, Pat McGrath. Trainer: Alan O'Connor

Physio: Cathy Doran. Equipment: Kieran Kiely, Kevin Stapleton

	1st LEAN	2nd LEAN	3rd LEAN
CÚIL	1	0	
CÚILÍNÍ	7	10	
SEACHAÍ			
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POCANNA			

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# Nenagh Éire Óg

Dathanna: Gorm agus Dubhgorm

SENIOR

23-25-24



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16. C. Ó Floinn <b>KEVIN FLYNN</b>	21. A. Ó Ceallaigh <b>ALAN KELLY</b>	26. C. Ó Riain <b>CONOR RYAN</b>	31. G. Ó hIomhair <b>GARY HOWARD</b>	36. D. Ó Glasáin <b>DAIRE GLEESON</b>
17. S. Ó Géibheannaigh <b>SEAN GEANEY</b>	22. S. Ó Maca <b>JAMES MACKEY</b>	27. D. Ó hIfeárnáin <b>DONNACHA HEFFERNAN</b>	32. M. Ó Colleáin <b>MICHAEL COLLINS</b>	
18. D. Ó Coinn <b>DONNACHA QUINN</b>	23. A. Ó Cofaigh <b>ANDREW COFFEY</b>	28. D. Haicéid <b>DAVID HACKETT</b>	33. B. Ó Briain <b>BRENDAN O'BRIEN</b>	
19. A. Mac Reachtain <b>ADAM GRATTON</b>	24. S. Ó Slatara <b>JOHNNY SLATTERY</b>	29. N. Ó Cathail <b>NIALL CAHILL</b>	34. P. Ó hÍc <b>PHILIP HICKEY</b>	
20. C. Ó Glasáin <b>KILLIAN GLEESON</b>	25. P. Ó Riain <b>PAUL RYAN</b>	30. E. Mac Giobúin <b>EIN FITZGIBBON</b>	35. D. Breathnach <b>DARRAGH WALSH</b>	

Manager: Liam Heffernan.

Coach: John Fitzgerald.

Selectors: Enda Costello, Noel Coffey.

Physios: Paul Dillon, Eddie Hynes.

First Aid: Liam Quinn.

Doctor: Paul O'Farrell.

Logistics: Matt Lillis.



# Nenagh Éire Óg



The Nenagh Éire Óg Senior Hurling Panel that have qualified for today's Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling Championship Final

Back row (l.-r.): David Hackett, Alan Kelly, Darragh Walsh, Tommy Heffernan, Kevin Flynn, Billy Heffernan, Ritchie Flannery, Noel Maloney, Barry Heffernan, Paddy Murphy, Philip Hickey, Brian Quinn, Pearse Morris, Daire Quinn, Michael Collins, Donnacha Heffernan, Johnny Slattery, Conor Ryan, Adam Grattan, Paul Ryan. Front row (l.-r.): Sean Geaney, Daire Gleeson, Andrew Coffey, Donnacha Quinn, John Brennan, Mark Flannery, Hugh Maloney, Kevin Tucker, Michael Heffernan, Killian Gleeson, Michael McNamara, Brendan O'Brien, James Mackey, Niall Cahill. Missing from photo: Eoin Fitzgibbon and Gary Howard.

(Photo: Bridget Delaney)



# Nenagh Éire Óg

## Path to the Final

### Hibernian Inn North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship:

- Nenagh Éire Óg 0-17, Kildangan 1-14
- Nenagh Éire Óg 5-12, Moneygall 0-9
- Nenagh Éire Óg 0-21, Kilraune MacDonaghs 0-15
- Nenagh Éire Óg 1-10, Portroe 0-13

### Quarter-final:

- Nenagh Éire Óg 1-13, Toomevara 2-18

### Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling Championship:

#### Round 1:

- Nenagh Éire Óg 0-15, Thurles Sarsfields 0-12

#### Round 2:

- Nenagh Éire Óg 1-18, Mullinahone 0-9

#### Round 3:

- Nenagh Éire Óg 2-18, U'church-Drombane 1-17

#### Round 4:

- Nenagh Éire Óg 1-21, Silvermines 0-8

### Quarter-Final:

- Nenagh Éire Óg 1-15, Drom & Inch 2-11

### Semi-Final:

- Nenagh Éire Óg 4-13, Kildangan 2-19

### Semi-Final Replay:

- Nenagh Éire Óg 1-17, Kildangan 0-12

Noel  
Moloney  
(Nenagh Éire  
Óg Captain)



## Nenagh Éire Óg scorers in Championship 2013 to-date

Kevin Tucker.....	1-53	Brian Quinn.....	0-3
Mickey Heffernan....	3-46	Billy Heffernan.....	0-2
Tommy Heffernan....	3-26	Hugh Maloney.....	0-2
Paddy Murphy.....	3-13	Andrew Coffey.....	0-1
Donnacha Quinn.....	0-16	Alan Kelly.....	0-1
Ritchie Flannery.....	3-6	Pearse Morris.....	0-1
Killian Gleeson.....	3-5	Daire Quinn.....	0-1
James Mackey.....	1-3	Paul Ryan.....	0-1
Seán Geaney.....	0-5	Johnny Slattery.....	0-1
Barry Heffernan.....	0-4		



Nenagh Éire Óg Management (l.-r.): John Fitzgerald (Coach), Liam Heffernan (Manager), Noel Coffey (Selector) and Enda Costello (Selector).

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**A**T COUNTY final time it is customary to cast a retrospective glance at the fading year, to establish if it has been progressive or otherwise. The general consensus is that the concluding stages of the senior hurling championship were the best for some time, despite the unexpected early departure of Munster Club champions Thurles Sarsfields. The team that beat them, Nenagh Éire Óg, subsequently dismissed the champions of 2011, Drom & Inch, which convinced patrons of their readiness to challenge for the Dan Breen Cup. The Divisional championships were finished in good time and the county championship moved fairly quickly afterwards. The casualty rate – three Divisional champions evicted before the semi-finals – raised the debate about the value of winning the local bragging rights. Teams improve and others regress as the season unfolds, but the boost from a local victory is encouraging, even if the reward is sometimes an unwelcome wait for your next outing. Momentum is lost in such circumstances and it is difficult to reach a peak in August and hold it until October. The other side of that coin is that if you are unprepared, you might not be hurling in August – let alone October. In any event, this year's last four all had demons to conquer, before establishing themselves as serious contenders.

Nenagh Éire Óg – often criticised for under achieving – beat Thurles Sarsfields, trounced Silvermines and dumped everyone's favourites Drom & Inch. Borris-Ileigh won a first quarter final since 1988 and knew that their semi-final record was more encouraging than the previous round statistics. They relied too much on one player and duly fell short against an impressive and hard working Loughmore-Castleiney. The blue and gold of Kildangan returned to the semi-final in 2010 for the first time since 1943. They also won the North in style this year, but struggled to finish off Clonoulty-Rossmore when numbers and elements favoured them. Indeed it took a second outing to finish the job. Clonoulty-Rossmore have dominated the West in recent years, but failed to lift the Dan Breen Cup. Their loss to Éire Óg in this year's final emphasised that you must not think too far ahead. Most people knew that the Nenagh/Kildangan semi-final would be tight and so another day was needed.

The new look pairing today should produce a decent attendance. Three men who will be watching carefully are the Senior county selectors. After the loss to Kilkenny in July, it was clear that an era has ended and fresh legs and new energy will be needed to make us competitive in 2014. The existing team took the opportunity to redeem themselves, even if elimination came in early July and the All-Star nomination proved elusive. Are the replacements available? Is the raw material there that can be



*Tipperary Senior Management watching the Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling Championship Semi-Finals at Semple Stadium (from left): Eamonn O'Shea (Manager), Michael Ryan and Paudie O'Neill. (Photo: Bridget Delaney)*

coached and conditioned for the intense exchanges and incredible pace of championship hurling? This is where you find the next generation and young ambitious players are preferable to those who are comfortable as substitutes. On current form Clare, Cork and Limerick may start ahead of us in the pundits' affections for 2014. It is a challenge which must be met by men of integrity, commitment, ability, pride in their county and all that it represents. Limerick dethroned us in Munster this year, so there will be an early opportunity to avenge that loss, while on the other side of the draw, Clare and Cork have won more senior All-Irelands than we have in the past twenty years!

The Intermediate All-Ireland victory at Nowlan Park was a welcome success and well deserved by a splendidly prepared team. My Kilkenny friends expect four of the winning team to be seen at a higher grade fairly soon. Tom Treacy, Pádraig Heffernan, Niall O'Meara and Ruairi Gleeson all performed well on that memorable night and each may hold hopes of promotion.

The Under-21 team didn't perform at their best in the Munster Final against Clare, yet only finished four points behind. Clare were not tested afterwards and retained the Cashel Cross at their ease. There are Tipp players who will play at a higher level from this squad, but some decisive thinking is required about a shared commitment with other games, if potential is to be realised. The work done by Ken Hogan over the



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O'DOHERTY



previous four years was significant, even if success was achieved in the first year. The 2014 Munster championship will see us facing another block of away games. It is a challenging but motivating starting point.

Our Minor team was a disappointment, especially after beating Waterford in the opening round of the Munster campaign. They could have beaten Limerick, by taking some of the point scoring opportunities which were created in the first half. Still 2013 was a competitive year for Minor hurling and it was great to win the Munster and All-Ireland titles in 2012. There are promising players in this squad also and William Maher and his colleagues are deserving of our appreciation for two years of solid work.

I often wonder how a county of Tipperary's size can be managed effectively with adherence to all rules, regulations, by laws, plans and fixture deadlines. It is a compelling reason for retaining the Divisional Boards/Bord na nÓg/Primary and Post Primary Schools Bodies and the various Co. Board sub-committees, although it would still be more encouraging if everyone could see one Tipperary rather than four Divisions, when significant decision making is on the agenda. The status quo is not always the best choice.

The GAA enjoys a tremendous presence throughout the county and every club has a memory or moment in time to cherish forever. The infrastructure throughout the county including pitches, club

houses, ball walls, spectator accommodation and other facilities are a credit to the clubs and all who have taken responsibility for their governance since the foundation of the Association. Another area in which the Premier county leads is in the quality of our referees. We have a tremendous history of producing All-Ireland Final referees, but there are many more who handle our games at every grade in all weather and perform efficiently without regard to their own circumstances. It may not be a sacrifice, but there must be times when referees would rather relax than undertake a fitness test prior to the start of the season. When we are finished criticising them perhaps we might praise them! Referees are like pitches – you may not get the one you want and there may be some bumps during the game, but there will be no match without one.

Our local media are a great help in publicising games and also in alerting listeners to late changes or cancellations. Nobody knows the games better than the locals and there is nothing to beat the newspaper supplements and Radio specials around All-Ireland time. We owe much to our Media friends who are working under tighter deadlines all the time. Social media has claimed a significant share of the GAA agenda and opinions are readily available, often diverse but always immediate. The Tipperary GAA Website is excellent and there are many other splendid examples of up-to-date and informative sites managed within the county. We must always be aware that not all of our members are info. tech. trained and it behoves all units of the Association to ensure that these valuable people are never excluded from activities or news.

The enduring issues at club level are the challenges of player availability, finance and personnel to manage the club and its teams. The club executive's work is sometimes difficult but nevertheless appreciated – even if this is conveyed by tacit consent rather than acclamation! In conclusion, Tipperary Inc. is in reasonable shape. The Premier Plan governs the Co. Board's activities and lives with us to its conclusion. Without the plan there would be no direction and without management of the plan there will not be positive results, worthwhile progress or intended outcomes.

The GAA is well positioned in Tipperary, but there are complex challenges ahead. Volunteers are still the lifeblood of all activity and their willingness to contribute so much of their time to the promotion of the GAA in our county is critical to the success of the entire operation. We must be open to new thinking and ideas, and not be afraid to consider how others achieve their success. Above all, speak well of those who are doing their bit for the greater good, get in among them and lend a helping hand.



# Tiptoberfest

## Announcing the Tiptoberfest on the October Bank Holiday Weekend

A virtual feast of entertainment is promised for the October Bank Holiday weekend from Friday October 25th to 28th at the Clonmel Park Hotel that will undoubtedly brighten the autumn days of late October. From Boxing to Monster Bingo, from rising star and heart throb of Country Music, Nathan Carter, to a Feast of Irish folk Music headlined by the internationally acclaimed Furey Brothers and Davey Arthur and a Céili Mór to the strains of the hugely popular Johnny Reidy Céili Band, there will be something

for everybody. The spectacular Arena at the Clonmel Park Hotel will be the venue for **TIPTOBERFEST**, one of the finest festivals of musical and sporting entertainment seen in Clonmel and Tipperary. Support for **TIPTOBERFEST** will provide valuable financial assistance towards training costs for all Tipperary Teams taking to the field in 2014.

On Friday, October 25, the Tipp Fight night takes place featuring Tipperary club GAA players along with camogie and ladies football players. Tickets purchased in advance cost €20 while those purchased on the night cost €25. On Saturday, October 26, Nathan Carter will be in concert with special guests Louise Morrissey and Marty Daniels.

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**THE JOHNNY REIDY CÉILI BAND**

Tickets €10

The Arena, Clonmel Park Hotel  
Céili Mór 8.30pm sharp

**Tipptoberfest**  
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On behalf of Tipperary County Board and of Team Tipperary it gives its great pleasure to welcome the inaugural **TIPTOBERFEST** to Tipperary and to the Town of Clonmel.

A virtual feast of entertainment is promised for the October Bank Holiday weekend from Friday 25th to Monday 28th that will undoubtedly brighten the autumn days of late October. From Boxing to Monster Bingo to Rising Star and heart throb of Country Music, Nathan Carter, to a Feast of Irish folk Music headlined by the internationally acclaimed Furey Brothers & Davey Arthur, who's version of Céili dancing will keep off the festival with a Céili Mór on Monday 28th, dancing to the strains of the hugely popular Johnny Reidy Céili Band.

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My thanks to all the organisers of **TIPTOBERFEST** and hope that their efforts are rewarded with success to ensure that it will become an annual event.

*John J. Ní Mhuirí*  
Cathainleach CLCG, Clonmel Thorough Arena

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**SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER**

**A Feast of Irish Folk**  
Featuring the internationally acclaimed  
**Furey Brothers & Davey Arthur**  
• Legendary Balladeer - Johnny McAvoy  
• From the Peoples Republic of Cork  
• Jimmy Crowley & Stokers Lodge  
• Singer Songwriter - Denis Allen

Tickets €25

Tickets Available from Clonmel Park Hotel & Lár na Páirce Thurles

The Arena, Clonmel Park Hotel  
Doors 7pm - Concert 8pm Sharp

Tickets cost €25. On Sunday, October 27, there will be a Feast of Irish Folk featured the Furey Brothers and Davey Arthur and also Johnny McEvoy, Jimmy Crowley and Stokers Lodge and Denis Allen. Tickets cost €25.

There are two events on Bank Holiday Monday, October 28. In the afternoon, there will be Monster Bingo with a guaranteed cash payout of a massive €15,000. Single books cost €20 with a double costing €25 and a free jackpot sheet in each book. On Monday evening, the Céili Mór featuring the Johnny Reidy Céili Band takes place. Tickets cost €10. Tickets for all the pre-bookable events can be purchased at Lár na Páirce, Thurles (0504-22702) or at the Clonmel Park Hotel. Please book early to avoid disappointment or contact Lár na Páirce or the Hotel for more information.



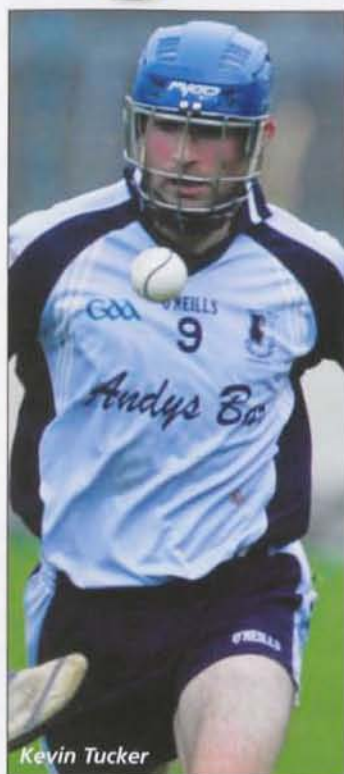
# Tucking in

By: SEAMUS  
O'DOHERTY



RECALL watching Kevin Tucker playing senior hurling for Nenagh Éire Óg in a North Tipperary championship match on Saturday July 10th 1993 at Borrisokane. He was a Munster winning Tipperary Minor captain the previous Sunday and on the following week end, he was preparing to come on as a substitute shortly before half time. As he collected the slip of paper for the referee, Michael Cahill, I recall a few people coming up to give him advice and instructions before he entered the fray. Nearby, Jimmy Minogue heard what was happening and intervened quickly. His wise words are easily recalled two decades later.

"Leave him alone ... he knows what to do". Young Kevin contributed 2-1 in the second half as Nenagh Éire Óg overturned a four point deficit to beat Lorrha by three goals. His club went on to win the North title that year, with victory over Toomevara in the semi-final, and Moneygall in a replayed final. Incidentally, the Kildangan players were



Kevin Tucker

also active in that campaign, playing in an alliance with Shannon Rovers and styled as St. Brendan's. Now playing a different role for Nenagh Éire Óg, Kevin has given many fine performances for his club over the years. He was joint top

scorer in the 1999 Tipperary semi-final with 2-6 v Mullinahone (Tony Lanigan scored 3-3 for Holycross-Ballycahill in the other semi-final against Toomevara). Kevin was the quarter-finals top scorer with an impressive 2-7 against Thurles Sarsfields in 2007.

The crafty hurler has scored in each of Nenagh Éire Óg's county final appearances, with a return of 0-18 from four different starting positions in attack. On the club's greatest day, in 1995, he landed 0-5 in a runaway victory over Boherlahan-Dualla. Kevin's recent form confirms his enduring enthusiasm and commitment to his club.

The Nenagh man played Under-21 for Tipperary in 1994, 1995 (Munster and All Ireland honours) and 1996, while he was a member of the Senior squad for four years from 1996 to 1999 inclusive. He has won county medals at Minor, Under-21 and Senior, but another big one to complement his 1995 success would round-off a long career in Tipperary club hurling.

## Previous county final appearances

**Nenagh Éire Óg** – played 4, won 1, lost 3.

- 1993 lost to Toomevara 1-14 to 1-13
- 1995 beat Boherlahan-Dualla 2-25 to 2-8
- 1999 lost to Toomevara 1-17 to 0-13
- 2006 lost to Toomevara 1-21 to 2-14

**Loughmore-Castleiney** – played 4, won 2, lost 2.

- 1983 lost to Borris-Ileigh 0-17 to 1-11
- 1987 lost to Cappawhite 1-17 to 2-13
- 1988 drew with Borris-Ileigh 1-6 to 0-9
- 1988 beat Borris-Ileigh 2-7 to 1-8 (replay)
- 2007 beat Drom & Inch 0-22 to 0-13

## Leading final scorers by ten

- 1933 Phil Cahill 0-5 (Moycarkey-Borris)
- 1943 Paddy 'Sweeper' Ryan 1-4 (Moycarkey-Borris)
- 1953 Jim Quinn 2-0 and Sean Kenny 1-3 (Borris-Ileigh)
- 1963 Jimmy Doyle 1-8 (Thurles Sarsfields)
- 1973 Francis Loughnane 1-4 (Roscrea)
- 1983 Pat McGrath 0-8 (Loughmore-Castleiney)
- 1993 Michael Cleary 0-9 (Nenagh Éire Óg)
- 2003 Lar Corbett 2-1 (Thurles Sarsfields)



# TONY REDDIN *one of t*

By: SEAMUS J. KING

**I**N A fine nostalgic piece in the 1981 Tipperary G.A.A. Yearbook, Seamus Leahy recalls a visit from his uncle Paddy and Jimmy Maher after Lorrha's defeat by Holycross in the 1948 county final. He produced an autograph- book and his uncle Paddy wrote: 'Sensation: Holycross won county championship 1948. Tipp will win All-Ireland championship 1949. Signed: P. Leahy.' Then he handed the book to Jimmy Maher, who wrote: 'Jim Maher, Boherlahan.'

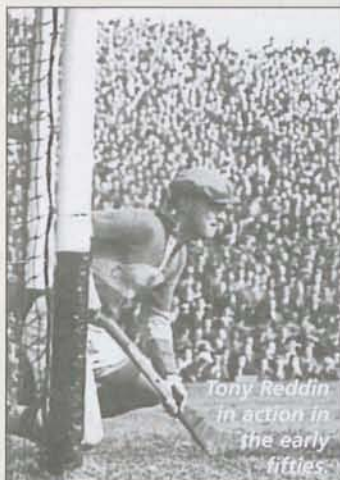
'Identify yourself!, urged Paddy. 'Jim Maher, Boherlahan could be anyone. Write 'Tipp goalie.'

'Not after today,' said Jimmy, sadly but signing, just the same. 'Didn't you see your man, Reddin, today? He's your goalie now.'

Jimmy was right. After eight years as Tipperary's senior goalkeeper he was to give way to this 'unknown' who had shown unusual ability during the North championship. There hadn't been many players from that remote northern parish who had achieved county status but Tony Reddin was to be an outstanding representative for the next nine years.

Lorrha had qualified for that county final game against Holycross when they defeated Cashel in the semi-final at Thurles on September 19. On that day Tipperary lost to Cork by 6-10 to 1-7 in the Thomond Tournament. Paddy Fleming of Carrick was on goal. In the previous summer they had gone down to Limerick in the championship by 8-4 to 6-4. According to one report of the game: 'Maher did not bring off his usual spectacular saves'. There was obviously a place for a new goalie and Reddin seemed to be the obvious choice for the position.

He was picked for the first league game against Offaly at Birr on October 24 and had a fine game on goal when Tipperary won by 7-6 to 1-2. The next match was the 1948 league final, which should have been played the previous spring. Cork won by 3-3 to 1-2 despite the 'splendid goalkeeping of Reddin'. Tipperary had three more league games before the final at Thurles on February 27, 1949 when they reversed the previous October verdict and defeated Cork by 3-5 to 3-2 on a day that Reddin saved brilliantly between the sticks. It was Tipperary's first major victory since 1945 and they had scored 22 goals 31 points and conceded 8 goals and



*Tony Reddin in action in the early fifties*

18 points in the series of games.

Tony did not appear full-blown on the hurling scene in 1948 but had a long apprenticeship to the game which began when he won his only county final medal – a juvenile with Mullagh in 1933. Later he played with Galway juniors and seniors and with the Connaght Railway Cup team. In fact he played full-forward with Galway against Tipperary in the Monaghan Cup game in London in 1946, the year before he came to Lorrha. He also won a Connaght junior hurling medal in 1940.

However, it wasn't until he crossed the Shannon that his true potential

was realised. Probably the man who most helped him to realise that potential was Fr. O'Meara, who arrived in the parish not long before Tony. He first met Tony at Ned Wells' of Derrylahan and established an important rapport with him. Tony was then timid and shy and a little unsure of himself and Fr. O'Meara nurtured and developed his confidence. His influence on Tony was such that he travelled with him regularly to matches and acted in a supportive role as Tony found his feet. It was Fr. O'Meara who covered Tony in a clerical hat and short coat in order to protect him from disappointed Cork supporters after the Munster final at Killarney in July 1950.

Tony's innate genius blossomed under this protection. Tipperary played seventeen major games in 1949 with Reddin between the posts. Six of the games were championship, three were league and the remainder were major tournaments. One game was drawn and the remainder won and the total score was 68 goals 167 points for Tipperary and 31 goals 90 points against. During the course of his entire career with the county he played approximately one hundred major games and was on the winning side eighty-seven times. Whereas this success rate was a tribute to the standard of Tipperary hurling during the period, it was also in no small way due to the brilliance of the man between the posts.

Another interesting aspect of Tony's career in hurling was the regularity with which he turned out. From the first game he played with the county in October 1948 until he was dropped for the Monaghan Cup after the league defeat in May 1956,



# the greats of hurling history

I can find only one match, a league game against Limerick at Kilmallock on February 6, 1955, when he didn't turn out. Having lost his place for the 1956 championship he showed a final flash of brilliance in the county championship of that summer. He was recalled for the league campaign and played three matches, the last of which was in February 1957. He won a league medal that year as a sub, when Tipperary defeated Kilkenny, and played his last game with the county, when Tipperary travelled to New York the following October.

Reddin's last appearance with Lorrha was in 1958 when the team lost to Roscrea in the championship. One report on the game stated that 'Tony Reddin showed he was by no means a has-been goalkeeper'.

## For Tony Reddin

*O Tony Reddin, no laoch go deo  
I just saw you on the Late Late Show  
And out of my childhood the memories rolled  
Of the man from Lorrha in the blue and the gold.*

*How often we heard on the radio waves  
Of Reddin's daring full-length saves  
And I fancied I heard the crowds great roar  
As I turned a rasper round the turfshed door.*

*O Tony Reddin, my heart would sing  
When you thwarted Mackey or Rackard or Ring  
And just like you, I stood fearlessly  
When by brother blasted a 21-yard free.*

*You were my hero, netminder supreme  
The last man standing on that great Tipp team  
In the backyard, my brother tried on all his tricks  
But I stood tall like you between the sticks.*

*And now I'm told you're ninety four  
But I'll always be you in the turfshed door  
For me your fame will never fade  
Moladh go deo leat is go maire tú céad.*

John Quinn (May 2013) ©

John Quinn pays tribute in verse to his boyhood hero Tony Reddin. John is a writer, broadcaster and teacher. He spent 25 years as an award winning radio producer/presenter with RTÉ. Now retired, he lives in Co. Galway.



He played his first game for his adopted club on Easter Sunday 1947 against St. Vincent's. A month later he won his first tournament, for suit-lengths, at Portumna. It was a seven-a-side competition and Lorrha defeated Kilruane by nine



Seamus King and Tony Reddin at the launch of the Lorrha GAA history in 1983.

points to one. Eugene O'Meara scored eight of the points and Tony got the other from a goal clearance. On the same day Reddin won the long puck competition with a drive of 106 yards. During his time with the Lorrha team he failed to turn out on only one occasion. That was in a tournament at Borrisokane in June 1951 against Ahane, who included Mick Mackey and Sean Herbert in their lineout that day. During his twelve years with Lorrha, Reddin won North championship medals in 1948 and 1956.

Tony Reddin's list of achievements is impressive by any standards. As well as winning three All-Irelands, six National League, two Brendan Cup medals and one Oireachtas, he also won six Railway Cup medals and four 'Ireland team' cups. He travelled to London on nine occasions and played on the winning Monaghan Cup team on eight occasions. His ninth visit was as a substitute in 1957 when Tipperary were beaten. He won one Oireachtas medal.

There is nobody to deny that he was one of the greats of hurling history. He was great in the days when a goalkeeper's fate was to be bundled into the back of the net if the backs gave the forwards sufficient leeway. Tony's greatest asset was to stop the hall dead so that it rolled down to his chest or his feet. He would leave the ball on the ground until the last moment and then, with the forwards rushing in, he would take it, sidestep them and have loads of space to clear. He claimed to know which side of the goal a ball would come by watching which foot a forward was on when he hit the ball. Whatever the reason for his greatness his stopping prowess was the bane of forwards and a joy to supporters for many a year.





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# Loughmore-Castleiney 1988

## win first County Senior Hurling Title

By: SEAMUS J. KING



**T**HERE were scenes of tremendous excitement in Loughmore on the evening of October 8, 1988, as the senior hurling team were played into the village by the local band following victory over Borrisoleigh in the replayed county final.

The victory brought forth tremendous feelings of joy and enthusiasm in the hearts of every Loughmore-Castleiney native. The two-point margin of victory in the team's favour was a great reward for the dedication and determination of a small parish of 1250 people.

It was a just return for a team that had only been promoted to senior ranks for the first time in 1981, won four Mid titles and qualified for two county finals in the intervening years, losing to Borrisoleigh in their first in 1983 and to Cappawhite in 1987.

Loughmore-Castleiney's victory, like Cappawhite's the previous year, gave hope to all these clubs who had never achieved the highest

honours in county hurling. It also revealed that hurling dominance in the county was no longer the preserve of a few clubs.

### CONTENDERS

Loughmore-Castleiney weren't the only contenders for county honours at the beginning of the year.

Cappawhite were regarded by many as capable of making it two-in-a-row. Borrisoleigh also looked likely contenders if they could get out of their own division. Clonoulty-Rossmore came very much into the reckoning when they sent county champions, Cappawhite, tumbling out of the West championship in the first round, and they themselves were sent packing by Cashel King Cormacs in the semi-final.

When Cashel won the West with a fine victory over Kickhams they also put themselves in contention. Killenaule put in a claim to be considered when they won the South, ending a twenty-five year famine with victory over St. Mary's. Borrisoleigh came through in the North with a fine display against Roscrea and Loughmore-Castleiney made it three-in-a-row with victory over Holycross-Ballycahill in



**Loughmore-Castleiney – Tipperary Senior Hurling Champions 1988**

Back row (l.-r.): Jack Walsh, Pat Gleeson, Jimmy Nolan, Tom Gleeson, Ned Ryan, Jim Maher, Pat Cormack, Pat McGrath, John Cormack, Peter Brennan, Pat Treacy, Tom McGrath (K), Pat Cullen, Tim Cullen, Martin Meagher, John Treacy. Front row (l.-r.): John Mockler, Dinny Kiely, Mick McGrath, Tom McGrath, Frankie McGrath, Liam Cormack, Eamon Sweeney, Jonathan Cullen (Mascot), Michael McGrath, Eamon Brennan, Seamus Bohan, Tom Larkin, Stephen Maher, Phil Morris, Denis McGrath.



one of the best Mid finals for years.

## QUARTER-FINALS

Three of the county quarter-finals were played on the weekend of August 13/14. At Templemore on the 13th, Borrisoleigh were very lucky to survive by a point, 1-9 to 1-8, against Holycross-Ballycahill and were thankful to Noel O'Dwyer, who kept them in the game through his accuracy from placed balls.

On the following day there were two games at Boherlahan and they turned out to be very mediocre affairs. Killenaule had an easy victory over Kickham's by 5-14 to 4-6, two of the loser's goals scored in the final eight minutes. In the second game Cashel King Cormacs were unimpressive against an injury-hit St. Mary's and before winning by 3-11 to 2-6.

The fourth quarter-final wasn't played until September 11 as there had to be a play-off in the North between Roscrea, the championship runners-up, and Eire Óg, Nenagh, the league winners. The latter came through by six points, and played Loughmore-Castleiney at Cashel. While Loughmore won well by 3-8 to 0-9 in the end, the Nenagh side had the better of the exchanges early on and led at half-time. But the trend of the game changed when a sideline puck by Pat McGrath went all the way to the Nenagh net about ten minutes into the second-half.

## SEMI-FINALS

Not since 1967 had all divisions been represented in the county semi-finals and the games were split between Saturday and Sunday on the weekend of September 17/18 because of the football All-Ireland. Borrisoleigh and Cashel played at Thurles on the 17th. The North cham-



Eamonn Sweeney, the Loughmore-Castleiney Captain 1988, with the Dan Breen Cup. Also included is Dr. Thomas Morris, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly and Tipperary County Chairman, Noel Morris.

pions were installed as favourites but Cashel had the better of the early exchanges and led until a long-range free by Noel O'Dwyer was touched to the Cashel net by Aidan Ryan. It appeared to knock the fight out of Cashel and Borrisoleigh led by 2-5 to 0-4 at the interval and were very much in command. They added 1-2 soon after the resumption to open a twelve-point lead. Only at this stage did Cashel come alive to play a very good final quarter, but they still lost by 3-8 to 2-6.

The second semi-final at Cashel on Sunday evening finished a very one-sided affair following a close first half. At the end of this stage Loughmore-Castleiney had a two-point advantage over Killenaule on a scoreline of 0-8 to 0-6. However, the mid men changed into a much faster gear after the interval and scored 2-3 in the third quarter. They dominated the game and were ahead by 2-18 to 1-9 at the final whistle. The loser's goal came in the dying minutes of the game.

## COUNTY FINAL

Borrisoleigh were fancied for the final and

most people believed that their class would tell in the end. They were coached for the encounter by Paddy Doyle, while Loughmore-Castleiney had drafted in the services of the wider known, Jimmy, for a number of training sessions.

A great game was expected but, as so often happens, it didn't materialise. In damp conditions, with Semple Stadium lacking in any liveliness, the



Loughmore-Castleiney officials following a training session in 1988. Back row: Pat Cullen, John Fitzpatrick, John Treacy, Billy Cormack, Mick O'Connell, Mick McGrath. Front row: Jack Walsh, Joe Grady, Tom Egan, Seán Mockler, Pat Healy, Paddy Egan.





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(Photo: Bridget Delaney)

game developed into an intense but scrappy encounter, kept interesting by the closeness of the scores. It was a game of appalling misses and poor hurling.

The first half was undistinguished except for a great point from a sideline cut by Tom McGrath from seventy yards and a goal by Seamus Bohan two minutes from half-time, which gave Loughmore-Castleiney a 1-3 to 0-3 lead at the interval.

Borrisoleigh played their best hurling in the third quarter and went into the lead. Lough-

more came back into the game and went two points ahead, but Noel O'Dwyer and Conor Stakelum points brought the sides level with six minutes to go and that's how it finished at 1-6 to 0-9.

#### REPLAY

The replay was fixed for six days later, October 8. It was the first replayed final since 1982 and the first time for a senior final to be played on a Saturday. The replayed All-Ireland senior football final prevented a Sunday fixture. Flowery Ryan's wedding and Liam Cormack's emigration made a later date impossible.

The replay will be remembered for its sensational ending. Two minutes to go, Borrisoleigh looked almost certain. They were two points up and set for victory. Loughmore-Castleiney kept plugging away. The ball was making its tortuous progress along the Kinane side of the field. At the far side Pat McGrath was following its progress and keeping parallel with it. When Liam Cormack's shot was blocked out by Noellie Maher, McGrath was present to slap home an all-important goal. Michael McGrath shot another point from the puck-out and a devastated Borrisoleigh were left without time to redress the situation.

It was a victory for the never-say-die spirit of Loughmore-Castleiney. With the benefit of the breeze in the first half the

## Loughmore-Castleiney's Path to County Final 1988

#### MID:

Nine teams played in the Mid senior hurling championship:

Loughmore-Castleiney, Thurles Sarsfields, Boherlahan-Dualla, Moyne-Templetuohy, Moycarkey-Borris, Holycross-Ballycahill, Upperchurch-Drombane, Clonmore, Drom & Inch.

Thurles defeated Moyne-Templetuohy in a preliminary round and Loughmore-Castleiney defeated Drom & Inch in the first round.

#### SEMI-FINAL:

July 24, Holycross - Loughmore-Castleiney 1-18, Thurles Sarsfields 2-6

#### FINAL:

July 31, Templemore - Loughmore-Castleiney 3-9 Holycross-Ballycahill 0-15

#### COUNTY:

Quarter final - September 11, Cashel:

Loughmore-Castleiney 3-8      Eire Óg 0-9

Semi-final - September 18, Cashel:

Loughmore-Castleiney 2-18      Killenaule 1-9

Final - October 2, Semple Stadium:

Loughmore-Castleiney 1-6      Borrisoleigh 0-9

Replay - October 8, Semple Stadium:

Loughmore-Castleiney 2-7      Borrisoleigh 1-8



winners had many misses and could turn over with a lead of only two points on a scoreline of 1-2 to 0-3. The wise heads around the stand were predicting that it would be only a matter of time before Borrisoleigh stamped their superiority on the game. Not only had they the advantage of a stiffish breeze, but they also had the heavy mist that started to come down at the interval. A deflected goal by Aidan Ryan in the nineteenth minute seemed to confirm the opinion.

However, Borrisoleigh didn't seem capable of delivering the decisive blow and were only two points up when Pat McGrath delivered his killer punch to give his side victory by 2-7 to 1-8.

### A POOR GAME

The game was more memorable for tension and excitement and the spectacular finish than for the quality of the hurling. In fact, with the exception of the final ten minutes, the fare was as poor as in the drawn game. Borrisoleigh forwards let their side down, with even Noel O'Dwyer failing to find his shooting form. Among the backs Michael Ryan, Gerry Stapleton and Richard Stakelum were the pick of the bunch. For Loughmore-Castleiney Jim Maher stood out for a very solid performance at centre-back. He was well assisted by Pat McGrath and Peter Brennan in the backs and Ned Ryan, Michael McGrath and Liam Cormack upfield.

### THE LINEOUTS

**Loughmore-Castleiney** – Frankie McGrath, Pat Cormack, Peter Brennan, Eamonn Brennan, Pat McGrath,



Pat McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) receives the 'Man of the Match' award following the 1988 County Hurling Final.

Jim Maher, Eamon Sweeney (Capt.), Ned Ryan, Tom McGrath, Michael McGrath, Pat Treacy, Seamus Bohan, Liam Cormack, John Cormack, Tom Larkin. *Subs:* Martin Meagher for Tom Larkin, John Treacy for Seamus Bohan. *Also:* Dinny Kiely, Tom Gleeson, Jimmy Nolan, John Kennedy, Tom McGrath, Stephen Maher, John Mockler, Pat Gleeson, Phil Morris, Mick McGrath, Denis McGrath, Tim Cullen, Tom Egan.

*Coach:* Jack Walsh. *Selectors:* Pat Cullen, Tommy Egan, Joe Coady, Mick McGrath.

**Borrisoleigh** – N. Maher, B. Kenny, T. Stapleton, M. Ryan, R. Stakelum, G. Stapleton, B. Ryan (Capt.), T. Ryan, C. Stakelum, N. O'Dwyer, J. McGrath, S. Devaney, A. Ryan, P. Kenny. *Subs:* J. Maher, J. Glasheen, J. Ryan, C. Reid, P. Delaney, J. Loughnane, J. J. Maher, F. Doolan.

*Coach:* Paddy Doyle. *Selectors:* Mick Coen, Brendan Kenny, Tommy O'Dwyer.

*Man of the Match:* Pat McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney).

*Referee:* Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan).

## Loughmore-Castleiney - The players

**Frankie McGrath:** Frankie was a dependable goal-keeper throughout the '88 campaign, where he pulled off many fine saves. His lengthy puck outs and fine clearances were a strong feature of his play. A former chairman of the club and very much involved with our juvenile teams.

Right corner back **Pat Cormack** was one of three brothers on the team. He is a Harty cup and All Ireland medal winner with the C.B.S. in 1978. A very tenacious player who kept many of his opponents scoreless during his career.

Full back was **Fr. Peter Brennan**. An outstanding player for club and County in this position. His strong forceful play and tight marking made it difficult for many full forwards.

At left corner back was **Eamon Brennan**. A brother of Peter, having played most of his hurling at midfield or half back, Eamon was slotted into the corner back position for the start of the year to great effect.

At No. 5 was **Pat McGrath**, one of the outstanding players in the County had a terrific game over the drawn

and replay games. He scored a terrific goal into the Killinan end in the dying minutes to clinch a first County title for the club. For his performances over the two games he received the Man of the Match award. Pat is the father of Noel and John who play in today's County senior final and is a selector of the team today.

In the centre of defence was the powerful **Jim Maher**. He captained Tipperary to the minor All-Ireland victory in 1980. Opponents heading for goal never had an easy path because of the physical presence of the Big Man. His son Henry is a member of the panel in today's final.

At left half back was **Eamon Sweeney**, captain of the team. A great team leader Eamon was a very tight marking defender on his way to becoming the first man from the club to lift the Dan Breen cup. His son Evan plays on today's team.

Wearing the No.8 jersey was a youthful **Ned Ryan**. Ned put in two very effective hours at midfield and later went on to play senior hurling for the County and winning an All Ireland medal in 1991.



Partnering Ned at midfield was **Tom McGrath**. Tom was a most consistent free taker during that year. A player that has won every honour in the game with the club at both codes. Tom is the present Tipp FM G.A.A. analyst where his honest assessments of teams and players are enjoyed by listeners throughout the County. Father of Liam, who captained the Tipperary minor footballers to All Ireland victory in 2011 and plays in today's final. A keen golfer, rugby player and athlete.

Lining out at right half forward was **Michael McGrath**, the fourth of the McGrath brothers on the team. One of the best forwards in the game he scored many vital goals for the club in both codes. An All-Ireland U/21 medal winner with Tipperary. Father of Ciaran, today's captain and Aidan, Michael had the distinction of scoring the first and last point of the County final 25 years ago.

At centre half forward was **Pat Treacy**. A strong forceful player, both in defence and attack. He made a huge impact in attack with centre backs finding it most difficult to contend with his carrying and distribution of ball to colleagues for vital scores.

Playing at left half forward was **Seamus Bohan**. He has the distinction of being the youngest player on the field on the day. He scored a terrific goal from the ground in the drawn game. A member of the 1987 Tipperary minor team that lost to Offaly in the All Ireland final. He has captained the club to County senior football honours in 1992. He is the only player in the club to hold two County senior hurling medals. Seanie has hurled with the junior team this year and is one of the selectors of today's team.

At right corner forward was **Liam Cormack**, brother of Pat and John. Liam's lightning pace was a huge feature of his play. He also had great strength and the ability to take scores made him a real threat to any defender.

At full forward was the third member of the Cormack brothers, **John**. He was one of those players who could play in defence or attack. His great hands and terrific striking ability led to many important scores during the championship that year. He won All Ireland minor, U/21 and senior hurling medals with Tipperary.

Top of the left was **Tom Larkin**, a former Clonmore player with whom he won divisional and County junior honours. He also played senior football with Templemore Éire Óg. Tom had an excellent senior campaign during the '88 championship picking off some vital scores with skilled opportunism.

**Substitute Panel:** **John Treacy** played in the drawn game but got injured and did not start in the replay. He came on in the closing stages to lend a vital hand. John played County in all grades of football. John stepped down as club secretary at A.G.M. this year having completed thirty years in the job. As a teacher in Castleiney he has guided many of today's hurlers. He is father to Liam who unfortunately due to injury misses today's final.

**Martin Meagher:** Martin was a very strong and energetic player in both codes. He came on as a sub in the replay and had a huge impact on arrival making Boris keeper pull off a great save from a powerful drive.

**Dinny Kiely** played at corner back in our first County final in '83 and then played in goal for a few seasons. A very good sticksman and played on all teams for many years.

**Tommy Gleeson** played with the club in most grades winning many Mid finals and a County junior B hurling title in 1993. He also has senior, Mid and U/21 titles.

**John Kennedy** at 17 years old was the youngest of the panel. An outstanding juvenile, John went on to play County minor and U/21. He won Scór Mid and County titles in solo song Scór na nOg.

**Tom McGrath** (K) played for the club in both codes for many years winning a junior County final in 1993. He is very much involved with the juveniles and has been chairman of the juvenile club. His son Brian is a member of today's panel.

**Stephen Maher** is a brother of centre back Jim. Stephen has played all grades for the club and won many titles in a long career including senior hurling and football minor and U/21 titles and numerous Mid titles.

**Pat Gleeson** was an outstanding juvenile with the all conquering teams of the seventies in both codes. He played all grades for the club until a knee injury shortened his career. A very good athletic runner over short distances and a very accomplished rugby player. He held the office of chairman for many years.

**John Mockler:** John played at all juvenile levels for the club in both hurling and football. A fine striker of the ball picking off long range scores was a feature of his play. John is a nephew of the late Sean Mockler, an outstanding Gael of the parish of Loughmore-Castleiney.

**Phil Morris** is a brother of Noel, a County minor hurling selector over the past couple of years. Phil had a fine hurling ability and played many fine games for the club, winning many titles.

**Mick McGrath** (K): Mick was another young panel member who played both codes for the club and schools, winning many honours. He played senior hurling and football for the club for many years.

**Jimmy Nolan** played for the Knock club before coming to the parish. He played in goal for the junior hurlers and corner back on the football team winning Mid titles in both codes. A close marking defender.

**Denis McGrath:** Another of the Kylemore McGrath brothers to play both codes for the club. An outstanding player, his working duties kept him away for a considerable time of his younger career. Has won minor and U/21 titles with the club.



**Tim Cullen:** Tim played in goal for the hurling and football teams for many years, winning many honours. He also played in the forwards for the footballers, playing a vital role in the winning of the senior football County honours in 1992. He emigrated to play for New York. A son of Mid Board President Pat and brother of the Mid secretary Johathan.

**Richard Stapleton** was seriously injured early in the year and missed the 1988 campaign. He was captain of the team that won the first Mid senior hurling final in 1983.



# QUIZ QUIZ QUIZ

By:  
Pat Bracken

1. Loughmore-Castleiney won the first of their County senior hurling titles in which year? (a) 1986, (b) 1987, (c) 1988.
2. This Nenagh Éire Óg sharpshooter won the last of his four All-Star hurling awards in 1993. Who is he?
3. The last time the County senior hurling final was played at a venue other than Semple Stadium was in 1983. Where was it played? (a) Holycross, (b) Templemore, (c) Cashel.
4. Name the Loughmore-Castleiney player in the accompanying photograph? 
5. Who was named as the official Man of the Match in Nenagh Éire Óg's county winning victory in 1995? (a) John Heffernan, (b) Eddie Tucker, (c) Michael Cleary.
6. Name the goal scorer for Loughmore-Castleiney in their semi-final defeat of Borris-Ileigh?
7. When Loughmore-Castleiney and Nenagh Éire Óg met in the county semi-final in 2007, in the other half of the draw who did Drom & Inch meet? Was it (a) Killenaule, (b) Clonoulty-Rossmore or (c) Thurles Sarsfields.
8. What connects John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney), Sean Geaney, Killian Gleeson, Gary Howard, James Mackey and Donnacha Quinn (Nenagh Éire Óg), Diarmuid Fogarty and James Butler (Moyne-Templetuohy) and Stephen O'Brien (Ballina) from their hurling days at secondary school?
9. Nenagh Éire Óg last appeared on the county senior hurling final stage in which year?
10. Who did Moyne Templetuohy defeat to advance to today's County intermediate final?
11. Who is the Nenagh Éire Óg forward maestro pictured here? 
12. Who captained Loughmore-Castleiney to their second county title success in 2007? (a) Paul Ormond, (b) Johnny Gleeson, (c) David Kennedy.
13. Which Nenagh Éire Óg player today maintains the link back to their victorious county final success in 1995?
14. Name the Nenagh Éire Óg goal scorer in their defeat of Kildangan in last Sunday's replayed game?
15. Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) was chosen as Young Hurler of the Year, in which year? (a) 2009, (b) 2010, (c) 2011.
16. In the 2006 county final, one of the two goals scored by Nenagh Éire Óg was scored by Noel Maloney. Who scored the other one? (a) Paul Ryan, (b) Michael Heffernan, (c) John Slattery.
17. 2012 County senior champions Thurles Sarsfields bowed out of the All-Ireland Club championships at the semi-final stage, losing to which Leinster club?
18. Which team did Ballina defeat in the semi-final to reach today's County Intermediate decider?
19. Name the stalwart Tipperary defender who captained Nenagh Éire Óg to their historic county title success in 1995?
20. And lastly, a question for the Sean Ghaels. I played in County Senior Hurling Finals in four decades, appearing in 1936, 1945, 1954 and 1967 for Roscrea. Who am I? (a) Martin Loughnane, (b) Liam Carson, (c) Fanny Rowland.

## TIPPERARY GAA YEARBOOK

**T**HE 2014 Tipperary GAA Yearbook is being compiled at present and the Yearbook committee is seeking articles and information for inclusion. Clubs that have accomplished any unique achievement in 2013 such as winning a major title for the first time, achieving a double, opening new dressing rooms or a new grounds, etc are requested to send through an appropriate article for inclusion.

The Yearbook committee are looking to all clubs to submit any obituaries of their deceased members in the last 12 months. The maximum number of words for an obituary is 150 and please include the club name and the years also, e.g. 1935-2013, as well as his/her GAA achievements and a photograph of the deceased person.

The deadline for sending information is 1st November. Please e-mail information and photographs, which must be named, to John Smith, Secretary Tipperary Yearbook Committee at [yearbook.tipperary@gaa.ie](mailto:yearbook.tipperary@gaa.ie). Photographs can also be posted to John Smith, c/o Tipperary GAA Office, Slievenamon Road, Thurles.

Please note information must be submitted as outlined above and all articles, photographs etc will be acknowledged. If an acknowledgement is not received, please contact the Yearbook Secretary at 087-9960710.

**QUIZ ANSWERS** - 1. 1988. 2. Michael Cleary. 3. (c) Cashel. 4. Tomás McGrath. 5. (b) Eddie Tucker. 6. Cian Hennessy. 7. (a) Killenaule. 8. They all won an All-Ireland College title with their respective schools. John Meagher, Diarmuid Fogarty and James Butler with Thurles CBS (2009) and Sean Geaney, Killian Gleeson, Gary Howard, James Mackey, Donnacha Quinn and Stephen O'Brien with St. Joseph's CBS, Nenagh (2012). 9. 2006. 10. Newport. 11. Paddy Murphy. 12. (b) Johnny Gleeson. 13. Kevin Tucker. 14. Ritchie Flannery. 15. (a) 2009. 16. (b) Michael Heffernan. 17. Kilcormac-Killoughy (Offaly). 18. Lattin Cullen Gaels. 19. Conor O'Donovan. 20. (a) Martin Loughnane.





## *Tourism boost for North Tipperary*

North Tipperary has lagged behind its neighbours Clare and Limerick in terms of tourism visitor numbers but the county is poised for significant tourism growth with the news that the Lár na Páirce GAA Museum on Slievenamon Road, in Thurles has completed a major refurbishment. €50,000 has been invested in the museum, which originally opened in 1994.

Thurles is renowned for being the birthplace of the G.A.A. and the museum fits naturally into Thurles's main selling point – its sporting heritage. Speaking to Liam Ó Donnchú from Lár na Páirce GAA museum this week, Liam explained the thinking behind the major refurbishment. "We had a strong vision when we originally opened the centre, aiming it to be a unique development in the interpretation and fostering of Irish culture and heritage. When President Mary Robinson opened the centre in 1994, the centre was at the forefront of interpretative centre design but a lot has developed in terms of lighting and audio visual since then. When we decided to upgrade and refurbish the museum, we approached North Tipperary LEADER Partnership and found them to be fully supportive of our vision for Thurles and the museum."

Trisha Purcell of North Tipperary LEADER Partnership believes that "the museum is currently under appreciated locally, nationally and by visitors from abroad and we were delighted to receive an application to add value to their existing tourism offering with better displays, interactive audio and developing tour packages".

Over the last three months, a team of installers have been busy developing new audio visual displays, installing lighting and laying new flooring. Seamus J. King of Lár na Páirce tells us that all the staff and volunteers behind the scenes are delighted with the new museum experience and believe it will become one of North Tipperary's top visitor experiences.

The refurbished museum was opened by G.A.A. President, Liam Ó Neill on Friday 11th October.

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*Scoth den cheol ag Scór na nÓg*

An bhliain seo caite bhí an bhliain ag muintir Scór faoi stiúir Noel Joyce, Cathaoirleach an Chontae. Tá súil againn go mbeidh a leithéid againn arís i mbliana.

Seo thíos cuid de na buaiteoirí i gcomórtais na bliana 2013. Tréaslaíonn Bord an Chontae leothu go léir.



*JK Brackens All-Ireland Set Dancing champions who were honoured by the Tipperary Co. Scór at a function in Clonmore. Front row (l.-r.): Kathleen McGrath, Josephine Cahill, Mairéad Delaney, Katherine Meehan, Jenny Moore, Nicole Joyce, Úna Shanahan, Nora Troy. Back row (l.-r.): Paddy Kelly, Seamus McGrath, Eoin Hamill, Tommy Mallen, Sinéad Grant, Noel Joyce, Dominic Gallagher, Stewart Gallagher, Eoin Bourke, Mary Bourke, Johnny Delaney.*



# Draws, replays and extra time

By: SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

**T**HE last drawn final was the 2002 clash of Mullinahone and Thurles Sarsfields at Semple Stadium, which ended level at 0-14 each. Mullinahone won the replay a week later by 2-10 to 1-11, to win their only senior county title to date. The history of draws, replays, refixtures and extra-time to decide the championship winners is worth examining.

Tubberadora and Suir View drew (1-6 each) in the 1895 final at Cashel, but the former won in extra time by 3-9 to 2-7. Suir View (4-3) drew with Horse & Jockey (2-9) in the 1897 decider at Thurles, but there was no replay and the title was awarded to Suir View. The 1899 decider saw Horse & Jockey beat Two Mile Borris by 3-6 to 2-5 at Thurles, but an objection was followed by a re fixture, which emphasised the original superiority by 3-8 to 2-4. The 1910 final, won by Racecourse against Toomevara, also had an objection and re fixture, which saw the Greyhounds triumph by 2-2 to 0-2.

There was a draw in 1930 when Toomevara (5-5) and Boherlahan (6-2) needed a replay to determine the victors. That year's title went North on a 4-1 to 1-0 scoreline. The next replay was in 1945 when Thurles Sarsfields needed a second game to see off Roscrea on a 1-4 to 1-0 scoreline at Thurles after a 4-4 to 3-7 draw in Nenagh. Two decades later, in 1965, Thurles Sarsfields and Carrick Davins needed a second outing, which the Mid men won at Cashel by 3-11 to 2-7 after the initial draw at Clonmel.

The next draw was in 1975, when Moneygall needed two games to claim a first title. They



Brendan Carroll (Thurles Sarsfields) strikes as Eoin Kellyy (Mullinahone) moves in during the Tipperary County Senior Hurling Championship Final on 3rd November 2002.

(Photo: Matt Browne/Sportsfile)

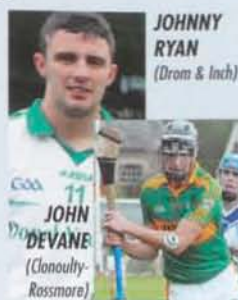
trounced Kilruane MacDonaghs by 3-13 to 0-5 in the replay at Semple Stadium. Two years later, Kilruane MacDonaghs drew again, this time with Borris-Ileigh. The MacDonaghs won the replay (and a first Dan Breen Cup) by 1-5 to 0-5 in a dour battle on a wretched weather day in Thurles by 1-5 to 0-5. Moycarkey-Borris (3-9) and Roscrea (1-15) were level in 1982, but the Mid men were comfortable winners in a replay a week later at Semple Stadium, winning by 2-12 to 0-11 to claim a first title in 42 years.

In 1988, Loughmore-Castleiney beat Borris-Ileigh in a replay (2-7 to 1-8) to win their first county title. In 1992 Thurles Sarsfields and Toomevara finished level, but the Northerners won the replay by 0-12 to 1-6. It was their first county title since 1931.

## DISAPPOINTED CAPTAINS

**T**HE players most often forgotten after the county finals are captains of the defeated teams. Many of these men have given tremendous service to their clubs and defeat is a bigger disappointment for them than their colleagues. We want to acknowledge some of them today, so the last twenty captains were:

- 1993 John Heffernan (Nenagh Éire Óg)
- 1994 Colm Bonner (Cashel KC)
- 1995 Michael Murphy (Boherlahan-Dualla)
- 1996 Pat King (Toomevara)
- 1997 Liam O'Connor (Mullinahone)
- 1998 Andrew Fryday (Clonoulty-Rossmore)
- 1999 Con Howard (Nenagh Éire Óg)
- 2000 Brendan Carroll (Thurles Sarsfields)
- 2001 Johnny Enright (Thurles Sarsfields)
- 2002 Gary Mernagh (Thurles Sarsfields)



**JOHNNY RYAN**  
(Drom & Inch)

**JOHN DEVANE**  
(Clonoulty-Rossmore)

- 2003 Tommy Maher (Thurles Sarsfields)
- 2004 David Fogarty (Golden/Éire Óg)
- 2005 Damian Young (Drom & Inch)
- 2006 Richie Flannery (Nenagh Éire Óg)
- 2007 Seamus Butler (Drom & Inch)
- 2008 Stephen Lillis (Thurles Sarsfields)
- 2009 James Woodlock (Drom & Inch)
- 2010 Tom Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore)
- 2011 John Devane (Clonoulty-Rossmore)
- 2012 Johnny Ryan (Drom & Inch)



# EVERARD'S PUB

## TEMPLETUOHY

### *"Where Sports People Meet"*

*Best wishes today and for continued success to the officers and members of Moyne-Templetuohy GAA Club from Sean and all of the Everard family*

*Best of luck to Theo, Liam, Willie, Tim and Tom and all of the Moyne-Templetuohy panel of players and backroom team Theresa, Claire and Trish*

*Also best wishes to our neighbours Loughmore-Castleiney in the Senior County Final*  
Call and enjoy a drink and chat in a warm and friendly atmosphere

**SPECIALS DEALS ON ALL PARTIES – BIG OR SMALL**

**Music this Sunday evening by "Silver Dollar"**

N.B.: Band starts at 7.30pm if we win

**Upcoming event: Monster BBQ – Sunday, 27th October**

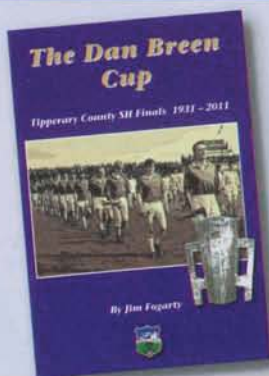
*in aid of Crumlin Hospital*

For more details keep in touch with Moyne-Templetuohy parish notes in 'Tipperary Star'. Anybody wishing to get involved or wishing to contribute to a very worthy cause can contact Sean on 087-9129584

***Up Moyne-Templetuohy – our Boys in Green and Gold***

## **The Dan Breen Cup**

**– Tipperary  
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SH Finals  
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By:  
**JIM  
FOGARTY**

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ON SALE**



Former Nenagh Éire Óg hurler and present Munster and Irish Rugby star Donnacha Ryan presents a Munster Jersey signed by the squad to Jonathan Noonan from Ballycommon. Also present is Jonathan's father Jim (a loyal Nenagh Éire Óg fan) with brothers Jordan and James enjoying the outing to Thomond Park for the Munster v Leinster derby match.

(Photo: Bridget Delaney)





# ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE

THURLES



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Meánrang I / Intermediate I

Meánrang II / Intermediate II

St. Patrick's College is offering evening courses in Irish. The courses will run over 20 evenings, commencing in late September at a cost of €300. Based on the TEG courses developed by NUI Maynooth, these courses are suitable for people of varying abilities – from beginners through to those at a more advanced level. The Intermediate II programme is recognised by the Department of Education and Skills as satisfying the entry requirements for undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in Primary Education in the Colleges of Education.



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