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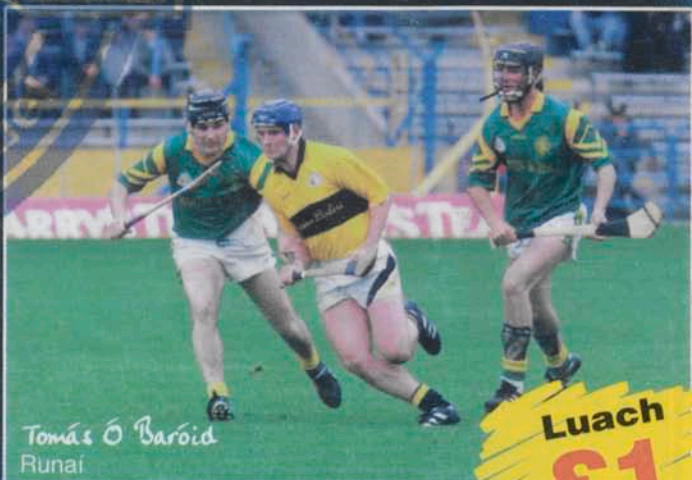
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The hurlers of Kildangan, Moycarkey-Borris, Clonoulty-Rossmore and Tommevara take centre stage here in Semple Stadium, following a long championship campaign. Clonoulty-Rossmore and Toomevara are no strangers to Semple Stadium on county final day. The men from West Tipperary are the reigning champions and will not relinquish their title easily. The North Tipperary standard bearers last won the Dan Breen Cup in 1994. It promises to be a most entertaining game. The young hurlers of Kildangan and Moycarkey-Borris have the opportunity to display their skills before an appreciative audience. Both sides will treasure the memory of playing on the famous sod of Semple Stadium.

I take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, Nenagh Co-Op for their continued support, and also to John Quirke, sponsor of Man of the Match. The support of you, the spectators, is much appreciated also. Thanks to Jimmy Purcell, Bobby Mockler and Jim Max who keep the pitch in such great condition.

While four teams line out here today, I would like to acknowledge the contribution of all players who took part in the championships this year. They continue to put in long hours of training and dedication. Appreciation also to the club, Divisional and County Officers who ensured the smooth running of all our competition, to referees, umpires and linesmen, who officiated during the year.

I look forward to two sporting games, where the skill and hurling will be the real winners. Enjoy the day!

Pól Ó Néill

Clár an Lae

1.30 p.m.

Tipperary County Minor 'B' Hurling Final

KILSHEELAN v MOYCARKEY/BORRIS

Reiteoir: S. Roche

Tipperary County Senior Hurling Final

3.00 p.m.

CLONOULTY/ROSSMORE v TOOMEVARA

Reiteoir: Willie Barret (Ardfinnan)



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TODAY'S FINAL

By Noel Dundon
(Tipperary Star)

Simple Stadium on County Final day is a special place to be. The top game in the associations local fixture list into the Premier County will attract interest far and near. From the national media to Aertel, to the internet, there will be blow by blow accounts of the Nenagh Co-Op county senior hurling final and rightly so.

This is the place that every hurler wants to be on this special day. They don't want to sit in the comfort of Ardan Ui Cuinneann or Ardan Ui Riain and watch the goings on. No, they want to be part of it all, following the Moycarkey Pipe Band on the pre-match parade, facing the Tri-Colour for the National Anthem, shaking hands with the opponents, and then letting rip into the action.

It's a dream that all youngsters have and one that still crops up in the slumbers of the older, more mature hurlers. I always remember George O'Connor of Wexford falling to his knees to thank God for his All-Ireland medal in 1996 after many years trying. He thought his chance would never come but at last his dream had been fulfilled. To win a county final must surely bring a similar sense of divine pleasure especially for those coming near the twilight of their hurling careers.

There are many players who deserve to kiss the Dan Breen Cup and get a county final medal in return for their toil on the field of Tipperary. There are many who don't get what they deserve. It takes a hell of an effort to get that medal but those who really want it, will sacrifice everything for it. We all agree with Buttie Brennan on the Lotto add on T.V. — the price of those dreams has gone up and for the dedicated hurler, that price increases every year. It just gets harder and harder. George O'Connor was lucky to get what he deserved.

Today Clonoulty/Rossmore battle it out with Toomevara. Each parish has been swarmed by County Final fever since the semi-finals were decided and the spirit of the green and gold will be seen in Simple Stadium. The colour and pageantry have been witnessed and the eventual winners are in for a time of great celebrating and much merriment.

I always remember last year's celebration in Clonoulty. The swelling pride of the parishioners, the bonfires on the approach roads and the welcoming that was extended, sent a shiver down my spine. It is easy to get carried away in such situations but looking at it all from a neutral's viewpoint, the unique element of togetherness that the G.A.A. forges in people is quite unbelievable. Normally, casual salutes are transformed into lengthy chats, distant acquaintances become

lifelong friends and the whole parish are in unison as they prepare for the Munster Club championship.

Toome and Clonoulty will battle to experience that again this evening (barring a draw of course) and for the fortunate onlookers, well at least we can glimpse through the stained window and see what could have been. Today, it should be a battle royale. Two very different teams in terms of style will take to the sacred sod in the bid to reach the promised land. The physical and uncompromising style of Clonoulty/Rossmore will bounce right off the fast running, ball playing Toomevara outfit who will relish the space that Simple Stadium will afford them.

Clonoulty/Rossmore, the defending champions, have proved to everybody including themselves that last year was no flash in the pan. They have done it the hard way this year and they have key men in key positions. It might frighten some people to think of it, but I think they are a better side that last year.

Toomevara are back in the big time. It's a much different side to the one that captured their last county title in 1994. Their bulk has been reduced in preference for speed and skill. They are pacy and very dangerous and are coming good at the right time of the year.

Personally, I am looking forward to the battle of the midfield pairing. Lanigan-Ryan and Kennedy against King and Terry Dunne - contrasting styles should make for an interesting tussle. Also, with Declan Ryan meeting Rory Brislane, we will have a titanic battle. That will be an interesting clash and at the other end of the field, Aidan Butler against his good friend Tommy Dunne. These clashes will all make for an intriguing county final.

The curtain raiser will see Kiladangan take on Moycarkey/Borris is a clash that should interest many people. This is a great chance for the minor "B" players to take centre stage. This arises because of Toome's involvement in the minor championship as well. It wasn't possible to play the "A" final and the senior final together.

It's an ill wind that blows nobody some good though and the two teams in action in the minor final today will remember their day for a long time to come. It's an extra special treat for them to play in Simple Stadium — just rewards for all their hard work.

Enjoy the games.

TIPPERARY

MILLENNIUM
COMMITTEE

2000 A.D.

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Tipperary G.A.A. County Board has appointed a Millennium Committee with the task of organising some events to celebrate the year 2000 A.D. This committee are seeking your suggestions as to how best they might achieve their aim.

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**Liam Ó Donnchú, Millennium Committee Secretary, Ballymoreen,
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Declan Ryan gathers during the semi-final clash with Nenagh Éire Óg, closely watched by Michael Kennedy (Clonoulty-Rossmore) and Frank Morgan (Nenagh Éire Óg)

A DAY FOR EVERYBODY

By SÉAMUS O'DOHERTY

THERE is no other day in the G.A.A. calendar which stirs the pride of a parish like the County Hurling final. From the time the club wins their semi-final the topic of conversation become almost exclusively that of "the Final". It is a unifying subject and discussion gives everyone a boost.

Whole streets are decked out with bunting, flags, banners and messages of support for the locals. Shop windows are converted to mini shrines, as photographic evidence of other successful days is located and proudly displayed.

Players of today inherit a rich club tradition which must be upheld. The excitement builds up steadily, particularly in the days leading to the match. Children become almost as excited as at Christmas and the players assume Santa Claus popularity in the minds of the youngsters.

During the build-up a mere glance at a team member is enough to send a child to dreamland. There are no pop stars in this club! School work invariably becomes immersed in the build-up and teachers, to their credit, never lose the opportunity to promote the game particularly in such positive circumstances.

The adults may have seen glory won on a previous occasion but, despite their calm exterior, the hearts still beat with the atmosphere. Attempts to be mature about it fail and many a rousing son or specially composed ballad will be heard in public places and private houses before the big day.

The grandparents will invariably recall times past and speak of the deeds of old hurlers. Nostalgia creeps in here and without the modern-day technology evidence, there is no criticism of parish greats, where deeds and achievements are embellished with the telling.

The players have the hardest task of all. Not alone must they train and abstain but everywhere they go there is talk about "the match". For days they are potential legends. "Will ye do it?" is the most frequent query and the patience of Job ensures the question will be answered politely and optimistically for each of the 180 times it is posed before match day.

The backroom team have their work to do now. Hurleys must be ordered, repaired or adjusted. Sliotars must be in plentiful supply for

the puck-around. First aid and numerous other details must be finalised. The club sponsors will attend a final training session and hand over their largesse with a benevolent handshake. The lads will look well – it will give them a boost!

At least there are no ticket problems for the County Final. Everyone is welcome. His Reverence delivers and appropriate homily at early Mass – he alludes to 'the eye of a needle' and the congregation visualise their deadly free-taker having less bother with a sliotar. What a morning of mixed metaphors. The parting blessing is enhanced by an appropriate endorsement of parish thinking.

Home to check the animals, collect the radio (Tipp FM will be live!), have a good breakfast and gather the overcoats. Three generations of many families will travel hopefully to the stadium of skill. Talk in the car is slow in coming. What did Guiton say in *The Star*? Slevin disagreed with him in *The Guardian*. One of them will be wrong? Let's hope it's not X! 'Westside' couldn't pick a winner and went for a draw.

Traffic has moved well and by 1.30 p.m. there's a big crowd around. Atmosphere is great on these days and it's nice to arrive early. You can view the minor game and have a glance at the programme. How does McCormack produce these programmes every week? We've come a long way from the team lists of 30 years ago.

The breeze is modest enough – the sun could be a problem. The minor captain lifts the cup and speaks impressively in Irish. Education has improved significantly over the years. The sense of happiness is ubiquitous. At last, the senior teams explode onto the pitch in a blaze of colour. Before long we have the parade and after the excitement of the throw-in and lots of action we reach half-time. The supporters weigh up the prospects during the break – it could go either way. Ten minutes to go and then – it's a goal! "They" try hard but 'our lads' hold on to win by two points.

It has been a wonderful year – the Dan Breen Cup will be welcome in the parish tonight, tomorrow and . . . Finally, through the swaying crowd our captain reaches the presentation area. After the chairman has spoken, the silver symbol of supremacy is thrust upwards by our captain.

Is mór an onóir dom . . .



Kildangan captain Ger Slattery raises the Nealon Trophy after the North final.

GER SLATTERY is one of three brothers on the Kildangan panel today – Denis wears the No. 1 jersey while Michael is listed among the substitutes. Ger, who was 18 in April, is a dual player. He won an U-14(B) North Tipp championship and represented his school, winning Fitzgerald Shield, North and county medals.

Kildangan have emerged as a real force in under-age football. Ger holds U-12(A), U-14(A), U-16(A) and Minor (A) North Tipp championships, county U-14(A) and was a member of last year's team which contested

the county minor final. An all-rounds sportsman, he plays off a 12 handicap in golf and is a useful soccer player. Now in his first term in U.L., Ger hopes to pursue his sporting career as well as his business studies degree course.

Ger sustained a serious hand injury in the closing stages of the semi-final but his spirit and courage ensured that he is here today to lead out the wearers of the Blue and Gold.

His first cousin, Jeremy Staunton, is an emerging rugby star with Garryowen. Jeremy won a Canon Hayes Sports Award recently against such opposition as Diarmuid Carew, Clodagh McMurrow and Mark Leonard.

PATH TO THE FINAL

North Tipp Championship – League Basis

Round 1:

Kildangan 0-5; Templeberry 0-5.

Round 2:

Kildangan 2-8; Lorrha 2-6

Round 3: A bye

Round 4:

Kildangan 5-14; Ballinahench 1-7

Semi-final:

Kildangan 1-12; Silvermines 3-6 (Draw)

Kildangan 3-11; Silvermines 1-7 (After extra time)

Kildangan 2-3; Silvermines 0-6

Final:

Kildangan 2-10; Portroe 1-5

County Semi-final:

Kildangan 2-15; Kilsheelan 1-6.

Top scorer for Kildangan: Tommy Connors (1-36). Tommy is a dual player and was a member of the Tipperary minor hurling and football panels in 1998.



A FOOT IN BOTH CAMPS...

CATHERINE GLEESON

(NEE RYAN) –

Kildangan G.A.A. Secretary



Moycarkey-Borris and the Ryans are synonymous – seven brothers – Johnny, Paddy ("Sweeper"), Murt, Larry, Billy, Timmy and Tommy – all wore the Moycarkey jersey. Johnny ("Sweeper") and Murt wore the Blue and Gold of Tipperary, becoming household names in hurling circles. Popular and respected, the Ryans of Moycarkey are part of Tipperary hurling folklore.

Catherine is a daughter of the late "Sweeper",

one of a family of six. She was assistant secretary of the Moycarkey-Borris club before she married Roger Gleeson and moved to live in Kildangan. It was only natural that she became involved in the local club.

Catherine has been Club Secretary for the past three years. Her young sons, Eoin, Ruairi and Earma are showing great hurling promise. I expect that we will hear more about them. Catherine's sister, Ann, is married to Mattie Connolly, Secretary of the Mid Tipp G.A.A. Board.

Catherine has a great love of hurling and of her adopted parish, but a part of her heart will always belong to her beloved Moycarkey-Borris, home of the Ryans. – Liz Howard

r Hurling 'B' Finalists 1998



Back row (l-r) – Seamus Hayes, manager; Paddy Hayes, selector; Tommy Connors, Martin Nolan, David Coen, Hughie Flannery, Liam Slattery, Paul Kirwan, Patrick Lynch, Graham Finch, Liam Kelly, Paul Hogan, Brian Fox, Eamon Kelly, selector, and Donal Hackett, selector. **Kneeling** – Dan Hackett, Thomas Clarke, William White, Noel McGrath, Denis Slattery, Ger Slattery, captain; Michael Slattery, Gerry Corcoran, Sean Gleeson, Eric Kirwan, Ger Quinn and John Collins.

IT IS all of 18 years since we last appeared in Semple Stadium in a County Final when a Kildangan intermediate team lost to an emerging Loughmore outfit. Previous meetings between our club and today's opponents, Moycarkey, saw the Mid-Tipperary team emerge victorious on both occasions. Our senior hurlers were defeated by Moycarkey in the 1934 county senior final and again in 1943 we were defeated in the county senior semi-final.

Today's team, however, are unlikely to be inhibited by those results. The 10 years prior to 1943 were probably the most successful in the club's history since its foundation in 1915 when three North Tipperary senior finals were won – 1934 (amalgamated with Kilbarron), 1938 and 1943. Hurling was especially strong at this time with other teams from the parish like Ballycommon, Lahorna, Knigh and Carney all carving out their own bit of history.

No mention of the club would be complete without reference to our payers who won All-Ireland senior titles with Tipperary – Martin Kennedy, Jimmy Kennedy, Billy Moloughney and Seamus Hogan. Later years has seen a bid development of our playing field in Puckane and alongside this has seen a huge emphasis on our juvenile teams. This is now beginning to be seen with a resurgence in Intermediate, U21, Minor and Junior 'B' teams this year. Great thanks is due to a huge number of people down the years in keeping our games alive

and we hope that today's Minor hurlers will represent us with distinction.

Chairman: Michael "Spike" Nolan

Secretary: Catherine Gleeson

Treasurer: Gerry Foley

Team Manager: Seamus Hayes

Selectors: Eamon Kelly, Donal Hackett and Paddy Hayes.



Tommy Connors – "a dual star"



KILDANGAN

(Cill an Daingin)

Colours: Green & Gold

Fir Ionaid:

(16) B. Ó Sionnaigh
Brian Fox

(17) D. Ó Cadháin
David Coen

(18) P. Ó hÓgáin
Paul Hogan

(19) G. Ó Coinn
Gerard Quinn

(20) G. Ó Corcráin
Gary Corcoran

(21) M. O Nualláin
Martin Nolan

(22) M. Ó Slatara
Michael Slattery

(23) E. ó Ciarubháin
Eric Kirwan

Roghnoirí:

Seamus Hayes (Manager),
Eamon Kelly,
Donal Hackett,
Paddy Hayes.

(1)

D. Ó Slatara

DENIS SLATTERY ✓

(2)

T. Ó Cleirigh

THOMAS CLARKE ✓

(3)

A. Ó Flannabhra

HUGH FLANNERY

(4)

L. Ó Ceallaigh

LIAM KELLY ✓

(5)

L. de Faoite

WILLIAM WHITE

(6)

D. Ó Haicéid

DAN HACKETT

(7)

L. Ó Slatara

LIAM SLATTERY

(8)

T. Ó Connchúir

TOMMY CONNORS

(9)

P. Ó Ciarubháin

PAUL KIRWAN ✓

(10)

S. Ó Coileáin

JOHN COLLINS ✓

(11)

G. Ó Slatara

GER SLATTERY (Capt.)

(12)

S. Ó Gliasáin

SEAN GLEESON

(13)

N. Mac Craith

NOEL McGRATH

(14)

G. Ó Fúinse

GRAHAM FINCH

(15)

P. Mac Loingsigh

PATRICK LYNCH

KILDANGAN	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh leath					
2adh leath					
IOMLAN					

MOYCARKEY-BORRIS

(Magh Coirce-Burghess)

Colours: Red and Yellow



Fir Ionaid:

(1)

S. Ó Ceallaigh
JOHN KELLY

(2)

S. de Buitléir
JOHN BUTLER

(3)

E. de Buitléir
EOIN BUTLER (Capt.)

(4)

T. Ó Riain
TOMÁS RYAN

(5)

D. Ó hAonasa
DONNCHA HENNESSY

(6)

C. Ó Riain
COLM RYAN

(7)

E. Ó Riain
EAMON RYAN

(8)

C. Ó Riagáin
KEVIN O'REGAN

(9)

P. Ó Diomasaigh
PAUL DEMPSEY

(10)

R. Ó Coighligh
RICK QUIGLEY

(11)

P. Ó Deoráin
PAUDIE DORAN

(12)

L. Ó Diomasaigh
WILLIAM DEMPSEY

(13)

P. Ó Flannagáin
P.J. FLANAGAN

(14)

P. Ó Ciara
PATRICK CAREY

(15)

C. Ó Riain
COLM RYAN

(17) M. Ó hÉili
Michael Healy

(18) C. de Buitléir
Conor Butler

(19) P. Ó Meachair
Philip Maher

(20) S. Ó Laocha
John Paul Leahy

(21) M. Soirtéil
Matthew Shortall

(22) L. Ó Flannagáin
Liam Flanagan

(23) R. Ó Fainín
Richard Fanning

(24) S. Ó Laocha
John Leahy

Roghnoiri:

Christy Clancy (Manager),
John Ryan,
Michael Burke,
Dickie Quigley.

MOYCARKEY-BORRIS	// Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh leath					
2adh leath					
IOMLAN					

MOYCARKEY-BORRIS - County M

MOYCARKEY-BORRIS line out in today's final with a young side – fourteen of today's fifteen are eligible again next year. Eamon Ryan in defence and three of the forwards – Paul Dempsey, Rick Quigley and Colm Ryan played under-16 this year.

But this is a very talented and committed side who have progressed steadily since winning the 1993 under-12 county title. The panel has trained diligently under the expert guidance of local schoolteacher and St. Catherine's (Cork) player Christy Clancy, with selectors Dick Quigley, Michael Burke and John Ryan.

In the Mid championship the team accounted for Boherlahan, Gortnahoe, Clonakenny and J.K. Brackens to take the club's first Mid hurling title in the '90s. In the county semi-final Moycarkey defeated Éire Óg Annacarthy.



EOIN BUTLER
Moycarkey-Borris captain

John Kelly plays his second season in goal after several seasons in the forwards. The captain, Eoin Butler, is a strong player and leader. John Butler is a first cousin of Eoin and Tomás Ryan is grandson of the late great county star Johnny Ryan. Tipperary minor Colm Ryan is a stylish centre-back, son of former Seán Treacy's great, Philip Ryan, and grand-nephew of former county great, Pat Stakelum.

Eamon Ryan played on the Mid Tipperary side in this year's Munster under-16 final. Kevin O'Regan, a brave and strong midfielder, is at his best when the team needs him most. The athletic Donnacha Hennessy is a son of County Board Draw chairman Liam Hennessy.

Minor Hurling 'B' Finalists 1998



Back row (l-r) – Paul Dempsey, Donacha Hennessy, Matthew Shortall, William Dempsey, Eamonn Ryan, John Butler, P.J. Flanagan, Michael Healy, John Paul Leahy, Philip Maher, Kevin O'Regan, Paudie Doran. **Front row** (l-r) – John Leahy, Richard Fanning, Liam Flanagan, Colm Ryan (L), Tomás Ryan, John Kelly, Eoin Butler, Rick Quigley, Colm Ryan (B), Patrick Carey, Conor Butler.

Rick Quigley (son of Dick), Paudie Doran (son of Tom) and William Dempsey (son of Liam) provide a link to the Moycarkey county senior hurling winning sides of 1982 and 1984. Paul Dempsey, P.J. Flanagan and Colm Ryan are very promising forwards.

Free-taker Patrick Carey is having his best ever season and is the son of former county and Seán Treacy's great, John Carey. Michael Healy, Conor Butler, Philip Maher, Liam Flanagan, John Paul Leahy, Matthew Shortall, Richard Fanning and John Leahy are each very talented players.

Moycarkey has worked hard at juvenile level in the '90s and today's panel represents a new and exciting era for the club.

Best wishes to Clonoulty-Rossmore

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IN LAST Wednesday's papers, I read that the clash of the ash may be on the way out. Perish the thought, ash is to hurling as Christmas is to Santa Claus. What would we do

without that unique sound ringing out on playing pitches all over Ireland.

However, the shortage of ash is a real problem. This shortage led to the G.A.A. looking for an alternative material from which to make hurleys.

The G.A.A. in conjunction with a group of scientists in U.C.G. started the process in search of such a product. Headed by Conchúr Ó Bradaigh, the group examined the traditional properties of ash, testing it for flexibility and strength. They then developed a prototype, using carbon fibre, which is used in tennis racquets and golf clubs. Following comprehensive work the prototype hurleys are now in the advanced testing stages. It is expected that they will hit the market in early 1999.

Some years ago the 'Nuri' hurley was produced as an alternative to the traditional ash stick. It wasn't a success, as it had little flexibility. It will be interesting to see how the carbon fibre hurley works out. President Joe McDonagh has given it his approval. Obviously, a lot of research has been carried out. The hurley is being manufactured by Killarney Plastics.

Another item which is being

developed is an electronic score detection system, which will be foolproof! Now, that will be a welcome system and will cut out a lot of grief. No doubt the umpires will

welcome it as much as supporters! How many "dodgy" points have won or lost a game. Remember the 1997 All-Ireland and our own Declan Ryan's shot into Hill 16 end? Was it or wasn't it a point? The "buzzer" in Croke Park for the ladies football final is a major step forward. No more confusion re watches stopping, referees getting confused and optional extra time. Again, an excellent idea. Anything

which makes for a more professional approach is welcome.

Back to today. It is wonderful to see Kildangan and Moycarkey-Borris here today. Usually it is the privilege of the 'A' clubs. Kildangan have played some great matches to reach the final. Moycarkey, with a wonderful tradition, will bring flair to the day also.

The senior final is a hard one to call. A lot will depend on the day, a fine day may suit the lighted Toome forwards but Clonoulty-Rossmore never panic. Then there is Declan Ryan who can produce that magic. Will he do so today? Or will young Paddy O'Brien and Thomas Dunne do likewise for Toome.

Good luck to all four teams. How about planting a few ash trees – we need the clash of the ash!

THE CLASH OF THE ASH

By: LIZ HOWARD
Tipperary P.R.O.

TOOMEVARA - Senior

PATH TO THE FINAL

COUNTY SEMI-FINAL

Toomevara 4-19

Knockavilla/Kickhams 0-13

COUNTY QUARTER-FINAL

Toomevara 3-14

Ballingarry 3-9

NORTH FINAL

Nenagh/Éire Óg 1-11

Toomevara 0-11

NORTH SEMI-FINAL

Toomevara 4-17

Portroe 2-6

NORTH FIRST ROUND

Toomevara 2-11

Borrisokane 1-12



Philip Shanahan (Captain)

ROLL OF HONOUR

COUNTY SENIOR HURLING

1890, 1910, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1919,
1923, 1930, 1931, 1960, 1992, 1993,
1994 (13)

JUNIOR HURLING

1912, 1993

JUNIOR FOOTBALL (B)

1995

UNDER 21 HURLING

1985, 1986, 1990, 1995

MINOR HURLING

1986, 1987, 1997

NORTH DIVISION -

SENIOR HURLING

1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1916, 1917,
1918, 1919, 1922, 1923, 1925, 1926,
1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1946,
1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1991, 1994,

1995, 1997 (26)

INTER HURLING

1944, 1955, 1984

JUNIOR HURLING

1913, 1914, 1958, 1991, 1997

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

1972, 1982, 1983

JUNIOR FOOTBALL (B)

1986, 1993, 1995

UNDER 21- HURLING

1967, 1985, 1986, 1990, 1995, 1996

MINOR HURLING

1932, 1937, 1954, 1956, 1981, 1982,
1985, 1986, 1987, 1993, 1994, 1995,
1996, 1997 (14)

MINOR HURLING (B)

1979

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Senior Hurling Finalists 1998



Back Row (left to right): Paddy O'Brien, Kevin Cummins, Terry Dunne, Tony Delaney, Padraig Hackett, Tommy Dunne, Pat King, Kevin Kennedy, Aidan Maxwell. **Front Row** (left to right): Michael 'ebans, George Frend, Justin Cottrell, Ken Dunne, Philip Shanahan, Rory Brisbane.



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CLONOULTY/ROSSMORE

(Cluain an Ultaigh/Ros Mór)

Colours: Green & Gold

(1)

A. Fryday (capt.)

ANDREW FRYDAY

(2)

M. Ó Riain

MICHAEL RYAN

(3)

P. Ó Braonáin

PETER BRENNAN

(4)

R. Ó hÉathirn

RODY AHEARN

(5)

M. Ó hIfearnáin

MICHAEL HEFFERNAN

(6)

A. de Buitléir

AIDAN BUTLER

(7)

L. Ó Cearnaigh

LIAM KEARNEY

(8)

M. Ó Cinnéide

MICHAEL KENNEDY

(9)

C. Ó Lanagáin

KEVIN LANIGAN-RYAN

(10)

M. Ó Coirk

MAURICE QUIRKE

(11)

C. Ó Riain

KEVIN RYAN

(12)

M. Ó Braonáin

MICHAEL BRENNAN

(13)

D. Ó Coirk

DAN QUIRKE

(14)

D. Ó Riain

DECLAN RYAN

(15)

M. Ó hIfearnáin

MICHAEL HEFFERNAN

Fir Ionaid:

(16) A. Ó Cinnéide
Alan Kennedy

(17) L. Ó Martáin
Liam Manton

(18) S. Ó hAobh
Joe Hayes

(19) S. Ó Riain
James Ryan

(20) S. Ó hIfearnáin
John Heffernan

(21) S. Ó Cofaigh
Seamus Coffey

(22) C. Ó Riain
Conor Ryan

(23) M. Ó Cadháin
Michael Coen

(24) B. Ó Floinn
Barty Flynn

(25) M. Ó hAodha
Michael Hughes

(26) R. Ó Máirtín
Dick Martin

Roghnóirí:
T. J. Ryan (Manager);

Kevin Fox,
Joe Hammersley,
Liam Kelly (Trainer).

CLONOULTY/ROSSMORE	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh leath					
2adh leath					
IOMLAN					

TOOMEVARA

(Tuaim Ui Mhéara)

Colours: Green and Gold



Fir Ionaid:

- (16) C. MacCormaic
Kevin McCormack
- (17) P. MacCraith
Patrick McGrath
- (18) P. MacCraith
Paul McGrath
- (19) M. Ó Cathaláin
Martin Cahalane
- (20) D. Brisleáin
Dermot Brislane
- (21) B. Ó Dóinn
Brendan Dunne
- (22) S. Ó Dóinn
Jimmy Dunne
- (23) M. Ó Murchú
Michael Murphy
- (24) N. MacCimín
Noel Cummins
- (25) D. O'Meara
Damien O'Meara
- (26) B. MacCraith
Brian McGrath
- (27) A. Ó Riain
Andrew Ryan
- (28) E. Ó Brisleáin
Eoin Brislane
- (29) B. Ó Duibh
Brian Duff

Roghnoirí: Roger Ryan,
Denis Haverty, Tony Dunne,
Bertie Sherlock (trainer);
Tom Ryan (coach)

(1)

S. de Cotreil

JUSTIN COTTRELL

(2)

S. Frend

GEORGE FREND

(3)

R. Ó Brisleáin

RORY BRISLANE

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CLONOULTY – Senior

PATH TO THE FINAL

COUNTY SEMI-FINAL

Clonoulty/Rossmore	3-11
Nenagh/Éire Óg	1-16

COUNTY QUARTER-FINAL

Clonoulty/Rossmore	2-11
Boherlahan/Dualla	1-11

WEST FINAL

Clonoulty/Rossmore	0-12
Golden Kilfeale	0-8

WEST SEMI-FINAL

Clonoulty/Rossmore	0-22
Knockavilla/Kickhams	1-18

WEST FIRST ROUND

Clonoulty/Rossmore	4-16
Arravale Rovers	1-8



Andrew Fryday (Captain)

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ROLL OF HONOUR

SENIOR HURLING: West Titles:

1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1951, 1989, 1992, 1996, 1998.

CO. FINAL APPEARANCES:

1888: Clonoulty 1-1

Boherlahan 0-2

1927: Boherlahan 4-1

Clonoulty 1-1

1928: Boherlahan 5-4

Clonoulty 2-2

1951: Holycross B 5-15

Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-4

1989: Clonoulty-Rossmore 0-11,

Holycross Ballycahill 1-9

1997: Clonoulty-Rossmore 0-17,

Mullinahone 1-12

JUNIOR HURLING (West Titles)

1936, 1944, 1956 (Rossmore), 1958, 1974, 1983

CO. FINAL APPEARANCES:

1936: Boherlahan 5-4, Clonoulty 2-3

UNDER 21 HURLING (West Titles)

1971, 1972 & 1973 (Combo with Éire Óg), 1981, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1995, 1996, U-21 'B' titles in 1991 and '93.

CO. FINAL APPEARANCES:

1972: Carrick Swans 5-8,

Clonoulty/Éire Óg 6-2

1973: Kilruane McDonagh's 1-10

Clonoulty/Éire Óg 1-0

1981: Éire Óg/ Nenagh 3-9

Clonoulty-Rossmore 2-9

1982: Éire Óg/Nenagh 2-6

Clonoulty-Rossmore 2-4

(after replay)

1985: Toomevara 2-14

Clonoulty Rossmore 1-14

1988: Thurles Sarsfields 2-4

Clonoulty-Rossmore 0-9
(after replay)

1989: Mullinahone 3-8

Clonoulty-Rossmore 3-7

1996: Holycross-Ballycahill 4-16

Clonoulty Rossmore 3-10

MINOR HURLING (West Titles)

1969, 1970, 1981, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1996, 1998.

COUNTY FINAL APPEARANCES

1970: Boherlahan-Dualla 7-6

Clonoulty Rossmore 3-6

1981: Clonoulty Rossmore 2-10

Toomevara 2-5

1996: Clonoulty Rossmore 1-12

Mullinahone 2-8

COUNTY FI

By SÉAMUS

BRIEF ABSENCE

Toomevara made a welcome return to the County Senior Hurling Final today after a one-year lapse. Their last final appearance resulted in a loss to Boherlahan-Dualla on a 1-16 to 2-12 scoreline.

The Mid men have been Toomevara's bogey championship team in the Nineties, beating them in the 1995 semi-final, 1996 final and 1997 quarter-final.

TIGHT FINISHES

Clonoulty-Rossmore beat Boherlahan-Dualla in last year's semi-final with that now late legendary late goal burst. This year the West men also had one point to spare also had one point to spare in their semi-final outing against Nenagh Éire Óg.

LAST MEETING

The last senior hurling championship clash between today's finalists was a quarter-final meeting at Pemplemore in 1996. On that occasion Toomevara had a convincing victory by 2-17 to 0-9.

OTHER DOUBLES

Clonoulty-Rossmore have also won the senior and minor titles in recent years but not as a double. They won the minor title in 1996, beating Mullinahone (1-12 to 2-8) in the decider. They are defending the senior title, having also beaten Mullinahone in last year's final. The club has never retained this title.

WEST VICTORY

Clonoulty-Rossmore had their last win over Toomevara in the 1989 semi-final at Semple Stadium. The score on that occasion was 2-13 to 0-5. The Westerners went on to win the county title.

NO COLOURS BUT GREEN AND GOLD

Whatever way supporters feel today they will all agree that Green and Gold are the colours for the senior final! The last time that the two senior finalists wore the same pair of colours was in 1974, when Thurles Sarsfields beat Silvermines by 3-6 to 1-10. That was the last time the Mid men won the county title and it was the only time the 'Mines reached the decider. Interestingly, the curtain-raiser that day saw Cashel K.C. beating Roscrea in a minor "A" semi-final. Cashel K.C. went on to make history that year, winning both county minor titles. It was the first time any club achieved this distinction.

DOUBLES

Toomevara have been foiled in their attempt to win the senior/minor double this year. The last time they reached both deciders in the same year was in 1994. They won the senior title by beating Cashel K.C. but they lost the minor decider to Ballingarry Gaels. The club's last minor title win was in 1997.

NORTH DOMINANCE

Over the past ten seasons there have been 14 senior championship meetings between Northern and Western clubs. The balance of power has been with the North on a 9 to 5 scoreline. Interestingly, there hasn't been a draw and the closest we came to one was the Clonoulty-Rossmore / Nenagh Éire Óg semi-final this year and the Cashel K.C. / Nenagh Éire Óg semi-final meeting in 1995. Only one point separated the teams on each occasion.

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NORTH RECOVERY

Last year the North Division failed to provide a semi-finalist for the county senior championship. The statisticians spent a long time checking the record books to see when, if ever, it had happened previously. The "concern" was misplaced as the Division showed in this year's semi-finals. If Clonoulty-Rossmore had not produced their best form it could well have been an all-North final.

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TEMPTING FATE

In May of this year a Tipperary newspaper published a photograph of Noel Keane striving manfully to stop Declan Ryan's progress. It was a strange situation which saw Noel lining out with "Offaly" in a challenge game against Declan's Tipperary. What are the chances of another photograph appearing later this year, with Noel (in Blackrock colours) trying to defy Declan's best efforts in the Clonoulty-Rossmore colours during a Munster club championship game?

LAST DRAW

The last drawn senior final took place in 1992 when Toomevara and Thurles Sarsfields finished when Toomevara and Thurles Sarsfields finished level 0-11 (T) to 1-8 (Srs). 'The Greyhounds', led by Michael O'Meara, won the replay on a 0-12 to 1-6 scoreline to record their first title since 1960.

BREAKING TRADITION

It is traditional to play the minor "A" final as a curtain-raiser to the senior decider but that won't be the case this year because of the overlap in players between the Toomevara teams. The last time the minor "A" final was not played with the senior decider was in 1996 when Clonoulty-Rossmore won the title.

WHICH DAY?

Today, just to tease us a little, we have Fryday on a Sunday! Not all deciders are resolved on a Sunday. The 1998 final between Borris Ileigh and Loughmore-Castleiney ended in a draw and was replayed on a Saturday. I suspect that Fr. Peter Brennan remembers more about those games than any of today's players!

VERSATILE COACH

The former Tipperary player and manager, Len Gaynor, holds many distinctions. One of the most interesting is that he coached clubs from three divisions to senior county championship success in Tipperary. His successes were with his own Kilruane Mac Donaghs (1977, '78, '79, '80) with Moycarkey-Borris (1982) and with Clonoulty-Rossmore (1989). Both Kilruane (1985) and Moycarkey-Borris (1982) went on to win provincial club honours but only his home club annexed the All-Ireland title (1986).

SWITCHING ROLES

When Clonoulty-Rossmore won the county minor hurling title in 1996 they were managed by Andrew Fryday and Michael "Shiner" Heffernan. Last year "Shiner" was man of the match in the county senior final while Andrew is today's captain.

The captain of that winning minor team was Michael "Bonny" Kennedy who is now a stalwart on the club's senior team.

FOX 002!

Kevin Fox is the Clonoulty-Rossmore coach again this year, following his "Bond-like" arrival at a critical stage in last year's campaign. Oh to hear a Joe Hayes' "commentary" if Clonoulty-Rossmore retain their title.

CONNECTIONS AND COINCIDENCE

Limerick man Tom Ryan who recently joined Toomevara as coach is the son of Clonoulty man William Ryan.

Among Tom's backroom colleagues is Roger Ryan who was a popular inter-county opponent during the peak Tipp/Limerick rivalry between 1971 and 1975.

Interestingly, Tom's home club and his current club share the distinction of losing an All-Ireland club final. Ballybrown were runners-up to Kilkenny's Ballyhale Shamrocks in 1990 while Toomevara lost to Galway's Sarsfields in 1994.

OH BROTHERS!

Part of the "tradition" of county final day is that the winners of the senior title include at least one set of brothers on their panel. It would take a lot of research to identify the club which last won the championship without this family connection.

BOTH WAYS

With all the discussion about 'second chances' and 'back doors' in recent years, it is worth noting that today's rivals have both annexed the county title under the conventional and second-chance systems ion the past decade.

Clonoulty-Rossmore were West and county champions in 1989, but they lifted the 1997 title without being champions of their own division.

Toomevara were county champions in 1992 and 1993 while Nenagh Éire Óg held the North title, but they were fully crowned with divisional and county honours in 1994 - the last occasion the title was won from the front! Versatility is one of the hallmarks of good teams.

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Le Conchubhar Ó Riain



Tá clú agus cáil ar Chathal Seosamh Ciceam i dTiobraid Aránn. Tírghráthóir agus scríbhneoir len scoth ab ea é. Tá clubanna C.L.G. ainmithe ina onóir, ina measc tá Ciceamaigh Dhúrlas, Cnoc 'a Bhile, agus Ciceamaigh Chluain Meala.

Le sin ráite áfach níl morán eolais ag daoine i dtaobh a shaol agus a ghníomhaíocht ar son na tíre seo. Rugadh é i Muileann na hUamhan sa bhliain 1828. Siopadóir rathúil ab ea a athair agus bhí sé beartaithe go rachadh Cathal le dochtúireacht. Faraor cuireadh na pleananna sin ar ceal nuair a tharla tionóisc do le linn a óige. Rinneadh damáiste dá radharc agus dá éisteacht de bharr pléisce is amhlaidh a phléasc púdar gunna nuair a bhíodas á triomú cois na tine.

Do réir mar a d'fhás sé aníos, mhéadaigh a rannpháirtíocht in imeachtaí polaitiúla. Chuidigh sé le Gluaiseacht na hAisghairime (Repeal Movement). Thosaigh sé ag scríobh vearsaí filíochta d'irisí eagsúla, The Celt, The Irishmen agus The Nation. Bhunaigh sé craobh den Chomhcheangal na hÉireann (Irish Federation) i Muileann na hUamhan i 1848. Ghlac sé páirt san Eirí Amach i mBaile an Gharraí sa bhliain chéanna. Bhí air teitheadh ó bhaile ar feadh tamaill ina dhiaidh sin.

Chuaigh sé isteach i ngluaiseacht na bhFiníní i 1860, agus bhí sé ina bhall len I.R.B. freisin. Thug sé cuairt ar Mheiriceá i 1863 ag lorg tacaíochta do chúis na hÉireann. Gabhadh é sa bhliain 1865 agus ghearr an breitheamh Wm. Kelly, príosún ceithre bliana déag air. Chaith sé a phianbhreith i Pentonville agus Woking go dtí gur theip ar a shláinte i 1869. Scaoileadh amach é agus d'fhill sé ar Mhuileann na hUamhan. Bhí sé i gcónaí ag agóid ar son cearta na dtuathánach agus ag scríobh ar a son ins na páipéir. I 1870 toghadh Dairmaid Ó Donnabhán Rossa mar Theacta do Thiobraid Arann don Pháirlimint, ach le caimiléireacht an Rialtais cuireadh an toradh ar ceol.

Glaoth toghchán nua agus sheas Ciceam mar iarrthóir in áit Rossa. Cé gur ghnóthaigh sé 1,664 vótaí bhí an bua ag Denis Caulfield Heron, dlíodóir a sheas do chearta na dtionóntaí. Duine ionraic ab ea Heron agus rinne Ciceam éacht mar ní raibh eatarthu ag an deireadh ach ceithre vótaí.

Chuaigh sé chun cónaí i mBaile Átha Cliath go luath ina dhiaidh sin. Lean sé ar aghaidh lena obair san I.R.B. Toghadh mar bhall é ar an gComhairle Árdcheannasach (Supreme Council) i 1872 agus bhí sé mar Chathaoirleach ar an gComhairle go dtí a bháis.

Foilsíodh a chéad urscéal Sally Kavanagh i 1869. Scríobh sé an leabhar nuair a bhí sé i bpriosún i Sasana. I rith an ama sin foilsíodh a dhánta agus a amhráin, ina measc, Sliabh na mBan, She lived beside the Anner, agus Patrick Sheehan. Tá an t-amhrán deireannach seo an-suimiúil mar tá sé bunaithe ar eachtra fírinneach. Bhuaile Ciceam le Sheehan agus é ag lorg déirce i Sráid Grafton, Baile Átha Cliath. Seansaighdiúir abea é a throid i gCrímea ach ní raibh aon phinséan aige. Rinne Ciceam achairf ar a shon agus scríobh sé an t-amhrán. Bhí lea-thoradh ar an scéal mar tugadh pinséan do Sheehan, scilling in aghaidh an lae, go lá a bháis.

Foilsíodh cuid mhór dá dhánta, agus dá ghearrscéalta i 1870 sa leabhar 'Poems, Sketches and Narratives' illustrative of Irish life. Faoi am seo bhí a radharc ag dul in olcas agus bhí sé beagnach bodhar. In ainneoin sin scríobh sé an t-úrscéal is cailiúla a scríobh sé riamh. Knocknagow nó The Homes of Tipperary. Foilsíodh é sa bhliain 1873. Lean sé ag scríobh ar son na cúise agus ag cur amach dánta agus scéalta agus bhí cáil air mar scríbhneoir den scoth.

Sa bhliain 1882 bhí sé i dtimpiste bóthair nuair a leagadh é le carr. Níor tháinig sé gomaith as agus fuair sé bás i gCarraig Dubh cúpla mí ina dhiaidh sin. Nuair a bhí a shocraid ag teacht abhaile go Muileann na hUamhan stadadh é le haghaidh na hóice i nDúrlas Eile. Níor ligeadh a chorp isteach san Eaglais mar bhí sé ina bhall de na Finíní. Fad is a bhí a cháirde ag iarraidh áit a shocrú don torramh cuireadh an chónra i mbothár beag i Sráid na hÁrdeaglaise. Faoi dheireadh tógadh é go teach le muintir Kirwan i gCearnóg na Saoirse agus is ann a d'fhan sé ar feadh na hóiche. Ciureadh é i Muileann na hUamhan le dinit agus díomas, fóirsteanach do Ghael ionraic macánta nar chuill riamh a ghrá agus a bhród dá thírdhúchais. I measc laochra na nGael agus na Naomh go raibh sé.

An interview with Semple Stac

I am 88 years old now but I am forever young. How could I age when you all come to see me so often? My great friends, Bobby Mockler and Jimmy Purcell, tend to me as if I were a baby. Didn't Michael Lowry among others collect and pay off all my debts for me? Then the Dublin crowd wonder why Michael is so popular in Tipperary. Have they no sense?

I've seen everything in my time, All-Ireland finals, Munster finals, Trips to Tipp! Talking about music, while I have nothing against Chris De Burgh and all the groups that the young wans love, my favourite sound is the Pecker Dunne's banjo wafting over the bridge.

Aren't the footballers even coming to see me now? A few years ago, I felt like shouting at Charlie Redmond, as he seemed to take an age circling around on my grass, before taking frees. Ah! But Charlie is a darling. My two favourite footballers visited me a couple of months back. Do I have to spell it out for ye – weren't Maurice Fitzgerald and Declan Browne here?

It will soon be quiet here for a couple of months. No lights, so I'm left in darkness. That old codger, the wind, will visit every night. He will dance like a dervish through my old stand, trying to keep me awake. If that doesn't work, he will whistle and moan at me. I am well used to his tricks and I will soon drift off.

I always dream. Why wouldn't I with the



Jim Fogarty presenting John Leahy with a framed copy of an article from last year's county final programme.

memories I have. Every night I see magical feats repeated on my lush green sward. I have seen all the great hurlers. I remember them, but I also remember every player who ever visited me. Minors who never trained on, intermediates and juniors who were getting a little long in the tooth, and only visited once.

Who were my favourites? I have favourites from every county, but since this is Tipp final day (my special day), I will be excused on this occasion for concentrating on my own people.

My favourite team, of course, was Thurles Sarsfields of the 50's and 60's, my neighbours from down the road. My favourite player was my friend, Jimmy Doyle, who came to see me every evening without fail, accompanied by his hurl, sliotar and dog. There are far too many others to mention so just a few highlights will suffice.



The parade before the 1984 Tipperary v Cork Munster Final

ium, a.k.a., Thurles Sportsfield



Vintage Sarsfields

Mick Roche winning his first county final with the Davins in the 60's, followed by Tadhg O'Connor's similar achievement with Roscrea shortly after. Roscrea got so fond of me that they were here almost annually during the 60's and 70's, either minor or senior. Mind you, I haven't seen them in a good while. Didn't John Leahy, who is a regular visitor, bring his friends from Mullinahone last year? They didn't win but John tested every blade of my grass.

I especially remember Nicky English, who was one of the last to visit me in the year of 1996. He came here in that November with the Maguires and the Morrisseys on the day that Lattin won the County Intermediate. Come to think of it, John Leahy was also here that day, training the Mullinahone minors. I hope to see much more of Nicky and John.

The best club minor I ever saw as Johnsie Ryan of Cappawhite, who now has a pub in Oola. Maybe, you'd send up a pint Johnsie, to shorten the winter, as I won't be able to get to see you.

Like all of you, I am sad from time to time. During the holy and lonely month of November, I will think of my friends who have passed away since this day last year. My local friend, Noel Murphy; Tommy Quaid of Limerick who guarded my nets so diligently in an 18-year senior career; and young McGettigan from Leitrim, who died so tragically in New York. There are many others whom I will remember and pray for.

In a few short months, the fog will visit me, and try to shoo my friend the sun away. But the sun always wins.

As told to Jim (Seamus) Fogarty, Kilkenny.



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George Frend (Toomevara) holds possession under pressure from John McCormack (Knockavilla Kickhams) during semi-final clash.

T. na G.

Highlights of today's County Final can be seen on T. na G. tonight at 6.55 p.m. on the programme *Craobh Club*.

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YOUTH VIEWS - WA

My name is
**THOMAS
QUINN.**
I attend
Turraheen N.S.

"My club is
Clonoulty-
Rossmore. My
favourite player
on the team is
Michael "Bonny"
Kennedy because
he helped
Clonoulty-
Rossmore all throughout the year.

"I predict that Clonoulty-Rossmore will
beat Toomevara by a goal because we
are a much better team. We showed it
against Nenagh. I will go to see
Clonoulty-Rossmore win on Sunday."



My name is
**TOMMY
HENNESSY.**
I attend
Rossmore N.S.

"My favourite
player on the
Clonoulty-
Rossmore hurling
team is Michael
"Bonny"
Kennedy. His
skill and
technique makes
him stand out.

He might be small in size but he's big in
heart. The match on Sunday will be a
cracker. All you have to do is look at
both teams. A feast of county players on
both sides.

"Toome are well fancied but I think
Clonoulty should just shade it."



My name is
**NOIRÍN
RYAN.**
I attend
Ballagh N.S.

"My favourite
player is my
brother Declan
Ryan because he
has the ability to
score goals at
vital times.

"Clonoulty-
Rossmore will
win because they have an excellent team
spirit. When losing they are not
discouraged. They have great faith in
themselves. So do we!"



My name is
**DIARMUID
McGRATH.**
I attend
Ballinree N.S.

"I think Toome
will win on
Sunday because
they have trained
very hard for the
County
championship.

"My favourite
player is Mikie
Bevans and he really loves playing in
Semple Stadium."



WHAT THEY SAID . . . !

My name is
**JIM
DUIGNAN.**
I attend
Toomevara
N.S.

"I am really
looking forward
to the county
final on Sunday.
Toome got some
lovely scores
against
Knockavilla.

I hope that my
favourite player,
Paddy O'Brien, has a good game and I
think Toome will win by four points."



My name is
**EAMON
O'ROURKE.**
I attend
Gortagarry N.S.

"Toomevara
will win on
Sunday because
Pat King and
Terry Dunne are
fantastic in
midfield. Tommy
Dunne the 'All-
Star' is also my
star. When Kevin Kennedy gets the ball
he could drive it through a brick wall."



My name is
**EOIN
RYAN.**
I attend
Kilkeary N.S.

"I think
Toomevara will
win the County
final because they
have very skilful
players and they
have trained very
hard.

"One of my
favourite players
is Mikie Bevans.
He was our coach in Summer Camp and
he gave us some helpful advice coming
up to our U-12 North Final."



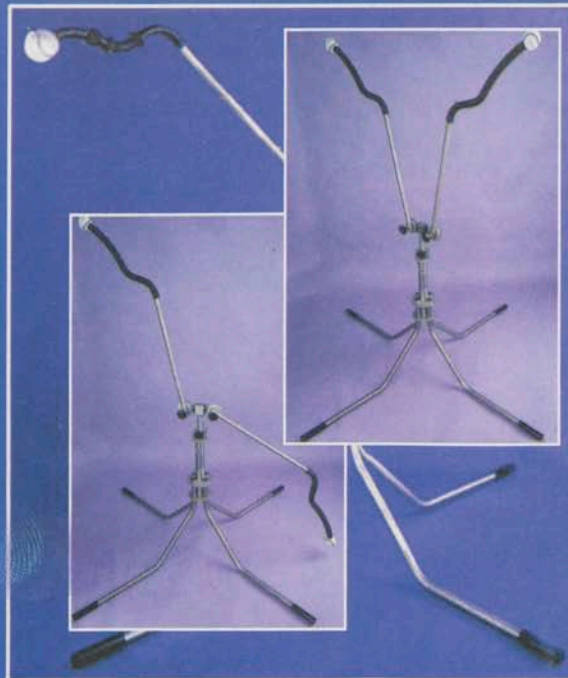
My name is
**DEIRDRE
HICKEY.**
I attend
Clonoulty N.S.

"I remember
the excitement of
last year's
County final.
Mullinahone
nearly got a goal
at the end of the
match which would have made them
winners. My favourite player is Michael
'Bonny' Kennedy. He is a really skilful
player and a great scorer.

"It is great to be back in the county
final this year, it proves that there are
plenty good hurlers, young and old, in
the parish.

"Tá súil agam go mbeidh tine chnáimh
ar lasadh agus go mbeidh an sráid bhaile
plóduithe le daoine trathnóna Dé
Domhnaigh.





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Eamon Cregan

Tipperary Post-Primary Championships

1997-1998 *(John Costigan)*

THE Tipperary Co. Board of the G.A.A. in the early nineties, conscious of the changing trends in the post-primary school scene decided that the only way forward for that very important area was to form a post primary Schools Board, as a sub-committee of Co. Board, whose role would be to run their competitions on an integrated basis.

We in the post-primary schools sector owe a deep debt of gratitude to the Board for their initiative, because as a result, we now have twelve very well contested competitions run annually in which the twenty five post-primary schools in our county compete.

Fortunately, the county board in their generosity contribute about £12,000 annually which in itself is a tremendous boost to the post-primary sector and thankfully 1 thing pay back time came during the post school year when the Abbey C.B.S. Tipperary won the All-Ireland Senior (B) Football Title, Tipperary V.S. won the All-Ireland (B) Vocational title for the first time, defeating Sligo in a replayed final supplementing the All-Ireland Junior Vocational schools title won by Killenale V.S. in hurling.



Our Lady's Templemore - Tipperary (U-16) A Hurling Champions and Croke Cup Winners

Back Row (from left): Rory Purcell, Peter Bourke (Brackens), Mark Bourke (Borrisoleigh), Damien Bergin (Templetuohy), Ian Kilroy (Brackens), Derek Bourke (Castleiney), James O'Shea (Headmaster), Declan Bolger (Loughmore), Brendan Corcoran (Brackens) Gearóid Byrne (Clonakenny), Paddy Kelly (Tommevara), Martin Costigan (Templetuohy), Sean O'Costegain.

Front Row (from left): Paul Brennan (Castleiney), John Sweeney (Templetuohy), Owen Shortt (Upperchurch), Martin Gleeson (Loughmore), John Cahill (Drom), Pat Shortt (Upperchurch), Kevin Ivers (capt., Brackens), Rickie Fogarty (Templetuohy), Martin Joe Murray (Clonakenny), Darren Danagher (Loughmore), Kevin Fogarty (Templetuohy), John Hassett (Templetuohy).

POST PRIMARY RESULTS

CORN MHIC GABHANN (U-18) A FOOTBALL

Abbey C.B.S. Tipperary (3-16) Fethard Secondary School (1-9)

SCIATH MHIC GABHANN (U-18) B FOOTBALL

St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh (2-8) Nenagh V.S. (0-8)

CORN UI CHIOSÓIGH (U-15) A FOOTBALL

Cashel C.B.S. (1-11), Nenagh C.B.S. (1-4)

SCIATH UI CHIOSÓIGH (U-15) B FOOTBALL

Colaiste Dun Iascaigh (4-7), St. Ailbe's Tipperary (0-7)

(U-14) A FOOTBALL (BLITZ)

Abbey C.B.S. Tipperary (4-8), Cashel C.S. (1-1)

(U-14) B FOOTBALL (BLITZ)

St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh (2-5) Roscrea C.B.S. (3-1)

CORN MHIC GEARAILT (U-17) A HURLING

Thurles C.B.S. (1-2) Our Lady's Templemore (2-5)

CROKE CUP (U-16) A HURLING

Our Lady's Templemore (2-9) Thurles C.B.S. (0-5)

SCIATH MHIC GEARAILT (U-17) B HURLING

Clonmel High School (1-13) Nenagh V.S. (1-7)

CORN UI AONGHUSA (U-16) B HURLING

Cashel C.S. (2-13) Nenagh V.S. (1-8)

COMORTAS NA CHEADBHLIANA (HURLING A)

Our Lady's Templemore (3-10) Abbey C.B.S. Tipperary (0-4)

COMORTAS NA CHEADBHLIANA (HURLING B)

Scoil Mhuire Newport (1-7) Cashel C.S. (1-1)

Cúinne na nÓg

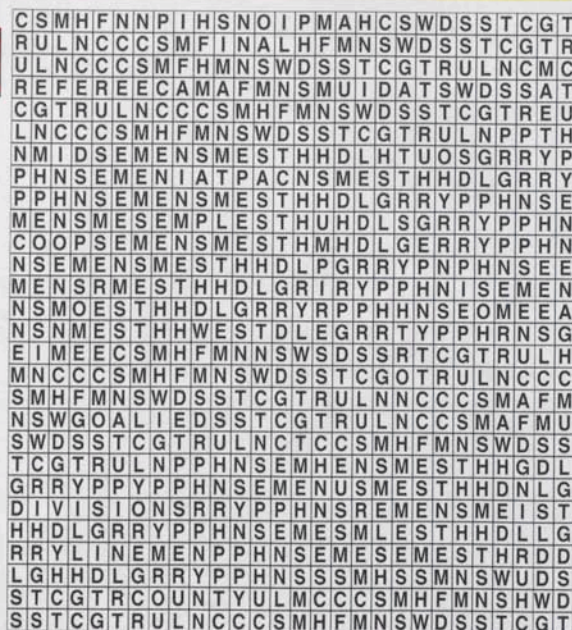
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WORD SEARCH

Can you find the following words?

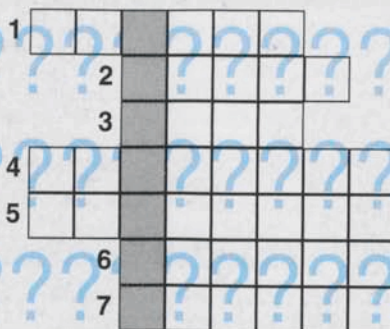
COUNTY	THURLES
SENIOR	CAPTAIN
MINOR	GOALIE
HURLING	TEAM
FINAL	REFEREE
MID	UMPIRES
NORTH	LINESMEN
SOUTH	NENAGH
WEST	COOP
DIVISIONS	CHAMPIONSHIP
SEMPLE	
STADIUM	

Words can be vertical, diagonal or horizontal in any direction



CROSSWORD

Answer the quiz to reveal the current Tipperary Senior Hurling Manager

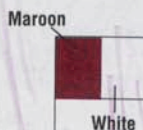


1. THE FIRST PART OF G.A.A.?
2. THE FIRST NAME OF OUR S.H. MANAGER?
3. THE SCORE THAT GOES UNDER THE CROSSBAR?
4. WHAT COUNTY DOES D.J. CAREY PLAY FOR?
5. THE BALL BEING USED TODAY?
6. TODAY'S VENUE?
7. SOMETHING EVERY PLAYER SHOULD BE WEARING FOR THEIR SAFETY?

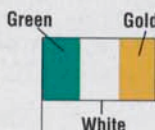
COUNTY FLAGS

Do you recognise these county flags?

Hint: Both are current All-Ireland champions.



A. _____



B. _____

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