

North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final

Match Programme

1980



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THUAIDH

Craobh Cluiche Iomana *Sinsear*

PAIRC MHC DONNCHADHA, AONACH, 3u LUNASA 1980

Ros Cre

v

Cill Ruain Mhic Donnchadha

3.30 p.m.

REITEOIR: DONAL O NIALLAIN

IOMAINT FAOI 21: BURGESS v TOOMEVARA

2.00 p.m. Reiteoir: Micheal O Nuallain

CLAR OIFIGIUIL 25p

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Tipperary had a unique distinction in 1909. They played in three All-Ireland Senior Hurling Finals in the one year at three different venues. They drew the 1908 one v Dublin at Jones' Road, won the replay at Athy, and were beaten by Kilkenny in the 1909 Final at Cork.

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All-Ireland medals were easy to come by in Tipperary after the turn of the century. Take Johnny Walsh of Tubberadora, for instance. He had won five before he was 24 years old. His brother Denis won four—1895/6/7/8. To get even with Johnny, Denis came back in 1916 (21 years after his first medal) to win another All-Ireland senior medal. He is believed to be the oldest man to have won All-Ireland senior honours.



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This year there has been much criticism of the standard of hurling within the county, but Kilruane MacDonagh and Roscrea are the finalists on merit. Both these clubs down the years have made valuable contributions to the county. I have no doubt that the teams participating today are aware of the responsibility that rests on them, both to club and county.

Congratulations to our Tipperary minors and best of luck to our under 21 hurlers who meet Cork on Wednesday evening in Cork.

Thanks to the Runai, Pdraig O Meachair, and to the Board officials, the Park Committee, na moltoiri, the Nenagh Band, and Paddy Prior.

All have helped in the presentation of our final as a memorable occasion. Mo bhuiochas libh.

Tomas O Ciarba (Cathaoirleach)

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Buiochas

This Programme is sponsored by Newport GAA Club. We thank the North Board for affording us the opportunity of doing so. We are grateful to those who have advertised in the Programme and we ask you to support them. We also owe our appreciation to those who contributed articles and helped in any way in compiling the Programme.

Paths to The Final

KILRUANE

beat Eire Og 3-14 to 0-7
 beat Lorrha 1-12 to 2-7
 beat Roscrea 2-9 to 1-9
 beat Silvermines 4-8 to 0-11
 beat Borris-Ileigh 2-10 to 1-11
 conceded to Moneygall
 beat Borris-Ileigh 1-13 to 3-4
 in semi-final

ROSCREA

beat Borris-Ileigh 0-10 to 0-9
 beat Silvermines 3-9 to 1-6
 beat Lorrha 3-5 to 2-2
 beat Eire Og 3-16 to 2-10
 lost to Moneygall 3-12 to 2-9
 lost to Kilruane 2-9 to 1-9
 beat Silvermines 1-15 to 1-2
 in semi-final

Kilruane Scorers

S. Hennessy	0-37
J. Williams	4-5
S. O'Meara	3-4
G. Williams	2-5
M. Waters	2-0
D. Whelan	1-1
E. O'Shea	0-4
M. Keogh	0-4
L. O'Shea	1-0
L. Gaynor	0-1
J. O'Meara	0-1
D. Cahill	0-3

Total 13-66

Roscrea Scorers

F. Loughnane	4-33
J. Tynan	1-6
J. Stone	3-4
J. Butler	3-2
G. O'Connor	0-10
J. Shanahan	0-6
P. Queally	0-5
K. O'Connor	0-4
T. Ryan	2-0
J. Spooner	0-2
P. Loughnane	0-1

Total 13-73

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wishes to thank its many patrons who supported their recent fund-raising activities and sponsored the Programme for the opening of St. Cronan's Park.

Roscrea's Finest Hour

August 29, 1954, at Nenagh.

This was the date and venue for what many believe was Roscrea's finest hour. The game was the decider in the North championship and Borrisoleigh were reigning county champions. They were powered by the Ryans, the Kennys, Jimmy Finn, and minor star Liam Devaney. But their four year reign of unbroken supremacy in North Tipperary came to an end when Martin Loughnane, Michael Butler, Bergin, Rowland and company brought Roscrea a two points victory which was greeted by unparalleled rejoicing.

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Triumph at Last

On October 13th, 1968, having already lost five county finals and still waiting for their first title, Roscrea faced Thurles Sarsfields in the county decider. Sarsfields had been dethroned in 1966 after their great run of ten titles in eleven years, but they were still a formidable line up with names like Jimmy Doyle, Tony Wall, Sean McLoughlin, Blackie Keane and Michl. McElgunn to the fore. It wasn't a memorable final but the Roscrea spirit finally broke the hoodoo that seemed to dog them in the county finals. The decades of disappointment were forgotten when the Dan Breen Cup was presented to John Dillon.

Of that team, Brendan Maher, Tadhg O'Connor, Francis Loughnane, Joe Tyrnan and Liam Spooner still remain.

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DONAL O NIALLAIN



Donie Nealon needs no introduction to the people of North Tipperary. He has carved a name for himself as a player, an administrator and a trainer/coach. Son of Rody, famed star of the 1920s, Donie teaches in Newtown NS. He received his secondary education at St Flannan's College, Ennis, with whom he won a Harty Cup medal in 1954. In the same year he was chosen at left half forward on the Munster Colleges team. While working in Dublin he played with UCD.

Later, during the 60s, he was to form part of a most potent forward machine that brought many All-Irelands to Tipperary. Served as Secretary of North Board and is currently Secretary of Munster Council. Very active in his native Burgess club where he is the guiding light in their playing, social development and training activities.

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MICHAEL O NUALLAIN: Refereeing the curtain raiser today will be Mick (Spike) Nolan. A member of the Tipperary All-Ireland winning under 21 hurling team in 1967, he has been an established member of the Moneygall senior hurling team since the mid 60s. He is a very dedicated clubman which was demonstrated in the amount of time and energy he spent in the building of Moneygall's Centre. Presently his club's delegate to Board.

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1. How many of the 30 players starting today's game hold All-Ireland inter-county hurling medals?
2. What is the name of the GAA Field in Newport?
3. How many Tipperary men have held the position of Uachtaran Cumann Luithchleas Gael?
4. Name the trophy awarded for the North Tipperary Junior Hurling Championship?
5. How many All-Ireland senior hurling medals did Donie Nealon win?
6. Who was "The Guardian" Player of the Year in 1979?
7. In what year did Tipperary win three All-Ireland hurling championships?
8. Who was the only man to hold the position of Chairman of the North Tipperary Board for two non consecutive terms?
9. In what year was the North Board established?
10. Who was the last man to captain a Tipperary All-Ireland winning team?

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Joint Presidents of North Tipperary Board are two men who have given a life-long service to the GAA in many spheres —Rody Nealon and Denis Costelloe.

Ruairi O Niallain: One of the few survivors of the great Youghalarra/Portroe teams of the 1920s, Rody never won a North S.H. championship, mainly due to the dominance of the Toomevara Greyhounds, with whom they had many stirring encounters. Won a J.H. All-Ireland in 1924 and was a member of the Tipperary team that took the senior title the following year. Went on the American tour 1926. Played for Ireland in the Tailteann Games 1924. Served as Chairman of North Board 1924-25 and was a County Board member for over 30 years. Represented Tipperary on Munster Council. Achieved prominence as a referee in which capacity he acted at local and inter-county level. Worked hard in his own club in promoting the game and was an active member of Connradh na nGaeilge. Fear uasal, imreoir, reiteoir agus Gaeilgeoir ata ina shlainte fos. Ta na siolta curtha ag a leitheid. Bainfimidne an fomhair.

Denis Costello: One of the longest serving members of the Shannon Rovers club, Denis has seen a long and distinguished career involved in GAA activities. Club Secretary for over 20 years and a delegate to North Board. Represented the North division at County Board level for 25 years. Played senior hurling at 17 years of age. Won an intermediate medal in 1930, a county junior in 1939, and in between won a North Tipperary senior hurling championship with a Kildangan/Kilbarron combination in 1934. Prominent also as a referee for many years. Denis is still a very active club member and a faithful follower of Shannon Rovers.

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ROSCREA: 1936, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1945, 1949, 1954, 1963, 1967 to 1971—(14).

BORRIS-ILEIGH: 1947, 1950 to 1953, 1955, 1972, 1973, 1976—(9).

LAHORNA DE WETS: 1901 to 1904, 1906 to 1908—(7).

LORRHA: 1905, 1914, 1934, 1948, 1956, 1966—(6).

KILRUANE: 1940, 1944, 1959, 1965, 1977-79—(7)

KILDANGAN: 1934, 1938, 1943—(3).

NENAGH: 1915, 1957, 1964—(3).

NEWPORT: 1932, 1935—(2).

YOUGHALARRA: 1909—(1).

SILVERMINES: 1974—(1).

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Kilruane MacDonagh Club History

Hurling has always held a treasured place in Cloughjordan parish. In the early days of the GAA the local heroes were known as The Ninety Eights, their name commemorating the fighting men of 1798. With the foundation of the North Board in 1901 began the success story of the legendary De Wets. From 1901 to 1908 they collected seven North titles and captured the county crown in 1902 when they defeated Carrick.

With the decline of the De Wets the present success story did not begin to unfold until the early '30s when the Kilruane MacDonagh club was formed. This club bore the name of Cloughjordan's noblest son Thomas MacDonagh, just as their illustrious predecessors bore the name of another famous soldier, General Christian De Wet, a hero of the Boer War.

The MacDonaghs had their first breakthrough in 1940 when the North senior hurling title was annexed. Since then the club has gone from strength to strength to become one of the leading clubs in the county. The major breakthrough for the club came in 1977 when after years of frustration and bitter disappointment the Dan Breen Cup, the symbol of supremacy in Tipperary hurling, was captured. The MacDonaghs have captured 12 county titles in different grades: Senior Hurling (3) 1977-79, Senior Football (1) 1975, Junior Hurling (2) 1960 and 1978, U-21 Hurling (4) 1973-76, Minor Hurling (1) 1971, U-21 Football (1) 1978. The club has won 39 North titles in different grades: Senior Hurling (7) 1940, 1944, 1959, 1965, 1977-79; Junior Hurling (6) 1950, '54, '56, '60, '46 and '75; Intermediate Hurling (1) 1978; Minor Hurling (5) 1952, 1964, 1971-73; U-21 Hurling (6) 1972-76 and 1978; Senior Football (4) 1972, '76, '77, '79; Junior Football (2) 1971 and '75; Minor Football (2) 1970 and '72; U-21 Football (6) 1970, 1973-76 and 1978. As well as these titles in the adult grade the club has won numerous championships at both county and divisional level in juvenile competitions.

The club has provided its share of talent for the county down the years. The best known are All-Ireland medal winners Tom Moloughney and Len Gaynor. The club has also produced capable administrators. The present North Board Chairman is clubman Tom Kirby, while Fr Niall O'Meara (RIP) guided the affairs of the division in 1956. In the time of the De Wets James O'Meara and Michael Kennedy both had stints as Secretary, while James O'Meara also held the position of Chairman.

The club's spacious ground is MacDonagh Park, Cloughjordan, officially opened in 1966, while the club's social centre is the Fr Neill O'Meara Memorial Centre which was opened in 1975.

KILRUANE MacDONAGHS CLUB OFFICERS 1980

President: V. Rev. Joe Hayes, PP

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Vice-Chairmen: Denis Cahill and Mick Meara

Secretary: Gilbert Williams

Treasurer: Michael Hennessy

Football Chairman: Jim Moloughney

Football Secretary: Michael Cahill

Senior Selectors: Billy Meara, Mick Meara, Tom Moloughney

Len Gaynor (Trainer/Coach); Ned Fogarty (Masseur).

Patrick 'Wedge' Meagher has been described as 'the greatest hurler never to have won an All-Ireland medal. He was at his best on the field around the 1913-19 period. He was captain of the famous Toomevara Greyhounds and he acted as Secretary of the North Board. He spent his latter years in New York.

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Roscrea won the All-Ireland club championship in 1971. They are the only Tipperary team to have achieved this honour.

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Tadhg O'Connor in 1971 captained the last Tipperary team to win a senior All-Ireland. One wonders who will be the next man to have this distinction and when?

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At Thurles Petty Sessions in June 1909 a 10 year old boy was charged with hurling in a back street and was fined 10/6d or 14 days in jail.

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It is fifty years ago since Tipperary won the triple crown of hurling. Newport were well represented on the minor team, with Jack and Jimmy Coffey and Jim Close on the team, and Mick Boland and Ned Delaney on the selection.

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Old timers maintained that Jack Rochfort was the greatest full-back of all time. Small in stature, he won seven All-Irelands with Kilkenny between 1904 and 1913. He was born in Chapel Lane, Newport, but went to live in Kilkenny at an early age. Some years after he had retired, as he left Croke Park on All-Ireland day, his companion P. D. Mehigan (Carbery) quipped, "It was easy for you, Jack, there was no full forward in your day".

"But Paddy", replied Jack, "it was I who made them look bad".

Economy of Players

It is interesting to note that Kilruane have used only 17 players in their championship run this season. In actual fact these same players have been together now for the past four years during which time they have annexed three North and three County titles. They are bidding today for four in a row, a feat previously achieved by Toomevara and Borrisoleigh.

Roscrea in contrast have gone through 21 players this year to date in an effort to arrive at the proper blend. Their team captain, Roger Ryan, in actual fact hasn't played at all this season. Being a selector he prefers to lead from the bench.

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Roscrea and Kilruane met in both the North and County finals of 1978. Kilruane came with a late rally to take the two titles.

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Camogie started in Tipperary in 1932.

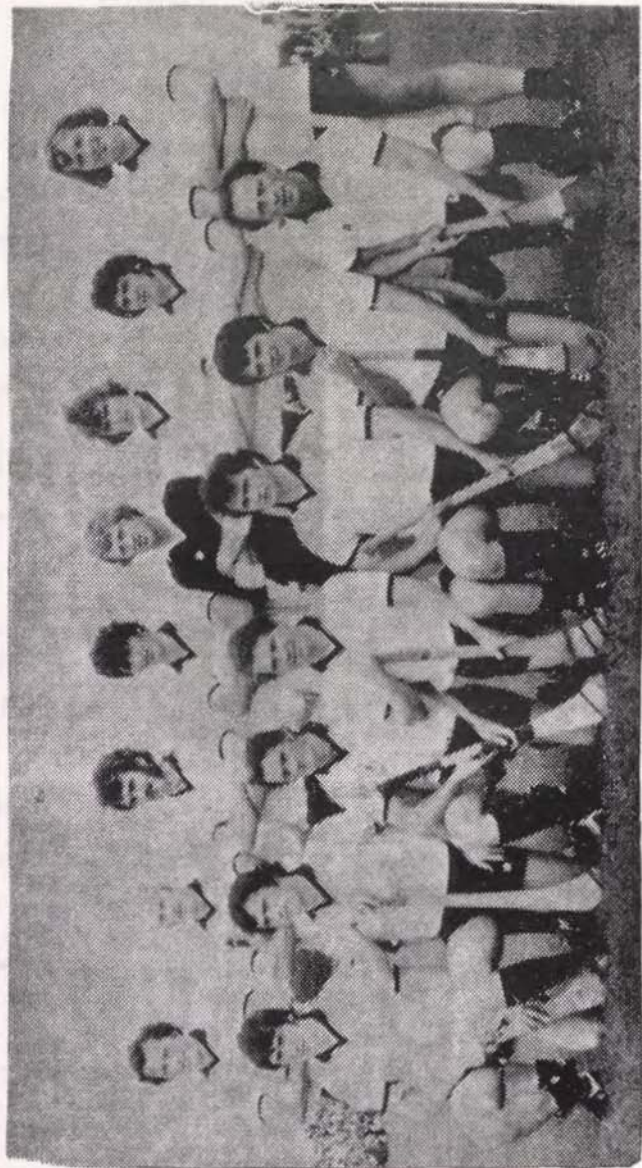
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Michael Ryan

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THE SPONSORING CLUB

In 1886 there were three clubs in the parish — Newport, Birdhill and Tocr. The Newport team was called Newport Kickhams. In those early years they did not compete in the championships. At the formation of the North Tipperary Board in 1901, Ned Ryan and Neil Moloney were elected on the committee. In 1910 the team was known as Fr Matthews. Tim Ryan was elected Chairman of the North Board in 1912.

Although hurling declined during the war years, Newport won the North divisional junior football championship in 1917. The county semi-final was never played. D. K. Ryan, Mick Rainsford and Tom Coffey were amongst those who reorganised the North Tipperary Board in 1922. In 1924 Newport won the junior hurling championship, defeating Curreney in the final. In 1927 they reached the North senior final but failed to overcome Toomevara. The Mulcaire Rovers club, in the Birdhill area, was formed in 1928. They reached the junior final in 1934 and won the championship in 1937 and again in 1947. Newport won the minor hurling championship in 1929.

In 1931 they affiliated in West Tipperary and were narrowly defeated by Clonoulty in the senior final. In 1932 they returned to the North division and took the senior championship, a feat that was repeated in 1935. In 1934 the intermediate championship was won. In 1939 Kyle football club was formed and the following year the club became the first minor football champions. The club was re-named Rockvale Rovers in 1947 and won the County junior football championship. The following year they were defeated by Clonmel Commercial in the county senior football final.

Newport captured the county junior hurling title in 1957 and the intermediate in 1965. In 1959-60 the club supplied four players to the North selection which won the county senior football championships. Defeated in the North junior football finals of '63 and '64, the championship was won in '65, '67, '70, '76, '78 and '79, the club taking county honours in 1965 and 1970. The North minor football title was won in 1971 and the club was defeated in the West senior football final in the same year.

Juvenile championships in hurling and football were won in 1968 and the u-12, u-14 and u-16 Section 2 hurling championships were annexed in 1978.

Cill Ruáin Mhic Donnchadha

(Ban agus Dubh)

(1)

Antoin Mac Aoire

Tony Sheppard

(2)

S. O hAolain

Sean Hyland

(3)

D. O'Meara

Denis O Meara

(4)

E. O hOgain

Enda Hogan

(5)

S. O Meara

Jim Meara

(6)

P. Mac Uilliam

Paddy Williams

(7)

D. O Cathaill

Denis Cahill

(8)

S. Mac Eochaidh

Mackey Keogh

(9)

S. O hAonghusa

Seamus Hennessy

(10)

S. Mac Uilliam

Jim Williams

(11)

L. O Se

Liam O Shea

(12)

G. Mac Uilliam

Gilbert Williams

(13)

S. O Tuairisc

Seamus Waters

(14)

S. O Meara

Sean O'Meara

(15)

L. Mag Fhionnbhair

Len Gaynor

Fir Ionaid: (16)—D. O Faolain, Denis Whelan; (17)—G. Mac Uilliam, Ger Williams; (18)—S. O Caoinleain, John Quinlan; (19)—M. O Caoinleain, Michael Quinlan; (20)—S. O Cathaill, John Cahill; (21)—E. O Se, Eamon Shea; (22)—M. O hOgain, Michael Hogan; (23)—M. O Conmhíde, Michael Conway; (24)—T. Mac Domhnaill, Tommy McDonald.

Ros Cre

(Dearg agus Ban)

(1)

Seosamh O Rothlain

J. Rowland

(2)

C. O Bradaigh

K. Brady (Capt.)

(3)

B. O Meachair

Brendan Maher

(4)

S. O Sponair

(J. Spooner)

(5)

C. O Conchuir

Kevin O'Connor

(6)

Tadhg O Conchuir

T. O'Connor

(7)

Pilib De Bhaird

P. Ward

(8)

Peadar O Caollai

P. Queally

(9)

Liam O Sponair

L. Spooner

(10)

Gearoid O Conchuir

G. O'Connor

(11)

S. O Seanachain

J. Shanahan

(12)

S. O Maolchluiche

J. Stone

(13)

S. De Buitlear

J. Butler

(14)

P. O Lachtain

F. Loughnane

(15)

S. O Teimhneain

J. Tynan

Fir Ionad: (16)—Padraig O Lachtain, P. Loughnane; (17)—Seosamh O Beirgin, J. Bergin; (18)—Sean O Maolachtna, S. Maloughney; (19)—Tomas O Riain, T. Ryan; (20)—Pol O Conchuir, P. O'Connor; (21)—Seosamh O Treasaigh, J. Treacy; (22)—Ruairi O Riain, R. Ryan; (23)—P. Mac Mathuna, P. McMahon.

Roscrea's Formula

Roscrea honour their traditions deeply. Tradition has helped to win many championships for them. They find that their main problem is motivation. Early this year they held a meeting of players, selectors and trainer at which they discussed the future and aired their views on past failures. The result was a total commitment from all — to improve the image of the club in association with their new complex. The new facilities meant that they could now spend more time in the field. This helped to develop a comradeship and a new spirit which they feel has been portrayed in their games to date. They have attempted to play traditional Roscrea hurling which involves playing the ball to the open spaces where their lighter forwards can use their speed and ball control to good effect. Today is a major test for this present team. The younger players have come through without winning any county championship. They have won North minor and juvenile titles but no county title. Perhaps today will be a step towards that goal

ROSCREA CLUB OFFICERS 1980

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Junior Hurling: 1913, '15, '24, '26, '30, '33, 53.	7
Intermediate Hurling: 1963, '66, '71, '72.	4
Under 21 Hurling: 1964, '67, '79.	3
Minor Hurling 1930, '32-'34, '47, '49, '52, '53, '55-'57, 59, '76.	13
Senior Football: 1889, 1895, 1900, 1920.	4
Junior Football 1912, 1923.	2
Minor Football 1934.	1
National Hurling League: 1928, '49-'50, '52, '54-'55, '57, '59-'61, '64-'65, '68, '79.	14

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Juvenile Hurling

The success enjoyed by the Kilruane senior hurling team over the past few years can be attributed in no small way to the attention they received as Juveniles. This has been an ongoing facet of the Kilruane club which culminated in reaching the Feile na nGael final recently. Roscrea admit that juvenile activities were somewhat neglected in their parish until two years ago when, spearheaded by Seamus O'Doherty and Jody Spooner initially, under 12 leagues were organised from October to March. This created a new interest in the town and has been carried through to the older age groups. Consequently they are happy with their progress—even though they haven't won championships they have been beaten only by top teams. Brother Madigan has helped immeasurably in promoting hurling in Roscrea.—but imminent transfer to Nenagh will rob them of an energetic worker. Roscrea's loss will be Nenagh's gain.

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Na Captaein

Kilruane MacDonaghs' Captain is **Denis O'Meara**—aged 27. Denis first played juvenile hurling for the club in 1965 and he made his senior debut in 1970. In between he collected an All-Ireland vocational schools medal with North Tipperary in 1969. Denis captained the MacDonaghs u-21 hurling team which won the county title in 1973 and two years later he led the senior football team to its historic victory over Loughmore in the county final. Last year he was a member of the Tipperary senior hurling panel and he collected a National League medal. Older brother of wing-back Jim, Denis is a heating contractor.

Captain of Roscrea is **Kevin Brady** who has been most consistent this year at right corner back. He won a North minor medal in 1974 and he played on the Tipperary minor team in 1973 and '74. He captained the North Tipperary vocational schools team which won the All-Ireland in 1974. He won county under 21 medals in 1976 and '77. He gained his place on the Roscrea senior team in 1975, a year in which they were beaten by Silvermines in the North final. He went on a trip to America with Roscrea in 1974, and he was a member of the side that won the All-Ireland 7-a-side last year. Kevin has also served as Roscrea Club Secretary and he was one of the leading lights in the planning and building of the new Social Centre. The '70s have certainly been busy and successful for Kevin. He is hoping to get the 80s off to a good start today.

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The first admission charge to a game in Tipperary was for the County Final in 1895 between Tubberadora and Suir View when 2d each brought in receipts of £40.

In 1901 the North Board was set up and the first game to be held under its jurisdiction was between Nenagh and Roscrea. The only item of note on the game reported by the "Nenagh News" was that a member of the Nenagh team got a blow of a camán on his face, dislocating his nose! Roscrea won this game and later went on to contest the final against Lahorna De Wets. After an objection, a replay and another objection the De Wets were finally awarded the game.

The North Board has come a long way in those 80 odd years. A few items from last year's Balance Sheet shows how times have changed:

Share of Gates to Clubs	£5,240
Grants to Finalists	£1,420
Grants and Subscriptions	£574
Trophies	£1,663
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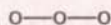
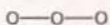
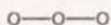
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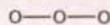
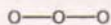
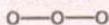
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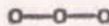
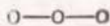
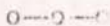
Away back in 1935 Sam Melbourne, a Thurles man, started his museum collection. From humble beginnings his museum has grown, so that now at his home in 141 Villa Park Gardens, off the Navan Road, Dublin, every day and night brings hosts of admirers. The Museum Fund was set up to help buy suitable transport for the haulage of his museum to different parts of the country. If you go to Dublin, visit Sam's museum. He is a fund of information on the G.A.A. throughout the country. It is hoped to bring the Museum to Nenagh, Roscrea and Thurles within the next 12 months. It will provide one of the greatest attractions during the Centenary celebrations. Cards at £1 each or 20p per line are on sale through all clubs and in the grounds today. Bi fial agus chehannaigh line no dho. (Padraig O Meachair, North Tipperary P.R.O.).



Powell's Field at Annaholty, Birdhill, was the cradle for many future stars. There, the Mackeys, Paddy Scanlan and Mick Coffey first learned to hurl. Mick and John Mackey, at a young age, assisted Mulcaire Rovers in their first championship match against Shallee. Paddy Scanlan wore the Newport colours in the County Junior Final of 1925, the day on which he scored a point from the puck-out. Mick Coffey won his first medal with Newport in 1924 and his last with Mulcaire Rovers in 1947.



Renowned Goalie Tony Reddan won 4 National Hurling League medals with Tipperary between 1949-'54 and 5 Railway Cups with Munster between 1950-'55.



At the beginning of the century a Gael from the Leaside is quoted as saying, "In Cork we try to inspire our hurlers to imitate the 'let-me-at-him' spirit of Tipperary and we never pronounce judgement on new blood till we see it up against Tipp. If you beat a Tipperary hurler for a ball, he'll make you earn it, and even when you win possession you never safe, till you have the ball hit".



In 1916 there was only one senior game in the North Division. A Toomevara/Nenagh selection defeated Moneygall/Clonakenny.

Frank McGrath

The trophy which will be presented to the winning Captain today is called the Frank McGrath Cup. It is dedicated to the memory of a man who played an important part in the development of the North Board in its early years. Frank McGrath played with the famed Toomevara Greyhounds around the 1913 period and he also figured in the Nenagh team which beat Moneygall in the 1915 final. During the Troubles he served as an Officer in the War of Independence and was interned in Cork in Belfast.

He was Chairman of the North Board in 1922-'23 and again from 1927-'31. He was the Tipperary representative on the Munster Council for many years and he served on the Central Council at a time when there were only two representatives from each province. He had an enormous influence on the workings of the GAA at the time. He acted as a selector for the county team and he was manager of the Tipperary team that toured America in 1926.

The present Cup was designed by Seamus O Riain and was formally presented in the early '60s.

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LAHORNA DE WETS: 1902	1
BORRISOLEIGH: 1949, 1950, 1953	3
ROSCREA: 1968, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1973	5
MONEYGALL: 1975, 1976	2
KILRUANE: 1977, 1978, 1979	3

Tipperary won their first All-Ireland 'double' on the occasion of the initial games to be played on the pitch that is now Croke Park. They were for the 1895 titles and the date was March 15th, 1896. The Premier County hurlers beat Kilkenny easily, 6-8 to 1-0, but in football Tipp just managed a four points to three win over Meath. There was an unusual sequence to this contest. The referee wrote to the newspapers the following day that he was in error in allowing one of the points to Tipp and he suggested a replay. The Central Council, however, upheld the decision given on the field, while Meath in most sportsmanlike fashion refused to take advantage of the alleged mistake.

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Eire, Borrisoleigh	9
Borrisokane, Portroe, Kilruane	8
Silvermines	7
Newport	6
Roscrea, Moneygall, Shannon Rovers	4
Inane Rovers, Kildangan	3
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Dates to Note

County Senior Hurling Quarter Finals: 10/8/80.

Semi-Finals: 24/8/80.

Final: 28/9/80

North Championships:

Intermediate Hurling Quarter Finals: August 10th

Semi-Finals: August 24th and 31st

Final: September 14th

Newport Hurling Tournament commences Sunday, August 3rd,
7.30 p.m.: Portroe v Ballinahinch.

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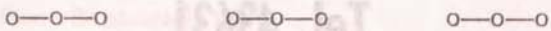
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Canon M. K. Ryan

The new stand in Thurles bears the name of Canon M. K. Ryan (Lacken), a native of Toor, Newport. He was Chairman of the Tipperary Co. Board from 1917 to 24. His successor, Willie O'Dwyer of Boherlahan, paid tribute to him: "We can never forget his nursing of the Association in times of stress and danger, and I can say with truth that as long as the Association remains in Tipperary, Canon Ryan's name will never be erased from its roll of honour".



Newport, on the border of Limerick, has a special niche in the history of the G.A.A. in the neighbouring county. The Ryans (Creagauns) of Cappanahanna won All-Ireland and National League Medals with Limerick, having already won North Tipperary Championships with Newport and Mick Ryan, an All-Ireland junior medalist with Tipperary in 1926 was one of Limerick's greatest midfielders. Jimmy Close of Newport became another Limerick All-Ireland and National League winner.

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Is ocaid speisialta i seo, cluiche ceannais Thiobraid Arann Thuaidh, agus dos na buaitheoiri is toradh e ar na hamannta fada a caitheadh ag treanail agus ag cleachtadh, agus seo rud nach dtuigeann gach einne, go bhfuil ga le reamh ullmhuchain, cleachtadh agus traenail, chun sar chluiche a thabhairt duinn ar an ocaid seo. Thar rud ar bith eile is iontach an la e seo dos na clubanna agus na parosti. Is mor an onoir d'aon club, craobh chluiche a bhaint amach, agus seachas an onoir a ghabhann leis, ta an dea shampla ann d'imreoiri oga, agus ina theannta san spreagadh chun rian na sinsear a leanuint. Ar shli baineann buachaint mar seo leis an bparoiste ar fad, mar is cuid de stair agus traidisiun an pharoiste e, rud a bheidh 'n abhar cainte le fada an la, indiaidh an chluiche.

Inniu freisin, ni bheidh an pobal gan bheith ag smaoineamh ar chraobh chluiche an chontae, agus suil a choinneail acu ar iomanaithe oga fiuntacha, a bheidh ina gcreidiunt doibh ar ball, mar iomanaithe ar fhoireann an chontae.

Nuair a bheidh an cluiche thart dar ndoighe is ea a bheidh an comhairle is suntasaighe a roint amach ar na himreoiri mar—"is fearr an t-iomanai an te a bhionn ar an gclaoi"



In 1908 the North senior hurling championship was run on the league system with seventeen silver watches for the winners, seventeen suit lengths of Irish tweed for the runners-up, and seventeen jerseys for third. De Wets took the watches, Youghalarra the new clothes, and Clonakenny got the jerseys.

The idea was considered too unweildy and was abandoned the following year.

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