

North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final
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NORTH FINAL DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th 1981

Intermediate Hurling Final at 2.00 p.m.

PORTROE v TUAIM UI MHEARA

Moltoir: G. de Luing

SENIOR HURLING FINAL at 3.30 p.m.

ROSCREA (Holders)

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BORRIS-ILEIGH

Moltoir: D. O Niallain

COSTAS 30p

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Hurling is our greatest National Game and I would like to quote from Pádraig Uas. Ó Fainín foreward in 'The Clash of the Ash' and in doing so, I feel that it expresses more than adequately our thoughts and desires for our great game of hurling:

"Hurling is Ireland's truly national game, a game whose origins are lost in Celtic mythology, a game that is so very much part of national heritage. Hurling is a game peculiar to the Irish and in its movements figure a nd skill, and in the courage and discipline required of those who play, it reflects the very spirit of our people. Hurling is to hurling men more than a mere game, it is a thing of beauty, an art form even a way of life."

Today is the most important day in the diary of North Tipperary G.A.A., for we have in MacDonagh Park, our Nealon Minor Hurling final, and our Senior and Intermediate Hurling finals. It is my hope that the three finals will give us all that is best in this great game of hurling, and that all of our supporters will have distinctive memories of this day.

My thanks to all who have contributed in any way to this day, An Runai, AnCisteoir, Coiste Pairc Mhic Donnacdha, na Tuairisceoiri as na paipeari. A special word of appreciation to the Borrisokane Club for the quality of the programme.

I would like to avail of this opportunity to congratulate our 'Under 21' Hurling Team and Mentors on their historic three-in-a-row, last Sunday week, and to say that, in your hands lies the future of hurling in this County. It is a great challenge and a wonderful responsibility and we look forward, with great confidence, to the future.

I would like to thank all the Clubs and Officials in this Division for their co-operation with the Board, in the past year.

I look forward to three great finals to-day, from Clubs steeped in tradition of C.L.G. There has to be winners and losers, but the real winner will be, as always, 'the game of hurling.'

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DONAL O NIALLAÍN



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.

Donie's linesmen today are Liam Hogan and Martin McCarthy and his umpires are J. J. McCarthy, D. Ryan, Pat McGrath and Johnie Flynn.

Semi-Finals Results

Senior Hurling

Roscrea 3-10, Lorrha 2-10.
Borris-ileigh 2-12, Kilruane 2-7.

Intermediate Hurling

Toomevara 2-10, Shannon Rovers 1-7.
Portroe 2-17, Templederry 3-11.

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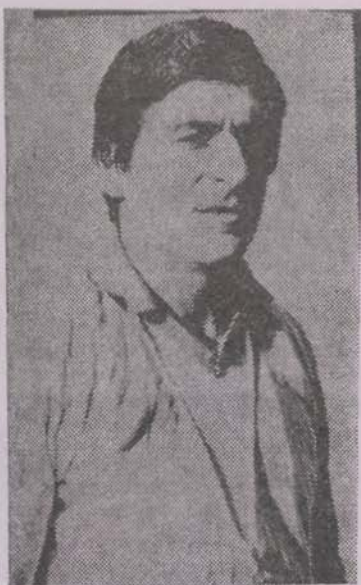
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My favourite sport is hurling. As far back as I can remember I was hurling. I got a great thrill being picked on the Irish Athletic Team but hurling is part of my way of life. It's a national game, it's very skillful and it's a great spectator sport.

Hurling has meant everything to me. I've got such enjoyment from the game, I would like to put something back into it, to do a bit of coaching and improve my game and the game in Limerick.

—Pat Hartigan talking on Hurling.

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Borris-Ileigh GAA Club Officers, 1981

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Football Secretary: Ger Carroll.

Junior Hurling Selectors: Michael Murphy, Michael Comerford, William Starr.

Trainer: Seamus Hogan.

The Gaelic Athletic Association

The Gaelic Athletic Association today is an organisation which reaches into every corner of the land and has its roots in every Irish parish. Throughout the country, legions of voluntary workers willingly make sacrifices to promote its ideals and carry its daily burdens. Why does the Association receive this unselfish support?

Those who play its games, those who organise its activities and those who control its destinies see in the G.A.A. a means of consolidating our Irish identity. The games to them are more than games—they have a national significance—and the promotion of native pastimes becomes a part of the full national ideal which envisages the speaking of our own language, the buying of Irish goods, and the promotion of native music and dances. The primary purpose of the G.A.A. is the organisation of native pastimes and the promotion of athletic fitness as a means to create a disciplined, self-reliant, national-minded manhood which takes conscious pride in its heritage of unrivalled pastimes and splendid cultural traditions, as essential factors in the restoration of full and distinct nationhood. The overall result is the expression of a people's preference for native ways as opposed to imported ones.

Since she has not control over all the national territory, Ireland's claim to nationhood is impaired. It would be still more impaired if she were to lose her language, if she failed to provide a decent livelihood for her people at home, or, if she were to forsake her own games and customs in favour of the games and customs of another nation. If pride in the attributes of nationhood dies, something good and distinctive in our race dies with it. Each national quality that is lost makes us so much poorer as a nation.

When the G.A.A. was founded in the last quarter of the 19th century, pride of race had been crushed out of most of our people by famine and by armed oppression. The G.A.A. and the Gaelic League helped to resurrect that pride and, as these organisations grew in strength, a new spirit, which was to influence and affect the subsequent history of Ireland, was born. Today, the native games take on a new significance when it is realised that they have been a part, and still are a part, of the nation's desire to live her own life, to govern her own affairs.

Those who are unaware of the conditions that called the G.A.A. into being, and of the national significance that attaches

to the native games may be forgiven if, to them, one game is as good as another. But those who know our country's history and understand the role that the G.A.A. has played in it will see that, until complete nationhood is achieved, the Association must continue to maintain an all-embracing patriotic spirit. To that end its creed represents a simple choice between qualities which are native and characteristic of our land and qualities which are foreign and imported.

This national side of the G.A.A. and its dedication to the ideal of an Irish-Ireland must be kept to the forefront at all times. To the youth of Ireland, a knowledge of the circumstances in which the G.A.A. was founded, of the part it played in the years before the Rising of 1916, of the share its members had in the fight for freedom, is merely knowledge of their own inheritance and should not be withheld from them. Such knowledge would make out the native games as more than mere games and would show that the Association which promotes them has had, and still has, a strong influence for national good.

During the Fight for Independence, guerilla warfare was a popular stratagem. During those years, bands of daring fighters were formed and came to be known as "Flying Columns." They trained secretly in the hills, but they had many problems—the greatest, perhaps, was the shortage of arms and ammunition. Indeed, some of the most audacious exploits of these men were carried out by way of raids on military and police posts, in quest of equipment.

Their commandants had, for years, been studying military science, and the practical application of this knowledge during action amazed their better-armed, and often armoured, opponents. For the duration of the "troubled times" these groups of men hit the Army of Occupation hard—very hard. They would sweep down from the mountains as swiftly as packs of angry wolves, attack, and melt silently into the mists of the Irish countryside.

Flying Columns were, to a great extent, composed of men who followed their peace-time occupations by day, but who donned the bandolier of the guerilla fighter after dark. Frequently their "double life" was discovered by the British and they were forced into hiding—men who disappeared from their homes unexpectedly were said to have been "on the run". These desperate men depended on the generosity of their friends and sympathisers for food and a place to rest, but they seldom dared to sleep in the same house for more than a few nights.



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Where The Money Goes!

1980 was a record year for North Tipperary GAA Board as far as gate receipts were concerned, with almost £20,000 being taken up in admission charges, which is the only income the Board has. The current year has fallen well short in its receipts to date and the Senior Hurling Championship which is the big money spinner, now complete, it is unlikely that this figure will be reached again. Consequently the Board will have to be prudent in its payments when the time comes to balance the books. While clubs will demand their slice of the cake they must appreciate that the running costs of the Board are increasing with inflation.

"Where does all the money go," is a question we often are asked after a big game. Figures have consistently shown that much of the money is ploughed back into the counties and clubs through various grants and aids for development, **coaching**, **promotional activities** and general improvement of the Association.

A look at a few items from the North Board's Balance Sheet for 1980 shows where the major part of the finance went:

Share of Gates to Clubs	£5,106
Grants to Finalists	£1,940
Medals and Trophies	£2,025
Hurling Balls	£608
Rent of Fields	£1,750
Advertising and Printing	£2,069
Postage and Telephone	£786
Grants and Subscriptions	£596

In addition, this year alone the Board has already given interest free loans to three club's involved in development of their playing fields and social centres. It is obvious therefore that while the Board is in a healthy state all the clubs and various other units benefit accordingly. After all, it is the Clubs that make up the Board and it is they who determine its policy and reap the rewards of whatever financial bonanzas may arise.

Dénis Floyd (Tres.)

Portroe Intermediate Team

	(1) John Sheedy	
(2) Liam Kennedy	(3) Paddy Conroy	(4) Mike Sheedy
(5) Mike Gleeson	(6) Mike Moloney	(7) Jimmy Ryan
	(8) Mike Keogh	(9) Tom Keating
(10) Martin Gleeson	(11) Brendan Kennedy	(12) Pat Hickey
(13) Jimmy Creamer	(14) Jimmy Sheedy	(15) Martin Flynn

Subs.: Pat Power, Ger McGrath, John Ryan, Gerry O'Brien, Willie Ryan, Joe Lawlor, Sean Gleeson, Martin Hogan, Pat Ryan, Ned Quigley.

Port won the 1950 Intermediate Championship, beating Newport and Knockmeal Rangers on the way to the final, when they met Borrisokane in Nenagh on the 1st October, 1950. Portroe Fife and Drum Band played the teams round the field, then the National Anthem and the game was on. Portroe led from the start and the final score was Portroe 6-5, Borrisokane 1-4. Mr P. Hogan, Kildangan, was referee.

The Portroe lineout was: Jimmy Carr; Tom Molamphy, Timmy Lewis, John Quinn; Jimmy Seymour, Tommy Hogan, Paddy Seymour; Mike Seymour, Pat O'Brien; Mikie Sheridan, Ned Ryan, Denis 'Pop' O'Driscoll; Connie Collins, Denis Flaherty, Tommy McInerney.

The Borrisokane lineout: J. Tierney; M. McKenna, S. Carey, W. Daly; M. McCarthy, Son Kelly, J. Donnelly; V. Foley, W. Starr; T. Foley, P. Murphy, M. Moore; Din Kelly, D. Doorley, T. Dooley. Sub.: M. J. Heenan

Toomevara Intermediate Team

(1) Pat McGrath		
(2) Paddy O'Brien	(3) Tony Dunne (capt.)	(4) D. J. Cleary
(5) A. N. Other	(6) Peter Connolly	(7) Denis Haverty
(8) Martin O'Meara		(9) Sean Nolan
(10) Joe McGrath	(11) James Grace	(12) John Ryan
(13) Jimmy Dunne	(14) Michael Delaney	(15) Michael McCormack

Subs.: T. J. Grace (16), Rev. Joseph Kennedy (17), Donal Shanahan (18), Seamus O'Meara (19), Thomas Shanahan (20), Martin Ryan (21), Liam McGrath (22), Michael Egan (23), Frank McCormack (24), Jimmy Delaney (25), Seamus Younge (26), Michael Meagher (27), Frankie Ryan (28).

Achievements

Tipperary are in second place overall as regards all-Ireland championships wins: Senior Hurling 22, Intermediate Hurling 3, Minor Hurling 13, Senior Football 4, Junior Football 2, Under-21 Hurling 5, Minor Football 1, Junior Hurling 7.

They won the first all-Ireland final played when Thurles beat Meelick, Galway, in the 1887 decider. They completed the senior double in the all-Ireland championship twice—1895 and 1900. They dominate the National League winners list in hurling with 13 successes between 1928 and 1968.

Tipperary were also the first county to win 21 All-Ireland senior championships in any code when they took the 1965 hurling crown. They made it another first by winning the inaugural national under-21 hurling championship in 1964.

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Gaelic Sunday — 1918

Like every organisation not directly involved, the GAA was taken unawares by the Rising of 1916. For the moment among the rank and file there was confusion, quickly followed by an upsurge of sympathy, which quickly turned into a wave of enthusiasm for the ideals of the martyred leaders. Within months there was a sort of shamefaced admission that the leadership of the Association had been uncommendably cautious in the neutral stance it had at first adopted towards the whole thing.

But by the summer of 1918 there could be no doubt whatsoever where the sympathies of either the rank and file or the leadership of the GAA lay. Day after day, newspapers carried the names of prominent hurlers, and footballers recently arrested or recently released from jail. Hurleys were carried in lieu of rifles in Volunteer parades and out of the jails came reports of hotly-contested football games in which well-known footballers participated.

Tipperary GAA was well to the fore in the upsurge of national feeling. The Boherlahan selection which travelled to Dublin to play the 1916 All-Ireland Final in January, 1917, chose to boycott the tram system so identified with the employers who had hounded James Connolly to his death and, instead of using public transport, walked from Kingsbridge to Croke Park. A year later, when they returned to be beaten by Dublin in an epic final, they stayed overnight in the city and on Monday morning visited Glasnevin where they laid a wreath, worked in the Tipperary colours, on the grave of the lately-martyred hunger-striker, Thomas Ashe. The captain, Johnny Leahy, whose brother, Jimmy, had been arrested the previous Saturday, led the team in reciting the Rosary for the soul of the hunger-striker and for all those at that moment in British jails.

So huge was the number of its members involved that it would have been difficult for the Association officially to remain aloof from the national struggle. In Tipperary there was hardly a club which did not have more than one of its members on the receiving end of the attentions of the 'security forces'; often these were the clubs' most prominent members. By mid 1918 a number of the nationally famous Toomevara 'Greyhounds' were in jail — Wedger Meagher, Frank McGrath, Stephen Hackett, Jack Harty and others. Felix Cronin

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Gaelic Sunday — 1918 (Contd.)

of Lorrha, Tommy Kenny of Portroe, Paddy McDonnell of Carrigatoher, Darby Collison of Moneygall and dozens of other well-known hurlers were in jail or just out. They were involved in hunger-strikes and jail-riots, arrests and re-arrests and it was clear that the GAA in Tipperary was a powerhouse of rebellion.

Frank McGrath, full-back for the 'Greyhounds', spoke as a GAA man as well as a Volunteer officer when he told a courtmartial which charged him with illegal drilling: "I claim the right of training the young men of Ireland so that they may become free citizens of a sovereign state. I am a soldier of the Irish Republic now virtually established and nothing in God's law prevents me from doing my duty to my country. Yours is the policy of the mailed fist but the mailed fist will beat uselessly against the free souls of the young men of this nation. You may crush our bodies but you will never crush our spirit."

Dublin Castle recognised the situation for what it was and in summer of 1918 it issued an edict prohibiting the holding of any public assembly without an official permit. Within a week police were attempting to prevent the holding of hurling and football games; in some cases they pulled down goal-posts.

The GAA met the challenge in a manner that could not be more forthright. Under the penalty of automatic suspension, it forbade its officials to apply for government permits. Furthermore, in a colossal act of defiance towards the government, it designated a Sunday in August 'Gaelic Sunday' and called on all units of the Association to put on games for that day.

No single event in GAA history has ever been so completely successful as that Gaelic Sunday. At the appointed hour, fields all over the county echoed the clash of the ash and the thud of the football as crowds cheered on the massive act of defiance. Nowhere were the games better attended than in Tipperary.

Faced with a situation it could not control, the government decided that the GAA was best left alone. Nobody within the Association suggested it had done wrong in defying the law. Instead, there was deep and widespread pleasure in the knowledge that a sporting organisation could stand up to the imperial bully and win.

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Prior to his appointment in 1921 when he replaced the legendary Wedger Meagher, he had been secretary of the Nenagh Club. The Association was then in its infancy and suffered many teething troubles, especially financial ones. The Board was

in debt at one stage and ten men went to the Bank and acted as guarantors for £200. Mick Moylan was one of them. He volunteered to act without salary until the Board was solvent.

He brought the aspirations and ideals of the Association into full fruition. There were many difficulties with which he was faced, when an alien oppressor sought by every means to crush the spirit of Ireland which was awakening after a slumber of seven centuries. He continuously and tirelessly worked for the advancement of our national games which, he felt, were for Irishmen alone and no other game or games were comparable to them.

For forty-three years he was a familiar figure, Sunday after Sunday, on the playing fields of North Tipperary. He cycled everywhere together with the Gatecheckers—Paddy O'Brien (Snr.) during the initial years and later his son John O'Brien, the late Michael (Mockey) Carroll and Michael O'Donnell. Mick Moylan had an unique communications system set up. Remember, this was a period when there were few telephones

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or cars. Yet, so well known was Mick Moylan throughout the Division that he was able to get word of last minute cancellations or alterations to club secretaries within 12 hours.

In the forties when the Juvenile Board was being reorganised he acted as secretary.. He was also a member of numerous committees—fixtures and finance committees of the North Board, fixtures, appeals, finance committees of the Co. Board, a member of Nenagh MacDonagh Park Committee. He was also a member of the County Minor Selection Committee and Junior Hurling Selection Committee. He was a sound judge of a good hurler and during his period as selector on the M.H. Committee Tipperary won seven All-Ireland Championships and one J.H. Championship.

Mick Moylan served under 12 chairmen. On the proposition of Mr Seamus Ryan, then Chairman of the North Board, he was unanimously appointed Hon. Vice-President of the Board.

I leaba na Naomh go raibh a hanam uasal Gaelach.

Lines To The Bawnmore Hurlers

There's a spot in North Tipperary; it's a place of great renown;
The old folks christened it Bawnmore, just a mile from Borris town.
It has produced a hurling team that lacks no fighting dash,
And when they take the field to play, those lads can use the ash.

To Lower Ormond, they brought fame by winning all the way.
They outclassed many crafty teams that were favourites in the fray.
Their name in history will go down for centuries, I'm sure;
For miles around, there can't be found, a team to beat Bawnmore.

The personnel I'll try to spell—five Kellys and O'Brien;
With combination on the field, they can get there in time.
With Reddan Mick, and Keevey Bill, they're always to the fore
When they send the ball to Torpey, he is waiting there to score.

The brothers Burke and Brennan, their play is fast and sound,
They take the day for what it's worth; their equals can't be found.
The Brophys and Pat Kennedy are swift lads on a ball
And if Noonan gets possession, the net will surely fall.

A last word for the trainer—the veteran Kelly, Din,
Who showed them how to use their sticks; in short he trained them in.
I'll end my song 'ere it gets too long, I've annoyed you much I'm sure;
So fill up once more and drink a toast to the lads from old Bawnmore.

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The Pride Of The Blue And Gold

BY TADHG O'CONNOR

The Blue and Gold is synonymous with Hurling, Croke Park and All Ireland's wherever GAA followers discuss their hurling. From the earliest days of the Association Tipperary were consistently winning All Ireland's at one grade or another and a look at the statistics will show the success of the County down through the years. This continuous run of victories means that one can meet all age groups and re-cap by-gone glories.

To listen to the old timers recount past deeds and famous victories can be invigorating and to witness the love and pride of the County still felt by those ex players and followers is a joy to behold. I feel they are the true supporters of Tipperary —the history makers. They and their predecessors formed the tradition that is Tipperary. The exploits of the early days straight through to the 50's and 60's formed his history of the Blue and Gold and gave us a hurling history to be proud of.

How does one define the pride of Tipperary? Pride, like tradition can be difficult to define, yet I will try to explain what the Blue and Gold, has, and still means to me.

I became aware of hurling at an early age — like most boys back in the late 50's hurling was our greatest means of enjoyment and our most popular sport. I played no organised hurling but because of the popularity and success of Tipperary we spent almost all our free time playing the game among ourselves. We were lucky to have a 'green' where we could hurl without interfering with anyone and as a consequence, we unknowingly practiced many of the skills including the physical element of the game. From that area of Roscrea came the nucleus of Minor, Under 21 and Senior teams with the result that numerous North County and All Ireland medals have come to the area.

At that time I was lucky to wear the Blue and Gold for the first time in 1966 when Tipperary played Limerick in the Minor championship. Coming from a family with no hurling tradition, that was the chance I needed to join the Tipperary

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scene. The following year I won an Under 21 All-Ireland and from there on I became aware of the importance of the game in the eyes of Tipperary GAA followers. Every game HAD to be won — hard knocks were part of the game and sympathy was not to be expected. By 1968 I had won an Oireachtais with with team mates like Liam Devaney, Mick Roche, Len Gaynor, Donie Nealon, Sean McLoughlin, Babs Keating, Francis Loughnane, Jimmy Doyle, etc., of the successful team of the 60's and the skill and dedication of these players was something to marvel at. To be in their company after a game and listen to their comments made me realise what exactly was demanded of a player wearing the Blue and Gold. Their total commitment and togetherness was unbelievable. Their belief in each other and help for each other during a game left a lasting impression. With the retirement of these great players ended a magnificent era for Tipperary. The successful team of '71 came to an end with defeat in the Munster Final of '73 and the Championship defeat by Clare in 1974.

After those defeats it was obvious that that a re-building programme was needed to recapture former glories and many new players were tried year after year without success. Genuine Tipperary followers are confused with the continuous failure to win a championship game since '73, and they rightly ask the question, what has gone wrong? Many answers are given some acceptable, others not so, but yet we fail. I have often felt that the only group who have not been asked their opinions are the players who try unsuccessfully year after year and who have some very worthwhile contributions to offer, but, sadly they have never been acquainted.

I will attempt to give some of my views on Tipperary's decline. Tipperary owed its success down through the years to selecting a particular type of team, with specialised players in certain positions. These teams played a hard, fair physical game — no fancy frills but exceptional team work. The specialised players on the team were directly down the middle. Those players were normally big and strong. Tipperary almost always had one big strong mid-fielder capable of winning the high ball and breaking up the play for the wing backs and wing forwards. The centre forward played a very simple game in distributing the ball as quickly as possible to

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his full forwards. This hard type of centre forward play also made it very easy for the wing forwards to score as they found themselves feeding off the centreforward rather than playing around centrefield. The full forward also benefited as the ball was coming through quick and low and he knew exactly what to expect. This was the game that won wide acclaim for Tipp., and, Kilkenny seeing its effect adopted this style and beat Tipperary at their own game in 1967. I would like to see Tipp revert to this traditional style of play, restore the emphasis on ground hurling and bring a more physical element to their game.

When one looks back ten to fifteen years one can't help but notice the differences in hurling styles. Gone are the days when Tipp won National Leagues with alarming regularity and were short odds every year for the All Ireland. Nowadays defeat in these competitions is accepted in some quarters with a mere shrug of the shoulders. We need to emphasise to our players the utter dedication and will to win that was a hallmark of Tipperary teams of the past and which is absolutely vital to modern day success. The spirit and will to win of our former "greatest" is needed today more than ever before.

What for the future? Well, obviously Tipperary are going to adopt a youth policy to try and restore former greatness. With a magnificent Minor and Under 21 record since 1976 the players should be available to the selectors—but, have we the right type of players? Whereas under-age success is great in itself, I feel it should merely be "a means to an end" i.e. when selecting under-age players we should always do so with eventual Senior success in mind and select players that should have the necessary attributes to make a good senior player.

With this in mind, I would like to see a far different approach when appointing selectors. In order to select the correct type of player it is necessary that we have Selectors who put County honour before Club loyalties and who will choose the type of player necessary to restore our former greatness.

Having represented Tipperary at various levels since 1966, I feel honoured to be asked by Borrisokane to contribute some of my ideas and general comments on what those fifteen years have meant to me.

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Roger Ryan, who first played for his county in 1969. He was full-forward on the successful Tipperary All-Ireland team of 1971. He has also won two County Championships with Roscrea.



Timmy Stapleton represented his County at minor and under/21 level. He is at present a member of the senior squad.

What it means to be in a North Final

BY TIMMY DELANEY

Borris-ileigh is a parish that holds its hurling tradition with an unblemished intensity that beties the modern world in which we live. The still talk hurling in Borris at the Creamery, outside the Church Gates after Mass, on the streets and in the homes. To play senior hurling for Borris-ileigh is a distinction that brings each player as a household name throughotu the parish, especially when the team is in a North Final.

To play for my parish in a North Final fills me personally with an unimaginable pride.

It brings to mind the greatness of our cultural traditions, and gives our parish a platform on which our players of 1981 can display their interpretation of a game that has out-lived the centuries.

Coming up to this North Final—in a year that we hope may be a milestone in our Club's history, I think of all the great men who won North Finals from Borrisoleigh. Indeed, I think of the great men who never won a North Final—and such a thought makes one feel most inadequate. I know that in playing this North Final our entire parish is behind us. People see the 'maroon jersey' and remember with pride our hurling past.

I am very conscious of the wonderful tradition of our noble rivals Roscrea. Naturally, I hope we win, but truthfully if the game is of a high standard of skill, sportmanship, and commitment I will indeed be honoured and grateful for the opportunity of being a part of it all.

Our team has prepared diligently—we hope we will not be found wanting. I, as a player gratefully take this opportunity of appreciating the wonderful followers of hurling in North Tipperary—without them the game could not survive as it has.

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BORRIS-ILEIGH TEAM

The Foot and Mouth All-Ireland

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This game was played at Limerick on October 26th, 1941. Cork had already defeated Kilkenny in the All-Ireland for which they had been nominated to represent Munster. Because of Foot and Mouth disease outbreak, Munster championship games had to be postponed for several months. Tipperary Gaels called this game the "Foot and Mouth All-Ireland." The Tipperary team:

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The Late Seamus Gardiner—one of Tipperary's greatest adopted sons

By GERRY SLEVIN



Conventions, be they divisional or county, generally have an air of expectancy about them. The election of officers, especially if it is known beforehand that there is to be a contest, brings a sense of tension and excitement to the occasion. When the results are revealed, there is joy in some quarters, disappointment in others, but overall, what matters most is that the full support of all clubs is willingly given to those elected to serve.

The North Tipperary Convention of January 1972 was no exception. There was a three-way contest for the chair, Hubie Hogan from Lorrha being challenged by his two vice-chairmen, the late Pat Hogan and Martin O'Connor. This contest in itself was sufficient to engender that special air of tension and expectancy, a tension that was so visible among the delegates and equally visible as it abated when Hubie came out on top.

The remainder of the elections were proceeded with. The Board's Treasurer arose and said he was not going forward again. He would prefer to see some younger man have the post. He sat down, his request granted and due tributes were paid to his service over the years. The Convention continued and while it was my duty to report what was happening for

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my paper, my heart wasn't really in-tune with the events of the day. Time and again my mind kept reverting to what had just happened. Seamus Gardiner had bowed out of active participation in the administrative affairs of the GAA, and somehow I felt sad. Here was a bit of history in the making; here was a link being severed, a link that was steadfast and true for more years than the oldest person in that Convention hall cared to remember.

To many of to-day's hurlers and footballers the name Seamus Gardiner may mean very little. To me, though a member of the younger brigade, it means a lot. It's a name that stands for so much in the GAA and I will always deem it an honoured privilege to have been taught in the boys' national school in Borrisokane by this man, who from 1943 to 1946 was President of the GAA and who has given a lifetime of service to the Association, its ideals and its all round welfare.

Seamus came from Lisdoonvarna, in North Clare, a fine footballing traditional area and he was a member of a family that did Clare proud on the football field. On going to UCD he took up football more seriously and soon became one of the most promising members of the team, although he himself was quick to say that it was chance that led him to fame in the college games, going to lead UCD in Sigerson Cup competitions.

"The trouble in the University was that you couldn't be sure of fellows, whether they would turn up or not, and I remember the man in charge coming up to me, because they were short of a particular game. He asked me if I'd play, so I did." That is how Seamus described his initiation into colleges' football.

In 1924 he took up a teaching post in Borrisokane — an event that was to start a distinguished career in the administrative affairs of the GAA—and in 1927 he became Chairman of the North Tipperary Board, succeeding Frank McGrath and Roddy Nealon. His worth was soon recognised at higher level and after a spell as one of Tipperary's delegates to the Munster Council, he became its Vice Chairman in 1938 and then its Chairman.

In 1943 he became President of the GAA, defeating the man who was later to succeed him, the late Dan O'Keeffe. On

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the question of his selection as a candidate for the Presidency, Seamus gave the credit to the late Msgr. Hamilton, his fellow county man and at the time Clare's representative on the Provincial Council.

From 1943 to 1946 he ruled the affairs of the Association with dignity and honour. It was the era of Cork's record breaking four-in-a-row All-Ireland hurling titles; it was the era of the great Roscommon footballers and the All-Ireland hurling final of 1945 gave him one of his greatest thrills when he presented the McCarthy Cup to John Maher, who led Tipperary to victory over Kilkenny.

The duties of a President in those war years could hardly compare with those of to-day's men in office. Transport was a major problem and the bus was the most frequent mode of transport for Seamus in his travels to Dublin for meetings and to other parts of the country.

During his term as President, a friendship that had gone back for many years with the Ard Runai, the late Padraig O Caoimh, because stronger and they worked hand in hand throughout his term. Seamus was unstinting in his admiration of the late Runai. "A fine fellow, his finger was always on the pulse and his dedication and enthusiasm were boundless" is how Seamus describes him.

On the completion of his three years in office Seamus returned to the North Tipperary Board to which he was elected Treasurer, a post which received the same dedication and interest from him as those on higher bodies. Each year he was unanimously re-elected and the Board was very much in his debt for the excellence of his work and his diligent efforts at all times for the promotion of its success.

Yes, indeed. History was made at Convention in January 1972. Forty-four years of dedicated service came to an end and the Board honoured him by unanimously electing him a life member.

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the late Michael Moylan and their ever faithful Gate-checkers. Their input to Board affairs and management was in today's world just unbelievable. One of his fellow Officers on the Board at that time has described him as one of our most ablest Chairmen; high praise indeed when one views the list of names that our Board has had the good fortune to have had since the Association was founded and structured as we now know it. Around about this time he also served a term as Vice-Chairman of the Munster Council.

The dedication that Tomas Malone brought to the G.A.A. affairs of North Tipperary was ingrained in him from birth—born of a father of strong National principles, and of a mother who lost her job as a school teacher because she taught her pupils Irish. Any wonder then that the young Malone and his brother Seamus with some others took part in one of the few engagements in 1916 outside of Dublin. Later on he was to become something of a legend as a Leader of Freedom Fighters in the Tan War and his aptitude to escape from jail caused unthat followed Tomas Malone's contribution to the Gaelic and that followed Tomal Malone's contribution to the Gaelic and

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cultural life around him can never be really measured. Gaelic League classes in places like Newport, Nenagh, etc., the teaching in his home at Bushfield and the boy or girl wishing and hoping for a start in life in one of the few clerical jobs on the market at that time, and all of his time and talent given free at a time when education after primary school was a rarity: all this, too, when he was rearing a young family of his own. He taught Irish in Nenagh Vocational School and the V.E.C. in recognition of his qualities appointed him Headmaster.

Now that such a talented and unselfish spirit has passed to his eternal reward it is only fitting that a tribute, however inadequate should be paid to him on this the day of our Hurling Finals. In conclusion, a word of praise to the Ballina Hurling Club who helped provide a guard of honour at the funeral.

When Tipperary Played Offaly in an All-Ireland Final

It was a sunny October day. The year was 1953 when both counties met in the All-Ireland Junior Hurling final played in St. Brendan's Park, Birr. Attendance was 15,000. The score was Tipperary 1-7; Offaly 1-2. The Tipperary team:

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Whilst this did or could not alter the main purpose for which it was purchased, there was a certain amount of dissension in the parish. In the late seventies the Club sought legal opinion and in the interests of harmony and goodwill in the parish a new deed was drafted and there are now 14 Directors (Trustees). These men have really progressed since their appointment in 1980. Their work today can clearly be seen. Gone are the old trees which first hit your view as you approached Borrisoleigh from the Thurles end and you can now see a beautiful wall, the entire field levelled and the G.A.A. pitch almost ready for seeding. The provision of car park, children's playground and utility playing field and embankments are also included in the first phase of development. Second phase of development will include a Community Centre which will incorporate dressing rooms, showers, toilets, meet-

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Kenyon On The State Of Ireland

"... I say it is a misnomer of the Government to call the revolting and soul-harrowing state of things now existing peace. But it is all according to law (laughter and cheers), and if we say anything to disturb that law we are seditious, or we are liable to be called traitors (hear, hear and laughter). But, my friends, let us all say before God that it is an elegant law, that we love it, that we will submit implicitly to it. (No, no and never, never). You don't feel the great gratitude you should towards the English Government for permitting you to fatten on a pound of porridge in the day (laughter). Would you rather have a tenure in your holdings and eat wheaten bread — would you, you savages? (laughter). There is a way of escaping that degradation and attaining this desired end of eating the produce of your lands. God Almighty clearly intended that the inhabitants of this rich and fertile land should live like men, and if be true to ourselves it shall be the case again. I tell you, my friends, the Council of the Confederation is the only immediate means of effecting it. There is no hope for us in the members of Parliament."

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Their reign came to an end on Sunday, October 22nd, 1933, in Nenagh's Showgrounds and the team that uprooted them asw Borrisokane, who, in doing, so wrote the club into the history pages by getting into the honours list, thus giving the Lower Ormond club its one and only Senior title.

1933 was certainly a great year for Borrisokane. The Minors had the satisfaction of reaching the North final only to be beaten by Templederry while there was reason for great rejoicing out in Bawnmore when Din Kelly's men took Junior honours. It was also the year in which the late Seamus Gardiner took over as Chairman of the North Board, succeeding Frank McGrath.

Both the Junior and Senior finals were played on the same day and Bawnmore set the headline for the seniors with a one point victory over Kilruane, 1-7 to 1-6. There were over 2,000 people present at the Nenagh venue and throughout the first half of the Senior game, it didn't seem as though the Borris effort would be sufficient to contain the Greyhounds. Slippery ground conditions ruled out classy hurling, but there was no denying that Toome were in form and more than anxious to regain the crown from Newport, against whom they had failed to appear a year previously. A series of shrewd interval switches paved the way for a Borris comeback and having reduced the arrears to a point, they forged ahead with a goal. The clinching score, Dan Cunningham's goal, gave Borris the title and they had the satisfaction of holding the Greyhounds scoreless throughout the second half.

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On the first of June nineteen-thirteen, in Dungarven town so fair,
Our bold Tipperary hurlers went with hearts as light as air,
To meet Moondarrig as champions—It was the first time they did meet—
But bold Wedger Meagher's Greyhounds soon ran them off their feet.

Chorus

Then hurrah for Toomevara! May your banner never fail!
You beat Galway and Queen's County, you're the boys can play the ball!
But I never will forget the day Kilkenny's pride went down
To the bill of Meagher's Greyhounds from their pride.

A similar fate was to await Mawnmore. After their win over Kilruane in the North final, they beat Cashel in the county semi-final, 2-1 to 0-5, but then the Mid champions, Borrisoleigh put paid to their county title aspirations in Templemore, winning 6-1 to 2-2. Ten of the Bawnmore side came from three families, the Kellys, the Burkes & the Brennan's and team trainer was the Kelly father, Din, a former De Wetts stalwart. The team comprised: Dan, John and James Burke, Laurence (goals), James, John, Denis and Patrick Kelly, Mick O'Brien, Mick Reddan, Ned Noonan, Bill Keevey, Dan Torpey, Tim Brennan, Bill Brennan. Subs.: Pat and Mick Brennan, Pat Kennedy, P. Hogan.

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Before the skill of Wedger's men in sweet Dungarven town,

For some time past your fame went down through causes I won't name,
But the Toomevara Greyhounds have brought Tipp. in front again:
You're a credit to your county—better men were never seen
Under bold Tipperary's banner in your colours Gold and Green.

God bless you Meara and McGrath, Raleigh and Hackett too,
Likewise brave Bobby Mockler—you were always loyal and true:
There's Kelly and Gilmartin—they never miss the ball,
And the Thurles boy, Hugh Shelly, would hole a four-foot wall.

Give one cheer for Timmy Gleeson—that hero tried and true,
Harty, Ryan and Cawley—they all know what to do:
And our hero Wedger Meagher—he is the lad can fly;
Not forgetting Murphy and O'Keeffe, the Templetuohy boy.

Now, Thurles, Toom and Jockey Boys take one advice from me—
If you mean to keep on winning, united you must be:
And if you win the Munster Final, I'll fling up my auld caubeen,
And give a cheer for bold Tipperary and the boys in Gold and Green.

Now to conclude and finish, I bid you all adieu:
You showed Kilkenny's stalwarts what Tipperary men can do:
You knocked out All-Ireland Champions, poor Sam Walton's heart is
broke—
And now we'll build a monument to our glorious Dr. Croke.

Chorus

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The team: "Wedge" Meagher (capt.), Frank McGrath, Jack Harty, Ned Cawley, Mick Ryan, Bill Kelly, Stephen Hackett, Jack O'Meara, Ned Gilmartin, Toom; Hugh Shelly, Tim Gleeson, Thurles; Bob Mockler, Jimmy Murphy, Horse and Jockey; E. O'Keefe, Templetuohy; Jack Raleigh, Emly. Subs.: John Leahy, Boherlahan; "Toss" Mockler, Thurles; Joe Fitzpatrick, Horse and Jockey; Pat Fitzgerald, Glengoole; Jack Kennedy, Toom; Malachy Kenna, Borrisokane.

A Song for the Gaelic Athletic Clubs

Come forth, come forth, my gallant Gaels; be upright, fearless, steady;
Before calm strength rude discord pales; make ready, boys, make ready.
Uphold your laws, defend your cause, and let your watchword be—
Honour and Truth and stainless youth—they'll make old Ireland free;
Come forth, come forth, the hour is nigh, your giant strength to mould;
With steadfast hearts and courage high march onward, firm and bold.
For no true Gael can ever fail if these his watchwords be—
Honour and Truth and stainless youth—they'll make old Ireland free!
Come forth, come forth, let each man's hand grasp comrade's as a brother,
By no harsh word let strife be fanned, forbear with one another.
'Tis for the right you all unite, then let your watchwords be—
Courage and Truth, and stainless youth—they'll make old Ireland free!

Stop Thief!

At a tournament semi-final at Ballycahill in 1887 between Holycross and Carrigatohar, a Holycross supporter, dismayed at seeing his team not doing so well, decided to take a hand in the proceedings. Pulling up one of the uprights he raced out of the field and as some time elapsed before pursuit was undertaken, the game was held up for considerable time before the "thief" was relieved of his booty.

However, his intervention was successful, as benefitting from the rest, Holycross rallied to win the game.

At the final at Nenagh some time later, a special watch was kept on the posts and on that enterprising Holycross supporter.

Buiochas

This programme is sponsored by the Borrisokane 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.

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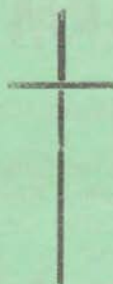
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The following are the names and addresses of the thirteen people who were killed in Croke Park on Bloody Sunday or died of wounds within the following week:

Boyle, Jane, 12, Lennox Street, Dublin.
Burke, James, Greenland Terrace, Windy Arbour, Dundrum, Co. Dublin.
Carroll, Daniel, Ballincara House, Templeberry, Co. Tipperary.
Feeney, Michael, Smith's Cottages, Gardiner's Place, Dublin.
Hogan, Michael, Grangemockler, Co. Tipperary.
Matthews, James, 42 North Cumberland Street, Dublin.
O'Dowd, J., Buckingham Street, Dublin.
O'Leary, Jeremiah, 69 Blessington Street, Dublin.
Robinson, William, 15 Little Britain Street, Dublin.
Ryan, Thomas, Viking Road, Dublin.
Scott, John W., 15 Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin.
Teehan, James, Green St., Dublin.
Traynor, J., Clondalkin, Co. Dublin.

Ar Dheis De go rajbh a n-Anamacha.

For tyrant death ne'er slays a soul;
Nor casts a nation down.
The love of Freedom is a force
Stronger than axe or crown
And Freedom gained a holier sway
That day in Dublin Town.

—From "The Death of Emmet" by "Celt"

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North Tipperary, 1934

Seamus Gardiner was re-elected Chairman by the Convention. In his address he declared: "Our national games are now on a pedestal from which they cannot be dethroned. Keep them going. To our youth they are beyond the power of words to measure." It was decided on a motion of Frank McGrath to honour the great Tipperary Gael and martyr Tomas MacDonagh by placing his bust on the championship medal of the year.

Tomas Mac Donnchadha (Thomas Mac Donagh)

A scholar, poet and dramatist, he was born in 1878 in Cloughjordan, Co. Tipperary. He was educated in Rockwell College and obtained an M.A. degree from University College, Dublin. Having taught in several schools and in U.C.D., he was active also in the foundation of Scoil Eanna. Several volumes of his prose and verse were published between 1913 and 1916. "When the Dawn is Come", a patriotic play he composed, was staged in the Abbey Theatre in 1908.

He was a founder of the Volunteers and also the last member to be co-opted to the military council of the I.R.B. As a signatory of the Republican Proclamation he was court-martialled. He was executed in Dublin on May 3rd, 1916.