

North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final  
Match Programme  
1983



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# **NORTH FINAL DAY**

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST, 14th 1983**

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Senior Hurling Final at 3.30 p.m.

**BORRIS-ILEIGH**

**V**

**LORRHA**

Reiteoir: D. O'Niallain

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Special Minor Hurling for Nealon Trophy at 2 p.m.

**Erins Hope (Borrisokane/Knockshe)**

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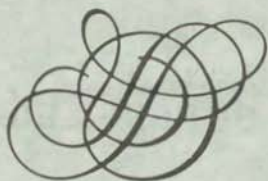
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On behalf of the North Tipperary Board, I extend a cead mile failte to everyone to McDonagh Park, Nenagh, for today's finals. In particular, I welcome Borrisoleigh and Lorrha our senior finalists, Erins Hope and Kiladangan who have qualified for the Nealon Trophy Final, our referees and their officials, invited guests and of course our supporters.

Today is the most important day in the diary of North Tipperary G.A.A. Many of the games in this year's senior championship have been disappointing, but today we look forward to all that is best in this great game of hurling. The competing clubs have long and honoured histories, steeped in hurling traditions and they are sure to provide a feast of entertainment for us. These clubs have contributed much to our county teams and I look forward to the leadership they will give in Tipperary's climb back to the pinnacle of success for which we all hunger. I congratulate our minor and under 21 hurlers and their mentors on their successes this year and I compliment our senior team and selectors on the diligence with which they are preparing for the future. Cinnte ta bothar geal romhainn.

My thanks to all who have helped in the preparation for this day — An Runai, Pdraig O'Meachair, An Cisteoir, Tomas O'Ciarba and all the other Board Officials, McDonagh Park Committee, the Templederry Club for an excellent programme and the local press for their extensive coverage.

I look forward to two great finals today, from Clubs steeped in our Gaelic traditions. Whoever wins or loses, the great game of hurling should be the winner. Ar aghaidh leis an iomaint.

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## LORRHA AND DORRHA CLUB

Within a short time of the foundation of the G.A.A., in November 1884 hurling and football clubs were formed across the country. The 'Cashel Sentinel' lists thirty-four clubs founded in County Tipperary during 1885 and Lorrha is included in the list. There is no record of the foundation meeting. Lorrha was one of twelve clubs represented in a trial game at Borrisokane on January 21, 1886, in a field kindly lent for the occasion by Mrs. Stephens, with the purpose of picking a team to represent North Tipperary against South Galway for nothing less than the Championship of Ireland in Dublin on February 9th. Two Lorrha men were chosen 'Messrs P. Meara, senr. and P. Meara junr. The 'Great Hurling Match' was won by Tipperary by a goal to nil. The victorious team was given a torchlight procession on their return to Nenagh and about four thousand people turned up in front of the Castle Hotel to listen to Frank Maloney, umpire of the team, address the multitude.

At the end of the same month there is a report of a match between Rathcabbin and Abbeville hurling clubs at Abbeville. Despite inclement weather vast crowds assembled from the surrounding parishes to witness the game. 'The ground being measured and all other arrangements made the forty-two athletes formed into two lines about ten yards apart; they advanced and shook hands, then the ball was thrown up by the Rathcabbin umpire, and each person ran to occupy the position previously appointed to him.' Rathcabbin won the game by 1 goal and 14 overs to nil and they also won the return game at home on the following Sunday.

On the occasion of the setting up of the North Board in 1901, Michael Cusack wrote: 'Glad to see Ormond become again a flowering spot on the breast of the Emerald Isle. Tipperary is ever dear to me. Thurles is my capital for the G.A.A. In November '84 North and South Tipperary joined me in a 'no-Surrender' of Gaelic Ideals. I want to see your grand old county flourish from Carrick to the Silvermines and from Lorrha away over Slieve Phelim.

Lorrha won their first North Championships in 1905. Fourteen teams took part in the championship and Lorrha beat De Wets 3-5 to 2-3 in the final, having accounted for Toomevara, Youghalarra and Templederry along the way. The final was played at Terryglass and the verdict was in doubt until the end.

Lorrha's next victory didn't come until 1914 when they beat Templederry at Ardcroney in the final on November 22nd. In the semi-final they overcame Borrisokane and the reporter on the 'Midland Tribune' had this to say about the match: 'Up and down the country we have witnessed many hard-fought G.A.A. contests but seldom have we been spectators at such a brilliant display of the caman as on last Sunday at Terryglass when in the semi-final of the North Tipperary championship Borrisokane met Lorrha. The match was simply splendid and from the start to the finish it was play, and nothing but play'. Mick Donoghue, Jack Lambe, Tom O'Meara, Pat O'Meara and John Carroll played in this championship and were survivors from the 1905 team.

In the North final of 1924 Lorrha had an easy victory 7-3 to 0-3 over Nenagh. In a report of the game it was stated that 'Lorrha fielded that team

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which has the proud record of never having been beaten this year, thought they met the crack teams of Tipperary and Galway. Fielding the same fifteen players, Sunday after Sunday — all country lads, living within the confines of the parish — they went forth on last Sunday to snatch the laurels for their dear old Lorrha'. That team was: Paddy and Johnny Gaynor, Mick and Dinny O'Meara, Bill O'Meara, Tom Burke, Bobby Young, Jack Kennedy, Mick Cronin, Paddy Hogan, Dan O'Donoghue, Willie Carroll, Nick Forde, Con Sherlock and Tom Duffy. The latter is the last survivor and no less than three of the team, Mick O'Meara, Jack Kennedy and Paddy Gaynor passed away this year.

Success did not come again until 1946 when the Club won the county intermediate title. The final wasn't played until December 1947 when they beat Moycarkey by 4-4 to 3-4 at Gaile. The club went senior and came through winners of the North final in 1948. This game will be remembered for the superb goalkeeping of Tony Reddin, whose display on that day will go down in the annals of Lorrha as the greatest of any man to wear the blue and white. Reddin's contribution was again major when the club won their next championship in 1956. That Spring he had played for the seventh successive year for Munster but was dropped by Tipperary after a poor display in the league final. As if to prove how wrong the selectors were Tony came back to give vintage displays in the North Championship games especially against Toomevara and against Borrisoleigh in the final.

Lorrha juveniles had a brilliant run of successes at this time, winning three North Championships in 1956 '57 & '58 and two county finals. This fine crop of young hurlers were motivated and trained by Fr. Cleary and Gussie Moran.

The most glorious year for the Lorrha club must, undoubtedly be 1966 when they captured four divisional titles. By taking the junior and senior hurling titles they joined Roscrea and Toomevara as the only Clubs to win that double. When they won the under 21, they became the first club to achieve the treble and when they crowned it all by winning the junior football final they became the first club ever to win four championships in one year.

There were other years and other successes and the achievements of the club are by no ways meagre. However, it is held that the team during the sixties did not achieve as much as it might have. A senior county final victory has remained outside the club's experience and every time a North victory is near the minds of the supporters look towards the ultimate achievement. Maybe this year it will become a reality.



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## HUBIE HOGAN

A number of Lorrha men became widely known in G.A.A. circles outside the confines of the parish. Tom Duffy, Mick Cronin, Mick Moylan, Tony Reddin immediately spring to mind. But probable no Lorrha man was as widely known among Gaels as Hubie Hogan. Hubie cultivated friends and kept up a wide correspondence. He had an amazing gift for names and faces and surprised many with his fantastic recall.

Hubie's father, Jim, won a divisional medal with Lorrha in 1905. Hubie and brother Billie, won county intermediate medals in 1946 and North medals in 1948 and 1956. His hurling career spanned about twenty years and he last played as a junior in the North final in 1959.

When Mr. Bracken resigned as secretary of the club the job was taken up by Hubie in 1961 and he remained secretary until 1970. During this time he was also treasurer for a number of years. On the night before he died last January he was elected vice-President of the club.

During the sixties Hubie was a regular delegate to North Board meetings. He was county board representative and member of the Fixtures and Finance committee and in the course of time he became board Chairman, a position he was to hold for seven years. This was followed by three years as County Chairman. Hubie was also a notable referee and after the usual apprenticeship at club level he eventually had the privilege of refereeing a national league, a junior All-Ireland a senior All-Ireland semi-final. The latter was in 1953 when he refereed the Galway-Kilkenny match.

Hubie's personal accomplishments were many. He was a firm believer in self improvement and his many achievements are a tribute to that belief. He was a good actor in a straight part but even better in an impromptu impersonation. He was musical, with a good singing voice. This voice, plus his yodelling ability, entertained the audience many a night in Rathcabbin Hall. He played the thin whistle well. He had a gift for speech-writing whether in Irish or English and some of his speeches at divisional and county level made a fine impact.

Hubie was involved in many parish activities but his abiding interest was hurling. Through thick and thin he kept his love of the game alive. A little episode illustrates his involvement. The day Borrisleigh rubbed Lorrha noses in the dust in the North semi-final in 1947 was the first day that Lorrha had numbers, denoting positions, pinned to their jerseys. After the game Hubie collected all the numbers and had them sewn on. That was optimism and it was to bear fruit the following year when Hubie and Lorrha got as far as the county final.

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The Borris-Ileigh team who defeated Eire Og in the semi-final of the North Tipperary senior hurling championship at Nenagh

Back Row (L to R):

Timmy Stapleton, T. F. Stapleton, Timmy Ryan, Philip Kenny, Richard

Stakelum, Bobby Ryan, Tommy O'Dwyer, Noel O'Dwyer. Front (L to R): Owen Walsh, Aiden Ryan, Timmy Delaney,

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## BORRISOLEIGH:

Borrisoleigh are no strangers to North Tipperary Hurling since they won their first North Final in 1947. In the meantime they have featured regularly in various North Finals, and down the years they have won the hearts of many with their flair for colourful and superb ballplaying. Their hurling is a style all of it's own. It features all aspects of traditional Tipperary hurling; it's players possessing an inherent skill, strength and determination. Borris seem to have that 'something' that pulls the crowd. They have set high standards in the past, and tradition and their followers alike, demand that these standards be upheld. Therefore, as so often in the past, we can expect Borrisoleigh to produce something special in to-day's North Final.

This Borris team has an unusual blend of youth and experience. For instance players like Noel O'Dwyer and Timmy Delaney were playing Senior Hurling with Borris when Aidan Ryan was one year old. Most of this Borris team were considered past their best when Kilruane defeated them in the replay of the '77 County Final. Yet four years later, and after a time span of twenty eight years, having humbled Kilruane in the North they strode on triumphantly to defeat Roscrea in the '81 County Final.

Almost every member of to-day's team have proved to be of County class in various grades in the past, and indeed many enthusiasts wonder why a greater presence from this squad has not been found on Tipperary Senior Teams. Borrisoleigh brought Tipperary out of the hurling 'doldrums' before; would that '84 could see them do so again.

The nurturing of under age hurling in the parish has again paid wonderful dividends in providing an endless supply of top class young players for our Senior panel. The inspired work of our recently deceased Peadar Cummins can be seen in the calibre of players like Philip Kenny, Richard Stakelum and Aidan Ryan. 'Mol an oige and tiocfaidh si' this was Peadar's belief. We hope that from his celestial abode Peadar to-day will see his players do him proud. 'Ar dheis De go raibh a anam'.

Development and progress must surely be the aim of every Club. The parish of Borrisoleigh has very generously provided our Club with an excellent training ground. The recent development of our Town Park; spearheaded by enlightened trustees, incorporates one of the most magnificent playing fields in Tipperary. On behalf of the Hurling Club I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the organisers, and indeed everyone who through their various contributions, have made 'The Park' the hurling incentive that it is. This brings to mind the dedicated, and unselfish work of one of the Club's most esteemed members, the late Martin Ryan R.I.P. Martin was one of those who played in the field under less favourable conditions, but whose enlightened and unselfish outlook, recognised the need for development. Towards this aim he worked unceasingly. The availability of this field has been a major contributing factor to Borrisoleigh's presence in to-day's North Final.

Unfortunately the Club colours had again to be unfurled in the paying of our last respects to the late Dan Maher R.I.P. In former years a

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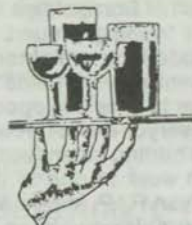
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playing member, and latterly a familiar sight at every game. Dan, with coat on arm, would optimistically discuss Borris hurling. We mourn his passing as we remember him to-day. If through weakness of memory I omit to mention other deaths please forgive me.

I was delighted to see 'Philly' present at our game against Nenagh. His courage is as evident to-day as it was during his playing career. Long may your spirit remain undaunted Philly.

Finally I wish luck to our worthy opponents Lorrha, and hope that this North Final will rank with the best.

May the best team win.

SHEILA DELANEY,  
P.R.O.

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## **THE NORTH FINAL OF 50 YEARS AGO**

On Sunday 22nd Oct. 1933, the reign of the famed Toomevara Greyhounds in N. Tipp.. Championship hurling came to an end on the slippery surface of Nenagh Showgrounds. They were undefeated from 1918 to 1933 except when surrendering their titles in 1924 and 1932 through walkovers to Lorrha and Newport respectively.

The Senior Hurling Championship of 1933 was run on a league system and after a series of intriguing matches, Toomevara and Borrisokane eventually reached the final. Although the Greyhounds were lacking the form of other years they were expected to be that bit better than their Lower Ormond opponents in the ultimate round. The game itself was contested with keenness closeness and determination before a crowd of over 2,000 supporters. In the first half Toomevara played with resilience and craft and rightly merited their 2-2 to 0-3 half time lead. Borrisokane entered the fray in the second half with new found vitality and spirit. However, it was the sideline expertise of the mentors which forged a famous Borris victory. It was seen that Jack Kenna lacked support at midfield where Jim McGrath was operating and the forwards were not being fed the ball. This defect was remedied when Frank McKenna the right corner forward was brought to the aid of his brother in midfield. This proved a winning combination in getting the ball to the forwards who swiftly finished it to the net. Toome tried hard but couldn't pass Paul McKenna and Willie Meara. The final score Borrisokane 2-7 Toomevara 2-2. The McKennas, Billy O'Meara, Guilfoyle, O'Brien, Kearney, Kelly and Tierney gave of their best for the victors while Donovan, O'Brien, Hogan, McGrath and T. O'Meara were prominent for the losers.

The teams : Borrisokane; W. O'Meara, J. Kearney, Paul McKenna, L. Meara, W. Donoghue, M. Kennedy, J. McKenna, F. McKenna, Jack Kelly, Malachy Lamb, J. O'Brien, D. Cunningham, Joe Guilfoyle, M. Guilfoyle, J. Tierney.

Toomevara Team: T. O'Meara, M. O'Brien, J. Minogue, Bill O'Meara, P. O'Meara, J. Gleeson (Killowney), Jack Donovan, T. Burns, J. Cawley, J. Hogan, J. McGrath, P. Guilfoyle, M. Gleeson, D. Kelly, W. Meara.



# BORRIS-ILEIGH S.H. TEAM

Maroon and White

(1)

O. Walsh

(2)

MI. Ryan

(3)

T. F. Stapleton

(4)

T. Delaney

(5)

N. Maher

(6)

G. Stapleton

(7)

B. Ryan

(8)

T. Ryan

(9)

R. Stakelum

(10)

P. Kenny

(11)

MI. Coen

(12)

A. Ryan

(13)

T. O'Dwyer

(14)

T. Stapleton

(15)

N. O'Dwyer

**Subs:** (16) F. Spillane (Capt), (17) J. McGrath, (18) F. Collins, (19) P. Tynan, (20) J. Treacy, (21) A. Kelly, (22) Brian Kenny, (23) T. Ryan, (24) P. Kavanagh.

	Goals	Points	Wides	70s	Free Pucks
1st Half...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2nd Half ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

# LORRHA S.H. TEAM

	(1)	
	Ken Hogan	
(2)	(3)	(4)
Martin Young	MI. Brophy	Padraig Kennedy
(5)	(6)	(7)
John Harding	John McIntyre	Eamon Maher (Captain)
(8)		(9)
Paddy Kelly		Brian Mannion
(10)	(11)	(12)
Seamus Mannion	John Sullivan	Kieran Haugh
(13)	(14)	(15)
Aidan McIntyre	Joe Kennedy	Donal Donoghue

**Subs:** (16) James O'Meara (Goal), (17) Felix Cronin, (18) Eamon Deely, (19) Gerry Sullivan, (20) Joe Dolan, (21) Eamon Shealock, (22) Willie Fogarty.

	Goals	Points	Wides	70s	Free Pucks
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(3)

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(4)

**Liam Heenan**

(5)

**Paul Molloy**

(6)

**Denis Ryan**

(7)

**Sean Gardiner**

(8)

**Ger McKenna**

(9)

**Paul Corcoran**

(10)

**David Donnelly**

(11)

**Declan Morris**

(12)

**Padraig Hogan**

(13)

**Tony Carroll**

(14)

**John Fogarty**

(15)

**Niall Conroy**

**Subs:** (16) Paul Ryan, (17) Ger Brennan, (18) Joe Murphy, (19) Eddie Lillis, (20) Michael Heenan, (21) Fergus Keenan, (22) Malachy McKenna, (23) Seamus Cleary, (24) Francis Sullivan, (25) Ger Nolan.

## KILADANGAN MINOR TEAM

(Blue & Gold)

(1)

**John Foley**

(2)

**Martin Hogan**

(3)

**Pat Seymour**  
(Captain)

(4)

**Eamon Kelly**

(5)

**John Daly**

(6)

**John Kelly**

(7)

**Christy Hayes**

(8)

**MI. Holland**

(9)

**William Power**

(10)

**Colm Egan**

(11)

**Morty Grace**

(12)

**Tommy Kelly**

(13)

**John Teefy**

(14)

**Paddy O'Brien**

(15)

**Kieran Ryan**

**Subs:** (16) Paul Gavin, (17) T. J. Ryan, (18) Matthew Fogarty, (19) MI. Mulcahy, (20) Tommy Keane, (21) Conor O'Meara, (22) MI. O'Meara, (23) Denis O'Cahalan, (24) Joe Keane.



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Templederry Kenyons, G.A.A. Club have acknowledged the work of Fr. Kenyon, Parish Priest of Templederry, in the 1840s. He was a Young Irelander, an ardent patriot and a supporter of the oppressed. He worked for the Irish cause, and has been honoured by the Templederry Club for the part he played in the National Movement.

This association of personalities with G.A.A. Clubs is also unique to this organisation. Other examples of this area, Kilruane, McDonaghs, Thurles Sarsfields are proof that the G.A.A. is an organisation rooted in the history, culture and games of the people and a lasting symbol of our Irish identity. Fr. Kenyon lived in the days before the foundation, but his work helped to prepare the background for the formation of the G.A.A., which was as relevant in the years of 1842 - 1884 as it is today. This may help to explain the success of the G.A.A. in Tipperary during the early years.

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## INTERESTING FACTS

Lorrha have never won a county final in senior but three Lorrha players, Tom Duffy, Bill and Jack O'Meara, played with a North selection that beat the Mid in the 1919 county final, played in June 1922.

Felix Cronin was the first Lorrha man to get an All-Ireland medal. He played with the Tipperary junior team that beat Offaly in the 1915 final at Athlone. There was a disputed goal. The Offaly forwards rushed the Tipperary goal and bundled the backs into the net. Felix, who was playing at full-back found himself lying on the ball and threw it out wide. When the referee unravelled the mess he gave Offaly no goal, to the consternation of the Offaly team.

Many O'Mearas have played on Lorrha teams down the years and they are differentiated by their nicknames. In 1899, Lorrha beat Borrisokane at Roscrea in the first round of the championship and there were eight O'Mearas on the team.

In 1905 Lorrha won the North final and were to play Twomileborris, the South champions in the county final. Lorrha refused to hurl unless the match took place in Roscrea or Nenagh. The match was fixed for Thurles and when Lorrha didn't travel Twomileborris got the match.

The 1911 North final between Toomevara and Roscrea is supposed to have been played at Rathcabbin.

An intermediate match between Lorrha and Nenagh was unfinished in April 1944 because a row erupted after a Nenagh supporter was allegedly struck on the head by a bicycle pump. Nenagh refused to continue the game and the North board ordered a replay. Lorrha believed they should get the match and appealed to the county board. Hubie Hogan and Mick Brophy cycled to Thurles, about forty-five miles, to present the case. When the matter came up before the meeting it was thrown out because the envelope containing the appeal had not been addressed in Irish. The two boys cycled home again.

There is a story of a match between Lorrha and Meelick, played on an island in the Shannon in the middle of the eighteenth century. When the Meelick players were returning home one of the men put his foot through the bottom of the boat, which sank with the loss of eight lives.

Seamus King is at present working on a comprehensive history of the Lorrha Club and hopes to have it completed by November.

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## **WINNERS SENIOR SCOR '83 FINALS**

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Question Time: Newport.  
Ballad Group: Kildangan.  
Set Dancing: Toomevara.

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## **TITLES TO DATE**

Portroe: Eire Og	(12)
Burgess	(10)
Borrisokane, Borrisoleigh, Kilruane, Newport	(9)
Silvermines, Moneygall	(7)
Roscrea, Kildangan	(5)
Inane	(3)
Shannon Rovers, Toomevara	(4)
Lorrha, Knockshegowna, Templederry, Ballina	(1)
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# **Templederry G.A.A. Club**

Shortly after the founding of the G.A.A. in Hayes Hotel, Thurles in 1884, Templederry affiliated as a Club. Among the leading organisers were Fr. J. Frost, C.C. and James Coughlan of Latberagh. They were prominent in the early years of this century as a hurling force and had a team which was a match for the might of such teams as Toomevara and Lahorna De Wets. They reached the final in 1902 and the semi finals in 1903, 1904 and 1905. This team consisted of Mick Kelly, Capt. Bill Quinlan, Tom McDonnell, Jack Berkery, Mick Collins, Mick and Din Shanahan, Jack Murphy, Dan, Denis and Jim Dwyer, Lar Keily, Paddy Kennedy, Jer and Dan Ryan, Rode and Jim Hayes.

In 1927 a Borrisoleigh/Templederry/Upperchurch selection called Clodiagh Rangers won the North Tipp. Junior Hurling Championship by beating Colla 5-2 to 3-2 in the final. The Team was Jack Spillane (Templederry), Pakie Kennedy (Upperchurch), Paddy Kennedy (Borrisoleigh), Jim Ryan (T), Jack Kennedy (U), Dan Guilmartin (T), Pak Bourke (T), Joe Bourke (U), Tom Spillane (T), Gerry Spillane (T), Mick Spillane (T), Jim Ryan (B), Rody Kennedy (Curreeny), Jack Kennedy (T), Tom Kennedy (T).

A reunited Templederry team won the N. Tipp. Intermediate Hurling Championship in 1931 for the first time. They defeated Roscrea in the final by 7-4 to 3-3 in the Showgrounds in Nenagh. The team was Pat and Ned Harrington, Mick O'Flanagan, Gerald, Pat and Hugh Hogan, Mick Gleeson, Dick Droney, Jim O'Meara, Tom, Lar and Martin Ryan, Mick Berkery, M. Quinlan, P. Cash, Wm. Burke. Subs: Dan Guilmartin, John Spillane, Jim McLoughney, Anthony and James Flanagan.

Further success however eluded Templederry until 1965 when they won the final of the Junior Hurling losers group against a much fancied Eire Og side by 5-11 to 3-4. The team was S. Kennedy, Sean Murray, Murty Guilman, Mick Ryan (C), H. O'Leary, S. Ryan, P. Murray, (Capt), Jimmy Butler, Denis Crowe, David Brosnan, Mick Quinlan, Jim O'Leary, Gerry Ryan, Tommy Kennedy, John Kennedy.

The 70s saw a revival in the fortunes of Templederry hurling. There was a new interest in the Club. In 1970 a playing field was purchased to the village. In 1978 work began in earnest on the building of a modern community centre comprising a hall, a ballalley, showers, meeting rooms and dressing rooms. This was officially opened by the then President of the G.A.A. Padraic McFlynn in June 1980.

On the playing fields Templederry won the Junior Hurling Championship for the first time in its history. In 1970, having overcome a strong Ballinahinch side in the semi-final, they defeated Roscrea in the final by 6-10 to 1-3.

The Team was: Ned Powell, James Kennedy, Tom Hayes, Joe Kennedy, Mattie Crowe, Michael Ryan, Tim McLoughney, Tony Gleeson, Denis Crowe, Nicholas Ryan, Dick Shanahan, Tom Kennedy, David Brosnan, Gerry Ryan, Jack Ryan, Sub: Patrick Murray.

In 1976, Templederry again won the Junior Championship beating Roscrea in the final by 3-7 to 4-3. The following year they achieved a record by becoming the first club in N. Tipperary to retain the Junior

Hurling Championship Trophy. They beat Silvermines in the final by 3-9 to 1-6. The team was: Eamon Lee, Tony Gleeson, Tim McLoughney, Jim Kennedy, Tom Ryan, Tom Griffin, Patrick Harrington, James O'Leary, Jim Murray, Terence Ryan, Nicholas Ryan, Dick Shanahan, Mattie Ryan, David Brosnan, Christy Fitzgerald.

That same year Templederry ended Kilruane McDonaghs five year reign as N. Tipp. U-21 Hurling Champions by beating them in the final 2-8 to 2-7.

In 1979 Templederry won the Intermediate Championship for the second time in their history by beating Portroe 2-11 to 1-10 in the final. Later on in the year they were unlucky to go down to Clonmore in the County Intermediate Semi-Final. The team was: Tom Ryan, Pat Gleeson, Tony Gleeson, Buddy Harrington, Gerry Hough, Tom McLoughney, Michael Stapleton, Gerry McGrath, Ml. Harrington, Gerry Hogan, Michael Ryan, Gerry Ryan, Sean Murphy, Liam Ryan, Matt Gleeson.

That year also saw the winning of the first ever juvenile title by Templederry when the U-12 defeated Shannon Rovers by 2-6 to 2-1

## Na Reiteoiri

### 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 N.S. 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 as left half forward on the Munster Colleges team. While working in Dublin he played with U.C.D.



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.



## MARTIN KENNEDY

As we gather today for the North Tipp. Hurling Final, we might pause for a moment and give a thought for the legendary Martin Kennedy. We were all truly saddened on hearing of his death on 17th July last. His deeds have been recounted in song and story before and his skills and complete artistry in the playing of the sliotar will be recounted again. Though reckoned by many to be greatest full forward of all time, he was always a quiet and unassuming man. His first and greatest love from the time he caught his first caman in his native Kilnafinch till his death at the age of 83 was hurling.

He continued playing into his 40s and afterwards gave great service as a selector for the Tipperary Seniors. In his early years he played for the Toomevara Greyhounds transferring to Kiladangan in 1932. He won every honour in the game including interdivisioned and county championship titles. At county level he won inter divisioned All-Ireland and National League honours. He also represented Ireland on the Tailfeann Games. His impressive list of Medals include two All-Ireland medals, 4 County Final medals, 11 North Senior medals, and 6 Railway Cup medals for Munster. His first All-Ireland came in 1925 when Tipperary beat Galway 5-6 to 1-5. The following year he toured America with the Victorious Tipperary team under the captaincy of Johnny Leahy. This tour was an outstanding personal success for Kennedy and it is recorded that he scored 27 goals on this visit, 7 goals of which came in one match. He won his second All-Ireland in 1930 when Tipperary defeated Kilkenny by 3-4 to 1-1. The following year he again toured America this time under the captaincy of John Joe Callanan.

At club level he had tremendous success with Toomevara winning memorable North and County Championships. In 1934 he helped Kiladangan & Kilbarron win the N. W. Tipp. Senior Hurling Championship. In 1938 and 1943 he was again on the Kiladangan line out which won the North Tipp Senior Hurling title. In 1944 he decided to retire after a playing career of over 30 years.

On the 19th July this year Gaels came from far and near to see him laid to rest in Monsea. Seamus O'Riain former President of the G.A.A. gave a wonderful graveside oration, perhaps the most fitting words which sum up Martin Kennedy, went and I quote: 'All the successes, all the praise and the plaudits of the crowd none of these, well-earned though they were, changed the man. He remained a humble, unassuming person, with never a boastful word about his own achievements, but always ready to give a quiet word of encouragement especially to young people.'



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