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Match Programme  
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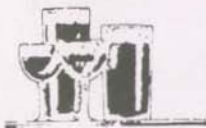
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It is my privilege to welcome you to MacDonagh Park, Nenagh for today's North Tipp. Final. Today is a very important one for all four clubs taking part. In Minor Hurling for the Hammelton Cup, we have Toomevara and Kilruane and in the Senior Final, old rivals, Kilruane V Lorrha and it is my wish, that this will be a rip roaring and sporting contest.

What an outstanding year it has been for Hurling with Borrisoleigh winning the All Ireland club final, followed by Tipperary's Historic Munster final victory after 16 years.

As Chairman of the North Tipp. Board, I would like to say a sincere thanks to the clubs and officials in this division for their co-operation with the Board in the past year.

My thanks to all who have helped in the preparation for today's final's — An Runai Paddy Maher, An Cisteoir Michael Nolan and a special word of thanks to the Lorrha club for an excellent program.

I look forward to a great final today, the pairing has all the ingredients of a mighty contest and should provide a display of all that is best in our ancient game of hurling.

Nollaig O Muiris,  
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## TODAY'S PROGRAM by Seamus J. King

During the year the North Board decided to give the responsibility of producing the senior final program to any club in the division willing to assume the responsibility. Lorrha offered to take on the task and the fact that they have qualified for today's final makes the job more interesting.

Today's final is the eighty-sixth to be held since the division was formed in 1900. The first final was played in 1901 and there was none in 1982 due to a dispute. Lohorna De Wets and Kilruane have won the title on sixteen occasions while Lorrha have seven titles to their credit.

Kilruane-McDonaghs are also involved in the minor final, an indication of the strength of the game in the parish. The club holds five divisional titles but haven't been victorious since 1973, when they completed a great three-in-a-row. Toomevara hold seven titles and have dominated the minor scene in the division since regaining the title in 1981 after a lapse of twenty-five years.

The production of the program involves an amount of work and I am very grateful to a number of people for their help. Liam Doran of the 'Nenagh Guardian' has provided me with information on twenty-six finals. This is a valuable contribution to the history of the game in the division and will be given more permanent form in the forthcoming County G.A.A. History. Sean O'Driscoll of Clonmel in his usual interesting self on snippets of information from the North division. Seamus O'Doherty of the Roscrea club has an amount of valuable information and has contributed generously to the program. I am thankful to Fr. Eddie Whyte, P.P. Cloughjordan for his piece on Kilruane and to Donie Shanahan for information on Toomevara. Liam King of the Lorrha Club has been responsible for getting advertisements and for liaising with me on the production. I should like to thank all the advertisers and hope that readers will give them their support.

Finally I hope today's contests give plenty of entertainment of the patrons at MacDonagh Park. Thomas MacDonagh's profile features on the cover in recognition of his connection with Kilruane and this park. Maurice Davin's profile also appears in recognition to the foundation of the G.A.A. and his connection with the Lorrha club at the end of the last century.

## THE MURPHY CUP

According to the program for the 1984 North final the Murphy Cup is the oldest one in the possession of the North Board. This trophy was first played for in 1936. It was offered for competition by Murphy Bros., Cork, the brewers, for hurling clubs. The Board decided to use it for a league to be played concurrently with the championship. Intermediate as well as senior teams could play and twenty one teams entered by only seventeen played in the first year. As each team had to play sixteen matches the competition was never finished.

The matter came up for discussion at the 1937 and 1938 conventions. By the latter date teams had lost interest in the Murphy Cup competition. The chairman wondered if the cup could be used as a perpetual cup for the championship. He would ask the secretary to find out the original agreement with Murphy's.

The brewery were, in fact, consulted and had no objection to having the cup used for the championship for which purpose it was used until the Frank McGrath trophy replaced it. Lorrha were the first team to be presented with the new trophy when they won the North final in 1966. The Murphy cup is currently awarded for the intermediate football championship.

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## SENIOR REFEREE



Gerry Long from the Knockshegowna club realises one of his outstanding refereeing ambitions, when he takes off the Senior decider today. He has been refereeing for almost a decade, having first came to prominence at under age and schools' levels. Gerry is always in demand for vocational and college games and his midweek availability is appreciated by the organisers of the various competitions to which he offers his services. The ever obliging Knockshe' man has played a big part in his own clubs development in recent years and he has held several of the officer posts within. He also acted as Co. Tipperary G.A.A. P.R.O. for a spell and has been a member of the Co. Communications Committee since 1982.

Gerry's rise to fame as a referee has been rapid and among the more important games he has handled are All Ireland finals at Special Minor, Under-21 and Junior. He has handled two Harty Cup Finals, two county Minor finals and numerous other North and Co. Championship games in various grades. In addition he has taken charge of finals at many levels in colleges, vocational inter firm and tournament competitions.

He has been on the Senior Inter County Referee's panel for the past two seasons and has refereed at all the main hurling venues in the National League. He acted as a linesman at the 1987 N.H.L. between Galway and Clare.

The last time that Lorrha and Kilruane clashed in the North Championship at the knock out stage was in 1984 when they met in the semi final at Borrisokane. Gerry was the chosen referee for that game but have sustained an injury playing in a club game the previous evening he was unable to act. Some would consider that justice is being done today!

Gerry is married to Mary and they have a daughter Edel. We wish him well in his first Divisional Senior Final.

## MINOR REFEREE

The referee for to-day's minor game between Kilruane-MacDonaghs and Toomevara is T.F. Stapleton of Borrisileigh. T.F., as he is popularly known, works in the Sugar Factory, Thurles and has been refereeing for two years. A married man he is secretary of the Borrisileigh club. He has won five north senior hurling titles and two county titles. He also won an Oireachtas medal with Tipperary in 1971.

## KILRUANE MACDONAGH'S

In 1935 and 1936 a serious effort got underway to unite all the junior teams in Cloughjordan parish, to form a worthwhile senior club. This was easier said than done, however, as there were many obstacles to be overcome Meetings were held in various places in the parish, especially in Pat Gleeson's house at Glenahilty Cross. Some bitter and nasty statements were made by representatives of all areas at these meetings. After many discussions the name of Thomas MacDonaghs was used as a unifying force. By 1937 most of the teams and clubs in the parish came in under the banner of the 1916 leader and are known today as the KILRUANE MACDONAGHS. There were a few exceptions, Kyle Rovers before 1950 and Congor about 1940. But nowadays everyone in the parish is proud to don the MacDonagh jersey.



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## FRANK McGRATH

Frank McGrath was one of the giants of the early part of Tipperary's G.A.A. story. He was at two periods chairman of the North Tipperary Board (1922-'23 and 1927-'31) and for a long number of years until his death in 1965 its President. He was Chairman of the Munster Council from 1936 to 1941, manager of the Tipp. hurling team which toured the United States in 1926 and was Tipperary's Central Council delegate for many years until he stepped down in the early '50s in favour of his old friend and opponent of his hurling days, Paddy Leahy. He was chairman of the committee which in the 1940s launched Nenagh's G.A.A. field and it was his idea that the Park should be named after his friend of former times, the patriot Thomas MacDonagh.

Born in Youghalarra in the year the G.A.A. was founded, he began work in Nenagh at an early age and became one of the town's leading businessman. His business commitments eventually reduced the time available to him for G.A.A. affairs and made it necessary for him to turn down several invitations to stand for the Presidency of the Association. But his wisdom and his calm judgement ever remained at the disposal of Tipperary's G.A.A. and up to the time of his death in 1965 he followed closely every detail of the Association's affairs.

The peak of his playing career was as fullback with the Toomevara Greyhounds, who won the county championships in 1912, 1913 and 1914. He won North Tipperary hurling championships with Youghalarra in 1908 and 1909, with Nenagh in 1915, when he revived the team, and in 1923 he captained the Nenagh team which won the inaugural division football championship in 1908. It was a measure of his rapport with opponents on the playing field that when the great Boherlahan captain lay dying in 1949 his last wish was that his doughty rival from the Greyhounds should speak over his grave.

He always regarded the G.A.A. as a component part of the national movement to which he gave sterling service during the years of the national revival. He served on the Executive Council of the Irish Volunteers, and was O/C of the Tipperary Brigade of the I.R.A., was a judge in the Sinn Fein courts, and was later Chief of the Republican Police in the Nenagh area. And while deeply involved in all aspects of the national movement, he had time to be a champion handballer and stepdancer.

He was truly a man of many parts and it was little wonder that at his death he should have been described by his old Munster Council colleague, Monsignor Hamilton, as "a great Irishman, with a heart of a hero and the gentleness of a child".

## SWEARING

At a North Board meeting on August 31, 1934 Fr. John Cleary, C.C. Lorrha in a reference to the Lorrha-Kilruane intermediate game played at Congor on August 19, said that the only comment he had to make was that much swearing went on among the players, many of whom made use of the holy name. Lorrha had entered an objection to Kilruane but Fr. Cleary said they were withdrawing it.

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# NORTH FINAL STATISTICS – 1960 – 1986

## Compiled by Liam Doran

### 1960: Toomevara 4-12, Kilruane 1-3

**Toomevara:** R. Mounsey, M. Hassett, J.J. McCormack, J. McDonnell, M. O'Gara, N. Williams, T. Shanahan, J. Hough, P. Shanahan, C. Ryan, W. Donovan, T. Ryan, P. Cummins, G. Hough, F. Ryan.

**Kilruane:** M. Ryan, P. Rya, J. Williams, S. Dwyer, B. Gibson, J. Gibson, S. Ryan, G. McCarthy, D. Gaynor, V. Tierney, G. Hogan, J. McCarthy, S. Williams, T. Hennessy, T. Moloughney, Sub: T. Whelan for J. McCarthy.

### 1961: Toomevara 4-14, Borrisokane 3-4

**Toomevara:** R. Mounsey, M. Hassett, J.J. McCormack, J. McDonnell, M. O'Gara, N. Williams, J. Shanahan, J. Hough, T. Ryan, J. Donovan, P. Shanahan, W. Donovan, F. Ryan, G. Hough, D. Cuddy, Sub: S. Guerin for Cuddy.

**Borrisokane:** P. White, J. Morris, D. Gardiner, H. Slevin, S. Fogarty, T. McGarry, R. Slevin, P. Hogan, N. Morris, J. Quigley, V. Harte, T. McKenna, J. McKenna, V. McKenna, J. Hogan, Subs: V. Duff for J. Morris, S. Whelan for Quigley.

### 1962: Toomevara 4-9, Kilruane 5-4

**Toomevara:** R. Mounsey, M. Hassett, W. Donovan, J. McDonnell, M. O'Gara, N. Williams, T. Shanahan, T. Ryan, S. Randles, J. Hough, D. Cuddy, F. Ryan, R. Ryan, P. Shanahan, J. Donovan, Sub: P. Cummins for Randles.

**Kilruane:** M. Ryan, L. White, P. Ryan, J. Williams, S. Hyland, J. Gibson, L. Gaynor, D. Gaynor, M. Murphy, L. Tierney, G. Hogan, C. Moloughney, S. Williams, H. Tooher, L. McLoughney, Subs: M. Fahy for C. Moloughney, J. McCarthy for Murphy.

### 1963: Roscrea 2-12, Toomevara 1-8

**Roscrea:** L. Carson, M. Hogan, K. Carey, J. Collison, P. Rowland, S. English, O. Kiloran, M. Minogue, P. Dynan, S. Carroll, F. Loughnane, D. Moloney, M. Nolan, C. Murphy, P. O'Meara, Sub: B. Hogan for Carroll.

**Toomevara:** R. Mounsey, M. Hassett, J.J. McCormack, B. Cummins, T. Shanahan, T. Ryan, M. Beavans, J. Hough, R. Ryan, S. Maxwell, P. Shanahan, P. McGrath, F. Ryan, P. Cummins, J. McDonnell, Subs: D. Cuddy for McGrath, D. Kennedy for McDonnell.

### 1964: Eire Og 5-12, Roscrea 2-8

**Eire Og:** C. Clear, C. Morgan, J. McGrath, E. O'Donnell, M. Burns, P. Murray, P. Kearns, P. Hennessy, T. Tierney, A. Ayres, G. Quinlan, P. Kennedy, M. Kearns, T. Moloney, O. Tucker.

**Roscrea:** L. Dooley, M. Hogan, K. Carey, N.

Heffernan, C. Murphy, P. Rowland, O. Killoran, P. Dynan, M. Minogue, S. Carroll, M. Nolan, F. Loughnane, B. Hogan, J. Dillon, D. Moloney, Sub: J. Carroll for Heffernan.

### 1965 Kilruane 3-10, Lorrha 5-2

**Kilruane:** W. Boyle, L. White, J. Williams, P. Dwyer, L. Gaynor, J. Gibson, D. Gaynor, S. O'Meara, S. Hyland, D. Gibson, C. Moloughney, L. Tierney, S. Williams, T. Moloughney, G. McCarthy, Subs: M. Dwyer for C. Moloughney, R. Teeffey for M. Dwyer, Moloughney for D. Gibson.

**Lorrha:** P. Madden, J. Larkin, S. O'Meara, M. O'Meara, L. King, N. Lane, M. Gleeson, J. Lane, W. Morris, J. Ryan, Sean O'Meara, P. Hogan, M. Liffey, M. Doyle, M. Kennedy, Subs: M. Brophy for Gleeson, L. Moran for Sean O'Meara, O'Meara for Moran.

### 1966: Lorrha 3-11, Toomevara 2-13

**Lorrha:** G. Moylan, M. Liffey, P. O'Meara, S. O'Meara, L. King, Sean O'Meara, M. Gleeson, W. Morris, J. Lane, N. Lane, F. Ryan, P. Hogan, M. Doyle, P. Madden, M. O'Meara, Sub: J. Kennedy for M. O'Meara.

**Toomevara:** R. Mounsey, L. Hackett, J.J. McCormack, J. McDonnell, T. Shanahan, N. Williams, S. Maxwell, T. Ryan, M. Delaney, T. Hassett, R. Ryan, P. McGrath, F. Ryan, P. Cummins, J. Hough, Subs: P. Shanahan for Cummins, S. O'Gara for Delaney.

### 1967: Roscrea 4-15, Moneygall 3-8

**Roscrea:** M. Loughnane, M. Hogan, K. Carey, J. Dillon, P. Rowland, T. O'Connor, J. Rooney, M. Minogue, F. Loughnane, B. Hogan, M. Nolan, D. Moloney, L. Brussels, J. Hannon, P. Dynan, Sub: J. Tynan for Dynan.

**Moneygall:** H. Condon, T. Gleeson, J. Collison, J. Doherty, M. Nolan, Jack Collison, R. Gleeson, R. Collison, J. Gleeson, D. Kenneyd, J. Ryan, W. McLeish, M. Doherty, G. Gleeson, P. Ryan, Subs: John Collison for R. Gleeson, J. Boland for M. Nolan.

### 1968: Roscrea 2-15, Borris-Ileigh 3-7

**Roscrea:** T. Murphy, M. Hogan, K. Carey, J. Dillon, P. Rowland, T. O'Connor, B. Maher, F. Loughnane, M. Minogue, J. Tynan, M. Nolan, L. Bursells, B. Hogan, J. Hannon, H. Loughnane.

**Borris-Ileigh:** P. Kennedy, P. Stapleton, J. Molumby, S. Maher, E. Loughnane, M. Stapleton, T. Dwyer, Mick Stapleton, T. Delaney, M. Delaney, N. O'Dwyer, L. Devaney, T. Tierney, J. Kelly, K. McDonnell, Sub: J. Loughnane for M. Delaney.



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**Roscrea:** T. Murphy, M. Hogan, K. Carey, J. Dillon, R. Rowland, T. O'Connor, B. Maher, M. Minogue, F. Loughnane, D. Moloney, M. Nolan, L. Burssells, J. Tynan, J. Hannon, H. Loughnane.

**Lorrha:** N. Monteith, M. Liffey, P.J. Donoghue, P. Kennedy, C. Molloy, N. Lane, W. Morris, L. King, D. Corcoran, J.J. Kennedy, L. Moran, K. Hough, M. Kennedy, J. Lane, Subs: M. Gleeson for Corcoran, P. Madden for O'Meara, O'Meara for Hough.

**1970: Roscrea 3-9, Moneygall 3-3**

**Roscrea:** M. Murphy, B. Maher, K. Carey, M. Hogan, P. Rowland, T. O'Connor, J. Crampton, W. Moloney, M. Minogue, F. Loughnane, L. Spooner, G. Spooner, J. Tynan, L. Brussels, J. Cunningham, J. Tynan, H. Loughnane, J. Hannon.

**Moneygall:** W. Fanning, T. Gleeson, J. Collison, J. Gleeson, R. Gleeson, C. Gleeson, S. Doughan, S. Ryan, J. Collison, J. Ryan, W. McLeish, P. Ryan, R. Collison, M. Nolan, M. Sutton.

**1971: Roscrea 3-8, Borris-Ileigh 3-5**

**Roscrea:** T. Murphy, M. Hogan, K. Carey, B. Maher, P. Rowland, T. O'Connor, J. Crampton, W. Moloney, M. Minogue, F. Loughnane, L. Spooner, G. Spooner, J. Tynan, L. Brussels, J. Cunningham, Subs: M. Nolan for L. Spooner, J. Hannon for Nolan.

**Borris-Ileigh:** O. Walsh, P. Maher, T.F. Stapleton, E. Loughnane, P. Fanning, M. Stapleton, F. Spillane, M. Stapleton, T. Delaney, N. Maher, N. O'Dwyer, L. Carroll, L. Devaney, T. O'Dwyer, P.J. Bourke.

**1972: Borris-Ileigh 2-9, Lorrha 0-4**

**Borris-Ileigh:** O. Walsh, E. Loughnane, T.F. Stapleton, P. Maher, M. Stapleton, Matt Stapleton, P. Tynan, T. Delaney, T. Ryan, N. Maher, N. O'Dwyer, B. Kenny, L. Carroll, L. Devaney, T. O'Dwyer.

**Lorrha:** S. O'Meara, D. Corcoran, P.J. Donoghue, M. Kennedy, M. Gormley, N. Lane, T. Egan, L. King, L. Moran, D. Corcoran, M. Liffey, A. Barry, J. Lane, F. Dolan, M. Gleeson, Subs: J.J. Kennedy for Dolan, T. Monteith for Gleeson.

**1973: Borris-Ileigh 3-6, Kilruane 2-8**

**Borris-Ileigh:** O. Walsh, E. Loughnane, T.F. Stapleton, P. Maher, P. Stapleton, M. Stapleton, P. Tynan, T. Ryan, T. Delaney, N. Maher, N. O'Dwyer, B. Kenny, L. Carroll, M. Coen, T. O'Dwyer, Subs: P. Fanning for Tynan, L. Devaney for Carroll, Carroll for N. Maher.

**Kilruane:** J. Hutchinson, P. Reddan, J. Kelly, T. McLoughney, L. Gaynor, S. Hyland, P. Williams, T. Killackey, M. Keogh, J. Williams, G. Williams, N. Killackey, S. Hennessy, D.

Gatnor, L. O'Shea, Sub: S. O'Meara for Hennessy.

**1974: Silvermines 4-7, Roscrea 1-10**

**Silvermines:** T. Kennedy, J. O'Brien, J. Keogh, M. Maher, P. Dunlea, M. Fitzgibbon, J. Dunlea, J. Sherlock, M. Hanley, J. Forde, E. Dillon, J. Kennedy, M. Deffey, P. Quinlan, J. Ryan.

**Roscrea:** J. Fitzgerald, T. Tynan, B. Maher, K. Brady, J. Crampton, T. O'Connor, D. Moloney, L. Spooner, M. Minogue, F. Loughnane, R. Ryan, J. Tynan, M. Shanahan, L. Stapleton, J. Maher.

**1975: Moneygall 2-10, Silvermines 1-11**

**Moneygall:** N. White, J. McCormack, J. Gleeson, M. Doherty, M. Nolan, B. Fanning, E. Ryan, J. Ryan, P. Fanning, D. Kennedy, S. Doughan, S. Ryan, P. Sheehy, P. Ryan, B. McLeish.

**Silvermines:** T. Kennedy, D. Grace, J. Keogh, J. Dunlea, P. Dunlea, M. Fitzgibbon, J. Grace, J. Sherlock, M. Hanly, J. Kennedy, E. Dillon, J. Forde, J. Ryan, P. Quinlan, J. Quirke.

**1976: Borris-Ileigh 4-11, Lorrha 3-5**

**Borris-Ileigh:** G. Stapleton, D. Kennedy, T. Stapleton, P. Maher, J. Kenny, N. O'Dwyer, T. Delaney, M. Coen, T. Ryan, B. Kenny, N. Maher, P. Ryan, M. Stapleton, T. O'Dwyer, R. Kinnane.

**Lorrha:** J. Cleary, T. Egan, F. Cronin, P. Kennedy, M.J. Gormley, L. King, P. Moran, M. Brophy, E. Maher, D. Corcoran, A. Barry, L. Moran, D. Corcoran, N. Lane, K. Hough.

**1977: Kilruane 1-2, Borris-Ileigh 2-7**

**Kilruane:** T. Sheppard, S. Hyland, D. O'Meara, E. Hogan, J. O'Meara, L. Gaynor, D. Cahill, S. Keogh, P. Williams, G. Williams, L. O'Shea, S. Hennessy, J. Williams, S. O'Meara, J. Reddan, Subs: M. Quinlan for P. Williams.

**Borris-Ileigh:** G. Stapleton, D. Kennedy, T. Stapleton, P. Maher, P. Ryan, N. O'Dwyer, T. Deeley, P. Tynan, T. Ryan, B. Kenny, T. Kavanagh, L. Carroll, M. Coen, T. O'Dwyer, T.F. Stapleton. Sub: M. Stapleton for Kenny.

**1978: Kilruane 3-6, Roscrea 1-11**

**Kilruane:** T. Sheppard, S. Hyland, D. O'Meara, E. Hogan, J. O'Meara, P. Williams, D. Cahill, S. Keogh, S. Hennessy, E. O'Shea, J. Williams, G. Williams, D. Whelan, S. O'Meara, L. O'Shea, Sub: L. Gaynor for Whelan.

**Roscrea:** G. Cunningham, B. Maher, S. Moloughney, B. Loughnane, K. O'Connor, T. O'Connor, K. Brady, D. Moloney, J. Spooner, G. O'Connor, R. Ryan, L. Spooner, P. Loughnane, P. Queally, J. Tynan.

### 1979: Kilruane 1-12, Moneygall 1-9

**Kilruane:** T. Sheppard, S. Hyland, D. O'Meara, E. Hogan, P. Williams, D. Cahill, S. Keogh, S. Hennessey, E. O'Shea, L. O'Shea, G. Williams, J. Williams, M. Waters

**Moneygall:** N. White, J.J. Comerford, M. Hoherty, D. Doughan, J. Guilfoyle, D. Fanning, E. Ryan, J. Ryan, B. Jones, D. Kennedy, S. Ryan, P. Fanning, P. Ryan, D. Guilfoyle, E. Sutton, Subs: P. Sheedy for Sutton, W. McLeish for Kennedy.

### 1980: Roscrea 5-6, Kilruane 2-12 (Replay)

(Teams below are for drawn game)

**Roscrea:** J. Rowland, K. Brady, B. Maher, J. Spooner, K. O'Connor, T. O'Connor, P. Ward, P. Queally, L. Spooner, J. Stone, J. Shanahan, G. O'Connor, J. Tynan, F. Loughnane, J. Butler, Sub: R. Ryan for Butler.

**Kilruane:** T. Sheppard, S. Hyland, D. O'Meara, E. Hogan, J. O'Meara, P. Williams, D. Cahill, S. Keogh, S. Hennessey, E. O'Shea, L. O'Shea, Gilbert Williams, J. Waters, Subs: L. Gaynor for Waters, D. Whelan for E. O'Shea, G. Williams for S. O'Meara.

### 1981: Borris-Ileagh 1-8, Roscrea 1-6

**Borris-Ileagh:** O. Walsh, M. Ryan, T.F. Stapleton, T. Stapleton, T. Delaney, G. Stapleton, F. Spillane, P. Ryan, T. Ryan, B. Kenny, B. Ryan, N. O'Dwyer, M. Coen, T. O'Dwyer, P. Kavanagh, Sub: C. Kenny for T. Ryan.

**Roscrea:** J. Rowland, E. Hogan, B. Maher, J. Spooner, K. O'Connor, T. O'Connor, J. Bergin, L. Spooner, R. Dunne, G. O'Connor, J. Shanahan, P. Queally, J. Tynan, R. Ryan, F. Loughnane, Subs: K. Brady for Hogan, J. Stone for Bergin.

### 1982: Roscrea 3-8, Eire Og 0-17 (Draw)

(The North Final that year was never replayed and Roscrea were awarded the title)

**Roscrea:** J. Rowland, K. Brady, B. Maher, J. Spooner, K. O'Connor, F. Fletcher, R. Dunne, L. Spooner, G. O'Connor, P. Loughnane, J. Bergin, P. O'Connor, F. Loughnane, J. Butler, Sub E. Hogan for J. Spooner.

**Eire Og:** S. Kennedy, J. Flannery, J. Tucker, M. Ryan, L. Heffernan, B. Heffernan, C. Tucker, P. Kennedy, R. Coffey, J. Sullivan, C. Donovan, M. Kennedy, P. Hennessey, M. Griffin, J. Heffernan, Subs: D. Finnerty for C. Tucker, M. Ryan for Griffin.

### 1983: Borris-Ileagh 1-11, Lorrha

**Borris-Ileagh:** O. Walsh, M. Ryan, R. Stakelum, T. Delaney, N. Maher, G. Stapleton, F. Spillane, T. Ryan, B. Ryan, P. Kenny, M. Coen, A. Ryan, T. Stapleton, N. O'Dwyer, Sub: J. McGrath for Spillane, F. Collins for Coen.

**Lorrha:** K. Hogan, M. Young, M. Brophy, P. Kennedy, J. Harding, J. McIntyre, E. Maher,

P. Kelly, B. Mannion, K. Hough, J. O'Sullivan, S. Mannion, A. McIntyre, J. Kennedy, Sub: J. Dolan for S. Mannion, E. Deely for Harding.

### 1984: Lorrha 4-11, Eire Og 3-9

**Lorrha:** K. Hogan, M. Young, M. Brophy, P. Kennedy, J. Harding, J. McIntyre, E. Sherlock, P. Kelly, D. Donoghue, J. Kennedy, J. Sullivan, K. Hough, A. McIntyre, B. Mannion, W. Fogarty.

**Eire Og:** S. Kennedy, J. Flannery, P.J. Maxwell, D. Finnerty, B. Heffernan, C. Donovan, P. Hennessey, P. Kennedy, L. Heffernan, J. Heffernan, M. Ryan, J. Grogan, M. Kennedy, N. Corbett, T. Darcy, Subs: P. Hennessey for J. Heffernan, J. Tucker for P. Kennedy, M. Cleary for M. Kennedy.

### 1985: Kilruane 2-10, Roscrea 1-10

**Kilruane:** T. Sheppard, J. Cahill, D. O'Meara, S. Gibson, M. Hogan, J. O'Meara, G. Williams, E. Hogan, S. Hennessey, Gerry Williams, J. Williams, E. O'Shea, D. Cahill, P. Williams, P. Quinlan, Subs: J. Banaghan for D. O'Meara, D. Quinlan for D. Cahill.

**Roscrea:** K. Moloney, J. Bergin, V. Ryan, T. O'Connor, F. Fletcher, D. Healy, K. O'Connor, P. Queally, J. Pyne, G. O'Connor, C. Ryan, M. Scully, S. Molamphy, F. Loughnane, E. Bergin, Subs: L. Spooner for E. Bergin, T. Maher for Moloughney, A. O'Meara for G. Ryan.

### 1986: Kilruane 1-12, Toomevara 2-6

**Kilruane:** T. Sheppard, J. Cahill, D. O'Meara, S. Gibson, M. Hogan, J. O'Meara, Gilbert Williams, E. Hogan, J. Banaghan, G. Williams, J. Williams, E. O'Shea, P. Quinlan, P. Williams, Philip Quinlan, Subs D. Cahill for E. Hogan, D. Quinlan for Pat Quinlan.

**Toomevara:** J. Grace, R. Brilane, D. Brislane, F. Spillane, S. Nolan, P. King, N. McDonnell, M. Murphy, M. O'Meara, J. Dunne, T. Dunne, J. McGrath, L. Nolan, L. McGrath, M. Nolan, Subs: K. McDonnell for O'Meara, E. Frend for King.

### 1987: Kilruane Lorrha

**Kilruane:** T. Sheppard, J. Cahill, D. O'Meara, S. Gibson, A. Hogan, J. O'Meara, G. Williams, J. Banaghan, S. Hennessey, G. Williams, A.N. Other, E. O'Shea, Pat Quinlan, A.N. Other, P. Quinlan, Subs: D. Quinlan, S. Williams, N. Darcy, E. Kirby, M. Cahalan, T. McDonnell, M. Hogan, P. Williams, D. Cahill.

**Lorrha:** K. Hogan, M. Young, M. Brophy, E. Sherlock, J. Madden, J. McIntyre, J. O'Sullivan, D. O'Donoghue, P. Kelly, J. Kennedy, B. Mannion, K. Hough, W. Fogarty, J. Sherlock, A. McIntyre, Subs: G. O'Sullivan, J. Harding, P. Kennedy, H. Hogan, E. Maher, J. O'Meara, W. Reddan, K. Molloy, S. Mannion, D. Harding, T. Madden.



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5) Ailbe Hogan

6) Jim O'Meara

7) Gilbert Williams

8) Joe Banaghan

9) Seamus Hennessy

10) Gerry Williams

11) A.N. Other

12) Eamon O'Shea

13) Pat Quinlan

14) A.N. Other

15) Philip Quinlan

Substitutes: 16) David Quinlan, 17) Sean Williams, 18) Ned Darcy, 19) Eamon Kirby, 20) Martin Cahanlan, 21) Tommy McDonnell, 22) Michael Hogan, 23) Paddy Williams, 24) Denis Cahill.

Selectors: Len Gaynor, Sean Hyland, Liam O'Shea

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	65m	Saor-Pucanna



# HURLING FINAL

## LORRHA (Blue and White)

(1)
Ken Hogan

2) Martin Young

3) Michael Brophy

4) Eamonn Sherlock

5) John Madden

6) John McIntyre

7) Johnny O'Sullivan

8) Donal O'Donoghue

9) Pat Kelly

10) Joe Kennedy

11) Brian Mannion

12) Kieran Hough

13) Willie Fogarty

14) John Sherlock

15) Aidan McIntyre

Substitutes: 16) Gerry O'Sullivan, 17) John Harding, 18) Pat Kennedy, 19) Hubery Hogan, 20) Eamon Maher, 21) James O'Meara, 22) Willie Reddan, 23) Kieran Molloy, 24) Seamus Mannion, 25) David Harding, 26) Tom Madden.

Selectors: Bill Duffy, Johnny Larkin, Paddy Madden.

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	65m	Saor-Pucanna



## DID YOU KNOW ? – KILRUANE McDONAGHS

Kilruane are in both senior and minor finals today. It last happened to Toomevara in 1986. Also, this decade with Roscrea in 1980, 1981, 1982. Last time a club played in both finals on the same day was Roscrea in 1980. They beat Toomevara in the minor final and Kilruane in the senior final replay. That was the last year for the one club to win two titles in the one year.

Only one north final was won by a team which failed to score a goal. That was in 1959 when Kilruane's 0-11 was sufficient to overcome Toomevara's 1-4.

In the previous year Toomevara set the record for a score in the north final when they beat Kilruane 6-13 to 4-3.

Joseph MacDonagh, the son of Thomas MacDonagh presented the north board with a perpetual trophy bearing his uncle's name in 1975. It is awarded to the division's Club of the Year. Kilruane were, appropriately, the first winners in 1975 and won again in 1977 and 1978.

Fr. Niall O'Meara, Cloughjordan was chairman of the North Board in 1956 and another clubman, Tom Kierby, was chairman from 1979 to 1981. Earlier, James O'Meara held the position from 1905 to 1907 and William Flannery from 1915 to 1921.

Kilruane's captain, Enda Hogan, will miss the final because of suspension. The last time a captain missed a north final was in 1982 when Roscrea captain, Peadar Queally, wasn't back from a holiday abroad.

The Very Rev. Edward J. Whyte, P.P. Cloughjordan published the history of Kilruane MacDonaghs and Lahorna De Wets in 1985.

The parish of Cloughjordan has a population of about 2,000 people.

Gerry McCarthy won a National League medal with Tipperary in 1959 and Brendan Cups in 1959 and 1962.

Tom McLoughney won National League medals in 1960 and 1961 and All-Ireland senior medals in 1959 and 1960.

Len Gaynor has three All-Ireland medals: 1964, 1965 and 1971.

The Kilruane team that won the 1959 north final was as follows: — M. Ryan, P. Ryan, J. Williams, T. Hensey, W. Gibson, J. Gibson, S. Ryan, D. Gaynor, G. McCarthy, G. Hogan, V. Tierney, J. McCarthy, S. Williams, H. Tooher and T. McLoughney. The team beat Kilruane by 4-12 to 5-2 in the county semi final at Nenagh on August 16th but went down to Thurles Sarsfields, 3-13 to 2-6, in the final.

Mick Clear, Behamore, Cloughjordan was one of Tipperary's cross country runners between 1948 and 1958. He won the All-Ireland senior championship at Lurcan on March 2nd, 1949, covering a difficult nine mile course in 48 minutes 53 seconds.

Kilruane won their fourth Tipperary senior hurling championship by defeating Roscrea in a score of 2-11 to 0-10 at Semple Stadium, Thurles on October 13th, 1985. The game, described by many as the best final for years, was witnessed by 10,000 spectators.

Kilruane won the All-Ireland final at Croke Park on March 16th, 1986 when they beat Buffer's Alley by 1-15 to 2-10 before 10,176 spectators. In an article in the 1987 Yearbook, Fr. Eddie Whyte, P.P., described the morning of the match: "The railway station in Cloughjordan is nearly 150 years old. Never in its long history did it cater for such a huge crowd as it did on March 16th. Three special trains were put on by C.I.E. to ferry all the people, young and old, to Dublin for the All Ireland club championship final. Black and white flags, scarves, dresses, hats, shirts and umbrellas were everywhere in evidence. The barter, the crack, the excitement was great....."

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### **KILRUANE (Black and White)**

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3) Michael Cleary

4) Brian England

5) Owen Daly

6) John Conroy

7) Kieran Deane

8) George O'Leary

9) Francis Darcy

10) Joe Whelan

11) Paul Madden

12) Peter Hennelly

13) Eamon Gaynor

14) Jim Brady

15) Dermot O'Leary

Subs: 16) Jim Keanneally, 17) Stephen Carty, 18) John Kenneally, 19) Stephen O'Leary, 20) Bernard Loughnane, 21) Jim Cahalan.



### **TOOMEVARA (Green and Gold)**

(1)
Kevin McCormack

2) Paul Delaney

3) Seamus Brislane

4) George Frend

5) Joe Ryan

6) Declan O'Meara

7) Tony Delaney

8) Michael O'Meara

9) Joe Kennedy

10) Liam Hogan

11) Kevin Kennedy

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13) Willie Ryan

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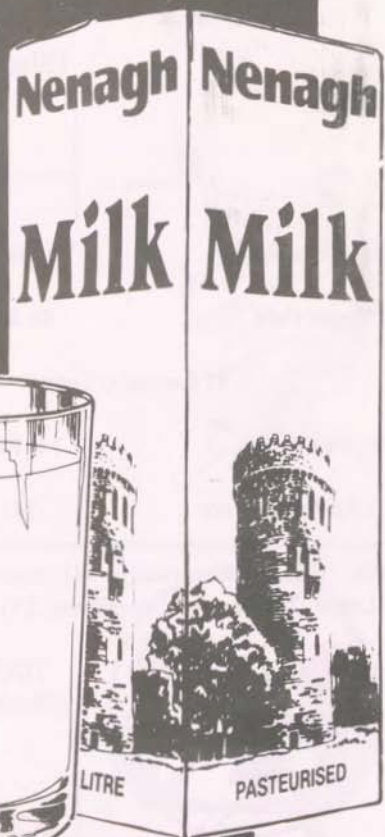
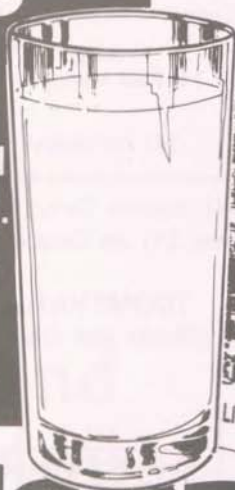
15) Tommy Carroll

Subs: 16) David Spillane, 17) Michael Ryan, 18) Paul Kenneally.

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## THE MINOR FINAL by Seamus O'Doherty



The clash of Toomevara and Kilruane McDonaghs will ensure that there will be more than usual interest in this seasons Minor decider. Rivalry between the two clubs is always intense and matches are generally keenly contested, regardless of the previous form. The 'local derby' aspect always ensures a fierce challenge but when you realise that Toomevara are bidding for a third Divisional title in a row you appreciated their motivation.

On the other hand of course Kilruane will not be willing accomplices and the fact that Toomevara pipped them in last year's decider (0.12 to 1.9) is their own spur to extract revenge.

Since regaining the North title in 1981, after a 25 year lapse, Toomevara have never been too far away from the final and in this decade they only failed to qualify for the decider in 1984. They won titles in 1981, 1982, 1985 and 1986 and lost to Roscrea in 1980 and 1983. The ongoing efforts of their juvenile committee have done much to bring 'Toome' to this stage of prominence, which was climaxed last season by their first ever Co. Final victory in the grade.

Kilruane have been out of the limelight for a long time in Minor Hurling and last North title was won in 1973, when they completed a three in a row. Since then they have only appeared in two finals, 1974 when they lost to Roscrea, who themselves went on to win three in a row and last year by the strangest coincidence Eire Og then followed both Kilruane and Roscrea by also winning a three in a row of North titles, so Toomevara's target has certainly been achieved and should not prove daunting.

The clubs clashed last year in the final of the Under-16, Minor, under-21 and Senior with Toome victorious in all but the latter. However, all four finals were wide open until the end and could have gone either way. Proof, if such was needed, of how little divides the clubs. In this year's campaign Toomevara were not over impressive in the early stages, a ploy which has become their hallmark at this level in recent years. Yet when the crunch came they were equal to it and were easy winner over Elin's Hope. Kilruane's form has been more impressive and when one notes that Roscrea failed to beat them in three games of the current campaign you realise they are a team to be reckoned with.

In both the drawn and replayed semi-finals with Roscrea they showed lots of character and ability as big deficits were erased in the most economical way possible. The proximity of the replay with Roscrea could be a great help to the McDonaghs as they enter this final and they should have ironed out many of their problems. Toomevara's last game was a good way back and the lack of suitable team practice may now be a handicap.

Stiff it is hard to oppose Toomevara in this final. They have a liberal sprinkling of last year's winning team including Kevin McCormack, Seamus Brislane, George Frend, Michael O'Meara, Declan O'Meara, Joe Kennedy, Tommy Carroll, Micillin Delaney, Paul Delaney etc. and that represents a formidable squad by any standards. Kilruane will certainly need to be at their best to topple them but the McDonaghs of course, have a tradition of team work in their selections and this quality has often toppled seemingly better teams.

The current squad have several useful hurlers and one thinks of Liam Gleeson, Michael Cleary, Brian England, Eoin Daly, Ger Conroy, George O'Leary, Francis "Bugs" Darcy, Paul Madden, Dermot O'Leary and Jimmy Brady among others. Their commitment will be total and should Toomevara all the way.



The ingredients are there for a little thriller and if the typical style of both clubs is displayed then patrons will surely witness a final on a par with last year's classic.

Toomevara have been the masters in clashes with their present opponents since their under 12 days. That, plus the desire to re-establish the club at Minor level will stir Kilruane to a mighty effort. But will it be enough to stop Toome' from winning that three in a row? There's a great hour of hurling ahead of us before the answer is known.

Toomevara Club Officers: President: Canon Mulqueen, P.P.; Vice-President: Matt Hassett; Chairman: Tom Shanahan; Vice-Chairmen: Donal Shanahan and Fr. Joe Kennedy, C.C.; Secretary: Pat McGrath; Treasuerer: Bernard O'Neill; Registrar: Neil Williams. Selectors: Joe McGrath, Frankie Ryan, Sean Nolan.

Toomevara's recent under age achievements are very impressive. In 1986 they won divisional honour in Under 12, Under 16, Minor and Under-21 hurling. They also won county titles in all these grades with the exception of under-16. This year they have won divisional honours to date at the under-12, under-14 and under-16 levels.

Kilruane Club Officers: President: Very Rev. E.J. Whyte, P.P.; Chairman: Jim Casey; Vice-Chairmen: Tom Cleary and Mick Mulcahy; Secretary: Tom Kirby; Treasuerer: Mick Hennessy. Selectors: Flannan Dwan, Robert O'Leary, Fr. Eddie Whyte, P.P., Liam Daly.

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\* Rody Nealon was selection on the Ireland team from the 1924 Tailteann games. He was in charge of the whistle for four north finals. His son Donie referred numerous finals also.

\* The late Hubie Hogan officiated at six finals. His son Ken is the Lorrha goalkeeper in to-day's showpiece.

\* The late Martin Kennedy of Toomevara fame scored five goals in the 1942 final, which Roscrea won.

\* Tom Duffy won two north championships with Lorrha, in 1914 and 1924. Tom was selected to tour America with the Tipperary S.H. in 1926.

\* Kilruane McDonaghs won the 1959 north final with a fine victory over Toomevara, at Nenagh, on August 2nd of that year. The victorious team was as follows:— M. Ryan, P. Ryan, J. Williams, T. Hensey, W. Gibson, J. Gibson, S. Ryan, D & S. Gaynor, G. McCarthy, G. Hogan, V. Tierney, J. McCarthy, S. Williams, H. Tooher, T. McLoughney. Kilruane 0-11 Toomevara 1-7. Hubie Hogan was the referee.

\* Toomevara recorded seven successive victories from 1925 to 1931 (Inclusive).

\* Finals by the Decade:— 1907 — Lahorna De Wets; 1917—Toomevara; 1927 — Toomevara, 1937 — Roscrea, 1947 — Borrisoleigh, 1957 — Eire Og, 1967 — Roscrea; 1977 — Kilruane.

\* Railway Cup Medal Winners: Recalling some of the north's Railway Cup medal winners and their years of success. Sean Kenny:— 1950, 1951, Paddy Kenny:— 1951, 1952, 1953, 1957. Phil Shanahan:— 1950, 1952, 1953. Donie Nealon:— 1959, 1963, 1966, 1968. Liam Devaney:— 1961, 1963. Noel O'Gorman:— 1968, 1969. John "Mackey" McKenna:— 1966. Noel O'Dwyer:— 1969, 1970, 1976. Tadgh O'Connor:— 1976. Francis Loughnane:— 1976.

\* Teams from the division won four munster club hurling titles between them. 11/4/1971 Roscrea 3-6, Glenrovers (cork) 1-9 (1969 Final). 18/8/1971 Roscrea 4-11, Clarecastle (Clare) 1-6 (1970 Final). Kilruane McDonaghs won the 1986 championship and Borrisoleigh added their name to the honours list in 1986.

\* The division boasts three All-Ireland club victories. Roscrea made history by winning the inaugural series in 1971. Kilruane captured the 1986 title, and Borrisoleigh carried on the good work earlier this year when they were crowned club champions of Ireland 1987.

\* Tony Reddan was selected as the greatest goalkeeper of the century and Jimmy Finn was given the No. 5 jersey on that team also. The team was selected in 1984. (John Doyle and Jimmy Doyle were the other Tipp. players selected).

\* Munster Senior Medal Winners: Numerous great hurlers from north Tipperary were honoured by the munster selectors since 1927.

\* Munster Senior Medal Winners:—Numerous greats of the north won munster medals in the famous "Blue and Gold" over the years:— Tony Reddan:— 1949, 1950, 1951; Donie Nealon:— 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1967; Mick Burns:— 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1968; Liam Devaney:— 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1968, John "Mackey" McKenna:— 1962, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1968; Kieran Carey:— 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1967; Len Gaynor:— 1965, 1967, 1968, 1971. The above is just a few from a long list, subs medals are not included, only medals won on the field.

\* Liam Devaney was honoured as "Hurler of the Year" in 1961. Donie Nealon kept the award in Tipperary with his selection in 1962.

\* Joe Hogan of Roscrea was the victorious Tipperary minor hurling captain in the 1976 title win over Kilkenny, on a score of 2-20 to 1-7.

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