

North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final
Match Programme
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 30th, 1992

Senior Hurling Final

NENAGH EIRE ÓG

V.

LORRHA

3.30 p.m. Reitor: Michael Lenihan (Ballinahinch)

Minor Hurling 'B' Final (Nealon Trophy)

NEWPORT v BALLINA

2.00 p.m. Reitor: Michael Cahill (Kilruane)



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It is my privilege as Chairman of the Board to extend a céad míle failte to everybody at today's final and especially to the teams involved. In the senior final we have two clubs - Eire Og and Lorrha with a very proud tradition.

Nenagh Eire Og are seeking their third title in all having last won in 1964. They lost in the final last year against Toomevara after a replay. Lorrha last won in '89 against Toomevara and previously won in '84 against today opponents, which was the Centenary final. Lorrha have won eight titles.

A win for both teams is essential giving them a bonus when they go for further honours in the County Championship a title that has eluded both teams, so far in their history.

The minor game between Newport and Ballina should bring about the best in hurling that any local derby would. Both sides have never won this competition. As you know the winning captain will receive the coveted Nealon Trophy, which was first presented to the Board in 1974.

I would like to thank all who helped in the preparations for today's game - An Runai Michael O'Brien, An Cisteoir Ml. Nolan and committee. I would like to thank Bord na nOg who produced the programme and finally, the Press for their coverage of our games throughout the year.

My thanks also to the clubs and officials in the division and the referees for their help and co-operation during the year.

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Today's Referees



**Michael Lenihan,
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Michael Lenihan is officiating at his first Senior Hurling final today. He has however refereed finals in almost all other grades in the Division since he took up the whistle nine years ago. J.F. 1985; U/21 F (B) 1986; J.H. 1987; U/21 F (A) 1988; J.F. and M.H. (A) 1989; I.H. 1990; S.F. and M.H. (A) 1991 are included in the long list of North Finals of which he has had charge, as well as many Bord na nOg games. Always a dependable and reliable official, he has become one of the most respected knights of the whistle in the area and is currently chairman of the North Tipp. Referees Committee.

A native of Ballinahinch, with whom he was a solid and uncompromising corner back from 1968 to 1984 competing in both the Junior and Intermediate hurling grades. Mick is the holder of 2 North J.H. medals (1971 and 1980), adding county honours in the latter year and crowning a great year for the club in taking the North J.F. Championship in 1980. He also assisted Ballinahinch to numerous Tournament successes. He served as Club Sec and was coach and selector to a number of Ballinahinch teams.

Married (to Josephine O'Halloran), with three children, he has lived in Kilaloe for the past 18 years. His son, Brian, is currently a member of Smith O'Briens minor teams. Mick has been actively involved in many parish activities in the Clare border town, most notably with the Boy Scouts and the GAA club. He trained the Smith O'Brien's I.H. and J.H. teams for the past few years. He acted as Sec of the Juvenile Committee for 3 years and has been a selector with various underage teams in Killaloe.

Michael Lenihan is a mechanic by trade and is Services Manager with Pat Keogh Motors, Limerick.

His umpires for today's game are: Jim McLeish, Pat McLeish, Tom McLeish and Eddie O'Brien. Linesmen are Brian Lenihan and Alan McLeish. All are members of Smith O'Briens Club, Killaloe.

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NEALON TROPHY FINAL:

1992 MH 'B' Championship results

Round 1: Group A, 4 teams: Borrisoleigh 7-14, Shannon Rovers 0-4; Ballina 3-6, Templederry 0-2. Group B, 4 teams: Silvermines 7-13, Portroe 0-3; Newport 2-5, Lorrha 0-10.

Round 2: Borrisoleigh 6-8, Ballina 6-7; Shannon Rovers 4-4, Templederry 4-3. Silvermines 4-6, Newport 3-7; Lorrha wo Portroe.

Round 3: Borrisoleigh wo Templederry; Ballina 2-12, Shannon Rovers 2-6. Silvermines 2-5, Lorrha 1-7, Newport wo Portroe.

Semi-finals: Borrisoleigh 0-8, Newport 2-8; Ballina 2-9, Silvermines 1-2.

This is the nineteenth year for the Nealon Trophy-final. The Nealon Trophy was presented to the North Board by the Nealon family in 1974. It has been awarded to the winners of the minor 'B' championship ever since.

Today's final sees Ballina and Newport in opposition. Both sides have never won the Nealon Trophy. In 1981 Newport lost to Borrisoleigh in the final.

The team on that occasion was as follows: Liam Shinnors, Michael Minehan, D. J. O'Brien, Jimmy Jones, Frank Shinnors, Con McGrath, Sean O'Brien, John Keating, Anthony Floyd, Ger Bradley, Michael Ryan, Dan O'Halloran, Ted O'Halloran, Eamonn Ryan, Damien Ryan. Sub: Michael Jones. Played in earlier matches: Declan O'Brien, Frank Gleeson, Thomas Ryan (B), Harry Ryan.

Ballina reached the final in '86 and lost to Burgess. The team on that occasion was: Ger Spaight, E. Coughlan, K. Collins, J. McGrath, W. O'Dowd, D. Sullivan, M. McInerney, P. Kelly, capt., J. Ryan, R. Slevin, S. Shanahan, D. Collins, A. Gleeson, M. Lyons, P. Curtin. Subs: R. Mills, E. Gleeson, D. Shanahan.

NEALON TROPHY ROLL OF HONOUR

Silvermines (4): 1976, '77, '80, '91.

Burgess (4): 1974, '78, '86, '90.

Borris-Ileigh (2): 1981, 1985.

Moneygall (1): 1989

Portroe (1): 1987

Shannon Rovers (1): 1984

Erins Hope (1): 1983

Kildangan (1): 1982.

Toomevara (1): 1979

Kilruane (1): 1975.

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Finals by Ten

1982:

Roscrea 3-8 — Eire Og 0-17.

This was a clash that was laden with a full hours tension, excitement and entertainment which gradually built up to a heart stopping climax. Both sides balanced the levelling scales no less than six times and the score gap between them only widened to a maximum of four points when Roscrea's Liam Spooner pointed in the second minute of the latter half to leave the score at 3-5 to 0-10.

There were many notable performances from both teams but as far as nenagh were concerned, there was no one to beat the display given by Liam Heffernan at wing back, who was outstanding all through. Brian Heffernan was marvellous in the No. 6 jersey and John tucker at No. 7 must be commended for his handling of the experienced Francis Loughnane. The tussle between Phil Kennedy and Liam Spooner at midfield ended in them dividing a share of the spoils.

The Roscrea backs had a great days outing and can boast not letting in one goal during the hour. Best in this vicinity were Tadhg O'Connor, Jody Spooner and Francis Fletcher.

Note: The replay of the final did not take place due to a disagreement and the title for this year remained undecided.

1972:

Borris-Ileigh 2-9 - Lorrha 0-4.

The Frank McGrath Cup has gone to the parish of Borris-ileigh for the first time. Champions of the division sixt times in all, the maroon clad Borris men had to wait until Sunday last to get their hands on this trophy which was first introduced in 1961 and in disposing of Lorrha's challenge by a rather flattering eleven points margin, Borris bridged a seventeen year gap and now find themselves with one leg of that much sought double completed and with high hopes of taking the county title when they line out against Roscrea on Sunday week.

There is no doubting the merit of Borris' victory. A victory fashioned in

the first half when they ended the period one point in front, 0-4 to 0-3, having played against the very strong wind. However, game Lorrha who must have rued their first half lost chances, stayed with them until the final quarter and when Liam Carroll shot home the first of his two goals in the 18th minute, the writing was on the wall for the Lower Ormond men and the men from the other extremity of the division exerted their supremacy with telling effect, Carrolls second goal, four minutes from time gilding the tally.

Played in very inclement weather, both sides gave of their best in the terrible underfoot conditions and had the fates been kinder, the match might well have been a real cracker indeed.

1962:

Toomevara 4-9 - Kilruane McDonagh 5-4.

Over the well trodden road to Toomevara goes the North Tipperary Senior Hurling title for the third year in succession and the fourth time in five years. But, far from familiarity breeding contempt, this latest triumph must be one of the most cherished of all, for it was made safe only after the defending champions had overcome an eleven points deficit at the interval, repelled the challengers second half effort to get on top and then strode out in the final minutes for victory.

Rarely in the past can the champions have been called upon to travel a harder, more arduous road to success. It was only in the last, strenuously exacting moments of a dramatic and pulsating second half, that any Toomevara man could be certain of victory.

Toomevara won this game because they were a team of rare proficiency, but Kilruane could have won and a draw would have satisfied anyone without affiliation to either side. From first to last there was never a dull moment in this game, which was conducted in a stamina sapping pace and with a fervour and zeal that was breathtaking.

1952:

Borris-Ileigh 3-8 - Kilruane McDonagh 0-4

Borris-Ileigh, North Tipperary champions, retained their title for the third year in succession when they met and defeated Kilruane McDonagh at Nenagh winning by a comfortable margin of 3-8 to 0-4. The champions had McDonagh's scoreless at the half-hour 3-5 to nil.

Borris-Ileigh had now won the Murphy Cup three years in succession, which no other club in the division has done so far. There was a crowd of 3,400, the smallest attendance at the divisional final for a good many years and they were frankly disappointed with a game that was almost lifeless at times.

As a spectacle, the final had little to offer and indeed it will go on record

as one of the poorest and dullest deciders for many a day. From the very start it was clearly evident that Kilruane lacked the necessary skill to offset the champions craft and experience. They never showed with a winning chance and all interest had gone out of the game long before the referee had sounded the final whistle.

1942:

Roscrea 7-5 - Kildangan 7-4.

Close on 6,000 spectators were present at the new Nenagh Gaelic Park for the North Tipp Senior hurling final which was won by Roscrea almost on the call of time by a great goal from a 21 yards free. At the time, the spectators were leaving the field and Kildangan supporters were acclaiming victory by two points when a rush by Roscrea was held on the goal line and Fletcher was "downed". A free from the 21 yard line was awarded to Roscrea and John Joe Maher flashed the ball through a forest of hurleys to the net to give Roscrea a last minute one point victory and the Cup for the second year in succession.

The game, from a spectacular point of view, was disappointing, due to the large number of injuries to players both in the first and second half and ardour was dampened due to the large delays.

Territorially, Roscrea held the balance of play in the first half and were aided by a breeze. trained to the hour, they put in some fast work & there was complete understanding between the forwards. Kildangan did not play to potential and never came near stiking the same form as they had shown against McDonagh in the semi-final.

1932: Toomevara, due to the fact that they were unable to field at team, gave Newport a walkover.

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The first admission charge to a game in Co. Tipperary was to the 1885 final between Tubberdora and Suir View. 2d each brought in receipts of £40.

For the North S.H. Final of 1957 between Eire Og and Toomevara the admission was 1/-, sideline 1/- extra and schoolboys 6d.

When Eire Og won their next final in 1964 inflation had risen 100%, as the admission was now 2/-, with the sideline also 2/-.

For that '64 Final between Eire Og and Roscrea, CIE ran a special train to Nenagh. Return fare from Roscrea was 6/6d and 3/3d from Cloughjordan.



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Eire Og History

Hurling has a long history in Nenagh, being played there long before the founding of the GAA, and it is on record that the first game played under the new rules after the founding of the GAA in Thurles in 1884 was between a Nenagh team called 'John Mitchels' and a Lorrha selection.

However we have to wait until 1915 for Nenagh to win its first senior title (North Tipp) when they defeated a very fancied Moneygall team in the final. Some of the names from that team were Frank McGrath, Bill Flannery, Bill Coonan, Mick Egan, Martin Ayres.

Before 1915 many Nenagh hurlers played with two other very famous local teams viz: Lahorna De Witts and the Toomevara Greyhounds.

After 1915 however, we had a trouble period in Irish history and hurling was forced to take a 'back seat' and it was not until the emergence of a new team in 1926 called the Red Rovers (they wore red jerseys) that hurling again came to the forefront. This Red Rovers team was drawn from a small area of the town around the Birr Road and the Turnpike. The team was drawn from a small number of families, with very many brothers being involved. They subsequently changed their name to Eire Og. Some of the prominent Eire og players of that period were Bobby and Tucker Morgan, Chris Kennedy, Dick Hogan, Paddy Rohan and of course the late Johnny 'Hyder' Ryan.

The old Nenagh club was still in existence at this time, drawn mainly from around Pound Street with such names as John and Tom Brophy, Tom and Paddy Bourke, Digger Stanley, Toddy Bolger and of course the legendary John 'Pee-Wee' Whelan.

There were many sterling duels between these two teams and it was after witnessing one of these famous encounters that a local curate, Fr. Joe Hayes decided to try to amalgamate the two teams. He succeeded in his task and both clubs united in 1947 under a new name 'St. Mary's' the name coming from the local Catholic Club.

The new club had instant success winning the North Tipperary inter-

mediate championship and the county junior championship in its first year. Some of the people involved in this new St. Mary's team were Jack Nolan, Billy O'Brien, Eddie John McGrath, Tom Brophy, Jimmy Spearman, Toddy Bolger, Chris Kennedy, Bart Coffey, etc. They contested a North Tipp senior final in their very early years, but success at senior level eluded St. Mary's. There were, however, many successes at minor level with one particularly noteworthy occasion when they won a North Tipp hurling and football championship on the same day in the 1950s, with eleven of the hurlers going straight back on the field to assist in winning the football.

St. Mary's survived as a club until the mid 1950s, when during a low period for the club it was decided at an AGM to change the name of the club to its present name Eire Og. The first big success came for this club when it won the North Tipp senior championship in 1957 and again in 1964.

CONTRIBUTION TO TIPPERARY

St. Mary's and Eire Og, have supplied very many players to Tipperary, especially at minor level. It was a common occurrence during the '40s and '50s to have two and three players from the club represent Tipperary at minor level, and as many of these Tipperary teams won All-Irelands, there are a lot of minor All-Ireland hurling medals, held by players from the club.

At senior level, the most prominent player from the club would, of course, be Mick Burns, who holds five All-Ireland senior medals, followed by Johnny McGrath who won All-Ireland medals. Many other players from the club have played senior with Tipperary down through the years, but 1989 was certainly a milestone for the club with three players — John Heffernan, Conor O'Donovan and Michael Cleary from Eire Og playing on the Tipp team that finally bridged a 17 year gap to capture the elusive All-Ireland.

Michael Cleary and Conor O'Donovan collected two further celtic crosses when the Premier County achieved their 24th All-Ireland title last year.

Panelist, Philip Hennessey, is son of Philip who was the star of the 1964 win.

Liam Heffernan, current manager, was the winner of a county minor medal in 1969 while brother John, wing back, on the current team was at corner forward on the minor team which won the county final in 1978.

Lorrha Club Officers

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Secretary: Louis McCormack.

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Ballina G.A.A.

Hurling has been played in the parish's of Ballina and Boher as far back as 1883 when a team under the name of Kincora played and defeated Killahee in what must surely have been one of the first inter county games. Ballina's first championship success did not come until 1932 when Ballina won the North Junior Hurling title for the first time. Surviving members of that team include Gerry Gough who is a regular attendee at all Ballina's games and Frank Hannon. Further junior titles were added in 1967, 1984 and 1990. In 1984 the juniors went all the way adding the County title to the North title. In 1969 Ballina won the North and County U/13 hurling title. Gerry McKeogh and Michael Kelly are All-Ireland medal holders. Jerry won his medal with the Tipp Intermediate hurling team in 1971 and Michael won a minor medal in 1982 and a Junior medal in 1991.

1982 marked the official opening of Ballina GAA field. 1982 also saw the setting up of the Juvenile Club in Ballina. This club was set up to look after hurling and football teams from U/12 to minor. This club also included Ballinahinch and so went under the name of Sean Treacy's. Since the foundation of the Juvenile Club we have won at least one North title every year. Our U/12, U/14 and U/16 hurlers and footballers have brought about these successes through hard work by players and members over the last ten years.

Highlights of the Juvenile club include the winning of the County U/16 "B" Football in 1990 and the winning of the North Tipp U/14 "A" Football in 1991. This year also saw us taking our first ever U/21 title when the footballers won the North "B" championship and will be playing a County semi-final in the near future.

This year however Ballina Minor's under the guidance of Willie Nolan and John Joe Nevin, have fielded minor teams on their own for the first time since the foundation of the Juvenile Club, without the help of Ballinahinch players. Today we will be hoping that the Nealon Trophy comes to the parish for the first time. In their path to the final Ballina beat Templederry 3-6 to 0-2. They then lost a thrilling match to Borris-ileigh on the scoreline Borris 6-8 Ballina 6-7. In their final group match Ballina beat Shannon Rovers, Ballina 2-12 - Shannon Rovers 2-6. This win put us into the semi-final where Ballina beat Silvermines on the scoreline: Ballina 2-9 - Silvermines 1-2. So today we play Newport in the final and hopefully we can beat our old rivals and near neighbours.

Club Officers: Adult Club Chairman: John Joe Maher; Secretary, Mrs Una Kennedy; Treasurer, John Healy. Juvenile Club: Chairman, Jimmy Hurley; Secretary, Michael Sheehy; Treasurer, Mrs Maura Nolan.

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A profile on Billy O'Brien

by LIAM HOGAN



Billy O'Brien was the first man to lead Eire Og to victory in a senior final. Billy O'Brien's hurling career was rather successful. He is a holder of two Munster minor hurling medals, a North Intermediate medal, plus a Co. Junior medal, and finally that elusive senior medal in '57 came his way.

Billy O'Brien was born in 1928 in the townland of Islandbawn, one of six in family, three boys and three girls.

He married Nora Hynes and has 6 in family 3 boys and 3 girls. His son Donie plays at right corner back in today's final. Another son Ciaran played on senior team in the late eighties while Noreen his daughter plays an active part in the club affairs.

Billy O'Brien first came into prominence in 1945 when he was sub keeper in Tipp's minor hurling team which won the Munster final Tipp

beat Cork by 6-11 to 4-2. Tipp defeated Galway in the semi-final and now faced Dublin in the All-Ireland final. Mid-way in the first half Billy was called from the sub bench to replace Noel Egan (who was goalkeeper). His many saves were not enough to prevent Dublin winning by 3-13 to 4-6.

Indeed one might wonder if O'Brien had started from the throw in, Tipp might have been champions. The man he replaced Noel Egan came on as a second half replacement to figure in Tipp's late rally in which he was in-

volved in three late goals.

The following year Billy O'Brien was the number one keeper. He faced Limerick in the first game, in which his side won by 9-7 to 3-4. The Guardian reported that O'Brien was in the picture making many telling saves.

Tipp went on to defeat Cork in the Munster final by 5-6 to 2-4 in what was one of the best finals seen at the time. Billy again lined out in the last line of defence. Tipp faced the wind in the first half but O'Brien was faultless, with Cork only securing two goals. He received attention for injury twice but continued to make many fine saves, including a rasper from L. Abernethy in the second half.

Tipp's next game was against Galway in the semi-final in Birr with Billy keeping a clean sheet. The final scoreline read 5-6 to 0-1 in Tipp's favour.

So to the All-Ireland final, Tipp faced Dublin once again.

Dublin won a well contested game on a scoreline of 1-6 to 0-7. It was a game which raised some controversy as the Nenagh Guardian reports.

As Tipp led by 0-7 to 0-6 in injury time Billy was called upon to save a long shot from Donnelly (Dublin forward). Billy saved under the crossbar only to find himself bundled over the goal-line. After earnest consultation the officials awarded the goal. A sad end indeed to a fine campaign from a goalkeeper who had gladdened the hearts of many an onlooker with some inspiring saves, which helped Tipp to retain the Munster Crown.

Billy was sub-keeper in 1955 when Tipp lost to Clare in the Munster Senior Championships. Of course one must remember that Reddan was king in the period late forties and early fifties. Perhaps only for Joe Reddan, Billy might have been the Tipp Senior custodian.

On the club scene, Billy O'Brien helped St. Mary's to win the North Inter final in 1947. St. Mary's defeated Shannon Rovers by 5-6 to 2-5 in Borrisokane. The game was witnessed by a large attendance who saw a fast and entertaining game with thrills in plenty. The Guardian does not report much on Billie's performance but judging by the half time scoreline he had kept his goal line intact. The half time score read St. Mary's 3-3 to 0-2.

So to a County final appearance in which St. Mary's got their just reward. They defeated Mulcaire Rovers in the Inter-Junior play-off followed by a win over Hollyford in the semi-final. Finally the County Final came to be and Boherlahan were to fall at the hands of St. Mary's.

1949

St. Mary's reached their first senior final against Roscrea in Nenagh. St. Mary's defeated Lorrha by 3-7 to 0-6 in round one.

In the semi-final Billy was called upon to make some spectacular saves only to be denied once. He might be forgiven for thinking that history might be repeating itself as he made a clearance after making a fine save only to return to his goal line to find that the umpire was in the act of raising the green flag. However St. Mary's held on to win by 3-3 to 1-7 after

trailing by 0-2 to 1-4 at half time.

On October 9th., St. Mary's would face Roscrea in the final at Nenagh. The Guardian reported that Roscrea won their 7th title. Roscrea's tally would have been greater but for the eagle eyed goal-keeping of Billy O'Brien. He well pleased the attendance of 4,500 by his saving of close range pot shots especially in the second half, when he was crowded in fierce attacks. Indeed, the report was littered with the name "O'Brien". However he and his side were denied victory by Billy Brussels and his man, on a scoreline of 4-7 to 4-4.

1957

Billy O'Brien was elected captain of the Eire Og team. He didn't play in his customary position of goalkeeper. Instead he lined out at top of the right.

In the first round he scored 2-3 from his sides tally 5-9 in their win over Portroe in Borrisokane. In the semi-final, Eire Og defeated Lorrha by 4-10 to 0-2.

Neighbours Toomevara were to be opponents in the final. Billy lined out at right corner forward and scored one point, but gave a creditable performance during the hour. His point came in a period shortly after the break which saw Eire Og go from 2-2 to 2-4 in arrears to 5-4 to 2-4 ahead in a twelve minute period. So Billy O'Brien became the first Eire og man to lift the Murphy Cup after his side won by 5-5 to 4-5.

Further Co. honours were denied by a South Tipp selection (Na Piarraig) in the County S.H. quarter final. The final score read Na Piarraig 4-7 - Eire Og 2-7.

1964

Billy was a member of the selection back room team when Eire Og gained their second North title at the expense of Roscrea. The final scoreline read 5-12 to 2-8.

Billy O'Brien now resides in Annbrook. He worked with the ESB for some years, but is now in retirement. Perhaps memories of '57' will come to his mind if it happens that Paul Kennedy will be the recipient of the Frank McGrath Cup, which would give Nenagh their third title and complete a link in which his son Donie would also have a winners medal.

MINISTERIAL SUCCESS

Michael Smith, T.D., currently Minister for the Environment and a regular visitor to games in North Tipp, captained Templemore CBS to win the Kinnane Cup in 1958 - their first Munster title. He also had the unique achievement of winning County J.F. and J.H. medals in successive years, 1966 and 1967, with Clonakenny.



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CHRISTY McLOUGHLIN: Age 18. Student. Achievement: North and county minor hurling and football; county underage hurling and football (all grades); county u-21 football; North senior football.

DONIE O'BRIEN: Aged 26. Bricklayer. North and county u-21 and junior hurling; North and county junior football; North minor and two senior football.

CONOR O'DONOVAN: Aged 30. Building society manager. Two North and county u-21 hurling; 3 North league medals; 4 Munster senior hurling and two All-Ireland hurling medals; Centenary Cup All-Ireland medal; North and county football medals; Tipp hurler of the year 1987; 3 North senior football; Oireachtas medal.

NOEL COFFEY: Age 26. Factory employee; 2 North and county u-16 hurling; North and county junior hurling and football; North and county intermediate football; 3 North senior football; 2 North senior leagues.

JOHN HEFFERNAN: Aged 28. Self-employed. North and senior u-16 hurling; North and county minor; 4 North and 3 county u-21; 2 North and one county junior football; 1 North and county intermediate football; 3 North senior football; 3 Munster and one All-Ireland senior hurling; 1 National League.

FRANK MORAN: Aged 22. Farm Apprentice. 2 North senior hurling leagues; 1 North junior football; 3 u-21 North football; North and county intermediate football; 3 North senior football medals.

JOHN KENNEDY: Age 20. Student. North and county u-16 hurling; North minor hurling; 1 minor, 1 u-21, 2 senior North football.

NEILLY CORBETT: Age 36. Electrician. 3 North league medals.

EDWARD TUCKER: Age 20. Factory employee. North and county u-16 hurling and football; North minor hurling; 2 North, 1 county minor football; 1 North senior football.

PAUL KENNEDY: Age 29. Glazier. North and county u-21 hurling; North and county junior and intermediate football; 2 North senior leagues.

PHILIP KENNEDY: Age 32. Laboratory technician. 2 All-Ireland u-21, North and county intermediate football; 2 county minor hurling; 3 county u-21 hurling; North and county junior football; North senior football; 3 North senior leagues.

MICHAEL CLEARY: Age 25. Retailer. 2 senior All-Irelands; 4 Munster medals; league, Oireachtas; 2 North league; All-Star 1990/'91; All-Ireland B colleges' 1983; North and county junior; Tipp hurler of the year.

ROBBIE TOMLINSON: Age 18. Student. U-16 county hurling and football; 2 North minor, 1 county hurling medal; 2 minor football North and 1 county; Tipp minor captain this year; North u-21 football.

PAUL DOOLIN: Age 28. Teacher. 5 county senior hurling (Roscom-

mon); 1 Connacht club; 2 All-Ireland colleges.

RONAN BURNS: Age 21. Student. North minor hurling; 3 North senior football; 3 North u-21 football; 2 North minor football.

DENIS FINNERTY: Age 29. Pharmacist. All-Ireland minor hurling 1980; 2 county minor hurling; 4 county u-21 hurling; North and county junior football.

JIM NAGLE: Age 30. Engineer. North and county junior football; 2 North and county minor hurling; 3 North and county u-21 hurling; 2 senior league medals.

MICHAEL KENNEDY: Age 33. Civil Servant. 1 All-Ireland u-21; North and county minor hurling; 2 county u-21 hurling; 3 North senior football; North and county junior and intermediate football; 3 senior league medals.

PHILIP HENNESSY: Age 29. Purchaser. 3 North senior league medals; 1 North senior football; 2 North and county u-21 medals; Munster u-21 hurling medal.

KIERAN O'BRIEN: Age 25. Accountant. 2 North senior league medals.

SEAMUS KENNEDY: Age 28. Manager Courseware. 3 North senior league; 4 county u-21 hurling; 2 county minor hurling; county u-16 hurling; county junior football.

GERRY HYNES: Age 25. Factory Employee. 2 North league medals; North and county junior football; 1 minor football; North and county intermediate football.

FERGAL HYNES: Age 19. Student. 2 North minor hurling; 1 county minor hurling and football; 2 North minor football; Munster u-16 and minor; North and county u-16 hurling and football medals.

GEAROID CLEARLY: Age 20. Student. North and county u-16 hurling and football; 2 North senior football; North and county minor football; North minor hurling.

DEREK CONROY: Age 20. Student. North and county u-16 hurling and football; 2 North senior football; North and county minor football; North junior hurling.

CHRIS BONNAR: Age 22. Garda. North minor football, 3 North u-21 football; 2 North senior football.

CON HOWARD: Age 20. Student. North and county u-16 hurling and football; North and county minor football; North minor hurling; North senior league.

DECLAN O'MEARA: Age 17. Student. North and county u-14; u-16 hurling and football; North and county minor hurling; North minor football; u-21 North and county football.

RORY FLANNERY: Age 19. Student. North and county minor hurling; North u-21 and minor football medals.

JOHN TUCKER: Age 18. Student. North and county u-14, u-16 hurling; North and county minor hurling.

MICHAEL GRACE: Age 22. Farmer. North and county u-21 football; North senior hurling league; North and county junior and intermediate football; 3 North senior football.

Nially Corbett

by LIAM HOGAN



Today Niall Corbett (Gussie) as he is best known plays in his third North Tipp Senior Final. He played in '84 against Lorrha in the Centenary Final. His second final was last year against Toomevara and today he lines out at full forward.

Could it be a case of third time lucky for Nially. Finals have not been very good to him. Back in 1973 he played in the now infamous North Minor final against Kilruane. That game you may recall was played in a downpour with final score ending 6-4 to Kilruane 7-1 to Eire Og. Nially lined out at midfield as he was to again in the replay. However the replay brought no joy to Eire Og as the MacDonagh's men won by 8-5 to 7-6.

In 1983 Niall made a comeback after a break from hurling to help Eire Og bring back North and County Junior honours. In the North Final, Eire Og beat Toomevara and later defeated Gortnahoe in the County final.

One year later was Centenary Year. Nially Corbett would line out at full forward. He had two goals to his credit in the first quarter of the game. Marking Ml. brophy, his efforts were not enough to help Eire Og win their first title since 64.

Nially had to wait until last year for another shot at the title. Their opponents Toomevara, and the game was played in Cloughjordan. Nially did not score in that 0-12 each draw, but his contribution to the game was well noted. Toomevara went on to win replay by 2-11 to 2-7. Then at 36 years of age one wondered if Gussie would hang up the boots. The answer was no. In fact, Nially has scored 3-2 in this years campaign showing a hunger for goals he scored 2-1 against Roscrea and 1-0 against Borris-Ileagh. Can Nially crown to-days final with some more scores and reap that elusive senior medal, which he can put alongside the two senior league medals he has won already.

Nially is an electrician by trade and is married to Ann Reddan, and they have three boys in family. Already Nially spends much of his spare time looking after the clubs Juvenile affairs at U/12 and U/14.



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Newport GAA club first saw the light of day in 1886 just two years after the birth of the Gaelic Athletic Association. The history of the GAA in the parish is well documented in "By the Mulcair Banks", published to celebrate a centenary of GAA activity in the parish. Those hundred years have seen a chequered history, with many ups and downs, many prominent personalities, but above all much activity on and off the field. It is remarkable that since the foundation of the GAA no fewer than 14 clubs have existed in the parish of Newport.

In 1886 there were three clubs in the parish — Newport, Birdhill and Toor. The Newport team was called Newport Kickhams. In those early years they did not compete in the championships. At the formation of the North Tipperary Board in 1901, Ned Ryan and Neil Moloney were elected on the committee. In 1910 the team was known as Fr. Matthews. Tim Ryan was elected chairman of the North Board in 1912 and succeeded to the county chair in 1914. Newport native, Canon M. K. Ryan (Lacken) was county chairman from 1917-'25. He was instrumental in the purchase of Semple Stadium in 1910 and Ardan O Riain now bears his name.

Although Gaelic games declined during the war years, Newport won the North junior football championship in 1917, but the county semi-final was never played. When the North Board was re-organised in 1922, D. K. Ryan, Mick Rainsford and Tom Coffey were amongst those involved. In 1924 Newport won the junior hurling championship and two years later they were minor hurling champions. In 1927 they reached the senior final but were defeated by Toomevara. The Mulcaire Rovers Club with the Longhouse Field as their base was formed in 1928. They reached the junior hurling final in 1934 and won the championship in 1937 and 1947. In 1931 following a dispute with the North Board, Newport affiliated in West Tipperary and were narrowly defeated by Clonoulty in the senior final. They returned to the North Division the following year and took the senior title,

a feat that was repeated in 1935. In between they took intermediate honours in 1934.

In 1939, Kyle Football Club was formed and the following year they became the first minor football champions. The club was renamed Rockvale Rovers in 1947 and won the county junior football championship. The following year they were defeated by Clonmel Commercials in the county senior football final. Newport captured the county junior hurling title in 1957 and won the North intermediate honour in 1965.

North junior football medals were won in 1965, '67 and '70, with the county crown added in the latter year. The intermediate football was introduced in the mid-seventies with Newport annexing North titles in 1976, '78, '79 and '85, again adding the county crown in the latter year. A North minor football crown was won in 1971, a year in which the club was also defeated in the West senior football final.

Since regaining senior football status in 1986, Newport dominated that grade in North Tipp, winning in 1986, '87, '88 and '90. They also took this title in 1982, when amalgamated with Ballinahinch. The u-21s rowed in with victories in 1985 and '86 and the minors took the 'B' title in 1988. The club has competed in the county football league since its inception in 1985 and they topped the division III table in '86.

While more honours have obviously been won in football, the hurlers have not let the side down in the eighties. The junior 'B's won the Gleeson Cup in '83 and '88 while the intermediates made a long-awaited return to the winners' rostrum in '88, a victory which also helped to bring the coveted Club of the Year award to Newport along with the Hurler of the Year accolade to add to three previous football winners.

1989 must rank of one of the great years in the club's history, as the intermediate hurlers retained their North title and went on to add the county crown and so ensure a return to senior status, a grade in which they have matched the best during the past three seasons.

Juvenile teams have had a fair measure of success in the past 20 years. Under-15s won football and hurling (special) titles in 1968. An u-17 football championship was won in 1970. In 1978 Newport made a clean sweep of the B groups in hurling by taking honours in u-12, u-14 and u-16. The u-16 team took the North football title in 1982 and went on to become the first North team to take the county crown. Further B titles were to follow: U-12 football 1984, '87, '91; u-12 hurling 1981, '82, '88; u-14 football 1992; u-16 football 1988.

The u-14 footballers won the North championship 'A' in 1990 and the u-16s captured the 'A' crown in 1991 and '92. Newport also had the distinction in 1983 and 1989 of being North rural football champions (a competition without any laurels.).

Newport can look back with pride on an active involvement in the GAA. Participation has always been the keynote as successes have been rather scattered through the years. However, the second century has started well. We look forward to fruitful years ahead.

Fr. Tom Cleary, P.P.

(TOOMEVARA AND LORRHA)

by Liam Doran

Fr. John Cleary was born in Annameadle, Toomevara in 1902. His boyhood coincided with the emergence of Toomevara as a hurling force under 'Wedge' Meagher, and in 1919 at the age of 17, he was to win North and county medals with Toome. In 1922 he won a Munster medal with Tipperary but in the All-Ireland final (not played until the following year) Kilkenny proved the masters.

He went to St. Patrick's College, Maynooth to study for the priesthood and he was ordained in 1927. His first curacy was in Coolderry, one of the strongholds of hurling in Offaly, and he was to stay there until 1934.

That year he came to Lorrha as C.C. and became involved in helping the club. He persuaded Joe King, who had won an All-Ireland junior medal with Offaly in 1929, to join the club when he came from Shinrone to live the following February. Joe went on to play many fine games for Lorrha and his son Liam, won a senior All-Ireland with Tipp in 1971.

Fr. Cleary severed his connection with the club in 1935 following an incident at Ballingarry in which a Kilruane player lying on the ground, was struck by a Lorrha spectator. Fr. Cleary was disgusted by the act, and didn't take any further active part in the club affairs while he was curate.

He had another favourite sport, coursing. He was a founder member of the Lorrha and Rathcabbin Coursing Club, and in 1937 his dog Dutch Sandhills, trained by Jack Moloney in Roscrea, won the Irish Cup at Clounana.

An anonymous balladeer wrote:

*"Smiling sagart Sean Cleary, centre forward for sweet Tipperary,
In that rattling hurling final you were fastest on the ball,
'Twas the gael of Toome and Lorrha shook the stands of old
Clounanna,*

When Dutch Sandhills won the greatest coursing final of them all".

In 1940 Fr. Cleary moved to Birr as C.C. and served for two years there. 1942 brought him to Terryglass as curate. Here he involved himself with juvenile hurling, and under his guidance Shannon Rovers won the Conway

Cup in 1945, '46, '47 and '48. In 1951 he was appointed parish priest of Ballynacally, and three years later on the death of Canon Moloney in October 1954, he returned to Lorrha as P.P. The remaining twenty two years of his life were to be spent there. Again he turned to the juveniles. A juvenile committee was formed under his chairmanship in 1956 and that year victories over Moneygall, Borrisokane and Toome brought the Conway Cup to Lorrha for the first time. On that team, which lost to Boherlahan in the county final, were two future All-Ireland medalists, Noel Lane and Liam King.

1957 brought the Conway Cup again to the parish, with Toomevara being swept aside in the final. This team was to go one better than their predecessors, beating Gortnahoe in the county final to take the Harty Shield. In 1958 they retained the county title, defeating Clonoulty in the final. It was a remarkable achievement to win two in a row, as Fr. Cleary himself said. "The road was a hard one when a team left Nenagh to try and win the Harty Shield". Noel Lane had the distinction of being on both teams. The victories were the foundation of Lorrha's breakthrough to senior success in 1966.

Fr. Cleary died on February 21st, 1976. His fellow Toomevara man, Bishop Harty said at his funeral Mass in St. Ruadhan's Church: "He was a priest of total loyalty and integrity, no make believe or sham. His concerns were priestly concerns. If at times he pushed us all a bit, it was priestly concern that drove him to it".

HIGH SCORING

Toomevara's 6-13 in the 1958 final v Kilruane is the highest score recorded in a North final.

Borrisoleigh scored 18 points in the 1956 final, but failed to a Tony Reddan inspired Lorrha (4-8 to 0-18).

Roscrea and Kildangan scored 14-9 between them in the 1942 final. The Reds narrowly pipped Martin Kennedy's men by 7-5 to 7-4.

Martin Kennedy scored 5 goals for Kildangan in the 1942 final and yet was on the losing side. Incidentally Martin played in 17 North S.H. Finals from 1919 to '45, ten with Toomevara and 7 with Kildangan. He won 14 of these.

Toomevara scored 9 goals against Youghalarra in the 1925 final. Their opponents ran in 6 goals (Final score 9-3 to 6-2).

Kieran Hough's bid for third senior medal

Twenty three years ago Kieran Hough made his debut in a North Tipperary senior hurling final.

Today he lines out at left corner forward for Lorrha, contesting his eighth final in the grade, bidding to win his third senior medal.

The veteran of today's team comes from farming stock and his early years were spent on the rich, rolling pasture land around Lorrha, where he teamed up with his younger brother, Des and neighbouring youngsters to talk and practice hurling.

From an early stage he produced glimpses of the talent which blossomed forth to make him one of the most exciting forwards in the division. Possessed of the lightning reflexes of all top flight forwards, he came to prominence in the Munster minor hurling final of 1969, when Tipperary lost to Cork by 1-12 to 2-4. Colleagues on the team with him from the North division were Pat Quinlan (Silvermines), Michael Young (Toomevara), Tadgh Murphy, Jody Spooner and Joe Cunningham (Roscrea).

Like many of his contemporaries at the time, his dream was to emulate the achievements of the men who had gone before him in bringing championship honours to the parish. Over the next fourteen years experience taught him ambition was not as easy as it sounds, and he was a member of Lorrha teams beaten finalists in 1969, '72, '76 and '83. If memories of his early appearances in divisional finals were not crowned with success, he was to achieve one of his ambitions in the GAA centenary year of 1984, as Lorrha shattered Eire Og's dream of championship honours.

Hough captained the Lorrha team in centenary year, and his display in the final in MacDonagh Park inspired his colleagues and won him The Guardian Player of the Year award, as Lorrha went on to defeat Eire Og by 4-11 to 3-9. It was a great year for Kieran Hough and his squad, but their bid for county honours just failed when their aspirations of a first ever Tipperary senior title were destroyed by Moycarkey-Borris who triumphed by 2-8 to 0-9 in the final.

Lorrha bounced back in 1987 to again reach the North final, but lost to Kilruane MacDonagh, who scored 2-15 to their rivals 0-13. Showing commitment and character for which the club are renowned they scaled the heights in 1989 and Kieran Hough won his second senior medal, as his team went on to defeat Toomevara on a blustery day in Nenagh by 1-12 to 1-10. Their county ambition came to an end for the year when they lost in the semi-final at Semple Stadium to Holycross-Ballycahill by 0-12 to 0-11.

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Almost forgotten Pioneer

When Archbishop Croke penned his famous letter agreeing to be patron of the GAA in December, 1884, he commented that hurling and football-kicking according to Irish rules were not only dead and buried but were entirely forgotten and unknown in several localities. About twenty years previously a correspondent in the 'Nenagh Guardian' painted the same gloomy picture. He claimed that the old game of hurling was looked on as one of the amusements of the past and had been completely displaced by the English game of cricket. Every town and village had its cricket team, its popularity being due mainly to the patronage of the ruling class.

According to an account book preserved in the Manuscript Section of the National Library a football team was active in Kilruane about the same time in the seventies of the last century. It had a membership of fifty, each paying a fee of half a crown. In a period of five years they played at least nine matches, their opponents being the 53rd. Regiment in Nenagh, the Nenagh Cricket Club, the Carrigatoher Cricket and Football Club and the Killeen Football Club. It is not clear what type of football was played. At times there were fifteen a side but some of the matches had twenty-one players on each team. There are strong indications that they played some form of rugby since the rules of that game were being formulated about that time. Furthermore it is more than likely that the Regiment in Nenagh favoured rugby.

These were the games that enjoyed popular support in North Tipperary and the outlook for hurling was rather bleak when the GAA was founded on November 1st. 1884. Yet within twelve months there were ten hurling teams within the wider Nenagh area and the caman and the sliotar had recovered their appeal for the general body of the population. The credit for this exceptional transformation is due to Frank R. Moloney more than to any other individual.

The young Nenagh businessman grasped the import of the message sent out from Hayes Hotel with unusual insight and immediately went into action. Early in December he presided at a meeting in the town for the revival of the national pastimes and there and then it was decided to plan for a hurling match the following Sunday. This was over optimistic. More time was needed to prepare teams and the necessary equipment. With a few other enthusiasts Moloney attended the second Thurles meeting on January 17th. when the new rules of hurling were adopted.

Having studied the rules and disseminated them all was ready for the first match against Silvermines in March. Thousands turned up for the return match in Capparoe a few weeks later.

Other games followed and the hurling revival was in full swing in North Tipperary. The driving spirit in all this activity was Frank Moloney who displayed extraordinary organisational ability. By the end of the year he was planning to take a North Tipperary selection to Dublin in 1886 to match their skills against a team from Galway. We are all indebted to Nancy Murphy for her diligent researches into his life and work. Otherwise Frank Moloney could be accounted the forgotten GAA pioneer in North Tipperary.

Seamus O Riain

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Lorrha 2-7: John Madden 1-5, Ken Hogan 1-0, Kieran Hough 0-1, Cathal McIntyre 0-1.

Toomevara 1-5: Ml. Murphy 1-0, Ml. O'Meara, 0-2, Liam Flaherty 0-1, Tomas Dunne 0-1, Pat King 0-1.

Lorrha scorers: Kieran Hough 1-18 (5 games); John Madden 1-12; John McIntyre 1-8; Johnny Sullivan 2-1; John Sherlock 2-1; Aidan McIntyre 2-1; Cathal McIntyre 1-2; Ken Hogan 1-1; Tom Madden 0-1; Gerry Sullivan 0-1. Lorrha played 5 games prior to the final.

Eire Og scorers: John Kennedy 3-6; Ronan Burns 2-7; Ml. Cleary 0-12; Niall Corbett 3-2; Robbie Tomlinson 1-3; L Tucker 0-3; Peter Dolan 0-2; Philip Kennedy 0-2; Ml. Kennedy 0-1; Conor Donovan 0-1. Nenagh Eire Og played 3 games prior to final.

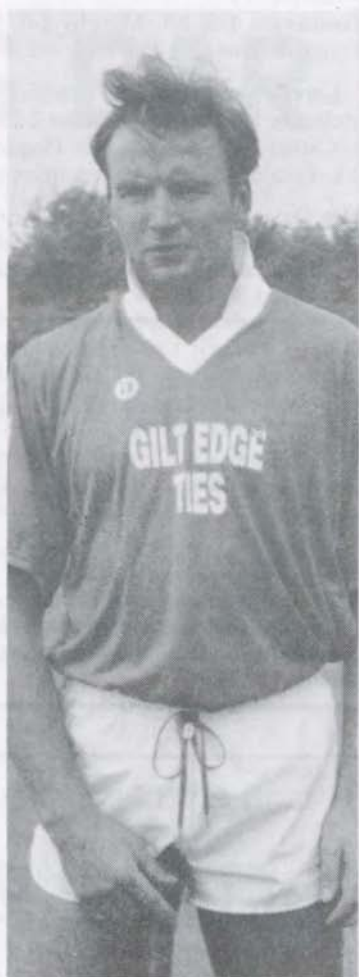
Other club top scorers with 10 points or more: Ml. Nolan, Toomevara 1-39 (6 games); Conor Stakelum, Borris-ileigh 0-34 (4 games); Barry O'Driscoll, Portroe 0-27 (4 games); Tomas Dunne, Toomevara 0-17 (7 games); Sean Doughan, M'gall, 1-13 (2 games); Gerry Williams, Kilruane 2-9, (3 games); Adrian Hogan, Borrisokane 0-12 (2 games); Liam Flaherty, Toome 3-3, (7 games); Ml. Nolan, Roscrea 0-11 (2 games); Tomas Carroll, Toome' 2-5, (6 games); Pdraig O'Brien, Portroe 1-7, (4 games).

Current panelists Philip and Michael Kennedy, formed the centrefield partnership on the Tipp team which won the All-Ireland u-21 hurling championship in 1980.

MEET THE CAPTAINS



Paul Kennedy
(Nenagh Eire Og)



John Madden,
(Lorrha)

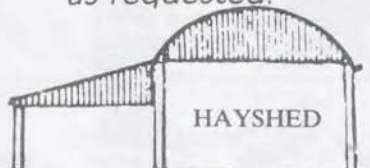
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LORRHA who defeated Toomevara after two drawn games: Back row: Michael Brophy, John Sherlock, Gerry Sullivan, Ken Hogan, Martin Young, John McIntyre, Aidan McIntyre, Front: Johnny Sullivan, Tom Madden, Declan O'Meara, Kieran Hough, Cathal McIntyre, John Madden, Donal Donoghue, Eamon Maher.

NEWPORT MINOR TEAM

1. Diarmuid Collins		
2. Sean O'Gorman	3. Pat Carroll	4. Owen Bonfield
5. Tony O'Brien	6. Michael Shanahan	7. Cyril O'Neill
8. 9. Thomas Moylan Kenneth O'Neill		
10. Joe Brennan	11. John Ryan	12. Shane O'Brien
13. Aidan O'Gorman	14. Tom Clifford	15. John O'Mahony

Subs: 16 Joe Collins; 17 Declan Briscoe; 18 Paul O'Gorman; 19 Robert Ryan; 20 Tom Jones; 21 Kenneth O'Brien.

BALLINA MINOR TEAM

1. Johnny Hassett		
2. Brian Gleeson	3. Thomas Gleeson (C)	4. Shane Gleeson
5. Tony McInerney	6. Sean Collins	7. Gavin Jennings
8. 9. Keith Hogan William Shanahan		
10. Adrian King	11. J. D. Frawley	12. Brian Stritch
13. Brendan McKeogh	14. Dessie Nevin	15. Conor Hurley

Subs: 16 Anthony Mills; 17 Mark Riordan; 18 Mark Sheehy; 19 Michael Sheehy; 20 Tomas Farrell; 21 Diarmuid McKeogh; 22 Tomas McInerney.

NENAGH EIRE ÓG

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1.

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2.

Noel Coffey

3.

Conor O'Donovan

4.

Donie O'Brien

5.

Paul Kennedy (C)

6.

Frank Moran

7.

John Heffernan

8.

Philip Kennedy

9.

Michael Cleary

10.

Ronan Burns

11.

Paul Dolan

12.

Robbie Tomlinson

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John Kennedy

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Neille Corbett

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Eddie Tucker

Subs: 16 Denis Finnerty; 17 Michael Kennedy; 18 Con Howard; 19 Gary Hynes; 20 Michael Grace; 21 Philip Hennessy; 22 Gearoid Cleary; Fergal Hynes; Derek Conroy; Chris Bonnar; Declan O'Meara, Rory Flannery; John Tucker; Jim Nagle, Kieran O'Brien; Seamus Kennedy.

EIRE OG	Cúil	Cúillíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
Iomlán					

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Donal O'Donoghue

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Michael Brophy

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Eamonn Maher

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Declan O'Meara

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John McIntyre

7.

Cathal McIntyre

8.

Tom Madden

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John Madden

10.

Gerry Sullivan

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Johnny Sullivan

12.

Martin Young

13.

Aidan McIntyre

14.

A. N. Other

15.

Kieran Hough

Subs: 16 Ronan Harding; 17 Tony Guinan; 18 David Harding; 19 Denis Duffy; 20 Pat Kennedy; 21 Pdraig Madden; 22 Donal O'Meara; 23 Kieran Kennedy; 24 James O'Meara; 25 John Guinan.

LORRHA	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
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NENAGH EIRE OG who defeated Borris-Ileigh in the semi-final: Back row; Donie O'Brien, John Heffernan, Frank Moran, Noel Coffey, Eddie Tucker, Christy McLoughlin, Paul Dolan, Conor O'Donovan. Front: Robbie Tomlinson, Paul Kennedy, Neilly Corbett, Michael Cleary, Philip Kennedy, John Kennedy, Roman Burns.

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Sean Ryan, Toomevara



Sean Ryan passed to his eternal reward on the 1st of April 1992, having spent a full and fruitful life in his beloved village of Toomevara. Born in the village of a great hurling father, Mick Ryan, in 1923, he grew to boyhood as the twenty years of dominance by the Greyhounds was drawing to a close. It is obvious that their influence in those formative years made a lasting impression on him. His 1st recorded mention on a Toome team is the Minors of 1937 and for over twenty years afterwards his name was a regular on all adult teams. He played intermediate hurling for the club from 1940 to 1944 when they won the Intermediate Championship beating Lorrha in the North Final. They returned to senior ranks the following year but were beaten in the final by Roscrea by one goal, 1946 was a memorable year for the club and with sean at full back they reversed the previous years result with Roscrea on the score of 6-7 to 2-4.

His powers as a sterling defender was soon recognised by the County Selectors and he became a member of the senior hurling panel, playing in 1947 and 1948. He continued his playing career with the club up to 1958 when he replaced Stephen Guerin in the County Final against Thurles.

He played a leading role as a selector when the club won the 1960 County title and served as a County Selectors when Tipp won the 1961 All-Ireland and the McCarthy Cup came to the village for the first and only time. He was again a selector in the 1971 All-Ireland successful team. After his playing career ended he made a vital contribution as a Club Committee member over a long number of years.

Sean was a very shrewd judge of a hurler and it was an education in it-

self to listen to him analyse the strength and weakness in a Player. He will probably be best remembered as the great motivator. He seldom spoke to a team before a match but when the occasion demanded his half time pep-talks were legendary and will be remembered above all by the 1971 County team.

Sean's other hobbies in life were a game of cards or a day at the races. His door was always open to anyone interested in cards and he would perform the card tricks he learned from the legendary Jim O'Meara. He was a marvellous storyteller and had a fund of stories which he could adopt for all occasions and all types of company both young and old. With his wife Nancy ran a very succesful business and had a marvellous manner with his local customers and the friends from far and near who called when passing through the village.

Sean Ryan has passed on but his memory in his native parish and outside it will endure and in particular where hurling and games of former times and other days are discussed. His deeds on the hurling fields will be remembered, his powers of motivation as a mentor will be recalled and the memories the people of Toomevara have of him will be cherished. Sean's contribution to the Sporting, Social, Cultural and Business life of Toome were enormous. Let us hope that those who come after him can follow his example and in doing so maintain an enhanced life in the village he loved so well.

Thanks Sean for the memories and may the soil of your native parish rest gently on you.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE CLUBS GONE?

At a convention in Nenagh on Sunday, November 20th., 1887, three years after the Association's foundation, thirty-five affiliated clubs were represented by their respective delegates. A report in the "Tipperary Advocate" newspaper of that week listed them as follows:

1. Nenagh Mitchels; 2. Silvermines; 3. Nenagh Institute; 4. Kilbarron; 5. Carrigahorig; 6. Knigh; 7. Killeen; 8. Cloughjordan; 9. Youghalarra; 10. Roscrea; 11. Portroe; 12. Carrigatoher; 13. Toomevara; 14. Uskane; 15. Aglish; 16. Milford; 17. Dunkerrin. 18. Ardcrone; 19. Borrisokane; 20. Munroe; 21. Kilcommon; 22. Boher; 23. Ballina; 24. St. Michael's (Limerick); 25. Cadamstown (Offaly); 26. Lorrha and Dorrha (Davins); 27. Bolingbroke; (28). Ballinaclogh (Red Hugh O'Donnells); 29. Rapla; 30. Latteragh; 31. Killeen; 32. Lackeen; 33. Inch; 34. Curreeney; 35. Congor.

North Tipp S.H.C. Final Results

by LIAM HOGAN

Year	Teams
1901	Lahorna De Wets 0-4 - Roscrea 0-3
1902	Lahorna De Wets 2-5 - Knigh 1-2
1903	Lahorna De Wets 3-8 - Toomevara 1-0
1904	Lahorna de Wets 5-8 - Ballycommon 1-4
1905	Lorrha 3-5 - Lahorna 2-3.
1906	Lahorna de Wets 4-6 - Lorrha 1-4
1907	Lahorna de Wets nominated as champions
1908	Lahorna de Wets champions
1909	Youghalarra 3-5 - Clonakenny 2-3
1910	Toomevara 4-5 - Roscrea 3-1
1911	Toomevara 7-0 - De Wets 3-0
1912	Toomevara 7-3 - Ballina 0-1
1913	Toomevara 4-6 - Borrisokane 1-2
1914	Lorrha 4-2 - Templederry 1-0
1915	Nenagh 3-3 - Moneygall 3-2
1916	Toomevara 5-1 - Borrisokane 0-1
1917	Toomevara received walk over from Derrycallaghan (M'gall)
1918	Toomevara defeated Glenahilty
1919	Toomevara 1-4 - Lorrha 1-2
1920 - 1921	No finals due to War of Independence
1922	Toomevara - runners up unknown
1923	Toomevara 7-0 - Nenagh 1-2
1924	Lorrha received walk over from Toomevara
1925	Toomevara 9-3 - Youghalarra 6-2
1926	Toomevara 5-4 - Youghalarra 2-0
1927	Toomevara 3-7 - Newport 0-1
1928	Toomevara 6-3 - Lahorna De Wets 5-0
1929	Toomevara 5-4 - Duharra 0-2
1930	Toomevara 5-8 - Borris-Ileigh 1-6
1931	Toomevara 7-1 - Borris-Ileigh 1-3
1932	Newport rec. walk from Toomevara
1933	Borrisokane 2-7 - Toomevara 2-2
1934	Kildangan/Kilbarron 5-6 - Roscrea 4-8
1935	Newport 6-4 - Kilruane MacDonagh 5-4
1936	Roscrea 5-8 - Kildangan 3-0
1937	Roscrea 6-2 - Kildangan 4-5

MURPHY CUP

Year		Captain	Referee
1938	Kildangan 7-2 - Roscrea 3-4	Jack Hoctor	MI. Rainsford
1939	Roscrea 8-3 - Nenagh 1-3	Joe Fletcher	Rody Nealon
1940	Kilruane 2-5 - Kildangan 3-1	Jack O'Meara	P Kennedy
1941	Roscrea 6-3 - Kilruane 2-7	MI. Loughnane	Rody Nealon
1942	Roscrea 7-5 - Kildangan 7-4	Seamus MacBrien	Con Heffernan
1943	Kildangan 6-2 - Roscrea 5-4	Mtn. Kennedy	Con Heffernan
1944	Kilruane MacDonagh 4-7 - Duharra 2-3	T. Williams	E Dooley
1945	Roscrea 5-6 - Kildangan 1-4	Martin Loughnane	M Fitzgibbon LK
1946	Toomevara 6-7 - Roscrea 2-4	Dan Kennedy	Denis Costello
1947	Borrisleigh 4-3 - Kilruane MacD 2-6	Paddy Kenny	Denis Costello
1948	Lorrha 5-4 - Borrisleigh 2-5	Dan O'Meara	Con Heffernan
1949	Roscrea 4-7 - St Mary's 4-4	Willie Brussels	Rody Nealon
1950	Borrisleigh 3-7 - Roscrea 1-5	Sean Kenny	J Sadler
1951	Borrisleigh 2-10 - Roscrea 3-5	Phil Ryan	Hubie Hogan
1952	Borrisleigh 3-8 - Kilruane MacD 0-4	Phil Ryan	Hubie Hogan
1953	Borrisleigh 3-12 - Kilruane MacD 1-6	Tim Ryan	Hubie Hogan
1954	Roscrea 5-4 - Borrisleigh 0-11	Liam Carson deputised for injured M. Butler	Hubie Hogan
1955	Borrisleigh 3-10 - Roscrea 2-9	MI. Jo. O'Dwyer	P. O'Connell off
1956	Lorrha 4-8 - Borrisleigh 0-18	MI. Brophy	P O'Connell off
1957	Eire Og 5-5 - Toomevara 4-5	Billy O'Brien	Hubie Hogan
1958	Toomevara 6-13 - Kilruane 4-3	Phil Shanahan	Phil Ryan
1959	Kilruane 0-11 - Toome' 1-4	Gerry McCarthy	Hubie Hogan
1960	Toomevara 4-1 - Kilruane 1-3	Willie Donovan	Tony Murphy B

North Senior Hurling Final Results

by LIAM HOGAN

McGRATH CUP

Year		Captain	Referee
1961	Toomevara 4-14 - Borrisokane 3-4	John Hough	Mr. C Foley
1962	Toomevara 4-10 - Kilruane McD. 5-4	Neil Williams	Donie Nealon
1963	Roscrea 4-12 - Toomevara 1-8	MI. Nolan	Sean Gleeson
1964	Eire Og, Nenagh 5-12 - Roscrea 2-8	MI. Burns	M Carey
1965	Kilruane MacD. 3-10 - Lorrha 5-2	Len Gaynor	Donie Nealon
1966	Lorrha 3-6 - Kilruane McD. 2-7	Noel Lane	M. Carey
1967	Roscrea 4-15 - Moneygall 3-8	F Loughnane	P Jones
1968	Roscrea 2-15 - B/leigh 3-7	John Dillon	Sean O'Meara
1969	Roscrea 5-9 - Lorrha 2-4	MI. Hogan	Donie Nealon
1970	Roscrea 3-9 - Moneygall 3-3	Patsy Roland	Liam Ryan

Year		Captain	Referee
1971	Roscrea 3-8 - B/leigh 3-5	Donie Moloney	Ml. O'Brien
1972	Borris/leigh 2-9 - Lorrha 0-4	Noel O'Dwyer	Ml. Spain
1973	Borris/leigh 3-6 - Kilruane 2-8	Tim Delaney	Donie Nealon
1974	Silvermines 4-7 - Roscrea 1-10	Jim O'Brien	Sean O'Meara
1975	Moneygall 2-10 - Silvermines 1-11	Pat Sheedy	Sean O'Connor
1976	B/leigh 4-11 - Lorrha 3-5	Ml. Coen	Pat McGrath
1977	Kilruane 1-12 - B/leigh 2-7	Denis Cahill	Donie Nealon
1978	Kilruane 3-6 - Roscrea 1-11	Jim William	Denis Floyd
1979	Kilruane 1-12 - Moneygall 1-9	Liam O'Shea	Sean O'Meara
1980	Roscrea 1-9 - Kilruane 0-12	Kevin Brady	Donie Nealon
R	Roscrea 5-6 - Kilruane 2-12		
1981	Borris/leigh 1-9 - Roscrea 1-6	Tim Stapleton	Donie Nealon
1982	Roscrea 3-8 - Eire Og 0-17	replay not played	Sean O'Meara
1983	B/leigh 1-11 - Lorrha 2-6	Francis Spillane	Donie Nealon
1984	Lorrha 4-11 - Eire Og 3-9	Kieran Hough	Ml. Nolan
1985	Kilruane McD 2-10 - Roscrea 1-10	Gary Williams	Pat Dunlea
1986	Kilruane MacD 1-12 - Toomevara 2-6	Tony Sheppard	Donie Nealon
1987	Kilruane MacD 2-15 - Lorrha 0-13	Jack Cahill	Liam Hogan
			Gerry Long
1988	B/leigh 1-14 - Roscrea 1-7	Bobby Ryan	Ml. Cahill
1989	Lorrha 1-14 - Toomevara 1-12	Ken Hogan	John McDonald
1990	Kilruane 2-7 - Toomevara 0-5	Pat Quinlan	Gerry Long
1991	Toomevara 0-12 - Eire Og, Nenagh 0-12		
R	Toomevara 2-11 - Eire Og, Nenagh 2-7	R. Brislane	Ml. Cahill

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS?

The Midland Tribune reporter was not too impressed with the referee in a challenge match between North Tipperary and Offaly played at Birr on Sept. 12th 1915. A footnote to the match account read: "Mr Hennessy, Toomevara refereed. We trust that when next he officiates he will be more courteous to the Press, who have responsible work to do, and not order a Pressman off the field as an outsider, when asked to check the score. In our long experience of referees this was the first such experience we have ever had.

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by DAVID WHELAN

Preliminary Round: Borris-ileigh 0-17: Conor Stakelum 0-13 (0-7 frees), Aidan Ryan, Seamus Devaney, John McGrath and Philip Delaney 0-1 each.

Toomevara - 2-11: Tomas Dunne 0-5 (0-1 free), Ml. Nolan 1-2 (0-1 free), Liam Flaherty 1-0, Kevin McCormack, Pat King, Tommy Carroll, Liam Nolan 0-1 each.

Replay: Borris-ileigh 3-11: Conor Stakelum 0-7 (0-5 frees), Philip Kenny 2-1, Seamus Devaney 1-0, Aidan Ryan 0-3.

Toomevara 1-15: Ml. Nolan 0-7 (5 frees and 2 "65's"), Tommy Carroll 1-2, Tomas Dunne 0-2, Pat King 0-2, Terry Dunne, Tony Delaney 0-1 each.

Round 1 - Roscrea 0-19: Ml. Hogan 0-8 (0-4 frees), David Pyne 0-3, John Stone, P Hogan, P Delaney, 0-2 each, Steven Nugent, Donal Kealy 0-1 each.

Shannon Rovers 0-9: Sean O'Meara 0-4 (1 free), Liam Hogan 0-2, Ray Costello, Ger Fox, Tomas Hogan 0-1 (free), each.

Borrisokane 4-11: Vivian Dooley 2-1, Adrian Hogan 0-5 (0-4 frees), Paul Dooley 0-3, Vincent McKenna, and Martin Heenan 1-0 each; Michael Heenan, Brendan Hogan 0-1 each.

Portroe 1-17: Barry O'Driscoll 0-9 (0-3 frees), Pdraig O'Brien 1-1; John Sheedy 0-3, Liam Sheedy (65), Martin McKeogh, Denis Hogan, Richard Freeman 0-1 each.

Eire Og 0-13: Ronan Burns 0-5, Ml. Cleary 0-2 (0-1 free), Niall Corbett, Peter Dolan, Ml. Kennedy, Robbie Tomlinson, Eddie Tucker, John Kennedy (free) 0-1 each.

Kilruane 1-7: Eamon O'Shea 1-1, Gerry Williams ;-3, David Quinlan, P Quinlan, Brian Gaynor 0-1 each.

Lorrha 2-8: Ciaran Hough 1-4 (1-2 frees), Aidan McIntyre 1-1, John

McIntyre, J Sullivan, John Madden 0-1 each.

Newport 0-11: Ger Bradley 0-8, (0-6 frees, one 65, one sideline), Pat Shinnors 0-2, Peter Coleman 0-1.

Borris-Ileagh 0-16: Conor Stakelum 0-11 (0-6 frees), Aidan Ryan 0-2, Philip Kenny, Brian Kenny, Seamus Deaveny 0-1 each.

Moneygall 1-8: Sean Doughan 0-7 (0-4 frees), M Maher 1-0, John Gleeson 0-1.

LOSERS GROUP — QUARTER FINALS

Kilruane 2-11: Eamon O'Shea 0-4, Jim Williams 1-1, David Quinlan 1-0, Brian Gaynor 0-2 (2 x 65's), Gerry Williams 0-2 (0-1 free), each. Philip Quinlan, Pat Quinlan 0-1 each.

S. Rovers 0-11: Sean O'Meara 0-3 (0-2 frees), Joe Hannigan, Liam Hogan 0-3 each, Ray Costello 0-2.

Portroe 0-11: Barry O'Driscoll 0-9, (0-3 frees), James Seymour, Liam Shelly 0-1 (65) each.

Newport 1-4: Dinny Ryan 1-2 (0-1 free), John Keating, Ger Bradley 0-1 each (free).

SEMI-FINALS

Toomevara 2-15: Ml. Nolan 0-8, Liam Flaherty, Tommie carroll 1-1 each, Tom Dunne 0-2, Declan O'Meara, Pat King, Terry Dunne 0-1 each.

Kilruane 3-8: Gerry Williams 2-4, Pat Quinlan 1-1, Brian Gaynor 0-2.

Portroe 1-19: Barry O'Driscoll 0-8 (0-3 frees, 1 65), James Seymour 1-3, John Sheedy 0-4, Richard Freeman 0-1, Pdraig O'Brien 0-2, D. Quinn 0-1 each.

Moneygall 3-11: Sean Doughan 1-6, John Donovan 0-3, Ml. Dwyer, Eugene Ryan 1-0 each, T Touhy, Philip Quinlan 0-1 each.

LOSERS GROUP FINAL

Toomevara 1-17: Ml. Nolan 0-7 (frees), Liam Flaherty 1-1, Pat King, Philip Shanahan 0-2 each, Ml. O'Meara 0-2 (frees), Tomas Dunne, Liam Nolan, Tomas Carroll 0-1 each.

Portroe 1-6: Pdraig O'Brien 0-4, Liam Sheedy 1-1 (frees), Barry O'Driscoll 0-1.

QUARTER FINAL

Nenagh Eire Og 6-13: John Kennedy 2-3, Niall Corbett 2-1, R Tomlinson, Ronan Burns 1-2 each, Ml. Cleary 0-3, Eddie Tucker 0-2.

Roscrea 0-6: Ml. Hogan 0-3, John Stone, Ml. Scully, David Pyne 0-1

each.

Lorrha 2-9: John McIntyre 1-2, Kieran Hough 0-4, John Madden 0-3, Adrian McIntyre 1-0.

Borrisokane 1-9: Adrian Hogan 0-7, Brendan Hogan 1-1, Paul Dooley 0-1.

Borris-Ileigh bye to semi-final.

Losers group winners: Toomevara into semi-final.

SEMI-FINALS

Eire Og 3-13: Ml. Cleary 0-7, John Kennedy 1-2, Ronan Burns 1-0, Niall Corbett 1-0, Philip Kennedy 0-2, Conor Donovan and Paul Dolan 0-1 each.

Borris-Ileigh 0-8: Aidan Ryan 0-3, Conor Stakelum 0-3, Timmy Stapleton 0-2.

Lorrha 2-9: John Sullivan 1-0, John Sherlock 1-0, Kieran Hough, John Madden 0-3 each, John McIntyre 0-2, Ken Hogan 0-1.

Toomevara 0-15: Ml. Nolan 0-9, Ml. O'Meara 0-2, Liam Nolan 0-2, Philip Shanahan, Tomas Dunne 0-1 each.

REPLAY

Lorrha 3-13: Kieran Hough 0-6, John McIntyre 1-3, John Sherlock 1-1, John Sullivan 1-0, Cathal McIntyre, Tom Madden, Gerry Sullivan, 0-1 each.

Toomevara 1-19: Ml. Nolan 0-6, Tomas Dunne 0-5, Liam Nolan 1-2, Terry Dunne 0-3, Declan O'Meara, Ml. Murphy, George Frend 0-1 each.

HURLERS WELL NOURISHED

Hurling had been played in Tipperary long before the advent of the GAA but the lack of definite playing rules greatly hindered its development and expansion. Arthur Young, the famous British Agriculturalist in the course of his tour of Ireland in the year 1777, after a visit to Michael Head at Derrycastle, Portroe, described hurling as a sort of cricket, but instead of throwing the ball in order to knock down a wicket, the aim is to put it through a bent stick, the ends stuck in the ground. In these matches, they perform such feats of activity, as ought to evidence the food they live on to be far from deficient in nourishment". (Arthur Young, "A Tour of Ireland" 1777. Vo. 1. pps. 153-4.).

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Development is also easily understood when we discuss and admire the various talents and skills of the players in today's finals. Hours of effort and time have gone into developing these skills and unless the intention is there to develop and perfect them we can never aspire to ever reaching a final.

Apart from the skills any good club will try to develop good discipline and good habits in their players. How to play the game in a sportsmanlike way, how to respect the referee and officials, how to win or lose a game with honour and dignity. These are goals which are easily understood, but as everyone knows the good clubs will have started to develop these and other ways a long time before, possibly on a night in December or January at the Club Convention when officers are elected to run the club for the coming year.

The Chairman elected that night is certainly a key figure. He will have a profound bearing on how the club functions for the coming year. The good chairman should lead by word and example. He will have to be a pacemaker and a peacemaker, for as it is very important to get all the cogs in the club moving it is also vital that they are moving in the one direction.

The good chairman will know the value of regular well run meetings with an agenda that will singpost the club in a constructive way. While he will give good leadership himself he will endeavour to get as many as possible playing some part in the running of the club. It is much better to have a good number helping than to have a few doing it all.

The Secretary is also a very important officer as it is he who will record the decisions taken at club meetings, deal with correspondence, match notices injury claim forms etc and liaise with the Chairman and other officers and sub-committees in everything that will help the smooth running of the club.

The Treasurer like the other officers should be highly respected and trustworthy, as the amount of money it takes nowadays to run a club is a far cry from older days. He should, like all good club officers familiarise himself or herself with the Club Advisory Treoir Information Sheets which are now available at any County Board meeting from the Co. Development Officer.

We are now living in an age when television and other sports are all attracting our youth and we can no longer live on past glory. The people in charge of our clubs, be they Juvenile, Camogie or Senior clubs, are vital people, and the club that wants to succeed should ensure that the annual Club Convention where they are elected is not treated lightly.

The developments mentioned at the beginning - playing facilities, playing skills, spectator accommodation and such like will rarely happen by chance, so they must be worked for and where the will is, the way will be found. It is an ongoing developing process, which brings its rewards on a day like today and of which any club would feel justifiably proud.

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PATRIOT, POET AND
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One of the seven signatories of the 1916 Proclamation this noble son of Tipperary was born in Cloughjordan in 1876 into a school teacher's home. A cool and calm man, outwardly even in the most trying circumstances but inwardly he was made of steel. He became one of the principal plotters of the Rising along with Tom Clarke, Sean MacDiarmada and of course Padraig Pearse (all I.R.B. men). They had from the outset a dif-

ferent course of action in mind to their chief Eoin MacNeill.

However, MacDonagh in a letter written on Easter Sunday paid a tribute to him as an honest and sincere patriot, despite their completely different approach to the need for military action. As commandant in charge of operations at Jacob's factory and surrounding areas he was next in line of command to Pearse and Connolly. He displayed all the qualities of leadership that was so much a part of his make up, cool, calm and resolute. This was demonstrated by the matter of fact style of his discussion with General Lowe after he had refused to surrender even on the receipt of Pearse's note on the grounds that as he (Pearse) was a prisoner and could not issue orders.

Father Augustine who was present observed that, of the two men, MacDonagh was by far the cooler. After eventually accepting the surrender terms he was taken to Richmond Barracks and courtmartialed and condemned to death. An extract from his address runs thus:

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SENIOR HURLING

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1902 Lahorna De Wets	1938 Kildangan	1978 Kilruane MacD.
1903 Lahorna De Wets	1939 Roscrea	1979 Kilruane MacD.
1904 Lahorna De Wets	1940 Kilruane MacD.	1980 Roscrea
1905 Lorrha	1941 Roscrea	1981 Borris-Ileigh
1906 Lahorna De Wets	1942 Roscrea	1982 Unfinished
1907 Lahorna De Wets	1943 Kildangan	1983 Borris-Ileigh
1908 Lahorna De Wets	1944 Kilruane MacD.	1984 Lorrha
1909 Youghalarra	1945 Roscrea	1985 Kilruane MacD.
1910 Toomevara	1946 Toomevara	1986 Borris-Ileigh
1911 Toomevara	1947 Borris-Ileigh	1987 Kilruane
1912 Toomevara	1948 Lorrha	1988 Borris-Ileigh
1913 Toomevara	1949 Roscrea	1989 Lorrha
1914 Lorrha	1950 Borris-Ileigh	1990 Kilruane MacD.
1915 Nenagh	1951 Borris-Ileigh	1991 Toomevara.
1916 Toomevara	1952 Borris-Ileigh	1992
1917 Toomevara	1953 Borris-Ileigh	
1918 Toomevara	1954 Roscrea	
1919 Toomevara	1955 Borris-Ileigh	
1920 No championship	1956 Lorrha	
1921 No championship	1957 Nenagh Eire Og	
1922 Toomevara	1958 Toomevara	
1923 Toomevara	1959 Kilruane MacD.	
1924 Lorrha	1960 Toomevara	
1925 Toomevara	1961 Toomevara	
1926 Toomevara	1962 Toomevara	
1927 Toomevara	1963 Roscrea	
1928 Toomevara	1964 Nenagh Eire Og	
1929 Toomevara	1965 Kilruane MacD.	
1930 Toomevara	1966 Lorrha	
1931 Toomevara	1967 Roscrea	
1932 Newport	1968 Roscrea	
1933 Borrisokane	1969 Roscrea	
1934 Kildangan/ Kilbarron	1970 Roscrea	
1935 Newport	1971 Roscrea	
1936 Roscrea	1972 Borris-Ileigh	
	1973 Borris-Ileigh	
	1974 Silvermines	
	1975 Moneygall	
	1976 Borris-Ileigh	

SENIOR H. LEAGUE

1985 Lorrha
1986 Kilruane MacD.
1987 Roscrea
1988 Eire Og
1989 Lorrha
1990 Toomevara
1991 Eire Og
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INTERMEDIATE HURLING

1927 Dolla
1928 Dolla
1929 De Wet Nenagh
1930 Kilbarron/
Kildangan
1931 Templederry
1932
1933
1934 Newport
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1936
1937
1938
1939 Shannon Rovers
1940 Borrisokane
1941 Burgess
1942 Moneygall
1943 Toomevara
1944
1945 Silvermines
1946 Lorrha
1947 St. Mary's
1948 Silvermines
1949 Moneygall
1950 Portroe
1951 Burgess
1952 Borrisokane
1953 Burgess
1954 Shannon Rovers
1955 Toomevara
1956 Burgess
1957 Newport
1958 Borrisokane
1959 Burgess
1960 Knockshegowna
1961 Knockshegowna
1962 Moneygall

1963 Burgess
1964 Burgess
1965 Newport
1966 Kildangan
1967 Shannon Rovers
1968 Shannon Rovers
1969 Burgess
1970 Burgess
1971 Kildangan
1972 Silvermines
1973 Borrisokane
1974 Shannon Rovers
1975 Shannon Rovers
1976 Burgess
1977 Kildangan
1978 Kilruane MacD.
1979 Templederry
1980 Kildangan
1981 Portroe
1982 Borrisokane
1983 Portroe
1984 Toomevara
1985 Shannon Rovers
1986 Shannon Rovers
1987 Silvermines
1988 Newport
1989 Newport
1990 Portroe
1991 Moneygall
1992

1990 Templederry
1991 Silvermines
1992 Silvermines

JUNIOR H. "A"

1926 Dolla
1927 Clodia Rangers
1928 Monamore
1929 Moneygall
1930 Roscrea
1931 Youghalarra
1932 Ballina
1933 Bawnmore
1934 Knockshegowna
1935 Uskane
1936 Shamrock Rovers
1937 Mulcair Rovers
1938 Ballymackey
1939 Ballinacloagh
1940 Shannon Rovers
1941 Ballycommon
1942 Roscrea
1943 Kilcommon
1944 Kildangan
1945 Erin's Hope
1946 Roscrea
1947 Mulcair Rovers
1948 Ballyskenach
1949 Knockmeal Rgs.
1950 Kilruane MacD.
1951 Rearcross
1952 Shannon Rovers
1953 Eire Og
1954 Kilruane MacD.
1955 Gurtgarry
1956 Kilruane MacD.
1957 Knockshegowna
1958 Toomevara

INTERMEDIATE H. LEAGUE

1984 Burgess
1985 Templederry
1986 Shannon Rovers
1987 Kilruane
1988 Portroe
1989 Kildangan

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1961 Lorrha
1962 Eire Og
1963 Borrisokane
1964 Kilruane MacD.
1965 Borrisokane
1966 Lorrha
1967 Ballina
1968 Portroe
1969 Knockshegowna
1970 Templederry
1971 Ballinahinch
1972 Knockshegowna
1973 Portroe
1974 Knockshegowna
1975 Kilruane MacD.
1976 Templederry
1977 Templederry
1978 Borris-Ileigh
1979 Silvermines
1980 Ballinahinch
1981 Borrisokane
1982 Roscrea
1983 Eire Og
1984 Ballina
1985 Kilruane MacD.
1986 Roscrea
1987 Lorrha
1988 Knockshegowna
1989 Knockshegowna
1990 Ballina
1991 Toomevara
1992

JUNIOR H. "B"

1982 Borrisokane
1983 Newport
1984 Templederry

1985 Burgess
1986 Toomevara
1987 Shannon Rovers
1988 Newport
1989 Borrisokane
1990 Portroe
1991 Burgess
1992

JUNIOR H. LEAGUE

1988 Toomevara
1989 Toomevara
1990 Shannon Rovers
1991 Ballina
1992 Ballina

UNDER-21 H. "A"

1960 Borrisokane
1961 Roscrea
1962 Roscrea
1963 Roscrea
1964 Roscrea
1965 Lorrha
1966 Lorrha
1967 Toomevara
1968 Roscrea
1969 Borris-Ileigh
1970 Naomh Padraig
1971 Naomh Padraig
1972 Kilruane MacD.
1973 Kilruane MacD.
1974 Kilruane MacD.
1975 Kilruane MacD.
1976 Kilruane MacD.
1977 Templederry
1978 Kilruane MacD.

1979 Eire Og
1980 Eire Og
1981 Eire Og
1982 Eire Og
1983 Roscrea
1984 Roscrea
1985 Toomevara
1986 Toomevara
1987 Borris-Ileigh
1988 Borris-Ileigh
1989 Erin's Hope
1990 Toomevara
1991 Erin's Hope
1992 Moneygall

UNDER-21 H. "B"

1980 Portroe
1981 Shannon Rovers
1982 Portroe
1983 Lorrha
1984 Templederry
1985 Moneygall
1986 Shannon Rovers
1987 Moneygall
1988 Burgess
1989 Portroe
1990 Shannon Rovers
1991 Moneygall
1992

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1901-1992

MINOR H. "A"

1928 Roscrea	1965 Roscrea	1981 Borris-Ileigh
1929 Roscrea	1966 Roscrea	1982 Kildangan
1930 Roscrea	1967 Roscrea	1983 Erins Hope
1931 Roscrea	1968 Roscrea	1984 Shannon Rovers
1932 Toomevara	1969 Eire Og	1985 Borris-Ileigh
1933	1970 Silvermines	1986 Burgess
1934 Roscrea	1971 Kilruane MacD.	1987 Portroe
1935 Roscrea	1972 Kilruane MacD.	1988
1936 Youghalarra	1973 Kilruane MacD.	1989 Moneygall
1937 Toomevara	1974 Roscrea	1990 Burgess
1938 Eire Og	1975 Roscrea	1991 Silvermines
1939 Youghalarra	1976 Roscrea	1992
1940 Nenagh	1977 Eire Og	
1941 Nenagh	1978 Eire Og	
1942 Nenagh	1979 Eire Og	
1943 Roscrea	1980 Roscrea	
1944 Roscrea	1981 Toomevara	
1945 Roscrea	1982 Toomevara	
1946 Roscrea	1983 Roscrea	
1947 St. Mary's	1984 Roscrea	
1948 St. Mary's	1985 Toomevara	
1949 St. Mary's	1986 Toomevara	
1950 Roscrea	1987 Toomevara	
1951 St. Mary's	1988 Roscrea	
1952 Kilruane MacD.	1989 Eire Og	
1953 Eire Og	1990 Erin's Hope	
1954 Toomevara	1991 Eire Og	
1955 Eire Og	1992	
1956 Toomevara		
1957 Borrisokane		
1958 Roscrea		
1959 Roscrea		
1960 Roscrea		
1961 Roscrea		
1962 Roscrea		
1963 Roscrea		
1964 Kilruane MacD.		

MINOR H. "B"

1974 Burgess
1975 Kilruane
1976 Silvermines
1977 Silvermines
1978 Burgess
1979 Toomevara
1980 Silvermines

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Young player's view on Bord na nÓg

BY PAUL DARCY

Bord na nÓg is an extremely important sector of the Gaelic Athletic Association in North Tipperary. In this era, our national games are under an enormous amount of pressure from other games, such as soccer and rugby. These games which with the aid of modern advertising technology are made to look attractive to both the young and the not-so-young. But with the enormous amount of effort which is being put in by a few people, most which goes unseen. These people in the various clubs sacrifice both their time and their energy to ensure that the Premier county stays where it belongs, at the very top when it comes to Gaelic games. It goes without saying that if the work wasn't put in Tipperary might still be suffering the famine years.

The support given by the parents of these budding hurlers is a major factor in the success of the Bord. The encouragement given by the parents to their offspring can make all the difference. By giving their support and encouraging their children to participate in Gaelic games makes the life of the Bord na nÓg a lot easier.

One of the Bord's main objectives is to nurture the young hurlers as they grow and as they grow up, hurling grows up with them and becomes an important part of their lives. To achieve this there are many coaching schemes available to ensure that as the young hurler grows up, his skills will develop and he himself will see improvement in himself. But in order for the highest level to be gained, one will have to make a lot of sacrifices, by spending time and energy practicing the basic skills. This is the only way you will improve and it will aid you in your quest to be the best hurler you possibly can be.

This is a major priority in Bord na nÓg's view, and because of this it is doing a wealth of work when it comes to improving the basic skills of the young hurler. By supplying coaches which are available to the various

clubs, these coaching schemes offer clubs the opportunity to improve the skills which are already present and also to learn various other skills. These schemes are priceless. Not only do they improve the more developed undeveloped hurler, but more importantly they help to improve the weaker more average young hurlers. Which, in effect, raises the standard level of the underage hurling in North Tipp. The fruits of the attitude *Mol an oige, agus tiocfaidh siad* can already be seen in every hurling club in the county.

By running various inter-divisional and inter-county tournaments like the Peadar Cummins u-14, the Garda Cup U-16 and the Nenagh Co-Op tournament also at u-16, these tournaments offer a golden opportunity to the young hurler to hurl with and against some of the best hurlers around at this level, which can only lead to an improvement, and so have a positive effect.

As a hurler who has just left the underage scene as such, and when looking back one cannot stress enough the influence which the Bord na nOg has had on me and many other hurlers. The level at which minor and u-21 games are played at are of an enormously high standard, one only has to look at the strength of the minor and u-21 inter-county teams over the past few years. The reason for this is because the young hurler is being nurtured from a very early age and is being led in the right direction.

The young hurler is given many opportunities to pick up his hurl and hurl for his club, or county and in my view this is of great advantage as there is no substitute for match practice.

I would strongly advise anyone who is interested in the GAA to go to an underage match as you won't be disappointed. Even if you are a neutral you will enjoy the match. It has everything one could ask for in a hurling match. Plenty of skill, fine hurling and young lads and lassies who are going to try their hearts out.

Anyone involved in the GAA will agree that the Bord na nOg holds the key to the survival of the Gaelic games, and ensures that hurling and football will continue on into the next century as strong, if not stronger than ever. One must remember that the underage hurlers of today will be the ones we look to, to carry on our proud tradition in the senior intercounty grades as they will be the seniors of tomorrow and Bord na nOg is helping to ensure that when they reach that stage, the young hurler will be able to hold his own. By running the various schemes and competitions the Bord na nOg is nourishing the talent in the county and the rewards are already being reaped.

Ronan Burns wing forward, for Eire Og, is a son of Mick, who captained Eire Og to victory in the 1964 North final.

Great Sport in the Showgrounds

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Just as in 1982 a sporting tenant of the Show Grounds, Nenagh Olympic Athletic Club, made an unsuccessful bid to purchase what they had been renting, fifty six years previously a similar attempt ended in failure. The 1926 tenants were the G.A.A. The contrast lies in the prices on offer. The G.A.A. then offered £665 for the full grounds. That was equal to the share capital issued in respect of the 133 Show Company shareholders at £5 each. Nenagh Olympic A.C. lost out on acution at a point in the region of £38,000 for the Horticultural Hall, not in existence in 1926, and an access plot.

In 1915 the North Tipperary Board G.A.A. appointed a deputation 'to wait on the Show Committee to discuss removing the galvanise which divides the show grounds to give ample space for inter-county matches'. ('Nenagh News', 19 June 1915). I did not trace the outcome, nor of an entry in the Minutes of the Show Committee of the North Tipperary agricultural Society of 25 August 1919: '... a committee consisting of six from the Show committee and six from the hurling club should meet about the end of Novmeber with a view to laying out the ground and erecting a stand in such a manner as would be suitable to both'. The Show sextet was to be John Mounsey, Clashnevin, John P. Cross, Norwood House, James O'Meara, Moanfin, P.J. Gubbins, Castle St., Jerry Ryan, 13, Summerhill, and John Morrissey, Castle St.

Liasion of a more positive nature went ahead in 1926. Possibly prompted by the huge crowd attracted to and business generated by the 1925 inter-county Silver Cup competition, a meeting was called by the Licensed Vintners in October 1926 to discuss getting a Gaelic Park for Nenagh. The meeting heard that 'the Show Grounds had been let for rugby as well as for Gaelic matches and, while the Committee let it for rugby, the G.A.A.

could not give full financial support'. ('Nenagh Guardian').

Martin Greene, Silver St. stated that 'controversy between rugbyites and G.A.A. had been going on for 12 months and the GAA want the field for their games only. 'One week later a Gaelic Sports Field Committee was appointed: Rev. Pat O'halloran, C.C., Frank Flannery, Mitchel St. William Hogan, UDC, Dublin Road, Dan Morrissey, T.D., Mick Hallinan,

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On 4 December, 1926, the 'Nenagh Guardian' reported that the Show Company's Council of Management (a body apparently superior to the Show Committee and whose minutes are not extant) had received a deputation consisting of Fr. O'Halloran, Frank McGrath and Frank Flannery. The latter two were on both sides of the table, being members of the Show Council, in which capacity Frank McGrath proposed and M. Hogan seconded that shareholders be summoned to consider the GAA's offer to purchase for £665.

HOLD THE LAND

John Mounsey, Chairman of the Show Committee since 1924 (and grandfather - namesake of the present Chairman), seconded by Denis O'Meara, proposed 'that no meeting be called as the offer was not feasible, as the grounds would be useless for show purposes under the terms'. Seven of the ten voted for this (the other three obviously being Messrs McGrath, Flannery and Hogan); the subject disappeared from the newspapers.

Hurling and athletics continued. The sports organised by a newly formed Nenagh Athletic and Cycling Club in 1932 includes features of the welcome for Bob Tisdall, newly crowned Olympic champion (see 'The Guardian' of 31 July 1982). A sports in 1934 included musical drill by the Boy Scouts under Mr. Brookes, Ballycarrido. Locally-based Sergeant John Rice, All-Ireland Junior softball champion of 1941 partnering Michael McMahon, was second in the Long Jump; in the Shot Putt he was out-ranked by Gardai J.J. McGettigan, Ennis, later a national Javelin champion and 6'5" Ned Tobin of ballylooby, holder of three national titles in 1934. Tobin improved Dr. Pat O'Callaghan's world best for slinging 56 lbs without follow by five inches in the following year and gradually edged that 28'3" out to 29'1¼" in 1943, still a national record forty years on.

Paddy Morrissey, Monsea, then a boy at Prospect, remembers his father bringing him by horse and trap to a Toomevara-Boherlahan match; he can still visualise the Martin Kennedy-Johnny Leahy clashes. Dick Hogan, Ormond St. remembers a Clare-Tipperary match with Kennedy, Phil Cahill and John Joe Callinan. He recalls Sergeant Jack Gleeson, Jack Harty, Stephen Hackett and Paddy O'Meara for Toomevara against a Borrisokane team featuring the three McKenna's.

That match was followed by thunder and lightning and showers which drove the entire Borrisokane supporters for shelter into Dick's grandmother's house in Ormond St., his grandfather commented that she gave more teas that evening than the hotels.

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All recollections agree that hurling was much rougher in the late Thirties and early Forties than now. A contributory factor may have been the 'tidy' size of the Show Grounds pitch which ran from the Borrisokane road towards Nolan's field (the present Vocational School) and parallel to the New Line and the new St. Joseph's Park. Dick recalls talk of seeking Dan Flannery's field (now Nenagh Textile Mills premises) to provide more room. The pitch was normally dry but could be wet at the road end due to poor



The Kildangan team, subs and manager, 1938. They beat Roscrea at the Show Grounds in the North Tipperary Senior Final in 1938. Back: Jack Grady (R.I.P.), Urra; Bill Hayes (R.I.P.), Ballinwear; Paddy Morrissey, Prospect; Paddy Slattery (R.I.P.), Puckane and Nenagh; Joe Cleary, (R.I.P.), Knight; John Hogan (R.I.P.), Larkin's Hill; Jim Killeen (R.I.P.), Ballycommon; Tom Collins, do. Middle: Danny Maloney, Crannagh; Jack Kelly (R.I.P.), Puckane; Joe Barry (R.I.P.), Hogan's Pass; Paddy Hogan, N.T. (R.I.P.), Larkin's Hill; Matt Coen (R.I.P.), Johnstown; Mick Hanrahan (R.I.P.), Monsea; Ned Gleeson, Ballydrennan; Mike Murphy (R.I.P.), Ballyartella. Front: Mick Quirke (R.I.P.), Frolic; Danny Gleeson, Peterfield; Jack Hctor (R.I.P.), Lisduff; Martin Kennedy (R.I.P.), Castlesheela; Rody Gleeson, Peterfield; Christy Coen (R.I.P.), Johnstown.

soakage - Turnpike tradition belives it to have been a quarry.

'Regrettable scenes followed the immediate conclusion of the senior hurling semi-final between Newport and Kildangan at the Show Grounds. Opposing players came into conflict and spectators rushed in to join in the fray. Several players received injuries before the combatants were separated. A prominent Kildangan player was twice injured.

'There was a recurrence of the trouble later in the evening when the opposing players clashed in Kickham Street, several fisticuffing encounters followed until the arrival of the Civic Guards had a sobering effect and

players and spectators left for home. Kildangan 3 goals 3 points, newport 1 point. Danny Gleeson was the injured player. There was over-keenness to mark a certain inter-county player'. ('Nenagh Guardian' 24 July 1937).

The county player seems to have been James 'Butler' Coffey, Newport, so the blame can be evenly divided. The final that year was also held in the Show Grounds, Kildangan going down to Roscrea 6-2 to 4-5. The Toomevara era was over and those two new teams were to dominate senior hurling in North Tipperary for a decade. It started in 1934 when a Kilbarron-Kildangan combination won their first title, first drawing in July 5-6 to Roscrea 4-9, with superiority confirmed in the simultaneous Golden Jubilee Hurling Competition that September, 6-4 to 4-2. Roscrea won their first divisional title at Borrisokane in 1936, doubling Kildangan's score.

On 17th July, 1938 the Show Grounds hosted a Kildangan-Newport semi-final for the second year; this time it was tough but fair. Coffey versus the Gleeson brothers, Danny and Rody, provided 'exciting passages', Jim Killeen was 'a tower of strength at centre back', captain Jack Hootor at full-back saved many dangerous Newport raids. The fast first half left the teams level, Kildangan 2-3, Newport 1-6, then three Kildangan points, a Killeen goal from a 70 and goals by Danny Gleeson and Martin Kennedy left to the result. Kildangan 5-6, Newport 2-8.

LAST SENIOR FINAL

The North final between Kildangan and Roscrea, the third in a row, was to be the last senior one held in the Show Grounds - the 1939, 1940 and 1941 ones were at Borrisokane and the 1942 and 1943 ones at the new MacDonagh Park, Nenagh. It was 'a fast, hard hurling game before 3,000 spectators'. Kildangan were short Rody Gleeson, who had broken a finger. Killeen injured a collar bone but played on. Roscrea's Galway county player, Mick Loughnane, went off with a broken collar bone.

A Martin Kennedy goal opened, Martin Loughnane equalised, a Kildangan forward goaled, John Joe Maher replied with a point, Kildangan went into top gear with a Kennedy shot to the corner of the net, goals from Danny Gleeson, Mick Quirke and another uncredited, with only points by Loughnane, and Sandes in response leaving the half-time score 6-0 to 1-3. Roscrea pulled back with goals by Martin Loughnane and another forward, but then 'Moloney drove a long ball to the Roscrea end and Kennedy clipped a hopping ball to the net'. Consolation points by Maher and Hogan left the final score 7-2 to 3-4.

Kildangan's name went first on the new Murphy Brothers' silver cup. It was to be five years before they repeated that glory day, again against Roscrea who had the better of them in 1939, 1941 and 1942. Kilruane MacDonagh nipping in in 1940. The 1943 and 1943 finals launched Nenagh's long-awaited Gaelic Park in style, first Roscrea and then Kildangan winning by a point.

The 1938 teams in that last Show Grounds senior final were: Kildangan: Christy Coen, Jack Gracy, Jack Hctor, Jack Kelly, Mick Hanrahan, Danny Maloney, Johnny Hogan, Jim Killeen, Joe Barry, Matt Coen, Mike Murphy, Danny Gleeson, Paddy Hogan, Martin Kennedy, Mick Quirke, Roscrea (not placed positionally) Tim Fletcher, Tony Hannon, Bernie Sands (R.I.P.), John Joe Maher, Jackie Hannon, P. Burke, Martin Loughnane, Michael Loughnane, (R.I.P.), Jack Ryan, Joe Fletcher, Billy Brussels, W Hendrick, Bill Gleeson, Tim Maher, Daniel Brophy (R.I.P.).

1941 saw the last minor, junior and intermediate North Finals to be played in the Show Grounds. To Ballycommon went the record of being the very last title winners - of the junior, on 16 November by 6-3 to Boher's 2-3. (The Junior football final together with a minor semi-final, opened championship games at the new and as yet unchristened Whitewalls pitch on 7th December, with one James Ryan, N.T., Moneygall refereeing both games - a little-known honour for the later President of the Association).

The Ballycommon team (not placed positionally) was - John Gleeson (Capt), William Gleeson (goal), Ballycommon, Matt Gleeson, Edward Gleeson, Ballydrennan, Patrick and Edward devanney, Monsea, James Grace, Carhue, Willie Malone, Tim maloney, Crannagh, Tim Devanney, Ballycommon, Paddy Collins, Ballyartella, Joe Cleary, Knigh, Dave Morrissey, Prospect, Michael Egan, Johnstown, Martin Hogan, Larkins Hill.

TWO HISTORIC GAMES

19th October was a more storied day at the Show Grounds with two championships at stake. Nenagh, fielding ten of the side which, as Eire Og, had beaten Boher at Newtown for the 1940 minor title, faced Currabaha.

The game 'opened with some sparkling exchanges. Nenagh settled down early on and had several scores per J. Hogan, who played an outstanding game. Geaney too was a prolific scorer for Nenagh. Costello and Dooley, flanking Hogan, played with much understanding. Farrell as full-forward was well supported by Geaney and Nolan. McLoughlin and Bourke combined well at centre field. Leahy, Healy and Ryan were sound in defence. Carey in goal kept back a terrific bombardment in the opening half when Currabaha had the aid of a strong wind. Currabaha missed scoring opportunities opportunities in the first half. Hayes (2), Hogan, Burke and Collins played well for the losers.' ('The Guardian').

NENAGH STARS

Michael Geaney's score totalled 3-1 and John Hogan's 2-1. Hogan had won his first medal as a 13 year old with Eire Og in 1938, and he was the only one of the '38, '40 or '41 teams to continue playing until 1957, when his three goals became the epic feature of a revived Eire Og's first North Senior win. Himself and Pat Nolan were the only two of that '41 team which united Eire Og and nenagh, to be members of the St. Mary's team which won the North Intermediate and County Junior titles in 1947 and in-

cluded John's older brother, Dick Hogan.

Dinny Carey later achieved provincial and national honours in two other sports, as wing-forward for Nenagh Ormond in winning the Munster Junior Rugby Cup in 1948, and as Paddy Kennedy's partner in taking the All-Ireland Junior Softball doubles title of 1949.

Nenagh lined out: Denis Carey, Sarsfield Street, Sean Healy, Emmet Place, JOe O'Connor, Lower MacDonagh St., Tommy Kinirons, Sarsfield St; Tony Ryan, Kenyon St, Rory Leahy, Lower Macdonagh st., Eddie McGrath, Sarsfield St; Michael McLoughlin-Cleary, Silver St, Paddy Roche, Knockalton; Dan Costello, Sarsfield St, John Hogan, Ormond St., John Doorley, Ormond st, Michael Geaney, Clare St., Mickey Farrell, Silver St., Pat Nolan, Cunnahurt, Paddy Bourke, Wolfe Tone Tce, came on as a sub and scored a point. He was to win a Mid Senior Championship with Thurles Sarsfields in 1950.

Later that afternoon, in a game which finished in the dusk, Burgess and Toomevara contested the Intermediate final. Burgess, as Gortmore, had been formed only a short time before by the late Pat Hogan, Gortmore, and the late Billy Woods, Dinger's Hill. They had fallen heavily, 2 points to Moneygall's 5-3 in the 1940 area final at the Show Grounds.

BURGESS RESURGENT

Fifty three weeks later they opened strongly, John Joe Sullivan pulling on a loose ball which he sent to the net. They led Toomevara at half time with the benefit of the breeze, 3-3 to 1-2. Despite Toom's Roddy Ryan goaling direct from a 70 and Pat Young's goal in a late rally, Burgess emerged winners at 4-4 to 3-3.

Five families had provided twelve of the players and they had only one sub. Their goalie, Pat Murray, Carrigal, got a place on the North senior team for the 1942 inter-divisional Miller Shield; Jack Maher, Gortmore, corner-back, won county senior honours. After the other half of the parish, Youghalarra won the Intermediate the following year, the two sides united as Duharra in 1943 but did not make the expected impact in senior ranks.

The 1941 finalists lined out: Burgess: Pat Murray, Jack Maher, Billy Walsh, Phil Looby, Paddy Mulcahy, Mick Walsh, Dan Ryan, Tom Donoghue (Capt), Dinny Maher; John Mulcahy, Timmy Ryan, John Ryan, Paddy Looby, Denis Looby, John Joe Sullivan.

Toomevara: Dan Gleeson, Knockbrack; Michael McCarthy, Kilgurtin (R.I.P.), Arthur Mccarthy, Ballymackey, eamon McCormack, Blean; Tom Dunne, Curraheen (R.I.P.), Sean Ryan, Toomevara, John Gleeson, Knockbrack; Danny Casey, Toomevara, Pat Young, Latteragh; Roddy Ryan, Kilkeary, Denis Kennedy, Garrynafan (R.I.P.), Roddy Nolan, Ballybeg, Mick Duff, Ballymackey, Bill Spillane, Lisataggart, Tom Cawley, Knockbrack.

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