

North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final  
Match Programme  
1993

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 22th, 1993

**Senior Hurling Final**

**NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG**

V.

**MONEYGALL**

3.30 p.m. Reitor: Johnny McDonnell, (Roscrea)

Preceded by the  
**4th Round Intermediate Hurling Championship**

**BURGESS v KILDANGAN**

2.00 p.m. Reitor: Martin Darcy (Nenagh)



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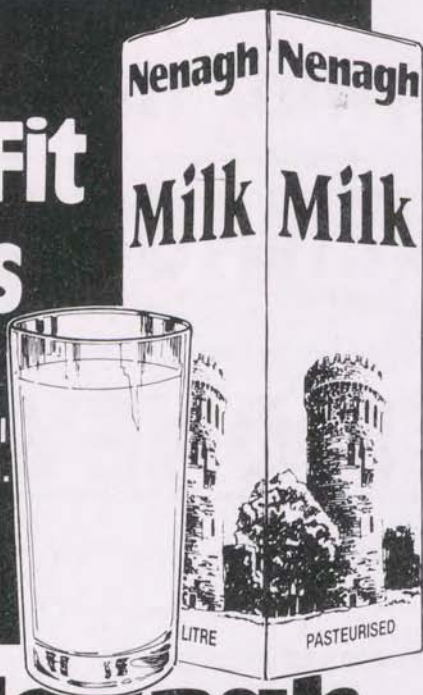
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In my first year as chairman of the C.L.G. North Board, I wish to extend a cead míle fáilte to all to MacDonagh Park, Cloughjordan for today's final.

Today's final brings together Nenagh Eire Og who are contesting their third North senior final in a row and Moneygall who are defending county under-21 champions.

Nenagh will be opening to retain their title while Moneygall will be hoping to bridge an 18 year gap since their last title in 1975.

Our curtain-raiser for today's final brings together neighbours and great rivals Burgess v Kildangan in a vital intermediate championship game.

My thanks to all who have worked so hard during 1993 for C.L.G., an Runaí, Micheal O Briain, an Cisteoir, Micheal O Nuallain and other board members, and also our gate checkers and park committees.

I wish to also thank all clubs and club officials for their co-operation during the year. To Bord na nOg thanks for the great work they are doing for juvenile games and especially to Liam Hogan for his work with today's programme. Last but not least a sincere thanks to all our referees in North Tipp and I wish Johnny McDonnell and his officials the best of luck in today's final

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# Nenagh Eire Og Roll of Honour

## N.B. IN NORTH TIPPERARY G.A.A. AFFAIRS

The first success for Nenagh hurling club was in 1915 when they won the Senior Hurling Championship. Honours were scarce for the club and they only secured three Minor Hurling Championships in 1940', '41, 42.

Meanwhile their local neighbours Eire Og (who were named "Red Rovers") gained a minor hurling success in 1938.

In 1947 a local curate was successful in seeking an amalgamation which resulted in the club being named St. Mary's after the local church.

In the mid-life year St. Mary's won the Intermediate Championships and ten years later the Murphy Cup. Senior hurling rested in the North Tipp. capital. At this stage the club had changed its name to Eire Og Nenagh which was subsequently changed to Nenagh Eire Og in 1992.

The club Roll of Honour since 1947 is as follows:

S.H. 3: 1945, 64, 92.

S.H.L. 2: 1988, 91.

I.H. 1: 1947.

J.H. 3: 1953, 62, 83.

J.H.B. 1: 1992.

U/21 4: 1979, 80, 81, 82.

Minor 13: 1974, 48, 49, 51, 53, 55, 69, 77, 78, 79, 89, 91, 92.

Juvenile success will show 20 championship wins since 1962, which includes:

U/17 Hurling - 3 titles: 1965 - 71.

U/16 Hurling - 7 titles - 1972 - 92.

U/15 U/R H.: - 3 titles - 1962 - 72.

U/14 U/R H.: - 5 titles - 1972 - 92.

U/13 Hurling: - none - 1969 - 72.

U/12 Hurling: - 2 - 1972 - 92.

other noteworthy wins include:

Club of the Year - 1979, 89, 92.

North Tipp Guardian Player of the Year: 1987 - Conor O'Donovan.  
1989 - Ml. Cleary.

## CLUB OFFICERS

Presidents: Ml. Ryan, Ml. O'Brien.

Chairman: Ger Gavin.

Vice-Chairman: Jack Kennedy.

Secretary: Jimmy Minogue.

Treasurer: Jimmy Morris.

P.R.O.: Sean Minogue.

# Kieran Carey — a great servant of Tipp and Roscrea

by LIAM DORAN

When John Joe Maher compiled his all-time great Roscrea team in 1980, he had no hesitation in giving the full back spot to Kieran Carey. John Joe described him as "strong, durable, close, sticky, never spectacular, but very dependable".

Kieran, a native of the adjoining parish of Kyle and Knock, came to Roscrea hurling through the vocational school. He played minor hurling with Roscrea, winning a North medal in 1950, the first of a remarkable collection. The following year he hurled with Kyle and the little parish won a Laois senior title. Their reign as champions was brief, dethroned the following year, and soon after Kieran was back on the Roscrea colours.

Impressive displays soon brought the attentions of county selectors, and when Michael Maher was out for the Limerick game in 1958 championship, Kieran was called up to fill the breach. His fine display ensured his re-tention in the team when Maher returned from injury. Kieran moved across to corner to collect his first Munster and All-Ireland medals.

A St. Brendan's Cup medal with the defeat of New York in 1959 followed, then All-Ireland honours in 1961 in the defeat of Dublin; and another in 1962 against Wexford — he rated his opponent that day, the legendary 'Hopper' McGrath as his most formidable corner forward. Two more All-Ireland medals came in 1964 and '65 and after the defeat of Kilkenny in 1967 he decided to retire from inter-county hurling.

But at this time Roscrea were making the breakthrough in club hurling. He had won a North medal in 1963, and again in 1967, only to lose to Carrick Davins in the county final. 1968 saw Roscrea won the county title at last, and 1970 saw the three-in-a-row. Kieran crowned his club career with an All-Ireland club medal in 1971 with the victory over St. Rynaghs. It was a great occasion to bow out of competitive hurling, though he did turn out in inter-firms the following year, to help Roscrea Bacon factory win the All-Ireland.

Kieran's honours list is impressive. Five All-Ireland medals, five National Leagues, five Oireachtas, seven Munster, four Railway Cup, one All-Ireland club, one All-Ireland inter-firm, three Tipperary county; six North, one St. Brendan's Cup, one Laois senior; one North Tipp minor. Truly one of the greats of the game.

# Moneygall Officers

**President:** Fr. O'Meara, P.P.

**Vice-Presidents:** Seamus O Riain, Billy Jones, Tim Gleeson.

**Chairman:** Fr. Michael Hogan, C.C.

**Vice-Chairman:** Paul Jones, Gerry Hayes.

**Secretary:** Eugene Ryan.

**Treasurer:** John Costigan.

**P.R.O.:** Caroline Hogan.

**Registrar:** Jim Hoolan.

## ROLL OF HONOUR

**Senior Hurling:** 1975.

**Intermediate Hurling:** 1943, '49, '62, '91.

**Junior Hurling:** 1929.

**Under-21 Hurling:** 1992 (A), B: 1985, '87, '91.

**Minor Hurling :** 1989 (B).

**Under-16 Hurling:** 1985, '89.

**Under-12A:** 1976.

## MEET THE CAPTAIN:

# John Kenny, Moneygall

**Date of birth:** 13-2-'67.

**Height:** 6 ft.

**Weight:** 12 st. 6 lbs.

**Honours:** U-21 B North, 1987; u-21 B North 1991; u-21 B county 1991; u-16½ Munster Colleges' medal with Roscrea CBS; u-15 Munster Colleges medal with Roscrea CBS.

**Place of Employment:** Agritec Ltd., Nenagh.

**Toughest Opponent:** They are all tough.

**Favourite ground:** Nenagh's MacDonagh Park.

**Favourite position:** Wing back.

**Sporting ambition:** To bring the Frank McGrath Cup to Moneygall.

**Other sports:** Snooker, tennis.

**Favourite player of the past:** Francis Loughnane.

**Favourite player:** D. J. Carey.

**Biggest influence on career:** Within our club we have an excellent selection of trainers at underage level, the fruit of which you can see today.

**Ways of improving game:** Continuation of excellent youth coaching that is there at present.

**Favourite game seen:** Replay of Munster Final 1991 at Thurles, Cork v Tipperary.

**Dislikes about the GAA:** Not allowing other sports to be played on GAA grounds for worthy occasions.



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## PEN PICTURES:

# Moneygall

**JOHN KENNY**, captain, age 27, farmer; 1 county intermediate; 1 county u-21 B

**KEVIN COLLISON**, vice-captain, aged 31, butcher; All-Ireland minor medal as sub goalie to Ken Hogan in 1980; 1 county intermediate.

**NEIL MAHER**, aged 22, farmer; 1 county u-21 A, 1 county u-21 B, 1 county minor B, 1 county intermediate.

**TOM DELANEY**: aged 21, student; captain of u-21 team last year; 1 county u-21 A, 1 county u-21 B, 1 county minor B, 1 county intermediate.

**JIM HOOLAN**: Age 22, farmer; 1 county intermediate, 1 county u-21 A, 1 county u-21 B, 1 county minor B.

**DECLAN RYAN**: age 20; 1 county under 21 A, 1 county u-21 B, 1 county minor B, 1 county intermediate.

**DONAGH HOOLAN**: age 20; 1 county u-21 A, 1 county u-21 B, 1 county minor B, 1 All-Ireland Vocational Schools medal.

**EAMON TROY**: age 20, farmer; nephew of Jim Guilfoyle; 1 county intermediate, 1 county u-21 A, 1 county u-21 B, 1 county minor B.

**BRIAN O'DWYER**: age 21, drapery assistant; centre back on county u-21 team this year, 1 county intermediate, 1 county u-21 A, 1 county u-21 B, 1 county minor B.

**JOHN COSTIGAN**: age 27, farm relief manager; 1 county u-21 B, 1 county intermediate.

**JOHN DOUGHAN**: age 20, captain of Tipperary u-21 team this year; factory employee; 1 county intermediate, 1 county u-21 A, 1 county u-21 B, 1 county minor B, 1 Munster u-16.

**NOEL RYAN**: age 20, student; 1 county u-21 A, 1 county u-21 B, 1 county minor B, 1 county intermediate.

**JOHN SHELLY**: age 20, factory employee; 1 county u-21 A, 1 county u-21 B, 1 county minor B, 1 All-Ireland Vocational School medal.

**JOHN DONOVAN**: age 27, shopkeeper; 1 county u-21 B, played county minor in 1984; 1 Munster u-16; 1 All-Ireland colleges' B.

**JIMMY O'DWYER**: age 26, insurance representative; 1 county u-21 B, 1 county intermediate; has played National League with Tipperary.

**EDDIE BRERETON**: Age 26, farmer; 1 county u-21 B, 1 county intermediate.

**MICHAEL O'DWYER**: age 23, teacher; 1 county intermediate, 2 county u-21 B.

**TOMAS KENNEALLY**: age 22, farmer; 1 county u-21 A; 1 county u-21 B; 1 county minor B.

**SEAMUS BOLAND**: age 18, student; 1 county u-21 A, 1 county u-21 B.

**PADDY WHYTE**: age 19, student; 1 county u-21 A, 1 county u-21 B, 1 All-Ireland Vocational Schools medal.

**EAMON TOOHEY:** age 31, farmer; 1 county intermediate, oldest player on team.

**PAUL MAHER:** age 28, teacher; 1 county intermediate.

**SEAN McCORMACK:** age 18, student.

**EAMON FANNING:** age 29, captain of u-21 team in 1976 which won county final, factory employee.

**MICHAEL MAHER:** age 31, farmer; 1 county intermediate.

**MICHAEL LARKIN:** age 30, 1 county intermediate; lorry driver.

**SEAN DELANEY:** age 27, publican.

**JOE SMYTH:** age 17, farmer; played on county u-16 team last year.

**MICHAEL DWYER:** age 19, farmer; 1 county u-21 A, 1 county u-21 B.

**FINTAN HARNEY:** age 20, student; 1 county intermediate, 1 county u-21 A, 1 county u-21 B, 1 county minor B, 1 All-Ireland Vocational Schools medal.

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# Kilruane MacDonagh — the years of glory 1985-'86

BY DAMIEN LAWLOR

"Fantastic Kilruane are nation's best", read the main sporting headline in *The Guardian* on March 22nd, 1986. On the opposite page, every GAA club in the division conveyed their good wishes to Kilruane MacDonagh's GAA Club.

The men from Kilruane had just annexed their first All-Ireland club championship, defeating Wexford's Buffer's Alley in the final by a score of 1-15 to 2-10. 1985-'86 were years of glory for the MacDonaghs.

In the 1985 North final they defeated Roscrea and went on to account for Thurles, Cappawhite and Roscrea again in the county campaign. After the closely contested county final against Roscrea, the team had narrow victories over Tullow and Blackrock, after a replay. The path seem to get more clear for the team, with the facile success in the All-Ireland campaign against London Desmonds and Turloughmore. The club had earned a historic place in the club championship final and would play Wexford's Buffer's Alley in the final.

To emphasise the dominance that Kilruane projected in the years 1986-'87, *The Guardian* gave its player of the week award to the club nine times. Among the recipients were John Cahill (2), Seamus Hennessy, Seamus Gibson, Eamon O'Shea, Gilly Williams, Enda Hogan, Joe Banaghan, and Jim Williams. Kilruane MacDonaghs had captured the imagination of the people of Tipperary and Munster. Support for the club was not solely confined to Munster, as five buses from Northern Ireland travelled the long journey to the All-Ireland final. Sixty minutes away from history.

## THE FINAL

The final itself was well contested with Dinny Cahill and Jim Williams being to the fore for Kilruane. Dinny O'Meara at full back held the dangerous Tony Doran's influence to a limit during the match. Kilruane approached the match in an unsettled over-anxious manner, but soon found their effectiveness after a lack-lustre opening. Despite the best efforts of Alley's Martin Casey and Martin Foley, Kilruane slowly got to grips with things and gradually established a lead, due mainly to five superb Jim Williams' points.

After a titanic struggle, the final whistle sounded to scenes of elation from the Kilruane bench and the many supporters that made their way to Croke Park, Dublin. Further glory was bestowed on the parish as Michael McGrath and Len Gaynor led the junior team to North and county titles the same year.

Looking back on the years of glory, things have quietened down a bit in the parish of Cloughjordan. But every team experiences the highs and lows and the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune. My final words in this article are Kilruane will be back — soon!



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Pos.	Player	Club	Score	Total	No. of Games
1	Conor Stakelum	Borris-ileigh	2-27	33 points	4 games
2.	John Doughan	Moneygall	1-24	27 points	4 games
3.	Ml. Scully	Roscrea	1-23	26	4 games
4.	Barry O'Driscoll	Portroe	0-25	25	3 games
5.	Jimmy O'Dwyer	Moneygall	4-5	17	4 games
6.	Denis Ryan	Newport	1-13	16	2 games
7th.	Kevin Tucker	Nenagh E. Og	4-4	16	3 games
8th	Sean Kelly	St. Brendans	2-8	14	2 games
9th	Tommy Dunne	Toomevara	0-14	14	4 games
10th	Ml. Nolan	Toomevara	0-14	14	4 games
11th	David Quinlan	Kilruane	1-9	12	2 games
12th	Colm Egan	St. Brendans	2-6	12	2 games
13th	Ml. Cleary	Nenagh	0-12	12	3 games
14th	Ken Hogan	Lorrha	3-2	11	2 games
17th	Tommie Carroll	Toomevara	2-4	10	4 games
15th	Liam Murray	St. Odhrans	0-10	10	2 games
16th	Pat Kennedy	Lorrha	2-4	10	2 games
18th	Joe Harrington	St. Odhrans	1-6	9	2 games
19th	John Kennedy	Nenagh	1-6	9	3 games
20th	Conor Egan	Roscrea	1-6	9	4 games
21st	Padraig Hogan	Borrisokane	0-8	8	2 games

## NENAGH SCORERS TO DATE IN THE NORTH TIPP SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 1993.

Kevin Tucker 4-4 — 16 pts.  
 Ml. Cleary 0-12 — 12 pts.  
 John Kennedy 1-6 — 9 pts.  
 Paul Doolan 2-2 — 8 pts.  
 Robbie Tomlinson 1-3 — 6 pts.  
 John Heffernan 1-2 — 5 pts.  
 Philip Kennedy 1-0 — 3 pts.

## MONEYGALL SCORERS TO DATE IN THE NORTH TIPP SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

John Doughan 1-24 — 27 pts.  
 Jimmy O'Dwyer 4-5 — 17 pts.  
 Noel Ryan 1-5 — 8 pts.  
 Ml O'Dwyer 1-4 — 7 pts.  
 Brian O'Dwyer 0-6 — 6 pts.  
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Today's North Final programme looks back on the fond memories of the recently deceased. Those remembered are J.K.C., Jack Colli-son, Willie O'Reilly, and 'Digger' Stanley.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh anam acu.

Tributes courtesy of *The Guardian*.

## J.K.C. — a truly great character

by GERRY SLEVIN

(From *The Guardian* January 23rd, 1993)

On Tuesday afternoon of last week I drove down slushy Summerhill, J.K.C. was driving immediately ahead of me. I flashed my lights for 'divilment' and he immediately looked in his mirror, recognised me and shook his fist.

He stopped at the traffic lights and when the 'green' signal came, instead of moving away as I expected him to do, he remained where he was. He raised his head, glancing at the mirror, no doubt to gauge my reaction. I sounded the horn. He held his ground — until it suited him — and then drove on. As he pulled up outside his premises and I overtook him, he lowered the window, put out his right fist and raised it in triumph!

You could never get the better of him, could you?

On Thursday morning shortly before 9 as I drove into town I expected to meet him coming around the corner into Kickham Street as I normally did, on his milk/paper rounds. Instead there were small groups of people around, speaking in shocked tones. JK had died suddenly. The 'craic' was over. A sense of incredible gloom enshrouded the town.

Sudden death had claimed a very special man in the life of Nenagh, a man who left behind him a legacy of yarns and who will be talked about for many a day. A man who built up a thriving business by sheer dint of hard work and application. A man who knew everybody, could converse with everybody, and it didn't matter who you were, you could get the sting from his tongue if he felt you deserved it.

JK had an aura about him that appealed to everyone. What to some might appear to be a gruff exterior hid a heart that was full of good humour and the twinkle of his eyes clearly showed his love of life and people. His shopping arcade was the mecca for so many, the Clery's clock of Nenagh.

JK was never happier than when conversing — or indeed arguing — with people. He had forthright opinions, especially about the state of the country, about hurling and to endeavour to discuss some game with him in the wake of a defeat, say for Tipp or Eire Og, well, you could expect to hear it straight



from the shoulder. No-one was spared, not even 'the lad' — Michael — if he thought he merited it!

Equally so when the boot was on the other foot. The aftermath of a victory would see him launch into his 'Lord, you know what it is, lads', and the pride and joy would ooze from him as from no other.

Recent years, of course, saw his hurling pleasure at its zenith and try as he did, he just could not contain the pleasure derived from Michael's exploits. Those All-Ireland medals, his All-Star selections — and I have reason to cower under JK's onslaught when I failed to include him in my All-Star side of 1990 — these and the many other awards which hurling gave his only son, set him on a platform that was a just recompense for all that he himself had contributed to so much to, in so many ways.

Éire Óg now boasts a magnificent clubhouse but long before it came on the scene, JKC's shopping arcade was the unofficial club headquarters. Committee meetings were held there regularly. Club teams of all grades congregated there to be picked up en route to come venue and they never left without some word, be it complementary or otherwise from the genial JK.

One story I heard at the weekend epitomised the sheer 'divilmint' of the man. It seems that a committee meeting was in progress one night and JK was clearing up the shop, putting away all the objects hanging outside. As he passed through where the meeting was in progress someone commented that they were very hungry! JK went into the kitchen and came back to tell his listeners that there no nothing around only soup.

Fine, that would do grand.

Under the impression that they would be in receipt of a streaming hot bowl of soup shortly, the committee members carried on with their meeting. Eventually one of them went into the kitchen to see what was keeping JK. The lights were out. He wasn't there. He had gone to bed!

But it seems this was one instance when J.K. didn't have the last word. Some time later another meeting was in progress and JK had done his usual tidying up act before telling his friends that he was going out for a while and to pull the door behind them when leaving.

When he returned, all the lights in the shop were on, the items he had taken down were all hanging up there. The committee had departed!

I cannot felt feeling that he eventually got his own back on them!

In Sunday's crowded church, Fr. Pat Cotter spoke eloquently and sincerely about JK and what he meant to Nenagh. His reference to St. Peter being on the receiving end of a tongue lashing from J.K., if the Gates of Heaven were not opened quickly enough for him, brought many a wry smile from the congregation. No, not even the good St. Peter himself could expect to be treated any differently from the rest of men.

That was JK. A truly great character, a man who brought so much pleasure to the lives of so many, a man who had so many friends in so many places, a man who lived life to the full and who treasured above all else his intense relationship with the God he showed such love and respect for every

day of his life.

There is a void in Nenagh life that will never be re-filled. In 26 Pearse Street that void is such that it will never be fully appreciated. Wife Peg, son Michael, daughters Marian and Eileen, as well as his sisters Mary and Anne have lost not just a special person but a man of immeasurable characteristics, all of which were used to the fullest in the furtherance of those he loved, and to the betterment of his adopted town.

Hailing originally from Borrisokane parish, JK adapted himself very quickly to Nenagh life when he arrived there over forty years ago. And just as he took to Nenagh and his people so too did they respond to him.

As his family endeavours to come to terms with his passing there is immense consolation in the fact that JK's death is deeply mourned by so many people from all walks of life. Not a man to seek popularity, rather did it reach him through his unfailing ability to communicate and to build up friendships that were always lasting.

At the reception of the remains Canon Hogan — and again Fr. Cotter on Sunday — spoke of what little hope there is for the rest of us, if JK has not earned him eternal reward.

Yes, indeed, a great man, a man of the people, a man in whose company it was a delight to be present, even if it saw you cut down to size at times! But there was nothing vicious in his remarks and provided they were accepted in the manner in which they were given, then you knew where you stood.

Ar dheis laimh De go raibh a anam dilis.

## The late Jack Collison

The death took place after a long illness of Jack Collison, Golden Grove Road, station master in Roscrea.

A native of Moneygall, Jack received his secondary education at St. Flannan's College, Ennis and played in goals on the 1954 Harty Cup team. He was on the St. Flannan's selection — Inane Rovers, Moneygall and Toomevara — which won county senior football titles in 1958, 1959 and 1961. He was corner forward on the Tipperary team beaten by Kerry at Clonmel in the 1960 Munster semi-final, and full forward on the 1962 team beaten in the first round by Waterford.

He won a junior county medal with Inane Rovers in 1961 when Golden were held scoreless. Jack's midfield partnership with Pat Dynan that day was a decisive factor. He also got a North junior medal with Inane in 1958 and 1959.

A North senior hurling medal came his way in 1963 with Roscrea. He scored a decisive goal in the quarter final against Borrisokane ten minutes from the end of the game which turned the tide in Roscrea's favour after Borris had led by five points at the interval.

In the North final against Toomevara he played at corner back, and Roscrea won 2-12 to 1-8. He was at wing back for the county final against

Sarsfields but as in 1945, Roscrea were out of luck against their rivals. 1954 saw Jack back in the colours of Moneygall and he won a junior county football medal with them that year. he was in a North senior hurling final with Moneygall in 1967, but Roscrea and his brother-in-law Kieran Carey, were victorious. Many think Jack's greatest display of hurling was in the county quarter final that year when Moneygall went down narrowly to Moycarkey.

Retirement from hurling saw him take up golf with zest. He filled many offices in Roscrea Golf Club, including captain. He continued to be interested in hurling, and was a juvenile selector in Roscrea in the early 1980s, being particularly associated with the 1982 North under 14 championship team. He was also very active in Roscrea Credit Union over many years. To his wife, son Diarmuid, daughter Marie, sisters, Sr. Helan and Sr. Kathleen and other relatives sympathy is extended.

## The late Willie O'Reilly

by GAEL OG

For most of his fifty five years, Willie O'Reilly was an outstanding worker for the G.A.A. in Roscrea. He had been in bad health for some time before his recent death and his passing leaves a huge void in the local hurling club, which he loved so much.

For many townspeople Willie was the GAA because of his wholehearted commitment to its promotion. In his time Willie did it all: player, referee, club officer, board delegate and team trainer. He even marked St. Cronan's Park for matches there and often acted as a steward on the day itself.

I first met Willie twenty years ago, when he was training the juvenile hurlers, a role he always relished. His enthusiasm then was frightening and all youngsters carried out his instructions to the letter. In fact, Willie was one of those who pioneered juvenile progress in the 'sixties and of course this work translated itself later into the adult success, where Willie was a key man. At one time Willie told me he was involved with thirteen GAA teams in the same year!

As a player himself Willie was a resolute performer, being equally adept at hurling and football but it was as a trainer and selector that he was at his best. He was a mentor throughout Roscrea's glorious era 1968-'73 which saw county, provincial and All-Ireland senior club hurling titles annexed, while in 1980 when Roscrea last won the Dan Breen Cup he was trainer of the winning team. I'll never forget his leap of delight that day when Roger Ryan scored the vital goal. It was at least four feet off the ground but the landing was more painful for some!

In 1969 Willie steered Inane Rovers minor footballers to the county title, a first for North Tipperary.

But the 'eighties were Willie's busiest years. Having succeeded the much-loved Fr. Carey as chairman in '71. Willie was back in full cry after a brief



rest in the mid-seventies. In 1980 he was club chairman when the pavilion was opened by GAA president, Paddy McFlynn. Willie's contribution to the pavilion during and after construction was unqualified. He was always anxious that it should be properly maintained and fully used for the benefit of the members.

In 1982 Willie trained the club's junior team to a first ever county title when Cappawhite were beaten by Holycross.

Throughout the decade Willie served on numerous selection committees from under 12 up to senior while also representing the club at board meetings and acting as chairman and secretary. He prepared Roscrea for the opening of the 1989 senior campaign before ill-health forced him to step down. He remained active at juvenile level and ended his life where he started as leader of that body. Willie's refereeing talents were often hidden due to Roscrea's success but he was very much in demand at divisional and county level. He refereed the county MFC final in 1975 and the North MFC final in 1979. To officiate at the latter he had to forego a trip to the All-Ireland 7-a-side in Kilmacud — but all's well that ends well — Roscrea came home triumphantly with yet another first.

Throughout his refereeing days Willie often wore the black and amber of Kilkenny: "They won't mix me up with anyone", he often said but Paddy Burke RIP used to tell him people thought he was Paddy Buggy, the ex-Kilkenny hurler and referee later to be GAA president. Willie would always end the debate by asking who was he!

Not surprisingly, Willie's talents were recognised at intercounty level and he represented his club on Tipperary selection committees including minor hurling (1978) and junior hurling (1983).

His own playing days had many highlights. He played in the 1963 county SHC final against mighty Thurles Sarsfields and was corner back on the Antigen team which beat the Bacon Factory in the Munster inter-firms final on a foggy January day in 1971 in St. Cronan's Park.

He was still an active player up to two seasons ago, when he played for Antigen in the 7-a-side hurling tournament under the auspices of the holiday week committee. He often joked about the average age of the Antigen selection. Mike Hogan will know what he meant!

The upcoming club annual general meeting will be a strange one without Willie who became known as 'The Kaiser' during the glorious success story of 1980. It was a term of affection which signified quite clearly that Willie was 'the boss'. There's no doubt his pride in Roscrea was enormous. This was particularly evident in 1980 and 1983 when the club received the North Tipp club of the year award and in 1981 when the AIB club of the year competition yielded a certificate of merit. Willie was a senior club officer in each of those award winning seasons.

I served in many capacities with 'The Kaiser' and the quality which always prevailed was that of his honesty and integrity.

Never one to delegate if he could do it himself, Willie O'Reilly had many friends. Like me, they too hope that he had a good seat above because if any man deserved one it is Willie.



# Tom 'Digger' Stanley, R.I.P.

by DAMIEN LAWLOR

In November 1991, Nenagh Éire Óg said its last farewell to one of its most beloved sons. Tom Stanley, more commonly known as 'Digger' was a great servant to the club, especially the older Sarsfields and St. Mary's Clubs which now comprise Nenagh Éire Óg.

Digger in his day acted as a player, official and administrator. Working in the local Aluminium factory, Digger's passion was hurling and it is generally agreed that he had a knowledgeable acquaintance with the sport. Despite the fact that he spent some time in Wolverhampton, he continued hurling and and spreading the word about the GAA. Digger was, in his later years, elected president of his beloved club, along with Mick O'Brien and Michael Ryan.

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## Who won the titles — 1901-'92

by DAMIEN LAWLOR

**TOOMEVARA (23):** 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1922, 1923, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1946, 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962.

**ROSCREA (15):** 1936, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1945, 1949, 1954, 1963, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1980.

**BORRIS-ILEIGH (12):** 1947, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1972, 1973, 1976, 1981, 1983, 1988.

**KILRUANE MacDONAGHS (11):** 1940, 1944, 1959, 1965, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1990.

**LORRHA (8):** 1905, 1914, 1924, 1948, 1956, 1966, 1984, 1989.

**LOHORNA DE WETS (7):** 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1907, 1908.

**NENAGH EIRE OG (4):** 1915, 1957, 1964, 1992.

**KILDANGAN (3)** 1934, 1938, 1943.

**NEWPORT: (2):** 1932, 1935.

**BORRISOKANE (1):** 1933.

**SILVERMINES (1):** 1974.

**MONEYGALL (1):** 1975.

# Nenagh Eire Og Roll of Honour

## N.B. IN NORTH TIPPERARY G.A.A. AFFAIRS

The first success for Nenagh hurling club was in 1915 when they won the Senior Hurling Championship. Honours were scarce for the club and they only secured three Minor Hurling Championships in 1940', '41, 42.

Meanwhile their local neighbours Eire Og (whow ere named "Red Rovers") gained a minor hurling success in 1938.

In 1947 a local curate was successful in seeking an amalgamation which resulted in the club being named St. Mary's after the local church.

In the mid-lift year St. Mary's won the Intermediate Championships and ten years later the Murphy Cup. Senior hurling rested in the North Tipp. capital. At this stage the club had changed its name to Eire Og Nenagh which was subsequently changed to Nenagh Eire Og in 1992.

The club Roll of Honour since 1947 is as follows:

S.H. 3: 1945, 64, 92.

S.H.L. 2: 1988, 91.

I.H. 1: 1947.

J.H. 3: 1953, 62, 83.

J.H.B. 1: 1992.

U/21 4: 1979, 80, 81, 82.

Minor 13: 1974, 48, 49, 51, 53, 55, 69, 77, 78, 79, 89, 91, 92.

Juvenile success will show 20 championship wins since 1962, which includes:

U/17 Hurling - 3 titles: 1965 - 71.

U/16 Hurling - 7 titles - 1972 - 92.

U/15 U/R H.: - 3 titles - 1962 - 72.

U/14 U/R H.: - 5 titles - 1972 - 92.

U/13 Hurling: - none - 1969 - 72.

U/12 Hurling: - 2 - 1972 - 92.

other noteworthy wins include:

Club of the Year - 1979, 89, 92.

North Tipp Guardian Player of the Year: 1987 - Conor O'Donovan.

1989 - Ml. Cleary.

## CLUB OFFICERS

Presidents: Ml. Ryan, Ml. O'Brien.

Chairman: Ger Gavin.

Vice-Chairman: Jack Kennedy.

Secretary: Jimmy Minogue.

Treasurer: Jimmy Morris.

P.R.O.: Sean Minogue.

# Kieran Carey — a great servant of Tipp and Roscrea

by LIAM DORAN

When John Joe Maher compiled his all-time great Roscrea team in 1980, he had no hesitation in giving the full back spot to Kieran Carey. John Joe described him as "strong, durable, close, sticky, never spectacular, but very dependable".

Kieran, a native of the adjoining parish of Kyle and Knock, came to Roscrea hurling through the vocational school. He played minor hurling with Roscrea, winning a North medal in 1950, the first of a remarkable collection. The following year he hurled with Kyle and the little parish won a Laois senior title. Their reign as champions was brief, dethroned the following year, and soon after Kieran was back on the Roscrea colours.

Impressive displays soon brought the attentions of county selectors, and when Michael Maher was out for the Limerick game in 1958 championship, Kieran was called up to fill the breach. His fine display ensured his retention in the team when Maher returned from injury. Kieran moved across to corner to collect his first Munster and All-Ireland medals.

A St. Brendan's Cup medal with the defeat of New York in 1959 followed, then All-Ireland honours in 1961 in the defeat of Dublin; and another in 1962 against Wexford — he rated his opponent that day, the legendary 'Hopper' McGrath as his most formidable corner forward. Two more All-Ireland medals came in 1964 and '65 and after the defeat of Kilkenny in 1967 he decided to retire from inter-county hurling.

But at this time Roscrea were making the breakthrough in club hurling. He had won a North medal in 1963, and again in 1967, only to lose to Carrick Davins in the county final. 1968 saw Roscrea won the county title at last, and 1970 saw the three-in-a-row. Kieran crowned his club career with an All-Ireland club medal in 1971 with the victory over St. Rynaghs. It was a great occasion to bow out of competitive hurling, though he did turn out in inter-firms the following year, to help Roscrea Bacon factory win the All-Ireland.

Kieran's honours list is impressive. Five All-Ireland medals, five National Leagues, five Oireachtas, seven Munster, four Railway Cup, one All-Ireland club, one All-Ireland inter-firm, three Tipperary county; six North, one St. Brendan's Cup, one Laois senior; one North Tipp minor. Truly one of the greats of the game.

# Moneygall Officers

**President:** Fr. O'Meara, P.P.

**Vice-Presidents:** Seamus O Riain, Billy Jones, Tim Gleeson.

**Chairman:** Fr. Michael Hogan, C.C.

**Vice-Chairman:** Paul Jones, Gerry Hayes.

**Secretary:** Eugene Ryan.

**Treasurer:** John Costigan.

**P.R.O.:** Caroline Hogan.

**Registrar:** Jim Hoolan.

## ROLL OF HONOUR

**Senior Hurling:** 1975.

**Intermediate Hurling:** 1943, '49, '62, '91.

**Junior Hurling:** 1929.

**Under-21 Hurling:** 1992 (A), B: 1985, '87, '91.

**Minor Hurling :** 1989 (B).

**Under-16 Hurling:** 1985, '89.

**Under-12A:** 1976.

## MEET THE CAPTAIN:

# John Kenny, Moneygall

**Date of birth:** 13-2-'67.

**Height:** 6 ft.

**Weight:** 12 st. 6 lbs.

**Honours:** U-21 B North, 1987; u-21 B North 1991; u-21 B county 1991; u-16½ Munster Colleges' medal with Roscrea CBS; u-15 Munster Colleges medal with Roscrea CBS.

**Place of Employment:** Agritec Ltd., Nenagh.

**Toughest Opponent:** They are all tough.

**Favourite ground:** Nenagh's MacDonagh Park.

**Favourite position:** Wing back.

**Sporting ambition:** To bring the Frank McGrath Cup to Moneygall.

**Other sports:** Snooker, tennis.

**Favourite player of the past:** Francis Loughnane.

**Favourite player:** D. J. Carey.

**Biggest influence on career:** Within our club we have an excellent selection of trainers at underage level, the fruit of which you can see today.

**Ways of improving game:** Continuation of excellent youth coaching that is there at present.

**Favourite game seen:** Replay of Munster Final 1991 at Thurles, Cork v Tipperary.

**Dislikes about the GAA:** Not allowing other sports to be played on GAA grounds for worthy occasions.



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# **Buoyant Burgess — 16 year wait is over**

**Burgess 1-16, Kildangan 2-6**

**(By Gerry Slevin)**

A stranger entering Cloughjordan's MacDonagh Park at around 5 p.m. on Sunday would be forgiven for thinking that the array of green and gold and the euphoria that has descended on the place, had come about because of something very special.

He/she would have been right. While the occasion marked the 11th intermediate hurling title for Burgess, there was an extra special ring about this one. A four point winning margin might suggest that it was a relatively close affair throughout. It wasn't. One never sensed that Burgess were in any danger and with the accuracy of Sean Nealon very evident in punishing the indiscretions of the Kildangan defence — he sent over seven points from frees — there was a considerable gap between the sides, scorewise, up until the closing minutes when a late brace of goals provided a final picture that was hardly justified on the run of play.

The opening minutes were played at a furious pace, a point each being the total scoring for seven minutes. Then came the Burgess goal which was to provide the tonic to take the game out of Kildangan's reach when Sean Nealon goaled, with an unstoppable shot.

In goal for Kildangan, Cathal Egan was to play a major role in keeping the Burgess tally within manageable proportions, his height coming to the rescue when he stopped three shots that seemed destined to cross the bar. But it was the no-nonsense play of Burgess that earned the most appropriate reaction, a flood of points to which Kildangan could only reply with long range frees pointed by corner back and captain, Donal Flannery.

## **KILDANGAN PROBLEMS**

It was clear that the Kildangan attack was having problem in piercing the Burgess defence and whenever a shot did get through, David Ryan dealt smartly with it. The sterling work of Tony Gregan, Kevin Cooney and Colm McDonnell was augmented by the sway John Joe Ryan and John Darcy held at midfield and when the second half resumed, Kildangan had an alternation in the midfield sector, introducing Art Flannery for Eddie Darcy. It was a measure of the inadequacy of the Kildangan attack that only one of their points in the hour was scored from play.

For Burgess, David Ryan had every reason to be confident with the cover he received. John Flannery flanked by Shane Ryan and Kevin



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Cooney oozed authority, and in front of them, Tony Gregan was outstanding on the wing, receiving excellent support from John McKenna and Colm McDonnell. John Joe Ryan and John Darcy were never seriously troubled at midfield and Sean Nealon led the attack with flair and confidence.

Michael Kearns, Darrell Tucker, Eugene Hogan, Liam McGrath and John Grace did much good work. Kildangan owed much to Cathal Egan, Donal Flannery, Brian Flannery, Colm Egan, Tom Grace and Michael Nolan.

On that day the scores for Burgess and Kildangan were: Burgess: S. Nealon 1-9, D. Tucker, M. Kearns, T. Darcy, J. Grace 0-1 each. Kildangan: Colm Egan 1-2, D. Flannery 0-4, M. Nolan and T. Grace 0-1.

**Burgess:** David Ryan, Shane Ryan, John Flannery, Kevin Cooney, John McKenna, Colm McDonnell, Tony Gregan, J. J. Ryan, John Darcy, Eugene Hogan, Liam McGrath, John Grace, Michael Kearns, Sean Nealon (capt), Darrell Tucker, Sub: D. Darcy for Hogan.

**Kildangan:** Cathal Egan, Donal Flannery (capt), Paddy Hayes, Eamon Kelly, Christy Hayes, Brian Flannery, Eamon Fahy, Eddie Darcy, Michael Nolan, Martin Grace, Michilin Delaney, Paul Gavin, Colm Egan, Tom Grace. Subs: Art Flannery for Darcy, Ger O'Meara for Gavin.

Referee: Johnny McDonnell (Roscrea).

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## Ref. - John McDonnell

The week-end will be very busy for Roscrea referee Johnny McDonnell, who has been selected to be the man in the middle for the North Senior Hurling final between Eire Og and Moneygall. He will have to make a dash back from Derry where he officiates at the Derry v Kilkenny U/21 All-Ireland hurling semi-final.

Johnny was the referee for the Toomevara-Lorrha North Final of 1989. Recognised as one of the most efficient inter-county referees, Johnny did the Cork-Kerry senior hurling tie last year, and this year's Munster U/21 final between Cork and Limerick. He also did the Wexford-Laois Leinster Senior Championship game this year, and this year's Leinster Vocational Schools individual hurling final, as well as the All-Ireland Vocational final last year.

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## Enjoyment from hurling

Peter Nolan of Templederry Juvenile club writes:

The most important thing to me about hurling is the enjoyment it gives me, whether it is playing or training or watching. I love being involved with hurling.

When I first started playing U/12 with my club, Templederry, I got to know and make friends with other boys in the parish who did not attend the same primary school. Without hurling there would be a lot of boys my own age in my parish that I would never meet or know. Also in rural areas there would be very little for boys (and girls) to do if there was no juvenile hurling. I was privileged and honoured to be a member of the North Tipperary U-16 hurling team this year.

I felt particularly proud to be playing in the U/16 Munster final before the minor and senior finals in Limerick. None of this would have been possible without the support and encouragement I receive as a juvenile from my parents and my club.

One thing I must mention about juvenile hurling is that none of the enjoyment I get from it would be possible without all the hard work done by club officers, trainers and selectors. Without these people I would never learn the skills of the game nor would I be able to get to training and games.

I would advise all those of juvenile age to play hurling at school and with their club. There's no more enjoyable sport to play. It is also a team game and it teaches people at a young age not to be selfish. And who knows! If you play you always have a chance of playing in Croke Park on the first Sunday of September. If you don't that dream can never come true.



Moneygall, winners over Roscrea in the semi-final: Back, l to r: Jimmy O'Dwyer, Neil Maher, Brian O'Dwyer, Neddy Brereton, Kevin Collison, Eamon Toohey, Jim Hoolan, John Costigan. Front: Jimmy O'Dwyer, Declan Ryan, John Doughan, Noel Ryan, John Donovan, Eamon Troy, John Kenny.

# KILDANGAN

## I.H. TEAM

1.

**Martin Grace**

2.

**Pat Hayes**

3.

**Pat Minehan**

4.

**Donal Flannery**

5.

**James Minehan**

6.

**Brian Flannery - Matthew Fogarty**

7.

8.

**Christy Hayes**

9.

**Cathal Egan (capt)**

10.

**Eamonn Fahy**

11.

**Eamonn Kelly**

12.

**John Teefy**

13.

**Colm Egan**

14.

**Tom Grace**

15.

**Sean Kelly**

Subs: Michael Nolan, 17 Aidan Killeen, 18 Paul Gavin, 19 Aidan Ryan, 20 Seamus Gleeson, 21 Liam Flannery, 22 Pat Seymour, 23 Anthony Sherlock, 24 Francis Hayes, 25 Martin Hogan.

<b>Kildangan</b>	Cúil	Cúillíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
lomlán					

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# BURGESS I.H. TEAM

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1. <b>David Ryan</b>		
2. <b>John Maher</b>	3. <b>John Flannery</b>	4. <b>Kevin Cooney</b>
5. <b>Shane Ryan</b>	6. <b>Colum McDonnell</b>	7. <b>John McKenna</b>
8.                      9. <b>John Joe Ryan      Tony Cregan</b>		
10. <b>Denis Darcy</b>	11. <b>Liam McGrath</b>	12. <b>John Darcy</b>
13. <b>Michael Kearns</b>	14. <b>Sean Nealon</b>	15. <b>Darrell Tucker</b>

Sub keeper: Seamus Slattery, 16 John Grace, 17 Eugene Hogan, 18 Aidan McGrath, 19 David McAuliffe, 20 John Ryan, 21 John Murray, 22 Patrick Cooney, 23 Timmie Maher, 24 Darren Meaney, 25 Donal Nealon.

<b>Burgess</b>	Cúil	Cúillíní	Seachái	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
Iomlán					



# MONEYGALL

(Colours: Black and Red)

1.

**Kevin Collison**

2.

**Tom Delaney**

3.

**Jim Hoolan**

4.

**Declan Ryan**

5.

**Eamon Troy**

6.

**Brian O'Dwyer**

7.

**John Costigan**

8.

**John Kenny, (c)**

9.

**Eamon Touhy**

10.

**John Doughan**

11.

**Noel Ryan**

12.

**John Shelly**

13.

**Jimmy O'Dwyer**

14.

**Neddy Brereton**

15.

**Michael O'Dwyer**

Sub keeper, Shay Boland, 16 Neil Maher, 17 Paul Maher, 18 Donagh Hoolan, 19 John Donovan, 20 Tom Kenneally, 21 Paddy White, 22 Sean McCormack, 23 Eamon Fanning, 24 Michael Maher, 25 Michael Larkin, 26 Sean Delaney, 27 Joe Smyth, 28 Michael Dwyer, 29 Fintan Harney, 30 Liam Carroll

Selectors: Eugene Ryan, Jim Guilfoyle, John O'Meara,  
Trainer: Dinny Cahill.

<b>Moneygall</b>	Cúil	Cúillíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
Iomlán					

# NENAGH EIRE ÓG

(Colours: Blue and White)

1.

**Christy McLoughlin**

2.

**Donie O'Brien**

3.

**Conor O'Donovan**

4.

**Noel Coffey**

5.

**Paul Kennedy**

6.

**Frank Moran**

7.

**Phil Hennessy**

8.

**Philip Kennedy**

9.

**Paul Dolan**

10.

**Robbie Tomlinson**

11.

**Michael Cleary**

12.

**Eddie Tucker**

13.

**Kevin Tucker**

14.

**Nielly Corbett**

15.

**John Kennedy**

Sub keeper, Gearoid Cleary, 17 John Heffernan (capt), 18 Michael Kennedy, 19 John Tucker, 20 Declan O'Meara, 21 Con Howard, 22 Shane Connolly, 23 Denis Finnerty, 24 Michael Grace, 25 Chris Bonnar, 26 Barry O'Brien

Selectors: Liam Heffernan, John Tucker, Billy Flannery.

<b>EIRE OG</b>	Cúil	Cúillíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath	71				
Iomlán					



Nenagh Éire Óg, winners over Toomevara in the semi-final: Back, l. to r.: Donie O'Brien, Eddie Tucker, Frank Moran, Noel Coffey, Christy McLoughlin, Paul Dolan, Phil Kennedy, Conor O'Donovan, Front: Michael Cleary, Kevin Tucker, Robbie Tomlinson, Nielly Corbett, Paul Kennedy, Phil Hennessy, John Kennedy.

# Teams met in the 1915 final

NENAGH 3-3, MONEYGALL 3-2

Nenagh on the North Tipp S.H. final in 1915 and the following is an account of the game from *The Guardian*:

The final of the North Tipperary senior hurling championship on Sunday July 25th, was played at Toomevara before a very large attendance when Nenagh defeated Moneygall by one point.

The Moneygall team since their sensational victory over the county champions, Toomevara, were considered almost certain winners of the championship this year and had left nothing undone in the matter of training.

The game was splendidly contested, both teams giving a fine display of hurling.

The Nenagh team had put up a proud record this season by defeating Borrisokane and Lorrha (last year's champions) and their supporters were confident that they would put up a great fight against any individual team in the county this year.

The result of Sunday's match well justified the expectations for Nenagh certainly deserved their win, and were value for a few more scores on the play than the actual register placed to their credit. The Nenagh hurlers with one or two exceptions, were splendid exponents of the game, and if taken in hands now by some experienced player who understands training the team should make a great effort towards securing the county championship next season, which achievement was always considered a straight road to the Munster and All-Ireland championships.

## HOW THEY PLAY

For the winners Minogue played a fine dashing game. McGrath at full back was very safe, doing the right thing at the proper time, and doing it well. Flannery (Queen Street) promises a great future. Coonan at midfield is a very classy player and if he understood tackling this man could scarcely be equalled. Meara on the right back was a power of strength. Flannery (Kilruane) did some very clever hurling. Ryan will make a great midfield player. Nolan filled his position as full forward very creditably. Egan has few equals as a tackler. Meara on the right wing was very good but seemed new to the position. Walsh, the injured player, a fine dashing forward. Hogan played a good tough game, Darcy was safe, but a trifle slow. Kennedy seemed a bit nervous as also did Coonan in goal. Ayres who replaced Walsh, played a good game, but should get rid of the ball at once when he gets possession.

The winning score was made by Flannery who dodging his opponents,



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sent the ball through for a major.

The team was: Bill Coonan (Whitewalls), Bill O'Meara and Roddy O'Meara (Ballythomas), Frank McGrath, President of North Tipp GAA (Nenagh), Bill Flannery (Millview and Queen Street), Mick Kennedy (Bank Place), Christy Ryan (Silver Street), Roddy Minogue (Ballintotty, Style), Mick Coonan (Whitewalls), Paddy Coonan (do), brother of Mick and Bill; Matt Hogan (Barrack St), William Flannery (one time chairman of the North Tipp Board), Jimmy Nolan (Cunnahert), brother of Martin Nolan and Pat Nolan; Mick Egan (St. Patrick's Terrace), Walsh (Kilruane), James Darcy (Ardcrone), Martin Ayres (William Street).

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### NORTH FINAL SNIPPETS

For Nenagh Éire Óg there are three brothers on the panel, Eddie, John and Kevin Tucker are all part of the set up, while their father John is the manager of the year.

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# **Championship matches, results and scorers 1993**

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**1st Round: St. Brendan's 3-15**, (Colm Egan 2-5, S. Kelly 1-6, Cathal Egan 0-3, S. O'Meara 0-1); **Borrisokane 0-11** (P. Hogan 0-7, M. Darcy 0-2, V. Dooley and A. Hogan 0-1 each. Referee: Martin Healy (Silvermines).

**Lorrha 4-14** (K. Hogan and P. Kennedy 2-2 each; J. Harding and M. Kinsella 0-3 each, C. McIntyre 0-2, D. O'Meara, M. Young, J. McIntyre, and A. McIntyre 0-1 each); **St. Odhrans:** (L. Murray 0-7, J. Harrington 1-2, T. Murray 0-2, L. Dwan, M. Kennedy, D. Droney, D. Corcoran 0-1 each). Referee: M. Ahearne (Newport).

**Moneygall 1-14** (J. Doughan 0-8, M. O'Dwyer 1-0, N. Ryan 0-2, J. O'Dwyer 0-2, J. Donovan and J. Shelley 0-1 each). **Borris-Ileigh 0-13** (C. Stakelum 0-6, A. Ryan 0-2, J. Boyle, J. Loughnane, T. Stapleton, F. O'Dwyer 0-1 each). Referee: M. Darcy (Borrisokane).

**Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-7** (D. Quinlan 1-4, Ger Williams 1-1, J. Conroy, P. Mulcahy 0-1 each); **Newport 1-9** (D. Ryan 1-7, C. McGrath, P. Keating 0-1 each). Referee: M. Lenihan (Ballinahinch).

**Roscrea 2-10** (M. Scully 1-7, J. Pyne 1-0, D. Pyne, C. Egan, A. Tynan 0-1 each); **Portroe 1-13** (B. O'Driscoll 0-7, M. McKeogh 1-1, D. Hogan, P. O'Brien 0-2 each, J. Seymour 0-1.) Referee: Michael Cahill (Kilruane).

Replay: **Roscrea 1-14** (M. Scully 0-6, C. Egan 1-1, John Pyne 0-3, D. Maher, D. Pyne, J. Stone, D. Hogan 0-1 each); **Portroe 1-13** (B. O'Driscoll 0-8, J. Seymour 1-2, D. Hogan, J. Sheedy, T. Keating 0-1). Referee: Michael Cahill (Kilruane).

**Nenagh Éire Óg 1-9** (M. Cleary 0-5, J. Heffernan 1-2, J. Kennedy, K. Tucker 0-1 each); **Toomevara 1-8** (M. Nolan 0-4, K. Kennedy 1-0, L. Nolan 0-2, D. O'Meara, T. Carroll 0-1 each). Johnny McDonnell (Roscrea).

Losers' Group, first round: **Toomevara 0-12** (T. Dunne 0-9, T. Carroll 0-2, L. Nolan 0-1); **Newport 0-10** (D. Ryan 0-6, G. Bradley 0-2, C. McGrath 0-1). Referee: T. F. Stapleton (Borrisoleigh).

**Borris-Ileigh 1-14** (C. Stakelum 0-8, G. Stapleton 1-0, J. Loughnane 0-2, M. Hayes, B. Ryan, T. Stapleton, F. O'Dwyer 0-1 each); **St. Odhrans** (J. Harrington 0-4, D. Corcoran 1-1, L. Murray 0-3, T. Murray 0-1). Referee: M. Lenihan (Ballinahinch).

Losers' Group semi-finals: **Toomevara 1-13** (M. Nolan 0-8, T. Dunne 0-3, T. Carroll 1-0, J. Ryan and T. Delaney 0-1 each); **Borrisokane 0-5** (M. Quigley 0-2, P. Darcy, P. Hogan, D. Morris 0-1 each). Referee: J. McDonnell (Roscrea).



**Borris-Ileigh 3-12** (C. Stakelum 2-7, J. Loughnane 1-0, M. Hayes 0-2, A. Ryan, J. McGrath, F. Dwyer 0-1 each); **Portroe 1-13** (B. O'Driscoll 0-10, J. Sheehy 1-0, D. Hogan 0-2, P. O'Brien 0-1). Referee: M. Lenihan (Ballinahinch).

Losers' Group final: **Toomevara 1-10** (T. Carroll 1-1, M. Murphy 0-2, M. Nolan 0-2, Thomas Dunne 0-2, T. Dunne 0-1, K. Kennedy 0-1, D. O'Meara 0-1); **Borris-Ileigh 0-11** (C. Stakelum 0-6, A. Ryan 0-2, T. Stapleton 0-1, T. McGrath 0-1, Tim Stapleton 0-1). Referee: M. Lenihan (Ballinahinch).

Winners' Groups: **Moneygall 3-10** (J. Doughan 1-5, N. Ryan 1-0, J. O'Dwyer 1-1, M. O'Dwyer 0-2, B. O'Dwyer, N. Brereton 0-1 each); **Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-12** (E. O'Shea 0-6, D. Quinlan 0-4, Paul Quinlan 1-1, J. Williams 1-0, G. O'Leary 0-1). Referee: M. Healy (Silvermines).

**Roscrea 2-12** (D. Hogan 1-2, C. Egan 1-1, M. Scully 0-3, D. Pyne, D. Maher 0-2 each, M. Hogan, G. Fitzpatrick 0-1 each); **St. Brendan's 2-7** (S. Kelly 1-2, E. Fahy 1-1, S. O'Meara, E. Kelly, T. Hogan, C. Egan 0-1 each). Ref: G. Hayes (Moneygall).

**Nenagh Éire Óg 4-9** (K. Tucker 2-1, P. Dolan 1-1, J. Kennedy 0-3, P. Kennedy 1-0, M. Cleary 0-2, R. Tomlinson 0-2); **Lorrha 1-9** (C. McIntyre 0-3, P. Kennedy 0-2, N. Hogan, L. Reddish, J. McIntyre, J. Madden 0-1 each). Referee: Michael Cahill (Kilruane).

### SEMI-FINALS

**Nenagh Éire Óg 5-13** (K. Tucker 2-2, J. Kennedy 1-2, M. Cleary 0-5, R. Tomlinson, P. Dolan 1-1 each); **Toomevara 1-10** (M. Nolan 0-5, P. Shanahan 1-0, Tom Dunne 0-2, Terry Dunne, D. O'Meara, T. Carroll 0-1 each). Referee: J. McDonnell (Roscrea).

**Roscrea 1-14** (M. Scully 0-5, J. Stone 1-1, D. O'Meara, D. Pyne, C. Egan 0-2 each, M. Hogan, D. Hogan 0-1 each); **Moneygall 1-14** (B. O'Dwyer 0-5, J. Doughan 0-5, J. O'Dwyer 1-1, J. Kenny, N. Ryan, N. Brereton 0-1 each). Referee: M. Lenihan (Ballinahinch).

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## PROMINENT PLAYERS

During this period some Moneygall players won places on county teams. The greatest player among them and probably the greatest of all time in the club, was Darby Collison. As a youth he played for Rockwell College in hurling and football and afterwards while playing with the Davis club in Dublin he played with Dublin. Returning home he was on the Tipperary team that won the Junior All-Ireland in 1915 and helped the senior team to win the Wolfe Tone Memorial Tournament that year.

In 1916 he played centre-field in Tipperary's All-Ireland victory and brought the first All-Ireland senior medal to the club and to the Division. He was again at centre field the following year when losing to Dublin in the final and figured for a number of years for the county although his career was interrupted by his activities during the 'trouble'. He was a fine footballer and was honoured by county selectors on a number of occasions. Furthermore he was a keen administrator and was elected vice-chairman of the North division Board in 1919 and 1920.

His brother Paddy Major Collison played junior football with the county in 1914 and distinguished himself as an inter-county hurler in the 1920's. He was on the selection that won the Munster Championship in 1925 and played in the All-Ireland semi-final against Antrim that year but he was injured before the All-Ireland final. He was at centre field in the three memorable games against Cork in the Munster Championship of 1926. For many years he was secretary of the club and later on gave service as chairman and vice-chairman.

Jack Kennedy was a hurling stylist, a sweet striker left or right who had a long career as a backman with the club and county. Winning an All-Ireland junior medal in 1915, he gained a senior place with Darby in 1919 when Tipperary were beaten by a point by Cork and again in 1920 when going down to Limerick in the semi-final.

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# JOHN DOUGHAN - Moneygall

by LIAM HOGAN

A brief glimpse at the young career of John Doughan will show that he has been a very busy individual over the past five years or so.

Success at juvenile level was limited. He appeared in the 1985 U-12 final. My first memory of John was in '89 when he appeared at top of the left in the successful Munster U/16 campaign. Later on he helped Tipperary U-16 Co. team win the Nenagh Co-Op Tournament.

In fact that year brought John two B championship medals in the U/16 and minor.

In 1990 John attended school at Nenagh CBS where success was minimal but he did help his school make the Harty Cup Final, but they were unable to bring off the laurels, when St. Flannan's were the winners.

In 1991 John was again in search of Harty Cup honours, but this time Nenagh CBS failed at semi-final stage after replay defeat again at the hands of St. Flannan's.

Moneygall finally made the breakthrough to the North Minor "A" Final. After defeating Toomevara in the semi-final when John scored 1-3 in their 6-7 to 2-8 win.

However, Nenagh Eire Og proved to be too strong.

Moneygall reached the Intermediate final against Silvermines and John proved to be a prolific scorer. The final ended in a 2-10 to 2-10 draw which John scored 1-2. In the replay he managed 0-8 to help his side win the fourth Inter win.

John helped himself to a 0-9 pts total in the Co. Semi-Final draw against Upperchurch/Drombane plus another 0-6 in the replay win of 1-10 to 1-7. The win gave John and his side a chance of County medals. Moneygall defeated Arravale Rovers after a 3-9 to 2-6 win.

The year was not to finish there. John helped his side win a North and Co. U-21 "B" championship, scoring 0-7 in the North win of 1-12 to 2-6 against Lorrha, plus 0-6 in their 3-10 to 3-5 win over Clonoulty. That week John Doughan was Player of the Week.

1992 saw Moneygall return to the senior ranks. John Doughan helped himself to a tally of 1-13 in two games. Moneygall's lot was two defeats at the hands of Borris-ileigh and Portroe.

John was in fine scoring form after Moneygall were U-21 "A" champions in their 2-16 to 1-10 win over Roscrea. John playing at mid-field scored 0-10 pts. This was to prove the way for a second Co. U-21 success in two years.

He scored 0-7 in Moneygall's 2-13 to 4-1 win over Killencullen, which was followed by a 1-12 to 1-7 win over Cashel. In the final John scored 1-6



from frees.

Scoring has been John's greatest asset. This year he has amassed a whopping 1-24 in the Senior Championship on route to today's final. His tally has brought him to second place in the championship scorers chart, with Conor Stakelum in first place with 2-27. Indeed Sean's uncle Noel Seymour scored 3-8 in a North Intermediate Final back in 68. John's father Sean helped Moneygall to the sides last senior success of 1975.

This year John played at mid-field against Cork in the Munster U/21 Championship. Tipp were unlucky that night but a success today from John could help numb that disappointment. The 1990's could be great for Moneygall and especially John Doughan.

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### NORTH FINAL SNIPPETS

Included in this year's Eire Og team are Robbie Tomlinson who was captain of the county minor hurling team last year and Kevin Tucker who had the same distinction this year.

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# G.A.A. Quizword

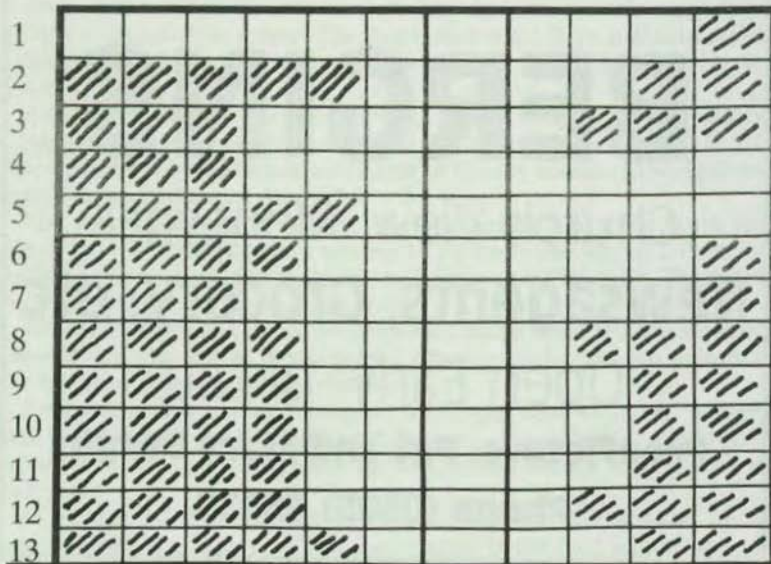
Compiled by Gerry Slevin

Just a little exercise to keep the mind ticking over. Hereunder the clues refer to people and places connected with the G.A.A., of course there's a Tipp connection throughout.

As you solve them, you will find a name emerging between the heavy lines, of a prominent North Tipperary player.

## Clues:

1. How can you train properly in a big church? (10)
2. A regal scribe (4).
3. Hay there, you've changed counties (5).
4. Hank gone? Down Lorrha way. (3,5).
5. Cute by name and nature (3,3).
6. Stong link with 3. Has trophies to cherish (6).
7. Fond of languages. Name and club says so (7)
- 8/9. If money is the root of all evil, he keeps it in check (4,5).
10. Supposed to be there when in need. But he'll be back. (5).
11. A foolish club surely and only one game to play (5).
12. Our friend Hank has associations with it. Sounds cold. (4).
13. If there wasn't one on the Tipp team we'd be surprised. (4).



# Top marksmen in North SH finals, 1963-'92

by LIAM HOGAN

Between the years 1963-'92 there have been thirty-two finals played including replays. Every final has had its moments, with great goalkeeping, defending and great scores. Listed below are the games' top scorers in each of the finals, beginning with the 1963 final:

Year	Teams and Result	Top scorer
1963	Roscrea 4-12, Toomevara 1-8	Phil O'Meara (R) 1-4
1964	Nenagh Eire Og 5-12, Roscrea 2-8	Terry Moloney (N) 2-5
1965	Kilruane 3-10, Lorrha	Peter Hogan (L) 2-1
1966	Lorrha 3-11, Toomevara 2-13	Tom Ryan (T) 1-7
1967	Roscrea 4-15, Moneygall 3-8	Philip Ryan (M) 1-5
1968	Roscrea 2-15, Borris-Ileigh 3-7	Francis Loughnane (R) 0-9
1969	Roscrea 5-9, Lorrha 2-4	Joe Tynan (R) 2-1
1970	Roscrea 3-9, Moneygall 3-3	Philip Ryan (M) 2-2
1971	Roscrea 3-8, Borris-Ileigh 3-5	Francis Loughnane (R) 2-7
1972	Borris-Ileigh 2-9, Lorrha 0-4	Liam Carroll (B) 2-1
1973	Borris-Ileigh 3-6, Kilruane 2-8	Michael Coen (B) 2-0
1974	Silvermines 4-7, Roscrea 1-10	Francis Loughnane (R) 0-7
1975	Moneygall 2-10, Silvermines 1-11	John Forde (S) 1-4
1976	Borris-Ileigh 4-11, Lorrha 3-5	Michael Coen (B) 2-1
1977	Kilruane 1-12, Borris-Ileigh 2-7	Seamus Hennessy (K) 0-7
1978	Kilruane 3-6, Roscrea 1-11	Seamus Hennessy (K) 0-6
1979	Kilruane 1-12, Moneygall 1-9	Seamus Hennessy (K) 0-9
1980	Roscrea 1-9, Kilruane 0-12	Seamus Hennessy (K) 0-6
	Roscrea 5-6, Kilruane 2-12	Joe Butler (R) 2-1
1981	Borris-Ileigh 1-9, Roscrea 1-6	Michael Coen (B) 1-1
		Noel O'Dwyer (B) 0-4
1982	Nenagh Eire Og 0-17, Roscrea 3-8	Conor O'Donovan (N) 0-6
		Joe Butler (R) 2-0
1983	Borris-Ileigh 1-11, Lorrha 2-6	Philip Kenny (B) 1-5
1984	Lorrha 4-11, Nenagh Eire Og 3-9	John Grogan (N) 1-5
1985	Kilruane 2-10, Roscrea 1-10	Gerry Williams (K) 1-2
		Seamus Hennessy (K) 0-5
		Michael Scully (R) 0-5
1986	Kilruane 1-12, Toomevara 2-6	Michael Nolan (T) 1-4
1987	Kilruane 2-15, Lorrha 0-13	Gerry Williams (K) 0-5
		Seamus Hennessy (K) 0-5
1988	Borris-Ileigh 1-14, Roscrea 1-7	Michael Scully (R) 1-4

1989 Lorrha 1-14, Toomevara 1-12  
1990 Kilruane 2-7, Toomevara 0-5  
1991 Toomevara 0-12, Nenagh 0-12  
Toomevara 2-11, Nenagh 2-7

1992 Nenagh Eire Og 1-18, Lorrha 0-08

Michael Nolan (T) 1-5  
Tomas Killackey 1-2  
Tommie Dunne (T) 0-5  
Tony Delaney (T) 1-1  
Liam Flaherty (T) 1-1  
Tomas Dunne (T) 0-4  
Michael Cleary (N) 0-8

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## **PLAYER FOCUS:**

# **John Heffernan**

by LIAM HOGAN

**Date of birth:** 27-12-'63

**Height:** 5'-11"

**Weight:** 12 st. 5 lbs.

**Honours:** 1 All-Ireland senior; 3 Munster ; 1 league ; 1 North senior; 3 North senior league; 3 u-21 hurling county; 3 North u-21 hurling; 1 minor county hurling; 2 North minor hurling; 1 county u-16 hurling; 1 North u-16 hurling; county junior football; North junior football; county intermediate football, North intermediate football; 3 North senior football.

**Place of employment:** self-employed.

**Toughest opponent:** Jim Williams.

**Favourite ground:** Semple Stadium.

**Favourite position:** wing back.

**Sporting ambition:** to bring the Dan Breen Cup to Nenagh.

**Any other sports:** none.

**Boyhood heroes:** Francis Loughnane, Eddie Keher, Frank Cummins, Tadhg O'Connor.

**Favourite players:** Cathal Casey, Cork; Liam Dunne, Wexford.

**Biggest influence on career:** father

**Ways of improving the game:** have more inter-county players involved with under age hurling.

**Best game seen:** 1976 All-Ireland hurling final: Cork v Wexford.

**Dislikes about the GAA:** none.



# 1993: a great year for North Tipp u-16 hurlers

by LIAM HOGAN

For North Tipperary u-16 hurling inter-divisional team 1993 will relay fond memories of a success which saw the team take the Munster title for the fifth time and complete the year with a Garda Cup success. Both wins were over Mid Tipp.

The path to the Munster final came about after wins against South Limerick, East Clare and Limerick City. The first game was way back in April at Pallasgreen. We struggled through most of the game but eventually came away with a 3-8 to 0-1 win.

Two week later we travelled nearer home to St. Patrick's, Limerick, when we came away with a 0-11 to 2-3 win. It was on to the semi-final stage then against Limerick City at Nenagh. After a thrilling game North Tipp were worthy winners on a scoreline 2-11 to 0-11.

On to July 4th when North Tipp would play Mid-Tipp at Limerick. Mid Tipp would have to play without county minor John Enright. North Tipp trailed at half time and having played against a strong breeze in the opening half, we looked forward to a second half revival. That was exactly what we got. Two early second half goals put paid to Mid Tipp and we finished 3-9 to 2-10 winners.

The Munster final line out was: Kevin O'Brien, Kilruane; Damien O'Meara, Toomevara, Philip Rabbitte, Borrisoleigh, Ray Hackett, Toomevara; Peter Nolan, Templederry, Paul King, Borrisokane-Knockshewowna, Denis Kelly, Toomevara; Martin Burke, Shannon Rovers, Sean Maher, Borris-Ileigh; Mark Keeshan, Moneygall, Niall Slevin, Borrisokane-Knockshewowna, Michael Bevans, Toomevara; Daragh Quinn, capt., Nenagh, Mark O'Leary, Kilruane, Ken Dunne, Toomevara. Subs: Brendan McKeogh, Ballina, Karl Hogan. Kildangan, Brian Farrell.

The remainder of the panel was as follows: Justin Cottrell, Toomevara; Cathal Bourke, Ballina-Ballinahinch; Conor Ryan, Kilruane MacDonaghs; David Haughton, Lorrha; Oisín Walsh, Nenagh; Barry Ryan, Moneygall; Michael Maher, Roscrea; Tom Clifford, Newport; Kevin Nealon, Burgess; Colm McGrath, Kildangan.

## GARDA CUP

A week later West Tipp would face us in the semi-final of the Garda Cup. They made us fight all the way with the Northerners pulling away for a finish with a 6-7 to 1-8 win.

July 18th at Templemore we would have a repeat of the Munster final. Garda Cup finals would rarely increase the interest of neutrals. This one did and Mid Tipp were now at full strength having the services of John En-



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North Tipp strode into an early lead which always left the Mid with a target to reach. John Enright left his mark on the game scoring 1-6 (1-1 frees). In the end North Tipp were 4-8 to 2-11 winners after a very entertaining game.

The Garda Cup final line out: Kevin O'Brien, Kilruane MacDonaghs, Damien O'Meara, Toomevara, Philip Rabbitt, Borris-Ileigh, Ray Hackett, Toomevara; Peter Nolan, Templederry, Brendan McKeogh, Ballina, Sean Maher, Borris-Ileigh; Niall Slevin, Borrisokane-Knockshegowna, Mark O'Leary, Kilruane MacDonaghs; Mark Keeshan, Moneygall, Martin Burke, Shannon Rovers, Denis Kelly, Toomevara; Dara Quinn, capt, Nenagh, Michael Bevens, Toomevara, Ken Dunne, Toomevara.

Subs: Karl Hogan, Kildangan; Brian Farrell.

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## **PROFILE:**

# **Robbie Tomlinson**

by DAMIEN LAWLOR

At 19 years of age, Robbie Tomlinson has already accomplished much. Some of his honours to date include captaining the 1992 Tipperary minor team and being a star member of last year's victorious Éire Óg senior side. He has won medals in u-16 county hurling and football and was victorious in two North minor finals and one county final.

His hurling background is of the highest degree and his father, Noel, was a respected hurler for Kildangan in the past. Robbie has an avid interest in football affairs also and is a member on almost all of Éire Óg Nenagh's offerings in the football championships.

In his school — Nenagh V.S. — the dedication of Robbie Tomlinson has been recognised by many awards and commendations being showered on him. Having just recently completed his Leaving Cert. exams, Robbie hopes to be involved in sport, as an occupation in the future, be it as a P.E. teacher, trainer or coach, etc.

Speaking to Robbie, he lists Liam Heffernan and Michael Cleary as being the biggest influences on his career to date. In this year's championship Robbie gave his best performance in the semi-final against Toomevara, after coming back from a long absence due to injury. An all-rounder, he is very interested in soccer and snooker, but spends most of his hours in the GAA complex in Nenagh, like so many of his youthful colleagues.

Robbie is lucky that he grew up in an era in which success and the name of Éire Óg went hand in hand. Robbie looks poised to don the blue and gold of the county senior team in the near future.

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# On the verge of victory

## 1914 — 1918

A younger generation of hurlers came to prominence in the club in this period inheriting the spirit and skills of the older men and adding a new dimension in team-work which made them a major force in club competitions. Some of the older players continued to play to give the blend of young and experience, but it was in the main a young team who were fired by a new enthusiasm. They attended the Irish classes organised by the "man on the bike", the travelling teacher from Conradh na Gaeilge who taught in Collison's No. 2. One of those teachers was Denis Costello, N.T. of Cloughjordan, father of Major Gen. Costello. The new phrases learned there were proudly used as common currency in everyday speech. The same men formed the local volunteer companies and there was marching and drilling in remote places and talk of a revolution and the creation of a new Ireland.

Hurling went on all the time, practising in the "Back Meadow" every evening and all day on Sunday with the great ambition to take the championship. In those days teams were not always confined to one parish but could be allowed to draw on some players from a neighbouring parish. In 1913 and 1914 Moneygall had the assistance of a few from Roscrea, particularly Paddy Brophy and Jim Duggan who were skilful players. A change occurred in 1915 and 1916. Moneygall could then pick from Clonakenny and Jimmy Burke, Dan Ryan and the Meaghers were hurlers fit to take their places on any team.

Three years in succession they won their way to the North Division Final but on each occasion they failed to take the title. The great stumbling block was the neighbouring team, the Toomevara "Greyhounds" who were a powerful combination equal to the best in the land.

Toomevara won the divisional title from 1910 to 1931 except for three years, 1914, 1915 and 1924, but suffered only one defeat on the field in the division during all that period. Let the then secretary of the Toomevara club tell the story as he did in a letter to the "Nenagh Guardian" on the 4th June, 1930.

"Toomevara are champions of the division since 1910 twenty years - and never during that long span did they suffer a defeat except in 1915 when they were beaten by Moneygall by the small possible margin of one point the final score being Moneygall 3-0, Toomevara 0-3. Please insert this, as accuracy in newspaper reports will be essential for future history of GAA. Patrick Hennessy".

Canon Fogarty's history gives the score slightly different as we shall see.

The great frustration for Moneygall was that having surmounted their greatest obstacle in the semi-final, they failed in the final against Nenagh



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who won the game by one point.

## 1915

Canon Fogarty in his book "Tipperary's GAA Story" tells us what happened in 1915. "Collison proclaimed that Moneygall would beat the "Greyhounds" but few believed that it could be done. The game was in Nenagh, Toome' was practically at full strength and in addition had joined forces with Borrisoleigh. In the opening half the champions were given a rough passage and were seven points in arrears at the interval. In a thrilling second half the "Greyhounds" went down, notwithstanding a great effort. The final score on 4th July 1915 was:

Moneygall 2-3 - Toomevara 0-8.

Nenagh reached the final by defeating Lorrha 2-6 to 1-3.

Moneygall faced them in Toomevara on 25th July. Paddy Hennessy was the referee. Kinsmen and clansmen were there in their thousands. Darby's ambition of a championship was not realised but his men deserve a place in the gallery of Ormond's renowned hurlers. The score was:

Half-time: Nenagh 2-2 - Moneygall 1-0.

Full-time: Nenagh 3-3 - Moneygall 3-2.

Moneygall team was: Darby Collison (Capt), Jack and Paddy Collison, Matt Gleeson, John and Dan Ryan, Jack Sutton, Jimmy Burke, Jack and Paddy Kennedy, Tom, Pat and Denis Meagher, John Cleere, Jim Hodgins."

The Guardian report on the game against Toomevara presents an interesting viewpoint which could hardly be termed unbiased.

"Conditions were most unsuitable. The pitch was so limited that the ball was lost continuously during the match and on several occasions the game had to be held up for as long as 10 to 12 minutes. Also the pitch was badly mown, the previous week, there being an aftermath of three inches which continually held the leather, rendering any effort at ground play useless".

"Wedger came in for severe criticism from spectators for allowing his men to play under such conditions. Goalkeeper O'Meara injured against Cork was an absentee".

"The Toom. men, owing to the state of the ground had to depend on long shots for the raising of their score and their 8 points were sent over the crossbar from midfield. One of the points accredited to Moneygall was due to a flagman's error. The result should have been a draw but Toom did not question it". Seemingly the conditions affected only one side.

## 1916

Moneygall were in the final again and Toom. were their opponents. Clonakenny players were once more in the Moneygall side and Toom. could pick from Nenagh. The game was played in Roscrea but it was also the occasion of a big national anti-conscription meeting in the town and it was late in the evening when the match got underway. It was a thrilling game and Moneygall were in front when an end was called because of fad-

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ing light. The replay took place in Borrisokane and after a close tussle with little between the teams Toom. were winners by 3-1 to 1-2. The team was on the same lines as in the previous year.

Paddy Leahy who cycled from Boherlahan for this match, a distance of over 40 miles, often spoke of it and said it was one of the finest club games of that time.

## 1917

Moneygall again set out in determined mood in 1917 to try if they could reverse the fortunes of the previous years. Drawn against Silvermines in the first round they scored a good victory and hopes were increased, when they met De Wetts in Toomevara in the semi-final and won by 3-3 to 1-2. It was again the old pairing for the fina. Moneygall v Toomevara. The game was fixed for Ardcroney against the wishes of Moneygall and they refused to travel. The fixture stood, however, and the Board awarded the championship to Toomevara.

This was a very unsatisfactory ending to a great period for the club, but it is difficult to make any judgement on the matter after nearly sixty years. No doubt with the passing of years and the cooling of feelings there were some to regret that the match had not been played.

## 1918

1918 was a year of great national activity as the volunteers prepared for active service and government forces went ahead with repressive measures. The hurlers were involved in the movement and hurling became a secondary interest. Many players were arrested and interned. Among many were Darby Collison and Paddy Kennedy who were lodged in Belfast Gaol and Jack Collison in Limerick.

The team was depleted and were beaten in the first round of the championship by Glenahilty.

The British order prohibiting Gaelic games was met by a decision to declare 4th August as Gaelic Sunday and to arrange matches in every parish in the country in defiance of the order. Games were played in Collison's field and the local fife and drum band led the players on to the field in open contempt of the Government's order. The spirit of revolution pervaded the land.

In the following years of the struggle for independence, many of the hurlers were on active service. Darby Collison was O/C of the 2nd Battalion of the North Tipperary Brigade and Paddy Kennedy was Adjutant. Jack Collison was Officer Commanding the North Tipperary Flying Column and he was later to meet his death in the saddest episode of all - The Civil War. Others of Moneygall company who served in the Flying Column were Paddy Kennedy whose brother Michael was shot by Crown Forces near Moneygall, Joe Liffey, Tim Gleeson, Ger Larkin, Joe Man-





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## PROMINENT PLAYERS

During this period some Moneygall players won places on county teams. The greatest player among them and probably the greatest of all time in the club, was Darby Collison. As a youth he played for Rockwell College in hurling and football and afterwards while playing with the Davis club in Dublin he played with Dublin. Returning home he was on the Tipperary team that won the Junior All-Ireland in 1915 and helped the senior team to win the Wolfe Tone Memorial Tournament that year.

In 1916 he played centre-field in Tipperary's All-Ireland victory and brought the first All-Ireland senior medal to the club and to the Division. He was again at centre field the following year when losing to Dublin in the final and figured for a number of years for the county although his career was interrupted by his activities during the 'trouble'. He was a fine footballer and was honoured by county selectors on a number of occasions. Furthermore he was a keen administrator and was elected vice-chairman of the North division Board in 1919 and 1920.

His brother Paddy Major Collison played junior football with the county in 1914 and distinguished himself as an inter-county hurler in the 1920's. He was on the selection that won the Munster Championship in 1925 and played in the All-Ireland semi-final against Antrim that year but he was injured before the All-Ireland final. He was at centre field in the three memorable games against Cork in the Munster Championship of 1926. For many years he was secretary of the club and later on gave service as chairman and vice-chairman.

Jack Kennedy was a hurling stylist, a sweet striker left or right who had a long career as a backman with the club and county. Winning an All-Ireland junior medal in 1915, he gained a senior place with Darby in 1919 when Tipperary were beaten by a point by Cork and again in 1920 when going down to Limerick in the semi-final.

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# JOHN DOUGHAN - Moneygall

by LIAM HOGAN

A brief glimpse at the young career of John Doughan will show that he has been a very busy individual over the past five years or so.

Success at juvenile level was limited. He appeared in the 1985 U-12 final. My first memory of John was in '89 when he appeared at top of the left in the successful Munster U/16 campaign. Later on he helped Tipperary U-16 Co. team win the Nenagh Co-Op Tournament.

In fact that year brought John two B championship medals in the U/16 and minor.

In 1990 John attended school at Nenagh CBS where success was minimal but he did help his school make the Harty Cup Final, but they were unable to bring off the laurels, when St. Flannan's were the winners.

In 1991 John was again in search of Harty Cup honours, but this time Nenagh CBS failed at semi-final stage after replay defeat again at the hands of St. Flannan's.

Moneygall finally made the breakthrough to the North Minor "A" Final. After defeating Toomevara in the semi-final when John scored 1-3 in their 6-7 to 2-8 win.

However, Nenagh Eire Og proved to be too strong.

Moneygall reached the Intermediate final against Silvermines and John proved to be a prolific scorer. The final ended in a 2-10 to 2-10 draw which John scored 1-2. In the replay he managed 0-8 to help his side win the fourth Inter win.

John helped himself to a 0-9 pts total in the Co. Semi-Final draw against Upperchurch/Drombane plus another 0-6 in the replay win of 1-10 to 1-7. The win gave John and his side a chance of County medals. Moneygall defeated Arravale Rovers after a 3-9 to 2-6 win.

The year was not to finish there. John helped his side win a North and Co. U-21 "B" championship, scoring 0-7 in the North win of 1-12 to 2-6 against Lorrha, plus 0-6 in their 3-10 to 3-5 win over Clonoulty. That week John Doughan was Player of the Week.

1992 saw Moneygall return to the senior ranks. John Doughan helped himself to a tally of 1-13 in two games. Moneygall's lot was two defeats at the hands of Borris-ileigh and Portroe.

John was in fine scoring form after Moneygall were U-21 "A" champions in their 2-16 to 1-10 win over Roscrea. John playing at mid-field scored 0-10 pts. This was to prove the way for a second Co. U-21 success in two years.

He scored 0-7 in Moneygall's 2-13 to 4-1 win over Killencullen, which was followed by a 1-12 to 1-7 win over Cashel. In the final John scored 1-6

from frees.

Scoring has been John's greatest asset. This year he has amassed a whopping 1-24 in the Senior Championship on route to today's final. His tally has brought him to second place in the championship scorers chart, with Conor Stakelum in first place with 2-27. Indeed Sean's uncle Noel Seymour scored 3-8 in a North Intermediate Final back in 68. John's father Sean helped Moneygall to the sides last senior success of 1975.

This year John played at mid-field against Cork in the Munster U/21 Championship. Tipp were unlucky that night but a success today from John could help numb that disappointment. The 1990's could be great for Moneygall and especially John Doughan.

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### NORTH FINAL SNIPPETS

Included in this year's Eire Og team are Robbie Tomlinson who was captain of the county minor hurling team last year and Kevin Tucker who had the same distinction this year.

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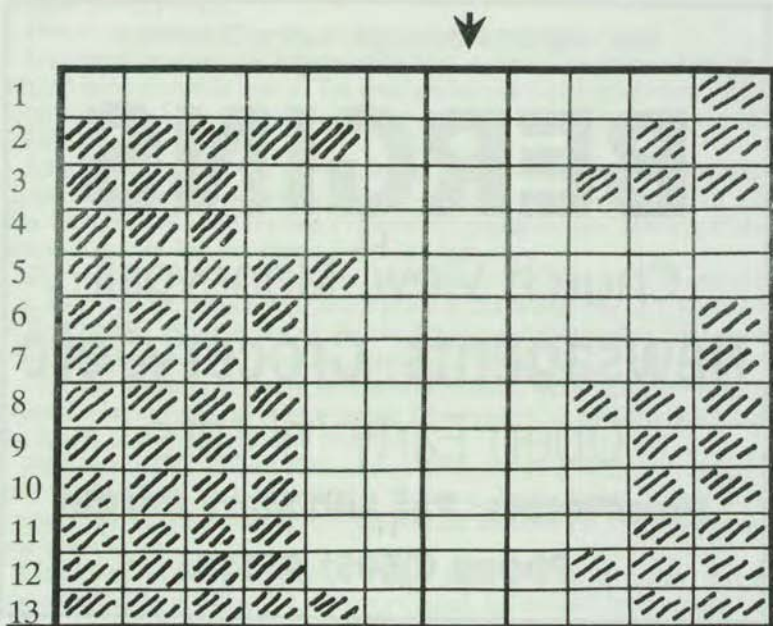
Compiled by Gerry Slevin

Just a little exercise to keep the mind ticking over. Hereunder the clues refer to people and places connected with the G.A.A., of course there's a Tipp connection throughout.

As you solve them, you will find a name emerging between the heavy lines, of a prominent North Tipperary player.

## Clues:

1. How can you train properly in a big church? (10)
2. A regal scribe (4).
3. Hay there, you've changed counties (5).
4. Hank gone? Down Lorrha way. (3,5).
5. Cute by name and nature (3,3).
6. Stong link with 3. Has trophies to cherish (6).
7. Fond of languages. Name and club says so (7)
- 8/9. If money is the root of all evil, he keeps it in check (4,5).
10. Supposed to be there when in need. But he'll be back. (5).
11. A foolish club surely and only one game to play (5).
12. Our friend Hank has associations with it. Sounds cold. (4).
13. If there wasn't one on the Tipp team we'd be surprised. (4).



# Finals down the years — in tens

BY DAMIEN LAWLOR

## 1913 — BORRISOKANE 0-5, TOOMEVARA 0-18

A well fought match, of which the final scoreline does not give a fair reflection, Borris contested every ball and gave Toome (holders) the game of their lives. A weak forward line for Borris and a stern Toomevara defence were the main features of this game.

## 1923 — TOOMEVARA 7-0, NENAGH 1-2

Obviously, this was a one-sided match, and was not played until early 1924. Although reports on this match are very vague, we are told that a rampant Toome side hurled Nenagh's ambitions to the dust, despite fielding an understrength side.

## 1933 — BORRISOKANE 2-7, TOOMEVARA 2-2

For Toomevara, Bill O'Meara was outstanding in goals, while T. Minogue, J. Gleeson and Paddy O'Meara were also to the fore for the Greyhounds. A very well contested match took place and Paul McKenna and Frank McKenna inspired Borrisokane to their first ever championship. Some excellent performances also came from D. O'Meara and J. Kearney.

## 1943 — KILDANGAN 6-2, ROSCREA 5-4

The headline in *The Guardian* read "Roscrea's great big just fails". 3,700 people witnessed this one point victory for Kildangan, with Nenagh's field being in first class order. The first half belonged to Kildangan with John Gleeson, J. Killeen, J. Hogan and N. Flannery stealing the show. For Roscrea, the 'main men' were J. J. Maher, Joe Fletcher, Ml. Loughnane and W. Brussels. Con Heffernan was a very capable referee.

## 1953 — BORRIS-ILEIGH 3-12, KILRUANE MacDONAGHS 1-6

A wider sense of experience and craft enabled Borris-Ileagh to capture their fourth title in a row. A stout Kilruane challenge came in the form of goalie S. Keehan's efforts along with Tom Hensey, J. and M. O'Meara, Willie Gibson and K. Heffernan. A nippy Borris-Ileagh forward line saw off the Kilruane threat due to the performances of J. Finn, L. Meagher, J. Prior and M. O'Dwyer. *The Guardian* headline read 'Kilruane make plucky stand'.

## 1963 — ROSCREA 2-12, TOOMEVARA 1-8

1963's match of the year was held in Nenagh with a crowd of 4,000 attending. Only a Phil O'Meara goal ensured victory for Roscrea. For Toome, Tom Ryan had some beautiful points and Roge Mounsey was excellent in goals along with Michael Bevans and Tom and Roger Ryan.

Toome made some noticeable changes during the match but could not halt Roscrea's O'Meara, Nolan, Dynan and Francie Loughnane. A game with bright open hurling.

#### **1973 — BORRIS-ILEIGH 3-6, KILRUANE 2-8**

A thrilling match in which Kilruane held the lead for 51 out of the 60 minutes. For the MacDonaghs, Len and Des Gaynor were outstanding while Jim Williams and Joe Hutchinson gave cool displays. For Borris-Ileigh Coen and Kenny and Noel and Tommy O'Dwyer were excellent. A succession of missed Kilruane frees gave Borris their lucky escape and their eighth title. They had escaped by the skin of their teeth.

#### **1983 — BORRIS-ILEIGH 1-11, LORRHA 2-6**

Again Borris-Ileigh triumphed with their so-called 'Dad's Army' team, fielding eleven of the victorious 1981 side. Philip Kenny, Timmy Stapleton, Coen, Dwyer and R. Stapleton gave impressive displays while for Lorrha John McIntyre, Kieran Hough, J. Mannion and D. Donoghue and B. Mannion were to the people's observations. In this exciting match in which Borris were favourites, Lorrha were left to rue their many wides, and missed chances.

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### **PROFILE:**

## **John Tucker (Nenagh)**

by DAMIEN LAWLOR

Present senior team manager for Éire Óg, John Tucker, remains one of Nenagh's greatest servants. An accomplished player himself, he can count himself very unlucky not to have won major domestic honours with his club. John was a member of every Éire Óg team, the whole way up; he now devotes his time to coaching and selecting.

John is a member of the backroom team with the senior panel and is also a selector on the club's minor team. An employee with Bord Telecom, John always finds plenty of time to give his energy to hurling, and is one of a limited number of players who has played hurling in three decades.

Married to Patricia, John has one daughter, Paula and four sons, John, Kevin, David and Eddie. All four have avid interests in the GAA and their record speaks for itself both at county, club and colleges level. Last year John was at the helm of the senior team which annexed its first North title since 1964. Today, he will be hoping that the club can embark on a second successful campaign in the divisional championship. With three of his sons on the senior panel today, and with other members of his family being to the fore in other clubs, John can feel proud of his and his relatives' achievements and can feel relaxed in the knowledge that his family name will be spoken with, with distinction and regard for many years to come.

