

North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final

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SUNDAY AUGUST 20TH. 1995.

Senior Hurling Final

TOOMEVARA

V

BORRIS-ILEIGH

6.30 p.m. Reítoir: Gerry Hayes (Moneygall).



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The North Tipp U/16 team of 1990 which won the Munster final and also includes four players involved in today's final. Back Row: Mark Rabbittree, Tommy Hough, Sean Kelly, Shay Killeen, Brian Flannery, Paudric Madden, David Creamer, Joe Brennan. Front Row: Tommie Dunne, Terry Dunne, Mervin Scanlon, Frank McGrath, Keith Slevin, Robbie Tomlinson, Philip Shanahan (Capt).

Chairman's Address

A Cairde,

Mar Cathaoirleach Bhoird Tiobraid Árann Thuaidh cuirim fáilte roimh gach éinee go dtí Pairc Mhic Donnchadha inniu.

I congratulate Toomevara and Borris-Ileigh on reaching the final of the North Tipp. Senior Hurling Championship. Given the history of these two great clubs, I am sure we will be served up a great game of hurling.

Toomevara come into this game as North and County champions and will be seeking their 25th North Title. Borris-Ileigh on the other hand have won 13 North Championships, and will be keen to bridge the gap since their last North Title win in 1988.

I wish to thank all clubs and club officials for their co-operation during the year. My thanks also to all the referees of North Tipp. for their service. I wish Ger Hayes and his officials the best of luck in his first S.H. Final.

My thanks to Liam Hogan and Bord na nOg for their work in producing to-days programme. Thanks also to Michael O'Brien and Michael Nolan and the other Board Officers for their work this year. My sincere thanks to gate checkers, ticket sellers and Park Committees for a job well done.

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North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship 1995

First Round: Nenagh a bye.

27/5/95: Erins Hope 0-13, Moneygall 0-11, in Roscrea. T.F. Stapleton.

29/5/95: Lorrha 0-12, Newport 1-9. In Cloughjordan, T.F. Stapleton.

3/6/95: Borris-Ileigh 1-20, Kilruane 1-15, in Nenagh; Mtn. Aherne.

4/6/95: Roscrea 2-9, Burgess 0-7, Cloughjordan, Mtn. Darcy.

11/7/95: Newport 0-11, Lorrha 0-10, Nenagh, T.F. Stapleton.

25/6/95: Toomevara 2-12, Portroe 1-12, Nenagh, Jn. McDonnell.

First Round:

25/6/95: Q Final: Moneygall 4-22, Burgess 0-4, Nenagh.

2/7/95: Semi-Final, Moneygall 1-5, Lorrha 0-8, Nenagh, Ml. Cahill.

2/7/95: Semi-Final, Kilruane 3-11, Portroe 1-17, Nenagh, L. Hogan.

16/7/95: (R) Semi-Final Moneygall 0-12, Lorrha 0-1, Nenagh, Ml. Cahill.

16/7/95: (R) Semi-Final Kilruane 4-6, Portroe 2-11, Nenagh, L. Hogan.

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Winners section 2nd Round:

1/7/95: Nenagh 2-12, Newport 2-10, Ballina. Ger Hayes.

9/7/95: Borris-Ileigh 6-7, Erin's Hope 1-7, Roscrea, Ml. Cahill

16/7/95: Toomevara 5-13, Roscrea 3-2, Moneygall, Mtn. Darcy.

SEMI-FINAL

30/7/95: Borris-Ileigh 1-16, Nenagh 2-11, Toomevara, J. McDonnell.

5/8/95: Toomevara 2-14 Moneygall 1-11 Cloughjordan, Ml. Cahill.

Results of Toomevara's Juvenile success's since 1985

1985: U/12 H. Victorious over Moneygall 5-2 to 0-4.

U/14 H. U-R Runners up to Roscrea 4-7 to 5-1.

Rural runners up to Kilruane 6-5 to 5-2.

U/16 H. Victorious over Roscrea 3-8 to 1-8.

1986: U/12 H. Victorious over Nenagh 4-3 to 2-1.

U/14 U-R Runners up to Borrisokane/Knockshe 3-6 to 2-6.

Rural runners up to Borrisokane/Knockshe 1-4 to 0-4.

U/16 H. Victories over Kilruane 1-9 to 1-3.

1987: U-12 H. Victorious over Moneygall 2-0 to 0-2.

U/14 U-R Victorious over Borrisokane/Knockshe 1-7 to 1-5.

Rural victorious over Ballina 4-5 to 1-0.

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- U/16 H. Victorious over Roscrea 0-19 to 2-6.
- 1988: U-12 H. Victorious over Kilruane 1-4 to 1-0.
 U-14 H. U-R Runners up to Newnagh 2-12 to 2-4.
 Rural victorious over Borrisokane/Knockshe 3-7 to 2-7.
- 1989: U-12 H. Victorious over Moneygall 4-3 to 2-3.
 U/14 H. U-R Victorious over Kilruane 2-8 to 1-6.
 U/16 Victorious over Nenagh 3-6 to 2-5.
- 1990: U-16 H. Runner sup to Nenagh 5-10 to 4-9.
- 1991: U/12 H. Victorious over Roscrea 4-2 to 0-2.
 U/12 H. U-R: Victorious over Roscrea 1-5 to 0-2.
 Rural Victorious over Moneygall 3-11 to 0-3.
 U-16 H. Runners up to Kilruane 1-9 to 2-4.
- 1992: U-12 H. Drew with Moneygall.
 (R) Victorious over Moneygall 1-4 to 0-6.
 Rural H. Victorious over Kildangan 4-11 to 2-2.
- 1993: U-12 H. Victorious over Moneygall 3-3 to 1-5.
 U-14 H. U-R Runners up to Roscrea 2-6 to -16.
 Rural H. Victorious over Kildangan 5-12 to 1-7.
 U-16 H. Runners up to Roscrea 2-8 to 2-6.
- 1994: U-12 H. Victorious over Moneygall 2-3 to 1-3
 Rural H. Drew with Borrisokane/Knockshe 3-4 to 3-4
 (R) Drew with Borrisokane/Knockshe A.E.T. 4-6 to 3-9.
 (R) Lost to Borrisokane/Knockshe 3-5 to 2-3.
 U-16 H. Victorious over Roscrea 1-2 to 0-9.
- 1995: U-12 H. Victorious over Burgess 3-2 to 3-1.
 U-14 H. U.R. Drew with Nenagh 0-8 to 1-5.
 Replay - Victorious over Nenagh 2-11 to 2-10
 Rural Victorious over Moneygall 5-12 to 1-6.

It happened in August 20 years ago

The Senior Hurling Championship of 1975 was certainly taking shape. Ten teams participated with the championship being run on a league basis, therefore two group of five.

So on August 3rd both of today's participants further activity in the campaign hinged on the results of the two games listed for Nenagh's MacDonagh Park.

Toomevara were to play Kilruane at 2 p.m. while Borris-Ileagh had a 3-15 p.m. throw in with Roscrea. Meanwhile the Silvermines ('74 champions) would face Moneygall at 7.30 in Cloughjordan.

Both Toome and Borris lost their respective games. Toome losing 0-14 to 2-7 while Borris lost by 5-6 to 0-13.

With Borris-Ileagh gone Toomevara's further participation depended on Lorrha v Kilruane listed for Aug. 17th.

In the end Lorrha received a walk over from Kilruane and North Tipp. S.H.C. league titles went as follows.

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Top three scorers in this years North Tipp. S.H.C. (to-date)

1. Conor Stakelum, Borris-Ileigh, 2-23 (29 pts.), 3 games
2. Jimmy O'Dwyer, Moneygall, 3-19, (28 pts.), 6 games
3. Barry O'Driscoll, Portroe, 24 pts., 3 games

	P	W	D	L	Pts		P	W	D	L	Pts
Silvermines	4	3	0	0	6	Kilruane	4	3	0	1	6
Moneygall	4	3	0	0	6	Lorrha	4	2	1	1	5
Roscrea	4	2	2	2	4	Toomevara	4	2	1	1	5
Borris-Ileigh	4	2	0	2	4	Nenagh	4	1	0	3	2
Kildangan	4	0	4	4	0	Newport	4	1	0	3	2

PLAY OFF

A play-off involving Lorrha and Toomevara on Aug 24th was necessary. Unfortunately, the Greyhounds failed to the Lower Ormond men and the scoreline read Lorrha 2-14 - Toomevara 1-6. Toomevara team: Pat McGrath, Mattie Ryan, Liam Hackett, Jimmy Hackett, Dinny Haverty, Tony Dunne, D.J. Cleary, John Ryan, Jack Brislane, Ml. Young, Liam McGrath (0-2), Joe McGrath (0-2), Tomas Maxwell, Ml. Delaney, Donie Shanahan (1-2). Subs: Mtn. Ryan for John Ryan. Dan Kennedy for Tomas Maxwell.

The Borris-Ileigh team that lost to Roscrea on August 3rd at Nenagh by 5-6 to 0-13 went as follows: Owen Walsh, Eddie Loughnane, T.F. Stapleton, Pat Maher, Joseph Kenny, Timmy Delaney (0-2, one by 65), Ml. Coen, Pat Tynan 0-1; Timmy Ryan, Brendan Kenny (0-3), Tommy O'Dwyer, Noel O'Dwyer (0-4, 0-2 frees), Pat Ryan (0-1), P.J. Burke (0-1), Liam Carroll (0-1). Subs: John Kinnane for Timmy Ryan; Tommie Stapleton for Eddie Loughnane.

Top scorers for 1994 North Final

Pos.	Player	Club	Score	Total	Games
1	Top. Barry O'Driscoll	Portroe	0-34	34 pts	4
2	Dinny Ryan	Newport	1-24	27	4
3	David Quinlan	Kilruane	2-15	27	4
4	Adrian Hogan	Borrisokane	1-16	19	3
5	John Doughan	Moneygall	1-15	18	4
6	Conor Stakelum	Borris-Ileigh	0-16	16	2
7	Ml. Scully	Roscrea	1-13	16	2
8	Liam Nolan	Toome'	3-6	15	4
9	Ml. Nolan	Toome'	1-11	14	3
10	Dinny Cahill	Kilruane	4-2	14	3

TOP SCORERS FOR '95 CO.

SNIPPETS:

THREE TEAMS IN THE PARISH

With players from Fantane, Glenbreda, Currabaha entered the North Tipp Junior Hurling Champions of '42. So the parish of Borrisoleigh now had three teams involved in hurling. Currabaha and Borrisoleigh competed in the North while Ileigh were involved in the Mid. Subsequently the parish was re-united in 1948 under the name of Borris-Ileigh.

OBJECTION AND COUNTER OBJECTIONS

On 22nd July 1939 Toomevara defeated Borrisoleigh in the first round of the Junior Hurling



Toomevara runners up to Kilruane in North Final of '86. Back row l to r: Pat King, Jimmy Dunne, Tony Dunne, Jody Grace, Brendan Spillane, Liam Nolan, M Murphy, Michael Nolan. Front row: Liam McGrath, Dan Brislane, Michael O'Meara, Sean Nolan, Noel McDonnell, Rory Brislane, Joe McGrath.

Championship by 3-2 to 3-1. An objection by Borris concerning the eligibility of P. Hogan was later over-ruled. Toome's next match against Ballinacloy was also fought out in the Board room, after Toomevara were beaten by the narrowest of margins.

In an objection Toomevara claimed that a goal awarded by the two umpires but disallowed by the referee should stand. Ballinacloy counter objected to the eligibility of T. Cawley who had never been regraded from Ballymackey. In the end Toomevara withdrew their objection and quietly made their exit from the championship.

DROM v BORRIS

Drom-Inch played Borrisoleigh in the North Tipp Championship of 1946. The game was played on June 23rd and the North men were victorious, winning by 2-10 to 3-3.

Toomevara's North Final appearances at a glance

No other team in North Tipperary has appeared in as many North Finals other than Toomevara. The results of those finals are as follows. (Bold print denotes wins).

1903: Lost to Lahorna De Wets 3-8 to 1-0.

1910: Defeated Roscrea 4-5 to 3-1.

1911: Defeated De Wets 7-0 to 3-0.

1912: Defeated Ballina 7-3 to 0-1.

1913: Defeated Borrisokane 4-6 to 1-2.

1916: Defeated Borrisokane 5-1 to 0-1.

1917: Received W.O. from Derry Callaghan (Moneygall).

1918: Defeated Glenahilty.

1919: Defeated Lorrha 1-4 to 1-2.

1922: Winners: Runners up unknown.

1923: Defeated Nenagh 7-0 to 1-2.

1924: Gave walk over to Lorrha.

1925: Defeated Youghalarra 9-3 to 6-2.

1926: Defeated Youghalarra 5-4 to 2-2.

1927: Defeated Newport 3-7 to 0-1.

1928: Defeated Lahorna De Wets 6-5 to 5-0.

1929: Defeated Duharra 5-4 to 0-2.

1930: Defeated Borris-Ileigh 5-8 to 1-6.

1931: Defeated Borris-Ileigh 7-1 to 1-3.

1932: Gave walk over to Newport.

1933: Lost to Borrisokane 2-7 to 2-2.

1946: Defeated Roscrea 6-7 to 2-4.

1957: Lost to Nenagh 5-5 to 4-5

1958: Defeated Kilruane 6-13 to 4-3.

1959: Lost to Kilruane 0-11 to 1-4.

1960: Defeated Kilruane 4-11 to 1-3.

1961: Defeated Borrisokane 4-14 to 3-4.

1962: Defeated Kilruane 4-10 to 5-4.

1963: Lost to Roscrea 4-12 to 1-8.

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Declan Maher

Is he the youngest ever?

Just gone 16 on July 26th last, Declan Maher is possibly the youngest ever to partake in a senior hurling championship final. He replaced Jimmy Slattery for Borris-Ileagh's first round game against Kilruane conceding one goal against the MacDonagh's. Since then he has held the last line of defence against Erins Hope, and Nenagh Eire Og with confidence of a Tony Redden, Ken Hogan or Jody Grace. He has succeeded a number of successful keepers from his club including Owen Walsh and Noelle Maher. His brother Sean is wing back, and also made his debut against Kilruane.

Honours have not being plenty for Declan, but he did win a Garda Cup medal this month with North Tipp. U/16 hurling team which he acclaimed a double in the schools hurling front with St. Joseph's at U/16½ Roinn 'B' Munster final plus the Roinn 'C' Senior Munster Schools final. He has also played in Peadar Cummins, Tony Forrestal and in Feile of '91. No North Final medals yet.

Mentioning young Declan's name will now be linked to past young keepers such as Kevin McCormack, Toomevara, and Joe Hutchinson of Kilruane to name but a few.

1986: Lost to Kilruane 1-12 to 2-6.
 1989: Lost to Lorrha 1-14 to 1-12.
 1990: Lost to Kilruane 2-7 to 0-5.
 1991: Drew with Nenagh 0-12 to 0-12.
 (R) defeated Nenagh 2-11 to 2-7.
 1994: Defeated Kilruane 1-15 to 0-7.
 1995:

Toomevara's hurling Roll of Honour

MUNSTER S.H. '93

COUNTY:

Sen. 1910, 11, 12, 13, 19, 23, 30, 31, 60, 92, 93, 94.
 Intermediate: 1984.
 Junior 1913, 91.
 U/21 H. 1985, 86, 90.
 Minor: 1986, 87.
 U/16 H: 1981, 85.
 U/14 H. U-R: 79.
 U/14 H.R.: 1979, 81, 82, 84, 88, 91.
 U/12 H.: 1977, 86, 88, 91.

NORTH:

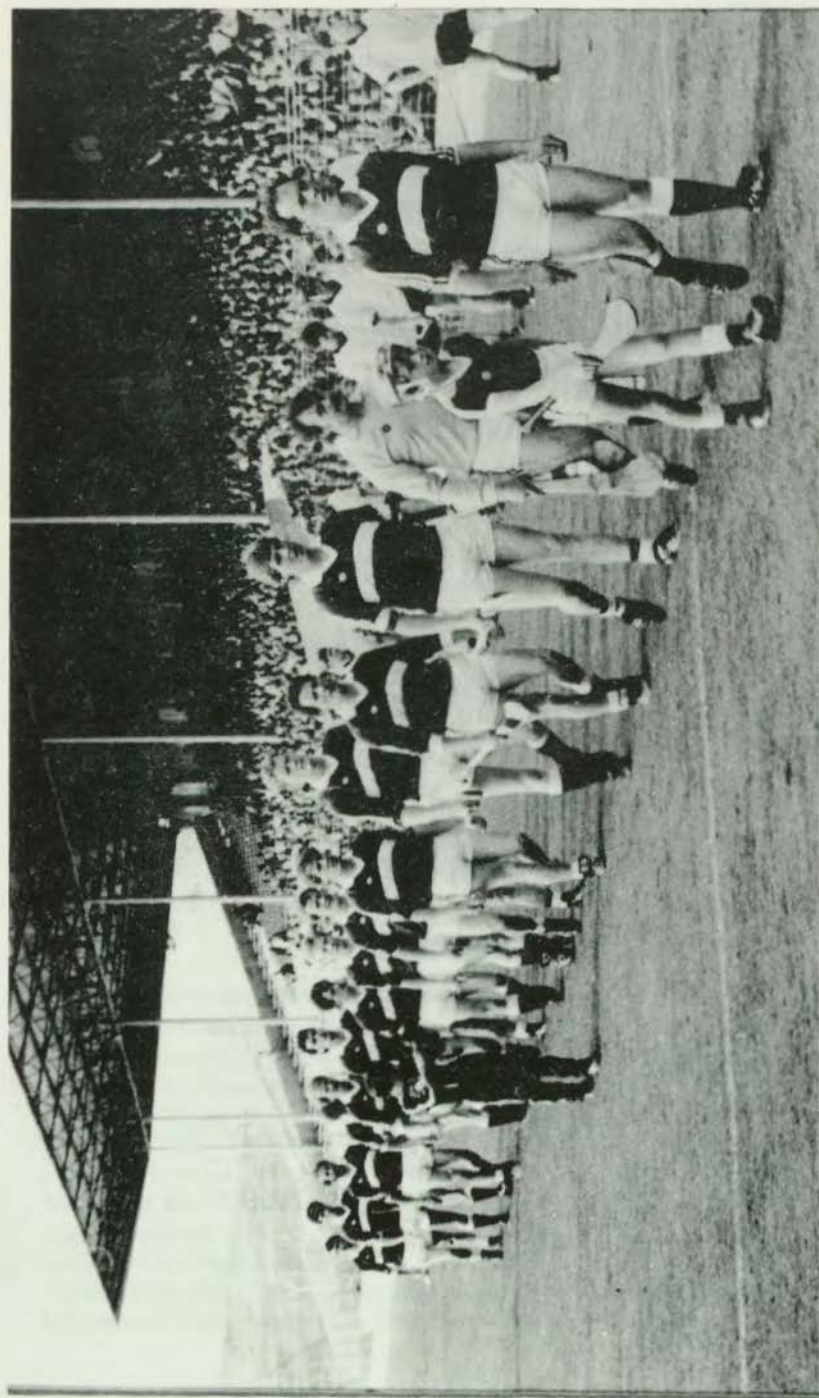
Sen: 1910, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 46, 58, 60, 61, 62, 91, 94.
 Inter: 1944, 55, 84.
 Junior H: 1913, 14, 20, 25 (Ballymackey), 28 (Garnafarna); 38 (Monanore), 55 (Gurtagarry), 58 (Ballymackey), 91 (Toomevara).
 Junior H "B": 1986, 93.
 U-21 H: 1967, 85, 86, 90.
 Minor: 1932, 37, 54, 56, 81, 82, 85, 86, 87, 93, 94.
 Minor B: 1979.
 U-16 H: 1981, 85, 86, 87, 89, 94.
 U-15 U-R: 1963.
 U-15 (R): 1953, 55.
 U/14 U-R: 1977, 79, 83, 84, 87, 89, 95.
 U-14 R: 75, 77, 79, 81, 82, 83, 84, 87, 88, 91, 92, 93, 95.
 U-12 H: 1975, 77, 80, 81, 82, 83, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95.

LEAGUE:

S.H.: 1990, 92, 93.
 J.H.: 1993.

OTHERS:

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 Community Games Munster 79, 87.
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MARCHING TO GLORY: Sept. 28th., 1986 Borris-Ileigh won their last county final by defeating Kilruane, seen here in their pre-match parade. Inside six months they were later to be crowned All-Ireland club champions. Photo line up is as follows: From R to L: Capt. Ml. Ryan with mascot Aidan Coen, Noelie Maher, Timmie Stapleton, Francis Spillane, Richard Stakelum, Gerry Stapleton, Bobby Ryan, Aidan Ryan, Francis Collins, Philip Kenny, Noel O'Dwyer, Conor Stakelum, Timmy Ryan, John McGrath, Ml. Coen.

Shane Tierney is seen on the left with the renowned bantam cock.

Two Semi Finals in three years

Both Toomevara and Borris-Ileigh were to meet in two North Semi Finals in the space of three years. The following are extracts from *The Guardian* reports on both games, starting with the 1968 Semi Final in Nenagh.

Borris-Ileigh 3-15; Toomevara 4-7

Borris-Ileigh, anti post favourites, confirmed their rating by having three points to spare over the Greyhounds. Borris, by their win on Sunday, are at short odds for the final. Liam Devaney and Noel Dwyer delighted the large attendance with their dazzling display of combination and stick work.

Michael Delaney opened Borris-Ileigh's scoring with a point from a sideline ball 45 yards but Tom Ryan replied for Toom with a similar score from a 21 yards' free in the second minute. Borris went ahead with a point from play by Liam Devaney. Roger Mounsey in the 5th minute made a miracle save following a good Dwyer-Devaney move. Devaney, a point from play, and a similar score from a free, put Borris clear by five points at the 10th minute mark. Tom Ryan reduced the Borris leeway with two points from placed balls. Shortly before Matt Stapleton retired injured Mick Delaney swung over a Borris point. For the next five minutes it was all Borris, Liam Devaney, Kieran McDonnell and Noel Dwyer in turn scoring points each from play. Twenty-five minutes having elapsed Matt Stapleton returned to the fray with Mick Stapleton, his brother and previous replacement, now moving to full-forward to the excluding of Ollie Ryan. Tom Ryan, reduced the lead to two points when he put over two points for the losers just before half-time. Half-time score: Borris-Ileigh, 0-7; Toomevara 0-5.

Mick Delaney replaced T.J. Grace in the losers' attack following the interval. Devaney got his side away to a good second half start with two pints in the opening minutes, one of these scores coming from a placed ball. Toom pressed from the puck-out and the Borris citadel had a narrow escape but Matt Stapleton got back in time to clear off the goalline. Liam Hackett pointed shortly after a Tommy Dwyer goal which was palmed to the net following a defensive slip-up.

Borris went six points further clear with scores in this order from Liam Devaney (point from free), Tommy Dwyer (0-1), Noel Dwyer (0-1) and Liam Devaney (0-1). Oliver Ryan kept Toom hopes alive with a goal, which was followed by fierce pressure from the losers. Borris weathered the storm and hit back with a Liam Devaney point from a 30 yards' free and a goal by Kieran McDonnell seconds later. Toom replied within a minute. They were awarded a 21 yards' free, taken by Tom Ryan, which was saved, but Frankie Ryan slammed the rebound to the net. The same player, a goal in the 24th minute, and Liam Devaney, a point in the 25th minute, exchanged scores. In the 27th minute Tom Ryan netted a 21 yards' free shortly before Liam Hackett had the last score of the game, a point for the losers.

Scorers for Borris-Ileigh were: L. Devaney, 0-8, four from frees; K. McDonnell, 1-1; T. Dwyer, 2-0; N. Dwyer, 0-2; M. Delaney, 0-2. Scorers for Toomevara were: T. Ryan, 2-5; one goal from play; O. Ryan, 1-0; F. Ryan, 1-0; L. Hackett, 0-2.

Borris-Ileigh: Paul Kennedy, Paudie Stapleton, Jim Molumby, Pat Maher, Eddie Loughnane, Matt Stapleton, John Kely, Tom Tierney, Timmie Delaney, Mick Delaney, Liam Devaney, Noel Dwyer, Tommy Dwyer, Ollie Ryan, Kieran McDonnell.

Toomevara: Roger Mounsey, Matt Hassett, Jim McDonnell, Pat Hassett, Jimmy Hackett, Niall Williams, Mick Bevans, Liam Hackett, Roger Ryan, T.G. Grace, Tom Ryan, Pat McGrath, Tom Hassett, Ollie Ryan, Frankie Ryan. Subs.: Sean Maxwell for J. Hackett, Michael Young for Pat McGrath, Michael Delaney for T.J. Grace.

Referee: S. O'Meara (Lorrha).

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Borrisoleigh's greater skill was telling factor

Borrisoleigh 3-7 – Toomevara 2-6.

That the ability to take chances wins matches was strikingly illustrated at McDonagh Park, Nenagh on Sunday, when Borrisoleigh under pressure for a good deal of the time, scored a 3-7 to 2-6 win over Toomevara, who performed creditably in every sphere except the all important one of scoring, in the first semi-final of the North Tipperary senior hurling championship.

There was a fire and purpose about the Toomevara 15 that was reminiscent of old but it was the greater skill of the Borrisoleigh side that fashioned this win that was gained without the services of Noel O'Dwyer an with only a part time service from Matt Stapleton. O'Dwyer is still troubled by an arm injury sustained in the All-Ireland final, while Stapleton had damaged tendons in the leg but came on the side at half time.

However, anything could have happened had Toomevara forwards to match the men behind them. They had enough chances to win this game but made a good deal of their scoring efforts a personal rather than a collective crusade. Inside ten minutes of the restart, Toomevara were awarded three 21 yard frees but failed to profit from any of these and into the bargain they failed with another one in the first half. Their second goal, a minute from time was scored by substitute T.J. Grace from a 21 yards free.

Borrisoleigh as had been their practice this season in most games, began by taking matters for granted and up front only Noel Maher and Liam Devaney seemed to appreciate the urgency of the situation. This game Toomevara great heart and they hurled with a daring and determination that rocked the Borris men back on their heels. It was Borris's ability to snap up the chances and their willingness to seek another path, when the obvious one became closed off, that made them an infinitely better combined force than their counterparts.

WASTAGE

Such wastage as Toomevara indulged in deserved to be punished, and so it was. They had all the play for the first 14 minutes of the second half but could only show a single point from a close in free by Liam Hackett for all their endeavours. In complete contrast Liam Devaney rocketed a 21 yards free to the net for the winners, minutes before Hackett's point. Toomevara's wasted effort had taken its toll and Borrisoleigh swept on to lead by 3-6 to 0-6. In an uncertain last quarter Toomevara came again but they found their scoring touch too late and Borrisoleigh were through to their second final in three years.

Scorers for Borrisoleigh: L Devaney 1-1, T Ryan 1-0, M Stapleton 1-0, N Maher 0-2, T Delaney 0-2, L Carroll and T Dwyer 0-1 each. **Toomevara:** L Hackett 0-4, R Ryan and T.J. Grace 1-0 each, N Maxwell and J Hackett 0-1 each.

Borrisoleigh: Owen Walsh, Eddie Loughnane, T.F. Stapleton, Pat Maher, Francis Spillane, Pat Fanning, John Kelly, Timmy Delaney, Michael Stapleton, Noel Maher, Liam Carroll, Timmy Ryan, P.J. Bourke, Tommy Dwyer, Liam Devaney. Subs: Matt Stapleton for Kelly, John Loughnane for Timmy Ryan.

Toomevara: Pat McGrath, Pat Hassett, Matt O'Meara, Tony Whelehan, Sean Maxwell, Jimmy Hackett, Oliver Ryan, Roger Ryan, Liam Hackett, Niall Maxwell, Tom Maxwell, Michael Young, Michael Delaney, Olly Ryan, Tony Dunne. Subs: L Frankie Ryan for Dunne, Tom Ryan for Olly Ryan, T.J. Grace for N. Maxwell.

Ref: P Jones, Newport.



John McGrath (B) and Declan O'Meara (T) prepare to clash as Joe Loughnane (B) and Kenneth McDonnell (hidden) give their support in this midfield clash in the 1992 S.H.C. Final.

SNIPPETS:

U/14 RURAL FINAL, 31ST. JULY, 1974

Borris-Ileagh defeated Toomevara by 5-6 to 1-1 in the North Tipp Rural Hurling Final of '74. The game was held in Nenagh's McDonagh Park before a very good attendance, and in perfect weather conditions. Borris-Ileagh under the guidance of Ml. Prior won by 5-6 to 1-0. Many of the '73 u/12 team featured in the win with names like Stakelum, Finn and Ryan producing the goods. Spare a thought for Toomevara's Michael McCormack, who lead the way forward. Many of his forays were halted by a sound Borris-Ileagh defence. Finally he scored a first half penalty goal at which time Borris-Ileagh led by 3-5 to 0-0.

Borris-Ileagh: J. Stakelum, D. Maher, Ml. Gleeson, P.J. Finn, Richard Stakelum, Bobby Ryan, C. Donnelly, T. McGrath, Ml. Ryan, Pat Gleeson, Tomas Reid, D. Ryan, D.Reid, A. Kelly, J. Slattery.
Toomevara: Jn. Kennedy, Eddie Ryan, Pat Gleeson, Shane Guerin, Seamus Young, Mtn. O'Meara, Tomas Shanahan, Ml. McCormack, Seamus O'Meara, Ml. Egan, Joe Coffey, Jimmy Dunne, Owen Cuddy, Seamus Hogan, Diamuid Grace.

THREE YEARS LATER: This time Toomevara gained revenge over the Borris men when they won the U/14 Urban/Rural final on a score line of 5-4 to 4-6 at Nenagh on Sunday, July 31st. The referee was Ml. O'Brien, our present North Tipperary Secretary. The game which had a 1 p.m. throw-in preceded the two North Tipp S.H.C. semi finals of that year. In those semi finals Borris-Ileagh played the Silvermines and Toomevara played Kilruane. Incidentally Borris-Ileagh defeated Silvermines 2-6 to 1-6, while Toomevara lost to Kilruane 4-14 to 1-3.

Results of Borris-Ileagh's North Senior Hurling Final appearances

N.B.: Borris-Ileagh have appeared in no less than twenty SHC finals to date. Tonight they will face Toomevara for the third time. They have faced three other clubs in North Finals. On eight occasions Roscrea were their opponents and both Lorrha and Kilruane has met them on five occasions each. Listed below are the results of those finals:

RESULTS OF BORRIS-ILEIGH'S NORTH FINAL APPEARANCES

1930: Lost to Toomevara 5-8 to 1-6.

1931: Lost to Toomevara 7-1 to 1-3.

1947: Defeated Kilruane MacD. 4-3 to 2-6.

1948: Lost to Lorrha 4-5 to 2-5.

1950: Defeated Roscrea 3-7 to 1-5.

1951: Defeated Roscrea 2-10 to 3-5.

1952: Defeated Kilruane 3-8 to 0-4.

1953: Defeated Kilruane 3-12 to 1-6.

1954: Lost to Roscrea 5-4 to 0-11.

1955: Defeated Roscrea 3-10 to 2-9.

1956: Lost to Lorrha 4-8 to 0-18.

1968: Lost to Roscrea 2-15 to 3-7.

1971: Lost to Roscrea 3-8 to 3-5.

1972: Defeated Lorrha 2-9 to 0-4.

1973: Defeated Kilruane 3-6 to 2-8.

1976: Defeated Lorrha 4-11 to 3-5.

1977: Lost to Kilruane.

1981: Defeated Roscrea 1-9 to 1-6.

1983: Defeated Lorrha 1-11 to 2-6.

1988: Defeated Roscrea 1-14 to 1-7.

1995:

Borris-Ileagh Pen Pics

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MICHAEL RYAN, 34 - Farmer.

DINNY KELLY, 20 - Carpenter/Joiner (J Connors).

JOHN JOE MAHER, 27 - Tipperary Water Co.

JOE LOUGHNANE, 26 - Publican.

PHILIP RABBITTE, 18 - Student Waterford RTC.

GERRY STAPLETON, 37, - Tipperary Water.

SEAN MAHER, 18 - Kellys of Fantane.

MARTIN HAYES, 23 - Tipperary Water Co. Factory worker.

AIDAN RYAN, 30 - Carpenter - self employed.

MICHAEL RYAN, 18 - Ryan Insulation.

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JOHN CUMMINS, 19, Student Waterford R.T.C.
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PEADAR FAHY, 21 - Ryan Insulations.

Borrisoleigh Profiles

JOE LOUGHNANE

One of the unsung heroes of the team is Joe Loughnane. The landlord of Finnas Bar Joe has been one of the stars of the team this season. A holder of a county minor B hurling medal and a county U/21 A medal he has gone from strength to strength with each game this year and his display in the victory over Nenagh in the semi-final was a sight to behold. The question in Borris now is when will the County Senior selectors give him the opportunity to display his undoubted talents on the Inter County stage. Joe made his senior debut in 1987 and although he has yet to enjoy any success at this level he has been one of the stalwarts of the team for the past few years. Should he give a similar display today that against Eire Og, Borris will be on their way to bringing the Frank McGrath Cup this evening.

JOHN MCGRATH

One of the veterans of the team John made his senior debut in 1982, having been a substitute of the county winning team of 1981. He wore the No. 9 shirt in the county final of 1983, scoring one point and wore the No. 14 shirt in the 1986 county final. John also played with Tipperary for a number of years was a member of the Tipperary final in 1987, playing in the drawn Munster final against Cork in Thurles. He also is the proud possessor of an All-Ireland U/21 medal for Tipperary's victory in 1985. John who works in Dovea A.I. Station has always been a tenacious player for Borris and his earnest endeavours have always been appreciated at club level. He was a member of the Borris-Ileigh team that won the club All-Ireland in 1987 playing at right half forward.

TIMMY STAPLETON

The Borris-Ileigh full forward today is the evergreen Timmy Stapleton. Employed as a Sales Rep with Kelly's of Fantane this will be Timmy's sixth appearance in a North Senior final having been victorious in 1976, 1981, 1983 and 1988 and losing in 1977. He also has had three county senior championship successes and had the great honour of captaining the championship winning team of

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Timmy, a rugged full back in his time, has recently successfully made the transition to the Nov. 14th spot and his goal six minutes from the end of the semi-final against Nenagh was the key to victory. Although now in the twilight of his hurling career "Big Tim" will always hold a special place in the hearts of all Borris' supporters.

MATT STAPLETON

A "great" of the past Matt began his club senior hurling career in 1958 playing against Toomevara. He gave many years occupying the centre back position for Borris. Although playing for the club in a period of relatively few victories he gave his utmost at all times attempting to bring successes to the parish. Winning three North Tipperary Championship medals with Borris in 1972, 1973 and 1976. Matt's hurling career ended in 1977 after the County final defeat by Kilruane. Matt played on a number of occasions for Tipperary and holds an All-Ireland minor medal for the victory in 1957, and a Harty Cup medal with Thurles CBS. He also holds a Munster senior medal for Tipp's 1968 victory, but unfortunately was dropped for the final. Indeed many people are concerned that his absence from the full-back line in the All-Ireland final against Wexford was a huge factor in Tipp's defeat. Since his retirement Matt has continued to play an active part in the club's affairs and represented the club as a delegate to the North Tipp Bord. He also recently completed a stint as Chairman of the club.

T.F. STAPLETON

T.F., a brother of Matt's, also gave great service to the club for many years. A regular member of the Borris-Ileigh full back line T.F. is the proud possessor of two County Senior Hurling medals and five North Tipp Championship medals. A feared opponent, his nonsense style of play was always appreciated by his colleagues and club supporters. T.F. returned from hurling in 1985 following an injury but still takes an active part in the club affairs having been Secretary for some years. He now represents the club on the Tipperary County Board and also has taken up refereeing with the same no-nonsense approval that he displayed whilst hurling.

Toomevara's path to the final

1st Round: 25/6/95 in Nenagh. Toomevara 2-12 - Portroe 1-12.

Toomevara: J Cottrell, R Hackett, R Brislane, D O'Meara, G Frend 0-1, T Delaney 0-1, P Shanahan, P King 0-1, Terry Dunne 0-2, Thomas Dunne 2-2, M Murphy, L Flaherty 0-1, L Nolan, K Kennedy 0-2, M Bevens 0-1. Subs: T Carroll 0-1 for Murphy; K Dunne for Nolan.

Portroe: C Madden, M Gleeson, D Keating, C Ryan, J Hogan, N O'Halloran, J Moloney, L Sheedy 0-3, D Hogan, R Freeman, J Sheedy, D Quinn, J Seymour, P O'Brien 1-0, B O'Driscoll 0-9. Sub: M McKeogh for D Quinn.

Referee: J. McDonnell.

2nd round 16/7/95 in Moneygall: Toomevara 5-12 - Roscrea 3-2.

Toomevara: J Cottrell, P Maher, R Brislane, D O'Meara, C Frend 0-1, M O'Meara 1-2, P Shanahan, P King 0-1, AT Dunne 1-0, K Dunne 0-5, L Flaherty 0-1, T Delaney 0-2, T Carroll 0-1, K Kennedy 1-0, M Bevens 1-0. Sub: L Nolan 1-0, for Carroll; R Hackett for D O'Meara.

Roscrea: C Phelan, D Dooley, D Kennedy, D Kealy, V Dooley, M Wright, G Kennedy, M Hogan 0-1, G Fitzpatrick, D Pyne 1-0, P J Hassett, J Stone, J Carroll 1-0, P Loughnane 1-1, F Hogan.

Referee: M. Darcy.

Semi-Final 5/8/95: Toomevara 2-14 - Moneygall 1-11 at Cloughjordan.

Scorers for Toomevara: Thomas Dunne 1-5, K Dunne 1-1, M Bevens 0-2, Terry Dunne 0-2, K Kennedy 0-1, L Nolan 0-1, P King 0-1, D Kelly 0-1. **Moneygall:** J Doughan 0-3, P Quinlan 0-4, J



Toomevara U/12 team - North Champions. Back row L to R: Robert O'Neill, Andrew Fitzpatrick, Michael Hassett, James McCormack, David Kennedy (Capt), Patrick Kelly, Ronan O'Neill. Front row: Sean Hogan, William Ryan, Shane Tynan, Michael O'Brien, Sean Delaney, Francis Devaney, John Boland, John O'Meara.



Borris-Ileigh U/16 football panel which defeated Burgess in the B North Final at Toomevara. Back row L to r: Rory Kinnane, manager; Stephen Cummins, John Keane, Philip Maher, Darragh Rabbitte, Sean Ryank, Barry walshe, Liam Cummins, David Butler and Dan Ryan (trainer). Middle: John Paul Ryan, Eoin Stapleton, Damien Fahy, Sean O'Sullivan, Rory Kinnane, Thomas Ryan (captain), Declan Maher, Martin Maher and Kevin Keane. Front: Joseph Howard, Cathal O'Shea, Shane Tynan, Ailbe Cummins, Joseph O'Regan, Gerard Martin, Kevin Walsh and John Kelly.

O'Dwyer 0-3, J Smith 1-0, N Ryan 0-1.

Toomevara: J Grace, P Meagher, R Brislane, P Shanahan, T Delaney, M O'Meara, G Frend, P King, D O'Meara, K Dunne, K Kennedy, Terry Dunne, M Bevans, Thomas Dunne, L Nolan. Subs: D Kelly for D O'Meara; T Carroll for Kennedy; M Murphy for L Nolan.

Moneygall: K Collison, E Brereton, J Hoolan, C Troy, E Troy, E Tuohy, J Costigan, J Doughan, K Kennedy, J Kenny, L Carroll, N Ryan, P Quinlan, J Dwyer, J Smith, N Keeshan. Sub: T Delaney for E Tuohy, T Kenneally for Carroll; F Harney for Ryan.

Ref: M. Cahill.

Borris-Ileigh's path to the final

First round 3/6/95 in Nenagh: Borris-Ileigh 1-20 - Kilruane 1-15.

Team and scorers: Kilruane MacDonagh's: Tom McDonald, Joe Cahill, Brian England, Paddy Ryan, Declan Troy, Brian Gaynor, Sean Sheppard, David Quinlan 0-9 (5 frees), Michael Ryan, Ger Williams 0-1, Michael Cleary 1-3, Martin Cahalan, Mark O'Leary 0-2, Pat Quinlan, Dermot O'Leary. Sub: Jim Brady for D O'Leary 39; Eoin Daly for Ml. Ryan 47.

Borris-Ileigh: Declan Maher, J.J. Maher, Mick Ryan, Sean Ryan, Joe Loughnane, Philip Rabbitte, Sean Maher, Aidan Ryan, Martin Hayes, Seamus Maher 0-3, Bobby Ryan 0-1, John McGrath 1-1, Tom Stakelum, Timmy Stapleton 0-1, Conor Stakelum 0-1 (9 frees).

2nd Round 9/7/95 in Roscrea: Borris-Ileigh 6-7 - Erin's Hope 1-7.

Borris-Ileigh: Scorers: John McGrath 1-4, Conor Stakelum 2-1, Timmie Stapleton 2-0, Bobby Ryan 1-1, Tom Stakelum 0-1. D Maher, D Kelly, M Ryan, S Ryan, Loughnane, P Rabbitte, S Maher, M Hayes, A Ryan, M Ryan, B Ryan, J McGrath, T Stakelum, Timmy Stapleton, C Stakelum.

Erins Hope: Scorers: Adrian Hogan 1-4, Ray Killeen 0-2, Eoin Cleary 0-1. J Murphy, P Dooley, G Brennan, H Reid, K Slevin, P Corcoran, P Hogan, D Morris, M Heenan, R Killeen, M Tooher, A Hogan, V Dooley, B Hogan, E Cleary. Subs: J Gardiner for B Hogan; L Heenan for Brennan; Eugene Cleary for M Heenan.

Ref: Ml. Cahill.

Semi-final 30/7/95 at Toomevara. Borris-Ileigh 1-16 - Nenagh 2-11.

Scorers: Borris-Ileigh: C Stakelum 0-8, T Stapleton 1-0, B Ryan 0-3, M Ryan 0-1, P Rabbitte 0-1, M Hayes 0-1, J McGrath 0-1, A Ryan 0-1. **Eire Og:** E Tucker 1-4, M Cleary 1-1, R Tomlinson 0-1, K Tucker 0-1, D O'Donnell 0-1, D O'Meara 0-1, J Heffernan 0-1, J Kennedy 0-1.

Borris-Ileigh: D Maher, D Kelly, M Ryan, J.J. Maher, J Loughnane, P Rabbitte, S Maher, A Ryan, M Hayes, M Ryan, B Ryan, J McGrath, T Stakelum, T Stapleton, C Stakelum. Subs: S Ryan for S Maher, G Stapleton on for Rabbitte.

Eire Og: C McLoughlin, N Coffey, D Conroy, F Moran, J Kennedy, C O'Donovan, M Cleary, D Finnerty, C Howard, E Tucker, J Heffernan, K Tucker, D O'Meara, R Tomlinson, D O'Donnell. Subs: C Bonar for O'Meara, R Foley for Howard.

Referee: J. McDonnell.

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1991 – The year the Greyhounds came back

1991 was the beginning of Toomevara's reign at the top. The previous two years they had reached North Finals only to flop, to Lorrha in 1989 and Kilruane in 1990. Would they make it third time lucky?

The last four in the 1991 championship were formidable teams in their own right. Eire Og, Kilruane, Lorrha and Toomevara. Like Toomevara, Eire Og were anxious to make the breakthrough to the top. They hadn't won a North title since 1964. In the semi-final they faced the holders Kilruane in Cloughjordan.

It was a daunting task facing them in their own backyard. In the opening half Michael Cleary gave an exhibition, hitting for points as Eire Og swept to 0-9 to 1-2 lead. the veteran Jim Williams had Kilruane's goal. Cleary again pointed quickly after the interval, but Kilruane showed their mettle, and with a David Quinlan goal and a number of points were level with ten minutes left. But Eire Og were not to be denied, and emerged winners by 0-15 to 2-7.

It was light too in the other semi-final as Toome' held out to beat Lorrha by a point and so average the '89 defeat. Tony Dunne hit 1-2 and his son Thomas hit 1-1, unusual to see father and son on the scoresheet. At half time it was 1-7 to 2-4. The second half was closely fought with scores coming at a premium, until Toome went out on top 2-8 to 1-10.

The North Final on September 20th was a thrilling encounter. "The Guardian's" opening paragraph said "Eire Og's continued existence in the North S.H. Championship can be added to the tales of great escapes, as they soared from the throes of depression and their first reward was a draw with Toomevara".

Eire Og had led 0-8 to 0-5 at the interval, but they had a strong breeze and many felt Toome would take control in the second half. When they took the lead six minutes into the half prophecies looked like being fulfilled. But Eire Og hadn't learned the script, and it took a last jump point from Thomas Dunne to save Toome and draw at 0-12 each.

The replay was the following Sunday. Toome' were boosted by the victory of their juniors the night before over Ballina in their final.

The opening minutes were a nightmare for Eire Og as they were caught for an early goal from Tony Delaney. They were still four points in arrears at the interval. They came back well in the second half, and after forty five minutes were 2-5 to 1-7 ahead. But Toome were determined on victory, and a superb opportunist goal from Sean Flaherty put them in front. They went on for a 2-11 to 2-7 victory and the glory days had begun for this generation of Greyhounds.

The team that brought this first tile in 29 years was: Jody Grace, Pat Maher, Liam Nolan, Rory Brislane, George Friend, Michael O'Meara, Declan O'Meara, Tony Dunne, Pat King, Liam Flaherty, Michael Murphy, Tony Delaney, Tony Dunne, Michael Nolan, Thomas Dunne. Subs: John Ryan for M Nolan, Philip Shanahan for J. Dunne.

Toomevara

1.

Jody Grace

2.

Pat Meagher

3.

Rory Brislane

4.

Philip Shanahan

5.

Tony Delaney (C)

6.

Michael O'Meara

7.

George Frend

8.

Terry Dunne

9.

Pat King

10.

Tommy Dunne

11.

Liam Flaherty

12.

Ken Dunne

13.

Liam Nolan

14.

Kevin Kennedy

15.

Michael Bevans

Fir Ionaïd: 16 Justin Cottrell, 17 Declan O'Meara, 18 Ray Hackett, 19 Tommie Carroll, 20 Michael Murphy, 21 Jimmy Dunne, 22 Kevin McCormack, 23 Aidan Maxwell, 24 Denis Kelly, 25 Damien O'Meara, 26 Joe O'Meara

Coach/Trainer: Tadhg O'Connor; **Selectors:** Jim McDonnell, Matt O'Meara.



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Joe Loughnane
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Philip Rabbitte
7.
Sean Maher
8.
Martin Hayes
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Aidan Ryan
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John McGrath
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Michael Ryan
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Tom Stakelum
14.
Timmy Stapleton
15.
Conor Stakelum

Fir Ionaid: 16 Sean Ryan, 17 Gerry Stapleton, 18 Mark Rabbitte, 19 Jodie Boyle, 20 Angelo Walsh, 21 Jimmy Slattery, 22 Peadar Fahey, 23 Jodie Hurley, 24 John Cummins, 25 Mark Stapleton, 26 John Keane, 27 Philip Maher, 28 Robert Stakelum, 29 Willie O'Dwyer, 30 Martin Fahey, 31 Michael Browne, 32 Frances O'Dwyer.

Manager/Coach: Timmy Delaney;

Selectors: Fr. O'Donnell, John Kelly.

Trainer: Martin Flynn; **First Aid:** Christine O'Dwyer.

☐ Team Captain, **Bobby Ryan** is the proud holder of many awards including All-Stars, All-Ireland and Munster medals plus county and North with his club.; He led Borris-Ileigh to victory in their last North final success in 1988



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Guardian Player of the year in 1994, Jody Grace about to clear his lines in the 1993 Munster Club Hurling Final against Sixmilebridge.

THEY MET IN TWO NORTH FINALS

On July 18th, 1931, Toomevara and Borrisoleigh met to decide the 1930 North Final. Five months later both sides were to meet again on December 12th. Here are the Guardian reports of both games.

1930: (Played In 1931)

Fine Crowd at Nenagh Game

Toomevara 5-8; Borrisoleigh 1-6

For the full hour's play a young, lithe Borrisoleigh team extended Toomevara in the 1930 senior hurling championship final, which was played at the Show Grounds, Nenagh, on Sunday. The weather was fine and the pitch in excellent trim, and the very large crowd had reason to be gratified with the exhibition provided by both teams. Toomevara retained their divisional title by a good margin, but the big score does not give a full indication of the run of play.

The Borrisoleigh men rendered a good account of themselves in a game which was marked by clean, fast play. The stalwart defence of the champions, however, proved the downfall of Borrisoleigh, whose forward line felt itself robbed every time of a possible score. Young Coffey, the Ryans, T. Harty and P. Harty showed up well, especially Paddy Harty, who was a tireless worker and kept Borrisoleigh constantly on the attack with well-directed balls. Toomevara's forwards were always dangerous and they let no chance go. Small had his hands full, especially in the first half, when Kennedy, O'Meara and Kelly were constantly around him. Few minor injuries occurred, and the final, on the whole, was an enjoyable game. Toome's field craft and greater experience stood them well and the ball always found the Toom men in position. Combination was in evidence by both teams.

Kennedy sent over a point following the start, when he caught a ball from Sergt. Gleeson. Howard and Hackett put in some fast work and later Jack Gleeson (Killowney) got home a major. Paddy Harty was doing strong work, but Toom were maintaining the attack, and a smart attack was later saved by M. Collison. Burns missed a chance, and next Paddy O'Meara dropped a lovely ball for Matthews to save, but Kennedy getting possession increased Toom's lead by a goal. When Toom pressure had been relieved Borrisoleigh got a point. Close play was in evidence and good work was done by both sides. A fast attack saw the champions getting home their third goal. A free to Toom taken by Gleeson was saved and Borrisoleigh launched a strong attack which eventuated in the loveliest goal of the day, scored by young Coffey from the side-line, a high ball beating Tom O'Meara and finding the net; later each side added points. Sergt. Gleeson scored a point from a free, but Paddy Harty failed with a free for the Mid men. Toom forwards were always dangerous from O'Meara's long pucks, and Borrisoleigh defence had a hot time of it. Tom O'Meara saved stiff shots and next Borrisoleigh beat off an attack which followed a 70 to the champions. Coffey later pointed for Borrisoleigh in nice style, and Jack Kennedy raised the white flag for Toom. Martin Kennedy took a good pass from Bill O'Meara but Matthews brought off a great save when Kennedy shot for the net. Harty scored a point from a 70 for Borrisoleigh. Later, after a fine run by Harty Toomevara rushed home their fourth goal, and the interval whistle went shortly after, leaving the score: Toomevara, 4-4; Borrisoleigh 1-4.

Tom Collison opened the second half with a point for Toom, and some nice hurling followed a rush by the champions. Borrisoleigh got a point and later Paddy O'Meara forced a 70 which Matthews converted for a further 70, but Sergt. Gleeson sent wide. Hurling was very lively with Borrisoleigh asserting themselves. A rush by Toom saw Matthews block a hot shot. The ball was stopped by O'Meara, who pulled for a nice goal. A free followed to Borrisoleigh and P. Harty placed in the goal

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mouth for Toom defence to clear to safety.

A point followed to the champions per M. Kennedy, and later Matthews saved from the same player, O'Meara, subsequently forcing a 70 from a pass from Burns. The puck resulted in a point for Toom per Gleeson. Borrisoleigh had several wides and hurled well in Toom territory, but Sergt. Gleeson relieved with a strong puck. They came again but were unable to penetrate the Toom defence.

Matthews saved twice in succession and attempts which proved abortive were made by the Mid fifteen. Hackett cleared a Borrisoleigh free to the line. Play was being maintained at a fast pace; and Borrisoleigh attacks were upset by Collison, Ryan, Howard and Hackett, who were always safe. Toom goal was placed in danger several times, but Borrisoleigh rushed the ball wide to relieve. Toom's custodian saved, and Coffey just missed from a nice shot. Meara got a cheer for a great save, and attacks followed to each side and Kelly later added a point for Toom, and Devaney replied with a minor for Borrisoleigh. Play continued fast until the final whistle and though Borrisoleigh tried hard they were unable to reduce the champions's lead who won on the score: Toomevara 5-8; Borrisoleigh 1-6. Mr. Jack Kennedy, Silvermines, handled the game efficiently.

TOOMEVARA: T. O'Meara (goal), P. Ryan, G. Howard, B. O'Meara, Sergt. Gleeson, T. Collison, M. Kennedy (capt.), M. Collison, J. Kennedy, T. Burns and P. O'Meara, S. Hackett, J. Donovan, J. Gleeson (Killowney), D. Kelly.

Borrisoleigh: W. Matthews (goal), W. Small, M. Mack, J. Guilmartin, D. Mackey, T. Harty, M. Carroll, T. Stapleton, P. Harty (captain), P. Coffey, T. Hogan, W. Corbett, M. Ryan, W. Ryan, J. Devaney.

1931 Final:

Toomevara retains the Title

Toomevara 7-1; Borrisoleigh 1-3

At the Show Grounds, Nenagh, on Sunday, Toomevara again won the final and thus maintain their unbroken record as holders of the North Tipperary championship. Their opponents were Borrisoleigh, who they defeated by 7-1 to 1-3.

This was the first game the divisional champions were asked to play this season, the North Tipperary Board giving them a bye to the final. On the other hand, Borrisoleigh showed good form in all thier matches in the championship and they came out on top against Nenagh, Lorrha and Kilbarron, Kiladangan and thus paved the way for their right to fight Toomevara for the championship. Toomevara tried some new players in Guilmartin, Hogan and Guilfoyle – a very promising trio, while Jack Donovan took Paddy Ryan's position in front of Tom O'Meara, and right well did he defend him. They were well supplied by Garrett Howard and Sergt. Jack Gleeson, while Kennedy, looking fine after his Atlantic voyage, found the net when the ball came his way. The lateness of the season marred the attendance, which was the smallest that attended a divisional final for many a year. The heavy going affected Borrisoleigh who, however, stood up to their work for the hour.

The game opened slowly and Borrisoleigh thrust home an initial attack which the champions, however, held up and pressure was relieved when the ball was sent over the line. A wide followed to Toomevara from a good puck by Hogan, which the forwards followed up. Burns now turned a nice ball and when O'Meara-Kennedy had handled Borrisoleigh goal was in danger but Matthews cleared. Tom Harty got possession from Howard, but a nice shot from the wing went wide. Matthews again saved Borrisoleigh when Kennedy had a chance, and a fast shot was quickly cleared away by the Borrisoleigh custodian.



Borris-Ileigh U/14 team - runners up in the North B hurling final. Back row l to r: Brendan Kenny, Martin Maher, Timmy Stapleton, Owen Kennedy, Michael Small, Jim Ryan, Vincent Stapleton and P.J. Kiely. Front row: Pierce Ryan (Capt), Kevin Walsh, Patrick Tynan, Andy Spillane, Seamus Valey, Seamus Farrell and Mark Bourke.



1992 S.H. League Champions: The Toomevara team which defeated Borris-Ileigh in the league final: Back row l to r: Pat King, Jody Grace, Michael O'Meara, Pat Maher, Liam Flaherty, Ken McDonnell, Liam Nolan, Tony Delaney, Michael Nolan. Front l to r: Tommy Carroll, Sean Nolan, Declan O'Meara, Rory Brislane, George Frend, Michael Murphy.

Toomevara maintained the attack and vigorous tackling followed. A low shot was sent in and missed by the visitors goalie, who had just recovered, however, when O'Meara ran in to tackle and Kennedy followed up to slip the ball in the net for a somewhat lucky goal for Toomevara. A second goal came quickly to the champions by Hogan. Borrisoleigh custodian saved again from Burns, and Kennedy just sent wide. Carroll (Borrisoleigh) was injured and he was replaced by L. Ryan. O'Meara saved and later Borrisoleigh got a minor after a free by P. Harty. Paddy O'Meara positioned Kennedy who added Toomevara's third goal.

Borrisoleigh swept down but failed to score. Matthews next stopped Kennedy, and Delaney in goal, saved his net after Toom attacked. Delaney was kept busy after Guilmartin placed well in Borrisoleigh territory, and their goal their goal had a narrow escape. Sergt. Gleeson took a free near in but the ball was driven back and even exchanges followed in which the veteran, Hackett, and P. Harty figured. Borrisoleigh attacked and scored their first goal by Devaney, who was playing with a bandaged head.

Toom forwards were working hard for a score, but a free relieved the Borrisoleigh goal. After Hogan had passed to Kennedy and Matthews had cleared, P. O'Meara doubled on a flying ball to and a fourth goal for Toom. At the interval the score was: Toomevara 4-0; Borrisoleigh 1-1.

Early on the resumption, Delaney saved for Borrisoleigh, and though with a bandaged head, Devaney worked hard and had hard luck in failing to get score. Nothing came of a free and a 70 which Borrisoleigh got, the Toom defence being too strong. Toom attacked and from an advantageous position Kennedy shook the net for the champions fifth goal. There was good defence work to hold up repeated Toom attacks, but the forwards prevailed and the goal fell for the sixth time. Collison, Hackett, Donovan and Howard were well to the fore, when Borrisoleigh launched a strong attack, and after good work which followed a free. Borrisoleigh scored a point and Burns replied with a point for Toom. Play was contested doggedly, and there was close hurling, but Toom continued to hold the balance. From a good position Tom Harty added a point for Borrisoleigh. Later from a pass by Hogan, Kennedy snapped up to score Toom's seventh goal, leaving the still champions of the North.

Mr. Michael F. Cronin, Lorrha, in the absence of Mr. J. Kennedy, was an impartial referee.

Toomevara: Tom O'Meara (goal), J. Donovan, M. Collison, S. Hackett, Garrett Howard, M. O'Meara, J. O'Brien (Swimmer), Sergt. Gleeson, J. Guilmartin, J. Gleeson (Killowney), J. Hogan, P. Guilfoyle, T. Burns, P. O'Meara, M. Kennedy (capt.).

Borrisoleigh: P. Harty, F. Smith, D. Mackey, T. Harty, W. Matthews, J. Donovan, M. Mack, M. Ryan, M. Carroll, J. Hackett, W. Ryan, T. Hogan, D. Ryan, M. Stapleton.

Bord na n'Og Final Results in Hurling for 1995

U/12 Hurling 'A': Toomevara 3-2; Burgess 3-1

U/12 Hurling 'B': Ballina 3-5; Newport 0-1

U/12 Hurling 'C': Silvermines 5-5; Ballinahinch 4-5

U/14 Hurling 'A' Urban/Rural: Toomevara 0-8; Nenagh 1-5

Replay: Toomevara 2-11; Nenagh 2-10

U/14 Hurling Rural: Toomevara 5-12; Moneygall 1-6

U/14 Hurling 'B': Burgess 5-7; Borris-Ileigh 1-3

U/14 Hurling 'C': Kildangan 3-4; Portroe 0-0

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Borris-Ileigh '87 style - the pride of Tipperary.

by COLM KINSELLA

On a mid-August evening in 1985 Borris-Ileigh's players and supporters trooped out of McDonagh Park, Nenagh a disconsolate lot. Beaten by arch-rivals Kilruane MacDonagh's by fifteen points in a North Semi-Final the future looked far from bright. The hurling critics spoke of imminent retirements, the older players past their 'sell by' date while the young shoulders in the side were incapable on their own of leading the famed 'maroon and white' out of what seemed like a lengthy period as one of North Tipp. hurling's 'also rans'. Few would have expected that the very next season 1986-87 would see Borris-Ileigh write the greatest chapter in their long and successful history.

A bright league campaign signalled the beginning of better things to come. Their haul of thirteen league points left Borris-Ileigh joint leaders with Kilruane after their eight games, and so a play off would decide the competitions winners.

At half time it looked like a repeat of their championship meeting of the previous summer as Kilruane cruised to a 0-13 to 1-4 half time lead. Borris-Ileigh with a new sense of purpose in the second period fought back bravely but again finished second best. Although defeated Borris-Ileigh could take much from their two point loss, perhaps most notably that they had held the '85 All-Ireland club champions to scoring one point in the second period.

The '86 championship brought with it fresh impetus and hope. A bye in the first round and a ten point defeat of Borrisokane set up another semi-final meeting with Kilruane.

FINAL SUCCESS

For the third time in the space of twelve months Borris-Ileigh were to suffer the same sinking feeling against Kilruane. An eleven point defeat left many question marks over this Borris-Ileigh side.

The change in fortune is quite remarkable and says much for the club's dedication, hard work and resilience.

A superb performance in the play-off game against Toomevara gave the 'maroon and white' a priceless ticket to the county quarter finals.

Further victories over Carrick Swans and Holycross helped Borris-Ileigh to a county final appearance. Not surprisingly the opposition were to be Kilruane, the best club side in Ireland the previous year and seemingly bound for the same exalted perch if the results of these sides recent meetings were anything to go by.

Yet Borris-Ileigh were a transformed side. Under the influence of Thurles Sarsfields Paddy Doyle they possessed a new confidence and will to win.

The sixth county title in senior ranks was attained in much style. Kilruane were a beaten side well before the final whistle.

The Borris-Ileigh tendency to mix the very good with the mediocre from early in the year had made way for some buoyant displays.

Having played second fiddle to Kilruane for '85 and part of '86 what better way to press home their hurling worth than by emulating their great rivals in winning the All-Ireland club title.

Wins over Limerick kingpins Claughaun and the Clare standard bearers, Clarecastle saw Borris' through to the late four of the All-Ireland club series.

In the first half of their Munster final win Borris-Ileigh were seen at their brilliant best. They crushed a fancied Clarecastle side with veteran forward Noel O'Dwyer giving a masterful display of point scoring.

After two defeats in their previous Munster club final appearances Borris-Ileigh had finally made

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Their All-Ireland semi-final pitted them against Ballycastle of Antrim. In an open, free flowing encounter Borris-Ileigh proved too strong for the northerners and despite conceding three goals had eight points to spare, 3-16 to 3-8.

The other half of the draw provided Borris' with their opponents, the Wexford champions Rathnure. Again Borris' did their best work in the opening half. Goals from Philip Kenny and the outstanding Aidan Ryan saw them into a healthy 2-5 to 0-6 lead by the interval.

Noel O'Dwyer continued to impress and Borris' cruised through the second half for a 2-9 to 0-9 victory.

The top prize in club hurling had been annexed, it was a long way from that sizable defeated suffered at the hands of Kilruane nineteen months earlier.

The line out and scorers from the All-Ireland Club final were: Noel Maher, Francis Spillane, Timmy Stapleton, Michael Ryan, Richard Stakleum, Gerry Stapleton, Bobby Ryan, Timmy Ryan, Francis Collins, Conor Stakelum 0-1, Noel O'Dwyer 0-4 (2 frees, 1 pen), John McGrath 0-1, Mick Coen, Philip Kenny 1-1, Aidan Ryan 1-2. Subs: Brian Kenny for Timmy Ryan (injured).

BORRIS-ILEIGH 1985 CHAMPIONSHIP

Rd. 1: Borris-Ileigh 4-11 - Borrisokane/Knockshe 0-9.

Rd. 2: Borris-Ileigh 2-12 - Roscrea 2-6.

Rd. 3 Borris-Ileigh 1-18 - Toome 0-14.

Rd.4 Borris-Ileigh 1-18 - Nenagh 3-7.

Semi-Final: Borris-Ileigh 0-5 - Kilruane 2-14.

'86 SHL Rd 1: Borris-Ileigh 0-14 - Moneygall 0-13.

Borris-Ileigh 1-8 - Roscrea 0-7.

Borris-Ileigh 0-4 - Toome 2-10.

Borris-Ileigh 1-12 - Silvermines 0-8.

Borris-Ileigh 4-8 - Lorrha 2-7.

Borris-Ileigh 1-18 - Borrisokane 2-10.

Borris-Ileigh 1-9 - Eire Og 1-9.

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Final: (on play off) Borris-Ileigh 2-6 - Kilruane 0-14.

86 S.H.C. First Round Borris-Ileigh received a bye.

2nd Round Borris-Ileigh 2-22 - Borrisokane 2-10.

Semi-Final: Borris-Ileigh 0-7 - Kilruane 1-15.

SHC Play-Off: Borris-Ileigh 3-9 - Toome 2-9.

County Quarter Final: Borris-Ileigh 3-17 - Carrick Swans 5-3.

Semi-final: Borris-Ileigh 3-10 - Holycross 1-7.

Final: Borris-Ileigh 0-14 - Kilruane 0-7.

Munster Semi-Final: Borris-Ileigh 2-10 - Cloughan 1-9.

Munster Final: Borris-Ileigh 1-13 - Clarecastle 1-9.

All-Ireland Club Semi-Final: Borris-Ileigh 3-16 - Ballycastle 3-8.

All-Ireland Club Final: Borris-Ileigh 2-9 - Rathnure 0-9.



Toomevara Munster Champions of 1993. Back row l to r: Ml. Murphy, Ml. Nolan, Ml. O'Meara, Pat Meagher, Pat King, Liam Flaherty, Tommie Dunne, Kevin O'Kennedy. Front row: Philip Shanahan, Tommie Carroll, George Frend, Jody Grace (Capt), Declan O'Meara, Tony Delaney, Rory Brislane.

1901-1995

SENIOR HURLING		
1901 Lahorna De Wets	1937 Roscrea	1977 Kilruane MacD.
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 Kilruane
1911 Toomevara	1947 Borrisoleigh	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 Nenagh Eire Og
1917 Toomevara	1953 Borris-Ileigh	1993 Nenagh Eire Og
1918 Toomevara	1954 Roscrea	1994 Toomevara
1919 Toomevara	1955 Borris-Ileigh	
1920 No championship	1956 Lorrha	SENIOR H. LEAGUE
1921 No championship	1957 Nenagh Eire Og	1985 Lorrha
1922 Toomevara	1958 Toomevara	1986 Kilruane MacD.
1923 Toomevara	1959 Kilruane MacD.	1987 Roscrea
1924 Lorrha	1960 Toomevara	1988 Eire Og
1925 Toomevara	1961 Toomevara	1989 Lorrha
1926 Toomevara	1962 Toomevara	1990 Toomevara
1927 Toomevara	1963 Roscrea	1991 Eire Og
1928 Toomevara	1964 Nenagh Eire Og	1992 Toomevara
1929 Toomevara	1965 Kilruane MacD.	1993 Toomevara
1930 Toomevara	1966 Lorrha	1994 Toomevara
1931 Toomevara	1967 Roscrea	1995 Nenagh
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	

1985 Lorrha
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For to-days finalists, Borris-Ileigh and Toomevara, their fortunes were rather mixed. Borris-Ileigh had a first round win along with Lorrha, Moneygall, Newport and Roscrea. In the second round however, they were to lose to Moneygall eventual championship runners-up. Toomevara played all of two games which included a heavy first round defeat against Roscrea and were later to lose to Nenagh in the first round of the losers group. In the end Roscrea were crowned champions for the thirteenth time.

The results from the 1970 S.H.C. is as follows:-

Round 1. Borris-Ileigh 3-11; Nenagh Eire Og 4-3
Lorrha 3-14; Borrisokane 2-6
Moneygall 6-12; St. Brendans, Ballina/Silvermines 2-7
Newport 4-16; Na Piarsaigh, Burgess/Kildangan 3-7
Roscrea 10-6; Toomevara 3-7
Kilruane, a bye

Winners

Group. Newport 7-7; Kilruane 2-8
Roscrea 3-10; Lorrha 2-4
Moneygall 2-10; Borris-Ileigh 2-7

Losers Group

Round 1. Nenagh 6-3; Toomevara 3-9
St. Brendans 4-11; Na Piarsaigh 6-4
Kilruane 2-8; Borrisokane 0-12

Losers

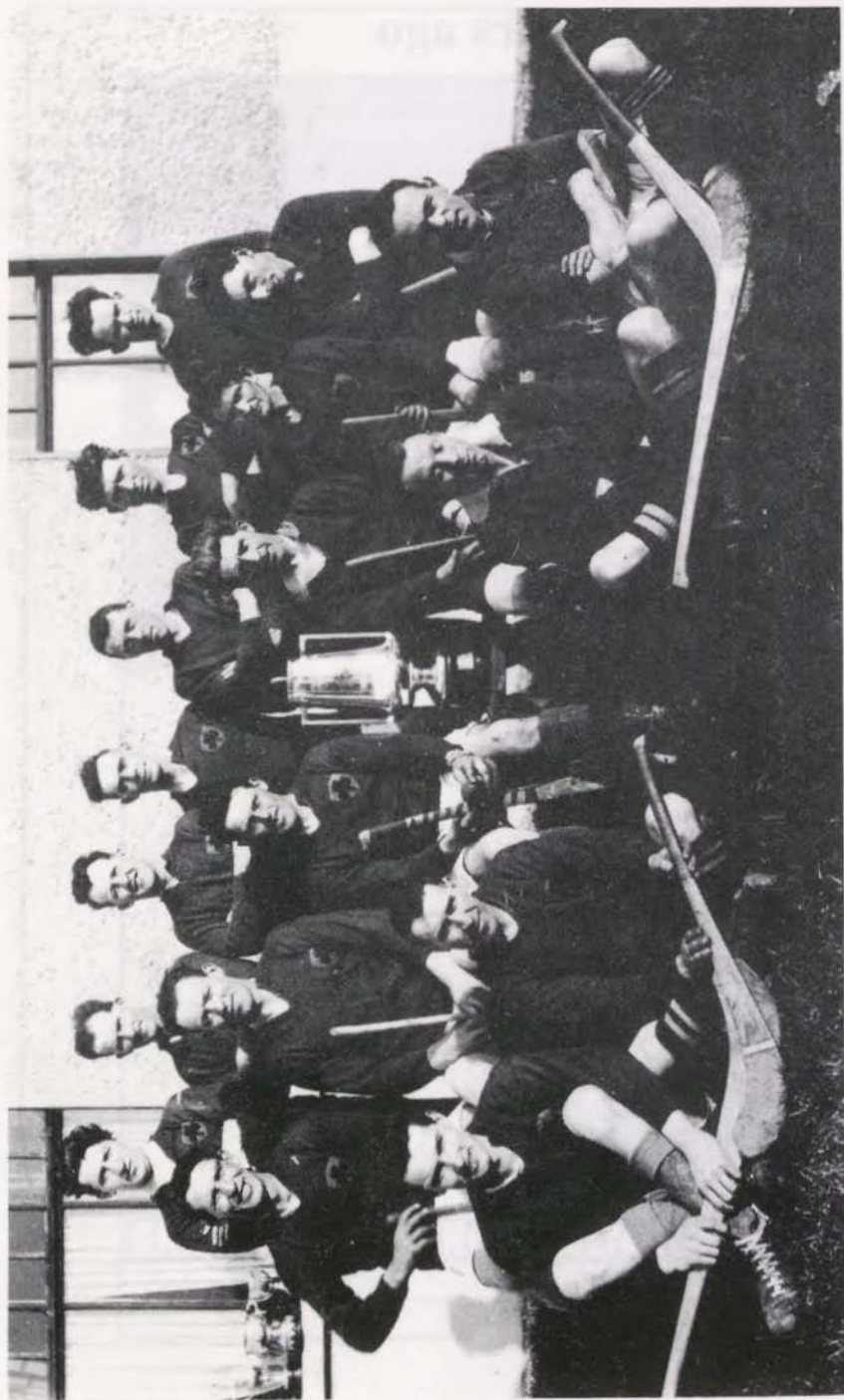
Semi Final Kilruane 4-7; St. Brendans 1-9

Losers Final Nenagh 7-9; Kilruane 4-2

Semi Final Roscrea 4-16; Newport 2-3
Moneygall 5-10; Newport 5-4

Final

Sept. 19th. Roscrea 3-9; Moneygall 3-3, at Nenagh



TOOMEVARA 1931: Back row l to r: Jack Donovan, N.T., Bill O'Meara, Gawn; Malachy Collison, Moneygall; Steven Hackett, Coole; Jack Kennedy, Moneygall; Jack Gilmartin, Paddy O'Meara, Gawn. Middle Row l to r: Tom Gleeson, Moneygall; Tom Byrne, Moneygall, Martin Kennedy, Moneygall; Dinny Kelly, Ballybeg; Paddy Guilfoyle, Moneygall. Front row: Tom O'Meara, N.T., Gawn; "Swimmer" O'Brien, Garrett Howard, Garda; Jack Gleeson, Garda. (Courtesy of Jack Ryan).

Neil Williams retiring

After twenty one years as principal of Toomevara National School Neil Williams, N.T., has retired this summer. From nearby Cloughjordan, Neil received his secondary education at Ballyfin before going on to teacher training. He taught in Newport and the now defunct school at Clash before becoming principal in Ballinree NS in 1957. He came to Toomevara in 1974 to succeed the late Jack Donovan, N.T. On coming to Toomevara parish, Neil threw in his lot with the local club, winning a North Medal in 1958 in the defeat of his old club Kilruane. North and county medals followed in 1960, a year in which he also won an Oireachtas medal with Tipperary. A North medal came his way again in 1961 and also a National League medal.

1962 also brought a North senior medal. He captained St. Flannan's to a county senior football title in 1961. Over the past twenty years Neil has done herculean work with under age hurling. The present high ranking of Toomevara is due to his great work over the years at under age level, many trophies won at every grade from under 12 up. The first North title was won at under 12 in 1975, and the first county under 12 in 1977, when the captain was a lad called Pat King. Scarcely a year has elapsed since that same trophy has not come Toome's way at under age levels.

Michael Murphy

They say every team has at least one character, and this is certainly true when it comes to Toomes' tearing centre forward Michael Murphy. From the time that Michael won his first championship medal (U/12 1977) it was evident that he was going to be a vital cog in the success that would follow for Toome. He has represented the County in all grades of hurling winning Munster medals in minor, 1983, and a junior success in 1985.

Michael is a player whose love and dedication to hurling knows no bounds, and while he has suffered some injuries during the year, one hopes that he has recovered sufficiently, and is sure to make an appearance at some stage in to-days decider.

Pat Meagher

Pat Meagher had the honour of been captain for all of Toomes' senior successes in 1994. While in his juvenile days he played most of his hurling at wing back or centre field, it was not until he arrived on the senior scene that he established himself as a teak tough corner back.

He has been a very consistent defender in recent years, and he is highly rated by many hurling followers throughout the premier county. He has won all major honours with the club at all levels, and he would love to add to his collection with a win in to-days final.

Pat (29) is married to Bernie and he is a member of the office staff at Carey Bros., Nenagh.

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S.H.C. SEMI-FINAL 1989:

Borris-Ileigh are dethroned by Toomevara

Toomevara 1-11 – Borris-Ileigh 0-10.

Borris-Ileigh's reign as North champions came to an end at MacDonagh Park, Cloughjordan as they bowed out – not altogether unexpectedly – to Toomevara who will be in their first North Final since 1986.

It wasn't a great hour's hurling by any standard, and while Toomevara will be jubilant at having taken so notable a scalp as Borrisoleigh, their euphoria must be tempered by a number of actors. Firstly Borrisoleigh had to line out with the services of Tipperary captain, Bobby Ryan, and that must have had a tremendous effect on the teams morale. Secondly as Noel O'Dwyer pointed out after the game it was probably the weakest forward line for many a year to come out of Borris.

Toome must also look to the fact that though they played with tremendous zest in the first half, and were six points clear at the interval, they lost their way for a long period in the second half. Only three points were scored in the second half by them, one from a 65 and another from a free which must raise questions about the quality of the forward line. They can also thank the superb goal-keeping of Kevin McCormack already a veteran of the senior club scene at 17 years of age, and two memorable saves by him kept Toomevara ahead just when Borris threatened to draw level.

Scorers: Toomevara: M Nolan 1-3, M O'Meara 0-3, J Ryan 0-3, L Flaherty 0-2. **Borrisoleigh:** C Stapleton 0-7, J. McGrath 0-1, S Devaney 0-1, J Maher 0-1.

Toomevara: K McCormack, P Maher, R Brislane, B Spillane, G Frend, P King, N McDonnell, M O'Meara, E Frend, J McGrath, Liam Flaherty, J Dunne, M Nolan, Tommy Dunne, J Ryan. Subs: K Kennedy, J McGrath, K McDonnell for Eddie Frend.

Borrisoleigh: C Reid, B Kenny, T Stapleton, M Ryan, Richard Stakelum, G Stapleton, Joe Loughane, A Ryan, J McGrath, Seamus Devaney, C Stakelum, Tom Stapleton, J.J. Maher, P Delaney, P Kenny, J.J. Maher. Subs: N Maher for Delaney, M Coen for R Stakelum.

Referee: J. McDonnell.

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Results of Toomevara v Borrisoleigh in the 30's and 40's

1930 North Final: Toomevara 5-8; Borrisoleigh 1-6
1931 North Final: Toomevara 7-1; Borrisoleigh 1-3
1935 2nd round: Toomevara 1-2; Borrisoleigh 6-6
1945 1st round: Toomevara 1-4; Borrisoleigh 0-4
1946 1st round: Toomevara 6-3; Borrisoleigh 2-6

TOOMEVARA v BORRIS-ILEIGH - 1948

In 1948 a new club was formed in the parish of Borrisoleigh. An amalgamation of Borrisoleigh and Ileigh was formed and a new club name was invented. Borris-Ileigh Hurling Club was born and its name would become a household name right up to the present day.

Listed below are the results of the fifteen games played in the North S.H.C. between Toomevara and Borris-Ileigh for '48 to '93. Borris-Ileigh lead by 8 wins to 6 and there was one draw.

1948 2nd round: Toomevara 1-7; Borris-Ileigh 4-8 (Nenagh)
1950 1st round: Toomevara 3-0; Borris-Ileigh 6-13 (Nenagh)
1951 1st round: Toomevara 2-3; Borris-Ileigh 4-13 (Borrisoleigh)
1957 2nd round: Toomevara 5-14; Borris-Ileigh 4-5 (Nenagh)
1958 1st round: Toomevara 3-7; Borris-Ileigh 1-3 (Nenagh)
1968 Semi Final: Toomevara 4-7; Borris-Ileigh 3-13 (Nenagh)
1969 2nd round: Toomevara 1-11; Borris-Ileigh 4-7 (Nenagh)
1971 Semi Final: Toomevara 2-6 Borris-Ileigh 4-7 (Nenagh)
1976 2nd round: Toomevara 4-5; Borris-Ileigh 3-5
1978 1st round: Toomevara 0-7; Borris-Ileigh 7-11
1985: Toomevara 0-14; Borris-Ileigh 1-8
1989 Semi Final: Toomevara 1-10; Borris-Ileigh 0-11 (Cloughjordan)
1992 Preliminary round: Toomevara 2-11; Borris-Ileigh 0-17 (Cloughjordan)
Replay: Toomevara 1-15; Borris-Ileigh 3-11 (Cloughjordan)
1993 Losers group final: Toomevara 1-10; Borris-Ileigh 0-11 (Nenagh)
S.H.L. Since the S.H.L. was inaugurated in 1985 both Toomevara and Borris-Ileigh have met on seven occasions.
1986: Toomevara 2-10; Borris-Ileigh 0-4
1987: Toomevara 0-4; Borris-Ileigh 1-12
1/4/'90: Toomevara 0-6; Borris-Ileigh 0-14 (Borris-Ileigh)
Play-off, 15/4/'90: Toomevara 2-8; Borris-Ileigh 0-13 (Cloughjordan)
27/3/'92, 2nd round: Toomevara 1-14; Borris-Ileigh 2-7 (Toomevara)
League Final, 26/7/'92: Toomevara 2-8; Borris-Ileigh 0-9 (Moneygall)
14/3/'93: 1st round: Toomevara 2-11; Borris-Ileigh 1-5 (Borrisoleigh)



10 years ago: Borris-Ileigh S.H. team that defeated Nenagh in the last round of the championship in 1985 to qualify for the semi-finals. Borris-Ileigh back row: Tommy O'Dwyer, John McGrath, Timmy Ryan, Philip Kenny, Francis Collins, Gerry Stapleton, Richard Stakelum, Timmy Stapleton. Front row: Michael Coen, Timmy Delaney, Aidan Ryan, John Ryan, Brian Kenny, Noel O'Dwyer, Bobby Ryan.

Toomevara Pen Pictures

JODY GRACE, 28 - Farmer
PAT MEAGHER, 29 - Carey's Glass
RORY BRISLANE, 29 - Sales Rep.
GEORGE FREND, 24 - National School Teacher
MICHAEL O'MEARA, 26 - Carey's Glass
PHILIP SHANAHAN, 21 - Computer Operator
TONY DELANEY, 24 - Insurance Rep.
PAT KING, 30 - Liffey Mills
MICHAEL MURPHY, 30 - Liffey Mills
LIAM FLATHERY, 30 - Farmer
TOMMY CARROLL, 24 - Accountant
KEVIN KENNEDY, 24 - Tipperary Water
TOMMY DUNNE, 21 - Sales Rep.
LIAM NOLAN, 30 - Publican
DENIS KELLY, 18 - Student
KEN DUNNE, 18 - Student
RAY HACKETT, 18, - Student
MICHAEL BEVANS, 18 - Student
DAMIEN O'MEARA, 18 - Student
JUSTIN COTTRELL, 18 - Trainee Electrician
TERRY DUNNE, 20 - Factory Employee
AIDAN MAXWELL, 21 - Student
JOE O'MEARA, 20 - Student
KEVIN MCCORMACK, 24 - Carpenter
JIMMY DUNNE, 34 - Carpenter

Referee Gerry Hayes

Gerry Hayes, Moneygall will referee today's final. It will be his first time to referee a senior hurling final. Last year he was in charge of the I.H.C. final between Silvermines and Shannon Rovers.

His finals up to now include a junior 'A' in '91 and a minor hurling 'B' final in '92. He has refereed in three county football finals which include minor 'A', junior 'A' and an under-21 'B'.

He began refereeing in 1990 and since then he has officiated in u-14 and u-16 'A' hurling finals.

Gerry, who is a mechanic and is married to Patricia Ryan and his family include Geraldine, Elaine and Billy.

When not involved with the whistle, Gerry is an active member with his club and at the moment is in the position of vice-chairman.

Today his umpires will be Noel and Barry Ryan, Martin Hogan and Billy McLeish, while his linesmen are Martin Ahearne and Michael Maunsell.



Borris-Ileigh's last North Final win in '88 against Roscrea: Back row: Noel O'Dwyer, Timmy Stapleton, Richard Stakelum, Gerry Stapleton, Timmy Ryan, Conor Stakelum, John McGrath, Bobby Ryan. Front row: Noel Maher, Philip Kenny, Michael Ryan, Aidan Ryan, Brian Kenny, Seamus Devaney, Christy Reid.

The late Frankie Ryan

Frankie was closely involved with Toomevara from boyhood. He was a member of the Toomevara juvenile team which beat Shannon Rovers 3-3 to 3-1 to win the Conway Cup in 1953. He was again corner forward the following year when they were beaten by Borrisokane in the final 7-3 to 4-1. 1995 saw him captain of the juvenile team which brought home the Conway Cup by defeating Kilruane 5-5 to 4-0. The same year, at the age of 15 he played in a North minor final, but was out of luck as Toome lost to Eire Og.

The following year Toome were back in the minor final, and Frankie hit three goals in the 5-6 to 2-2 defeat of Kildangan. In 1958 he won a North Junior medal with Toome's No. 2 team, which beat Kilruane in the North final, and then defeated Borrisokane, No. 1 championship winners, for the right to play in the county. Unfortunately Sarsfields were too strong for them in the final winning 3-7 to 2-4.

In 1959 he made the breakthrough to the senior team, and played against Kilruane in the North final, losing 0-11 to 1-4. But 1960 brought double glory with a North victory over Kilruane, and the county final victory - the first since 1960 - over Sarsfields by 3-15 to 2-9. Frankie was at corner forward.

He picked up a county football medal with a North Tipp selection in 1960, and again with the St. Flannans, a Toome, Moneygall, Roscrea combination which won in 1961. North medals followed for Frankie in 1961 and 1962, but Roscrea were victorious in the 1963 final. Toome's fortunes went into decline through the sixties and Frankie retired from senior hurling in 1971.

Frankie was in charge of the Intermediate team which regained senior status in 1984, and became a senior selector in 1985. He was a very dedicated mentor and extremely proud of Toome as it swept to the three in a row of county titles since 1992.

Borris-Ileigh's Hurling Roll of Honour

All-Ireland Club Final, 1987; Munster Club Final 1987

COUNTY TITLES

Senior Hurling: 1949; '50; '53; '81; '83; '86

Junior Hurling: 1910 (Borrisoleigh)

U/21: 1969

Minor 'B': 1985

U/16 'B': 1991

NORTH TITLES

Senior Hurling: 1947 (Borris-Ileigh); 1950; '51; '52; '53; '55; '72; '73; '76; '81; '83; '88

Junior Hurling: 1978

U/21 'A': 1969; '87; '88

Minor 'B': 1981; '85

U/16: 1965

U/16 'A': 1974

U/16 'B': 1988; '91

U/15: 1963; '65

U/14 'A': 1972; '74

U/14 'B': 1990

U/12 'A': 1973

U/12 'B': 1989

How Borris-Ileigh fared in Juvenile H. Finals since 1985

1985: U/12 H.B Runners up to Ballina 1-2 to 1-0.

U/14 H. B Runners up to Burgess 2-0 to 0-2.

1986: U/14 H. B: Runners up to Shannon Rovers 3-5 to 1-4.

1988: U/16 H. B: Victorious against Portroe 2-7 to 2-2.

1989: U/12 H. B: Victorious against Burgess 4-1 to 2-1.

U/14 H.B: Runners up to Silvermines 8-6 to 4-6.

1990: U/14 H.B: Victorious against Ballina 4-6 to 1-0.

1991: U/16 H.B: Victorious against Newport 1-5 to 0-5.

1993: U/14 H. B: Runners up to Burgess 2-4 to 1-3.

1994: U/12 H. B: Runners up to Burgess 3-2 to 2-1.

1995: U/14 H.B: Runners up to Burgess 5-7 to 1-3.

Best wishes to Borris-Ileigh in today's final
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The North Tipp U/16 hurling champions of 1993 which won the Munster Final, which includes seven players involved in today North Final. Front row: Ken Dunne, Toome; Peter Nolan, Templederry; Ml. Bevens, Toome; Rory Hackett, do; Darragh Quinn, Nenagh; Denis Kelly, Toome; Mark Keeshan, Moneygall; Damien O'Meara, Toome. Back row: Mark O'Leary, Kilruane; Philip Rabbittie, Borris-Ileigh; Mtn. Burke, S. Rovers; Paul King, Borrisokane/Knockshe; Kevin O'Brien, Kilruane; Niall Slevin, Borrisokane/Knockshe; Sean Maher, Borris-Ileigh; Seamus Hayes, Kildangan (coach).

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