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1996



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Our senior final brings together the Lower Ormond side Lorrha and from the banks of the Mulcair come Newport.

In modern times this is a unique pairing for the senior hurling final. Lorrha last won the title in 1989 while Newport have to go back to 1935 for their only title win.

Both sides have some notable wins to their credit in this year's championship and both teams have some fine individual players. It promises to be a great final and I hope the game lives up to those expectations.

I would like to wish T. F. Stapleton, the referee for today's game, the best of luck.

Also a word of thanks to our loyal patrons for their great support of our games during the year. Thanks also to An Runai, Michael O'Brien and An Cisteoir, Michael Nolan, for their trojan work at all times.

Finally, thanks to Bord na nOg and especially Liam Hogan for producing this programme.

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Sean S. MacEochaidh

Today's Referee

T. F. Stapleton, Borris-Ileagh, will to-day officiate in his first North Tipp senior hurling championship final. He has taken charge of many finals in other grades up to now. They include minor hurling in 1987, four U-21 hurling 'A' finals '90-'93 incl, while in '94 he held the whistle for the Nenagh Eire Og v Ballinahinch junior final. He has refereed one other senior final when Toomevara defeated Roscrea after a replay of the 1993 senior hurling league final

What happened since '89

by S. J. King

The last time Lorrha won the North final was in 1989. They had a successful year in the North that year, beating Borrisokane in the league final by 2-12 to 3-6 and overcoming Toomevara by 1-14 to 1-12 in the championship. With a bit of luck that year they might have won their first ever county championship.

Be defeating Toomevara in the North final, Lorrha qualified by play Carrick Swans in the county quarter-final. They won by double scores on a scoreline of 4-14 to 2-7. Kieran Hough was in brilliant form on the day, scoring 1-10 from frees and play.

In the semi-final Lorrha were pitted against Holycross-Ballycahill. In a dramatic game the North champions had a goal and a point disallowed by referee, George Ryan, in the space of only two minutes of the second half. Both were scores by Aidan McIntyre and, on both occasions, the referee gave a free out for what he deemed to be square infringements. Lorrha protested, especially when they lost by the minimum of margins, 0-12 to 0-11, their arguments and protests proved fruitless. Holycross had snatched the winning score with a 'Tonto' Lanigan point in the dying moments. What might have happened had Lorrha got through is anybody's guess. Holycross lost the final to Clonoulty-Rossmore by two points.



In the following year they beat Shannon Rovers by 0-18 to 2-8 in the first round and qualified for the winners' group but were beaten by Newport 2-12 to 1-12 and lost their chance of improving on the previous year. There wasn't much joy in 1991 either. Getting a bye in the first round Lorrha beat Newport convincingly by 1-15 to 1-7 but lost the semi-final to Toomevara by the minimum of margins on a scoreline of 2-8 to 1-10.

In 1992 Lorrha qualified for the North final after playing five games in the championship. They beat Newport, 2-6 to 0-9 in the first round and went on to defeat Borrisokane by 2-9 to 1-9 and qualify for the semi-final. This turned out to be a marathon against Toomevara. The teams drew 2-9 to 0-15 the first day, were still locked together 3-13 to 1-19 after extra time the second day and Lorrha eventually came out on top by 2-7 to 1-5 after the third attempt. Alas, for the men in blue and white the exhaustion, mental and physical, of the three game saga took its toll and they lost badly to Nenagh in the final by 1-18 to 0-8. Any progress they might have made outside the division, was halted by defeat at the hands of Toomevara, in the play-off between the losers and the winners of the league.

There wasn't much to shout about in 1993. After a comprehensive defeat of St. Odhran's - a combination of Silvermines and Templederry - by 4-16 to 1-15 in the first round, Lorrha were defeated, 4-9 to 1-9, by Nenagh in the winners' group. They won the first round in

1994, beating Borrisokane by 1-15 to 1-8 in the progress. They met Toomevara in the second round, drew the first day on a scoreline of 1-11 to 2-8 but were beaten in the replay by 1-16 to 1-12. Toomevara went on to win the county final and were beaten by Kilmallock in the Munster club final.

Lorrha played four matches in the 1995 championship. In the first round they drew 0-12 to 1-9 with Newport and were beaten in the replay by 0-11 to 0-10. Qualifying for the losers's group they drew with Moneygall, 0-8 to 1-5 but were beaten in the replay by 0-12 to 0-10.

And so the record since 1989 looks like this: Lorrha played 28 championship matches, won 14, drew 5 and lost 9. It will be interesting to see what will be added to that record after today's game.

CONCEDED 10 GOALS

Lorrha lost to Toomevara on a scoreline of 10-6 to 5-7 in the second round of the 1963 senior hurling championship.

LORRHA SEMI-FINALS

Do you know that Lorrha has contested no less than 18 North Tipperary senior hurling semi-finals for the past 30 years. They have one less than Kilruane MacDonaghs, but have appeared there more often than Roscrea, Toomevara or Nenagh Éire Óg.

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Martin Ryan, Newport looks back

by Liam Hogan

In 1989 Newport successfully defended their North Intermediate Hurling title by defeating Portroe after having previously defeated Templederry in the 1988 Final. The 1989 victory marked a long awaited return to Senior ranks. The captain that year was defender Martin Ryan who is current senior selector for this year.

That was Newport's last success and with seven years having elapsed Martin Ryan looked back on a great year for his beloved Newport.

L.H.- What position did you play in?

M.R.- I played full back up to the Kildangan game before moving to left corner back for the last game prior to the semi final.



Newport's Martin Ryan seen here receiving the Fr. Hewitt Cup from the then North Board Chairman John Tierney, after Newport had won the North Tipp Intermediate Hurling Final of 1989. On the extreme left is Michael Collins who was a selector with that team.

L.H.-How many games did Newport play?

M.R.-Six games. The Championship was run on a league basis similar to the one run this year.

L.H.-After winning the championship in 1988, what club did you think were your bogey team?

M.R.—Silvermines, definitely, they had beaten us in the 1987 final and we never seemed to be able to get one over on them.

L.H.—You did beat them in the semi final?

M.R.—That's right, I remember Connie McGrath giving a great performance at centre back. Silvermines pushed up Noel Sheedy during the second half, but this came to nothing, as we held it.

L.H.—The final against Portroe, what were your thoughts as captain?

M.R.—We knew we were defending champions and after beating Silvermines in the semi final we knew that the pressure had somewhat eased. Still, anything can happen over sixty minutes of hurling.

L.H.—Describe how the game progressed?

M.R.—I remember we got a good start scoring two early goals. The winning of this game seemed a lot easier. However, with Portroe no game is ever won easily. They came back at us before half time, when they came within two points of us. Half time came as a relief and the constant thought of making history was the main spur to us to keep going. Holding our composure was vital.

L.H.—Who were you marking?

M.R.—Jimmy Sheedy, who was captain of Portroe. I remember that he had a great chance of scoring a goal but the ball hit the upright. That goal might have made the difference. It was going to be our day as we won by five points. The final score was 2-14 to 1-12.

L.H.—Soon you were now facing a County Semi Final?

M.R.—Yes, we now knew that senior ranks was for us in the following year. However, having failed in the County Semi Final the previous year we were more anxious to finish our year on a high note.

L.H.—Who did you play in the semi of 1988?

M.R.—Gortnahoe/Glengoole were our opponents that year in Holycross. They went on to win the County Final later.

L.H.—Your opponents in 1989?

M.R.—We played Fethard at Semple Stadium. I remember that we always wanted to play in Semple Stadium, particularly as this might be the last chance for some of our players to play in Thurles. I remember that the game was played on a wet and windy day.

L.H.—You won that game easy?

M.R.—That's right, we won by 3-15 to 0-3.

L.H.—Immediately your thoughts were on the County Final?

M.R.—Yes, but strangely we went celebrating on our way home in McCormacks of Kilcommon!

L.H.—Who was your trainer at that time?

M.R.—Nenagh's Tony Hassett, who was a powerful motivator, but unfortunately he had an accident at which point Len Gaynor took over the helm.

L.H.—I am sure there were no celebrations then?

M.R.—That's right, it was a hard slog from there on as it was all through the year.

L.H.—Who were your opponents?

M.R.—Thurles Sarsfields were our opponents and Cashel was the venue. I can remember that some of the players were hoping for a return visit to Semple Stadium.

L.H.—Can you tell us much about the game?

M.R.—Not much, but we had a good opening quarter. Connie McGrath had a great game again and I think he finished up as *Guardian Player of the Week*.

L.H.—Another Cup and another speech?

M.R.—Yes, the usual thanking of players, mentors and supporters.

L.H.—Your thoughts after receiving the Cup?

M.R.—I remember the many fine games that we had played, not alone in 1989, but back as far as 1985, when that year we reached the quarter final, only to lose to the future champions, Shannon Rovers. We lost the North Finals in 1986/87, but success at County Level was all the more worth while.

L.H.—Did you look forward to Senior ranks?

M.R.—Yes, but certainly I knew that the club would hold its won with any of the teams as the results have shown. For some of us however, we knew that time would be against us. Thankfully a fine bunch of young players have come along, thanks to some fine tuition by our juvenile committee.

L.H.—Prediction for this years final?

M.R.—No comment!

L.H.—You are a selector with the team?

M.R.—Yes, Tim Floyd asked both myself and Eddie Quigley to form a selection committee which helps when you are not playing, although I still play on the junior teams.

L.H.—Martin, thanks very much for your held and time.

M.R.— No problem.

For the Record1988/89

Listed below are the results of the games that Newport played to win the two North Tipperary Intermediate titles back to back.

				Venue
1988				
June 18th	Round 1	Newport 2-12	Templederry 2-7	
July 24th	Round 2	Newport 2-7	Silvermines 6-7	
August 13th	Round 3	Newport 4-10	Portroe 0-10	
Sept. 18th	Quarter Final	Newport 1-15	Kildangan 1-12	Nenagh
Sept. 25th	Semi Final	Newport 5-9	Burgess 3-5	Nenagh
Oct. 9th	Final	Newport 2-9	Templederry 1-8	Nenagh
Oct 23rd.	Co. Semi Final	Newport 1-11	Gorthnahoe/Glengoole 0-15	H'cross
1989				
May 14th	Round 1	Newport 5-8	Burgess 0-8	Ballina
May 28th	Round 2	Newport 3-7	Silvermines 4-7	Nenagh
June 24th	Round 3	Newport 3-10	Portroe 1-11	Ballina
	Round 4	Newport	A bye	
Aug. 11th	Round 5	Newport 3-10	Kildangan 0-10	Nenagh
Aug. 27	Round 6	Newport 1-14	Templederry 1-10	Nenagh
	Round 7	Newport received a walk-over from Kilruane McDonagh's		
Semi Final				
Sept. 24		Newport 0-11	Silvermines 1-5	Nenagh
Final				
Oct. 1		Newport 2-14	Portroe 1-12	Nenagh
Co. Semi Final				
		Newport 3-15	Fethard 0-3	S'Stadium
Co. Final				
		Newport 1-14	Thurles/Sars', 0-8	Cashel



NEWPORT S.H. TEAM which defeated Moneygall in the North senior hurling semi-final replay: Back row: Barry Gleeson, D. J. O'Brien, Tom Moylan, John O'Mahoney, Gerry Moloney, Ger Floyd, Aiden O'Gorman, Connie McGrath (capt). Front: Ger Bradley, Martin McCabe, Eoin Bonfield, Pat Keating, Timmy Jones, Liam Jones, and Dinny Ryan.



LORRHA SENIOR HURLING TEAM which defeated Borris-Ileigh in the North Tipp SHC semi-final. Back row, left to right: John McIntyre, Michael Coen, Martin Young, Gerry O'Sullivan, Ken Hogan, Michael O'Meara, Cathal McIntyre, Pdraig Madden. Front: Tom Madden, David Haughton, Declan O'Meara, capt, Donal O'Donoghue, Denis Duffy, Stephen Hogan, Pat Kennedy. Photo: B. Delaney.

Jimmy Coffey, Newport

A career that spanned four decades from 1929 when he first lined out with Newport senior hurlers to 1951 when he played his last game with Cappamore, is the proud record of Jimmy 'Butler' Coffey, one of the greatest stylists the game has produced. Winning an All-Ireland minor medal in 1930, he was the first of that squad to be selected on the county senior team. He played at wing forward on the side beaten by Waterford in 1933 but his work prevented him from lining out against Cork the following year and he went out of favour with the selectors. He was back on the county side two years later and was at half forward on the All-Ireland winning side of 1937.



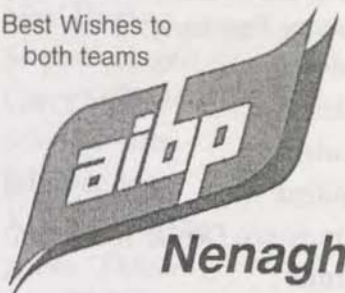
He won a Railway Cup medal with Munster the following year and was a regular with Tipperary until 1940 when a leg injury put an end to his inter-county career.

His championship successes include 2 North Tipp senior hurling in 1932 and 1935, North minor hurling in 1926, North intermediate hurling in 1934 and 2 Limerick county senior medals with Ahane in 1947 and 1948.

He trained the Cappamore hurlers to win county titles in junior and senior and Fr. Liam Ryan, author of Cappamore's GAA history, describes him as the most successful trainer the club ever had.

Still hale and hearty, Jimmy loves nothing better than to reminisce on games and hurlers of the past and he keeps up to date with happenings on the club and inter-county scene.

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Peter Coleman	29	Machine Setter, Tubex
Con McGrath	30	Mechanic
Ger Bradley	32	Production Manager
Gerry Moloney	27	Accountant
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Dinny Ryan	28	Publican
Kieran Buckley	26	Salesman
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Kenneth O'Brien	19	Apprentice Dental Technican
Paddy Ryan	19	Farmer
Michael Coffey	20	Student
Brian Coffey	18	Student
David Hickey	18	Student
John Keating	33	Sales Representative
Ger Carey	34	Farmer
Eoin Bonfield	19	Apprentice Fitter

Lorrha Panellist, North Final

Name	Age	Occupation
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Tom Madden	26	Microbiologist
Donal O'Donoghue	36	Farmer
Denis Duffy	27	Garage Proprietor
Padraig Madden	21	Student
John McIntyre	35	Journalist
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Declan O'Meara	27	A.I. Technician
David Haughton	19	College Student
Martin Young	34	E.S.B. employee
Michael O'Meara	24	Farmer
Pat Kennedy	29	Farmer
Noel Hogan	19	Mechanic
Stephen Hogan	21	Salesperson
Gerry Sullivan	31	Building Contractor
Michael Coen	18	College Student
John Madden	28	Barman
Aiden McIntyre	34	Farmer
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NEWPORT 1990 S.H. SEMI-FINALISTS that lost to Toomevara by 1-10 to 0-11. Front: Ger Bradley, Eddie Quigley, Liam Jones, Pat Keating, D. J. O'Brien, Joe O'Brien, Martin McCabe. Back: Tim Floyd, Ger Floyd, John Keating, Dinny Ryan, Pat Shinnors, Larry McGrath, Dinny Collins, Martin Ryan.



NEWPORT, SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE SEMI-FINALISTS 1993 that lost to Roscrea by 2-12 to 0-12. Front row, left to right: Eddie Quigley, Timmy Jones, Ger Floyd, Liam Jones, Martin McCabe, Ger Bradley, Joe O'Brien. Back: Larry McGrath, Cecil Ryan, Dinny Ryan, D. J. O'Brien, Gerry Moloney, Peter Coleman, John Keating, Connie McGrath.

25th Anniversary of first Club All-Ireland

by LIAM DORAN

December 19th will mark the twenty fifth Anniversary of the first ever All-Ireland Club hurling final, which saw a North Tipperary Club take the inaugural title.

Roscrea may have fallen on lean times in recent years but between 1968 and 1973 they took five out of six county championships in addition to that All-Ireland title. The victory over St. Rynaghs from Banagher in what was actually the 1970 All-Ireland Club decider, the pinnacle of the great era for Roscrea. Roscrea had not been beaten in North Tipperary since August 7th, 1966, when Toomevara defeated them, 1-11 to 2-2 in the North Tipperary final. Their unbeaten run extended to October 31st, 1971, when Moyne Templetuohy defeated it at last in the county final.

Roscrea defeated Sarsfields by 3-11 to 2-12 in the 1970 county final. The team that day were Tadhg Murphy, Mick Hogan, Kieran Carey, Brendan Maher, Patsy Rowland, Tadhg Connor, Jimmy Crampton, Francis Loughnane, Mick Minogue, Barney Hogan, Michael Tynan, Donie Maloney, Joe Tynan, Jack Hannon, Harry Loughnane.

Not until February, 1971 did the first round of the Munster championship take place. Moyley of Kerry came up to St. Cronan's Park, and though Roscrea won 10-9 to 1-8, the Tipperary men were only two points behind, 3-3 to 1-7 at the interval. It was a new look Roscrea as Jody Spooner had come on for Jimmy Crampton, Michael Shanahan was in mid-field for Francis Loughnane, Mick Minogue going up to the forwards and Joe Cunningham and Willie Stapleton were introduced in the course of the game. Joe Tynan hit 3-2 of Roscrea's goals. Francis Loughnane (2-2), Donie Maloney and Harry Loughnane (1-1 each), Joe Cunningham (1-3), Mick Minogue (1-0) and Willie Stapleton (1-0) were the other marks-

men. In the Munster semi final Roscrea faced Ballyduff/Portlaw, and were five points down at the interval, but put in a great second half to emerge winners 3-10 to 1-10. Minus Francis Loughnane who was injured they had their scores from Joe Tynan (2-2), Harry Loughnane (1-1), Joe Cunningham (0-5) and Patsy Rowland (0-2).

Roscrea had a long wait to the Munster Final, which wasn't played until August in Clonmel. Clarecastle, who had beaten UCC after a replay, were the opponents. Roscrea led 6-6 to 1-3 at the interval, all but a point coming from Francis Loughnane. As in previous games they stepped up the performance in the second half, and ran out winners by 4-10 to 1-6. Francis Loughnane (1-5), Liam Spooner (1-3), Donie Maloney (1-1), Joe Cunningham (1-0), Joe Tynan (0-1) and Jody Spooner (0-1).

Roscrea went into the first All-Ireland final having surrendered their county crown, by conceding to St. Rynaghs had also been ousted in Offaly. Roscrea led Rynaghs, 2-4 to 0-1 in the first half at the interval, and shot nine wides in the process. Mick Nolan hit the first Roscrea goal. Joe Tynan the other. On the resumption Barney Moylan had a goal to give Rynaghs a lead, but goals from Tynan and Joe Cunningham had Roscrea in control. Basil Johnston scored a late goal for Rynaghs, but Roscrea were the first All-Ireland Champions by 4-5 to 2-

ROSCREA CHAMPIONSHIP SCORERS

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- 71 Pts.: Francis Loughnane (6-53)
- 51 Pts.: Joe Tynan (13-12)
- 27 Pts.: Jack Hannon (5-12)
- 25 Pts.: Joe Cunningham (5-10)
- 23 Pts.: Michael Nolan (7-2)
- 21 Pts.: Harry Loughnane (5-6)
- 19 Pts.: Barney Hogan (4-7); Patsy Rowland (2-13)
- 8 Pts.: Mick Minogue (2-2)
- 6 Pts.: Liam Spooner (1-3)
- 4 Pts.: Liam Brussels (1-1)
- 3 Pts.: Willie Stapleton (1-0)
- 2 Pts.: Tadhg O'Connor (0-2)
- 1 Pt.: Jody Spooner, Aidan Spooner (0-1)

LORRHA v NEWPORT IN 1962

Having earlier lost to Borrisokane and Nenagh in the first round of the senior hurling championship both Lorrha and Newport met for the first time in 34 years of senior championship. As this was the losers' group final Lorrha won by 1-14 to 3-3, and they later lost to Kilruane MacDonaghs in the North semi-final.

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Paddy O'Meara, Lorrha – Star of the past

by LIAM HOGAN

Just three months ago I travelled to Lorrha's GAA Park to referee an U/14 hurling "B" game between Lorrha and Kilruane MacDonaghs. On arriving at the dressing room the first person I saw was Paddy O'Meara surrounded by members of the Lorrha Camogie team who were listening to his words of advice. My first thoughts were "what an all-rounder he really is."

In a career that began as a juvenile in the 1940's, he has hurled and officiated with Lorrha, trained various clubs and became a member of the Tipperary U/21 and senior hurling teams. Added to that, he has run cross country with Moneygall and off course he has been seen at numerous greyhound race meetings, which many have considered as his real love.

Paddy O'Meara is married to Gerthue Feehan. They have two sons Padraig and James and one daughter Catherine. A blacksmith by profession, he won two North Tipperary senior hurling championship medals with Lorrha in 1956 and 1966 against Borris-Ileigh and Kilruane MacDonaghs.

I was surprised to know that Paddy also won a North Tipperary Intermediate medal with Knockshegowna in 1960. One year later he won a Munster Intermediate medal with Tipperary who defeated Cork (3-10 to 2-12) in the final. While Lorrha have being noted as a fine hurling club, they have also engaged in Gaelic Football finals throughout the clubs history. Paddy O'Meara has a collection of North Medals here also beginning with success in North titles in 1966/68/71. He also won a county medal in that grade in 1971.

CLUB CHAIRMAN

After a fine career in the playing fields, Paddy turned his hand to officiating and Paddy became Club Chairman in 1983 for a three year reign. In that period Lorrha reached the North Tipperary Senior Hurling Semi Finals in 1983 and 1985, while they became North Champions in 1984 (Centenary Year). They later lost narrowly to Moycarkey in the County Final. Paddy was a team selector in that year.

Moving on a number of years Paddy became a member of the County U/21 Selection Committee in a period spanning from 1980 to 1984, and later from 1989 to 1994. There were All-Ireland successes in 1980/81 and 1989, while they won the Munster in 1983/84 and 1990. In fact in 1990 they were runners-up to Kilkenny in the All-Ireland.

Paddy O'Meara's name is synonymous in coaching many clubs in the hurling land of Lorrha. Fortuna required his coaching skills in 1982, when the town won the first junior title in 70 years. It was then the turn of Abbey Duriry, who with his help and guidance won the County Galway Intermediate title in 1989 after a replay.

In the 90's he turned his attentions to St. Rynagh's of Offaly, who won three county titles in a row in 1992/93/94. St. Rynagh's won two county titles, senior and Intermediate back to back in 92 and 93, which is regarded by many a great feat. St. Rynagh's won the Leinster Club Title in 1993, but later lost to All-Ireland Champions Sarsfields while at Thurles in the penultimate stage.

N.A.C.A.

While speaking with Paddy, he mentioned his running achievements, particularly his success with the Moneygall club who won the junior cross country in 1952, and the senior in 1953. His running mates were many with such names as Patsy Carroll R.I.P.; Mick Donoghue R.I.P., and Ned Fogarty.

GREYHOUND RACING

Finally, it would be recessive not to mention his great love of Greyhound racing which Paddy has being involved with for many years. He has met many famous names from the GAA world during these race meetings. As recently as last week-end he met the legendary James McCarton of Down in the Thurles race track.

Mentioning famous names brings me to his brother Sean, who was a leading referee in the seventies and eighties. One way or another Paddy O'Meara has made a wonderful contribution to the GAA world of Lorrha, Knockshewanna and Tipperary, not to mention Offaly and Galway. Presently he is team coach/trainer with Portumna senior team, who were in the running for County honours having failed at the last hurdle in 1995. I am sure while his thoughts are on the concluding stages of the Galway Championship, Paddy O'Meara will be dedicating his thoughts and advice to his beloved Lorrha for sixty minutes in to-day's final.

N.B.: Paddy's father Jim was a selector in the 1956 North Final success and ten years later he would see Lorrha win the final again with a team that featured three brothers Paddy, Sean and Seamus for the finals. It is on record that this was the first occasion that a winning Lorrha team included three brothers from any family.

It is a feature of most generations that their heroes are remembered with affection.

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Newport's Roll of Honour

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Intermediate Hurling: County champions 1957. North champions 1934, '57, '65, '88, '89

Junior Hurling: North champions 1924, '37 and '47 (Mulcaire Rovers).

Junior Hurling (B): North champions 1983, '88

Minor Hurling: North champions 1926.

Minor Hurling (B): North champions 1994

Senior Football: North champions 1982 (with Ballinahinch), 1986, '87, '88, '90.

Junior Football: County champions 1947 (Rockvale), 1965, '70. North champions 1947, '65, '67, '70.

Intermediate Football: County champions 1985. North champions 1976, '78, '79, '85, '93, '95.

Under-21 Football: North champions 1985, '86, '96.

Under-21 (B) Football: 1990.

Minor Football: North champions 1940 (Kyle), 1971 (with Ballinahinch). 1993, '95

Minor Football (B): 1988

Under-17 Football: North champions 1970

Under-16 Football: North and county champions 1982. North (A) 1991, '92.

Under-16 Football (B): 1988.

Under-15 Football: North champions 1968.

Under-14 Football: North champions (Rural) 1983, '90.

Under-14 Football (B): North champions 1992.

Under-12 Football: North champions (Div. II) 1984, '91.

Under-12 Football (A): 1987.

Under-16 Hurling: North champions (Div. II) 1978, '93 North and county.

Under-14 Hurling: North champions (Div. II) 1978.

Under-12 Hurling: North champions (Div. II) 1978, '81, '82, '88, '96.

Under-15 Hurling: North champions (Losers' Group) 1968.

Newport's All-Ireland Medal Winners

Senior Hurling: Jimmy 'Butler' Coffey 1937; Christy Hartigan 1962, Noel O'Gorman 1965, Michael Jones 1981.

Intermediate Hurling: Ned Ryan, Seamus Shinnors, Michael Jones and Noel O'Gorman 1966.

Junior Hurling: Martin Ahearne 1924, Michael Coffey and Michael Ryan 1926; G. Carey 1989, D. Ryan 1989.

Minor Hurling: Jimmy Coffey, Jack Coffey, Michael Boland and Jim Close 1930, Tim Floyd 1976, Ger Bradley 1982.

Under-21 Hurling: N. O'Gorman and S. Shinnors 1964; T. Floyd 1979, G. Bradley 1985, D. Ryan 1989.

Railway Cup H: Jimmy Coffey 1938, Noel O'Gorman 1968, Seamus Shinnors 1976 (with Munster) and 1980 (with Connacht).

Oireachtas: N. O'Gorman 1965, '68, S. Shinnors 1968, Michael Jones 1970, D. Ryan.

National Hurling League: N. O'Gorman 1965, '68, S. Shinnors 1968.

National Football League (Div. II): S. Shinnors 1971.

S. H. Colleges: N. O'Gorman, S. Shinnors, Phil Aherne and Michael O'Brien 1964.



World hurling champions returning home in triumph from the 19331 American tour L to R: Tommy Treacy, Mick Cronin, John Maher, Jimmy Heeney and Martin Kennedy with the "spoils" of victory.



NEWPORT I.H. TEAM 1965: Front: Joe O'Brien, John Duggan, John Ryan (B), Jack Ryan (D), Jimmy O'Brien, Eamon Coffey, Ml. Jones, Johnny O'Brien, Ml. O'Brien. Back: Noel O'Gorman, Denis Ryan (B), Ned Ryan, Pakie Jones, Ml. O'Mahoney, Noel O'Shea, Bill O'Mahoney, Ml. Collins, Seamus Shinnors, Willie Nicholas.

Ger Floyd, Newport

Some of his team-mates today were not born when Ger Floyd first manned the goal for Newport senior hurlers. It is all of twenty years ago since he commenced his career against Roscrea in the championship of 1976.

Newport has a long tradition of producing outstanding goalies. Mick Coffey, Jimmo Fitzgerald and Seamus Shinnors were great custodians of the net. Ger follows in that tradition and is certainly rated with the best.

Consistency has been the hallmark of Ger's game. A safe goalie, whose poise and coolness never deserts him under pressure, he has, like good wine, matured over the years and is one of the most reliable keepers in the game today.

Most goalies can do the mundane things like stopping shots they are expected to stop, but the man who leaves a lasting imprint on the game will pull off a really great save, particularly in the heat of a championship game. Ger has done this on many occasions and it has often roused his team mates to achieve some notable victories.

He is one of a family of six brothers, all of whom have worn the Newport jersey and have given great service to their club both on and off the field.

Ger is equally proficient with the big ball and has guarded the net for the footballers over the same period of time.

He has won two North intermediate hurling medals, a county medal in the same grade, 5 North intermediate football medals, a county intermediate football medal and five North senior football medals.

It would be a fitting reward for his loyalty and dedication if he was to add a senior hurling medal to his collection in the twilight of a great career.



NEWPORT SNIPPETS

Oliver Moran won Connacht S.F.C. medals with Roscommon in 1961 and 1962 and was on the side which lost to Kerry in the '62 All-Ireland final. After coming to Newport he showed a keen interest in the activities of the local GAA Club and played in the North Tipp J.F.C. in 1974. Sadly he passed to his eternal reward in June '96. Ar dheis Dé do raibh sé.

Seamus Shinnors won Railway Cup medals with two provinces – Munster 1976 and Connacht 1980.

Ned Ryan (Og) holds five county medals – 2 S.F. (1958 and 1959), 2 J.F. (1965 and 1970) and J.H. (1957).

Noel O'Gorman and Seamus Shinnors never played minor with Tipperary but both were members of the county under-21 hurling team for three years (1964, '65, '66).

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Lorrha's 17 North Final Appearances

To-day Lorrha and Dorrha will appear in their eighteen North Final in which they will seek their eight title in all.

The results of these finals are as follows:

Note: bold print denotes victories.

1905	Defeated Lahorna De Wets 3-5 to 2-3.
1906	Lost to Lahorna De Wets 4-6 to 1-4.
1914	Defeated Templeberry 4-2 to 1-0
1919	Lost to Toomevara 1-4 to 1-2.
1924	Receved a walk over from Toomevara.
1948	Defeated Borris-Ileigh 5-4 to 2-5.
1956	Defeated Borris-Ileigh 4-8 to 0-18.
1965	Lost to Kilruane MacDonagh 3-10 to 5-2.
1966	Defeated Kilruane MacDonagh 3-6 to 2-7.
1969	Lost to Roscrea 5-9 to 2-4.
1972	Lost to Borris-Ileigh 2-9 to 0-4.
1976	Lost to Borris-Ileigh 4-11 to 3-5.
1983	Lost to Borris-Ileigh 1-11 to 2-6
1984	Defeated Eire Og, Nenagh 4-11 to 3-9.
1987	Lost to Kilruane MacD. 2-15 to 0-13.
1989	Defeated Toomevara 1-14 to 1-12.
1992	Lost to Nenagh Eire Og 1-18 to 0-8.
1995

Lorrha v Newport

Both Lorrha and Newport first met in the North Tipperary S.H.C. in May of 1928. Since then they have met on ten more occasions. Here are the results of those games.

1928	May	Newport 0-8	Lorrha 0-2
1960's:	1962 Losers Group Final	July 15th	Lorrha 1-14 Newport 3-3 Nenagh
	1967 Losers Group Final	July 16th	Lorrha 3-11 Newport 2-7 Nenagh
1970's:	1972 5th round	Aug. 20th.	Lorrha 1-12 Newport 3-5 C'jordan
	1973 3rd Round	June 17th	Lorrha 0-10 Newport 2-9 B'okane.
	1975 3rdRound	June 15th	Lorrha 1-10 Newport 2-12 Nenagh

N.B.: The Championship was run on a league basis throughout the 70's.

1980's: As Newport were regraded to the Intermediate grade in 1980 the teams did not meet during this decade.

1990's:	1990 Rd 2	June 17th	Lorrha 1-12 Newport 2-12 Nenagh.
	1991 Rd 2		Lorrha 1-15 Newport 1-7 C'jordan
	1992 Rd 1	June 13th	Lorrha 2-6 Newport 0-9 T'vara
	1995 Rd. 1	May 28th.	Lorrha 0-12 Newport 1-9 C'jordan
		June 11th (R)	Lorrha 0-10 Newport 0-11 Nenagh.

Dinny Ryan

When one hears reference to "Little Dinny" or "The Cooper" in hurling circles in Newport or North Tipp, there is no need for further appendices to determine who is the subject of conversation. The affable Birdhill publican has carved a distinctive niche for himself in the hurling and business world. The buzz of expectation which can be heard when he gets on the ball is reserved for only the chosen few in hurling but Dinny Ryan is among that select band who seem to capture the imagination of hurling followers.

Even as a juvenile, Dinny Ryan showed distinct promise. That sudden burst of speed, the sure touch, the capacity to shake off a tackle and take a score – they were all as obvious then as now. Dinny first 'arrived' in Lacken Park in 1976, when he participated as an 8 year old in a parish under 12 league.

Two years later he picked up a North Tipp under-12 'B' hurling medal when Newport defeated Burgess in the final. Dinny was at corner forward and beside him was Connie McGrath who accounted for five goals that evening.

In 1980, Dinny figured between the posts in the under-14 championship. Newport recorded victories over Borrisokane, Nenagh and Toomevara to reach the North final which they lost to Kilruane.

Dinny finished second in the North Tipp u-14 skills competition in 1982. In the same year, Newport reached two North finals in the u-14 grade but they had the misfortune to lose in both codes. He had better luck with the u-16 footballers who recorded a historic first by winning the county title.

He graduated to the Newport minor team in 1983 and two years later he was on the under-21 teams. The u-21 hurlers lost the 'B' final to Moneygall but compensated by defeating Inane Rovers in the football final, only to lose the county final to Lattin-Emly.

1986 brought an All-Ireland Colleges' medal when he helped Nenagh CBS win the 'B' championship. He made a notable contribution in the semi-final against Maghera when scoring 2-9. In that same year he earned a place on the Tipp minor hurling team which reached the Munster final. He played in the drawn final at Killarney, but had the misfortune to be ruled out of the replay, having been dismissed in a club game in the interim.

The following year, Dinny graduated to the Newport I.H. team and was on the losing side in the North final against Silvermines. The same date befell the u-21 H. team against Moneygall.

1988 was probably the best year (to date) in the history of Newport GAA Club – they annexed a number of North titles including I.H. and S.F., both of which Dinny Ryan figured in. These triumphs helped earn Newport the 'North Tipp Club of the Year' award and Dinny was 'North Tipp Hurler of the Year'. Among his notable scoring achievements during the year was 3-8 against Éire Óg in u-21 H.

Newport repeated the North I.H. victory in '89 and went on to add the county crown.



But Dinny earned greater honours with the county team, picking up All-Ireland medals in u-21 H. and J.H. He went on to figure occasionally with the county senior hurling team in league and championship, culminating in an Oireachtas medal in 1994.

The nineties have seen Dinny figure prominently with various Newport teams in hurling and football. He collected North Tipp I.F. medals in 1993 and 1995 adding to the senior football mementoes of '88 and '90. His greatest year on the local scene on the hurling front must surely be 1993 when he tormented opposing defences in league and championship, scoring 0-9 v Nenagh; 3-5 v Borrisokane; 1-4 v Kilruane; 1-8 v Moneygall in the league followed by 1-7 after coming on against Kilruane for half a hour in the championship.

In recent years Dinny has assisted with the preparation of a number of teams. He is currently selector of Newport's under-21 and junior teams. Last year he coached Ballina J.H. team.

Many honours, then, have come Dinny's way in his career to date. Much expectancy lies on his shoulders when Newport teams line out. But in success or failure, "The Cooper" will always remain the unassuming, modest character he was when commencing his hurling career just 20 years ago this year.

NEWPORT SNIPPET

D. J. Crowley won All-Ireland senior football medals with Kerry in 1969 and 1970. He lined out with Newport in the I.F.C. in 1984 and has given great assistance with the coaching of local teams.

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Lorrha team that defeated Toomevara in the now famous three games marathon semi-final of 1992. Front row L to R: Tony Guinan, Declan O'meara, Kieran Hough, Cathal McIntyre, John Madden, Eamonn Maher, Donal O'Donoghue. Back row: Johnnie O'Sullivan, Mí. Brophy, Gerry O'Sullivan, Ken Hogan, John McIntyre, John Sherlock, Tom Madden, Cathal McIntyre.

Donal O'Donoghue

by S. J. King

Playing in his sixth divisional final today, Donal O'Donoghue has given long and dedicated service to Lorrha. Since he made his first senior debut in 1979, the thirty-six year old Rathcabblin farmer has played in every championship. This year is his eighteenth and this makes him the longest serving member of the team and a player who had played longer than most in the history of his club.

His hurling ancestry is impeccable. His father, Danny, and his uncle, Mick, gave long and distinguished service to Lorrha. When Donal came to the senior team in 1979 he slotted into the full back position in place of Felix Cronin. In the following year he was at corner back and, during his long career, he has played

in every position on the field with the exception of goals. He has been one of the most versatile of players, always willing to play where requested. In latter years he has reverted to the fullback position and has made a good job of the position despite his low stature.

Although he has given away height and weight to many opponents, he has more than compensated with guts and determination. A lion-hearted player, he is noted for his swashbuckling style of dashing runs and daredevil abandon. His do or die spirit has often inspired his fellow players to lift their game. His skill level has always been quite good. He is a good reader of the game and a hard, fast tackler especially on the ground ball. His commitment to training has always been first class and his attendance at training sessions has been an example to all.

Perhaps it can be said that Donal's return from the game after so many years and much commitment has been meagre, but it reflects the fortunes of Lorrha over the period. Of the five North finals in which he has played he was successful in 1984 and 1989 but unsuccessful in 1983, 1987 and 1992.

The highlight of his career was winning the divisional final in centenary year and one of his greatest regrets is defeat in the county final of the same year. In fact, he is of the belief that there were more low than high points in his playing career. Another great regret is losing the North semi-final to Roscrea in 1985. He hoped to go all the way that year and made up for failing at the final hurdle in 1984. Still another disappointment was the loss to Holycross in the county semi-final of 1989. He reckons Lorrha could have got to the county final that year but for some refereeing decisions and some injuries which saw him retire after only five minutes of the game and Ciaran Hough also injured.

Hurling has been his life and now in the twilight of his career nothing would please him better than to win a county final. Before that can be achieved victory has to be won today. After hurling, football has been a lesser interest in which he has won divisional honour at intermediate and senior level. His favourite player at the inter county level has always been Nicky English. He has had his share of injuries in the course of his career, including a broken leg on two occasions and a broken ankle also. To an extent the nature of the injuries reflect the courage and determination of the player, a spirit and a heart that has always put his team and his club above any other interest.



The Madden brothers - Lorrha

(JOSEPHINE NEEDHAM).

The Madden brothers, John, Thomas and Pádraic, all stalwarts of Lorrha teams, since their juvenile days, couldn't avoid being hurlers, coming from a family with long and active association with the GAA.

Their grandfather John Joe, wore the Lorrha colours, in the North Senior finals, of 1914 and 1924 and was selected on North Tipperary sides against Galway, in the early decades of this century.

Their father Paddy, is the holder of two North Senior Hurling medals won with Lorrha in 1956 and 1966 and once his playing days ended he took on the role of juvenile selector and coach giving over 20 years service to the club and 8 years to the Division, as an U/16 hurling selector during which time, two Munster championships and two Garda Cup Tournament successes were achieved. Paddy and Bridget maintain a keen and active interest in hurling and all aspects of Gaelic culture and passed these interests and skills on to their families.

The eldest of the trio, John is an accomplished player with style speed and skill to burn. John has many honours to his credit, winning U/16 Munster and Garda Cup medals in 1983 and 1984, a North Tipperary U/21 B title with Lorrha in 1983 and a seniors in 1989. In 1985 and 1986 John was a Tipperary minor and played with the Tipperary Seniors in the successful years of 1989 and 1991. In 1989, he had an outstanding year on the Tipperary U/21 side, which took All-Ireland honours. John is also the holder of an Oireachtas medal and had the honour of captaining the Galway All-Ireland winning Vocational Schools' team in 1985.

Thomas, while not as prominent as John, has been and is a valuable and dependable member of all Lorrha teams, since his juvenile days and turns in most solid displays, at senior level, in all his outings. Thomas holds North Tipperary Junior League and Championship medals won in 1987 and a senior medal won in 1989. Thomas also had the distinction of captaining Portumna College in a Connacht College's final and D.C.U. in 1990. He also holds two Garda Cup medals.

Youngest of the clan, Pádraig - outgoing and effervescent has all the skills of the game since an early age and captained Lorrha juveniles to a North Tipp U/12 'B' title in 1987. He holds an U/21 B minor title won in 1993 and Garda Cup and Munster U/16 championships won in 1989 and 1990 respectively. Keeping up the family tradition, he won a Connacht College's Championship, with Portumna College. Pádraig was North Tipperary Feile na nGael skills winner in 1985 and 1986, Co. Champion in 1986 representing Tipperary in the All-Ireland Feile na nGael Final. Pádraig was a member of the Tipperary U/21 hurling panel this year.

All the Madden's passed through St. Ruadhan's "academy", Redwood, so I have more than a passing interest in the boys. I can't claim that they learned their hurling there - though they did continue to practice and perfect their skills there - because, even at the tender age of 4, all were proficient and skilful wielders of the camán, due to dad Paddy's excellent tutelage and inspiring influence. Pádraig's first day in school is clearly etched in my memory - a small fair haired boy, standing tentatively at the door clutching a tiny well used camán - that served as "comforter" for his first few days. So keen was their interest

that lunches would go uneaten, except for my eagle eye and there was a rush for the door once the last crumb was accounted for.

It was rare to see a Madden without a "hurl and shoeleather" and one took a definite risk, going in by the back door, to Maddens, as sliotars flew in all directions, when all were at home. Mam, Bridget, got used to the missiles and the odd shower of glass and no eyebrows were raised in Redwood either, when I closed my eyes and chucked the flying glass, occasionally.

The Madden's were exemplary pupils - mannerly, manly, focussed, high achievers and from and bring the same attributes to the game of hurling.

Win, lose or draw on Sunday, the Madden brothers will accept the result in true sporting manner.

LORRHA'S FOUR WINS

In 1971 Lorrha defeated Nenagh Éire Óg, Toomevara, Borrisokane and Kilruane MacDonaghs en route to the semi-final tilt against five-in-a-row seeking Roscrea. However, Lorrha lost by six points to the champions.

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Eamon Maher, Lorrha team selector, seen here playing for Tipperary Masters recently. Tipp defeated Clare at Nenagh and Eamonn was voted most consistent player of the series. Also in the background is Clare's Colm Honan who is coach with the Newport team and Toomevara's team coach, Sean Stack.

Patsy Carroll

Patsy Carroll's death earlier this year, left a huge void in GAA circles, not only in his native Lorrha, but much further afield. In his heyday, Patsy was an All-Ireland Champion, Cross Country runner, with many successes to his credit. In later years, his prowess as a masseur, with Lorrha teams and the offaly senior hurling team, was well known and appreciated by many a grateful hurler.

As a person, Patsy was a man of great sincerity, integrity and honour with a deep sense of obligation to his fellowmen. He was a great family man devoted to his wife Celia and his family.

Ni bheid a leitheid ann aris. Solas na Bhflaitheas do.



Tom Hough

It was with great sadness that the Parish of Lorrha laid Tom Hough, to rest, at an early age, in June. Tom had a lifelong association with the Lorrha club playing hurling and football at every level and as a juvenile selector since 1989. He also served as a selector with the U/16 divisional hurling sides which won Garda Cup honours in 1994 and 1995.

Gentle in manner, Tom's sincerity, loyalty, astuteness and great sense of fun, were appreciated by all who knew him.

To Chrissie his wife, Martina his daughter and Patrick his son, deepest sympathy is extended.

Go ndeana dia trocaire an a anam dilis.



John O'Brien 1942-1996

John O'Brien, who died recently was a member of the 1973 team that reached the North Tipp Senior Hurling Semi Final, which lost to Roscrea. Eight years earlier he won a North Tipp Intermediate medal with his side Newport won by defeating Knockshegowna in the final.

Ar dheis dte gur raibh an uaim.



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Ger Floyd

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Timmie Jones

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D.J. O'Brien

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Liam Jones

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Barry Gleeson

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Aidan O'Gorman

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Martin McCabe

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Tom Moylan

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Pat Keating

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Ger Bradley

11

Connie McGrath
(Captain)

12

John Ryan

13

Gerry Moloney

14

John O'Mahoney

15

Dinny Ryan

Subs: 16 Eoin Bonfield. 17. Peter Coleman. 18. Kieran Buckley. 19. P.J. O'Rourke. 20. Kenneth O'Brien. 21. John Keating. 22. Ger Carey. 23. Paddy Ryan. 24. Denis Hickey. 25. Ml. Coffey. 26. Brian Coffey.

Team Manager: Tim Floyd.

Selectors: Martin Ryan, Eddie Quigley.

Coach/Trainer: Colm Honan, Paudie Butler.

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2 Tom Madden	3 Donal O'Donoghue	4 Denis Duffy
5 Pauric Madden	6 John McIntyre	7 Cathal McIntyre
	8 Declan O'Meara (Captain)	9 David Haughton
10 Ml. O'Meara	11 Pat Kennedy	12 Noel Hogan
13 Stephen Hogan	14 Ger Sullivan	15 Ml. Coen

Subs: 16 John Madden. 17. Colm Haughton. 18. Martin Younge. 19. Hubert Hogan. 20. Aidan McIntyre. 21. Fr. John Oakley. 22. Brendan Liffey. 23. John Cleary. 24. James O'Meara. 25. T.P. O'Sullivan. 26. John Guinan. 27. Trevor Hogan.

Manager: Tom Kennedy.

Selectors: Kieran Hough, Eamon Maher.

Coach/Trainer: Paddy Doyle.



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Noel O'Gorman, Jimmy Coffey and Michael Jones – Newport's All-Ireland S.H. medal winners at the North Tipperary Centenary Banquet in 1984



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Flashback to 1966:

Lorrha claim sixth North title in thriller

Of Lorrha's eight North senior final victories one which is remembered with special fondness is the thrilling victory of 1966 secured against a highly rated Toomevara outfit in McDonagh Park, Nenagh on August 28th. This was Lorrha's first final win in ten years and the manner in which the team came back from a five point half-time deficit to score a thrilling one point victory will live long in the memory of Lorrha folk who witnessed it. The following is an extract of *The Guardian's* report on the game:

Frank McGrath Cup Returns to Lorrha

Lorrha 3-11, Toomevara 2-13.

Match Report

From goalkeeper Gerry Moylan down to Mick O'Meara at left fullforward Lorrha had no weak links. Their forwards, in the first half, kept the Toom backs at full stretch and gave them few chances to make lengthy clearances. Liam Hackett, at right corner-back, made the only worthwhile clearance from the fullback line for Toomevara in this half. The mid-field battle was even for three-quarters of the game.

Tom Ryan had the upper hand of Jim Lane but got little assistance from Mick Delaney. Mick Gleeson played well in this sector for Lorrha and scored a beautiful point from mid-field in the first half. Gerry Moylan, in goal for the winners, was cool under pressure and made some good saves. He got great cover from his full line of the O'Meara brothers, Paddy and Seamus, and Mick Liffey. Wilsie Morris and Liam King, without reaching their usual high standards, easily contained the best efforts of their opposite numbers, Tom Hassett and Pat McGrath respectively.

O'MEARA AND HOGAN STAR

The two big men on this Lorrha 15 were Sean O'Meara and Peter Hogan. Sean, at centre half-back, after a somewhat slow beginning, was in top form. He held Roger Ryan well after the first quarter and made a big contribution to the victory when wisely switched to midfield in the closing quarter. His two points from 70's were worth goals when they came. Peter Hogan was the star of the attack. He was his side's top scorer, accounting for 1-5 of the total.

He gave his opposite number, Tom Shanahan, a hard hour. Noel Lane spear-headed many an attack and scored a sizzler of a goal in the opening half. Fennor Ryan, Paddy Madden and Mick Doyle all did their parts in bringing victory to Lorrha.

TOM RYAN OUTSTANDING

In contrast to Lorrha, the Toom team showed many weak links. Roger Mounsey, Liam Hackett, Niall Williams, Tom Ryan, Roger Ryan, Frank Ryan and Phil Shanahan can wash their hands out of this defeat. Tom Ryan, at midfield, was outstanding. He played himself to a standstill and scored one powerful point from 80 yards. Liam Hackett was little behind his team-mate Tom, and gave the best corner-back display for Toomevara for many a day.

Frank Ryan, the captain, gave a great display, his best this year, and along with Roger Ryan and Phil Shanahan did everything possible to bring victory to Toom. John Hough, who played minutes, tried in vain to rally his men. Roger Mounsey proved once again that he is a top class net-minder, making several good saves, and Niall Williams played soundly all through at centre-back.

Best for Lorrha-Backs: Sean O'Meara, Mick Gleeson, Mick Liffey and Liam King. Forwards: Peter Hogan, Noel Lane, F. Ryan and Mick Doyle, while Jim Lane had his moments at midfield.

Best for Toomevara-Backs: Liam Hackett, R. Mounsey and Niall Williams. Tom Ryan was outstanding at midfield. Best forwards were R. Ryan, F. Ryan, P. Cummins and Phil Shanahan.

Scorers for Lorrha: P. Hogan (1-5, 1 point from play), N. Lane (1-0), M. Doyle (1-0), J. Lane (0-2), Sean O'Meara (0-2 from 70's), M. Gleeson (0-1), J.J. Kennedy (0-1). Total: 3-11.

Scorers for Toomevara: T. Ryan (1-7, 3 points from play), R. Ryan (1-2), F. Ryan (0-2), P. Cummins (0-1), P. Shanahan (0-1). Total: 2-13.

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

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

Referee: Phil Ryan (Borrisoleigh).

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NEWPORT U-12 PANEL, North 'A' football finalists and hurling 'B' champions: Back row, left to right: Dermot Duggan, Eoin Murphy, Andrew Hickey, Dermot Ryan, Joseph Powell, Mark Shinnors, Conor O'Mahony (hurling capt), Eoin Larkin, Michael Ryan, Vincent Moloney and Kieran O'Sullivan, Front: Eoin Carroll, Kieran McCabe, Philip O'Brien, David Quinn, Christopher Koyce, Shane Ryan (football capt), Eoin Shinnors, Darragh Ryan and Nigel Ryan. Photo: B. Delaney.



NEWPORT COUNTY I.H. CHAMPIONS, 1989. Back: Tim Floyd, Eddie Quigley, Ger Bradley, Peter Coleman, Denis Collins, D. J. O'Brien, Larry McGrath, Pat Shinnors, Ger Carey, Con McGrath, Sean Ryan, Anthony Floyd. Front: Dinny Ryan, John Keating, Martin McCabe, Joe O'Brien, Ger Floyd, Martin Ryan, Pat Keating, John O'Brien, Martin Moloney, Denis Kennedy.

Senior Hurling League/ Championship play-offs

On September 8th next current North Tipperary Senior Hurling League Champions will play the runners up of today's North Final, in the League Championship play-off. The winner of this game will receive the right to represent this division in the County Senior Hurling Quarter Final along with the North Champions.

For the past ten years the League Champions have played a prominent role in deciding who will represent this division in the County Championship. The play-offs are now part and parcel of our games. Today we list the results of those play-offs beginning with 1986.

Year	League Champions	Date	Play-off results	Venue
1986	* Kilruane MacD.	Aug. 24th	Borris-Ileigh 3-19, Toomevara 2-9	At Roscrea
1987	Roscrea	Sept 27th	Roscrea 3-14, Lorrha 0-13	At B'okane
1988	Nenagh Eire Og		Nenagh Eire Og 2-10, Roscrea 0-10	at B'Ileigh
1989	Lorrha	No play off necessary as Lorrha won the North Final		
1990	Toomevara	No play off necessary as Toomevara were North Final R.U.		
1991	Nenagh Eire Og	No play off necessary as Nenagh were North Final R.U.		
1992	Toomevara	Sept 9th	Toomevara 1-15, Lorrha 2-9	At Nenagh
1993	Toomevara	Aug. 29th	Toomevara 1-16, Moneygall 1-7	At Nenagh
1994	Toomevara	No play off necessary as Toomevara were North Champions		
1995	Nenagh Eire Og	Aug. 27th	Nenagh Eire Og 3-8, Borris-Ileigh 3-8	At C'Jordan
		Sept 8th (R)	Nenagh Eire Og 2-21, Borris-Ileigh 5-4	At C'Jordan
1996	Toomevara	Sept. 8th.		

* Although Kilruane won the League and Championship double in 1986, Borris-Ileigh won the right to play in the play-off after having been runners up to the McDonagh's in the League final, plus the fact that they failed to reach the North Final. As we all know Borris-Ileigh went on to win the All-Ireland Club Final in March of '87.

S.H. LEAGUE TABLE 1986

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kilruane	8	6	1	1	12-74	3-72	13
Borris-Ileigh	8	6	1	1	10-91	8-73	13
Eire Og	8	5	0	3	7-53	9-56	10
Lorrha	8	4	1	3	15-61	15-63	9
Toomevara	8	3	2	3	8-64	8-59	8
Roscrea	8	3	1	4	7-68	9-61	7
Borrisokane	8	3	0	5	15-81	13-80	6
Moneygall	8	1	1	6	7-61	9-83	3
Silvermines	8	1	1	6	12-67	19-78	3

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Lorrha v Tipp hurling stars of the past. Tony Reddin and Liam King at ceremonies to mark the opening of St. Ruadhans pitch and club facilities on June 13th., 1993.

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BLOOD STAINED Lorrha's Ken Hogan, captain in 1989 about to receive the Frank McGrath Cup from the then chairman of the North Board, John Tierney

LORRHA SNIPPETS

Brothers in Arms: There are six sets of brothers on the Lorrha senior hurling panel for today's final. They are John, Tom and Padraic Madden, John, Cathal and Aidan McIntyre; Michael and Declan O'Meara; David and Colm Haughton; Noel and Stephen Hogan; Brendan and Vincent Liffey.

Cousins: The Liffey brothers are cousins of the McIntyres. Both Trevor and Noel Hogan as first cousins of Trevor Hogan. Noel, Stephen and Trevor Hogan are cousins of Galway's Nigel Shaughnessy. Declan and Michael O'Meara are second cousins of former Lorrha star, Liam King.

Uncle and Nephew: Paddy Guinan won a North medal in 1948 and is an uncle of John Guinan who is a member of the senior panel today.

Pat Kennedy, whose father Tom is team manager, is a nephew of former corner back Padraig Kennedy, better known as 'Slasher'.

Denis Duffy: Left corner back on the Lorrha team today is a grandson of the late Tom Duffy, RIP, who won an All-Ireland medal with Tipperary in 1925. Denis Duffy's uncle Willie, RIP, won a North medal in 1956.

James O'Meara: Sub keeper with Lorrha today is a holder of an All-Ireland junior hurling medal which he won in 1989. James' uncle Jimmy won a North senior medal with Lorrha in 1948.

Phil McIntyre, father of John, Cathal and Aidan, won a North Tipp medal in 1956.

Lorrha's Club Vice-Chairman, Paddy Reddan, is an uncle of Lorrha's full back, Donal O'Donoghue.

Ton Coen, club chairman, is a father of left corner forward, Michael Coen.

Three generations of medals: John Joe Madden won two North Tipp senior hurling medals with Lorrha in 1914 and 1924. His son, Paddy, won medals in 1956 and 1966 while his son John won a medal in 1989.

Substitute John Cleary, won North and county junior medals with Knockshegowna in 1994.

Club of the Year: Lorrha won Club of the Year award in 1984, while Brian Mannion was awarded with North Player of the Year.

All-Ireland medals: Both Kieran Hough and Eamon Maher, Lorrha team selectors are holders of All-Ireland medals in the Masters competition

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Lorrha's Mr. Hurling "Blakefield-Mick O'Meara"

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Known far and wide as "Blakefield", Mick O'Meara, comes from a strong GAA family. His uncle, Pat O'Meara played for Lorrha, in the early days of the association, while Blakefield himself figured, at all levels, on Lorrha teams, in his playing days, winning North Tipperary Senior Awards in 1948 and 1956. In 1946, he collected North and Co. Junior Championships and was on the Junior side, of 1947, which failed to Boherlahan.

Mick umpired in ten North Senior Finals-6 with the late Hubie Hogan, as referee, in 1951/52/53/54/57/58 and four when Sean O'Meara had the whistle, in 1968/74/79/82. He acted as an umpire for a Co. Senior Hurling Final in 1952 and also officiated in a Co. Senior Football Final. He notes the North Final of 1957, between Toomevara and Nenagh, as the last of the ten, he umpired in again, with the late Hubie Hogan as referee. Blakefield umpired, with the late Tom Duffy, Gerry Dillon and Jimmy Kennedy in an All-Ireland Senior Semi Final between Galway and Cork, played in Birr, with victory going to the Rebels. He also had the honour of umpiring in an U/21 All-Ireland Hurling Final.

Blakefield also saw service as a selector, for Lorrha and with the Co. Intermediate side of 1952. He was with the Lorrha junior side of 1961 which won the North title and lost to Moyne/Templetuohy in the County decider. He was also a selector in 1966, when Lorrha teams took four North titles in senior, Junior and U/21 hurling and junior football.

Blakefield's commitment to and love of Gaelic games wasn't confined to playing, administration and officiating and from 1935/1945 and again from 1958/1966, one of his fields in Abbeyville was used, free of charge, as the Lorrha hurling field.

Blakefield's interest in and knowledge of the game is boundless and if you have a difficult GAA question, you could do worse than making your way to his house, where you would be sure of a great welcome-but don't be in a hurry. Blakefield has been to Co. Finals in almost every county and can recall all of them in great detail and no doubt he will be more than an interested spectator to-day at McDonagh Park.

JUST ONE GAME

In 1969 Newport played only one game in that year's championship. They lost by 1-12 to 2-4 against Borris-Ileigh. There was no first round losers in that year, so Newport's lot rested on that first round game.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL

For the first time in thirty-five years Newport reached the North Tipperary semi-final against Roscrea. They were defeated by 4-16 to 2-3. Newport earlier accounted for Na Piarasigh (Burgess/Kildangan clubs) and Kilruane MacDonaghs.



NEWPORT 1994 NORTH S.H. SEMI-FINALISTS: who lost to Kilruane MacDonaghs by 2-10 to 1-10. Front: D. J. O'Brien, Ger Floyd, Timmie Jones, Bobby Gleeson, Ger Bradley, Joe O'Brien. Back: Con McGrath, Cecil Ryan, Tom Moylan, Peter Coleman, John O'Mahoney, Dinny Ryan, John Keating, Aidan O'Gorman.



CENTENARY CHAMPIONS. The Lorrha team that defeated Nenagh Eire Og in the centenary North final on a scoreline of 4-11 to 3-9. Front row: Padraig Kennedy, Johnnie Sullivan, John Harding, Donal O'Donoghue, Kieran Hough (capt), Willie Fogarty, Brian Mannion, Eamonn Sherlock. Back: Michael Brophy, Joe Kennedy, Martin Young, Ken Hogan, Pat Kelly, John McIntyre, Aidan McIntyre.

Semi Finals and Finals

1961-1996

As two teams contest to-days final, lets look back at the results of the penultimate stages of our championship beginning with 1961.

N.B.: The year 1961 was the first year in which the (one parish, one club) regulation came into being.

Year		Date	Teams		Venue	
1961	Semi Finals	July 16	Toomevara	2-16	Kilruane	3-4 Nenagh
		Aug. 6	Borrisokane	3-9	Kildangan	0-6 Nenagh
	Final	Aug. 20	Toomevara	4-14	Borrisokane	3-4 Nenagh
1962	Semi Finals	Aug. 5	Kilruane	6-9	Lorrha	4-4 Roscrea
			Toomevara	5-9	Eire Og	3-5 Roscrea
	Final	Sept. 9	Toomevara	4-9	Kilruane	5-4 Nenagh
1963	Semi Finals	Aug. 4	Roscrea	7-13	Duharra	1-3 Nenagh
		Aug. 25	Toomevara	1-7	Kilruane	1-7 Nenagh
	Replay	Sept. 15	Toomevara	2-10	Kilruane	2-7 Nenagh
	Final	Sept. 22	Roscrea	2-12	Toomevara	1-8 Nenagh
1964	Semi Finals	Aug. 23	Roscrea	4-10	Moneygall	4-6 Nenagh
		Aug. 23	Eire Og	4-13	Lorrha	2-12 Roscrea
	Final	Sept. 27	Eire Og	5-12	Roscrea	2-8 Nenagh
1965	Semi Finals	Aug. 1	Lorrha	3-7	Roscrea	2-4 Nenagh
		Aug. 1	Kilruane	3-8	Borrisokane	4-5 Nenagh
	Replay		Kilruane	4-12	Borrisokane	3-5 Nenagh
	Final	Aug. 22	Kilruane	3-10	Lorrha	5-2 Nenagh
1966	Semi Finals	Aug. 7	Toomevara	1-11	Roscrea	2-2 Nenagh
		Aug. 14	Lorrha	3-6	Kilruane	2-7 Borrisokane
	Final	Aug. 28	Lorrha	3-11	Toomevara	2-13 Nenagh
1967	Semi Finals	Aug. 6	Roscrea	4-8	Borrisokane	3-7 Nenagh
		Aug. 6	Moneygall	4-12	Lorrha	1-4 Nenagh
	Final	Aug. 20	Roscrea	4-15	Moneygall	3-8 Nenagh
1968	Semi Finals	Aug. 18	Roscrea	0-13	Borrisokane	2-5 Nenagh
		Aug. 18	Borris-Ileigh	3-13	Toomevara	4-7 Nenagh
	Final	Sept. 8	Roscrea	2-15	Borris-Ileigh	3-7 Nenagh
1969	Semi Finals	July 13	Roscrea	4-5	Borrisokane	2-10 Nenagh
		July 13	Lorrha	3-10	Borris-Ileigh	2-4 Nenagh
	Final	Aug. 17	Roscrea	5-9	Lorrha	2-4 Nenagh
1970	Semi Finals	Aug. 30	Moneygall	5-10	Eire Og	5-4 C'Jordan
		Aug. 16	Roscrea	4-16	Newport	3-5 Nenagh
	Final	Sept. 9	Roscrea	3-9	Moneygall	3-3 Nenagh
1971	Semi Finals	Sept. 19	Borris-Ileigh	3-7	Toomevara	2-6 Nenagh



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Lorrha U-14 Camogie panel, county 'C' finalists: Back row, left to right: Emily Hogan (coach and selector), Marina Sullivan, Stacey Sullivan, Mary Carroll, Anne Hough, Fiona Quirke, Darine Moran, Jessica Kennedy, Pauline Hocht, Sinead Sullivan, Maeve Kennedy, Sarah Moran, Patricia Lane and Rose Mannion (manager and selector). Front row: Aoife Gormally, Donna Kennedy, Aileen Rosney, Anna Slevin, Jennifer Hough (vice-captain), Claire Moran, Noelle Killeen, Leanne Kennedy (capt), Fiona Maher, Claire Mahon, Brenda Molloy and Michelle Kennedy.



Redwood Castle, Lorrha on the occasion of the launch of Lorrha GAA Club history by Seamus J. King. L to R: Noel Lane, Tony Reddin, Seamus King, Liam King. Seated: Tom Duffy (R.I.P.).

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Newport's last North Championship

Newport won two North titles in the space of three years. In 1932 they received a walk-over from Toomevara after defeating Kilbarron/Kildangan in the Semi-Final. To-day we print the full match report of Newport's 1935 win as it appeared in *The Guardian*.

Championship for Newport

Victory in stern struggle at Nenagh

Kilruane's strong finish

Newport 6-4; Kilruane 5-4

Newport won the North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship at the Show grounds, Nenagh, on Sunday, before a fine attendance, defeating Kilruane McDonaghs by 6-4 to 5-4, after a strenuous game, fought with great determination.

It was one of the hardest fought contests seen in the championship for a good many years, and so strongly did McDonaghs finish that they pulled down a four-goal lead to a goal margin.

McDonaghs lost the game in the first half when the forwards had open chances which they failed to finish, and the sharp-shooting Newport forwards missed nothing that came their way.

Mick Coffey (Newport) made many wonderful saves, while the defence generally withstood some strong challenges. The Newport team as a whole shone well. Newport wore down a lead and went to the front at half-time by 3-3 to 2-3. This they doubled and at one time they had a comfortable lead of 6-3 to 2-3, and it was then that McDonaghs made their great rally which ended with three goals and a point. At the final whistle they were fighting on.

The teams were played to the centre of the field by the Silvermines Band, which also played the National Anthem, before Mr. D. Costelloe, Kilbarron, referee, sent the teams into action. Kilruane lost a good forward in M. Kelly in the early part of the game, and injuries to Heffernan also hampered that speedy player in his work. The Kilruane team played consistent all through, P. Peters, J. Kennedy, Hyland, Meara, Whelan, and P. Spain being always on the ball. For Newport, Coffey's (3), Humphries, Connors, Maloney, Delaney, and Rainsford were always good.

THE PLAY

Newport got a free as the game just started and Coffey "Butler" took the puck, for Kilruane to fling back. Heffernan, Whelan, and Kelly were in the attack when Newport got another free. This time Lee fielded and Jack Coffey, in possession, pointed for Newport. Newport rushed through a goal in a sharp attack, but the score was disallowed. Kilruane,

per P. Spain, drove wide. Kilruane launched another attack in which Kennedy, P. Spain, and Heffernan were concerned, but Connors, Humphries, and Rainsford defended stoutly. Newport then rushed with Jim Coffey in possession but they sent wide. Peters sent up for P. Spain to cross a ball to the Newport goal and Coffey saved his net in a vigorous charge in which Newport defence fought back tenaciously. A free to Kilruane eased matters. Heffernan placed the puck prettily and Coffey saved a hot shot but Kilruane dashed in for a goal. Play was still being maintained at a speedy pace and Jim Coffey sent wide a free for Newport. Dwane got possession from P. Peters and he passed to Kenny, then back to Dwane, and Kilruane moved in but Kelly eased with a wide. Again Kilruane wided when Whelan had possession on a fast run. Newport were being pressed hard. Heffernan took a free and in a long drive Mick Coffey saved and Humphries had the ball clear. Then Jack Meara stopped a Newport race and a good effort by Hyland for a score just failed.

Martin Kennedy (goal) saved from Jim Coffey and Minogue eased pressure. Jim Coffey placed a free and Jack Coffey flashed in a shot which Kennedy came to the ground to save at the cost of a 70. The ball was carried wide by the wind and later Maloney scored a point for Newport. E. Gleeson cut down a ball from Whelan but Heffernan nipping in put a long drive over the bar for a point. Some vigorous clashes in the Newport end followed and Whelan began an attack and though Newport defended well Roger Dwane got the leather across to Kelly to goal.

Newport, on the re-start, dashed down and in a fierce attack Newport registered a goal, Kennedy, on the ground, failing to save. Kelly was injured and was replaced by M. Dunne, and on the resumption there were some hectic passages. Maloney added a point for Newport and when Jack Coffey manoeuvred an attack Maloney was in position to add a goal for Newport.

This left Newport leading for the first time by two points and the ball was flying from end to end in rapid and determined attacks. Jack Coffey again had possession for Maloney to control the pass and beat Kennedy for Newport's third goal. Kilruane scored a point from a 70 by Heffernan just before the interval whistle. Score:—

Newport-3 goals 3 points; Kilruane-2 goals 2 points

When the game re-started there was nice combination amongst the Kilruane boys, but Spain failed with a pass from Dwane. Newport attacked strongly and P. Peters, Meara, and Hyland fought back. Maloney and Delaney were fast forwards, and when Kilruane took a free Humphries defended alone and Dwane had a good try. Kennedy hurled well for McDonaghs and was in the thick of the attack, and Kilruane gave the Newport backs a troublesome time. Newport beat off an attack from a free and when Jack Coffey placed in Kilruane goal Kennedy beat Madden for possession. Newport goaled after a very fast piece of play. Kennedy saved a high shot but Newport were fast and took the net for a goal. Whelan followed with a point for Kilruane, and when Newport got a free thirty yards out Jim Coffey scored a rasping shot which Kennedy apparently misjudged.

Newport had a comfortable lead and Coffey saved a good shot from Whelan. Heffernan started another attack. P. Spain sent on to Dwane, who doubled on a ball which Coffey blocked to save. Kilruane were attacking strongly and Coffey, ever alert, again saved. Kilruane were fighting well and Whelan added a point. Heffernan took a free and Coffey

saved his net, but McDonaghs fought on until they pushed the ball through for a goal. Attacks at each end were defeated. Then Kennedy got possession of a ball from a free by Peters and, eluding his man, he passed to Dunne, who goaled for Kilruane. Playing with renewed energy in fast ground hurling, Kilruane fought on. In a swift attack on Kilruane goal Maloney was injured and was replaced by Reilly.

Gruelling passages marked the closing stages of the game as McDonaghs battled for supremacy. Kennedy crossed a ball to Heffernan and the effort was broken by Connors and went wide. After Coffey saved his sticks Delaney pointed for Newport. Keogh and M. Peters beat off a Newport attack and Hyland and Heffernan sent on to Spain, who passed to Dwane. Kennedy coming up took Dwane's pass with a sweep and beat Coffey for a goal, leaving only a difference of three points in favour of Newport.

Excitement was high as McDonaghs strove for the equaliser. It nearly came from Kennedy, who was just stopped by Humphries, and the same player was fighting strongly against Kilruane attacks as the final whistle went. Score-

Newport-6 goals 4 pts; Kilruane-5 goals 4 pts.

Newport- Mick Coffey (goal), James Coffey, M. Lee, P. Humphries, E. Rainsford, J. Coffey, E. Burke, E. Delaney, J. Ryan, T. Connors, M. Madden, L. Shinnors, E. Gleeson, M. Maloney, J. Connors.

Kilruane McDonaghs- Mtn. Kennedy (goal), T. Kennedy, J. Hyland, Roger Dwane, J. Meara, Ml. Whelan, D. Minogue, Jas. Spain, P. Spain, Mtn. Kelly, Jas. Keogh, Ml. Heffernan, M. Peters, P. Peters, J. Elebert.

HELD SCORELESS

Newport were held scoreless by Moneygall in the second round of the 1971 senior hurling championship on a scoreline of 3-12 to 0-0. Newport won none of their four championship game of that year. Remember the championship was run on a league basis for the first time in many decades.

RED JERSEYS IN 1949

Did you know that Lorrha once wore the red of Roscrea in a hurling championship game. That's right as far back as 1949 on July 29th, against Nenagh in Borrisokane. Whether it was the jerseys or what, Lorrha failed to come to terms with a Nenagh side that included Charlie Downes and Seamus Bannon in their line out. The final score read Nenagh 3-8 Lorrha 0-5 and remember Lorrha were current champions.

BACK IN SENIOR RANKS

After winning the 1965 North Tipperary Intermediate Championship, Newport re-entered senior ranks in 1966. Their first game resulted in a 3-8 to 1-3 defeat at the hands of Roscrea. One month later they ran Borris-Ileigh to two points at Nenagh. The final score read 4-8 to 3-9 in favour of Borris.

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Lorrha's Roll of Honour

Club of the Year: 1984

Guardian Player of the Year: Liam King 1972; Ken Hogan 1980; Brian Mannion 1984

County Intermediate Hurling: 1946

North Tipp Senior Football: 1983, 1984

North Tipp Intermediate Football: 1983, 1984

North Tipp Junior Football: 1966, 1968, 1971, 1975.

North Tipp U-12 Football 'C': 1995

County Junior Football: 1971

County U-15 Hurling. 'A': 1957, 1958

NORTH TITLES:

Senior Hurling Championship: 1905, 1914, 1924, 1948, 1956, 1966, 1984, 1989

Senior Hurling League: 1985, 1989

Intermediate Hurling championship: 1946

Junior Hurling 'A': 1966, 1987

Under-21 Hurling 'A': 1965, 1966,

Under-21 Hurling 'B': 1983

Minor Hurling 'B': 1993

Under-16 Hurling 'B': 1976

Under-15 Hurling 'A' 1956, 1957, 1958

Under 14 Hurling 'B': 1976, 1977

Under-12 Hurling 'B': 1987, 'C' 1992

1995 – last championship meeting

Lorrha and Newport last met in a championship games just over a year ago, on June 11th to be precise when Nenagh was the venue as both sides would meet for the second time in seven days.

The first day the game ended in a draw, 1-9 to 0-12 at Cloughjordan. It seemed that the game may have needed extra but referee T. F. Stapleton played as much as eight minutes injury time due to the many injuries which occurred during the game. It was not a dirty game. In the end Newport were winners on a scoreline of 0-11 to 0-10. The winners trailed by one point at the interval 0-6 to 0-5.

The teams lined out as follows:

Newport: Ger Floyd, Pat Keating, D. J. O'Brien, Martin McCabe, Joe O'Brien, Aidan O'Gorman, Denis Collins, Connie McGrath 0-1, Tom Moylan, Dinny Ryan 0-2, Liam Jones, John Ryan, Ger Bradley 0-5 (4 frees), Cecil Ryan 0-2, Barry Gleeson 0-1. Subs: Peter Coleman for Liam Jones; John Keating for Cecil Ryan.

Lorrha: Ken Hogan, Donal O'Donoghue, Tom Madden, Declan O'Meara, Colm Haughton, Cathal McIntyre 0-1 free, Stephen Hogan, Pdraig Madden 0-1, Trevor Hogan, Noel Hogan, John McIntyre 0-2, Michael Kinsella 0-1, Aidan McIntyre 0-1, Pat Kennedy 0-3, John Cleary. Sub: Declan Molloy for Cleary.

Ref. T. F. Stapleton



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North Tipp. S.H. results '96

ROUND 1

Date	Teams		Venue	Referee
May 13	Newport 3-7	Portroe 2-7	Nenagh	M. Cahill,
June 8	Borris-Ileigh 1-18	Moneygall 2-8	Toomevara	J. McDonnell
June 9	Lorrha 0-10	Nenagh 0-9	Borrisokane	T. F. Stapleton
June 16	Kilruane 2-18	Roscrea 2-10	Borrisokane	Ger Hayes
	Toomevara bye			

WINNERS' SECTION (Quarter-finals)

June 23	Newport 2-13	Toomevara 2-11	Nenagh	John McDonnell
July 21	Lorrha 0-18	Kilruane 2-4	Borrisokane	Ger Hayes

LOSERS' GROUP

June 23	Nenagh 3-17	Portroe 1-6	Toomevara	Ger Hayes
June 23	Moneygall 0-16	Roscrea 1-8	Toomevara	Mr. Cahill

LOSERS' GROUP FINAL

July 28	Moneygall 1-13	Nenagh 1-12	Toomevara	J. McDonnell
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SEMI-FINALS

Aug 4	Lorrha 1-15	Borris-Ileigh 1-13	Cloughjordan	M. Cahill
Aug 11	Newport 1-15	Moneygall 1-15	Nenagh	M. Ahearne
Aug 18(R)	Newport 2-12	Moneygall 1-12	Nenagh	M. Ahearne

FINAL

Sept. 8

Lorrha: All-Ireland roll of honour

Senior Hurling

Hugh Burke 1917
Tom Duffy 1925
Michael Cronin 1930
Christy Forde 1938
Tony Reddan 1949, 1950, 1951
Liam King 1971
Noel Lane 1971
Ken Hogan 1989, 1991
John Madden 1991

Junior Hurling

Felix Cronin 1915
James O'Meara 1989

Under-21 Hurling

Noel Lane 1964
Michael O'Meara 1964
Brian Mannion 1979
Joe Kennedy 1980
John McIntyre 1980
John Madden 1989

Minor Hurling

Seamus Kennedy 1976
Ken Hogan 1980

Lorrha, County Finals

Junior hurling 1946, Juvenile U-15 Hurling 1957, 1959
Under-21 hurling 1966, Junior football 1971



The Lorrha team which defeated Toomevara by 1-14 to 1-12 in the north senior hurling final at Nenagh on August 20th., 1989. Back row, left to right: Pat Kennedy, Martin Young, Gerry Sullivan, Ken Hogan (captain), John Madden, Aidan McIntyre, Michael Brophy. Front row: left to right: John McIntyre, Seamus Mannion, Declan O'Meara, Kieran Hough, Eamonn Sherlock, Cathal McIntyre, Donal O'Donoghue, Pat Kelly.

Newport in S.H. 1990-'96

1990				
May 13	Round 1	Newport 2-11	Borris-Ileigh 1-13	Nenagh
June 17	Round 2	Newport 2-12	Lorrha 1-12	Nenagh
July 1	Semi-final	Newport 0-11	Toomevara 1-10	Nenagh
1991				
	Round 1	Newport 3-6	Borrisokane 0-15	Nenagh
	Replay	Newport 2-4	Borrisokane 1-11	Nenagh
	Round 2	Newport 1-7	Lorrha 1-15	Cloughjordan
1992				
June 13	Round 1	Newport 0-9	Lorrha 2-6	Toomevara
June 28	Losers' group	Newport 1-4	Portroe 0-11	Ballina
1993				
May 29	Round 1	Newport 1-9	Kilruane 2-7	Nenagh
June 13	Losers' group	Newport 0-10	Toomevara 0-12	Nenagh
1994				
May 6	Round 1	Newport 0-17	Borris-Ileigh 1-14	Templederry
	Replay	Newport 0-7	Borris-Ileigh 1-15	Templederry
	Losers' group	Newport 2-6	Nenagh Eire Og 0-11	Ballina
July 17	Losers' final	Newport 1-9	Portroe 0-9	Nenagh
	Semi-final	Newport 1-10	Kilruane 2-10	Nenagh.
1995				
May 28	Round 1	Newport 1-9	Lorrha 0-12	Cloughjordan
June 11	Replay	Newport 0-11	Lorrha 0-10	Nenagh
July 1	Round 2	Newport 2-10	Nenagh Eire Og 2-13	Ballina
1996				
May 26	Round 1	Newport 3-7	Portroe 2-7	Nenagh
June 23	Round 2	Newport 2-13	Toomevara 2-11	Nenagh
	Semi-final	Newport 1-15	Moneygall 1-15	Nenagh
	Replay	Newport 2-12	Moneygall 1-12	Nenagh.

NEWPORT SNIPPETS

Pat Shinnors is the only Newport player to have played on winning teams in North Tipperary finals in juvenile, minor, intermediate and senior football (1968, 1971, 1976, 1985 and 1982 respectively).

Six Newport players each hold five North Tipp junior/intermediate football medals - Michael Jones and Joe O'Brien (1965, '67, '70, '76, '78), Noel O'Gorman (1965, '67, '70, '76, '79, '85) and Martin Moloney and Denis Floyd (1970, '76, '78, '79, '85) and Ger Floyd (1976, '78, '79, '94, '95).

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