

North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final
Match Programme
1997



Coiste Tiobraid
Arann Thuaidh

MacDonagh Park, Cloughjordan
Sunday, August 3rd, 1997

TSB BANK SENIOR HURLING FINAL

Toomevara v Borris-Ileigh

3.30 *Reitair.* John McDonnell (Roscrea)

Intermediate Hurling
SILVERMINES v BALLINA

2.00 p.m. *Reitair.* Sean Hogan (Lorrha)

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On behalf of North Tipperary G.A.A. Board it is my pleasure to welcome all of you to Thomas MacDonagh Park, Cloughjordan, and I hope that, no matter which team you are supporting, you will have a most enjoyable day.

For almost one hundred years the staging of the senior hurling final has been the sporting highlight of North Tipperary. This has been achieved through the efforts, zeal and enthusiasm of so many dedicated players and officials and the loyal support and goodwill of our supporters and patrons.

Today's pairing of Borris-Ileigh and Toomevara brings together two clubs steeped in the tradition of the GAA. The game is a repeat of the 1995 final and the two teams played a first round thriller in St. Flannan's Park, Moneygall on Saturday, 24th May. I hope that the final today produces another top class game of skill, excitement and sportsmanship and that it lives up to the high standard of so many great finals of the past.

This is the first time that a sponsor is involved with our hurling championship, and I would like to express the board's thanks to the TSB Bank, Nenagh for its financial support in agreeing to sponsor the championship for two years.

The curtain raiser today promises a lively opening to our proceedings, as near neighbours Ballina and Silvermines clash in the Intermediate Championship. This game should produce a feast of skill, commitment and wholehearted endeavour.

As Chairman, I would like to avail of this opportunity to thank all the clubs, park committees, gate checkers, referees, umpires and linesmen for their work during the year, and also the people for their support for all our games.

My thanks also to the MacDonagh Park Committee and the Kilruane MacDonagh Club for the magnificent arrangements for today's games. Also, thanks to Liam Hogan and Bord na nÓg for their work in producing a very fine programme. Finally, I would like to thank Michael O'Brien, Secretary and Michael Nolan, Treasure and the other Board officers for their help and co-operation.

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Matt Hassett

He may have some grey and silver locks in his hair but his step is still light and as sprightly as ever, and he still retains a very avid and wide interest in his first love – hurling. Being a cousin of the famous ‘Wedger’ Meagher of the ‘Greyhounds’ fame, it was only natural that Matt should be interested in hurling from the cradle.

He started hurling at a very young age, developing the ‘feel’ of ball on hurley, developing ball control of ‘hands’ and wrists. No wonder he made his advent to juvenile hurling as a very young member of Toomevara teams in the ‘forties, progressing to minor level and eventually to adult level in the fifties and ‘sixties.

He won a North Tipp intermediate championship and won his first of four North senior championships in 1958, and again in ‘60, ‘61 and ‘62. He played in seven North senior finals in a row from 1957 to 1963. Of course, Toomevara went on in 1960 to win their first county title since 1931 at the expense of famed Thurles Sarsfields, who were seeking their sixth successive and who would go on to win five in a row from 1961.

Matt played a large part on that famous day, at corner back, in curbing the activities of the Thurles danger man, Seán McLoughlin. He captained Tipperary in 1961, leading them to victory over Cork in a never-to-be-forgotten Munster final. His direct opponent that day was the famous Christy Ring, who was also in opposition to him in the hectic Munster final in 1960 in Thurles.

Tipperary also won that day but lost the All-Ireland final to Wexford. However, Hassett led Tipp to victory over Dublin in 1961 and brought the Liam McCarthy Cup back to Toomevara – the only Toome man ever to captain an All-Ireland senior winning team. He won a second All-Ireland medal in 1962, as a reserve, when Tipperary defeated Wexford.

Matt was also a talented footballer, winning county senior football medals with a North Tipp selection in 1958, and with a Toomevara-Moneygall-Inane Rovers selection in 1959 and 1961.

As on the hurling field, he took a very active interest in the working of the club from an early age. He became secretary while still a player, and played a big part in the rejuvenation of the club in the fifties. He also became chairman of the club and led always by example, and he is now President.

He succeeded the legendary Mick Moylan as secretary of the North Tipperary Board and carried out his duties in a very efficient and meticulous manner. He was also treasurer of the County Board, in which capacity he served with distinction.

Throughout his many years of service to club and county, on the hurling field and in the board room, his keen honest-to-goodness approach, his insistness and fairness, and good sportsmanship, his ready wit and good humour and above all his modesty, has endeared him to many many people.

Matt has travelled the length and breadth of Ireland to support his beloved Tipperary, but no matter where a Toome team, be it senior down to Under 12, is played, he is surely there, if at all possible, to lend his support and encouragement, for his heart and soul is in hurling.



Matt Hassett



Toomevara senior hurling team which defeated Lorrha in the North Semi-Final at McDonagh Park, Nenagh on last Sunday. Back: L. to R.: Pat King, Pat Meagher, Thomas Dunne, Terry Dunne, Ken Dunne, Liam Nolan and Kevin Kennedy. Kneeling: Paddy O'Brien, George Frend, Martin Cahalan, Philip Shanahan, Justin Cottrell, Tony Delaney, Michael Bevans and Rory Brislane.



The Borris-Ileigh team which beat Moneygall in the first round losers group of this years championship. Back row L. to R.: Philip Rabbitte, John McGrath, Philip Malone, Darragh Rabbitte, Seamus Maher, Tom Stakelum, Joe Loughnane, Brendan Coen, Aidan Ryan, Declan Malone, John Keane, Sean Malone, Michael Ryan, Conor Stakelum, Michael Ryan.

T.S.B North Senior Hurling Championship 1997

1st Round: Saturday, 17 May:

Lorrha 2-7, Roscrea 0-7, played in Borrisokane.

Saturday 24th May:

Toomevara 1-17, Borris-Ileigh 1-13, played in Moneygall. Referee: Michael Cahill.

Sunday, 25th May:

Kilruane McDonagh's 2-13, Portroe 2-13, played in Nenagh (draw). Referee: Martin Darcy.

Nenagh Eire Og 2-18, Newport 2-10, played in Nenagh. Referee: John McDonnell.

Borrisokane 1-14, Moneygall 2-7, played in Nenagh. Referee: Martin Griffin.

Sunday, 1st June, Replay:

Portroe 2-15, Kilruane McDonagh's 0-16, played in Nenagh. Referee Martin Darcy.

2nd Round Winners: Sunday, 22nd June:

Borrisokane 3-15, Nenagh 1-19, played in Toomevara. Referee: Michael Cahill.

Tuesday, 24th June:

Lorrha 4-4, Portroe 2-7, played in Cloughjordan. Referee: Michael Cahill.

Toomevara Bye.

Losers Group: Saturday 14th June:

Borris-Ileigh 3-10, Moneygall 2-10, played in Toomevara. Referee: Martin Ahearn.

Sunday, 22nd June:

Kilruane McDonagh's 1-12, Roscrea 1-9, played in Toomevara. Referee: John Kissane.

Borris-Ileigh 2-17, Newport 3-8, played in Nenagh. Referee: John McDonnell.

Sunday, 13th July:

Borris-Ileigh 0-19, Kilruane McDonagh's 1-13, played in Nenagh. Referee: John Kissane.

Semi-Finals, July 20th:

Borris-Ileigh 1-19, Borrisokane 1-15, played in Nenagh. Referee: Michael Cahill.

Lorrha 0-13, Toomevara 1-20, played in Nenagh. Referee: John McDonnell.

Snippet

The trophy for today's game is dedicated to the memory of Frank McGrath who played a significant role in promoting the GAA in the early years of the North Tipp. Board. Frank won North Tipp. S.H. medals with the Toomevara Greyhounds and with Nenagh. He was chairman of the Board on two separate occasions, 1922-23 and 1927-31.

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North Divisional Champions

1928 - 1997

MINOR H.

'A'

1928 Roscrea
 1929 Roscrea
 1930 Roscrea
 1931 Roscrea
 1932 Toomevara
 1933
 1934 Roscrea
 1935 Roscrea
 1936 Youghalarra
 1937 Toomevara
 1938 Éire Óg
 1939 Youghalarra
 1940 Nenagh
 1941 Nenagh
 1942 Nenagh
 1943 Roscrea
 1944 Roscrea
 1945 Roscrea
 1946 Roscrea
 1947 St. Mary's
 1948 St. Mary's
 1950 Roscrea
 1951 St. Mary's
 1952 Kilruane MacD.
 1953 Éire Óg
 1954 Toomevara
 1955 Éire Óg
 1956 Toomevara
 1957 Borrisokane
 1958 Roscrea
 1959 Roscrea
 1960 Roscrea
 1961 Roscrea
 1962 Roscrea
 1963 Roscrea
 1964 Kilruane MacD.
 1965 Roscrea
 1966 Roscrea
 1967 Roscrea

1968 Roscrea
 1969 Éire Óg
 1970 Silvermines
 1971 Kilruane MacD.
 1972 Kilruane MacD.
 1973 Kilruane MacD.
 1974 Roscrea
 1975 Roscrea
 1976 Roscrea
 1977 Éire Óg
 1978 Éire Óg
 1979 Éire Óg
 1980 Roscrea
 1981 Toomevara
 1982 Toomevara
 1983 Roscrea
 1984 Roscrea
 1985 Toomevara
 1986 Toomevara
 1987 Toomevara
 1988 Roscrea
 1989 Éire Óg
 1990 Erin's Hope
 1991 Éire Óg
 1992 Éire Óg
 1993 Toomevara
 1994 Toomevara
 1995 Toomevara
 1996 Toomevara

MINOR H.

'B'

1974 Burgess
 1975 Kilruane MacD.
 1976 Silvermines
 1977 Silvermines
 1978 Burgess
 1979 Toomevara
 1980 Silvermines
 1981 Borris-Iliegh
 1982 Kildangan
 1983 Erins Hope
 1984 Shannon Rovers
 1985 Borris-Ileigh
 1986 Burgess
 1987 Portroe
 1988
 1989 Moneygall
 1990 Burgess
 1991 Silvermines
 1992 Ballina
 1993 Lorrha
 1994 Newport
 1995 Ballina
 1996 Templederry.



BORRIS-ILEIGH S.H. TEAM THAT LOST THE NORTH TIPP FINAL TO ROSCREA (Oct. 3rd, 1971) on a scoreline of 3-8 to 3-5. Front: John Kinnane, Rev. J. O'Neill, C.C., (R.I.P.), Selector; Francis Spillane, Noel O'Dwyer, Timmie Ryan, Tom Ryan, Eoin Walsh, Eddie Loughnane, Tommy Dwyer, John Kelly, Johnnie Loughnane, Philip Kennedy Jnr., Phil Kenny Snr., Selector. Back: Tom Tierney, Michael Delaney, Seamus Hynes, Pat Fanning, Michael Stapleton, Liam Carroll, Michael Collins, Selector; Pat Maher, T.F. Stapleton, P.J. Bourke, Timmie Delaney, Paddy Tynan, Matt Stapleton, Niall Boyle, Trainer; Neddy Ryan (R.I.P.), Selector; Ned Harty, Noelle Maher, Joseph Kenny, Liam Devaney, Philly Ryan (R.I.P.), Selector.

Photo: Brendan Treacy Collection.



The 1986 Toomevara Minor County Champions.



County Finalists 1994 – Toomevara minor hurling team. Back row, L. to R.: Martin Cahalane, Damien O'Meara, David McGrath, Derek Delaney, John Meagher, Rory Mounsey, Padraig Hackett. Front row, L. to R.: Dermot Brislane, Ray Hackett, Paddy O'Brien, Justin Cottrell, Kevin Cornally, Denis Kelly, Michael Bevens, Ken Dunne. Eight of this team are now part of to-days Toome panel.



THE WINNING TOOMEVARA TEAM OF THE 1995 NORTH FINAL: Back, L. to R.: Kevin Kennedy, Liam Flaherty, Tommy Dunne, Pat Meagher, Terry Dunne, Jody Grace, Pat King, Liam Nolan. Front: Philip Shanahan, George Frend, Tony Delaney, Michael Beavans, Michael O'Meara, Ken Dunne, Rory Brislane.

Liam Devaney

Liam Devaney is one of the all time greats. he is the holder of 5 All-ireland senior medals and numerous National League and Munster Championship medals. As an 18 year old he played on the Borris' team that won the 1953 County Senior Championship. As an inter county player he won the "Hurler of the Year" award for his display in the All-Ireland final of 1961 against Dublin. Babs Keating once stated of him that "he has forgotten more about hurling than any of us will ever know." Upon his retirement after the 1972 County final he was in charge of the Tipperary team defeated in the National League Final of 1975. He later became a valuable member of the backroom team involved in winning the Co. Championships of 1981, 1983 and 1986.

AIDAN RYAN

Aidan Ryan is without doubt one of the stars of latter day Tipperary hurling. He is the holder of an All-Ireland minor medal in 1982, an All-Ireland U/21 in 1985 and senior championship medals in 1989 and 1991. He received a Bank of Ireland All Star Award in 1988. Most Tipperary people will remember his greatest moment when in the final minutes of the 1991 Munster Final against Cork he blocked down a Robert Browne clearance, rounded Seamie McCarthy before crashing home an unstoppable shot beyond Ger Cunningham. Aidan is the holder of two North championship medals, a Munster and an All-Ireland club medal.

A past pupil of Templemore CBS and brother of Bobby, his speed and talent should surely give Borris a great chance of defeating rivals Toomevara this afternoon.

Borrisoleigh first North Senior Title

Borrisoleigh 4-3 – Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-6.

On the last Sunday of August 1947 at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh before an attendance of 3,200 in warm sunshine, Borrisoleigh annexed their 1st senior title, and the Murphy Cup was presented to their captain, Paddy Kenny, by the Chairman of the North Tipperary Board, Fr. Ned Murphy, who stated he was delighted that the Cup was funding a home in Borrisleigh and wished their gallant captain every success in the All-Ireland minor final the following Sunday.

Prominent for the winners: Phil Maher, Kenny brothers, M.J. Owen, J Hackett, Phil Ryan, H Bourke and Jim Devaney.

For MacDonaghs: W Brophy, Son Kelly, Jim Waters, Mick Heffernan, Tom Darcy, Jim Kelly, Tom Whelan.

TEAMS

Borrisoleigh: M Ryan (goal); P Maher, M Dwyer, J Coffey, J Ryan, J Hackett, J Leahy, Phil ryan, E Ryan, Jas. Maher, S Kenny, Paddy Kenny, H Bourke, R Ryan, J Devaney.

Kilruane-MacDonagh: R Gleeson (goal), T Williams, E Gleeson, P Williams, J Cahalane, "Son" Kelly, W Brophy, Jim Waters, Jas. Kelly, F Darcy, Jim Waters, Jas. Kelly, F Darcy, J Dunne, M Heffernan, T Whelan, T Darcy, J Brophy.

Sub: M O'Meara for J Waters.

Mr D. Costelloe, (Shannon Rovers) refereed impartially.

North Divisional Champions

1960 - 1997

UNDER-21 H.

'A'

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

1977 Templederry
1978 Kilruane MacD.
1979 Éire Óg
1980 Éire Óg
1981 Éire Óg
1982 Éire Óg
1983 Roscrea
1984 Roscrea
1985 Toomevara
1986 Toomevara
1987 Borris-Ileigh
1988 Borris-Ileigh
1989 Erin's Hope
1990 Toomevara
1991 Erin's Hope
1992 Moneygall
1993 Nenagh
1994 Nenagh
1995 Toomevara
1996 Toomevara

UNDER-21 H.

'B'

1980 Portroe
1981 Shannon Rovers
1982 Portroe
1983 Lorrha
1984 Templederry
1985 Moneygall
1986 Shannon Rovers
1987 Moneygall
1988 Burgess
1989 Portroe
1990 Shannon Rovers
1991 Moneygall
1992 Silvermines
1993 Kilruane
1994 Ballina
1995 Borris-Ileigh
1996 Erin's Hope

Top Ten Scorers in 1997

by Damien Hayes

Pos.	Name	Club	Score	Total	Games
1.	Conor Stakelum	Borris-Ileigh	1-47	(50)	5
2.	Mark O'Leary	Kilruane	1-34	(37)	4
3.	Padraig Hogan	Borrisokane	2-16	(22)	3
4.	Barry O'Driscoll	Portroe	0-21	(21)	3
5.	Kenny Dunne	Toomevara	0-16	(16)	2
6.	Michael Cleary	Nenagh	1-10	(13)	2
7.	Gerry O'Sullivan	Lorrha	4-0	(12)	2
8.	Barry Ryan	Moneygall	1-9	(12)	2
9.	David Quinlan	Kilruane	1-9	(12)	4
10.	John Madden	Lorrha	0-11	(11)	2



BORRIS-ILEIGH – GUESS THE YEAR! Front row: Tom Tierney, Timmie Delaney, Eddie Loughnane, George Kinnane, John Kelly, John Loughnane, Paul Kennedy. Back: Phily Ryan Trainer (R.L.P.); Pat Ryan, Paddy Delaney, Liam Devaney, Jim Molumby, Matt Stapleton, Matt Ryan, Noel O'Dwyer.



BORRIS-ILEIGH CO. TIPPERARY U/21 HURLING CHAMPIONS 1987: Front, L. to R.: J.J. Maher, C. Reid, Jody Boyle, Frances Doolan (Capt.), Joe Kennedy, John Ryan, Joe Loughnane. Back: Timmie Stapleton, Seamus Devany, Conor Stakelum, Philip Delaney, Michael Stapleton, John Glasheen, Barry Ryan, Tom Stapleton, Eamon Kenny.



THE TOOMEVARA TEAM THAT DEFEATED HOLYCROSS IN THE COUNTY SEMI-FINAL OF 1961. Back: Billy Donovan, Matt Hassett, Dinny Cuddihey, Matt O'Gara, John Joe McCormack, Tom Ryan (R.I.P.), Phil Shanahan, Ossie Bennett, Massuer. Front: Jim McDonnell, Jimmy Donovan, Gerry Hough (R.I.P.), John Hough, Tom Shanahan, Roger Mounsey, Frankie Ryan (R.I.P.), Neill Williams.

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TOOMEVARA U/21's, 1966: Back: Oliver Ryan, Billy Kelly, Jimmy Whelan, T.J. Grace, Matt O'Meara, Pat Hassett, Billy Kennedy, Jimmy Hackett (R.I.P.). Front: M.J. Hogan, Thomas Maxwell, Pat McGrath, Sean Maxwell, Michael Delaney, Tommie Ryan, Niall Maxwell, Liam Hackett. On October 23rd, Toomevara lost by 5-2 to 0-6 against Lorrha in the North Tipp. U/21 Hurling Final. The game preceded the North Tipperary Intermediate Hurling Final Replay between Kildangan and Shannon Rovers.

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10 years ago – 1987

Ten teams competed in the North Tipperary Senior Hurling League. The league was then in its second year and included Borris-Ileigh who were crowned All-Ireland Club Champions in March. By the middle of May the ten teams had completed their nine rounds and as there were no knock-out stages to the league, Roscrea were crowned champions having finished two points clear of Moneygall.

As it happened Roscrea's last game was against their neighbours, Moneygall, which ended on a 1-15 to 0-11 scoreline.

The final league table finished as follows:

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Roscrea	9	8	0	1	16
Moneygall	9	7	0	2	14
Kilruane MacDonaghs	9	6	1	2	13
Borris-Ileigh	9	6	0	3	12
* Lorrha	8	4	1	3	9
* Shannon Rovers	8	4	0	4	8
Nenagh Éire Óg	9	2	1	6	5
Toomevara	9	2	1	6	5
Silvermines	9	2	0	7	4
Borrisokane	9	1	0	8	2

* The last game between Lorrha and Shannon Rovers did not materialise.

North Divisional Champions

1901 - 1997

SENIOR HURLING

1901 Lahorna De Wets
1902 Lahorna De Wets
1903 Lahorna De Wets
1904 Lahorna De Wets
1905 Lorrha
1906 Lahorna De Wets
1907 Lahorna De Wets
1908 Lahorna De Wets
1909 Youghalarra
1910 Toomevara
1911 Toomevara
1912 Toomevara
1913 Toomevara
1914 Lorrha
1915 Nenagh
1916 Toomevara
1917 Toomevara
1918 Toomevara
1919 Toomevara
1920 No championship
1921 No championship
1922 Toomevara
1923 Toomevara
1924 Lorrha
1925 Toomevara
1926 Toomevara
1927 Toomevara
1928 Toomevara
1929 Toomevara
1930 Toomevara
1931 Toomevara
1932 Newport
1933 Borrisokane
1934 Kildangan/Kilbarron
1935 Newport
1936 Roscrea
1937 Roscrea
1938 Kildangan
1939 Roscrea

1940 Kilruane MacD.
1941 Roscrea
1942 Roscrea
1943 Kildangan
1944 Kilruane MacD.
1945 Roscrea
1946 Toomevara
1947 Borris-Ileigh
1948 Lorrha
1949 Roscrea
1950 Borris-Ileigh
1951 Borris-Ileigh
1952 Borris-Ileigh
1953 Borris-Ileigh
1954 Roscrea
1955 Borris-Ileigh
1956 Lorrha
1957 Nenagh Éire Og
1958 Toomevara
1959 Kilruane MacD.
1960 Toomevara
1961 Toomevara
1962 Toomevara
1963 Roscrea
1964 Nenagh Éire Óg
1965 Kilruane MacD.
1966 Lorrha
1967 Roscrea
1968 Roscrea
1969 Roscrea
1970 Roscrea
1971 Roscrea
1972 Borris-Ileigh
1973 Borris-Ileigh
1974 Silvermines
1975 Moneygall
1976 Borris-Ileigh
1977 Kilruane MacD.
1978 Kilruane MacD.
1979 Kilruane MacD.
1980 Roscrea

1981 Borris-Ileigh
1982 Unfinished
1983 Borris-Ileigh
1984 Lorrha
1985 Kilruane MacD.
1986 Kilruane MacD.
1987 Kilruane
1988 Borris-Ileigh
1989 Lorrha
1990 Kilruane MacD.
1991 Toomevara
1992 Nenagh
1993 Nenagh
1994 Toomevara
1995 Toomevara
1996 Newport

SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE

1985 Lorrha
1986 Kilruane MacD.
1987 Roscrea
1988 Éire Óg
1989 Lorrha
1990 Toomevara
1991 Éire Óg
1992 Toomevara
1993 Toomevara
1994 Toomevara
1995 Nenagh Éire Óg
1996 Toomevara
1997 Toomevara



BORRIS-ILEIGH V TOOMEVARA IN THE NORTH TIPP. SENIOR HURLING SEMI-FINAL (19th Sept., 1971): Borris-Ileigh 4-7, Toomevara 2-6. Front: Timmie Ryan, Liam Carroll, Eddie Loughnane, T.F. Stapleton, P.J. Bourke, Eoin Walsh, Noelle Maher, Neddy Ryan, Selector (R.I.P.). Back: Paddy Delaney, Selector; Tommie Dwyer, Liam Devaney, Pat Maher, Michael Stapleton, Timmie Delaney, John Kelly, Pat Fanning, Francie Spillane, Michael Collins, Selector; Phil Kenny, Selector; Philly Ryan, Selector (R.I.P.).

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20 YEARS AGO, NORTH FINAL V KILRUANE (August 14th): Final score, Kilruane 1-12, Borris-Ileigh 2-7. Front: Rory Dwyer, Michael Coen, Liam Carroll, Pat Tynan, Timmie Stapleton, Pat Kavanagh, Pat Maher, Gerry Stapleton, Timmie Delaney, Rory Kinnane, Eoin Walsh, Liam Corbett, John Stapleton. Back: Philly Ryan, Selector (R.I.P.); Matt O'Connell, Desie Kennedy, Brendan Kenny, Timmie Ryan, Pat Ryan, Noel O'Dwyer, T.F. Stapleton, Tommie Dwyer, John Kinnane, Willie Stapleton, Joe Kenny, Billy Ryan, Selector; Michael Prior, Selector (R.I.P.).

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Borris-Ileigh S.H. Panel

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Darragh Rabbitte	16	Student
Michael Ryan	37	Farmer
Philip Maher	17	Student
Michael Ryan	20	Employee Ryan Insulations
Sean Maher	20	Insurance Salesman
Seamus Maher	21	Garda
Joe Loughnane	28	Publican
Conor Stakelum	28	Proprietor Stakelum's Office Equipment
Tom Stakelum	26	Stakelum's Hardware
Angelo Walsh	19	Student
Philip Rabbitte	20	Plumber, Tony Rabbitte Heating
John McGrath (Capt.)	33	Laboratory Worker Dovea A.I.
Declan Maher	18	Student
Aidan Ryan	33	Carpenter, Self Employed
John Keane	18	Student
Gerry Stepleton	38	Driver Tipperary Water
Martin Hayes	25	Machine Operator Tipperary Water
John Joe Maher	29	Labourer Tipperary Water
Robert Stakelum	22	Student
Mark Stapleton	21	Student
Aidan Coen	19	Student
Jody Boyle	29	ESB Official
Anthony Kennedy	28	Kelly's of Fantane
Eoin Stapleton	17	Student

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Manager: Timmy Delaney.

Selectors: John Kelly, Fr. J.
O'Donnell.
Trainer: Martin Flynn
Masseur: John Cahill

Toomevara S.H. panel

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Justin Cottrell	20	ESB employee
Philip Shanahan	23	Factory employee
Rory Brislane	30	Sales representative
Martin Cahalan	20	Factory employee
George Frend	27	School teacher
Tony Delaney	26	Sales representatives
Pat Meagher	31	Office clerk
Thomas Dunne	23	Factory employee
Terry Dunne	22	Livestock agent
Paddy O'Brien	18	Student
Kevin Kennedy	26	Sales representative
Ken Dunne	20	Factory employee
Liam Nolan	32	Publican
Pat King	32	Factory employee
Michael Bevans	20	Student
Denis Kelly	20	Student
Kevin McCormack	26	Carpenter
Tommy Carroll	26	Factory employee
Michael Murphy	32	Builder
Aidan Maxwell	23	Farmer
Dermot Brislane	19	Student
Michael O'Meara	28	Factory employee
Brian Duff	18	Student
Noel Cummins	19	Apprentice electrician
Liam Flaherty	32	Farmer
Jody Grace	30	Farmer
Damien O'Meara	20	Student
Declan O'Meara	27	Carpenter
Francis Kennedy	25	Civil engineer



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Pat King – tower of strength for Toome

King by name and king by nature partly sums up the character, style and disposition of Pat King. Tall in strength and stature, and seemingly easy-going in gait, his quiet manner hides a fierce determination and will-to-win and a competitive streak which does not suffer failure gladly.

Pat King is playing hurling for Toomevara for twenty years, and yet his appetite for and love of the game has not dulled one whit – rather he has been as keen as ever to help his team mates to bring back further honours to his parish.

His hurling career began in 1977 when he captained the first under 12 team to bring a county title to Toomevara, beating Moycarkey Borris. He had as team mates on that occasion and up to the present Jody Grace, Rory Brislane, Liam Nolan, Michael Murphy and Liam Flaherty. He went on to win under 14 county titles in the rural and urban-rural championship in 1979, and lost the final of Div. I of Féile na nGael to Glen Rovers of Cork, in Kilkenny.

He also won North and county titles at under 16 and under 21 levels and a North minor medal. Toomevara had no senior team from 1980 to 1984, but he helped Toome to win the county intermediate championship in 1984 and ensure their re-entry to senior ranks in 1985. He has been ever-present since on the senior team with his tall manly form and long loping stride a constant ally to his great strength and keen competitive edge and enthusiasm. He has been a tower to strength at centre-field providing a solid power base and leadership qualities for his team.

Success at senior level did not come immediately for he played on losing Toomevara sides in the 1986 North final to Kilruane and again in 1990, and to Lorrha in 1989. He won his first North Tipp senior championship in 1991 when Toome beat old rivals Nenagh Éire Óg in a replay, and won also in '94 and '95. He has three county senior titles from '92, '93 and '94 and a Munster championship title in 1993 when Toome defeated Sixmilebridge. He has also won six North Tipp senior league titles, but his biggest disappointment was the loss of the All-Ireland club final to Sarsfields of Galway in Croke Park on St. Patrick's Day 1994.

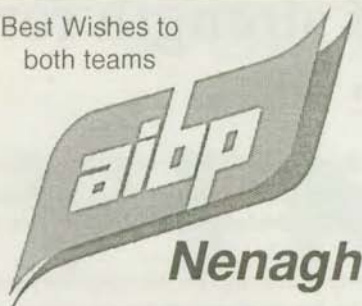
He was a member of the Tipperary team in the National League series of 1993/'94 and he received some consolation for the club final defeat when Tipperary defeated Galway in the league final in May 1994. This was the game in which John Leahy gave a virtuoso performance at wing forward but Pat played a very large part in the victory by completely outplaying no less a man than Michael Coleman, at midfield. He played at centrefield against Clare in the Munster championship that year, but mysteriously went out of favour subsequently.

This year he has moved to full forward for Toomevara and has been a huge success in his new role. He has given great service to Toome and long may he continue to do so.



Pat King

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Borris-Ileigh's Aidan Ryan (left) sets up another attack as Liam Flaherty and Michilin Delaney (4) of Toomevara close in during the Losers Group Final in 1993.

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Under age Win – Minor Hurling 1995

Toomevara defeated Borris-Ileigh 3-16 to 1-5 in the Minor Hurling Final of 1995. At least ten of today's panel were members of that team which lined out as follows:

1. Justin Cottrell		
2 Damien McGrath	3 Dermot Brislane	4 Mtn. Cahalan
5 Padraig Hackett	6 Ray Hackett	7 Damien O'Meara
8 Denis Kelly	9 Collwyn Martin	
10 Paddy O'Brien	11 Eoin Woods	12 Ml. Bevans
13 Jack Maher	14 Noel Cummins	15 Ken Dunne

Subs: Brian Duff and Ashley Comerford.

Borris-Ileigh panel today includes nine players who played in that final. They include: Darragh Rabbitte, Ml. Ryan, Seamus Maher, Philip Rabbitte, John Keane and Declan Maher, Angela Walsh and Aidan Coen.

Success for Borris "1995"

Borris-Ileigh won two North and two County titles in U/16 hurling and U/21 hurling respectfully.

In U/16 Borris' defeated Moneygall 4-9 to 2-4 in Toomevara while they defeated Gortnahoe/Glengoole 2-4 to 0-4 in the County Final. Meanwhile the U/21's won the B Championship by defeating Burgess 3-12 - 2-4 in the North Final which was followed by success at County level with a 3-14 to 2-11 won over Upperchurch Drombane.

Snippet

The last chairman to present the Frank McGrath Trophy to a winning captain from his own club was Tom Kirby, Kilruane in 1979. Will Donie Shanahan have the honour today?



BORRIS-ILEIGH U/21 HURLING ROINN 'B' NORTH & COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1995:
 The Borris-Ileagh U/21 hurling team that includes twelve of to-days panel. Back row, L. to R.: Fr. Jim O'Donnell, Selector; Pat Stakelum, Selector; John Cummins, Trevor Groome, Peadar Fahy, Sean Maher, Aidan Cowan, Rory Kinnane, Team Manager. Middle, L. to R.: Fergal Loughnane, John Keane, Robbie Stakelum, Aidrian Ryan, Angelo Walsh, Philip Maher, Sean Prior, John Varley, Michael Ryan (B). Front, L. to R.: Damian Ryan, Declan Maher, Thomas Ryan, Denis Kelly, Seamus Maher, Mark Rabbitte, Capt.; Philip Rabbitte, Henry Groome, Mark Stapleton. Mascot: Shauna Rabbitte.



Pictured here are the Tipperary U/21 team who qualified for the Munster Final on Wednesday, 16th July. Back row: L. to R.: Philip O'Dwyer, Eamon Corcoran, Mattie Dowd, Tomas Costello, Willie Hickey, Ger Flanagan, Liam Cahill. Front: Brian Horgan, Paul Shelley, Andy Maloney, John Carroll, Justin Cottrell, Johnny Enright, Michael Kennedy, Eugene O'Neill. Tipp U/21 goalkeeper Justin Cottrell, Toomevara lines out in to-days final as net minder. Corner-forward Michael Bevans, Toomevara played in the Munster U/21 final last Wednesday and Borris-Ileagh's Seamus Maher is a member of the panel.

Referee's Record

While to-day Johnny MacDonnell (Roscrea) will be refereeing his fourth North Final, having being earlier in charge of the 1989, 1993 and 1994 finals. Johnny MacDonnell commenced refereeing in 1985; Munster panel in 1987; National refereeing panel in 1990. He refereed finals in all grades in both North Tipperary and County. The list goes on; County Senior Final of 1991; Munster Minor League Final of 1989; Munster U/21 Finals of 1992/1994; Munster Senior Final of 1995; Munster Intermediate Final of 1997. Johnny also refereed National league games; Harty Cup Final, 1995; Vocational Schools All-Ireland Final, 1992; All-Ireland U/21 Semi-Finals, 1992/1993; All-Ireland U/21 Final, 1993; All-Ireland Club Semi-Final, 1993; All-Ireland Senior 'B' Final, 1995; Senior 'B' Final in New York, 1996.



**To-days Referee
Johnny MacDonnell**

Donie Nealon of Burgess holds the record of nine finals. His first was in 1962 when Toomevara defeated Kilruane MacDonaghs. This was followed by the '65, '69, '73, '77, '80, '81, '83 and '86 when again Toomevara and Kilruane were the finalists.

Hubie Hogan referee was in charge of seven finals with five finals in-a-row between the years 1951-'54 inclusive. The two remaining years were 1957 and 1959.

Did you Know?

That in 1997 - Borris-Ileagh have played 10 games in both League and championship. Their record reads:

P	W	D	L
10	6	1	3

Toomevara have played 6 games in League and 2 Championship games. Their record reads:

P	W	D	L
8	7	0	1

Their only defeat was against Roscrea when the reds won by 3-8 to 0-10 in the League.

BALLINA INTERMEDIATE TEAM

1. PAT McCARTY		
2 MARK KING	3 AARON DEVINE	4 FERGUS COLLINS
5 ROBERT KING	6 JIM McGRATH	7 WILLIAM SHANAHAN
8 ALAN McKEOGH		9 DEREK COLLINS
10 SEAMUS McKEOGH	11 MICHAEL GRACE	12 MARK RIORDAN
13 ADRIAN KING	14 BRIAN STRITCH (capt)	15 EAMON CAWLEY

Subs: 16. Declan McKeogh, 17 Michael Shanahan, 18 Kevin Stritch, 19 Paul Coleman, 20 Peter Curtin, 21 Mark Sheehy, 22 Denis Keane, 23 Sean Collins
Selectors: Gerry McKeogh, Frank Hogan, Tomás O'Brien. **Coach:** Ger Hegarty

SILVERMINES INTERMEDIATE TEAM

1. FINBARR RYAN		
2 GER RYAN	3 LIAM KEOGH	4 TOM CUNNEEN
5 DONAL KEOGH	6 NOEL SHEEHY	7 NIAL SHERLOCK
8 DONNCHA DRONEY		9 BRENDAN TIMMONS
10 MICHAEL FORDE	11 DECLAN CORCORAN	12 GER GLEESON
13 TIMMY KELLY	14 JOE HARRINGTON	15 EOIN RYAN

Subs: Sub goalie Michael Murphy, 16 Michael Cunneen, 17 Jimmy Murphy, 18 Anthony McGrath, 19 Sean Quigley, 20 Sean O'Brien, 21 Mattie Ryan.

Toomevara

1.

Justin Cottrell

2.

Philip Shanahan

3.

Rory Brislane

4.

Martin Cahalan

5.

George Frend
(capt.)

6.

Tony Delaney

7.

Pat Meagher

8.

Thomas Dunne

9.

Terry Dunne

10.

Paddy O'Brien

11.

Kevin Kennedy

12.

Ken Dunne

13.

Liam Nolan

14.

Pat Kling

15.

Michael Bevans



George Frend, capt.

Fir Ionaid: 16 Denis Kelly, 17 Kevin McCormack, 18 Tommy Carroll, 19 Michael Murphy, 20 Aidan Maxwell, 21 Dermot Brislane, 22 Michael O'Meara, 23 Brian Duff, 24 Noel Cummins, 25 Liam Flaherty, 26 Jody Grace, 27 Damien O'Meara, 28 Declan O'Meara, 29 Francis Kennedy.

SELECTORS: Roger Ryan, Dinny Haverty, Tony Dunne.

TRAINER: Martin Kiely

Referee, Johnny McDonnell. **Umpires:** J. Sheedy, K. Malor

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Borris-Ileigh

1.

Darragh Rabbitte

2.

Michael Ryan

3.

Philip Maher

4.

Michael Ryan (B)

5.

Joe Loughnane

6.

Seamus Maher

7.

Sean Maher

8.

Tom Stakelum

9.

Conor Stakelum

10.

Martin Hayes

11.

Philip Rabbitte

12.

John McGrath
(capt.)

13.

John Keane

14.

Aidan Ryan

15.

Declan Maher

Fir Ionaïd: 16 Gerry Stapleton (sub-keeper), 17 Angelo Walsh, 18 John Joe Maher, 19 Robert Stakelum, 20 Mark Stapleton, 21 John Cummins, 22 Eoin Stapleton, 23 Aidan Coen.

TEAM COACH/MANAGER: Timmy Delaney

TRAINER: Martin Flynn

SELECTORS: John Kelly, Fr. O'Donnell.



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Toomevar's Thomas Dunne about to take possession as Willie Fitzell of Cashel indicates that there will be no getting through during the County Final in 1994.



To-days captain George Frend (right) plays Pat Meagher (left) who was captain in 1994, tussle for possession with Ramie Ryan in the County Semi-Final of 1994.



Toomevara's Philip Shanahan (left) gets to know Cloutly's Joe Hayes "intimately" in this incident from the County Semi-Final in 1994.

25 Years Ago. (1972)

On October 29th Borris-Ileigh defeated Lorrha in the North Tipperary Senior decider, to claim their seventh title in the grade.

The Championship of that particular year was a long drawn out one, with the first round played way back in May 7th. In fact there was a break of some seven weeks between the semi-final and final. The County Senior Hurling Championship which was played on an open draw then may have played some cause in the delay.

Looking back to the beginning in May, ten teams entered the race. As the Championship was being run on a league basis the ten teams were divided into two groups of five. While Borris-Ileigh were crowned Champions, it wasn't all roses in the garden for poor old Toomevara, as the results below will show.

North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship Results

Five Teams: Kildangan, Toomevara, Roscrea, Kilruane MacDonaghs, Moneygall

Date	Team	Score	Team	Score	Venue
May 7th	Kildangan	9-6	Toomevara	1-5	C'Jordan
	Roscrea	3-15	Kilruane MacD.	1-11	C'Jordan
	Moneygall	(bye)			
June 11th	Moneygall	5-14	Roscrea	5-8	C'Jordan
July 16th	Moneygall	6-15	Toomevara	2-6	C'Jordan
July 22nd	Kilruane MacD.	beat	Kildangan		
August 13th	Moneygall	3-18	Kildangan	3-5	Nenagh
	Roscrea	9-9	Toomevara	1-6	C'Jordan
August 27th	Moneygall	3-8	Kilruane	3-8	Nenagh
Sept. 1st	Roscrea	5-11	Kildangan	4-5	C'Jordan

Moneygall 7; Roscrea 6; Kilruane 3; Kildangan 2; Toomevara 0

Five Teams: Newport, Eire Og, Lorrha, Burgess, Borris-Ileigh. (Group B)

Date	Team	Score	Team	Score	Venue
May 14th	Newport	2-6	Nenagh Eire Og	1-5	Nenagh
	Lorrha	0-10	Burgess	1-4	Nenagh
June 4th	Newport	4-6	Borris-Ileigh	3-6	Nenagh
July 8th	Burgess	3-11	Nenagh	2-6	Nenagh
July 23rd	Burgess	3-6	Newport	2-8	Nenagh
	Borris-Ileigh	2-7	Lorrha	1-9	C'Jordan
August 13th	Borris-Ileigh	beat	Nenagh		
August 20th	Lorrha	1-12	Newport	3-5	C'Jordan
	Borris-Ileigh	3-9	Burgess	3-2	Nenagh
Semi-Finals:					
Sept. 10th	Lorrha	2-11	Roscrea	3-5	Nenagh
	Borris-Ileigh	4-5	Moneygall	3-6	Nenagh
Oct. 29th	Borris-Ileigh	2-9	Lorrha	0-4	Nenagh
M.H.	Kilruane MacD.	6-8	Burgess	0-4	

North Divisional Champions

1926 - 1997

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'A'

1926 Dolla
1927 Clodia Rangers
1928 Monamore
1929 Moneygall
1930 Roscrea
1931 Youghalarra
1932 Ballina
1933 Bawnmore
1934 Knockshewowna
1935 Uskane
1936 Shamrock Rovers
1937 Mulcair Rovers
1938 Ballymackey
1939 Ballinacclough
1940 Shannon Rovers
1941 Ballycommon
1942 Roscrea
1943 Kilcommon
1944 Kildangan
1945 Erin's Hope
1946 Roscrea
1947 Mulcair Rovers
1948 Ballyskenach
1949 Knockmeal Rgs.
1950 Kilruane MacD.
1951 Rearcross
1952 Shannon Rovers
1953 Éire Óg
1954 Kilruane MacD.
1955 Gurtagarry
1956 Kilruane MacD.
1957 Knockshewowna
1958 Toomevara
1959 Ballyskenach
1960 Kilruane MacD.
1961 Lorrha
1962 Éire Óg
1963 Borrisokane
1964 Kilruane MacD.

1965 Borrisokane
1966 Lorrha
1967 Ballina
1968 Portroe
1969 Knockshewowna
1970 Templederry
1971 Ballinahinch
1972 Knockshewowna
1973 Portroe
1974 Knockshewowna
1975 Kilruane MacD.
1976 Templederry
1977 Templederry
1978 Borris-Ileigh
1979 Silvermines
1980 Ballinahinch
1981 Borrisokane
1982 Roscrea
1983 Éire Óg
1984 Ballina
1985 Kilruane MacD.
1986 Roscrea
1987 Lorrha
1988 Knockshewowna
1989 Knockshewowna
1990 Ballina
1991 Toomevara
1992 Ballinahinch
1993 Knockshewowna
1994 Ballinahinch
1995 Kilruane MacD.
1996 Ballina.

1987 Shannon Rovers
1988 Newport
1989 Borrisokane
1990 Portroe
1991 Burgess
1992 Nenagh
1993 Toomevara
1994 Nenagh
1995 Toomevara
1996 Templederry.

JUNIOR H.

'A' LEAGUE

1988 Toomevara
1989 Toomevara
1990 Shannon Rovers
1991 Ballina
1992 Ballina
1993 Toomevara
1994 Nenagh
1995 Toomevara
1996 Ballina
1997 Lorrha

JUNIOR H.

'B' LEAGUE

1995 Borrisokane
1996 Silvermines
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Conor Stakelum of Borris-Ileigh runs away from Toomevara's Tony Delaney during the North Semi-Final.



Borrisokane's Dermot Murphy gets to grips with Borris-Ileigh's Captain, John McGrath during the North Semi-Final, while Philip Rabbittie looks anxiously on.

North Final Runners-up Re-entry to the County Championships 1977-1996

In light of the current discussion about the re-entry of both the Munster and Leinster Hurling Final Runners-up to the All-Ireland Championship, one sees the comparison with the Championships here in Tipperary.

For many years now, two teams from each division enter the quarter finals of the County Championship. The pro's and cons of such a system can now be reviewed as we provide a table below of how the winners, runners-up and league champions have fared for the past twenty years.

North Championship			County Championship	
1977	Winners	Kilruane	Winners	
	R.-Up	Borris-Ileigh	R.-Up	
1978	Winners	Kilruane	Winners	
	R.-Up	Roscrea	R.-Up	
1979	Winners	Kilruane	Winners	
	R.-Up	Moneygall	Quarter Finalists	
1980	Winners	Roscrea	Winners	
	R.-Up	Kilruane	R.-Up	
1981	Winners	Borris-Ileigh	Winners	
	R.-Up	Roscrea	R.-Up	
1982	Roscrea		R.-Up Roscrea	
	Eire Og (Draw)	No Replay	Quarter Finalists	Eire Og
1983	Winners	Borris-Ileigh	Winners	
	R.-Up	Lorrha	Quarter Finalists	
1984	Winners	Lorrha	R.-Up	
	R.-Up	Eire Og	Quarter Finalists	
1985	Winners	Kilruane	Winners	
	R.-Up	Roscrea	R.-Up	
1986	Winners	Kilruane	R.-Up	
	R.-Up	Toomevara		
L. Winners	Kilruane			
L. R.-Up	Borris-Ileigh		Winners	
1987	Winners	Kilruane	Semi-Finalists	
	R.-Up	Lorrha		
L. Winners	Roscrea		Quarter Finalists	
1988	Winners	Borris-Ileigh	R.-Up	
	R.-Up	Roscrea		
L. Winners	Nenagh		Quarter Finalists	

1989	Winners	Lorrha	Semi-Finalists
	R.-Up	Toomevara	Semi-Finalists
L. Winners	Lorrha		
1990	Winners	Kilruane	Semi-Finalists
	R.-Up	Toomevara	Quarter Finalists
L. Winners	Toomevara		
1991	Winners	Toomevara	Semi-Finalists
	R.-Up	Nenagh	Quarter-Finalists
L. Winners	Nenagh		
1992	Winners	Nenagh	Semi-Finalists
	R.-Up	Lorrha	
L. Winners	Toomevara		Winners
1993	Winners	Nenagh	R.-Up
	R.-Up	Moneygall	
L. Winners	Toomevara		Winners
1994	Winners	Toomevara	Winners
	R.-Up	Kilruane	Semi-Finalists
L. Winners	Toomevara		
1995	Winners	Toomevara	Semi-Finalists
	R.-Up	Borris-Ileigh	
L. Winners	Nenagh		Winners
1996	Winners	Newport	Quarter-Finalists
	R.-Up	Lorrha	
L. Winners	Toomevara		R.-Up

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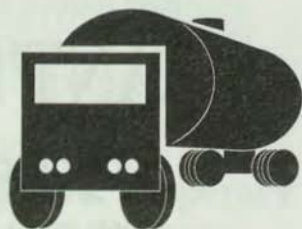
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North Bord na nOg Finals at a glance 1997

FOOTBALL

U/12 A	Roscrea 3-1	Ballina 2-3
U/12 B	Newport 2-5	Borris-Ileigh 3-1.
U/12 C	Kilruane MacD v Templeberry, 5/8/97.	
U/14 A	Roscrea 3-4	Ballina 1-1
U/14 B	Kildangan 2-11	Borris-Ileigh 0-3
U/14 C	Kilruane MacD 4-9	Portroe 1-2
U/16 A *	Roscrea 4-12	Ballina 0-8
U/16 B *	Burgess 5-6	Borris-Ileigh 2-8
U/16 C *	Kilruane v Ballinahinch or Portroe	

* County and North Champions

HURLING

U/12 A	Toomevara v Burgess 1/8/97.	
U/12 B	Kilruane MacD 2-2	Moneygall 1-3
U/12 C	Silvermines 2-3	Shannon Rovers 0-1.
U/14 A	Toomevara v Roscrea 8/8/97	
U/14 B	Newport v Silvermines 31/7/97	
U/14 C	Portroe 2-4	Ballinahinch 1-5
U/16 A	In Progress.	
U/16 B	In Progress.	
U/16 C	In Progress.	
Peil na nOg for Ballina.		
Feile na nGael - Toomevara.		
Skills: Conor O Maloney, Newport.		
Poc Fada: David Kennedy, Toomevara.		
U/14 Peadar Cummins: North Tipp (winners).		

Bord na nOg Success for Toome 1995-96

1995	U/12 H. North and County
	U/14 H. North and County (R).
	U/14 H. North (U.R.).
1996	U/12 H. North.
	U/16 H. North.

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1995	U/16 B Foot. North & County.
	U/16 B Hurl. North & County.
1996	U/12 C Foot. North.
	U/14 B Foot. North.

Toomevara throughout the nineties

Since 1990, Toomevara have played a total of thirty-four games in the North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship, including two play-off games. Here are the results of those games in full.

Date	Round	Team	Score	Team	Score	Venue
May 13th, '90	Rd. 1	Toomevara	2-11	Borrisokane	0-10	Nenagh
July 1st, '90	S. Final	Toomevara	1-10	Newport	0-11	Nenagh
July 29th, '90	Final	Toomevara	0-5	Kilruane	2-7	Nenagh
1991	Rd. 1	Toomevara	1-18	Portroe	1-11	Nenagh
	Rd. 2	Toomevara	0-16	Roscrea	0-11	C'Jordan
	Semi	Toomevara	2-8	Lorrha	1-10	C'Jordan
	Final	Toomevara	0-12	N. Eire Og	0-12	C'Jordan
	Replay	Toomevara	2-11	N. Eire Og	2-7	C'Jordan
June 14th, '92		Toomevara	0-17	Borris-Ileigh	2-11	C'Jordan
June 28th, '92	Replay	Toomevara	1-15	Borris-Ileigh	3-11	C'Jordan
July 11th, '92	Losers	Toomevara	2-15	Kilruane	3-8	M'Gall
Aug. 2nd, '92	L. Final	Toomevara	1-17	Portroe	1-6	K'Colem.
Aug. 9th, '92	S. Final	Toomevara	0-15	Lorrha	2-9	Nenagh
Aug. 16th, '92	S.F. Rep.	Toomevara	1-19	Lorrha	3-13	Nenagh
Aug. 23rd, '92	S.F. Rep.	Toomevara	1-5	Lorrha	2-7	Nenagh
Sept. 2nd, '92	Play-off	Toomevara	1-15	Lorrha	3-5	C'Jordan
May 30th, '93	Rd. 1	Toomevara	1-8	N. Eire Og	1-9	C'Jordan
June 13th, '93	Losers	Toomevara	0-12	Newport	0-10	Nenagh
July 11th, '93	L. S. Final	Toomevara	1-13	Borrisokane	0-5	Roscrea
July 17th, '93	L. Final	Toomevara	1-10	Borris-Ileigh	0-11	Nenagh
July 25th, '93	S. Final	Toomevara	1-10	Nenagh	5-13	C'Jordan
Aug 29th, '93	Play-off	Toomevara	1-17	Moneygall	0-10	C'Jordan
June 5th, '94	Rd. 1	Toomevara	1-15	Nenagh	3-7	C'Jordan
July 3rd, '94	Rd. 2	Toomevara	2-8	Lorrha	1-11	Roscrea
July 17th, '94	Replay	Toomevara	1-16	Lorrha	1-12	Nenagh
July 24th, '94	S. Final	Toomevara	1-13	Moneygall	0-8	Nenagh
Aug 14th, '94	Final	Toomevara	1-15	Kilruane	0-7	Nenagh
June 25th, '95	Rd. 1	Toomevara	2-12	Portroe	1-12	Nenagh
July 8th, '95	Rd. 2	Toomevara	5-13	Roscrea	3-2	M'Gall
Aug 5th, '95	S. Final	Toomevara	2-14	Moneygall	1-11	Nenagh
Aug 20th, '95	Final	Toomevara	0-18	Borris-Ileigh	1-12	Nenagh
June 23, '96	Rd. 2	Toomevara	2-11	Newport	2-13	Nenagh
May 24th, '97	Rd. 1	Toomevara	1-17	Borris-Ileigh	1-13	M'Gall
July 20th, '97	S. Final	Toomevara	1-20	Lorrha	0-13	Nenagh

Total: Toomevara played 34; Won 23; Drew 6; Lost 5; Pts. 52.

The Nineties for Borris-Ileigh

Throughout the nineties Borris-Ileigh Senior Hurlers have played 34 games in the S.H.C., winning fifteen, drawn 4 and losing 11. These are the results in full.

Date	Round	Team	Score	Team	Score	Venue
May 13th, '90	Rd. 1	Borris-Ileigh	1-13	Newport	2-11	Nenagh
May 25th, '90	L. Group	Borris-Ileigh	1-11	S. Rovers	0-14	C'Jordan
June 17th, '90	Replay	Borris-Ileigh	0-19	S. Rovers	2-9	Nenagh
June 24th, '90	L. Final	Borris-Ileigh	0-6	Kilruane	0-18	M'Gall
1991	Rd. 1	Borris-Ileigh	0-11	Kilruane	0-9	Roscrea
	Rd. 2	Borris-Ileigh	2-7	N. Eire Og	2-11	C'Jordan
June 14th, '92	Pre. Rd.	Borris-Ileigh	0-17	Toomevara	2-11	C'Jordan
June 21st, '92	Replay	Borris-Ileigh	3-11	Toomevara	1-15	C'Jordan
July 12th, '92	Rd. 1	Borris-Ileigh	0-16	Moneygall	1-8	Nenagh
Aug. 9th, '92	S.-Final	Borris-Ileigh	0-8	Nenagh	3-13	Nenagh
May 23rd, '93	Rd. 1	Borris-Ileigh	0-12	Moneygall	1-14	Nenagh
June 13th, '93	Rd. 1	Borris-Ileigh	1-14	St. Odhrans	1-9	Nenagh
July 11th, '93	L. S. Final	Borris-Ileigh	1-13	Borrisokane	0-5	Roscrea
July 17th, '93	L. Final	Borris-Ileigh	0-11	Toomevara	1-10	Nenagh
June 5th, '94	Rd. 1	Borris-Ileigh	1-14	Newport	0-17	Nenagh
June 12th, '94	Replay	Borris-Ileigh	1-15	Newport	0-7	T'Derry
July 3rd, '94	Rd. 2	Borris-Ileigh	0-13	Kilruane	3-11	Roscrea
June 3rd, '95	Rd. 1	Borris-Ileigh	1-20	Kilruane	1-15	Nenagh
July 9th, '95	Rd. 2	Borris-Ileigh	6-7	Borrisokane	1-7	Roscrea
July 30th, '95	S. Final	Borris-Ileigh	1-16	Nenagh	2-11	T'Vara
Aug. 20th, '95	Final	Borris-Ileigh	1-12	Toomevara	0-18	Nenagh
Aug. 27th, '95	Play-off	Borris-Ileigh	3-8	Nenagh	3-8	C'Jordan
Sept, 16th, '95	P.-off Rep.	Borris-Ileigh	5-4	Nenagh	2-21	C'Jordan
June 8th, '96	Rd. 1	Borris-Ileigh	1-18	Moneygall	2-8	T'Vara
Aug. 4th, '96	S. Final	Borris-Ileigh	1-13	Lorrha	1-15	C'Jordan
May 24th, '97	Rd. 1	Borris-Ileigh	1-13	Toomevara	1-17	M'Gall
June 14th, '97	L. Rd. 1	Borris-Ileigh	3-10	Moneygall	2-10	T'Vara
June 22nd, '97	L. Semi	Borris-Ileigh	2-17	Newport	3-8	Nenagh
July 13th, '97	L. Final	Borris-Ileigh	0-19	Kilruane	1-13	Nenagh
July 20th, '97	S. Final	Borris-Ileigh	1-19	Borrisokane	1-15	Nenagh



THE TOOMEVARA TEAM THAT LOST TO BORRIS-ILEIGH IN THE NORTH TIPP. S.H.C. SEMI-FINAL (Sept. 19th., 1971). Final score, 3-7 to 2-6. Back: Sean Maxwell, Oliver Ryan, Matt O'Meara, Oliver Ryan (L), Pat Hassett, Roger Ryan, Liam Hackett. Front: Tony Dunne, Jimmy Hackett (R.I.P.), Tommie Whelan, Michael Younge, Michael Delaney, Thomas Maxwell, Niall Maxwell, Pat McGrath.

Photo: Brendan Treacy Collection.



30 YEARS AGO, BORRIS-ILEIGH, S.H.C. QUARTER FINAL (Sunday, July 9th). Lost to Moneygall, 3-10 to 1-10 at Nenagh. Front: Paul Kennedy, Kieran McDonnell, Noel O'Dwyer, Timmie Delaney, Liam Devaney, John Loughnane, Tommie O'Dwyer, Eddie Loughnane. Back: Michael Delaney, John Kelly, Tom Tierney, Jim Molumby, Michael Ryan, Pat Maher, George Kinnane, Paudie Stapleton, Paddy Delaney, Selector; Matt Stapleton.

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Toomevara champions again

Toomevara 6-7 - Roscrea 2-4.

The defeat of the holders Roscrea in the 1946 North Senior Final played at Nenagh's MacDonagh Park on Sunday August 26th in warm sunshine before an attendance of 6,000 spectators was a surprise win for Toome as Roscrea had been the king pins over the last 6 years and after the great showing in last year's Co. Final were expected to win.

However the return of Toomevara to the winners enclosure after a 13 year lean period was greeted with great enthusiasm. Despite the score line it was generally agreed that for 50 minutes of this game it was one of the best finals seen for a long number of years. Best for Toome: Sean Ryan, M McCarthy, W Shanahan, D Casey, P Devaney, J Gleeson, M Bourke, and T Cawley, S Guivens.

For Roscrea Mtn. Loughnane, F Roland, Ml. Loughnane, Joe Fletcher, J.J. Maher, J Ryan, Joe Maher.

The Murphy Cup was presented to by Dr. Maxwell on the invitation of Fr. Murphy, Chairman of the North Tipperary Board to the Captain of the Toome team.

TEAMS

Toomevara: Rody Nolan (goal), M McCarthy, Sean Ryan, W Shanahan, W Meara, Paddy Shanahan, P Guerin, P Young, T Dunne, P Devaney, J Gleeson, M Bourke, D Casey, T Cawley, W Harty. Sub: D Kennedy (for W O'Meara).

Roscrea: J Cunningham (goal), J Fletcher, J.J. Maher, D Ryan, Joe Maher, J Kelleher, Mick Loughnane, J Ryan, W Brussels, D Fitzgerald, M Abbott, F Roland, Martin Loughnane, T Hannon, Jack Maher.

Referee: D Costelloe.

Record for receipts = £280.

Big support for Tipp GAA Draw in North Tipp.

Most North Tipp clubs increased their membership in the new 1997/98 Draw which started earlier this month. The North Division has done very well in the prizes with the car for the last two months go to Emma Connor's, Roscrea won the Super Audi A4 in the new Draw and Portroe's Jim Sheedy collected the Toyota in the June Draw. The top three prizes in June came to North Tipp, whilst in July five of the top seven prizes were sold by North Clubs. With 4621 members, the North Division compare very favourably with the other divisions as can be seen from the following: South: 4,766; North: 4,621; Mid: 4,132; West: 3,198; Others: 416.

The following is a break down of the returns in July from the clubs in North Tipperary: Nenagh Eire Og: 504; Silvermines: 410; Portroe: 358; Roscrea: 309; Kildangan: 302; Newport: 290; Moneygall: 276; Borrisoleigh: 266; Kilruane: 249; Lorrha: 240; Burgess: 239; Borrisokane: 210; Toomevara: 181; Templederry: 179; Shannon Rovers: 169; Ballina: 166; Ballinahinch: 119; Knockshegowna: 92; Carrick Riverstown: 26; Ballina Handball: 23; Youghal Handball: 10.

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Tom Stakelum - Borris-Ileagh's engine room

By Damian Lawlor

Tom Stakelum is to Borris-Ileagh what Roy Keane is to Manchester United. Operating at the hub of the Borris' side, Stakelum has over the past two years grown into an outstanding midfielder. With an eye for a score and an energy level to rival a Lucozade drink, Stakelum has been one of Borris-Ileagh most consistent performers this year. He can be seen at opposite ends of the pitch within seconds and can always be relied upon to deliver the goods for his side. This year Stakelum has turned in impressive performances against Toomevara, Newport, Kilruane and Borrisokane and his hour's work during the latter game won him the accolade of "Guardian Player of the Week" just recently. With age on his side the door is really open for this livewire character to make his mark in the county in times to come. With a famous last name like his it was inevitable that he would be in the limelight more often than not and while he may not have, as yet, made an inter-county impression his contribution to the Borris' cause is second to none. Stakelum's ability to make space for himself and others is top class and he can also find the range from long distances, making him a valuable asset in the Borris' crown. Whatever happens in today's final you can bet that Tom Stakelum will have run his socks off. A truly consistent performer.

LOOKING BACK TO LAST YEAR:

Top Five Scorers in 1996

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| 1. John Doughan (Moneygall) | 1-13 = 39 pts | (1-24 frees) | in 5 games. |
| 2. Ger Bradley (Newport) | 0-30 = 30 pts | (0-28 frees) | in 6 games |
| 3. Dinny Ryan (Newport) | 2-20 = 26 pts | (0-3 frees) | in 6 games. |
| 4. John Madden (Lorrha) | 1-22 = 25 pts | (0-13 frees) | 1 line ball, in 3 games |
| 5. Chris Boner (Nenagh) | 1-11 = 14 pts | (0-6 frees) | |

Others:

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|-------------|------------|
| Conor Stakelum (Borris-Ileagh) | 1-9 | (0-8 frees) | in 2 games |
| Kevin McCormack (Toome) | 2-3 | (1-3 frees) | 1 game. |

Snippet

On the way to today's final Toomevara played two games and scored 2 goals and 27 points, an average of 21.5 points per game.

Borris-Ileagh lost their first round game to Toome and progressed through the Losers Group. They played five games and scored 8 goals and 63 points which is an average of 19.8 points per game.



FORMER NORTH BORD PRESIDENTS John Joe Maher (R.I.P.), outstanding Roscrea player and long serving club secretary and referee. Fr. Johnie Minehan (R.I.P.), first chairman of Nth. Tipperary Bord na nOg and a life long supporter of Tipperary hurling.



Seated left to right: Former North Bord Chairman John McKeogh (Ballina) 1993–1996. Seated alongside Bord Secretary Michael O'Brien, Silvermines; Bishop Willie Walsh, Bishop of Killaloe at the North Tipperary Senior Hurling, 1995.

Bye to semi-final

Such was Borris-Ileigh's dominance in the North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship (after winning the 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953 titles) that they received a bye into the North Tipperary S.H.C. semi-final in 1954. So on August 15 of that year Borris-Ileigh began their defence of their crown with a 4-14 to 1-5 win over Kildangan. Two weeks later Roscrea defeated them in the North Final by 3-4 to 0-11 at Nenagh. One year later Borris-Ileigh gained revenge by defeating Roscrea in the North Final by 3-10 to 2-9.

TOOMEVARA 1956 TO 1963

In the period 1956 to 1963 when Toomevara appeared in 7 North Finals they played a total of 33 championship games, they won 27, drew 2 and lost 4, which yielded an 84% success rate.

BORRIS-ILEIGH

In an 8 year period 1950 to 1957 (inclusive) when Borris-Ileigh appeared in seven North Finals the maroon clad played a total of 26 games winning 22, drew 1 and lost 3, which yielded an 86% success rate.

THE 38 FINALS

Today, Toomevara will appear in their 38th North Final, a record that is equalled by no other club. This is closely followed by Roscrea with 31. In third place comes to-days other finalists, Borris-Ileigh with 22 alongside Kilruane MacDonaghs.

BRIEFS - Three meetings

Both Toomevara and Borris-Ileigh have met on three occasions since they last met in the 1995 North Senior Hurling Final. Toomevara have won each of the three games, two in the League and one championship.

The championship game was early this year when 4 points separated the sides. The two League games had rather bigger margins.

The results in brief are:

1996 - League Final: Toomevara 4-13 - Borris-Ileigh 1-7 at Nenagh.

3/5/97: League Semi-Final: Toomevara 2-15 - Borris-Ileigh 1-7 at Nenagh.

24/5/97: Championship Rd 1: Toomevara 1-17 - Borris-Ileigh 1-13 at Moneygall.

Toomevara won both Minor and Under 21 hurling North Championship in both 95 and 96. The "Greyhounds" followed their North U/21 success of 95 with County honours when they defeated Thurles Sarsfields by 2-12 to 1-9.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS?

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

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Toomevara's Pat King (left) gets there ahead of Joe Hayes of Clonoulty during the County Semi-Final to set up another attack.



Toomevara's Terry Dunne moves away in possession despite the best intentions of Clonoulty's Kevin Ryan during the County Semi-Final.

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Wishing today's finalists the best of luck.



North Board Chairman, John Joe McKeogh presenting the McGrath Cup to winning Toomevara captain Tony Delaney in 1995.



Bobby Ryan Captain Borris-Ileigh when Borris last won the North Final in 1988 receiving the Frank McGrath Cup from Chairman John Tierney.



Toome's Terry Dunne about to receive the Martin Kennedy Trophy after his sides U/14 Urban/Rural victory in 1989.



A younger Philip Rabbitte, Borris-Ileigh receiving the u/14 'B' Trophy in 1990.

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On three occasions the North Tipp. S.H.C. final was won by a team which failed to score a goal in the final. In 1959 Kilruane defeated Toomevara 0-11 to 1-4. More recently, Nenagh Eire Og defeated Moneygall 0-14 to 0-12 (1993) and of course as late as 1995 when today's finalists met Toomevara had three points to spare with a scoreline of 0-18 to 1-12.

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WORTH WINNING!

Bicycles were offered as prizes for a Tournament organised in Nenagh in 1906. So great were the entries that the competition was never finished.

For the 1908 North Tipp. hurling championship, 17 silver watches were on offer for the winners, 17 suit lengths for the runners-up and 17 jerseys for third place. 16 teams entered, but with the competition being run on a league system, it proved too unwieldy and was not a success.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE CLUBS GONE?

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

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



THE TIPPERARY MINOR HURLERS, last minute victors over Clare on Sunday, July 12th. The team includes four players who are involved in to-day's final. Philip Maher, Borris-Ileigh; Declan Maher do.; plus John Keane who came on as a substitute. Toomevara's Paddy O'Brien is also included in the photo.



BORRIS-ILEIGH – DEFEATED NORTH FINALISTS 1995. Back, L. to R.: Sean Maher, Denis Kelly, Martin Hayes, Tom Stakelum, Timmy Stapleton, John McGrath, John Joe Maher. Front: Michael Ryan, Philip Rabbitte, Conor Stakelum, Aidan Ryan, Declan Maher, Bobby Ryan, Joe Loughnane, Mick Ryan.



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