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Loughmore-Castleiney v Moycarkey-Borris

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It gives me great pleasure to welcome one and all to Templemore this afternoon for the 2002 Young's The Ragg Mid-Tipperary Senior Hurling Final. Today we welcome back Moycarkey-Borris to the big stage after a prolonged absence. Their opponents are the almost perennial Loughmore-Castleiney, whose experience makes them favourites in many people's minds. Moycarkey-Borris, however, demonstrated true grit and determination in their hard fought victory over Sarsfields in the Semi-final. With their skillful mix of youth and experience they will fancy their chances of taking the title today.

The Rossmore Construction Mid Junior B Hurling Final sees Sarsfields and Drom-Inch renew rivalries a week after a gripping Under-21 final between the same clubs. If today's final is as good then we have a treat in store.

Congratulations to the local committee on their endeavours which culminate today in the official opening of the new facilities. Their efforts are living proof of what makes the Gaelic Athletic Association the greatest voluntary body not just in Ireland but far beyond. Long may such efforts bear fruit.

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**1.15 PM Roskeen Construction Junior B Hurling Final
DROM-INCH V THURLES SARSFIELDS**

Reiteoir: Gary O'Shea

**3.30 PM Young's The Ragg Senior Hurling Final
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"The Sweeney's of Whitefield"

BY JOHN COSTIGAN

One of the most fascinating things about the G.A.A. is the huge impact made by certain families on G.A.A. affairs in their parishes. It is particularly noticeable in closely knit rural parishes. A close examination of the make up of the Loughmore-Castleiney teams over the years will show the huge impact different families have made in their marvellous success story. To me the contribution of the Sweeney family of Whitefield can stand beside the best.

The Sweeneys as their cousins in Templetuohy have made a huge contribution to the G.A.A. in their respective parishes. It was fortunate for the Loughmore-Castleiney club that Ned and Catherine Sweeney, both now gone to their eternal reward, should settle in Whitefield and raise a large family of seven boys and four girls. All the family have been involved in both the playing and coaching side of Gaelic games for many years.

The first member of the family that I came into contact with was Jimmy at Templemore C.B.S. in the late sixties. Even though scarcely fifteen years of age he was a member of the school senior team that captured the Munster Senior and Junior (B) titles in 1968, in the company of such future stars as Timmy Delaney and Tommy Butler of Drom-Inch. His wholehearted approach to the game endeared him to both players and mentors. Having left the C.B.S. he was immediately involved with the various teams in the Loughmore-Castleiney club and always made a huge contribution. Although Jimmy missed out in Loughmore-Castleiney's County Senior Football victory in 1973 he came back to capture a number of County Football championship medals in the red and

green. Work commitments meant that he spent some time in Wexford where Jimmy came under the influence of Liam Griffin or vice versa as both worked side by side at club level. In later years having returned to work in Thurles, Jimmy once more gave his allegiance as did his family to the Loughmore-Castleiney club where his work as team mentor, underage coach and referee is proving invaluable. Another of the Sweeneys, Tommy, figured prominently on many victorious teams at Templemore C.B.S. and in the Loughmore-Castleiney colours usually as a *culbáire*.

When Templemore C.B.S. captured the Harty Cup and All-Ireland colleges title in 1978, not surprisingly there was a Sweeney on the panel. Arguably one of the most talented of the clann, Joey captured Rice Cup, Croke Cup, Fitzgerald Cup, Harty Cup and All-Ireland colleges medals in the maroon singlet of Templemore C.B.S. Joey was an excellent corner forward and I can recall a brilliant display by him at corner forward in the Harty Cup semi-final v St Flannan's, Ennis in 1979, which incidently Templemore lost by five points (2-8 to 0-9). While Joey played with Loughmore subsequently he had drifted away from the parish for work purposes when Loughmore-Castleiney made the big breakthrough in the early eighties in the hurling world. He thus was not part of their success story.

Eamon Sweeney will be forever remembered as the man that carried the Dan Breen Cup back to Loughmore for the very first time in 1988. A most versatile player that was equally at home in goal or in any defensive position. In 1988 he formed an impenetrable half back line with Pat McGrath and Jim Maher when Loughmore-

Castleiney defeated Borrisoleigh on that never-to-be forgotten Saturday in October '88. Eamon played a major roll in all Loughmore-Castleiney hurling victories in the eighties and nineties and he is still very much involved in all aspects of G.A.A. activities, coaching and managing teams at both juvenile and adult level. A proud moment for Eamon and family was on September 8th when son Evan lined out with Tipp in the All-Ireland minor hurling final v Kilkenny. Even though Evan tasted defeat on that afternoon, such is his enthusiasm for Gaelic games that he lined out the following Wednesday for his school in a pre-season friendly. With that type of commitment and enthusiasm I have no doubt but he will develop into a player of note.

The youngest boy in the family Gerry has also figured both for Our Lady's Secondary and Loughmore-Castleiney in both hurling and football.

As Loughmore-Castleiney step out this afternoon in quest of another mid-Tip-

perary senior hurling title they will be counting their good fortune in having many committed families in their midst similar to the Sweeneys that has made their club the envy of many others.

Lest anyone think that Loughmore-Castleiney having made a big impact on the Senior hurling scene in Mid-Tipp over the past twenty years will fade from prominence in the future, they should bear in mind that in 2002 the club has captured county honours in both U-12 hurling and football.

This is due to an excellent coaching system in place in the parish being implemented by many dedicated past players amongst them the Sweeney brothers as well as others. Allied to that the contribution of the primary schools in the parish under the direction of John Treacy and Stephen Maher will ensure that Loughmore-Castleiney will be a force in the hurling world of Mid-Tipperary well into the third millennium.

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John O'Keeffe who will lead Moycarkey-Borris in their first Mid senior hurling final appearance since 1991 is one of the team's most experienced players. John won a Mid minor hurling title in 1981 and three years later captained the club to win a Mid U-21 hurling title and were beaten in that year's county decider by Roscrea.

He graduated to the senior side in 1985 and has been a permanent member of the squad since playing in numerous positions. While championship honours eluded him he has the honour of winning three Cahill Cup trophies.

On the 1991 team, John had his fellow colleague of today Eamon Donnelly, while Jack Caesar and David Fogarty of that team are selectors in 2002. Willie Ryan manager of Moycarkey-Borris today was a selector in 1991.

John O'Keeffe, proprietor of a well known garage business at the Horse & Jockey has also acted as club selector over the years. John hopes to bring the Leahy Cup back to the famous hurling stronghold after an absence of 20 years. Then Jack Bergin had the honour and started a great run of successes which we hope this team of 2002 of youth and experience will emulate.

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- (18) DAVID MURPHY
- (19) RAYMOND O'RIORDAN
- (20) BARRY McLOUGHLIN
- (21) NOEL DUNDON
- (22) TREVOR COOKE
- (23) ANDY ROSSITER
- (24) EAMONN GLEESON
- (25) PETER MAHER
- (26) PADRAIG DUNDON
- (27) JOHN HAYES
- (28) DONAL DUGGAN
- (29) BRIAN O'LOUGHLIN

(1)
TONY COMAN

(2)
TONY O'MEARA

(3)
COLM DUGGAN

(4)
MAURICE NELLIGAN

(5)
NOEL SKEHAN

(6)
PETER BRODERICK

(7)
CONOR STAPLETON

(8)
JIM CORBETT

(9)
JACKIE GRIFFIN

(10)
JAMIE BARRETT

(11)
MARK WADE

(12)
SHANE RYAN

(13)
SEAMUS QUINN

(14)
LIAM DUGGAN

(15)
STEPHEN RYAN

| THURLES SARSFIELDS | Cúil | Cúilíní | Seachái | 65m | Saor Pocanna |
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| 1adh leath | | | | | |
| 2adh leath | | | | | |
| IOMLAN | | | | | |

DROM - INCH

Colours: Green and White

(1)

PADRAIG RYAN

(2)

NICHOLAS RYAN

(3)

EAMON KIELY

(4)

SEAMUS HASSETT

(5)

JONATHAN O'CONNOR

(6)

NOEL McLOUGHLIN

(7)

LIAM McLOUGHLIN

(8)

JOHN CAHILL

(9)

SHANE KENNEDY

(10)

KEVIN NOLAN

(11)

BRENDAN McGRATH

(12)

CIARAN McGRATH

(13)

JOHN EGAN

(14)

JOHN McGRATH

(15)

BENNY KENNEDY



Fir Ionaid:

(16) **MICHAEL BUTLER**

(17) **MICHAEL LONG**

(18) **MICHAEL KENNEDY**

(19) **DICKIE KENNEDY**

(20) **KEVIN BUTLER**

(21) **DECLAN RYAN**

(22) **JAMES WOODCOCK**

(23) **COLM DOOLEY**

(24) **JOE EGAN**

(25) **JEROME RYAN**

(26) **WILLIE LOWRY**

(27) **JAMES RYAN**

(28) **PAUL O'MEARA**

| DROM - INCH | Cúil | Cúillíní | Seachai | 65m | Saor Pocanna |
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| 2adh leath | | | | | |
| IOMLAN | | | | | |



LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY

Colours: Red and Green

Fir Ionaid:

(16) D. de Búrca

DEREK BURKE

(17) G. MacSuibhne

GARRY SWEENEY

(18) N. Ó Cinnéide

NOEL KENNEDY

(19) T. Ó Longáin

TOMMY LONG

(20) ?????

BRENDAN HEALY

(21) P. MacCraith

PAT McGRATH

(22) P. Ó Rua

PAUL ORMONDE

(23) D. Ó Bolguir

DECLAN BOLGER

(24) T. Ó Meachair

TOM MAHER

(25) D. Mac Craith

DAVID McGRATH

(Sub-Goalie)

(1)

S. Ó Gliasáin

JOHN GLEESON

(2)

A.N. OTHER

(3)

E. Ó Riain

NED RYAN

(4)

M. MacCraith

MICK McGRATH

(5)

T. Ó Cionga

TOM KING

(6)

D. Ó Cinnéide

DAVID KENNEDY

(7)

S. Ó Cinnéide

JOHN KENNEDY

(8)

N. Ó MUIRIS

NOEL MORRIS (CAPT)

(9)

N. Ó Cathail

NOEL CAHILL

(10)

M. Ó Gliasáin

MARTIN GLEESON

(11)

M. Webster

MICHEAL WEBSTER

(12)

D. Lafán

DECLAN LAFFAN

(13)

E. MacSuibhne

EVAN SWEENEY

(14)

T. Ó Rua

TOMMY ORMONDE

(15)

S. Ó Buacháin

SEAMUS BOHAN

| LOUGHMORE/CASTLEINEY | Cúil | Cúillíní | Seacháí | 65m | Saor Pocanna |
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| 1adh leath | | | | | |
| 2adh leath | | | | | |
| IOMLAN | | | | | |

MOYCARKEY-BORRIS

Colours: Red and Yellow



Fir Ionaid:

- (17) S. Ó Ceallaigh
JOHN KELLY
- (18) K. Ó Riain
KEN RYAN
- (19) C. Ó Riain
COLM RYAN (G)
- (20) T. Ó Riain
TOMAS RYAN
- (21) D. Sheppard
DAVID SHEPPARD
- (22) A. MacGeirble
ANTHONY KIRBY
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MICHAEL HEALY

(1)
A. Ó Cuana
AUSTIN COONEY

(2)
D. Ó hAonasa
DONNACHA HENNESSEY

(3)
P. Ó Diomasaigh
PAUL DEMPSEY

(4)
S. Ó Caoimh
JOHN O'KEEFE (CAPT)

(5)
P. Ó Comáin
PAT COMAN

(6)
E. Ó Riain
EAMON RYAN

(7)
E. Ó Donnaile
EAMON DONNELLY

(8)
C. Ó Riain
COLM RYAN (B)

(9)
S. Ó Meachair
JOHN MAHER

(10)
S. Ó Flannagáin
JOHNNY FLANAGAN

(11)
P. Ó Ciara
PAT CAREY

(12)
W. Ó Diomasaigh
WILLIAM DEMPSEY

(13)
R. Ó Deoráin
ROBERT DORAN

(14)
M. Ó hAisí
MICHAEL HASSETT

(15)
R. Ó Coigligh
RICKY QUIGLEY

| MOYCARKEY-BORRIS | Cúil | Cúillíní | Seacháí | 65m | Saor Pocanna |
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The Late John Flanagan

BY JOHN COSTIGAN

When the Moycarkey-Borris Club come to the forefront as they have in 2002 by reaching the mid-Tipperary Senior Hurling final after a period in the wilderness, certain heroes of the past from that marvellous club come to our mind. It is a club with one of the greatest traditions in the premier county. On two occasions in the not too distant past they had two marvellous G.A.A. functions to celebrate the deeds of the mighty men from the Horse and Jockey and Two-Mile-Borris who led Tipperary to All-Ireland success at senior level.

To this scribe whose memory does not stretch back to that era as you can readily understand my great hero from that parish is none other than the late John Flanagan whose all two short life ended on the 9th September, 1994. As one that had the privilege of playing for a number of years on inter-county teams at various levels with John, I came to admire him as a most wholehearted player that never speared himself in the pursuit of victory. Allied to his fiery approach he possessed tremendous skill and his ability to strike both left and right when in full flight enabled him to cause many problems to many defenders during his career.

I first came to see him play in 1963 when he caught my eye playing for Thurles C.B.S. in the Croke Cup. Even at that stage in his career one realised he was destined for the big time.

He played County Minor in 1964, 1965 without any silverware coming his way. In 1966 and 1967 he had the honour of playing (U-21) hurling for Tipperary winning an All-Ireland medal in that grade in 1967 in the company of such future stars as John Kelly, Tadhg O'Connor, Seamus Hogan, P.J. Ryan, Noel O'Dwyer and Loughmore's Jackie Walsh. Such was the impact that he made at (U-21) he was drafted into the Tipp senior team and played centre forward against Kilkenny in

1967 when John Doyle was going for his ninth All-Ireland medal. Despite Flanagan's best efforts on the day against no less a player than Pat Henderson he failed to add the senior medal to his (U-21) pennant.

He bounced back in 1968 to play a big part in Tipperary's League final victory over Kilkenny in a tempestuous final in Croke Park. Having enjoyed his trip to America in May '68 as the league final prize he arrived back to face an investigation into that final, that saw both himself and the late Ollie Walsh denied the chance to participate in that year's championship.

Many believe that his boss in All-Ireland final in 1968 v Wexford was the difference between defeat and victory.

Not one to lie down and feel sorry for himself he bounced back in no uncertain style and following a few championship defeats in 1969 and 1970, he played a major roll in Tipperary's All-Ireland senior victory in 1971. He is best remembered for his winning point versus Limerick in that never to be forgotten Munster final in Killarney in July 1971. He made a major contribution in final v Kilkenny when Tipperary came out on top by 5-17 to 5-14. One would have expected John at that stage to capture more celtic crosses but alas that was not to be.

He played into the late seventies for Tipperary at Senior level but no more provincial or national silverware came his way.

At club level he was one of the most competitive players in the mid Division and Moycarkey's return to prominence at both divisional and County level coincided with the latter years of his career. Apart from his All-Ireland successes I believe in 1982 when Moycarkey captured the Dan Breen Cup after 42 years it was his greatest moment on the hurling field. Such was his impact on that victory he was honoured by being nominated as Tipperary hurler of the year in 1982. When

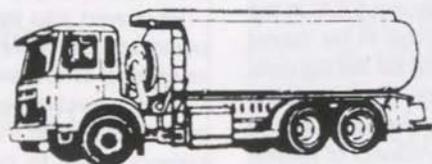
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Moycarkey-Borris won the Munster club title latter that year John collected a prized Munster club medal.

An unfortunate defeat in All-Ireland semi-final v Loughiel shamrocks denied John the chance of playing in another All-Ireland. This did not deter him and in 1984 when Moycarkey captured the county final once more, John played a vital role in the company of his brothers, Billy and Jim, the Quigley's, Ryan's, Bergins, Tom Doran and many other wonderful servants of the famous club singlet.

Even though John in keeping with family tradition had a keen interest in horses he continued to play at junior level for Moycarkey-Borris for many years such was his love for the hurley and sliotar.

His death in September '94 stunned us all, that numbered ourselves amongst his friends but his loss was minimal compared to that of his wife Peg and children Tomás, Noirín and Ann Marie as well as his extended immediate family.

As Moycarkey-Borris trot out today to contest the Mid-Tipp showpiece for 2002 it will



John Flanagan in New York with Tipp league champions 1969. Back row (l. to r.): Patsy Roland, Jimmy Ryan, the late John Flanagan and Matt Stapleton. Front row (l. to r.): Noel O'Gorman, John Costigan and Phil Lowery.

be the memory of men like John Flanagan and other former stars now gone to their eternal reward that will inspire the team of 2002 to up their game to a higher scale increasing their chances of taking the Johnny Leahy Cup back to their proud parish once more.

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The Moycarkey-Borris team that qualified for the Mid SHC final by defeating Thurles Sarsfields in the semi-final at Holycross. Back row (l. to r.): Eamonn Ryan, Robert Doran, Donnacha Hennessy, Austin Cooney, Paul Dempsey, Pat Carey, Eamonn Donnelly, Colm Ryan. Front row (l. to r.): William Dempsey, J.J. Maher, Johnny Flanagan, Pat Coman, John O'Keefe, Rick Quigley and Michéal Hassett.

Mid Titles

Compiled by P.J. Leahy, PRO Mid Board

Moycarkey-Borris

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|----------------------|--|
| Two Mile Borris: | 1919 |
| Moycarkey / Thurles: | 1920 |
| Moycarkey Borris: | 1922, '23, '24, '26, 1930, '31, '32, '33, '34, '37, '40, '43, '65, '67, '71, '81, '82. |

Last appearance in a Mid Final was in 1991. Lost replay against Holycross.

Did you know: In 1899 Horse & Jockey defeated Two Mile Borris in the Co. Final, after a replay by 2-8 to 2-4 and the following year (1900) Two Mile Borris received a walk-over from Moycarkey in the county final.

Loughmore Castleiney

In 1980 Loughmore / Castleiney won the County Intermediate Hurling Championship when they defeated Kildangan by 2-14 to 0-5. As a result of that victory they went senior the following year and in 1983 they won their first Mid Senior Hurling title. This success was mainly due to the outstanding performances of their minors and U-21 hurling teams of the middle '70s and early '80s.

1974, '76, '77, '78 and '79 they won the Minor A Hurling crown in Mid Tipp. 1979, '81 and '82 they collected the U-21 'A' Mid Tipp titles.

They lost the '83 and '87 County finals to Borrisoleigh and Cappawhite respectively. In 1988 they won their first and only Co Senior hurling title when they defeated Borrisoleigh in the final.

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Prior to 1924 the Templemore pitch was acquired in 1911 from the Cardens and was situated in Woodville near the Garda Training Centre but was exchanged with the Urban Council for the present pitch. However, shortly after obtaining the property there were many difficult times ahead, with the formation of a Rugby Club in the town in 1925 and they met with a favourable response from the Urban Council as some of its members were initiators of the Rugby Club when they applied for the use of the pitch to play Rugby games.

The unsatisfactory situation with two opposing clubs using the same pitch caused problems and divisions and the Urban Council who were responsible for the lease of the property were also divided. Although the G.A.A. club secured a number of five year leases the terms obtained were not very satisfactory as no training was allowed on the pitch, the club had to apply for permission to hold matches, pay a certain fee per match and only members of the club were allowed on the pitch and any onlookers had to be

kept outside the timber railing which surrounded the field.

In March 1946 a Sportsfield Improvements Committee was formed and they actively pursued the securing of a ninety nine-year lease. Numerous meetings were held in an attempt to come to a combined agreement and finally on 30 October 1953 an agreement was signed by Sean McCarthy, Munster Council GAA Secretary, Phil Purall, Tipperary GAA Secretary, James Cahill, Secretary of Templemore Éire Og GAA with J.J. Walsh, Patrick Barry and Edward Stock representing the Urban Council during 1952. The grounds had been railed in and embankments to accommodate 12,000 people were provided with sideline seating for 4,000. Toilets and a scoreboard were erected and the playing pitch and been drained and resodded. The enhanced facility which did not contain its own dressing rooms was dedicated to Naomh Shileain and was blessed and officially opened by Rev Philip Fogarty, PP, Templemore on 8 May, 1955, with Tipperary playing Wexford in a Senior Hurling tournament.

In September 1965 a field development committee under the chairmanship of Fr O'Grady CC was set up and their immediate task was the provision of Dressing Rooms which were completed in 1968 by voluntary and direct labour at a cost of £3,000. However, the amenities it offered were soon found to be inadequate and at the club convention in 1975 it was decided to extend and improve

the existing building. The existing building was raised and converted to a Pavilion with two Dressing Rooms with showers and toilets provided by direct labour at a total cost of £9,650. The new Pavilion, dedicated to All Ireland Senior Football Medal winners, Arthur Carroll and Bill Grant was opened on 28 May, 1980 by Tim Maher, Chairman of Mid Tipperary Board.

In 1994, the facility was further enhanced with the provision of 100 covered stand, the application for a 200 stand being turned down. However, despite all the upgrading of the facility there was one glaring omission which manifested itself particularly on big match days was the lack of outdoor ladies and gents toilets and this was finally tackled in 2000 under the chairmanship of Mick Delaney.

A development sub-committee was set up under the chairmanship of John Martin and Tom Maher's and Martin Bourke's experience was called on to draw up plans, and a Technical specification for the provision of two extra dressing rooms and the upgrading of the existing two, an outdoor ladies and gents toilet, a kitchen and a complete revamp of the heating and lighting and shower system. The successful tender was Joe Kennedy and his work started immediately and concluded towards the end of 2001.

To bring this project to a successful conclusion the necessary finance had to be obtained and our efforts receive a great boost with the allocation of £30,000 from the National Lottery, thanks to the efforts of Minister for Defence, Michael Smith who worked on our behalf.

Having received the lotto grant, Co Development officer, John Ryan assisted us in securing a very welcome grant of £12,000 from Munster Council which enabled us to complete the development to its present standard. I want also

to thank our Munster Council reps for their wonderful assistance as well as Munster Council for their generosity to our project. To complete the project, €45,000 was required which the club members and good people of the parish generously gave. Despite the fact that €1.2million was spent in the renovation of the three churches in the parish over the past two years the willingness of our followers to come up with the necessary finance was a source of inspiration and encouragement to our club.

The club embarked on £200 interest free loan over a five-year period and the response to the scheme was excellent, providing the necessary cash to bring the project to fruition. A greyhound benefit race night has been organised by the club for 28th September and in addition to being a parish social occasion it will no doubt make significant inroads into the financial interest free loan repayments.

The upgraded building required to be pointed and decorated and the services of the local Mid Tipperary GAA FAS Scheme – to whom we are forever grateful were enlisted. Added to this was the voluntary club effort and the end result is a facility we can be justifiably proud of and one that will benefit many club teams, boys and girls, in the promotion of and playing of our Gaelic Games well into the twenty first millennium.

The club acknowledges the honours bestowed on us by the Mid Board with the opening and blessing of the new facility taking place in conjunction with the divisions premier hurling competition, the Mid Senior Final. Our sincere thanks to the many people who have helped bring this project to a successful conclusion and the facility will be a monument to the playing of Gaelic Games for many years to come.

John Martin (Chairman Development)
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