

North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final

Match Programme

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North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final



Éire Óg Aonach v Tuaim Uí Mheara (Holders)

1.38 Referee: John Bob Ryan (Cashel)



Nenagh Guardian North Tipperary I.H.C.
Quarter-final:

Beal an Atha v Borris Uí Chéin

1.45 p.m.

Referee: Johnny McDonnell
Roscrea



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It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to our Senior Hurling Championship Final today between Nenagh Éire Óg and Toomevara. This promises to be a close game between the two sides who have dominated senior hurling in North Tipperary since the early 1990s. Toomevara come into today's game as defending champions, while Éire Óg are bidding to regain the title they last held in 2001.

Our best wishes to both sets of players, team officials and supporters, also to match referee John Ryan and his match officials as well as the Cloughjordan field committee and the Kilruane Mac Donaghs Club. Thanks also to the many people who have contributed to the championship so far, the clubs involved, the field committees and the match officials.

A special word of thanks to all our championship sponsors and in particular Senior Hurling Championship sponsors George McGrath and his team at Permanent TSB Bank in Nenagh.

We also wish Ballina and Borrisokane well in the Intermediate game before hand. The Intermediate championship is proving as difficult as ever to win this year. We also welcome All-Ireland Scór champions in the shape of the Shannon Rovers Ballad Group who will provide entertainment.

Finally a word of thanks to Liam Hogan for producing today's programme. May you all have an enjoyable day.

Is mise

Seamus Ó Muineog (Cathaoirleach)



Clár an Lae

1:33	Ballina out on field	3:24	Pre Match Parade
1:34	Borrisokane out on field	3:28	Amhrain na bhFiann - Shannon Rovers Ballad Group
1:45	Commencement of Intermediate Hurling game	3:30	Commencement of Senior Hurling Championship Final
2:17	Moycarkey Pipe Band - half time entertainment	4:02	Shannon Rovers Ballad Group Half-time entertainment
2:27	2nd Half of Intermediate Hurling game	4:12	2nd Half of Senior Hurling Final
3:00	End of Intermediate Hurling game	4:45	End of Senior Hurling Final
3:05	Pre Match entertainment - Moycarkey Pipe Band	4:50	Presentation of Frank Mc Grath Cup to winning captain by Jimmy Minogue
3:09	Nenagh Éire Óg out on field		
3:11	Toomevara out on field		

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Blessing in Disguise?

By **Gerry Slevin** (Editor The Guardian, Nenagh)

Within the space of fourteen days – between August 10th and 23rd – Tipperary's hopes of All Ireland hurling success were dashed. The minors, seniors and under 21s in that order, bade farewell to 2003, leaving it to the cailini to keep the flag flying.

Now, while bowing out, especially at All Ireland semi final level can be a devastating blow to morale, whether we like to believe it or not there are people who breathed a sigh of relief when it all happened. Blessings in disguise.

Why?

The answer is simple. The longer Tipp teams stayed in championship contention, the longer the clubs were left inactive and the senior club championships especially in all four divisions were the sufferers.

If the Tipp seniors had beaten Kilkenny, would we be here today celebrating the North senior final? We would not. It would be well into the second half of September before the game would be played. Likewise with the other divisions, all continuing to leave club players without games, while the attention remained on the inter-county scene.

Apart from the divisional championships, the county championship also has to be played, sixteen teams in all from the four divisions going on to seek the county's premier hurling title. Continued inter county success would have placed immense pressure on fixtures committees and while there is still a long way to go – and remember, there is a relegation battle going on too! – absence from the inter-county scene, however unpalatable it might have been, has paved the way for a speedier running of the local competitions and when all is said and done, that is where the 'real' GAA resides.

It is all very well to rejoice in Tipp's achievements but there is a price to pay when we are going well. Who wants to go out in mucky pitches in the depths of winter and try to hurl in weather and conditions totally unsuited to hurling?

It is a problem and a serious one, and one that

we may be inclined to leave aside, now that time is on our side to make headway in the respective local championships. But it is only putting off the evil day and our failure to grasp the situation and seek to do something about it, will serve only to cause more serious problems in the future.

But what can be done? Can anything be done? Players are entitled to be given the opportunity to play at the most appropriate time of year for hurling. The vast majority of them are denied this because the emphasis and the concentration are on the inter-county scene. Everything else is pushed aside.

The majority of those playing hurling are of the average variety, with no ambition higher than assisting the club and hoping to make some championship progress. It just doesn't seem fair that they are deprived of their ambition because of the emphasis placed on the inter-county scene.

They are suffering and the club is suffering and, if there is any answer to the problem, it can only be sought through the initiative of the clubs. Are clubs prepared to accept what is happening? Fine, if they are. But if they are not, and I think such is the case, then it is from them (the clubs) that any change must emerge.

Clubs cannot be expected to line out in vital championship games without their inter-county players. However, the perception that the inter-county scene is what really matters has been thrust upon us by such as the Guinness sponsorship, the back door system and the saturation television coverage. It all leaves the club scene and the club player in the shade, turning on its head the very essence of what the GAA is all about.

It's time for a serious debate on the club v county situation and while it is not directly associated with it, at the same time, the absence of a senior club in a vast hurling area from Cloughjordan down to Lorrha, is an issue that must be tackled. It is absolutely ridiculous that famed clubs like Kilruane, Borrisokane and Lorrha are all in Intermediate ranks.



North Tipp. SHC roll of honour

Toomevara (17)	1910, '11, '12, '13, '16, '17, '18, '19, '22, '23, '25, '26, '27, '28, '29, '30, '31
Lahorna De Wets (7)	1901, '02, '03, '04, '06, '07, '08
Lorrha (3)	1905, '14, '24
Kilbarron/Kildangan (1)	1934
Borrisokane (1)	1933
Newport (1)	1932
Nenagh (1)	1915
Youghalarra (1)	1909

Roscrea (16)	1936, '37, '39, '41, '42, '45, '49, '54, '63, '67, '68, '69, '70, '71, '80
Borris-Ileigh (12)	1947, '50, '51, '52, '53, '55, '72, '73, '76, '81, '83, '88
Toomevara (12)	1946, '58, '60, '61, '62, '91, '94, '95, '97, '99, '00, '02
Kilruane MacD (11)	1940, '44, '59, '65, '77, '78, '79, '85, '86, '87, '90
Nenagh Éire Óg (6)	1957, '64, '92, '93, '98, '01
Lorrha (5)	1948, '56, '66, '84, '89
Newport (2)	1935, '96
Kildangan (2)	1938, '43
Moneygall (1)	1975
Silvermines (1)	1974



Nenagh Eire Og U-14 team celebrate their win over Kilruane MacDonaghs in the North Final (a.e.t.)



Shannon Rovers Ballad Group, All-Ireland Senior Scor winners 2003. Back, Conor Hyland, Martin Tierney, Sean Kelly (GAA President). Seated: Siobhan Clarke, Siobhan Weafer, Carmel Cahalan.



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Michael Cleary:

Playing in his 7th North final today
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Proven pedigrees in today's North final

By James Hayden (Tipperary Star)

One of the great attractions of the North Tipperary SHC final is that it creates interest not only in GAA circles throughout the division but in the county as a whole.

Teams with proven pedigrees have oft competed for the coveted Frank McGrath Cup and in sportswriters parlance today's clash promises to be a 'mouth watering' encounter between not only two rival clubs but neighbouring parishes.

Toomevara have been the kingpins of hurling in the division for the past twelve years and with 29 titles to their credit since the championship's inception they will eagerly be seeking their 30th after last year's comprehensive victory over Moneygall at the same stage.

Nenagh will be gunning for only their 8th title having last lifted the Frank McGrath Cup in 2001 after a three-year gap and will relish the chance to put one over on their neighbours.

Many supporters will remember those heady days of the early nineties when Nenagh were crowned North champions in '92, and '93, before achieving their dream of capturing their first and only county senior championship in 1995.

Toomevara, on the other hand, have proved an unstoppable force for the past ten years and despite being starved of senior glory for nearly three decades between 1963 and 1990, trojan work at underage level throughout the lean years yielded a plethora of juvenile titles and formed

the basis for a side which has remained at the pinnacle of hurling in the county since 1991.

Seven north titles in the space of twelve years speaks for itself and today the Greyhounds will be hoping for another.

So far this season they have recorded deserved victories and despite suffering a fright at the hands of Templederry, they bounced back with superb displays over Borrisoleigh and Newport to deservedly book their place in today's decider.

With players of the calibre of John O'Brien, Tony Delaney, Ken, Terry, Thomas and Benny Dunne coupled with the talents of Michael Bevans, Frances Devaney, Philip Shanahan, Eoin Brislane and Willie Ryan, Toomevara will be a force to be reckoned with.

Nenagh Eire Og will rely on the accurate freetaking of Noel Moloney and with Hugh Moloney, Johnny Slattery, Richie Flannery and the mercurial Michael Cleary just coming into top form after their defeat of Moneygall at the second attempt, the 'Greyhounds' will have their work cut out for them.

However as the sides match up today the game promises to be a tight encounter with Nenagh Eire Og determined to silence the pessimists who expect yet another Toomevara victory and the Greyhounds intent on maintaining their lofty perch at the summit of hurling in North Tipperary.



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Preliminary Round

Silvermines 2 - 14 Borris-Ileigh 1 - 11 in Nenagh on Sat 05/05/03

Round 1

Moneygall 2 - 06 Nenagh Éire Óg 0 - 10 in Toomevara on Sat 19/05/03

Toomevara 1 - 16 Templederry K. 1 - 15 in Dolla on Sun 20/05/03

Newport 0 - 14 Silvermines 0 - 08 in Ballina on Sat 26/05/03

Roscrea 0 - 14 Portroe 0 - 14 in Nenagh on Sat 26/05/03

Round 1

(Replay)

Roscrea 1 - 09 Portroe 0 - 14 in Nenagh on Sat 02/06/03

Loser's Group

Preliminary Round

Templederry K. 2 - 13 Silvermines 2 - 10 in Nenagh on Sat 21/06/03

Loser's Group

Round 1

Borris-Ileigh 2 - 18 Templederry K. 0 - 10 in Nenagh on Thu 03/07/03

Nenagh Éire Óg 1 - 11 Roscrea 1 - 05 in Cloughjordan on Sun 06/07/03

Quarter Finals

Toomevara 1 - 14 Borris-Ileigh 1 - 13 in Nenagh on Fri 18/07/03

Portroe 0 - 16 Nenagh Éire Óg 2 - 12 in Dolla on Sun 20/07/03

Semi-finals

Moneygall 0 - 14 Nenagh Éire Óg 0 - 14 in Cloughjordan on Sun 24/07/03

Newport 0 - 04 Toomevara 3 - 14 in Dolla on Sun 24/07/03

Semi-final

(Replay)

Moneygall 2 - 11 Nenagh Éire Óg 3 - 21 in Cloughjordan

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To-day's referees



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Johnny McDonnell Roscrea
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Borrisokane Intermediate team

	1 Liam Gleeson	
2	3	4
Andrew Comerford	Keith Slevin	Gary Donnelly
5	6	7
Graham McMahon	Enda Forde	Seosamh Cleary
	8	9
	Tadhg Slevin	Ronan Guest
10	11	12
Philip Austin	Eoin Larkin	Adrian Egan
13	14	15
Colm Larkin	Joe Murphy	Adrian Hogan

Fir Ionaí: 16 Jamie Donnelly, 17 Brendan Reddan, 18 Ger McKenna, 19 Brian Hogan, 20 Conor Darcy, 21 Joe Gleeson, 22 Mark Comerford, 23 Ml. Comerford, 24 Padraig Hogan, 25 John Tully, 26 Robert Davis, 27, Kevin McKenna, 28 Paul Donnelly, 29 James McMahon, 30 Daragh McKenna

Selectors: Vince McKenna, John Egan, Jim McLoughlin, Liam Heenan.

Physio: Michael Clossely, **First Aid:** Teresa Brennan, Barney McMahon.

Ballina Intermediate team

	1 Martin McKeogh	
2	3	4
Mark King	Pat Cosgrove	Brendan McKeogh
5	6	7
Thomas Collins	Jim McGrath	Gerry O'Brien
	8	9
	Aaron Devane	Mark Riordan
10	11	12
Domhnaill McKeogh	A. N. Other	Brian Stritch
13	14	15
Shane O'Brien	John Collins	Sean McKeogh

Fir Ionaí: 16 James McKeogh, 17 Alan McKeogh, 18 Fergus Collins, 19 Eoin Sheedy, 20 Peter King, 21 Seamus McKeogh, 22 Brian McKeogh, 23 Kevin Stritch, 24 David Hickey, 25 Stephen Stritch, 26 Tom Meskeel, 27 Rody Kennedy.

Manager: Noel Sheedy. **Selectors:** Sarah Devane, Vivian Cahalan, **First Aid** Orla Foley.

Éire Óg an Aonaigh

	1	
	Michael McNamara	
2	3	4
Declan Bailey	Johnny Slattery	Joe O'Donoghue
5	6	7
John Flannery	Richie Flannery	Hugh Moloney
	8	9
	Cormac Galvin	Brian Darcy
10	11	12
Kevin Tucker	Noel Moloney	John Kennedy
13	14	15
Robert Tomlinson	Eddie Tucker	Michael Cleary

FIR IONAIÐ

16 Christy McLoughlin, 17 Brian Fitzgibbon, 18 Michael Hackett, 19 Christopher Bonar, 20 Declan O'Meara, 21 David Hackett, 22 Liam O'Gara, 23 Conor Brennan, 24 Tom Conroy, 25 Alan Kelly, 26 Donagh O'Donnell, 27 Hugh Flannery, 28 Darragh Quinn, 29 Brian Dillon, 30 John Brennan

RAGHNÓIREI

Manager: Tom Ryan

Selectors: Billy Flannery, Matt Ryan

Physio: Martin O'Grady, **First Aid:** Bartley Ryan



Eddie Tucker, Captain

Tuaim Ui Mheara

	1	
	Justin Cottrell	
2	3	4
Benny Dunne	George Frend	Philip Shanahan
5	6	7
Brian Duff	Tommy Dunne	Eoin Brislane
8	9	
Terry Dunne	Páirc Hackett	
10	11	12
Paddy O'Brien	Ken Dunne	Francis Devaney
13	14	15
Michael Bevans	John O'Brien	William Ryan

FIR IONAIÐ

16 Tomas O'Meara, 17 Tony Delaney, 18 John Kinnons, 19 David Young, 20 John Boland, 21 Andrew Ryan, 22 Kevin Cummins, 23 Denis Kelly, 24 Barry Dunne, 25 David Kennedy, 26 Ken Hall, 27 Tommy Carroll, 28 Ronan Tynan, 29 Brian McGrath, 30 Ciaran Fitzpatrick, 31 Paddy Tuohy.

RAGHNÓIREI

Manager: Michael Conneelly

Selectors: Matt O'Meara, Pat King, Rory Brislane

Phsyio: Ned Murphy, **First Aid:** John Tuohy.



Michael Bevans, Captain



Ballina Intermediate team that contested this year's league final, losing to Kiladangan: Back row, l-r: Martin McInerney, Brian Stritch, Mark O'Riordan, Aaron Devane, Fergus Collins, Mark King, Tom Maskell, Paudie Sheedy. Kneeling: Seamus McKeogh, Jim McGrath, Kevin Stritch, Martin McKeogh, Brendan McKeogh, Alan McKeogh, Eamonn O'Sullivan.



Nenagh Éire Óg U-12 'A' team North Tipperary champions. Back row, l-r: John Minogue, Adrian Brennan, Joseph Geaney, Pearse O'Brien, Joseph Burke, William O'Connor, David Cleary, Eddie Darcy, Shane Maher, Billy Heffernan, Kevin Flynn, Kevin O'Gorman, Paul Gleeson, Wesley Heenan. Middle row: Karl Mackey, Cliff Moloney, Tommy Heffernan, Conor Geaney, John Byrne, Cronan Gleeson, Darragh Quinn, Darragh Walshe, David Hickey, Sean Geaney, Daryl McCormack, Kevin Gubbins, Paul Slattery. Front: Conor Kennedy, Gary Power, Donnacha Heffernan, Adam Grattan, Christopher Tinkler, Oisín McGlynn.

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Toomevara v Nenagh Éire Óg North finals in the '90s

Toomevara and Nenagh Éire Óg have met in four North Finals throughout the nineties with Toom winning two Nenagh one and one draw.

22.9.91: Toomevara 0-12 Nenagh Éire Óg 0-12: With the assistance of a strong breeze Éire Óg led by three points at half time. When Toome took the lead after six minutes of the second half an easy win for the Greyhounds looked likely. However, a great Nenagh recovery saw them lead by one point with a minute remaining but a brilliant Tommy Dunne point levelled matters and set up a replay.

Toomevara: J. Grace, P. Meagher, R. Brislane capt, G. Frend, M. O'Meara, D. O'Meara 0-1, Jimmy Dunne, P. King, L. Flaherty 0-1, M. Murphy, J. Ryan, M. Nolan 0-2, Tony Dunne 0-1, Tomas Dunne 0-5. Subs: T. Delaney for Jimmy Dunne

Nenagh Éire Óg: S. Kennedy, J. Heffernan, C. O'Donovan, D. O'Brien, D. Finnerty 0-1, F. Moran, Paul Kennedy, Philip Kennedy 0-2, J. Nagle, M. Kennedy 0-1, C. Howard, M. Cleary 0-4, John Kennedy 0-2, N. Corbett, E. Tucker 0-1. Sub- R. Tomlinson 0-1 for Howard, N. Coffey for Nagle, R. Burns for Corbett.

Replay 29.9.91. Toomevara 2-11 Nenagh Éire Óg 2-7: Toomevara bridged a 29 year gap when defeating Nenagh Éire Óg in a thrilling North Final replay at Cloughjordan before 4,000 spectators. A Tony Delaney goal in the third minute helped Toome to a 1-6 to 1-2 half time lead. An Eddie Tucker goal early in the second half had the town side right back in the game. However when Liam Flaherty goalled the Greyhounds regained control as they held out for a four point victory.

Toomevara: J. Grace, P. Meagher, S. Nolan R. Brislane capt, G. Frend 0-1, M. O Meara 0-1, D. O'Meara, Jimmy Dunne, P. King, L. Flaherty 1-1, M. Murphy, T. Delaney 1-1, Tony Dunne 0-1, M. Nolan 0-1, Tomas Dunne 0-4. Subs-J. Ryan for M. Nolan, P. Shanahan for Jimmy Dunne.

Nenagh Éire Óg: S.Kennedy, Paul Kennedy, C. O'Donovan, D. O'Brien, D. Finnerty, F. Moran, J. Heffernan 0-2, Phil Kennedy 0-3, J. Nagle, M. Kennedy 1-0, C. Howard, M. Cleary 0-2, John Kennedy, N. Corbett E. Tucker 1-0. Sub- R Tomlinson for Howard, N. Coffey for Nagle, R. Burns for Corbett.

6.9.98 Nenagh Éire Óg 1-11 Toomevara 0-11: Nenagh Éire Óg captured their sixth North Final when toppling champions Toomevara in an exciting final played at MacDonagh Park, Cloughjordan before a fine attendance. Toome with the aid of a stiff diagonal breeze led by 0-5 to 0-1 after fifteen minutes but Éire Óg helped by two points from full forward Robbie Tomlinson were level at the break. Their lead would have been far greater but for recording eleven wides.

Two early points in the second half put the champions back in front but a long range Hugh Flannery free ended in the Toom net and this proved to be the decisive score as Nenagh held out for victory.

Nenagh Éire Óg :- C. McLoughlin, N. Coffey, C. O'Donovan, J. Heffernan, R. Flannery, H. Flannery 1-0, M. Cleary, C. Howard, J. Slattery, K. Tucker 0-2, E. Tucker Capt 0-1, John Kennedy 0-5, D. O'Meara, R. Tomlinson 0-2, M. Hackett 0-1.

Toomevara:- J. Cottrell, P. Shanahan Capt, R. Brislane, A. Maxwell, P. Hackett, T. Delaney 0-1, Tomas Dunne, P. King, K. Dunne 0-4, P. McGrath, Terry Dunne 0-2, P. O'Brien 0-3, M. Bevans, K. Kennedy, D. Kelly. Subs K. Cummins 0-1 for Kelly.

22.08.99: Toomevara 2-19 Nenagh Éire Óg 2-15: Trailing by seven points at half time Toomevara turned in a brilliant second half to overcome holders Nenagh Éire Óg in a very exciting North final played at Cloughjordan. Éire Óg justified the favourite tag in the first half as they dominated play in most sectors and deservingly led at the interval. However the Greyhounds were quickly out of the traps in the second half as two Paddy O'Brien points set the trend for their comeback and apart from a Michael Cleary goal Nenagh failed to score from play and a Bryan Duff goal sealed victory for the opponents.

Toomevara: J. Cottrell, P. Shanahan, R. Brislane, A. Maxwell, D. O'Meara, T. Delaney, Benny Dunne 0-1, B. Duff 1-0, Terry Dunne 0-2, P. O'Brien 0-4, P. King 0-2, Tomas Dunne 0-6, P. McGrath 0-2, M. O'Meara 0-1, J. O'Brien 1-1. Subs: E. Brislane for D. O'Meara, A. Ryan for Delaney

Nenagh Éire Óg: C. McLoughlin, N. Coffey, F. Moran A. Quinn, J. Kennedy, H. Flannery C. Howard capt, R. Flannery, J. Tucker, K. Tucker, E. Tucker, J. Slattery, M. Hackett, M. Cleary, D. O'Meara.

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Five years ago

1998: Nenagh's crown when they defeated Toome at Cloughjordan. Showers and a strong wind spoiled the game but it did not deter Nenagh who won by 1-11 to 0-11. Eddie Tucker was the winning captain leading his team to wins over Roscrea, Borris-Ileigh and Roscrea again on route to the final.

1993: Twelve teams entered the race including two combination teams St Odhrans (Silvermines/Templederry) and St Brendans (Shannon Rovers /Kildangan) plus other teams such as Lorrha, Borrisokane, Kilruane MadDonaghs, Newport, Borris-Ileigh and Portroe. When semi final time came around Nenagh accounted for Toomevara 5-13 to 1-10 and Moneygall needed a replay and a 2-12 to 0-10 win over Roscrea.

It was Nenagh (holders) v Moneygall for the final bringing two teams together that had more than just a North final at stake. For Nenagh retaining the North Tipp senior championship final was never accomplished before and for Moneygall making it to the North final just two years after winning the County Intermediate championship was realised. Nenagh won by 0-14 to 0-12.

Best of luck to both teams in
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Welcome to the captains' table

Over forty captains have received the Frank McGrath Cup since it was first presented in 1961.

The list is as follows:

1961	John Hough	Toomevara	1983	Francis Spillane	Borris-Ileigh
1962	Neil Williams	Toomevara	1984	Kieran Hough	Lorrha
1963	Michael Nolan	Roscrea	1985	Tony Sheppard	Kilruane
1964	Michael Burns	Nenagh Éire Óg	1986	Tony Sheppard	Kilruane
1965	Len Gaynor	Kilruane	1987	John Cahill	Kilruane
1966	Noel Lane	Lorrha	1988	Bobby Ryan	Borris-Ileigh
1967	Francis Loughnane	Roscrea	1989	Ken Hogan	Lorrha
1968	John Dillon	Roscrea	1990	Pat Quinlan	Kilruane
1969	Michael Hogan	Roscrea	1991	Rory Brislane	Toomevara
1970	Patsy Rowland	Roscrea	1992	Paul Kennedy	Nenagh
1971	Donie Moloney	Roscrea	1993	Donie O'Brien/ John Heffernan	Nenagh Éire Óg
1972	Noel Dwyer	Borris-Ileigh	1994	Pat Meagher	Toomevara
1973	Tim Delaney	Borris-Ileigh	1995	Tony Delaney	Toomevara
1974	Jim O'Brien	Silvermines	1996	Connie McGrath	Newport
1975	Pat Sheedy	Moneygall	1997	George Frend	Toomevara
1976	Michael Coen	Borris-Ileigh	1998	Eddie Tucker	Nenagh Éire Óg
1977	Denis Cahill	Kilruane	1999	Tommy Dunne	Toomevara
1978	Jim Williams	Kilruane	2000	Terry Dunne	Toomevara
1979	Liam O'Shea	Kilruane	2001	Kevin Tucker	Nenagh Éire Óg
1980	Kevin Brady	Roscrea	2002	Ken Dunne	Toomevara
1981	Tim Stapleton	Borris-Ileigh			
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1983: Borris-Ileigh 1-11, Lorrha 2-6

Borris-Ileigh just held on as Lorrha were left to rue their many wides and missed chances. Borris went into the final as favourites. Fielding eleven of the team that defeated Roscrea in the '81 final Borris can thank Philip Kenny, Tim Stapleton, Mick Coen, Noel O'Dwyer, and Richie Stapleton for their displays in an exciting final. For Lorrha John McIntyre, Kieran Hough, Brian Mannion and Donal O'Donoghue never gave up.

1963: Roscrea 2-12 Toomevara 1-8

What was reckoned to be the match of the year was played in Nenagh in front of a crowd of 4,000 people. Toomevara were reigning champions but had to give second best to a Roscrea side that needed a Phil O'Meara goal to ensure victory. Others to shine for Roscrea were Nolan, Dynan and Francis Loughnane while for Toome there was Tom and Roger Ryan along with Michael Bevans. Roger Mounsey was excellent in goals for Toomevara.

1943: Killadangan 6-2 Roscrea 5-4

The headline on The Guardian read "Roscrea's great bid just fails". A crowd of 3,700 attended with MacDonagh Park having its second final since it officially opened one year earlier. The first half belonged to Killadangan with John Gleeson, Jimmy Killen, Johnnie Hogan and Nick Flannery stealing the show. For Roscrea the best came from J. J. Maher, Joe Fletcher, Michael Loughnane and Willie Brussels. Con Heffernan was a very capable referee.

1923: Toomevara 7-0 Nenagh 1-2

Played one year later the final produced a very one sided game. Reports are sketchy but we are told that a Toome side short many regulars were far to good .

Best wishes to the Toomevara team today from

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Props: Kevin and Fionnuala.



Borrisokane as seniors in 2001: Back row, l-r: John Egan, Niall Slevin, Eoin Larkin, Paul Corcoran, Andrew Comerford, Shane Guest, Ger Morris, Keith Slevin, Dermot Murphy, Patrick Brennan. Kneeling: Liam Gleeson, Tadhg Slevin, Michael Heenan, Joe Murphy, Graham McMahon, Jim McLoughlin, Ronan Guest, Adrian Hogan, Seorabh Cleary.

Players' profile



Francis Devaney

Toomevara and Tipperary

It has been a busy year for the Toomevara forward who has just stepped out of minor grade. All ready he has a CV that most players only dream of.

Take this year. The young greyhound has played with his club and county together with third level fare with Limerick Institute of Technology.

With one North medal in 2002 and a county in 2001 he won a Munster U-21 medal this year – to put with his two Munster medals in 2001 and 02. Marking Cork senior John Gardiner, Devaney he proved a handful for the Cork senior midfielder.

In his younger days Francis won seven North juvenile medals including three each at U-12 and U-14 plus one at U-16. He also won four county medals with two in U-12 and one each at 14 and 16. Then there is three Feile and to complete the picture he won one Munster along with a Garda Cup with North Tipp.

Don't forget the Munster Vocational school medal for good measure.



Hugh Moloney

Nenagh Éire Óg and Tipperary

Since coming on as a sub against Galway in the 2001 All-Ireland minor semi-final the former Roscrea Cistercian Abbey student has blossomed to one of the real finds of this year. Another of the Tipp U-21 Munster final winning team Hugh played a star role at left wing partnering an all North half back line with Diarmuid Fitzgerald Roscrea and Martin Maher Borris-Ileigh.

Early this year Hugh played with Tipp Intermediate team which lost to Cork at Semple Stadium and today he will be hoping to add another North medal to the one won in 2001.

North Captains of Tipp U-21. teams



Frances Loughnane 1964



Michael Scully 1986



Philip Kennedy 1980, '81


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