

North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final
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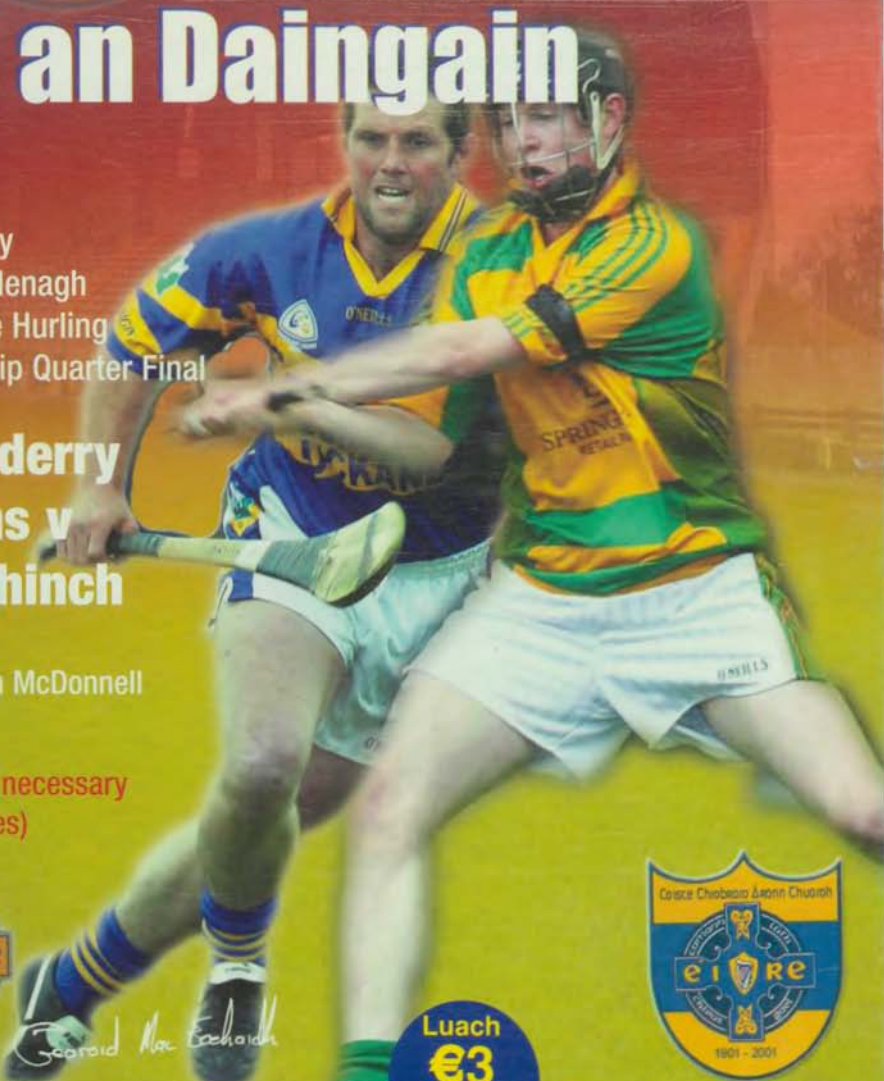
Preceded by
SuperValu, Nenagh
Intermediate Hurling
Championship Quarter Final

Templederry
Kenyons v
Ballinahinch

at 1.30 p.m.

Referee: John McDonnell
(Roscrea)

(Extra time if necessary
in both games)



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MacDonagh Park, Nenagh Sunday 24 Aug 2008

Throw-in 3.30 p.m. Referee Michael Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs)



Burgess team that defeated Toomevara in The Hibernian North semi-final at MacDonagh Park Nenagh. Back row: (l to r) - Patrick Tucker, Robbie Cremin, David Maher, Noel Gleeson, Tony Scroope, Brian Hogan (captain), Timmy Hogan, Damien O'Brien. Kneeling: Ger Fogarty, Donagh Maher, Shane Maher, Niall McGrath, Jonathan Ryan, Kevin Nealon, Tony Dunne. Photograph: Bridget Delaney

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Cathaoirleach, John Sherlock

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This year our Senior Championship was played on a new (or was it the old) system and it proved to be a great success, bringing great freshness and a renewed interest in hurling to the Division. We were treated to a number of very close enjoyable games, culminating in today's unique final pairing of Burgess and Kildangan.

Both of these teams have come from Intermediate ranks as recently as 2004 and 2005 so a new Club name will be inscribed on to the Frank McGrath Cup in 2008. Kildangan's two previous successes were before the present Trophy came into being in 1962.

With little form to go on, I look forward to a cracking, sporting game and I wish both teams the best of luck.

The curtain raiser for today's final is the Intermediate Championship Quarter Final between Ballinahinch and Templederry. As usual the Intermediate Championship is very competitive this year and this game could go either way and will get a great day's hurling off to a good start.

I would like to wish the best of luck to today's match officials. Michael Cahill who takes charge of Senior decider and Johnny McDonnell who handles the Intermediate match are two of our more experienced and long serving referees

We are especially grateful to our Championship Sponsors. Martin and Jane Morris of the Hibernian Inn continue their generous sponsorship of our Senior Championship, while Murphy's SuperValu, Nenagh are in their second year as Intermediate Championship sponsors. We wish all our sponsors well in their respective businesses.

We are also grateful to Eire Óg Club for the use of their pitch, which I assume will be in its usual excellent condition.

Also, a word of thanks to all those who help in the running of games in so many ways, to Secretary, Gerard McKeogh, Treasurer, Catherine Gleeson and her loyal group of gate checkers and to anyone else who helps in any way.

Thanks also to Liam Hogan for again coming up trumps with another fine programme production and to the Order of Malta for their attendance at our games.

Have an enjoyable day and drive carefully on your way home

Seán Ó Scurlóig, Cathaoirleach.



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Editor: **Liam Hogan**

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Kildangan panel that defeated Roscrea in The Hibernian North semi-final at MacDonagh Park Nenagh. Back: Ruairi Whelan, Michael Quigley, Martin Minehan, Eanna Gleeson, Liam Karl Flannery, Eoin Kelly, Paddy Lynch, Liam Kelly, Michael Ryan, Dan Hackett, Gerry Slattery, Karl Hogan, John Maher, Sean Kelly, Niall Kelly, Tom Freeman, James Flannery, Eoin Gleeson, James Flannery, Pauric Kelly, Tommy Hanrahan. Front: Ger Cunningham, Darragh Egan, Eamonn Kelly, John Slattery, Joe Gallagher, Brian Kelly, Ruairi Gleeson, Dermot Hogan, Sean Gleeson, Brian Lawlor, Liam Madden, Martin Slattery, Fergal Hayes, Roger Gleeson.

Photograph: Bridget Delaney

Darragh Egan

By Jackie Cahill

Kildangan's top scorer Darragh Egan is relishing the prospect of appearing in his very first North senior hurling final as he can recall the buzz of attending the 1996 decider between Newport and Lorrha.

"That's the fifth North final I remember," Egan said. "The crowds inside were unbelievable. I was standing at the back of the goals and I remember Newport winning (the replay)."

Egan accepts that Burgess and Kildangan would have been down the pecking order when the bookies drew up their odds for the divisional championship at the start of the season.

But he's certainly glad to focus in on this huge game after witnessing the crushing disappointment of Tipperary's All-Ireland semi-final defeat against Waterford last Sunday as a member of Liam Sheedy's panel.

"Even coming down on the bus on Sunday evening, thinking and knowing that you'll be playing in a divisional final softens the blow a small bit. It's something to really look forward to."

Egan, 22, has been in good scoring form en route to the final. He hit 0-6 against Moneygall, 1-10 against Kilruane, 0-7 against this afternoon's opponents when they met in the group stages, 0-10 v Portroe

and eight points in the semi-final victory over Roscrea. That's 1-41 from five

matches, including 1-9 from play for the ace free-taker. Having

lost to Toomevara in the showpiece final two years ago, Egan is hopeful that Kildangan have learned the lessons from that defeat. He reflects: "We didn't show up on the day. I think we were just happy to be there. It was such a big day for the club, a first senior final since the 1940s, and we were hearing that all week in the lead up to the game."

When asked if this is the biggest game of his club career, Egan rightly points to the All-Ireland intermediate club hurling final victory against Carrickshock in 2005.

Egan also won a minor B north medal with his club in 2003, as well as north and county U21 B titles in 2004.

He added: "To be honest, beating Burgess in the north intermediate semi-final in 2004 was one of the most important. It might not have been the biggest game but the losers were out and the winners still in the county championship. We beat Burgess in the replay after extra time and that set us up for the year. We went on to win the All-Ireland after that."





1970 - Naomh Padraig (Burgess-Kildangan) U-21 team which defeated Roscrea in the North Final. *Back row (players only):* John Kennedy, William Moloney, Garry Howard, Pakie Hogan, captain, Denis Maher, Liam Hogan, Michael O'Donnell, John Darcy, Liam Mulcahy. *Front:* J. P. McDonnell, Nick Flannery, Donal Lyne, Johnny Flynn, Sean Mulcahy, Seamus Hayes.

Burgess/Kildangan combination - Naomh Padraig U-21 County Champs

By **Liz Howard**

It is wonderful to see Burgess and Kildangan contest a North Championship Final today. While they are rivals to-day, I want to reflect on when they joined forces under the name Naomh Padraig to win two U21 County C'ships in 1970 and '71. They were a very talented group of hurlers; both clubs contributed almost equal numbers to make up the panel. To quote Paddy Kelly, a selector at the time "they were a tremendous bunch, fine confident hurlers who gelled so well". He reminded me that they opted to wear the Burgess jerseys, one day there was some mix up and Paddy suggested they wear the Kildangan set. Johnny Flynn always quick on the draw, quipped "Ah no, I wouldn't look well in that jersey".

In 1970 Naomh Padraig met Roscrea in the North Final. Roscrea were the kingpins of Tipperary hurling at the time, they had five of their senior team playing U21. My Dad, who was one of the selectors, met his friend John Joe Maher, a very influential figure in Roscrea hurling, on the way into the dressing room. He said "Garrett, I suppose ye have a nice little team", "yes John Joe, we have a nice little team and we expect that nice little team to beat ye". They did by a fine margin.

They defeated Thurles Sarsfields in the semi-final and met Sean Treacy's in the final. That game had the lot including a little altercation on the sideline,

My neighbour Sean Gleeson had a fine coat arriving at the game, the coat went home minus a sleeve! The Treacy's led for most of the game but the combination battled back to win by a few points. I will never forget that day. The joy and celebration as captain Pakie Hogan received the

cup.

The following year Naomh Padraig defeated Borris-Ileigh in the North decider and overcame the "Swans" to meet Moycarkey in the final. My brother Garry scored three goals that day. The late Denis Flannery and Donie Nealon were the other selectors. The pre match motivational speeches could be heard on Keeper Hill!

Denis Maher father of Shane, Pakie and Bill Hogan, Johnny Flynn, John Kennedy, JP Mc Donnell, Michael O'Donnell, Sean and Liam Mulcahy and Garry Howard are the Burgess players I recall best.

Kildangan had fine players in Nickey Flannery, John D'Arcy, William, Terry and Christy Moloney, Ollie Kileen, Seamus Hayes and Martin Healy (sadly both no longer with us) and Donal Lyne. Donal was a Kerry man, what he lacked in hurling finesse he made up for in spirit and tenacity. He is now a manager in famous Coolmore. I apologize to those I have left out. You too were a part of a special group.

I would dearly love to see the Frank Mc Grath Cup coming to Burgess this evening. He has great grand nephews on the Burgess panel Garrett Howard, Timmy Hogan, Eoin Hogan. To day I remember Burgess family members and friends who are no longer with us, I think particularly of my own parents, Breda Ryan, Paddy Casey, Michael McDonnell and Fr. Johnny our beloved PP, (Kildangan native) I'll think too of Seamus Hayes, Denis Flannery and Fr. O'Donoghue who were so much part of Kildangan.

I wish Burgess every success to day. Bring back the Frank Mc Grath Cup to his native parish.





Burgess team management - (l to r) - Darrell Tucker (selector), Diarmuid Mullins (trainer), Tony Considine (manager) and Michael O'Dwyer (selector). *Photograph: Bridget Delaney*

Burgess Scorers in Championship

Tony Scroope:	1-37 (0-24 frees & 0-1 '65)
Kevin Nealon:	5-09 (0-3 frees).
Noel Gleeson:	2-06.
Jonathon Ryan:	2-02.
Timmy Hogan:	0-06 (0-1 sideline).
Pa Tucker:	0-04.
Brian Hogan:	0-04 (0-1f & 0-1 '65)
Shane Maher:	0-04 (0-3 frees).
Jonathon Maher:	0-02.
Damien O'Brien:	0-02.
Garrett Howard:	0-01.
Donagh Maher:	0-01.

Burgess' path to the Final

May 11:	Burgess 0-11 Portroe 1-13
May 18:	Burgess 1-15 Kildangan 2-12
June 15:	Burgess 3-12 Moneygall 2-12
Jun 22:	Burgess 4-11 Kilruane MacDonaghs 1-18

Seamus Hogan's multi-coloured career in hurling

By **Gerry Slevin**

From Kiladangan (under 15) to St Flannan's College Ennis (Harty Cup captain); on to the Tipp minors and from there to UCC (Fitzgibbon Cup captain). Next to All-Ireland under 21 title with Tipp and then to the Tipp seniors before donning the maroon and white of Galway and an All-Ireland semi final appearance against Wexford. County senior championship success with Liam Mellows in Galway followed by a return to his native county and one All-Ireland senior medal in a six year sojourn in the blue and gold. Three divisional titles with Kiladangan, divisional and county junior and intermediate titles with Borrisokane and a tidy golfer to boot.

What a multi-coloured career indeed and it belonged to Seamus Hogan, one of the finest ever to hail from Kiladangan and from whom a lot more would surely have been heard had it not been his ill luck to have worn the Tipp colours during that long 'transitional' period following the '71 All-Ireland win.

Kiladangan, of course, was where it all began as an under 15 player. St Flannan's in Ennis was the next port of call where the distinction of leading the college to Harty Cup honours in 1965 fell to him. The same year he donned the Tipp colours in minor grade, moving up to under 21 and All-Ireland success in '67 and making his Tipp senior debut two years later. His hurling prowess was extended to the keenly contested universities competitions when going to UCC where he led his Third Level team to Fitzgibbon Cup success in 1970. It was a cause for great rejoicing in Cork, it being the first time the coveted trophy was back there in twenty one years.

1970 brought Seamus to teaching duty at Ballinasloe Vocational School. His consequent declaration for Galway saw him line out against

Wexford in that year's All-Ireland semi-final and defeat there was partially compensated for when he won a Galway senior championship medal with Liam Mellows the same season.

It was back to Tipperary in 1971 and what a timely return, Seamus and P. J. Ryan forming the mid field partnership on Tipp's all-conquering side that claimed the McCarthy Cup on September 5th. A regular with Tipp for the next six years, his only tangible reward was an Oireachtas medal in '72. He was, of course, a member of the Tipp side that travelled to San Francisco to meet the inaugural All Stars team in early '72.

Back home at club level there were divisional Intermediate titles to celebrate with Kiladangan in '71, '77 and '80, these to add to that of 1966 when he was only 19 years old. The '71 victory was extended to county success, making that season the most memorable of all.

In 1979 Seamus was appointed Principal of Borrisokane Community College and he decided to throw in his lot with the local club. A fortunate decision it was, both for Seamus and for Borrisokane because his array of awards was extended with divisional and county junior medals in '81 and similar mementos in Inter. Grade in '82. *The Guardian Hurler* of the Year accolade was his in '82 and he assisted the Borrisokane senior side for a number of years after that.

A model of consistency throughout a long career Seamus is no slouch either on the golf course where he shares an avid interest with wife Nora, the current Lady Captain at Nenagh Golf Club. No doubt he will enjoy today's fare as his native club seeks to regain a title that has eluded it since four years before Seamus was born.

Truly, one of Kiladangan's greats.



Five North Tipp hurler in top 100

By **Liam Hogan**

Five North Tipperary men are featured in the top hundred hurlers printed in the May issue of the McCarthy O8 magazine which is on sale in shops locally.

Liam Devaney, Borris-Ileigh fared best at 19th followed by Donie Nealon, Burgess at 30th. Roscrea's Francis Loughnane came in at 46th and winning Tipp captain, Tommy Dunne was placed at 73rd position. Nenagh star, Michael Cleary arrived at 84th.

The list that was conducted on hurlers who played for their county in the past fifty years and fourteen Tipperary players featured overall.

Kilkenny All-Star and winning All-Ireland captain, D J Carey topped the poll with Christy Ring a surprise second. Eddie Keher was placed in third position while Jimmy Doyle was reckoned to be Tipperary's best in fourth.

Present day star, Henry Shefflin of Kilkenny came fifth with Brian Whelahan of Offaly at 6th. In 7th place came Tipperary's second best judged hurler in John Doyle. Clare full back, Brian Lohan won at 8th position while Eamon Cregan, Limerick and Noel Skehan of Kilkenny completed the top ten.

The remainder of the list from 11 to 100 is as follows:

- 11: Jimmy Barry Murphy (Cork)
- 12: Frank Cummins (Kilkenny)
- 13: Pat Hartigan (Limerick)
- 14: **Nickey English (Tipperary)**
- 15: Nick O'Donnell (Wexford)
- 16: Ollie Walsh (Kilkenny)
- 17: Joe Cooney (Galway)
- 18: Tony Doran (Wexford)
- 19: **Liam Devaney (Tipperary)**
- 20: John Connolly (Galway)
- 21: **Babs Keating (Tipperary)**
- 22: John Fenton (Cork)
- 23: Damien Martin (Offaly)
- 24: Phil Grimes (Waterford)
- 25: Ger Henderson (Kilkenny)
- 26: Joe McKenna (Limerick)
- 27: Pat Henderson (Kilkenny)
- 28: Davy Fitzgerald (Clare)

- 29: Billy Rackard (Wexford)
- 30: **Donie Nealon (Tipperary)**
- 31: Tommy Walsh (Kilkenny)
- 32: Damien Fitzhenry (Wexford)
- 33: Eamon Grimes (Limerick)
- 34: Ger Cunningham (Cork)
- 35: Fan Larkin (Kilkenny)
- 36: **Eoin Kelly (Tipperary)**
- 37: Sean McMahon (Clare)
- 38: Eugene Coughlan (Offaly)
- 39: Joe Hennessey (Kilkenny)
- 40: James O'Connor (Clare)
- 41: Tony O'Sullivan (Cork)
- 42: Ned Wheeler (Wexford)
- 43: Tom Cheasty (Waterford)
- 44: Seamus Durack (Clare)
- 45: Tom Cashman (Cork)
- 46: **Francis Loughnane (Tipperary)**
- 47: Liam Chunky O'Brien (Kilkenny)
- 48: Peter Finnerty (Galway)
- 49: Seamus Cleere (Kilkenny)
- 50: **Mick Roche (Tipperary)**
- 51: Dan Quigley (Wexford)
- 52: Brian Corcoran (Cork)
- 53: Martin Quigley (Wexford)
- 54: **Tony Wall (Tipperary)**
- 55: Denis Coughlan (Cork)
- 56: Conor Hayes (Galway)
- 57: Mick Jacob (Wexford)
- 58: Charlie McCarthy (Cork)
- 59: Gary Kirby (Limerick)
- 60: Austin Flynn (Waterford)
- 61: Iggy Clarke (Galway)
- 62: John Horgan (Cork)
- 63: Sylvie Leenane (Galway)
- 64: **Pat Fox (Tipperary)**
- 65: Kieran Purcell (Kilkenny)
- 66: Tom Neville (Wexford)
- 67: Padraig Horan (Offaly)
- 68: Liam Fennelly (Kilkenny)
- 69: Seanie O'Leary (Cork)
- 70: Lenord Enright (Limerick)
- 71: Gerald McCarthy (Cork)
- 72: George O'Connor (Wexford)
- 73: **Tommie Dunne (Tipperary)**

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- 74: Billie Fitzpatrick (Kilkenny)
- 75: Jimmy Brohan (Cork)
- 76: Brian Cody (Kilkenny)
- 77: Pat Delaney (Offaly)
- 78: Theo English (Tipperary)**
- 79: Ken McGrath (Waterford)
- 80: P J Molloy (Galway)
- 81: Martin Doherty (Cork)
- 82: Anthony Daly (Clare)
- 83: Joachim Kelly (Offaly)
- 84: Michael Cleary (Tipperary)**
- 85: Richie Bennis (Limerick)
- 86: Martin Storey (Wexford)
- 87: Joe Deane (Cork)
- 88: Brian Murphy (Cork)
- 89: Noel Lane (Galway)
- 90: Martin Hanamy (Offaly)
- 91: Jimmy Smith (Clare)
- 92: Willie O'Connor (Kilkenny)
- 93: Ger Loughnane (Clare)
- 94: Tony Keady (Galway)
- 95: Johnnie Callinan (Clare)
- 96: Ger Coughlan (Offaly)
- 97: Thomas Mulcahy (Cork)
- 98: Ciaran Carey (Limerick)
- 99: Johnny Dooley (Offaly)
- 100: Sambo McNaughton (Antrim).



Nicky English, top Tipp player

Top 25 in last twenty-five years

Five of the Tipp players listed above feature in the top 25 Tipp players that played for the county in the past twenty-five years. They include Nickey English, Eoin Kelly, Pat Fox, Michael Cleary and Tomas Dunne.

But in a strange twist, the magazine placed Michael Cleary in fifth, one position ahead of Tommie Dunne after both players were in reverse roles in the top 100 at 84th and 73rd respectively. And in another strange tale, Declan Ryan comes in at fourth in the Top 25 Tipp players but failed to feature in the top 100.

Overall 10 North Tipp players that played senior championship in the past few decades are featured in the top 25 and the list in full is as follows:

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| 1: Nicky English (Lattin-Cullen) | 6: Tomas Dunne (Toomevara) |
| 2: Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) | 7: John Leahy (Boherlahan) |
| 3: Pat Fox (Eire Og Annacarty) | 8: Bobby Ryan (Borris-Ileigh) |
| 4: Declan Ryan (Clounoulty-Rossmore) | 9: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange) |
| 5: Michael Cleary (Nenagh Eire Og) | 10: Conal Bonnar (Cashel) |
| | 11: Eamonn Corcoran (J K Brackens) |
| | 12: Noel Sheedy (Silvermines) |
| | 13: Cormac Bonnar (Cashel) |
| | 14: Philip Maher (Borris-Ileigh) |
| | 15: Aidan Ryan (Borris-Ileigh) |
| | 16: John Kennedy (Clounoulty-Rossmore) |
| | 17: Colm Bonnar (Cashel) |
| | 18: Declan Carr (Holycross-Ballycahill) |
| | 19: Ken Hogan (Lorrha) |
| | 20: Donie O'Connell (Killenaule) |
| | 21: Joe Hayes (Clounoulty -Rossmore) |
| | 22: Paul Kelly (Mullinahone) |
| | 23: Paul Delaney (Roscrea) |
| | 24: Conor O'Donovan (Nenagh Eire Og) |
| | 25: John Carroll (Roscrea) |



Ballinahinch Junior team that won the Watch Centre Junior 'A' North final. *Back row l-r - Ger Griffin, Donnacha Ryan, Noel Kearns, Alan Kelly, Noel Fahy, Brendan Healy, Marcus Ryan, Shane McGrath. Kneeling: Michael Fitzgerald, Dermot Healy (captain), Dessie Kelly, Paudie Berkery, Michael Harrington, Adrian Kelly, Philip Kelly. Photograph: Bridget Delaney.*



Templederry 2008, Intermediate Hurling League Champions. *Photograph: Bridget Delaney.*

Team of the Championship '08

Chosen by **Shane Brophy** *The Guardian*

1

Jody Harkin

(Borris-Ileigh)

2

Martin Treacy

(Borris-Ileigh)

3

Liam Kelly

(Kildangan)

4

Paul McGrath

(Toomevara)

5

Mark O'Meara

(Roscrea)

6

Shane Maher

(Burgess)

7

Ger Slattery

(Kildangan)

8

Seamus Hennessy

(Kilruane)

9

Timmy Hogan

(Burgess)

10

Darragh Egan

(Kildangan)

11

Kevin Nealon

(Burgess)

12

Tony Scroope

(Burgess)

13

Michael Creamer

(Portroe)

14

Tommy Fitzgerald

(Roscrea)

15

Ruairi Gleeson

(Kildangan)

Subs: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Donagh Maher (Burgess); Kevin Maher (Lorrha); Ray Maloney (Roscrea); Damien O'Brien (Burgess); Brian Kelly (Kildangan); Ken Dunne (Toomevara); John Keane (Borris-Ileigh).

Manager: Joe Sexton (Portroe).

North Finals 20 x 20

By **Jimmy Conroy**, former Toomevara, Nenagh and Galway

1948: Lorrha 5-4 Borrisoleigh 2-5

Borrisoleigh surrendered their North crown when they were defeated by Lorrha in a downpour at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh on August 22nd.

An attendance of 5,000 witnessed a game which was fiercely contested until the final whistle. The outstanding feature of the game was the display of Tony Reddan in the Lorrha goal, especially in the closing stages as he denied desperate Borris onslaughts.

Lorrha had the assistance of the elements in the first half. However Paddy Kenny opened the scoring with a pointed free. Shortly afterwards Lorrha took the lead when Billy Donoghue goaled and soon afterwards Billy Hogan had a second.

Great defensive work by Lorrha kept the Borris score low and after Paddy Guinan's good play, Benny Donoghue had his second goal. Borris fought back but Reddan made some spectacular saves before Sean Kenny scored a point. E

O'Meara added a Lorrha point and they had their fourth goal with Billy Hogan scoring. The half finished when Sean Kenny pointed to leave the half time scoreline at Lorrha 4-3 Borrisoleigh 0-4.

With the rain continuing to pour down, Borris created early raids on the Lorrha goal but Reddan again denied them. Eventually he was beaten by a Sean Kenny shot.

Borris suffered a severe loss when Paddy Kenny was sent off early in the half and when E O'Meara put Benny O'Donoghue through for his third and Lorrha's fifth goal, Borrisoleigh's grip on their title was slipping fast.

Despite fierce pressure, they found the Lorrha defence unyielding. Philly Ryan pointed for Borris and with time running out, Ralph Ryan had their second goal to leave the final score, Lorrha 5-4 Borrisoleigh 2-5.

LORRHA: A. Reddan, P O'Sullivan, D O'Donoghue, M O'Meara (L), T Lambe, M Brophy, J O'Meara, E O'Meara, P Guinan, D

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Through Memories Haze

By *Gerry Slevin*

GAA memories gleaned from 45
years in provincial journalism

IN BOOKSHOPS AND NEWSAGENTS FOR CHRISTMAS

O'Meara, T Ryan, M O'Meara (B), B O'Donoghue, M O'Meara(R), W Hogan.

BORRIS-ILEIGH: M Ryan, J Hackett, D O'Meara, J Coffey, J Ryan, P Maher, W Stapleton, P Ryan, S Kenny, J Finn, R Ryan, P Kenny, T Ryan, P Crowley, H Bourke.

Referee, Con Heffernan (Kilruane MacDonaghs)

1968: Roscrea 2-15 Borris-Ileigh 3-7

In a game that failed to reach the expected heights, Roscrea retained the North Tipp senior hurling title when defeating Borris-Ileigh in front of 5,000 spectators at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh on Sunday September 8th.

Over anxiety in the young Borris side was obvious from an early stages with Roscrea, a match hardened side, coping much better with the atmosphere. They led 1-8 to 1-4 at half time and extended their lead with an early second half point.

But when Kieran McDonnell shot a Borris-Ileigh goal, the game really came to life. Inspired by Liam Devaney, Borris came within a point of the champions. However, Roscrea raised their game and build up a commanding 2-15 to 1-7 lead.

Borris-Ileigh to their credit rallied but time was against them and Roscrea finished worthy winners after a sporting game.

The midfield partnership of Francis Loughnane and Mick Minogue laid the foundations of victory with Loughnane finishing on a tally of 0-9. The Roscrea defence turned in a first class performance giving goalkeeper, Tadgh Murphy great cover. Joe Tynan was the best attacker with great support coming from Jackie Hannon, Mick Nolan and Liam Brussels.

Eddie Loughnane had a great first half for Borris-Ileigh. Matt Stapleton worked tirelessly as did Liam Devaney, Noel O'Dwyer and Kieran McDonnell.

ROSCREA: T. Murphy; M. Hogan. K. Carey. J. Dillon; P Roland, T. O'Connor, B Maher; F. Loughnane 0-9, M. Minogue; J. Tynan 1-1, M. Nolan 0-1, L. Brussels 0-1; B Hogan, J. Hannon 1-1, H. Loughnane.

BORRIS-ILEIGH: P. Kennedy; P. Stapleton, J.

Molumphy, P. Maher; E. Loughnane, Matt Stapleton, T. O'Dwyer 1-0; M. Stapleton, T. Delaney; M. Delaney, N. O'Dwyer 1-2, L. Devaney 0-3; T. Tierney, J. Kelly 0-1, K. McDonnell 1-1. Sub- J. Loughnane.

1988: Borris-Ileigh 1-15 Roscrea 1-7

In one of the tamest finals for many years, Borris-Ileigh confirmed pre-match expectations by defeating Roscrea at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh on Sunday July 24th.

In a game spoiled by the strong wind, Roscrea failed to take advantage of numerous first half chances and Borris-Ileigh had a comfortable win in the end.

Roscrea had the breeze to assist them in the first half and led by seven points at half time but it was not enough as there seemed little doubt that Borris-Ileigh would increase the momentum with the elements in their favour for the second half.

From the throw in, Roscrea tried to build up a commanding lead but wasted chances cost them dearly. Aidan Ryan opened the scoring with a Borris point but Roscrea yielded two points from Michael Scully. Indeed Scully was the main scorer in the first half contributing 1-3.

At half time Roscrea led by 1-6 to 0-2 and when play resumed Scully had an early Roscrea point and this proved to be their only second half score. Minutes later, Philip Kenny goaled for Borris-Ileigh and his team took control as a series of points by Kenny, Noel O'Dwyer, Conor and Richard Stakelum saw them capture their 12th North title with seven points to spare.

BORRIS-ILEIGH: N. Maher; S. Devaney, T. Stapleton, M Ryan; R Stakelum 0-2, G. Stapleton, B. Ryan; A. Ryan 0-2, T. Ryan; B. Kenny, C. Stakelum 0-4, J. McGrath; C. Reid, N. O' Dwyer 0-4, P. Kenny 1-2.

ROSCREA: K. Maloney; B. Carey, T. O'Connor, J Bergin; A. O'Meara, D. Kealy, P. Delaney; J. Pyne, A. Shanahan; G. O'Connor, J. Fletcher, J. Stone 0-1; L. Carson, J. Treacy 0-2, M. Scully 1-4.

Subs : T. Hctor, Owen Maher.

Referee: M Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs).



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Connie Whelan

by Bridget Delaney

The esteemed Joint President of Burgess GAA club Connie Whelan from Ballywilliam passed to his eternal reward at his residence on Saturday night, August 25th 2001 in the company of close friends. He is predeceased by his brother Eddie and sister Nonie Morris.

The Whelan family were well-respected, popular neighbours and devoted to their faith. Connie came from a family steeped in hurling tradition, as his uncle Jimmy 'Butler' Coffey hurled on the Tipperary senior team which won the 1937 All-Ireland final at Killarney. Connie and his team-mates often went off in the middle of the night to seek 'makings' for hurleys. The policy was to never ask Connie Whelan from Burgess for ash, as a refusal would mean that there would be finger pointing when the precious timber disappeared. The Whelan brothers Connie and Eddie went to their next door neighbours the Ryans at cuirdeact time, and here hurling matches were planned or relived and often hurleys were made. Connie Whelan was appointed Burgess GAA Treasurer in 1950 retaining the position for eighteen years. During his reign, he never had to pay rent for fields which the club used in training, as the club had no pitch of its own. Connie always ensured that all needs were catered for and a meal was arranged after all finals. Connie kept the club funds in a tin box at the Whelan residence, and every penny was accounted for. He organised club events such as training, the annual dance in Silvermines Hall and cycled to North Board meetings, hail, rain or shine. His mother Janie washed the Burgess jerseys and was Sacristan in Ballywilliam Church for numerous years.

HURLING CAREER

Connie and Eddie Whelan were members of the Burgess junior team which went down to Kilruane MacDonaghs in the 1950 North final. Connie collected his first North intermediate medal in 1951 when Burgess defeated a fancied Lorrha side by 4-5 to 2-4 at Borrisokane. Two busloads of Burgess Gaels travelled to the final and afterwards celebrated in the up-stairs of Reddin's Public House. Connie played the accordion, while some of his team-mates danced a set. However, the entertainment came to an abrupt end when a person came running up the stairs, stating that the ceiling was lifting underneath. Connie got his second North IHC medal in 1953 when it took three days for Burgess to defeat Shannon Rovers. He moved from his customary corner-back position to midfield for the third encounter. The team celebrated this famous victory at Rohan's Public House. Connie was selected for the Tipperary junior hurling team on the following year. Mick Darcy from Borrisokane was his hackney driver to training sessions. Tipperary defeated Kerry in miserable

conditions at Cashel, but went down to Limerick at Kilmallock. The team got ham sandwiches after both games, but when this team represented the senior side at a tournament game in Waterford, Connie and his team colleagues enjoyed a five course meal at a hotel. He played in the 1954 senior club championship, but Burgess was back in intermediate ranks on the following year, when they went down to Toomevara in the North final by 1-4 to 4-6. Connie marked Matt Hassett that day. The great wrist work of Connie Whelan was evident when Burgess accounted for Ballyskenach by 4-13 to 4-1 in the 1956 North IHC final. His brother Eddie had emigrated to England on the previous March. More North IHC medals came Connie's way in 1959 (against Roscrea) and in 1963 (against Shannon Rovers). His last game in the club colours was when Burgess went down to Carrick Davins in the County junior final. He continued to help the cause through thick and thin. His opinion was highly valued. A great man to recollect a story, he could recall duels on the playing pitch, as could his brother-in-law Jimmy Morris from Nenagh. The popular gael could be seen Sunday after Sunday at the 'bank' in MacDonagh Park, Nenagh. A passenger was often placed on the handle bar of his bicycle en route to those games, and they were guaranteed a return journey. In later years, Connie was willing to fill his car with gaels going to a hurling match. His motto was to share everything.

A GREAT NEIGHBOUR

The Whelan family were always prepared to put their shoulder to the wheel, when assisting their neighbours or their community. The policy of many hands makes light work applied. Work was second nature to them, and because of manual endeavours Connie was always fit in the playing pitch. Darkness was often the long whistle to daily chores. He worked for everything that he got, and appreciated every so called luxury that came his way. Everyone that went to Connie's house got fed, while children always got a special place and were well provided for. His dog Jack, bird Bertie and Toomevara hen were treated like human beings by this neat gentleman.

The burial was at Lisboney Cemetery. In blistering sunshine, a nephew Ger Morris (affectionately known as Snowy) gave a graveside oration to a special man, while the then Burgess GAA Chairman PJ Hogan paid homage to his great contribution to Burgess club and his devoted service to his parish. Connie would be smiling from above if his nephew, Martin Morris and niece Jane Devaney of the sponsors The Hibernian are presenting the Frank McGrath Cup (also a parish native) to the men from Burgess.



Kevin Nealon who scored a brace of goals for Burgess gets ahead of Borrisoleigh's Paddy Stapleton in Nenagh. Photograph: Bridget Delaney

Kildangan Scorers in Championship

Darragh Egan	1-41 (0-28f, 0-2 '65, 0-2 line)
Ruairi Gleeson	1-11
Eoin Gleeson	2-3
Joe Gallagher	0-8
Eoin Kelly	2-0
Ger Slattery	0-5
Liam Karl Flannery	0-4
Pat Lynch	0-4
Brian Kelly	0-4
Dermot Hogan	1-0 (pen)
Karl Hogan	0-2
Sean Gleeson	0-1
Rory Whelan	0-1

Kildangan's path to the Final

May 4: Kildangan 2-16
Moneygall 1-12

May 11: Kildangan 1-15
Kilruane 1-14

May 18: Kildangan 2-12
Burgess 1-15

Jun 22: Kildangan 0-24
Portroe 2-18

July 27: Kildangan 2-18
Roscrea 2-12

Total 7-85 (120 pts) 9-71 (98 pts)

All-Ireland U-21 medal holders from North Tipperary

By **P. J. Maxwell**

Today's North finalists have won six All-Ireland medals between them. Nenagh Eire Óg have the greater amount as the list shows:

15 clubs, 77 players share 86 medals

NENAGH EIRE OG: *10 players (14 medals)*

Brian Heffernan 1979-1980-1981, Roger Coffey 1979-1980, P.J. Maxwell (Capt.) 1980, Michael Kennedy 1980, Philip Kennedy 1980,1981 (Capt.), Jim O'Sullivan 1981, John Flannery 1985, Kevin Tucker 1995, Robbie Tomlinson 1995, Declan O'Meara 1995.

ROSCREA: *12 players (12 medals)*

Francis Loughnane (Capt.) 1964, Owen Killoran 1964, John Dillon 1964, Barney Hogan 1964, Tadhg O'Connor 1967, Purdy Loughnane 1979, John Stone 1979, Ger O'Connor 1979, Joe Butler 1981, Michael Scully (Capt.) 1985, Donal Kealy 1985, Paul Delaney 1985.

BORRIS-ILEIGH: *9 players (11 medals)*

Noel O'Dwyer 1967, Timmy Delaney 1967, Gerry Stapleton 1979, Pat Ryan 1979, Michael Ryan 1980-1981, Bobby Ryan 1980-1981, Aidan Ryan 1985, John McGrath 1985, Conor Stakelum 1989.

TOOMEVARA: *7 players (7 medals)*

Michael Delaney 1967, Noel McDonnell 1985, George Frend 1989, Michael Nolan 1989, Philip Shanahan 1995, Tommy Dunne 1995, Terry Dunne 1995.

LORRHA: *7 players (7 medals)*

Mick O'Meara 1964, Noel Lane 1964, Liam Moran 1967, Brian Mannion 1979, Joe Kennedy 1980, John McIntyre 1981, John Madden 1989.

BORRISOKANE: *6 players (6 medals)*

Conor O'Dwyer 1964, Ian Conroy 1981,

Sean Moran 1981, John McKenna 1985, Padraig Hogan 1989, Keith Slevin 1995.

NEWPORT: *5 medals (5 medals)*

Noel O'Gorman 1964, Seamus Shinnors 1964, Timmy Floyd 1979, Ger Bradley 1985, Dinny Ryan 1989.

KILDANGAN: *5 players (5 medals)*

Seamus Hogan 1967, Donal Flannery 1980, Colm Egan 1989, Eamon Kelly 1989, Brian Flannery 1995.

MONEYGALL: *4 players (4 medals)*

Henry Condrón 1967, Michael Nolan 1967, Seamus Collison 1985, Jack Ryan 1967.

PORTROE: *3 players (4 medals)*

John Sheedy 1979-1980, James Seymour 1985, Liam Sheedy 1989.

KILRUANE MacDONAGHS:

3 players (3 medals)

Len Gaynor 1964, Enda Hogan 1979, Eamon O'Shea 1979.

SILVERMINES: *2 players (3 medals)*

Alan Kinsella 1980-1981, Noel Sheehy 1985.

TEMPLEDERRY: *2 players (3 medals)*

Michael Murphy 1979-1980, Michael Stapleton 1979.

BURGESS: *1 Liam McGrath 1995.*

BALLINAHINCH: *1 Michael Ryan 1980.*

Ballina, Shannon Rovers and Knockshegowna are the only teams not to have a representative so far.

Paddy Bourke and the country cousins

Paddy Bourke celebrated his 85th birthday last Sunday watching his beloved Tipperary underperforming in Croke Park. Next Sunday Paddy will be in MacDonagh Park, Nenagh supporting Burgess and hoping that they will acquire the Frank McGrath Cup.

Paddy has had a distinguished and varied career in sport. He played all grades of hurling and football with Nenagh, Wolfe Tones, Sarsfields, St Mary, played street leagues with Pound Street. Paddy played rugby with N.O.R.F.C. and soccer with Nenagh Town. Through his work Paddy played both codes in Athlone, Tullamore, and had a very successful spell with Thurles Sarsfields and Crokes. He played handball with St. Mary's in Nenagh and ran cross-country with the MacDonaghs.

Today Paddy remembers with fondness and pride the time he spent wielding his "HITLER" made caman with Duharra.

Having forged life long friendships with the Ballywilliams and the Newtowns through school it was through his many summers spent with his mother's people, the Ryans of Gurteenakilla and their "country cousins" the O'Brien's of Newtown that the early bonds were made.

Paddy's best pal at the start of the war years was Sean Collins of Youghalarra who came from a family who gave so much of their time and talents to the local club.

Paddy was running Conroy's pub in Pound Street just below Rohan's and hurling talk and sport in general was the order of the day. When the country lads would come in for a "whet" Johnny Iremonde would entertain them with his music and poetry.

Conroy's became a stand for the Burgess boys and one night Sean Collins invited his multi talented pal to throw in his lot with Duharra.

"Fair enough" says Paddy "I'll join ye" provided that Sean would reciprocate and throw in his lot with "Naynagh" the following year. The deal was done and sealed in the traditional way over a few drinks.

Paddy's transfer was written in Irish and escaped under the radar of the Nenagh delegates. Pdraig de Burca was cleared to play

for Duharra.

Paddy trained hard with Duharra under the keen eye of Roddy Nealon and his cohorts.

They played in several tournaments and charity matches acquiring a respectful name from themselves having defeated the big teams of there times. Paddy played 3 matches that year with Duharra lining out at wing back and enjoying hurling with the strength of the two Mahers et al.

One of Paddy's memorable moments was when Duharra beat Kildangan in the semi-final. Thus qualifying to meet Kilruane in the Final.

A life long dream, to play in and win a North Senior Hurling Championship final, was about to be realised.

Having prepared well with the Duharra warriors and was about to take his place for the final, disappointment was his lot.

That great Gael and wily official Con Heffernan had sent word to the Duharra boys that if they won the final that they would object on the grounds that Paddy Bourke was illegal, purely because his "lodging" address that he gave on his transfer was that of his uncle Tom Ryan of Gurteenakilla which was actually in the parish of Kildangan and not in Burgess as was assumed.

Paddy's heart was temporarily broken as he sat on the sideline and could do nothing to prevent a Kilruane victory.

Paddy's moment of glory was to come when along with his great pal Sean Collins they both won North and County medals with St. Mary's Nenagh in 1947.

Paddy's knowledge of the "Duharra" landscape proved fruitful as he "roved" out to Youhalarra and brought home to his mother the greatest prize of all, he married Margaret Ryan of Youghalarra and further ensured that the warm and amiable links between the "Townies" and the "Country Cousins" continued as it does today.

So when Paddy Bourke and Con Ryan meet Paddy Morrissey and Seamus Flannery at the much eagerly awaited final they will have many wonderful memories to share with each other. Hurling and hurling men will be the winner on Sunday.



Shane Maher . . . Burgess centre back supermo

By **Liam Hogan**

One of the outstanding features of this year's Hibernian Inn North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship must surely be the displays of Shane Maher at centre back for Burgess.

He has been man of the match in most of the championship outings holding Dinny Hogan, Paddy Stapleton, Diarmuid Kennedy and Karl Hogan scoreless. Toomevara found out about his power in the recent semi-final as he led a strong half back performance making their display, the foundation for a deserved victory.

In a very busy year the Burgess number six has combined club duty with excellent displays at left wing on the Tipperary senior hurling team where he has established a permanent place since taking the poison against cork last year.

Opponents like Ben O'Connor, Tony Carmody and Richie Power have come out second best in recent league and championship meetings. In last Sunday's All-Ireland semi-final Shane added another excellent performance out-hurling the great Dan Shanahan.

His activity with the county team has seen the Gortmore native win three medals in 2008 collecting honours in Waterford Crystal Cup, Allianz National League and Munster final. As a result, Shane became the first Burgess player to bring League and Munster honours to the parish since Donie Nealon achieved it in the great era of Tipp hurling throughout the sixties and seventies.

Today, Maher hopes to add north senior medal to his impressive club haul.

Shane has won many honours with his club. At juvenile he won a North U1-2 B football in 1992 and three years later he won a North U-14 B hurling. In '97, he won a North U-16 and Minor B football double adding a county title in the U-16 grade. A year later Shane added a North and county U-21 B hurling medals to his

collection before securing two more North and County U-21 A Hurling honours the following year as well as adding both North and County honours in the Minor A football.

Hurling and football medals reached his mantelpiece once again in 2002 and was chosen North U-21 footballer of the year the same year. He captained Burgess to North Tipp Intermediate honours in '03 and earned the Hurler of the year award as well. Two years later he led his side to a north IHC title again and crowned the season with county Intermediate honours.

He has represented Tipp in all grades of football and played with the Tipp Under-21 hurling side in '02. When Ken Hogan was chosen as manager of the Tipperary senior side in '04, he invited Shane to the panel. Maher played at centre forward but failed to establish a place on the team.

He had to wait until '07 when Babs Keating chose him at wing back in the All-Ireland qualifiers and he hasn't looked back since. Creating a prominent half backline partnership with Conor O'Mahony and Eamon Corcoran, Shane has worked hard on his game under the watchful eye of Eamon O'Shea.

His display in league semi-final against Kilkenny was a real find and he surpassed it in the final against Galway. In the Munster championship he continued to impress placing him as a shortlist candidate for an All-Star next November.

But its back to the club scene to day as Shane will do his utmost to bring home the Frank McGrath Cup and bridge a gap of 99 years.



North Tipperary Hurling Championship in Youghalarra 1908

By Liam Hogan

Information about the 1908 North championship is sketchy. It seems that 16 teams entered and it was suggested that six teams would come to any given venue to play three games.

On such round, According to the *Nenagh News and Tipperary Vindicator*, dated September 21 1908, that a major Hurling day as part of the North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship (run on a league basis) was to be staged in Youghalarra on the 4th day of October.

The six teams taking part were Lahorna De Wets, defending champions, who were poised to play Kilcommon. Youghalarra were due to play Borrisokane and Nenagh

Institute GAC were drawn against local rivals, Nenagh Shamrocks.

It also stated that both De Wets and Kilcommon were unbeaten but according to Seamus King's *North Tipperary History*, De Wets finally won with Youghalarra taking runners-up position and Clonakenny finishing in third spot.

But on the day in question, the first game was to commence at 1.30pm and admission was 3d.

There were major prizes for the winners, runners up and third placed teams with 17 silver watches, 17 suits of Irish tweed and 17 Irish made jerseys going in that order.



Kildangan team talk following their victory of Roscrea in the North Tipp senior hurling semi-final.

Picture: Bridget Delaney.

Ballinahinch Intermediate

	1 Cormac McGrath	
2	3	4
Thomas Grace	Donnacha McGrath	Marcus Ryan
5	6	7
Paidi Berkery	Alan Kelly (capt)	Brendan Healy
	8	9
	Shane Healy	Shane McGrath
10	11	12
Tommy Kelly	Donnacha Ryan	Adrian Kelly
13	14	15
Liam Berkery	John Foley	Gerard Griffin

Fir Ionaide: 16. Philip Kelly (Sub Goalkeeper), 17. Sean Berkery, 18. Cathal Bourke, 19. Barry Cross, 20. Shane Fitzgerald, 21. Mark Kelly, 22. Michael Lynch, 23. Raphael Ryan.

Templederry Kenyons Intermediate

	1 Matthew Ryan	
2	3	4
Michael Ryan	Padraig Ryan	Johnny Harkins
5	6	7
Christy Coughlan	Thomas Stapleton	Tommy Ryan
	8	9
	Timmy Minogue (capt)	Gearoid Ryan
10	11	12
Padraig Ryan	Cathal Ryan	Adrian Ryan
13	14	15
Padraig O'Leary	Donal McGrath	Seamus Kennedy

Fir Ionaide: 17 Paul Murray, 18 Eanna Murray, 19 James Hogan, 20 Pat Minogue, 21 Billy Corcoran, 22 J. J. Fahey, 23 Donie Kennedy, 24 Tadhg McLoughney, 25 Pao Kennedy, 26 Pat Ryan, 27 Ronan Kinane, 28 Tommy Hogan

Coach/Trainer: Jimmy Sweeney. **Selectors:** Michael Stapleton and John Collins.

First Aid/Physio: Jacqueline Minogue.



C.L.G. Buirgeas

Buirgeas

	1	
	Niall McGrath	
2	3	4
Ger Fogarty	David Maher	Donagh Maher
5	6	7
Brian Hogan (capt)	Shane Maher	Damien O'Brien
8	9	
Timmy Hogan	Robert Cremin	
10	11	12
Patrick Tucker	Kevin Nealon	Tony Dunne
13	14	15
Jonathon Ryan	Tony Scroope	Noel Gleeson

Fir Ionaí

17 Jonathan Maher; 18 Garrett Howard;
 19 Eoin Hogan; 20 Paul Hogan; 21 Michael Dunne;
 22 John Hogan; 23 Patrick Hogan; 24 Gerry Ryan;
 25 Sean Flynn; 26 Peter Carroll; 27 Leo Quigley.

Raghnóirei

Manager: Tony Considine
Selectors: Darrell Tucker, Michael O'Dwyer
Trainer: Diarmuid Mullins
Physio: Nora Cremin



Captain: Brian Hogan

Cill an Daingain



	1	
	Dermot Hogan	
2	3	4
Michael Ryan (j. capt)	Liam Kelly	Brian Lawlor
5	6	7
John Slattery	Dan Hackett	Gerry Slattery
8	9	
Brian Kelly (j. capt)	Joe Gallagher	
10	11	12
Paddy Lynch	Eóin Kelly	Liam Karol Flannery
13	14	15
Sean Gleeson	Darragh Egan	Ruairí Gleeson

Fir Ionaí

16 Eóin Gleeson, 17 Martin Minihan, 18 Rory Whelan, 19 Karl Hogan, 20 Seanie Kelly, 21 John Maher, 22 Kieran Madden, 23 Ger Quinn, 24 James Flannery (J), 25 James Flannery (M), 26 Martin Slattery, 27 Paraic Kelly, 28 Michael Connors, 29 Niall Kelly, 30 Eanna Gleeson, 31 Eddie Fogarty, 32 Sean Hackett, 33 Tommy Hanrahan, 34 Fergal Hayes, 35 Michael Quigley, 36 James McLoughney.

Raghnóirei

Manager: Eamonn Kelly; **Coach:** Ger Cunningham;
Selectors: Tom Freeman, Rodge Gleeson, Ger Hegarty;
Physio: Paul Murray; **First Aid:** Martin Hogan.



Captain: Michael Ryan



Kildangan Juveniles County Champions 1966. *Back row: (l to r) - N. Flannery, S. Darcy, A. Flynn, M. Kennedy, T. Kelly capt, T. Moloney, O. Killeen, J. Darcy, T. Maloney, G. Flannery and C. Maloney. Front: J. Grace, P. Gleeson, S. Hogan, S. Hayes, W. McGrath, T. Collins, R. Ryan, J. Hogan, J. Killeen.*



North Tipperary VS All-Ireland champions 1969. *Back row: (l to r) - Joe Crampton, Michael Young, Sean Murray, Michael Shanahan, Tom Tynan, Seamus Power, Tim Ryan, Seamus O'Meara, Tom Purtill, Seamus Williams, Denis O'Meara. Front: Tom Killackey, Nicky Flannery, Christy Moroney, Eamon Dermody, Paddy O'Brien, Noel Killackey, P. J. O'Shea, Gerard Quigley, Oliver Carroll.*

STAR OF THE PAST:

Nickey Flannery, Kildangan

By **Liam Hogan**

Nickey Flannery was one of a string of great Kildangan hurlers back in the 1960s and '70 eras until his career was cut short due to a serious back injury.

A winner of north and county medals in juvenile and adult levels, he also wore the county jersey with distinction in three grades.

Coming from the famed Flannery dynasty, he was destined to follow in the footsteps of his father, Nick R.I.P. one of the leading stalwarts with the Kildangan side that captured the clubs last north senior title in 1943 accompanied by his brothers Paddy RIP and Seamus.

Young Nickey won his first medal in 1965 when Kildangan defeated Eire Og Nenagh in an U-13 competition that was confined to North Tipp clubs. A year later, Nicky lined out at wing back as Kildangan captured the clubs first ever county title when winning the U-15 North and County double overcoming Borrisokane and Moyne -Templetuohy in the respective finals. Tony Kelly was the successful captain.

The feat was repeated in 67 when Nickey captained the side defeating Toomevara in the North decider and Clounoulty-Rossmore. The team possessed talent which was the envy of many other clubs with players like Terry Moloney, John Darcy and Ollie Killeen who would make their name in later years with club and county.

In the same year he led Nenagh CBS to win the Pierce Cup and two years later, won an All-Ireland Vocational Schools medal with North Tipperary when defeating Offaly in the final at Croke Park. The winning side included future Kilruane MacDonagh players such as Denis O'Meara, Sonny Killackey R.I.P. and his brother Tom Killackey. Michael Young was future player with Toomevara before transferring to Newport.

In the same year, North Tipperary won the Munster Senior Vocational football final before Dublin denied them in the All-Ireland semi-final by the narrowest of margins.

The Urra man was to see 1971 as the pinnacle of his career when Kildangan overcome Shannon Rovers to win the north intermediate hurling final at Nenagh and accomplish county intermediate honours in overcoming Boherlahan.

A year earlier a successful Kildangan and Burgess amalgamation - Naomh Padraig - won the North and County U-21 titles and repeated the feat in 71.

On the inter-county front, Nickey was making his name. In 1969, he played at wing back for Tipperary minors when the side lost the Munster final to Cork in Limerick in a side that had Pat Quinlan, (Silvermines), Joe Cunningham (Roscrea) and Kieran

Haugh (Lorrha). Cork went on to win the All-Ireland.

Three years later he lined out at midfield partnering Seamus Power winning the Munster U-21 final against Clare at Cusack Park. Nickey was in fine company with Jim Keogh, Silvermines; Liam Hogan, Burgess, and Tommy Butler Drom-Inch on the side. However Galway put paid to All-Ireland dreams with a one goal victory in the All-Ireland semi-final at Nenagh.

In the same year Nickey lined out with Tipp to gain a hard earned victory over Kerry in the Munster Intermediate final at Emly but injury prevented him taking his place for the All-Ireland final win when fellow club men, Paddy Kelly (team captain) and Noel Seymour (player captain) led Tipp to victory over Galway at Birr. With Kildangan promoted to senior ranks in '72, Nicky's involvement with the side was curtailed due to a serious back injury. Unsuccessful attempts to return were made in '73 and '74 and he finally gave up when undergoing a serious operation in late '75 bringing an end to a great career or so he thought.

But in 1980 his decision to return to the team worked as Kildangan won the North IHC against Kilruane, later losing the county final to Loughmore Castleiney.

Kildangan's upturn in fortunes since the turn on the decade have pleased him greatly and winning the All-Ireland Intermediate club final was the real highlight.

"The manner in which the won after one of our best players Dan Hackett had to leave the field injured and to Conor Hayes (who was replaced during the game) return and score 1-1 to win the game was magnificent.

The shape of the team and the manner in which they performed for this year's senior campaign has been noted also. "I admire the team greatly. They are a well balanced and organised side. But I do feel that if they don't win today, they will find it more difficult to win a final in the near future."

N.B. In 1944, Nick and Seamus Flannery played leading roles with the North Divisional side that captured the famed Miller Shield title a much heralded competition involving the four divisions in the county.





Burgess club member Liz Howard President of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael 2006-2009 and the first Tipperary person to hold this office, being presented with the Tipperary Person of the Year 2008 award by John Treacy, CEO of the Irish Sports Council.

Kildangan's last North senior final victory

by Liam Hogan

August 22nd 1943

Kildangan 6-2 Roscrea 5-4

Three of the players that helped Kildangan win their last North Tipp senior hurling final are alive today.

The three include Paddy Morrissey who played at full back, Seamus Flannery (pictured right) was in the left corner and J Hogan.

The final was played in MacDonagh Park bringing together great rivals of the time having already met in five finals 1934, '36, '37, '38 and '42. Roscrea had won the lion's share and Kildangan were hoping to avenge the '42 final when Roscrea won by a point.

Over 3,700 spectators witnessed this latest meeting. Kildangan had the breeze in the first half which helped them into a 4-2 to 0-1 lead at half time. Jimmy Grace had Kildangan's opening goal. Meanwhile Roscrea had Seamus McBrien sent off.

Kildangan used their numerical advantage and Matt Coen landed a sixty-five. Further goals by Martin Kennedy, Paddy Morrissey and Jimmy Killeen who blasted a twenty metre free for goal putting the challengers in a thirteen point lead at the interval.

After the break, Martin Loughnane reverted to his starting position of right corner forward. Sean O'Neill pointed for Roscrea and Joe Fletcher added a goal to bring Roscrea closer. However John Gleeson combined with Martin Kennedy to send Danny Gleeson through for Kildangan's fifth goal.

The champions lost Joe Fletcher who retired

injured. Martin Loughnane slammed home a twenty-one yard free to the net for Ros. However Kildangan made sure to keeping their noses in front as Coen and Grace sent Danny

Gleeson in for the full forwards second goal.

Roscrea responded with points from Hannon and Brussels before Martin Loughnane had another goal from a close-in free. Bears added a point.

The Kildangan defence were under tremendous pressure and in the closing minutes, they saw John Joe Maher's effort from sixty five go narrowly wide. Kildangan held on.

The winners were well served C. Coen in goals while Paddy Morrissey, Matt Coen, Danny Moloney, Seamus Flannery, Nicholas Flannery, John Gleeson, John Hogan and Roddy Gleeson played

well.

Roscrea's Martin Loughnane and John Joe Maher shown out.

Kildangan: C. Coen; Jack Hctor, Paddy Morrissey 1-0, Seamus Flannery; Matt Coen 0-1 (65), Danny Moloney, Nicholas Flannery; J Murphy, Jimmy Killeen 1-1 (1-0 free); Paddy Devaney, J Grace 1-0, J Gleeson; J Hogan, Danny Gleeson 2-0, Martin Kennedy 1-0.

Sub Roddy Gleeson 0-1 for Devaney.

Roscrea: S Maher; J J Maher, Joe Fletcher, Seamus O'Brien; S O'Neill 0-1, Mick Loughnane, J Bears 0-1; M Ryan, Joe Maher; W Gleeson 0-1, W Brussels 0-1, M Abbott; Martin Loughnane 2-0 (2f), M Fletcher 1-0, Tony Hannon 2-0.

Sub: J Cunningham for Fletcher.



Top 20 Scorers 2008

By Liam Hogan

North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship Top 20 Scorers 2008.

Today Darragh Egan and Tony Scroope will battle it out for top spot.

Darragh Egan: Kildangan (played 5)	1-41 (0-28f, 0-2 65, 0-2 line)	Ave = 8.8pts/game
Tony Scroope: Burgess (6)	1-37 (0-24f, 0-1 65.)	Ave= 6.6 pts
Ken Dunne: Toomevara (4)	2-31 (1-23f, 0-1=65, 0-1=line).	Ave = 9.2 pts
John Sheedy: Portroe (5)	1-34 (0-26f. 0-3 =65)	Ave = 7.4 pts
Sean Doughan: Moneygall (4)	2-26 (1-22f, 0-1=65)	Ave = 8.0pts
Kevin Tucker: Nenagh Eire Og (3)	0-25 (0-19f 0-1=65)	Ave = 8.3pts
Kevin Nealon: Burgess (6)	5-09 (0-3f).	Ave = 4.0pts
Mark Ryan: Roscrea (4)	1-21 (0-14f, 0-1=65)	Ave = 6.0pts
Seamus Hennessey: K MacD (4)	1-19 (1-15f, 0-1=65)	Ave = 5.5pts
Tommy Fitzgerald: Roscrea (4)	4-9 (1-0f)	Ave = 5.2pts
Ray McLoughney: K MacD (4)	0-19 (0-13f)	Ave = 4.7pts
John Keane: Borris-Ileigh (5)	2-16	Ave = 4.4pts
David O'Connor: Borris-Ileigh (5)	2-16 (0-9f)	Ave = 4.4pts
Ruairi Gleeson: Kildangan (5)	1-11	Ave = 2.4pts
Mark Bourke: Borris-Ileigh (5)	0-14 (0-1f)	Ave = 2.4pts
Ronan O'Meara: Lorrha (3)	3-4	Ave = 4.3pts
Shane Quinlan: K MacD (4)	2-7	Ave = 3.2pts
Trevor Fletcher: Roscrea (4)	2-6	Ave = 3.0pts
Mark O'Leary: K MacD (4)	1-9 (0-4f)	Ave = 3.0pts
Noel Gleeson (Burgess: (6)	2-6	Ave = 2.0pts

Top 10 Scorers from play:

John Keane: Borris-Ileigh (5)	2-16 (22pts)
Kevin Nealon: Burgess (6)	5-06 (21 pts)
Tommy Fitzgerald: Roscrea (4)	3-09 (18pts)
Tony Scroope Burgess (6)	1-12 (15 pts)
Ruairi Gleeson: Kildangan (5)	1-11 (14pts)
Mark Bourke: Borris-Ileigh (5)	0-14 (14 pts)
David O'Connor: Borris-Ileigh (5)	2-07 (13pts)
Darragh Egan: Kildangan (5)	1-09 (12pts)
Ronan O'Meara: Lorrha (3)	3-04 (13pts)
Shane Quinlan: K MacD (4)	2-07 (13pts)

Snippets

Top Midfielder

Willie Greene, Moneygall, produced another great year for his club. He was the championships top midfielder on the scoring stakes finishing with 0-9 (9pts). Joe Gallagher, Kildangan scored in four out of his five games with a great return of 0-8.

Ideal Goal poachers

Handy to have a player on your side who can pop up and score goals. Trevor Fletcher, Noel Gleeson, Michael Costello, Eoin Gleeson, Jonathon Ryan and Ger Kirwin can do just that as each scored two goals. They can find the range on the points variety as well.

Trevor Fletcher (Roscrea)	(played 4)	2-6 (12pts)
Noel Gleeson (Burgess)	(6)	2-6 (12pts)
Michael Costello: (K MacD)	(4)	2-4 (10pts)
Eoin Gleeson: (Kildangan)	(5)	2-3 (9pts)
Jonathon Ryan (Burgess)	(6)	2-2 (8pts)
Ger Kirwin: (Moneygall)	(5)	2-2 (8pts)

Roscrea Trio

Three Roscrea players combined to score to score 5-22 in four games. Tommy Fitzgerald with 3-9 along with David Buckley 1-7 (10pts) and Mark Ryan on 1-6 (9pts) were never shy of goal in helping their side reach the semi final before losing to Kildangan.

Second in line

John Sheedy was Portroe's highest scorer this year but Michael Creamer finished runners-up with a commendable 1-6 (9 pts) from play

Goalkeepers do the damage.

Portroe's Darren Gleeson can not only save his opponents shots but he can score as well. He was the championship's highest scoring goalkeeper for the season. The Tipp panellist scored 2-2 from frees and when introduced outfield in the Moneygall game he fired a rasper of the crossbar in the dying minutes. Toomevara's Willie Ryan scored 1-5 to become Toomevara's second highest scorer for 2008.



Kildangan's Eoin Gleeson Photo: B. Delaney

Burgess GAA President Con Ryan

By Bridget Delaney

On September 10th 1933 a youthful Portroe team (which contained players from Youghalarra and Ballywilliam area) shocked the hurling world by defeating Toomevara by 2-4 to 1-1 in the North SHC, which was the first defeat for the Greyhounds on the field of play since Nenagh defeated them in 1917. A veteran on the Portroe team namely Paddy Hogan from Gortmore, Carrigatoher remarked on the open lorry journey to match venue Dolla, as to where were they going with a bunch of children to play Toomevara. Teenager Con Ryan from Knocknamohilly, Newtown made his championship debut at right-half forward and marked a fine athlete Tom Byrne. He kept the ball moving to the inside forward line and acquitted himself well.

In 1935, a motion to put the Parish Rule into force was passed at both the North and County Conventions. The parish affiliated teams under the banner Youghalarra with Con Ryan a regular on the senior team. Con missed his comrades from Portroe as he knew them going to the creamery in Duharra and the dance hall in Portroe. Youghalarra found the going tough at senior level and were glad when an Intermediate grade was introduced in 1939 with the senior team regrading. Youghalarra reached the Intermediate final but went down to Shannon Rovers by 4-3 to 2-1. Con Ryan played on the half forward line and was also club Treasurer.

The Knocknamohilly farmer brought oranges from the hawkers on his way to the game and they were distributed amongst the players at half-time. The injection of Vitimin C did not deter Shannon Rovers from gaining the upperhand.

The following year, the Ballywilliam side of the parish formed their own club Gortmore whose name was changed to Burgess in 1941. Burgess won the North Intermediate championship that year while Youghalarra did likewise in 1942. Con

Ryan excelled raising both green and white flags, while his younger brother Michael was also prominent.

The Burgess and Youghalarra teams joined forces in 1943 and played under the banner 'Duharra'. Con played on the Duharra senior team that overwhelmed Shannon Rovers by 6-4 to 0-3 in the opening round of the '43 SHC at Puckane. However, defeats by Borrisokane and Kildangan eliminated them. Kildangan went on to win the North final. In 1944, Duharra went down to Kilruane MacDonaghs in the North final, but Con did not play in this match. However, he sampled SHC action again in 1945 and ended his hurling days in 1948 playing JHC with another parish team St Conlan's.

Con married Maura McGrath from Youghal whose family was steeped in the GAA. Her father Pat managed local teams and a reknowned hurley maker. Pat's brothers Frank and John were GAA administrators, with the cup on offer today called after Frank. Con and Maura Ryan reared two girls Breda and Kay, who like their parents and relations followed the fortunes of Burgess and Tipperary. Breda became very involved with the Tipperary Association in Dublin before returning to Knocknamohilly and set up her own business in Nenagh. Burgess embraced this move as Breda became Club Secretary and combined this busy role with Club Masseur.

The parish and surrounds were devastated when Breda passed away on August 8th 2006 after a short illness. At this stage the Burgess GAA President was a widower moving to the other side of the parish to the fertile plains of Carrigatoher.

We may complain about the dreary damp summer of 2008 weatherwise, but rays of sunshine can be sampled by those who avail of the opportunity of visiting Con at No. 12 Memory Lane, Ashlawn Nursing Home where the knowledgeable Con is a contented resident.



Bord na nOg

Busy times for both clubs

By Liam Hogan

Kildangan and Burgess have had contrasting fortunes in juvenile hurling over the past few years.

Taking the past two years as an example. Kildangan won the North U-16 'A' Hurling championship for the first time in the club's history. Cian Hayes, Eanna and Ruairi Gleeson, Paraic Kelly, Joe Gallagher and Rory Whelan played in that final and all six are part of the senior panel today. Ruairi Gleeson is one of Kildangan's leading marksmen in the lead up to the final.

Joe Gallagher lined out at midfield with the Tipperary minors in 2007. He was joined by Cian Hayes and Ruairi Gleeson in 2008. Both Gallagher and Gleeson were midfield partners in the Munster final against Cork.

Kildangan won a hurling double in 2006 when adding a North U-12 B North title and the side went on to capture the County U-12 'B' final. In 2007, they retained North 12 'B' and were unlucky not to have won the county final with players like Darren Moran, David Cawley, Willie Connors, David Sweeney and John Hayes involved in both years.

For a while in 2008 it looked as if Kildangan might make it three in a row but the side lost to Templederry in the semi-final. The football equivalent lost at semi-final stage also when Silvermines defied them following a replay. Silvermines later went on to win both North and County finals.

The fruits of the successful County U-12 'B' champions in '06 is coming to bare. In May of this year, Kildangan reached the North U-14 Feile final but lost to Toomevara. Since then they recovered to reach the semi-final of the championship where they will meet Kilruane MacDonaghs.

In the U-16 'C' Hurling they have reached the final and will meet either Silvermines of Ballina. The team is backboned by Stephen James Gleeson



Kildangan's Joe Gallagher Photo: B. Delaney

– who won a Munster U-16 medal with North Tipperary divisional side in April. The strongly built Shane Seymour lines out at midfield.

Back in 2006 Burgess won the North U-14 B football final. In 2007 they claimed victory over Kildangan in the U-16 'B' football final. More success followed for the u-14 hurlers when claiming the plate final.

Burgess have five players, Damien Maher, Owen Hogan, Peter Gill, J P Grace and Michael Flatherty who similar to Stephen James Gleeson, featured on the North Tipp U-16 Divisional Hurling side won in the Munster Final against east Waterford last April.

That five are the backbone of the U-16 side who currently lie third in the group of eight teams in the North U-16 A championship. A place in the semi-finals looks very much a possibility at the moment. Its eight years since the club won the North U-16 grade.

Football fortunes shone on Burgess two years ago. They won the U-14 'B' last year. They added the U-16 'B' defeating Kildangan and the U-14 hurlers won the U-14 plate.

Hibernian Inn Senior Hurling Championship 2008

Group 1					
Round 1:					
04/05/08	Lorrha/Dorrha	1-13	1-13	Roscrea	Nenagh
04/05/08	Borris-Ileigh	0-16	0-09	Nenagh Éire Óg	Dolla
Round 2:					
11/05/08	Roscrea	Scr	W/O	Borris-Ileigh	Toomevara
10/05/08	Nenagh Éire Óg	2-12	2-13	Toomevara	Cloughjordan
Round 3:					
25/05/08	Borris-Ileigh	3-12	3-09	Lorrha/Dorrha	Nenagh
27/05/08	Toomevara	0-14	2-08	Roscrea	Moneygall
Round 4:					
15/06/08	Lorrha/Dorrha	1-10	2-12	Toomevara	Cloughjordan
14/06/08	Roscrea	4-09	0-16	Nenagh Éire Óg	Toomevara
Round 5:					
21/06/08	Toomevara	0-18	0-15	Borris-Ileigh	Nenagh
19/07/08	Nenagh Éire Óg	Not Played	Not Played	Lorrha/Dorrha	Cloughjordan

League Table	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	F	A	+/-	W/O's conceded	Points
Toomevara	4	3	1	0	4-57	5-45	+9	0	7
Borris-Ileigh	4	3	0	1	3-43	3-36	+7	0	6
Roscrea	4	1	2	1	7-30	1-43	+5	1	4
Lorrha/Dorrha	3	0	1	2	5-32	6-37	-8	0	1
Nenagh Éire Óg	3	0	0	3	2-37	6-38	-13	0	0

Group 2					
Round 1:					
03/05/08	Moneygall	1-12	2-16	Kildangan	Cloughjordan
04/05/08	Kilruane MacDonaghs	2-19	3-17	Portroe	Nenagh
Round 2:					
11/05/08	Kildangan	1-15	1-14	Kilruane MacDonaghs	Nenagh
11/05/08	Portroe	1-13	0-11	Burgess	Nenagh
Round 3:					
25/05/08	Kilruane MacDonaghs	3-17	3-17	Moneygall	Nenagh
18/05/08	Burgess	1-15	2-12	Kildangan	Nenagh
Round 4:					
15/06/08	Moneygall	2-12	3-12	Burgess	Nenagh
15/06/08	Kildangan	0-24	2-18	Portroe	Nenagh
Round 5:					
21/06/08	Burgess	4-11	1-18	Kilruane MacDonaghs	Nenagh
21/06/08	Portroe	1-09	0-17	Moneygall	Dolla

League Table	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	F	A	+/-	W/O's conceded	Points
Kildangan	4	2	2	0	5-67	5-59	+8	0	6
Portroe	4	2	1	1	7-57	2-71	+1	0	5
Burgess	4	2	1	1	8-49	6-55	0	0	5
Moneygall	4	1	1	2	6-58	9-54	-5	0	3
Kilruane MacDonaghs	4	0	1	3	7-68	11-60	-4	0	1

Quarter Finals					
Quarter Final W: 20/07/08	(Runners-Up Group 1) Borris-Ileigh	1-14	2-17	(3 rd Place Group 2) Burgess	Nenagh
Quarter Final X: 20/07/08	(Runners-Up Group 2) Portroe	2-10	0-18	(3 rd Place Group 1) Roscrea	Nenagh

Semi-finals					
Semi-final Y: 26/07/08	(Winner Group 1) Toomevara	1-10	0-15	(Winner Quarter Final W) Burgess	Nenagh
Semi-final Z: 27/07/08	(Winner Group 2) Kildangan	2-18	2-12	(Winner Quarter Final X) Roscrea	Nenagh

FINAL					
Sunday 24/08/08	(Winner Semi-final Y) BURGESS	-	-	(Winner Semi-final Z) KILDANGAN	NENAGH

An Intermediate North Final? Not likely!

By James Hayden (*Tipperary Star*)

In recent weeks a lot of taunts and jibes have been doing the rounds in North Tipperary.

You've all heard them "ah sure we'll have a great intermediate North final this year" or "isn't great to see two intermediate teams reach a senior final". All meant in jest of course but with a tinge of jaundiced admiration running through them.

Most of the jibes of course have come from supporters of senior sides who have been knocked out of this year's championship and many of whom would dearly love to witness their respective colours fluttering in the breeze today at MacDonagh Park.

Jibes and jesting aside, today's final will be contested between two sides fully hell bent on bringing the Frank McGrath Cup back to their respective parishes.

Despite last Sunday's disappointment in Croke Park the north division's showpiece event has served to lift the gloom which descended after the loss to the Deise and a massive crowd is expected to flow through the stiles here today for the first ever North final meeting between the near neighbours. Both sides have come through from Group Two of the championship, a feat that many would have not predicted at the start of this year's championship especially considering Group One contained all the 'big guns' of hurling in the division, namely Toomevara, Nenagh Eire Og and Borris-Ileigh.

Yet, despite the odds both have prevailed with Burgess ousting two of those big guns. Borris-Ileigh fell at the quarter-final hurdle while their semi-final victory over a fancied Toomevara outfit saw them bridge a 64-year gap to reach the north final.

Burgess has been growing in confidence since the start of this year's championship and after a disappointing start have gelled into a formidable side under the shrewd stewardship of Clare's Tony Considine and his selectors, Michael O'Dwyer and Darrell Tucker.

An early defeat to Portroe in the opening round coupled with a draw against Sunday's opponents in the second round and a third round defeat of Moneygall saw them in a precarious position going into their final round game against Kilruane. They couldn't afford to lose and following a fine tussle came through unscathed before dismissing both Borris-Ileigh and Toomevara to book their final spot.

Many observers will deem their dethronement of last year's champions coupled with their two-point victory over the 'Greyhounds' as grounds for

installing them as favourites and they have a point!

However, it remains to be seen will the big game atmosphere affect Burgess, something which Kildangan should have no problem with having reached the final two years ago.

Undoubtedly, the battle on the day will come down to the respective half-back lines, with the trio of Shame Maher, Damien O'Brien and Brian Hogan backboning the Burgess side and spurring them on to victory in both the quarter and semi finals. Unfortunately, it appears Tony Considine will have to re-jig this line, and his midfield, with doubt hanging over the availability of Brian Hogan and midfielder, Timmy Hogan after both men sustained shoulder injuries in recent games.

For Kildangan, the Slattery brothers, John and Gerry together with the indomitable Dan Hackett have been outstanding throughout this year's campaign. Behind them, Mike Ryan, Liam Kelly and Brian Lawlor haven't put a foot wrong while Brian Kelly and Joe Gallagher have been outstanding at midfield. In attack, Kildangan have relied heavily on Darragh Egan in some games but Ruairi Gleeson is flying at the moment while Eoin Kelly, Rory Whelan, Liam Karl Flannery, Paddy Lynch and Sean Gleeson have also been chipping in with their scores.

Kildangan's attack may be perceived as being a tad more potent than Burgess' but they are not without their danger men either, with Kevin Nealon, Tony Scroope leading their respective lines while Pa Tucker, Tony Dunne, Jonathan Ryan and Noel Gleeson have also chipped in with decisive scores throughout this year's campaign.

Tony Considine may have welcomed corner back, Ger Fogarty back from injury recently and together with brothers David and Donnagh Maher they have forged a teak-tough inside back line, but if he is forced to deplete his bench with the expected loss of both Hogan's it will make the task all the more arduous for his side.

One thing is for sure though, the canny Clareman will have his side well and truly primed for today's contest.

Equally so will Eamonn Kelly who hopes to steer Kildangan to their first title since 1943, when they beat Roscrea by one point, 6-2 to 5-4 in Nenagh.

Without doubt today's encounter is one to be savoured and promises to be a cracking affair as both sides look to repeat those heady intermediate clashes of the nineties to become kings of the north.

Relations on the Burgess team

Brothers

Shane, David & Donagh Maher – their First
Cousin is Jonathon Maher
Brian & Paul Hogan - brothers
Mick & Tony Dunne - brothers

First Cousins

Timmy Hogan and Eoin Hogan

Player Patrick (Pa) Tucker is a brother to
selector Darrell Tucker

Relations on the Kildangan team

Brothers on panel:

John & Gerry Slattery
Eoin, Eanna & Ruairi Gleeson
Liam Karol & James Flannery
Liam, Eoin & Niall Kelly
Dan and Seanie Hackett
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Burgess and Kildangan draw

By Liam Hogan

Hibernian North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship Rd 3 May 18 2008

Kildangan 2-12, Burgess 1-15

Kildangan and Burgess could not be separated after a very well contested hours hurling at MacDonagh Park last Sunday.

A late injury time point from a free by Tony Scroope gave Burgess a share of the points when the side met in the earlier part of the championship.

In a low scoring first half, scores were level at 0-4 each after 24 minutes. Three unanswered points through Timmy Hogan, and two from Tony Scroope put Burgess in front as the game approached half time but a goal from a penalty by Dermot Hogan left the teams level at the interval, Kildangan 1-4 Burgess 0-7.

Very little separated the teams in the early stages of the second half until a 45th minute goal by Tony Scroope put Burgess five to the good.

But the Burgess supporters had little time to celebrate as Darragh Egan won Dermot Hogan's puckout and set Ruairi Gleeson up for a goal. Egan had the teams level with a free followed by forty metre sideline ball. Scores from Jonathon Maher and Scroope stretched the Burgess lead to two. Joe Gallagher moved in to grab the next score for Kildangan. Tony Scroope reacted with a perfect sixty-five. Darragh Egan replied with a sixty-five also and Eoin Gleeson put Pat Lynch through for the equaliser and two minutes remaining.

Patrick Tucker gave Burgess the lead again but Kildangan rallied in the final furlong as Ruairi Gleeson and Darragh Egan gave Kildangan the lead. The result looked good for Kildangan until Scroope



Tony Scroope, Burgess Photo: B. Delaney

replied with a free to level.

SCORERS: Kildangan; D Egan 0-7 (2 x65, lineball & 4f); E Gleeson 1-1; D Hogan 1-0 (pen); R Gleeson 0-2; J Gallagher and P Lynch 0-1 each.

Burgess: T Scroope 1-9 (5f & 65); J Maher 0-2; N Gleeson, Donagh Maher and P Tucker 0-1 each.

Kildangan: Dermot Hogan; Michael Ryan (Capt), Liam Kelly, Martin Minehan; John Slattery, Dan Hackett, Brian Lawlor; Brian Kelly, Joe Gallagher; Darragh Egan, Karl Hogan, Eoin Kelly; Eoin Gleeson, Liam Karl Flannery, Ruairi Gleeson.

Subs: Sean Gleeson for L K Flannery h/t; Rory Whelan for K Hogan (45m); Pat Lynch for E Kelly (52m).

Burgess: Niall McGrath; Robbie Cremin, David Maher, Gerry Ryan; Conor Quigley, Shane Maher, Brian Hogan (Capt); Tony Scroope, Timmy Hogan; Jonathon Maher, Damien O'Brien, Eoin Hogan; Noel Gleeson, Kevin Nealon, Donagh Maher.

Subs: Pat Tucker for E Hogan (40m).

Referee John McDonald (Roscrea).



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Templederry v Ballinahinch

Templederry v Ballinahinch – Last Meeting 18 August 2007

Templederry 2-13 Ballinahinch 1-16

A pointed free from a difficult angle in the fourth minute of injury time by Timmy Minogue rescued a point for Templederry in this group stage game played in Lacken Park, Newport.

In what was Ballinahinch's final group game, they put themselves in a great position by leading 1-8 to 1-5 at half time.



Templederry's Gearoid Ryan on a solo run chased by Ballinahinch's Shane McGrath at Newport.

Photograph: Bridget Delaney.

Seamus Kennedy struck for Templederry's first goal in the 12th minute but his defensive colleagues let a long free from Shane McGrath find the back of the net, six minutes before half time.

A Donal McGrath goal early in the second half put Templederry into a 2-7 to 1-8 lead but Ballinahinch found their rhythm once again to fight their way back into the lead before Minogue struck.

Ballinahinch failed to emerge from the group while Templederry went onto reach the North semi-finals.

Ballinahinch: Ger Griffin 0-9, 7 frees, 1 65; Shane McGrath 1-1 frees; John Foley 0-2, 1 s-cut; Adrian Kelly, Tommy Kelly, Donncha Ryan, Michael Fitzgerald 0-1 each.

Templederry: Pdraig O'Leary 0-6, 5 frees; John Kennedy, Donal McGrath 1-0 each; Daniel Shanahan 0-2; Timmy Minogue 0-2 frees; Seamus Kennedy, Gearoid Ryan, Paudie Ryan 0-1 each.

Ballinahinch: Cormac McGrath; Donncha McGrath; Marcus Ryan, Paudie Berkery; Sean Sheedy, Shane McGrath, Shane Healy; Michael Fitzgerald, Brendan Healy; Tommy Kelly. Donncha Ryan, John Foley; Liam Berkery, Ger Griffin, Adrian Kelly.

Templederry: Matthew Ryan; Michael Ryan (L), Cathal Ryan, Donie Kennedy; Daniel Shanahan, Timmy Minogue, John Harkins; Thomas Stapleton, Billy Corcoran; Pdraig O'Leary, Paudie Ryan, Gearoid Ryan; Seamus Kennedy, Donal McGrath, John Kennedy. Subs: Pat Minogue for M Ryan; Pdraig Ryan (O) for D Kennedy; Adrian Ryan for B Corcoran; JJ Fahey for J Kennedy.

Referee: Jim Lees (Newport).



Youghal hurling team 1909, winners of North Tipp senior hurling championship. Back row, standing: John McGrath, Youghal, manager; Jack Ryan, Gurteenakilla; Bill Herbert, Burgess-Boher; Ned Slattery, Ballycommon; Martin O'Brien, Youghal; Pat Fletcher, Dromineer; Mick Tuohy, Curraghtemple; Jack Hogan, Cregane; Pat Flaherty, Youghal, manager. Second row, seated: Frank McGrath, Youghal (North SHC cup adorns his name); Joe Slattery, Gurteenakilla; Jer McDonnell, Pallas; Bill Gleeson, Old Road, Ballywilliam, capt.; Dinny O'Brien, Bridge Newtown; Paddy O'Brien, do.; Jim Quinn, Gurteenakilla. Front: John McDonnell, Pallas; O'Meara, Boulageala, Clareen, Kilcolman; Matt Fogarty, Clareen, Kilcolman; Jim O'Brien (Fowler), Ballywilliam.



***Friends for life** but today they will be on opposite sides of the field, Kildangan chairperson, treasurer of the North Tipperary GAA Board Catherine Gleeson seen here with North Tipperary Bord na nOg secretary Anne McGrath at a Bord na nOg presentation function last November. Catherine's husband Roger is a selector on the Kildangan team and her sons Eoin, Eanna and Ruairi are players. Anne's son Niall is the Burgess goalkeeper. Also in photo: Sean Creamer, chairman of North Tipperary Bord na nOg and John Sherlock, chairman, North Tipperary Senior Board.*

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Head to Head: Kildangan v Burgess

The teams have met 35 times and the head to head breakdown is as follows.

Total meetings	Kildangan	15	Burgess	15	5 draws
Senior Hurling	Kildangan	8	Burgess	3	2 Draws
Intermediate Hurling	Kildangan	7	Burgess	12	3 draws

1943	SHC	Aug 1	Kildangan	6-6	Burgess	2-2	at Nenagh
1944	SHC	Aug 13	Kildangan	1-4	Burgess	2-1	at Nenagh
1945	SHC	Jun 10	Kildangan	5-2	Burgess	4-5	at Nenagh
1946	SHC	Jul 21	Kildangan	2-4	Burgess	2-1	at Nenagh
1947	SHC	Jun 29	Kildangan	2-2	Burgess	6-4	at Nenagh
1948	SHC	Aug 3	Kildangan	2-3	Burgess	3-2	at Nenagh
1947	SHC	May 23	Kildangan	3-3	Burgess	2-4	at Nenagh

1954	SHC	May 23	Kildangan	0-5	Burgess	3-3	at Nenagh
1959	SHC	May 23	Kildangan	4-6	Duharra	4-1	at Nenagh

1964	SHC	Jul 12	Kildangan	6-6	Duharra	6-4	at Nenagh
1965	SHC	Jun 20	Kildangan	5-8	Burgess	5-5	at Nenagh
1968	IHC	Aug 18	Kildangan	1-10	Burgess	3-7	at Nenagh
1969	IHC	Apr 20	Kildangan	2-5	Burgess	6-6	at Nenagh

1970	IHC	Jun 1	Kildangan	11-11	Burgess	6-3	at Nenagh
1970	IHC	Oct 18	Kildangan	3-4	Burgess	4-11	at Nenagh Final
1973	SHC	Jul 15	Kildangan	beat	Burgess	0-0	at Nenagh
1976	IHC	May 30	Kildangan	3-7	Burgess	2-6	at Nenagh
1976	IHC	Oct 10	Kildangan	0-11	Burgess	1-8	at Nenagh Final
1976	IHC	Oct 17 replay	Kildangan	1-6	Burgess	2-4	at Nenagh Final

1981	IHC	May 31	Kildangan	2-7	Burgess	3-12	at Nenagh
1984	IHC	May 14	Kildangan	2-7	Burgess	2-14	at Nenagh
1987	IHC	Sep 12	Kildangan	3-7	Burgess	3-9	at Nenagh
1988	IHC	Jul 30	Kildangan	3-9	Burgess	1-7	at Nenagh
1989	IHC	July 30	Kildangan	2-17	Burgess	2-9	at Nenagh

1990	IHC	May 19	Kildangan	1-9	Burgess	4-10	at Nenagh
1991	IHC	July 28	Kildangan	4-13	Burgess	1-10	at Nenagh
1992	IHC	Oct 4	Kildangan	3-6	Burgess	1-16	at Cjordan Final
1993	IHC	Aug 22	Kildangan	3-8	Burgess	3-14	at C.jordan

2001	IHC	Aug 11	Kildangan	0-9	Burgess	0-9	at Nenagh
2002	IHC	Sep 13	Kildangan	1-18	Burgess	2-9	at Dolla
2003	IHC	Aug 16	Kildangan	2-15	Burgess	1-21	at Nenagh
2004	IHC	Jul 02	Kildangan	1-7	Burgess	0-11	at Dolla
2004	IHC	Sep 04	Kildangan	2-12	Burgess	1-15	at Nenagh Semi
2004	IHC	Sep 25 replay	Kildangan	3-16	Burgess	2-18	at Nenagh
2008	SHC	May 18	Kildangan	2-12	Burgess	1-15	at Nenagh

Other results

1932	SHC		Kildangan /Kilbarron	3-2	Youghalarra	0-2	Showgrounds
1934	SHC		Kildangan Kilbarron	4-1	Portroe/Youghalarra	3-1	Puckane
1966	SHC	June 12	St Flannans Kildangan/Rovers	2-12	Burgess	4-3	at Nenagh



Burgess U-16s North final winners 1990 At back Darrell Tucker, Padraig Hogan, James McDonnell, Conro Fitzgerald, Darren Meaney, Seamus Collins, John McKenna, Liam McGrath, Brian Cooney, David Ryan, Paul Slattery. Front: Aidan O'Leary, Thomas Hanrahan, Denis Crowe, William Ducie, John Carmody, Shane Ryan captain, Seamus Slattery, Pierce O'Brien, Kevin McDonnell, Darren Ryan.



Burgess U-13 1971.. Back includes: Paddy Gelston, John Mulcahy, Tony Ryan, Fr. T. Bourke, Garry Howard, Jack Maher, Jim Gill, Liam Hogan, Aindeas MacDomhnaill, Donie Nealon, Paddy Casey, Rody Nealon. Middle: Ger Mulqueen, John Darcy, James O'Brien, Noel Armitage, Noel O'Dwyer, Ger Mulcahy, Michael Carroll, John Reidy, John Ryan, Tim Collins, Francis McGrath. Front: Michael O'Brien, Jack Creamer, Tony O'Flaherty, Pat Griffin, Pat Gleeson, John Maher, Bobby Reidy, Paddy Reidy, Ger Mulcahy, Tim Ryan, Anthony Ryan.

Kildangan and Burgess down through the decades

Compiled by **Seamus Hogan, Bridget Delaney and Liam Hogan**

The 1940's saw Kildangan and Duharra (Burgess) go stride for stride in the battle for supremacy at senior grade. The teams met six times in five consecutive years and there was never much between the sides as a brief summary of the games will show.

1.8.1943: Kildangan 6-6 Duharra 2-0 in Nenagh.

This eliminated Duharra from the North Tipp Senior Championship which Kildangan went on to win defeating Roscrea. The Kildangan panel was C Coen, J Hoctor, J Kelly, P Morrissey, J Killeen, D Moloney, N Flannery, M Coen, M Murphy, D Gleeson, M Culhane, J Grace, P Devaney, J Hogan, M Kennedy, S Flannery, J Gleeson, J Quirke, E Harty, E Devaney, Ed Gleeson.

The Duharra team T O'Donoghue, L Bourke and S Collins on their team against Kildangan. Pat Murray had returned to the goals but the side that played against Borrisokane from the previous game was as follows: J O'Brien, P Hickey, Con Ryan, J Barry, P O'Brien, M Ryan, P Collins, G Quigley (The forge), P Mulcahy, J Maher, D Maher, D Looby, W Walshe, P Looby, M Walshe.

13.8.44: Kildangan 1-4 Duharra 2-1

A share of the spoils eliminated Kildangan from the championship. Duharra went on to reach the final but were defeated by Kilruane MacDonaghs.

Kildangan- M Nevin, Dan Moloney, M Quirke, P Morrissey, J Killeen, N Flannery, S Flannery, M Coen, M Murphy, M Culhane, J Gleeson, J Hogan (Capt), James Grace, D Gleeson, M Kennedy.

The Duharra team for the north final was- P Murray, W Walsh, G Quigley, P O'Brien, M Walsh, P Collins, J Maher, D Maher, P Hickey, P Looby, J Mulcahy, S Collins, P Mulcahy, T Hogan, D Looby (Capt).

10.6.45: Kildangan 5-2 Duharra 4-2

The victory put Kildangan in the North Final but were subsequently defeated.

The Kildangan team versus Duharra was: W Moloney (goal), D Moloney, S Flannery, M Keane, J Hogan, M Forde, M Culhane, J Killeen, N Flannery, M Coen, D Griffen, James Grace, P Morrissey, D Gleeson, J Gleeson. Sub used, M Quirke. Both Billy Walsh and Paddy Mulcahy played against Kildangan but the Duharra finalists that clashed with Borrisokane in the previous round was: P Murray, M Walsh, D Maher, J Maher, P Collins, G Quigley, M Ryan, P Hickey, S Collins, L Bourke, P O'Brien, T Hogan, C Ryan, P Looby, D Looby.

21.7.46: Kildangan 2-4 Duharra 2-1 at Nenagh

This win put Kildangan into the semi-final but lost to Toomevara. The Kildangan team lined out as follows: M Kennedy (goal), James Hogan, P Morrissey, M Culhane,

N Flannery, D Moloney, James Killen, M Coen, P Devaney, J Gleeson, T Collins, D Griffen, D Gleeson, E Harty, James Grace.

The Duharra side were: P Murray, P Looby, D Maher, J O'Brien, G Quigley, M Walsh, M Collins, S Collins, J Maher, P Collins, J Ryan, J Mulcahy, M Ryan, D Looby, W Collins.

29.6.47: Kildangan 2-2 Duharra 6-4 in Nenagh

This was a surprise result. The game was marred by an accidental serious eye injury to Mick Culhane (recently deceased).

Kildangan team- Dave Morrissey (goal), S Hogan, D Moloney, D Gleeson, J Killen, N Flannery, S Flannery, P Morrissey, M Coen, M Culhane, D Griffen, J Hogan, S Gleeson, E Harty, J Gilmartin.

Duharra team- P Murray, J O'Brien, J Collins, L Bourke, J Mulcahy, J Maher, M Collins, D Maher, M Ryan, J Ryan, P O'Brien, Seamus Collins, J O'Brien, W Collins, D Looby. Sub used- Billy Walsh.

3.8.47: Kildangan 2-3 Duharra 3-2 in Nenagh

The sides met for the second time in the year in a play-off to decide who would advance to the next round. A last minute goal by Paddy O'Brien swung the game for Duharra. Borris-oleigh won the north final though.

Duharra -P Murray, M Walsh, J O'Brien, M Ryan, J Ryan, J Maher, P Collins, D Maher, M Collins, J Mulcahy, Phil Looby, S Collins, L Bourke, D Looby, W Collins.

Kildangan - Dave Morrissey (goal), S Flannery, J Hogan, P Flannery, N Flannery, D Moloney, J Hogan, J Killeen, M Coen, D Griffen, E Harty, D Gleeson, W Kelly, P Morrissey, J Gleeson.

23.5.48: Kildangan 3-3 Duharra 2-4 at Nenagh

Kildangan turned the tables in a close fought game played on a bitter cold day.

1950's and 60's

For the next decade the teams met six times, three wins each, four times at senior grade and twice at intermediate. Neither side were the force they once were but Burgess enjoyed the greater amount of success collecting seven North Intermediate titles in 1951, '53, '56, '59, '63, '64, '69 and adding a county title in '64. Kildangan were relegated to Intermediate in '66 and returned to senior the following

year after winning the north intermediate final They returned to inter ranks again in '68.

1970's

The next real action between the clubs was in the seventies when the sides met in two North Intermediate finals.

1970: North IHC Final: Burgess 4-11 Kildangan 3-4 at Nenagh

Strong first half performance by Burgess which put them 2-8 to 0-1 ahead at half time does the trick.

The win saw Burgess reverse their earlier 2nd round meeting when Kildangan won 11-11 to 6-3.

For the North final the teams lined out as follows:

BURGESS: Jerome Hogan; Liam Hogan, Denis Maher, John Flynn; Michael McDonald (R.I.P.), Pakie Hogan (Capt), John Kennedy; J.P. McDonnell 0-1, Sean Mulcahy 0-1; Garry Howard 1-2, Liam Mulcahy 0-1, Hughie McDonnell 1-2; Donie Nealon 0-3, Jim Barry 1-1, Paddy Seymour 1-0.

KILDANGAN: Jim O'Meara; Donal Lyne, Christy Hayes, Roddy O'Meara; John Kelly, Paddy Kelly, Jim Foley; Nickey Flannery 1-0, Willie Moloney; Terry Moloney 0-1, Noel Seymour 0-1, John Darcy 1-2; Jimmy Seymour, Ted Ryan 1-0, Seamus Hayes R.I.P.

10-10-76: North IHC Final: Kildangan 0-11 Burgess 1-8 at Nenagh

Kildangan, hoping to win their first title in five years, were well fancied but Burgess staged a late comeback to salvage a draw.

17-10-76: Replay- Burgess 2-4 Kildangan 1-6 at Nenagh.

Former Tipp star, Mackey McKenna grabbed a goal and J P McDonnell pitched 1-3 as Gary Howard led his team to victory.

BURGESS: Donie Nealon; Liam Hogan, Denis Maher, Johnny Flynn; John Maher, Pakie Hogan, John Kennedy; John Hogan, Martin Kennedy; Pat Mulcahy, Gary Howard 0-1, Robert Gill; Mackey McKenna 1-0, Jim Barry, J.P. McDonnell 1-3. Subs: John Mulcahy.

KILDANGAN: Denis Ryan; Owen Hogan, Paddy Kelly, Jimmy Seymour; Willie Moloney, Noel Seymour 1-2, Tony Kelly; Seamus Hogan 0-1, Terry Moloney 0-3; Willie McGrath, Roger Gleeson, John Darcy; Christy Moloney, Jim Egan, Seamus Hogan Urna. Sub Tony O'Connor, Seamus Hayes, Michael Kennedy.

30-07-89: Kildangan 2-17 Burgess 2-9 at Nenagh

Kildangan gained a major victory in a high scoring 2-17 to 2-9 encounter. Kildangan had one of the youngest players to play Intermediate hurling at the time when fifteen year old Brian Flannery lined out goals. His brother John was on the Burgess team.

Kildangan: Brian Flannery; Pat Hayes, Pat Minehan, Martin Kelly; Martin Hogan, Cathal Egan, Ger O'Meara; Donal Flannery, Matthew Fogarty; Willie Connors, Martin Grace, Eamon Fahy; Paul Gavin, Colm Egan, Tom Grace.

Burgess: Timmy Maher; Tony Ryan, John Flannery, Edmund Ryan; Tony Cregan, John Maher, John Joe Ryan; Denis Darcy, Tony Grace; Aidan McGrath, Dermot Hogan, Sean Nealon; Kevin Cooney, John Reidy, John Murray. Subs Ger Slattery, Eugene Hogan.

04.10.92: North Intermediate Final Burgess 1-16 Kildangan 3-6 at McDonagh Park.

Tomas McDonagh Park formed the unusual venue for a final involving these two teams. Burgess were deserving winners with Sean Nealon leading his side and scoring 1-9.

Burgess: David Ryan; Shane Ryan, John Flannery, Kevin Cooney; John McKenna, Colm McDonnell, Tony Cregan; John Joe Ryan, John Darcy 0-2; Eugene Hogan, Liam McGrath, John Grace 0-1; Michael Kearns 0-2 Sean Nealon (capt) 1-9, Darrell Tucker 0-2. Subs- Dinny Darcy.

Kildangan: Cathal Egan; Donal Flannery (capt), Paddy Hayes, Eamon Kelly; Matt Fogarty, Christy Hayes, Brian Flannery; Eamon Fahy, Eddie Darcy; Michael Nolan, Martin Grace, Michelin Delaney; Paul Gavin, Colm Egan, Tom Grace. Subs- Art Flannery Ger O'Meara.

2004: 2nd Rd - Burgess 0-11 Kildangan 1-7 at Dolla.

The first of three well contested games between the sides for 04. This was a tough encounter going right down to the wire until Noel Gleeson grabbed the winners thirty seconds from time.

BURGESS Scorers: Noel Gleeson 0-6(4f). Shane Maher 0-2, Tony Scroope 0-1, Niall Quigley 0-1(free); Colm O'Brien 0-1,

KILDANGAN: Colm McGrath 0-4(1f), Conor Hayes 1-0; Darragh Egan 0-2, Pat Lynch 0-1.

2004 Semi Final replay- Kildangan 3-16 Burgess 2-18 a.e.t

For sheer drama this replay surpassed the drawn game, which was played September 4th needed a late free by Tony Scroope to bring the teams levels. For the replay it was sheer drama all the way. Kildangan won with a late Liam Karl Flannery point.

KILDANGAN: Dermot Hogan; James Flannery, Brian Lawlor, Michael Ryan;

Liam Kelly, Dan Hackett, Ger Slattery; Karl Hogan, Sean Maher 0-1; Pat Lynch 0-8 (5f & 1=65), James Minehan, Hugh Flannery; Conor Hayes 0-1, Liam Karl Flannery 0-1, Darragh Egan 3-2 (0-1f) (1=65).

Subs: Tommie Connors 0-2 for Minehan, Colm McGrath 0-1 for Hayes, Hayes for Hackett

BURGESS: Niall McGrath; Timmie Hogan, Damien O'Brien, Liam Hogan; David Maher, Conor Quigley, Noel McDonnell; Eoin Hogan, Brian Hogan; Robbie Cremin, Shane Maher, Niall Quigley; Noel Gleeson,

Michael 'Spike' Nolan

By Shane Brophy

Tipperary GAA lost one of its greatest ever servants on Tuesday, 13 May last when county board treasurer and Michael 'Spike' Nolan passed away, aged 62.

The Moneygall native battled bravely against cancer over the preceding months and finally lost that battle, surrounded by his family at his home in Ballycommon.

Spike's love of the GAA helped him through his illness and was a spectator at matches right until the end. He was an interested spectator as his two clubs, Moneygall and Kildangan met in the senior championship just over a week before his passing.

His illness meant that he was unable to attend the National League Final between Tipperary and Galway but he made it his business to be in Nenagh last week when the sides met in a tournament game and afterwards, congratulated the players in the dressing room in what were described as emotional scenes.

Despite his deep love of the GAA, it was not his first love. That honour belonged to his family, particularly his wife Margaret and his six children, Michael, Martin, Enda, Brid, Yvonne and Lorraine.

More commonly known as 'Spike', GAA was in his blood from an early age in Moneygall and was educated at Dunkerrin National School by former GAA President Seamus O'Riain whom he idolised.

He had a long hurling and football career that stretched over five decades and culminated in 1991 when he came on in the last ten minutes of the inter-firms All Ireland Final and helped his employers, the ESB to victory along side his nephew, Adrian Hogan.

At inter-county level, he won Munster and All Ireland Under 21 medals in 1967 but his greatest achievements were at club level for his native Moneygall and his adopted Kildangan.

Wearing the black and red, he was a member of the wonderful Moneygall side of the mid-seventies that won back-to-back county senior titles in 1975 and 1976 and that team was honoured prior to the 2005 County Final.

'Spike' was also a footballer of some distinction winning North Junior football medals in 1963 and 1964 when Moneygall went onto win the county title. Progressing to senior level in 65, they were defeated in the county final by Commercials but had the consolation of winning the Under 21 title.

Moneygall won a three in a row of Under 21 football titles between 1965 and 1967 but the county title eluded them on each occasion. Spike also added a North Intermediate football medal in 1980.

At county level, he ability with the big ball was also recognised. In 1966, was on the Under 21, Junior and Senior panels.

In recent years, 'Spike' would have been recognised for his achievements as an administrator but like his great mentor, Seamus O'Riain, he was also a fine referee and had the distinction of refereeing the centenary North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final between Lorrha and Nenagh Eire Og.

He also was the man in the middle in three North Tipperary Senior Football Finals in 1981, 1985 and 1986.

As his playing days wound down, Spike's affair with the GAA took him into administrative duties and his first role came in the early eighties as Moneygall's divisional board representative and was registrar of the North Board from 1982 to 1985.

At the end of that term, he was elected treasurer of the board, replacing Tom Kirby of Kilruane. When his three year term was completed, he took the next step to county board level, in charge of the finances.

At the end of his term at county level, he returned as North Board treasurer in 1991 and remained in the position until his re-election as county treasurer in 2000, a position he held until his death.

At club level, 'Spike's' involvement in the Moneygall club was major and played a role on the development of the sports complex in 1976/1977. He transferred to the Kildangan club in the early eighties and immersed himself in the club almost immediately, helping out at all levels and was chairman between 1997 and 1999.





Kildangan 1938 North Champions. *Back, l. to r.:* John Grady, Bill Hayes, Paddy Morrissey, Paddy Slattery, Joe Cleary, Johnny Hogan, Jim Killeen, Tommy Collins. *Middle:* Danny Moloney, Jack Kelly, Joe Barry, Pat Hogan, Matt Coen, Mick Hanrahan, Ned Gleeson, Mike Murphy. *Front:* Mick Quirke, Danny Gleeson, Jack Hctor, Martin Kennedy, Rody Gleeson, Christy Coen.



Burgess 1964 which brought the first ever county title to the club - county junior hurling championship title. *Back:* Pakie Kennedy, Aindreas MacDomhnaill (inset), Paddy Seymour, Jimmy Slattery, Matthew Hogan, Michael Hogan, Tommy Seymour, Michael McDomhnaill, Willie McDonnell, Willie Hayden. *Front:* Hugh McDonnell, Patsy Nealon, Denis Maher, Jim Barry, Patsy Nealon, Denis Maher, Jim Barry, Pat McGrath, Donie Nealon, John Joe Slattery, James Houlahan, Jerome Hogan.

**Best wishes to both teams
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