

North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final
Match Programme
1986

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Nenagh



Sunday, August 17th

Senior Hurling ***Final***

At 3.30 p.m.

Cill Ruain

v

Tuaim Uí Mheara

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It is my privilege to welcome you to our North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final.



Our Final brings together Kilruane MacDonaghs and Toomevara. Both teams have qualified for the Final on merit alone.

Over the years a great bond of friendship has developed between these two great clubs, and it is my wish that today's Final will further enhance that position and perform untold good for hurling in Tipperary.

This is an opportune time to say sincere thanks to all our Clubs, Park Committees, Officers of the Board, Officials, in this Division, for their help and co-operation with the Board over the past year.

My thanks also to Bórd na nÓg for the quality of the programme; An Rúnaí, Paddy Maher; Treasurer, Mick Nolan, and a special word of thanks to the Press and Order of Malta.

I look forward to two great finals today from clubs steeped in tradition of C.L.G.

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ROSCREA: 1936, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1945, 1949, 1954, 1963, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1980 (15).

BORRISOLEIGH: 1947, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1972, 1973, 1976, 1981, 1983 (11).

KILRUANE: 1940, 1944, 1959, 1965, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1985 (8).

LORRHA: 1905, 1914, 1934, 1948, 1956, 1966, 1984 (7).

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MONEYGALL: (1975) (1).

Senior Hurling Championship, 1986

Kilruane 2-14
Roscrea 2-20
Toomevara 3-11
Borrisokane 2-8
(R) Borrisokane 3-8
Borris-Ileigh

Eire Og 2-11.
Lorrha 1-8.
Silvermines, 0-13.
Moneygall 2-8.
Moneygall 0-12.
Bye

LOSERS GROUP

Lorrha 0-13
Eire Og 1-13

Moneygall 2-3.
Silvermines 0-11

FINAL

Eire Og 1-11
(R.) Eire Og 2-7

Lorrha 2-8
Lorrha 1-9.

Q. FINALS

Roscrea 1-11
Borrisokane 2-10

Kilruane 1-12.
Borris-Ileigh 2-22.

SEMI-FINALS

Kilruane 1-15
Toomevara 1-17

Borris-Ileigh 0-7.
Eire Og 0-9.

Kilruane Scorers: P Williams 1-19; Ger Williams 0-6; E O'Shea 1-5; Philip Quinlan 1-2; Jim Williams 1-4; Gilbert Williams 0-3; Joe Banaghan 0-1; D. Cahill 0-1.

Toomevara Scorers: Liam McGrath 1-5; Michael Nolan 1-3; Sean Nolan 0-4; Joe McGrath 0-4; Tony Dunne 0-4; Liam Nolan 1-2; M O'Meara 1-2; E Frend 0-1; M Murphy 0-1; N McDonald 0-1; Jimmy Dunne 0-1.

Seniors Path to the Finals: Kilruane v Eire Og, 2-14 - 2-11; v Roscrea 1-12 - 1-11; v Borris-Ileigh 1-15 - 0-7, Semi Final.

Toomevara: v Silvermines 3-11 - 0-13; v Eire Og 1-17 - 0-9, Semi-Final.

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Great North Final of 1963

ROSCREA 2-12 — TOOMEVARA 1-8.

It was mid-September, when Roscrea and Toomevara took the field at McDonagh Park, Nenagh, to contest this eagerly awaited North Tipp Final. Toome had been at the top of the hurling tree, having won North titles in 1960, 1961 and 1962. Roscrea, on the other hand, were seeking their first title, since defeating Borrisoleigh, 3-4 to 0-11, at the same venue in 1954.

Played before a capacity crowd, this game was a thriller from start to finish, with Mr. S Gleeson, Limerick, in charge of the whistle. Such was the quality of the hurling in the first half, scores were at a premium, thus at half time, Roscrea led by the minimum of margins, 5 points to 4.

Talking point, from a Roscrea point of view, in the first half, was a "porous" net at the top end of the field. Roscrea's Phil O'Mara sent a ball flashing towards the Toome net, from the right corner. Did it go through, or under the net? A wide was signalled but the Roscrea forwards erupted into gesticulations of protest, maintaining the goal was perfectly executed. However, the umpire remained firm in his decision.

The game reached its zenith, mid-way through the second half, when Toome pulled down a four point lead. A speculative lob by Phil Shanahan from 40 yards out, landed in the Roscrea net, sending Toome supporters wild with delight, but only to find that Roscrea would prove better able to stand the pace. Drama once again, when Nolan palmed the ball to the Toome net. The umpires were in doubt. The ref joined them in consultation, and the green flag was raised. Scenting victory, Roscrea continued to force the pace. Two scoreable frees were missed by Toome. A last minute goal, notched by Phil O'Mara sealed the issue for Roscrea. In a memorable final, Toomevara, North Champions for three years were beaten and Roscrea reigned in their stead - after a wait of nine years.

'It was a great final' said North Tipp. Board Chairman, Mr Seamus O Riain when he presented the McGrath Cup to the Roscrea Captain, Michael Nolan, after the game.

Top scorer for Roscrea was corner forward P. O'Mara, 1-4, other flag raisers being M Nolan 1-2, P Dynan 0-3, M Minogue, F Loughnane, and S Carroll 0-1 each.

Toome's marksmen were: T Ryan 0-5, P Shanahan 1-0, R Ryan 0-2, P Cummins 0-1.

Roscrea's goal-keeper, Liam Carson, was the "sole survivor" of the 1954 side on which he starred consistently in a mid-field roll.

Line-outs: Roscrea: L. Carson (goal); M Hogan, K Carey, J Collison, P Rowland, S English, O. Killoran, P Dynan, M Minogue, S Carroll, F Loughnane, D Moloney, M Nolan (Capt), C Murphy, P O'Mara. Sub: N Hogan for S Carroll.

Toomevara: R Mounsey (goal); M Hassett, J.J. McCormack, W Cummins, T Shanahan, T Ryan, M Bevans, J Hough, R Ryan, P McGrath, P Shanahan, S Maxwell, J McDonnell, P Cummins, F Ryan. Subs: D Cuddy for P. McGrath and D. Kennedy replaced J McDonnell.

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Hurling—The Skills Required

With hurling under pressure from other attractive games, pastimes and pursuits, there is a greater need than ever to coach young children in the basic skills and so hold their interest in and commitment to the game. What better way of doing this, than by giving them a head start by making them proficient in the skills, as the days of saying "give them a hurley and sliotar and the tricks of the trade will come naturally", are over as so little time is now devoted to practising the game.

There are about nine essential skills to be mastered before a child is sufficiently competent to take his place on a team. Indeed for the safety of the child, the skills of protecting himself should be taught and emphasised constantly.

Expecting U/12s and younger to give top rate performances without anybody bothering to ensure that they have had adequate coaching and practice in the skills is unfair. How often have we heard and seen, over enthusiastic mentors, berating and dare I say abusing children during juvenile games, for failing to achieve what they have never been taught.

On the other hand, where the skills have received due attention, the difference in performance of boys of the same age and physique is staggering. A couple of evenings watching juvenile games and this is abundantly clear.

While there is a skills competition held annually up to national level, not enough clubs compete. How many clubs can honestly claim to give it the time and dedication required? How often is the competition over and done with before the young boys are even aware of it? If we could see their disappointment we might take a more positive attitude to this very worthwhile competition.

There is also a Skills Award Badge (Gold & Silver) and a certificate which can be won by any U/13, on successful completion of the 8 basic skills test for gold, 4 for silver. This award should be a wonderful incentive to any aspiring hurler and would not overtax any club to organise — even as a Winter activity.

During the Spring and Summer of 1985 Hurling Coaches visited the National Schools of Tipperary each week, and it was amazing to see the improvement in the children due to their tuition. Moves are afoot to have this scheme continued and it would be very welcome in giving young hurlers encouragement and confidence.

Of course at training children always want a match, which they do not realise is like putting the cart before the horse. Sadly, too many of their mentors see no merit in coaching the skills and there lies the problem, often resulting in injury, frustration and finally potential hurlers lost to the game. Pressuring young boys into playing competitive matches without coaching them adequately, in the various skills is a sure recipe for failure. Would any of us expect our children to

compete at Wimbledon just because they possessed a racquet etc?

There are excellent aids available, of benefit, even to the expert, such as "The Play Hurling No. 1" booklet sponsored by Irish Life, The Hurling Skills Video, sponsored by Greenvale Animal Feeds and of course numerous courses and seminars are given by such noted personalities as Brothers, Perkins & O'Grady, Donie Nealon, Timmie Delaney and Joe McGrath to mention but a few.

In Cork for example coaching juveniles is taken so seriously, that almost all the Senior county team has taken on the task of coaching a junior team. What a wonderful incentive and how encouraging this must be for those privileged youngsters to have the attention, advice and genuine aid of Jimmy Barry Murphy, Ger Cunningham, Tom Cashman etc. What an investment for the future and how generous of the senior players concerned.

With players like Nicholas English, Donie O'Connell and Bobby Ryan in Tipperary, to mention but a few, we have hurlers who have the skills at their finger tips and with their leadership and co-operation couldn't we take a tip from the Rebel Brigade and who knows what dividends it would pay in the near future?

Hurling is a great game and children can derive fun, satisfaction and pleasure, having perfected the basic skills. The skills are to hurling what tables are to arithmetic. What is more exciting to watch than a game where good pucks-out, well executed sideline cuts, striking, lifting, soloing, passing, blocking, hooking, catching and batting are all combined with speed and artistry.

Come on hurlers on the ditch, this is your opportunity to help and encourage the men of tomorrow. Mol an Óige agus tiocfaidh Sé.
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Section 1 - Hurling

U/12
U/14 Rural
U/14 Urban/Rural
U/16

Football

U/12
U/14 Urban/Rural
U/16

Section 2 - Hurling

U//12
U/14
U/16

Football

U/12
U/14
U/16

It also organises Feile na nGael U/14 hurling. It selects and prepares an U/16 hurling team for the Garda Cup (Co. Inter Divisional) and the Munster U/16 Hurling Inter Divisional. Since the latter competition was started in 1981, N. Tipp has won it twice—1981 and '84. The Board also organises and looks after a divisional U/14 hurling team and a divisional U/16 football team. It also helps with the organising of Scor na nOg in the division.

While receiving some revenue from admission to games, this money is not enough to sustain the buying of plaques for the winners of the various competitions, the training of the various divisional teams etc. Rather, then, than going to the Senior Board for finance to make up the deficit, Bord na nOg runs it own fund raising activities. This programme is being prepared by Bord na nOg for that purpose. By supporting the programme you will be helping the future hurlers of North Tipperary.

The Officers are: Chairman, Denis Mulcahy, Kiladangan; Vice-Chairmen, Pat Reddan, Lorrha, Paddy Madden, Lorrha; Secretary, Connie Grace, Kilruane; PRO, James Gleeson, Templederry; Co. Board Reps: Denis Mulcahy, Connie Grace, Ml. Treacy, Borrisoleigh, Billy Bailey, Eire Og.

U/16 H. Selectors: Paddy Madden, Lorrha; Timmie Ryan, Kiladangan; Paul Hogan, Borrisokane; Liam Hogan, Shannon Rovers; Joe McGrath, Toomevara.

U/16 F. Selectors: Denis Mulcahy; James O'Rourke, Newport; Pat Sheedy, Moneygall; Ciaran McNicholas, Roscrea; Denis McSweeney, Eire Og.

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Toomevara - The Pride of the Green and Gold

Hurling and Toomevara have become synonymous over the past 100 years or more. When Garret Howard arrived in the village in 1929 after being stationed in Dublin for a number of years he recalls, "To be sent to Toomevara was a bonus, Toomevara was hurling country and I was a hurling man, that was my passport".

The past 100 years of our club have been filled with great personalities and great teams. Recounting great victories of the teams of 1913, late 20's, early 30's and 1960's are part and parcel of our folklore, but hurling in Toomevara is more than that. The real heart beat of our club is felt not in the Semple Stadiums (etc) but in the fields behind every house from Curaheen to Killowney where they youth of the parish may not learn to hurl before they can walk but as soon as they can walk.

Hurling in our parish is 'the' one great binding force among both young and old. Friendships struck on the hurling field last a lifetime. During the summer months and many a winters night it provides the topic of conversation outside creameries, inside pubs, after Mass or over a game of cards and is the basis of many an argument. The people of the parish know their hurling and praise is hard earned. Past achievements have set high standards, and when not reached one is not left long in doubt as to where one went wrong.

It is now 20 years since Toome last appeared in a North Final. Many of the present team don't remember it and some weren't even born at the time. Though still having a long way to go this valley period is almost behind us. A look at under-age success over the past 10 years reveals a natural progression from U/12 Co. titles to North minor titles to Co. U/21 title last year to Co. Intermediate success two years ago.

Though under-age success in itself is great to achieve, the supporters of our famed club have only their appetites whetted for greater things by such achievements. Those countless people who have worked so diligently over the past ten years or so with the youth of our parish have been rewarded with their greatest achievement so far - An appearance in a North Senior Final. - The old Irish saying 'Mol an Oíge agus Tiocfaidh siad' was never more appropriate than in the present Toome team. Long may it continue as it has already this year.

U/12 - Won Co. Final; U/14 - beaten in Norths Final; U/16's - in North Final; U/18's - Still in contention; U/21's - in North Semi-Final; Junior A's and B's - still in contention; Seniors - North Final.

Toomevara Club Officers: **President:** Canon Mulqueen, P.P.; **Vice-President:** Matt Hassett; **Chairman:** Tom Shanahan; **Vice-Chairman:** Donal Shanahan; **Secretary:** Pat McGrath; **Treasurer:** Bernard O'Neill; **Registrar:** Neil Williams.

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Kilruane MacDonaghs

It is just fifty years since the Kilruane MacDonaghs G.A.A. club was formed and over that period the club has had many notable successes in every grade both in hurling and football. The glorious years (1900 to 1910) of the Lahorna De Wets are recalled with awe, pride and satisfaction by the people in Cloughjordan, just as the mighty victories of the present day crop of players are talked about and discussed by old and young in our parish. Hurling is a religion in Cloughjordan parish.

1985 was a great year for Kilruane MacDonaghs. The U/14 team won the North Tipperary final and were narrowly beaten in a great Co. Final. The Junior hurlers won both the North and Co. Championships, while the Seniors were top in North Tipperary, Co. Tipperary, Munster and then beat Buffers Alley, Co. Wexford on 16th March 1986 in the All-Ireland Club Championship final.

The above mentioned victories appeared to be against all the odds. How could a team of old men (average age just over 30) and geriatrics as they were dubbed by many knockers in Tipperary gain such notable successes? Yes, in 1981, '82, '83 and '84 this great team of the 1970's seemed to be over the top. Lorrha, Roscrea, Borrisoleigh and many teams in the other divisions wrote off Kilruane and said that they would not be a force in the 1985 championships.

Len Gaynor as coach and trainer of the team, together with Jim Casey and Liam O'Shea as selectors had other ideas. On a cold and wet night in February a decision was taken, an all out attempt would be made to regain the North Tipperary Championship of 1985. Physical training began two nights a week in the Vocational School in Nenagh and the players on the panel, old and young were there to a man. How this training paid off is now history. From that night in February 1985 until March of the following year there was no let up.

Len Gaynor urged his charges on by his unique but simple training methods and his fiery talks before the games and at half time. An outsider who once hear Gaynor give such a talk told the writer that he never heard anything like it, especially the manner in which the players listened to Gaynor's every word and then ran out of the dressing room with fire and determination and a will to win - a fierce resolve to give everything "for the honour of the little village".

Surely such a man as Gaynor is needed for our County team of 1987!

During 1984 & 1985, two other events of note took place in Cloughjordan parish, (a) the only All-Ireland title achieved by Tipperary in 1984 was won by Kilruane MacDonaghs in the All-Ireland 7-a-side tournament played in Dublin; and (b) the club published its club history which deals with all GAA affairs in the parish since 1884. (Copies are still available at £7.)

1986 is another year and we in Kilruane know only too well that thinking about the glories of the past will do us very little good.

Already Eire Og, Roscrea and Borris-ileigh have been conquered and we find ourselves in the North Tipperary final once again. Toomevara will provide the opposition - it is great to see the Greyhounds back. Our only wish is that this will be a memorable final and may the better team win.

For those who have studied the history of the GAA in North Tipperary this meeting of Toomevara and Kilruane MacDonaghs in the divisional final will bring back memories of the 1911 final - 75 years ago. That game was won by Toomevara by 7 goals to 3 goals and marked (a) the arrival of the famous "Greyhounds" and (b) the end of The Lahorna De Wets.

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The story of North Tipperary's part in fostering and promoting the newly-established GAA (a North Tipperary GAA Committee was founded in March 1886).

Accounts of North Tipperary's historic match against South Galway often dubbed 'the forgotten All-Ireland' and the Silver Challenge Cup which the victors brought home to North Tipp and which was later won by Silvermines in the first North Tipperary championship.

Stories of the rise and decline of champion clubs like Silvermines, Lahorna De Wets, Lorrha-Dorrha and , the most famous of all, the Toomevara Greyhounds.

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The parish of Toomevara is justly proud of their Foroige branch's nomination win of the national Citizenship Award for their development of the direct roadside site on the Nenagh side of the village. The model of their award-winning project and accompanying text, photographs, graphics and trophies are now on display in the Centre from today (17th August) until early September.

Samples of the work of members of North Tipperary Craft Workers Association are also on display — stained glass, woodturned objects, hand-made clocks, pottery, and hand-knitted and woven garments.

A look at the Centre's Stone Age men, environmental aspects of Lough Derg, recreated forge and shop and utensils once concerned in the domestic buttermaking, will round off the visit.

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| | 8. Peter Coleman | 9. Pat Keating |
| 10. Willie Allen | 11. Tom McCabe | 12. Richard Ryan |
| 13. Denis Ryan | 14. Brendan O'Brien | 15. Michael Ryan |

Subs.: Kieran Ryan (16), Nigel Coleman (17), Philip Cantillon (18), Pat O'Donoghue (19), Liam Moynihan (20), Timmy Ryan (21), Michael Collins (22).

LORRHA

- | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | 1. Larry Gleeson | |
| 2. Tom Madden | 3. Declan Hogan | 4. Tom Corcoran |
| 5. Michael O'Meara | 6. Kieran Molloy | 7. Colm Molloy |
| | 8. David Harding | 9. P. J. O'Meara |
| 10. Pat Kennedy | 11. Brendan Deely | 12. Michael Killeen |
| 13. Pat Hoolahan | 14. Colm Hogan | 15. William Reddan |

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The Kilruane MacDonagh team that defeated Borris-Ileigh in the semi-final. Back row: Paddy Williams, Philip Quinlan, John Cahill, Joe Banaghan, Denis O'Meara, Eamon O'Shea, Enda Hogan. Front row: Pat Quinlan, Jim Williams, Gilbert Williams, Tony Sheppard, Jim O'Meara, Gerry Williams, Seamus Gibson, Michael Hogan.

Kilruane

MacDonaghs

(Dubh agus Bán — Black and White)

A. Mac Aoire

Tony Sheppard (Capt.)

(2)

S. Ó Cathail

John Cahill

(3)

D. Ó Meara

Denis O'Meara

(4)

S. Ó Giobsuin

Seamus Gibson

(5)

M. Ó hÓgain

Michael Hogan

(6)

S. Ó Meara

Jim O'Meara

(7)

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Gilbert Williams

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Eamon O'Shea

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Philip Quinlan

Fir Ionad: 16—D Ó Cathail (Denis Cahill); 17—D. Ó Caoinleain (David Quinlan); 18—S. Ó hAonghusa (Seamus Hennessy); 19—E. Ó Dairsigh (Eamon Darcy); 20—S. Mac Liam (Sean Williams); 21—D. Ó Treasaigh (Donal Treacy); 22—P. Ó Maolcathaigh (Paul Mulcahy); 23—E. Ó Ciarba (Eamon Kirby); 24—S. Ó Caoinleain (John Quinlan); 25—M. Mac Fhionnbar (Michael Gaynor); 26—S. Ó Cathail (Joe Cahill); 27—T. Mac Giolla Achaigh (Tom Killackey); 28—A. Ó hÓgain (Ailbe Hogan).

Toomevara

(Glas agus Ór — Green and Gold)

S. de Gras

Jody Grace

(2)

R. Ó Breasláin

Rory Brislane

(3)

D. Ó Breasláin

Dan Brislane

(4)

B. Ó Speallain

Brendan Spillane

(5)

S. Ó Nuallain

Sean Nolan

(6)

P. Mac an Rí

Pat King

(7)

N. Mac Domhnaill

Noel McDonnell

(8)

M. Ó Murchu

Michael Murphy (Capt.)

(9)

M. Ó Meara

Michael O'Meara

(10)

M. Ó Nuallain

Michael Nolan

(11)

A. Ó Duinn

Tony Dunne

(12)

S. Mac Craith

Joe McGrath

(13)

L. Mac Craith

Liam McGrath

(14)

L. Ó Nuallain

Liam Nolan

(15)

S. Ó Duinn

Jimmy Dunne

Fir Ionad: 16—P. Mac Craith (Pat McGrath); 17—P. Ó Meachair (Pat Maher); 18—E. Frend (Eddie Frend); 19—C. Mac Domhnaill (Kenneth McDonnell); 20—S. O Riain (John Ryan); 21—B. Ó Dúslaine (Brian Delaney); 22—T. O'Meara (Tommy O'Meara); 23—S. Ó Riain (John Ryan); 24—M. MacAogain (Michael Egan).

Toomevara



The Toomevara team that defeated Eire Og in the semi-final. Back row: Pat King, Dan Brislane, Jody Grace, Jimmy Dunne, Noel McDonnell, Tony Dunne, Michael Murphy. Front row: Liam McGrath, Brendan Spillane, Michael O'Meara, Rory Brislane, Sean Nolan, Michael Nolan, Joe McGrath.

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Toome and Kilruane four Clashes

Toomevara and Kilruane clashed in four North Finals between 1958 and 1962, with Toomevara emerging on top in three of them 1958, 1960 and 1962. Kilruane's lone success was in 1959.

They met in a high scoring North final on August 17th., 1958, at McDonagh Park. Both teams needed to win a title. Toome had not won a North title since 1946 and had lost to Eire Og in the 1957 final, while Kilruane had lost three North Finals since their last victory in 1944. The Guardian reported that "great things were expected of the McCarthy brothers who were prominent scorers against Roscrea in the semi-final, but the half forward was held in a grip by the Toome half backs. The first half of the game gave promise of an easily contested final, Kilruane settled down to their work in great style, and their supporters were cheered by a goal early on, but their lead was short-lived."

Toome led at the interval 2-6 to 2-3, Kilruane's second goal being scored by Sean Williams, brother of Neil, which was described as the score of the match. However the second half was very one sided. Broken at midfield, the Kilruane defence felt the Toome pressure.... as the scores mounted the game deteriorated and the spectators were leaving the field ten minutes before the end".

Toomevara: R Mounsey, M Hassett, W. Donovan, T Cuddy, M O'Gara, N Williams, T Shanahan, J Hough, G Hough, J Donovan, P Shanahan (Capt), C Ryan, M Burke, S Guerin, D Cuddy.

Kilruane: T O'Brien, S Dwyer, D Gaynor, T Hennessey, W Conlon, J Gibson, S Ryan, M. Ryan, M. Fahy, G. McCarthy, C. Hogan, J. McCarthy, S. Williams, H. Tooher, D. Gibson.

1959 saw Kilruane eager to reverse the defeat, and they did so in style at Nenagh on August 2nd. Toome were firm favourites, but had to line out without he injured John Hough. Jimmy Gibson, according to the Guardian, "played many fine games for Kilruane, but in Sundays contest he attained a new stature by his fine defensive play... Greg McCarthy, the county hurler and Kilruane captain was not standing at centre field, he was here, there and everywhere at one time". Kilruane dominated the first half and led 0-8 to 0-1 at the interval, Jimmy Donovan revived Toomevara's hopes with a second half goal, but Kilruane were not to be denied, and went on to win 0-11 to 1-4.

Kilruane: M Ryan, P Ryan, J Williams, T Hennessey, W Gibson, J Gibson, S Ryan, D Gaynor, G McCarthy, G Hogan, V Tierney, J McCarthy, S Williams, H Tooher, T McLoughney.

Toomevara: R Mounsey, M Hassett, J J McCormack, W Donovan, M O'Gara, T Shanahan, G Hough, P Shanahan, T Ryan, C Ryan, G Donovan, C Hogan, M Burke, F Ryan.

In 1966 Toomevara beat Eire Og, Nenagh, by co-incidence, in the semi-final by 2-12 to 3-6. The final turned out to be a very one sided affair. Toome were coming into their peak, and they ran out winners by 4-12 to 1-3. "This was not

one of the occasions when the scoreline was misleading" said the Guardian. "Toomevara were every bit as superior as the big margin in their favour suggests, and the eclipse of the champions was complete and utterly convincing.

Toomevara: R Mounsey, M Hassett, J.J. McCormack, J. McDonnell, M O'Gara, N Williams, T Shanahan, J Hough, P Shanahan, C Ryan, W Donovan, T Ryan, P Cummins, G Hough, F Ryan.

Kilruane: M Ryan, P Ryan, J Williams, S Dwyer, B Gibson, J Gibson, S Ryan, G McCarthy, D Gaynor, v Tierney, G Hogan, J McCarthy, S Williams, T Hennessey, T Moloughney.

Toome beat Borrisokane in the 1961 final, but the following year as they sought the three-in-a-row, Kilruane barred their path - over 3,000 spectators turned up, and they were well pleased with what they saw. It was the most exciting of the clashes, and Toome only pulled ahead in the last minutes for a 4-9 to 5-4 win. "Toomevara won this game because they are a team of rare proficiency, but Kilruane could have won and a draw would have satisfied anyone without affiliation to either side. From the first to last there was never a dull moment in the game, which was conducted at a stamina devouring pace."

Toomevara: R Mounsey, M Hassett, W Donovan, J McDonnell, M O'Gara, N Williams, T Shanahan, T Ryan, S Randles, J Hough, D Cuddy, F Ryan, R Ryan, P Shanahan, J Donovan.

Kilruane: M Ryan, L White, P Ryan, J Williams, S Hyland, J Gibson, L Gaynor, D Gaynor, M Murphy, L Tierney, G Hogan, C Moloughney, S Williams, H Tooher, T Moloughney.

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ROSCREA - North Titles:

U/12 H. 1974.
U/12 F. 1978, '79, '80, '81, '83.
U/14 H. 1976, 1982, 1985.
U/14 F. 1976, 1977, 1980, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1985.
U/16 H. 1978, 1983, 1984.
U/16 F. 1972, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1983, 1984.
U/15 H. 1965.
U/16½ H. 1966, 1967.
U/13. 1967, 1971.

County Titles:

U/14 H. 1976.
U/16 H. 1978, 1983.
U/15 H. 1965.
U/16½ H. 1966, 1967.

BURGESS:

U/13 Hurling B. 1969; U/12 Hurling B. 1980; U/16 Hurling B. 1982; U/14 Hurling B. 1984; U/16 Hurling B. 1984; U/14 Hurling B. 1985; U/12 Hurling B. 1986.

TEMPLEDERRY:

North Titles: U/12 Hurling B. 1979; U/12 Hurling 'Special'. 1982; U/16 Hurling B. 1983.

LORRHA:

North Titles: 1956, 1957, 1958.
County Titles: 1957, 1958.

KILRUANE MacDONAGH:

North Titles - Hurling:

U/12 (2) 1978 and 1979.
U/14 Rural (5) 1973, '76, '78, '80 and '85.
U/14 Rural (2) 1980 and '81.
U/15 Rural (10), 1944, '51, '59, '60, '61, '62, '64, '68, '70, '71.
U/15 U-Rural (4), 1962, '64, '68, '71.
U/16 (2), 1973 and '80.
U/17 (1), 1971.

North Titles - Football:

U/12 (1) 1982.
U/15 (1) 1970.

County Titles - Hurling:

U/14 Rural (3), 1973, 1978, 1980.
U/14 U-Rural (1), 1980.
U/15 Rural (4), 1944, '59, '64, '70.
U/13 U-Rural (1), 1962.
U/17 (1), 1971.

BORRISOKANE - North Titles:

U/15 Hurling, 1954.
U/14 Rural Football, 1974.
U/12 Football, 1975.
U/14 Urban/Rural Hurling 1975.
U/14 Urban/Rural Football 1975. U/16 Special Hurling Competition, 1975.
U/16 Hurling 1976.
U/12 Football, 1977.
U/14 Rural Football, 1977.
U/16 Hurling 1977.
U/14 Rural Hurling, 1986.

NEWPORT - North Titles - Football:

U/17, 1970; U/16, 1982; U/15, 1968; U/14 Rural, 1983; U/12 Div. 2, 1984.
County Titles: Football, 1982.

North Titles - Hurling:

U/16, Div. 2, 1978; U/14 Div. 2, 1978; U/12, Div. 2, 1978, '81, '82; U/15 Losers Group, 1968.

BALLINA/BALLINAHINCH - North Titles:

U/12 Hurling (Section 2) 1983; U/14 Hurling (Section 2) 1983; U/12 Hurling (Section 2) 1984; U/14 Football (Section 2) 1984; U/12 Hurling (Section 2) 1985; U/16 Football (Section 2), 1985.

Ballina North Title: U/13 Hurling, 1967.

County Titles: U/13 Hurling, 1967.

TOOMEVARA - North Titles:

U/16 Hurling, 1981, '85.
U/14 Rural Hurling, '53, '55, '75, '77, '79, '81, '82, '83, '84.
U/14 Urban Rural Hurling, '63, '77, '79, '83, '84.
U/12 Hurling, '75, '77, '80, '81, '82, '83, '85, '86.

County Titles - U/16 Hurling, '81, '85.

U/14 Rural Hurling, '79, '81, '82, '84.

U/14 Urban/Rural Hurling, '79.

U/12 Hurling, '77, '81, 86.

KILADANGAN - North Titles - Hurling:

U/12, 1979; U/13 Rural, 1965; U/14, 1980, 1982, Div. 2; U/15 Rural, 1966, 1967; U/16, Div 1/Sec B. 1984; U/17, 1957.

County Titles - Hurling: U/15 Rural, 1966, 1967.

North Titles - Football: U/12, 1986, Div. 2; U/14, 1980, Rural; U/14, 1983, Div. 2; U/16, 1984, Div. 2.

EIRE OG - North Titles:

1972: U/12 Hurling, U/14 Hurling, U/14 U/R Football, U/16 Hurling, Turasna na nOg U/12 Football.

1973: U/12 Football, U/14 Hurling, U/12 Football, U/16 Football, Feile na Gael.

1974: U/12 Football, U/12 Football, Feile na Gael, Turasna na nOg, U/14 Hurling.

1975: U/16 Hurling, U/16 Football.

1976: U/12 Football.

1978: U/14 Hurling, U/12 Football.

1979: U/12 Football, U/16 Hurling, U/16 Football.

1982: U/16 Hurling.

1984: U/12 Hurling, U/12 Football.

1985: U/12 Football, U/14 (Sect. 2) Football, U/16 Football.

SILVERMINES - North Titles:

1962: U/15 H. Losers Group; 1963: U/15 H. Losers Group; 1972: U/14 H. Losers Group; U/16 H. Losers Group; 1974: U/14 H. Losers Group; 1975: U/14 H. Losers Group; 1976: U/14 F Rural; 1977 U/16 H. Section 2.

SHANNON ROVERS - North Titles:

U/15 H. 1945, '46, '47, '48, '52, Losers Group, 1967.

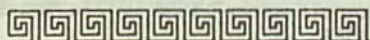
U/16 Hurling Section 2, 1979, '80.

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By Declan Kelly

1986 will long be remembered in the annals of Nenagh CBS as a definite year of glory and circumstance. In yet another disappointing year for Tipperary hurling, the men from the Summerhill establishment salvaged some pride at least with their great victory in the All Ireland Colleges "B" championship.

The campaign began with an almost carefree victory margin of 6-13 — 1-1 over Charleville and things certainly looked promising for the future. Any illusions that might have been present were dispelled immediately in the 2nd round when Nenagh came desperately close to being knocked out by a gallant Clonmel side. With just 30 seconds remaining, Nenagh looked dead and buried but Mike Gaynor saved the day with a brilliant winning goal and his team marched on to the Munster Semi-Final, where Shannon were the opponents. Shannon posed very few problems for the CBS side and a fine team effort resulted in a 3-13—1-6 victory.

The scene was now set for the Munster Final in Moneygall against old rivals Roscrea CBS, and it was indeed a great sight to see two North Tipp teams do battle in a Munster Colleges decider. After some fast and furious hurling and some near misses by both sides it was Nenagh who once again eventually emerged victorious by the scoreline of 3-8 — 1-6.

A long trip to Trim followed where Magheragh from Derry provided the opposition in the All Ireland semi-final. The Ulstermen simply had no answer to the firepower of the Nenagh forwards, resulting in an emphatic 4-13—1-4 victory for the rampant Nenagh side. This match was full of incident, especially as Micilin Delaney, our stalwart centre-back, was forced to retire with a broken leg. Delaney had definitely been the star of the Nenagh defence up to that point, but his place was ably filled by Aidan McGrath. One could certainly not leave this match without mentioning the truly brilliant performance of Dinny Ryan who contributed a massive 2-9 to Nenagh's final total and left the Magheragh defence in tatters.

And so, on to that truly unforgettable All Ireland Final in Cloughjordan on May 11th. The terrible underfoot conditions and the continuous rain meant that both sides faced an even more daunting task than expected, but it was generally expected that Nenagh were about to emulate their schoolmates of 1983. Their opponents Cistercian College, Roscrea thought differently however and gave the Nenagh men what can only be described as the fright of their lives. The proof that both sides were very evenly matched was very evident in the first half as it became increasingly obvious that the fitter and more determined side would emerge victorious.

After ten minutes of the second half it was Roscrea who were dominating affairs and would surely have opened up an unassailable lead had it not been for some brilliant goalkeeping by Liam Sheedy. With just a minute and a half remaining Nenagh trailed by two points and every Nenagh supporter in the ground prayed for a miracle recovery similar to that of Mike Gaynor's goal against Clonmel. They were not to be disappointed when Robbie Clear fastned on to a loose ball to send it thundering to the net and to drive the Nenagh camp delirious with joy.

To win in such a euphoric and stunning manner was indeed a just reward to this great squad of which I was delighted to be a member. The full squad, ably coached by Vincent Kyne, Martin Slattery and Tony Slattery was as follows: Liam Sheedy, Joe Guerin, Martin Hogan, Dermot Hogan, Mattie Forgarty, Joe Kennedy, Aidan McGrath, John Sheehy, Robert Cleere, Sean O'Meara, Mike Gaynor (Capt), Mike Burns, George O'Leary, Dinny Ryan, Eamon Kirby, Michael Mulcahy, Declan Kelly, Stephen Shanahan, Gerry Gavin, Eamon Gaynor, Kieran Bourke, Eamon Gaynor, Joe Sheehy, Paul Madden, Micilin Delaney.

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QUIZ

1. How many chairmen of the North Tipperary Board were Priests?
2. The Frank McGrath Cup is for the North Tipp. Senior Hurling Championship. Frank McGrath was a native of which parish?
3. Set Dancing is perhaps the most popular item on the Scor agenda. Which club won 5 North Tipp titles (senior) in a row 1976-1980 in Set Dancing?
4. What cup was presented to Kilruane when they won the All-Ireland S.H. Club Championship?
5. Who was the first "Guardian Player of the Year"?
6. Name either the chairman or secretary of the North Tipperary Handball Board?
7. Who has refereed most North Tipperary Senior Hurling Finals?
8. Michael Moylan, R.I.P., was the longest serving Secretary of the North Tipp. Board. Of which parish was he a native?
9. He captained Tipperary when winning his second All-Ireland Senior medal. He was then only 19 years old. Who is he?
10. Of the 7 men who attended the Nov. 1st., 1884 meeting in Thurles to found the GAA, how many were from the North Tipperary GAA Division?
11. Who scored Toomevara's only goal in their semi-final victory over Eire og?
12. In the last 10 years Kilruane has won most North Tipp. S.H. titles - 4. Which club has lost most S.H. finals in the same period?
13. Name the Boards 3 joint presidents?
14. Roscrea captured the All-Ireland S.H. Club title in 1971. Which Leinster team did they defeat in the final?
15. What trophy is presented for the North Tipp. Minor Hurling Championship (proper)?
16. What two clubs amalgamated this year under the name "Father Cunningham's"?
17. Where is Bishop Quinlan Park?
18. If a player fouls a 65, what should a referee do?
19. What club was the first recipient of "North Tipperary club of the Year" award?
20. In which year was the North Tipperary Board founded?

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