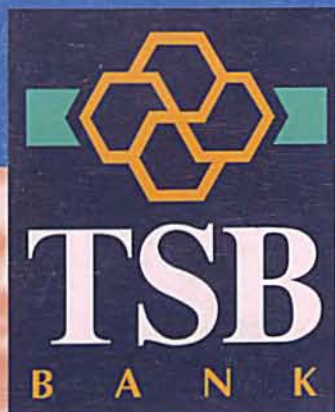


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A dhaoine uaisle, is ábhar áthais agus bróid dom, ar mo shon féin, agus ar son Cosite Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh, fáilte ó chroí a fhearadh roimh gach éinne anseo inniu. Is lá speisialta atá inniú ann - cómoradh an chéid do Bhórd Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh a bunaíoch in 1901. Tá súil agam go mbeidh sár cluichí againn agus beidh buathóirí againn ea chluiche sinisir.

On behalf of North Tipperary G.A.A. Board it is my pleasure to welcome all of you to Thomas MacDonagh Park, Nenagh for today's game.

Today is a special day as we commemorate 100 years of the G.A.A. in North Tipperary. Last year a committee was formed to organise events to celebrate 'Céid Bliain ag Fás'. Under the chairmanship of Noel Morris and Denis Floyd as secretary, it has carried out a number of events, beginning with a celebration on the life of our President Séamus ó Riain. This was followed by the launching of our history titled 'A History of the G.A.A. in the North Tipperary Division' which was so well written by Seamus J. King.

The senior final brings together Borris-Ileigh and Nenagh Éire Óg, two clubs that have played many great games in recent years. Borris-Ileigh will be hoping to regain the title last won in 1988 while Nenagh will be striving to repeat their title winning performance of 1998.

This pairing has all the ingredients of a wonderful contest, and hopefully you will enjoy a final worthy of the occasion and whatever the outcome, it is my hope that this final will compare with the many great games of the past.

I would like to express the board's thanks to the TSB Bank, Nenagh, for its generous sponsorship.

I would like to thank all that helped in the preparations for today's game, MacDonagh Park Committee, Gardai, Order of Malta, the press and the participating clubs.

Today's programme has been compiled by our Treasurer, Catherine Gleeson and Liam Hogan, Shannon Rovers, in conjunction with Bord na nOg. I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to them for producing a very fine programme.

My thanks to the referees and clubs of the division for their help and co-operation during the year and finally to all my fellow officers, but especially an Rúnaí, Ger McKeogh and an Cisteoir, Catherine Gleeson, who both carry out a huge amount of outstanding work on behalf of the board.

Clár an Lae

1.30 p.m.	Curtain Raiser	3.12 p.m.	Foireann Éire Ó an Aonaigh amach ar an bpáirc
2.05 p.m.	Unveiling of Plaque at Nenagh Éire Óg pavilion	3.25 p.m.	Parade of teams
2.45 p.m.	Presentation of Trophy for opening game.	3.28 p.m.	Amhrán na bhFiann
2.50 p.m.	Parade of Clubs.	3.30 p.m.	North Tipp S.H. final: Borris-Ileigh v Nenagh Éire Óg
3.05 p.m.	Rendition of Centenary Song	4.05 p.m.	Borris-Ileigh Jubilee team (1976) introduced to the crowd.
3.10 p.m.	Juvenile players take up position for guard of honour	4.15 p.m.	Second half of S.H. final
3.10 p.m.	Foireann Buiróis Uí Luíoch amach ar an bpáirc.	4.50 p.m.	Presentation of Frank McGrath Cup.

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In Pursuit of Jubilee Honours

Today we thought we might produce a novel way of looking back at how each club fared in the pursuit of the Frank McGrath Cup. So we decided to have a look in on the years that coincided with fifty years after winning the first title, beginning with Lahorna De-Wets.

Lahorna De Wets 1901- The club had changed its name to Kilruane MacDonaghs, and in 1951, MacDonaghs were grouped with Toomevara and Borris-Ileigh in a round robin series. The first game was a 5-6 to 3-5 win over Toomevara on June 3rd and on July 15th, they lost to Borris-Ileigh who were reigning North Champions, thus ending their interest in the Championship.

Lorrha 1905 - Lorrha lost the '55 semi-final to reigning champions, Borris-Ileigh by 0-11 to 1-1, having earlier dispatched Moneygall in the losers group final. In the first round, they lost to Roscrea after a replay by 3-2 to 1-3, and Roscrea later reached the North Final.

Youghalarra 1909 - Fifty years later, Youghalarra players were involved in Senior Championship under the guise of Duharra. Duharra's involvement meant a first round loss to Kildangan 4-6 to 4-1. Confined to the losers' group, they defeated Eire Og, Nenagh before losing to Kilruane MacDonagh in the losers' group semi final, which they lost by 4-9 to 4-4 on June 28th. Not bad, when you consider that MacDonagh's won the North Final later in the year.

Toomevara 1910- The Jubilee pursuit was a positive one when Toomevara defeated Kilruane 4-12 to 1-3 on Sept. 11th 1960. Toome defeated Burgess, Kiladangan, and Nenagh Eire Og before accounting for Roscrea in the semi final.

Nenagh 1915- If Nenagh had won North Finals back to back, it would have crowned a glorious Jubilee success. However it was not to be. As North Champions in '64, the '65 campaign began with Nenagh losing their first round game to Borrisokane and in the losers' group, Moneygall put an end to their tenure as champions by beating them 2-11 to 3-4 on July 4th.

Newport 1932- Newport were confined to the Intermediate grade since 1980, so in 1982 they played four games, they won one, which was against Portroe. Newport failed to make the top three in their group of five, thus not making the knockout stages.

Borrisokane 1933- Just one year after winning a North Intermediate and County Junior title in '82, Borris went up to senior in 1983. They found the going a little rough and lost their first round game to Borris-Ileigh by 4-7 to 2-11. Then it was losers' group for the Lower Ormonders and Moneygall defeated them by 2-14 to 2-11 on June 5th.

Kilbarron/Kildangan 1934- The Shannon Rovers/Kildangan combination parted company with the advent of parish rule one year later in '35. In 1984 both clubs competed in the Intermediate Grade but neither team set the world alight and their interest in the Championship ended well before the knockout stages.

Roscrea 1936- Roscrea went into the 1986 campaign knowing that they would have to go one better than runners up in 85 to Kilruane. They fared no better when they lost to Kilruane by 1-12 to 1-11, having a first round win over Lorrha.

Kildangan 1938- That year Kildangan won their first title without the assistance of Kilbarron. In 1988 they were in search of honours at Intermediate grade, reaching a quarter-final they lost to Newport (who became North Champions the same year) put an end to their quest.

Kilruane MacDonaghs 1940- Under their new name, they became the second team to win a North Final, 50 years after winning their first. They won the 1990 final in a low scoring game by 2-7 to 0-5 against Toomevara.

Borris-Ileigh 1947- In 1997 Borris-Ileigh lost the North Final to Toomevara in one of the wettest days for a final in recent memory. The venue was Cloughjordan and the final score read Toomevara 1-15, Borris-Ileigh 1-8.

Wishing all teams the very best of luck in today's final

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TIPPERARY ALL-IRELAND U/21 CHAMPIONS 1980: Back row (l. to r.): Pat Power, Michael Kennedy, Donie O'Connell, Joe Kennedy, Vinnie Mullins, Brian Heffernan, Bobbie Ryan, Cormack Bonner. Front row (l. to r.): Michael Murphy, Pat McGrath, Pat Fox, Joe Dwyer, Philip Kennedy (C.), Michael Ryan, Austin Buckley

First Final 1901

The first final was not played until April 20th 1902 and De Wets defeated Roscrea by 4-01 to 0-03. The game was played in Cloughjordan.

Ten Years Later: By this stage De Wets long reign had ended and by now Lorrha, Youghalarra and Toomevara were new to winning North finals. In fact Toomevara had won their first title one year earlier and they were about to retain the title by defeating DeWets by 7-00 to 3-00 at Nenagh

End Of An Era: In 1931 Toomevara were about to come to an end of an era after winning the past six finals. Borrisoleigh conceded soft goals and they trailed by 4-00 to 1-01 at half time. Borris began the second half piling on the pressure but when they failed to score Toome came back to score two goals and they ran out comfortable winners on a scoreline 7-01 to 1-03. Toomevara had now collected their 17th North Title and by now there were five teams who had won the north championship. The role of honour then was as follows. Toomevara -17; De Wets-7; Lorrha-3; Nenagh-1 Youghalarra-1.

When Roscrea won their first: Roscrea defeated Kildangan in the 1936 final by a margin of nine points they had continued an era of where teams were winning their first title. Earlier in 32 Newport won their first and one year later it was the turn of Borrisokane while Kilbarron/Kildangan won in 34

Borris-Ileigh On The March: In 1951 Borris-Ileigh retained the Murphy Cup for the second year when they defeated Roscrea in the North Final, 2-10 to 3-5. The champions were fully extended and at the close were battling in determined mood to withhold a hectic challenge by the men in red who were hurling with all their skill to land the Murphy Cup for the first time since 1949. The game was played at tiptop speed and it held the spectators on a high note of excitement right up to the final whistle. A feature of the game was Ned Ryan's marksmanship from centre forward and he contributed 0-08 of Borris-Ileigh's score. This was the second of the four in a row titles won between 1950 to '53 for Borris-Ileigh.

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To-day's Final

To-day's final provides an unique pairing for a North Senior Final. Neither Borris-Ileigh nor Nenagh Éire Óg have crossed paths in a final before. They previously met in three semi-finals up to now beginning with 1983, when Borris won and seven years later Nenagh got one back with a 3-13 to 0-8 win at Roscrea. In 1995 Borris-Ileigh won an exciting game on a score of 1-16 to 2-11 at Cloughjordan. Who can forget the play-off later on in the year when Nenagh as League champions overcame the North runners-up. In getting to today's final, Borris-Ileigh came through with wins over Roscrea and a pulsating victory over Toomevara in the quarter-final.

Their semi-final win over Moneygall came with ease and now they hope to win back the Frank McGrath Cup after thirteen years. North finals are nothing new to Nenagh in the past decade. In 1998 they won the sixth title and third in seven years. In their opening game Nenagh defeated Moneygall in the preliminary round. Then it was the turn of Portroe to fall before them in the quarter final.

Nenagh will not forget their semi-final win over Roscrea. Some might say they are lucky to be in today's final. Be that as it may, they have every right to be there and as underdogs, they are well capable of collecting their seventh title.

They have well known faces like Kevin and Eddie Tucker, the Flannery brothers plus Robbie Tomlinson and Declan O'Meara. Again one of their most experienced players is Michael Cleary who seems to be back at his best.

In their panel Borris-Ileigh have three All-Ireland medal holders. There is Darragh Rabbitt in goals, plus Philip Maher at full back and not forgetting Aidan Ryan who can well make an appearance from the subs' bench at some stage.

Borris have been steadily building their team from the past three years or so. They were lucky to avoid the drop to intermediate grade after a close shave with Newport in the relegation play-off.

Last year, their plans came unstuck when Moneygall defeated them in the semi-final so they hope to go one better this time round.

There are some lesser familiar names on the team, quite apart from the three mentioned above. Sean and Declan Maher come to mind, with Angelo Walsh on form with the frees. There are the two reliables like Tom Stakelum and John McGrath at the edge of the square.

A win for Borris-Ileigh looks on but if Nenagh get a good start who knows?

Today's Referee:

Michael Cahill, Kilruane MacDonaghs

Today's referee Michael Cahill takes charge of his fifth North Tipperary senior hurling final. His first final was in 1988 when Borris-Ileigh defeated Roscrea in Nenagh. He also took charge of the 1991 final when incidentally Toomevara played Nenagh Éire Óg. Toome won that year. Michael first began refereeing in 1974 and he has gone from club refereeing to inter-county refereeing. He was standby linesman at this year's Munster hurling semi-final game between Waterford and Limerick and later he was standby linesman in the All-Ireland U-21 final Wexford and Limerick. He has refereed many Munster championships under-age games. Possibly the highlight of his career was the 1997 county senior hurling final between Clonoulty-Rossmore and Mullinahone.

The full list of North finals are as follows:

SHC 1988, '91, '91 replay, '98, '99; IHC 1993, '97; JHC 1978, '86, '00; U-21 H 'A' 1979, '82, '95, '96, '01; U-21 H. 'B' 1990; Minor H. 'A' 1992; Minor H. 'B' 1993. SHL 1991, '95; IHL 1993; Inter. Football 1982. All county final hurling grades.

Best of luck to Nenagh Éire Óg in today's final

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Liam Devaney (1935-) Borris-Ileigh

By Seamus J. King



I suppose his versatility was his greatest asset. Liam Devaney played for the county in every position on the field with the lone exception of full-back. He played in goal in a league match against Clare in Tipperary Town. He played corner-back against Pa Dillon at Nenagh. He was full-forward against Galway in the 1958 All-Ireland. One of his greatest displays was when he was moved to centreback in the 1961 All-Ireland against Dublin.

This might suggest something of the 'Jack-of-all-Trades' syndrome but it couldn't be farther from the truth. Liam was an extremely skillful player and one of the most naturally gifted hurlers in Munster. At a time when players of the calibre of the Rackard brothers, John and Jimmy Doyle, Eddie Kehir, Dan Quigley and the inimitable Christy Ring populated the hurling scene, Devaney measured up admirably to the best of them, holding his own on the field of play during what was a truly magical period in hurling history.

Images of Liam Devaney's wizardry will live long in the memories of Tipperary followers.

His favourite position was at wing-forward. One recalls him striking the ball from very close to the sideline, way out on the wing, and sending it high over the bar. He admits he wasn't a prolific scorer, being happy with two or three points in a game, and remembers himself as a feeder of the ball to his fellow players rather than a scorer in his own right.

He never put great emphasis on his fitness level. He never trained that hard but was naturally athletic. He could cover an enormous amount of ground in the course of a game. He never smoked, drank lightly and never carried much weight. As a minor he was between ten and ten and a half stone.

His county career began in 1952 as a minor. He won an All-Ireland in that year and got a second in 1953. He played right wing-forward both years, with Tony Wall and Sean McLoughlin beside him in 1952, and Johnny Murphy of Cashel in place of Wall the following year. The beat Dublin in the final both years.

He graduated to senior ranks in 1955, playing right wing-forward beside Tony Wall and Gerry Doyle. They lost to the sensational Clare team of that year, who beat Cork as well and then went down to a youthful Limerick side in the Munster final. In 1956, playing in the same position, this time beside Billy Quinn and Theo English, they lost by a point to Cork in the Munster final. He played centreforward in 1957, flanked by Musha Maher and Jimmy Doyle, to lose to Cork in the Munster semi-final by the most unusual score of 5-2 to 1-11.

Then began the great years. Between 1958 and 1968 he won eight Munster medals and five All-Irelands. The three years without Munster medals were 1959, 1963 and 1966. Waterford stopped them in 1959 and 1963, and Limerick halted their progress in 1966. They failed to win the All-Ireland in 1960, 1967 and 1968.

Liam's achievements in other competitions are also impressive. His National League medals number nine, which constitutes the greatest number won by an individual, after John Doyle's eleven. The winning years were 1954, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1964, 1965 and 1968. He has six O'neill's medals, won in 1960, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1968. Four Railway Cup medals were won in 1960, 1961, 1963 and 1966. He won about seven Monaghan Cup medals between 1954-1964.

One of the most prestigious awards won by Devaney was the Caltex Award of 1961. The best way to put this award in perspective is to realise it was a national award and only one of its kind. It was the equivalent of an All-Star but so much more important because only one, as against fifteen, was awarded. He received it for his outstanding display in the All-Ireland

against Dublin, which Tipperary were lucky to win. Liam is modest about the award and about his achievement on the day. He attributes the greatest display on the day to John Hough, who came on as a sub, rather than to himself. He holds that Hough managed Des Foley, who was rampant at centrefield, and halted the flow of ball into the Dublin forwards.

Between 1952 and 1974 Liam represented the Borris-Ileigh club at senior level, the highlight of which was a county senior medal won in 1953. Divisional titles were won in 1952, 1953, 1955, 1972 and 1973. After his playing days he acted as club selector for a number of years and was involved when the Borris-Ileigh won the All-Ireland club championship in 1987.

He was also a trainer on the county team, albeit for a short period. A new selection committee, which included Mick Burns, Paddy Browne, Tom Everard, Jimmy Hennessy and Michael McElgun, was appointed in September 1974. Devaney was appointed trainer. The team qualified for the league final but lost by three points to Galway. In the championship a draw with

Limerick at Thurles was followed by defeat in the replay at Limerick. As was the practice during these years selection committees were dumped for their failures.

The greatest tribute that can be paid to Liam Devaney's hurling career is the respect that Cork had for him. They rated him higher than most of his contemporaries in Tipperary. He gave outstanding service to his club and county, even if he occasionally seemed to lack interest. Like a lot of good hurlers, he disliked the winter game. He was a pure hurler and always

a sportsman, who wouldn't hurt anyone. He was regarded as one of the greats in the county because of the way he could be used in so many parts of the field. He commanded all the skills, was noted for his fluid striking and his accuracy. He had learned well from that brilliant school of skill, the great Borris-Ileigh club team of the early fifties. His long loping stride

was unusual. He had a good hurling brain and was a great team man. We won't see much better, ever again.





North Board and Centenary Committee 2001 at the centenary seminar. Back: Michael Nolan, committee; Seamus Ó Riain, Board President; Catherine Gleeson, Treasurer; Noel Morris, committee Chairman; Ger McKeogh, North Board Secretary; Denis Floyd, committee Secretary. Front: Brendan Cummins, Tipp goalkeeper guest; Michael Babs Keating, guest; John McIntyre, guest; Brian Carty, guest; Tom Slattery, board Chairman.



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Phil Shanahan (1928-) Toomevara

by Seamus J. King

When one mentions Phil Shanahan one is talking about one of the great centrefield players that the county has produced down the years. He holds his place in the company of other names who have made that part of the field their own, players of the calibre of Tommy Treacy, Jimmy Cooney, Theo English and Mick Roche. Phil was a fine centrefield player, a real Toomevara Greyhound, who could stay going all day, a man with a tremendous workrate. A powerful man, he could hold his own with the best and he was always in tip top shape. He played at a time when centrefield play was much more vital in the scheme of hurling things than it is today. He was centrefield on the three-in-a-row teams of 1949, 1950 and 1951, alongside different partners in each year, Sean Kenny, Seamus Bannon and fellow-Toomevara player, John Hough. He was one of eight players who played in the same position for the three championships.

Born in the parish of Toomevara in January 1928, Phil showed early promise making his debut at senior level with his club in the 1945 championship, while still only seventeen years of age. Toomevara were back in senior ranks for the first time since 1938, when they failed to field a team in the first round of the senior championship. In 1946 Phil won his first divisional medal when Toomevara defeated Roscrea in the North final, their first victory since 1931. He made his county debut with the minors in 1946. In the Munster final against Cork he collected a mis-hit seventy-yard free near the end of the game to score the winning goal and win the match by a point. Galway were well-beaten in the All-Ireland semi-final but the final was lost to Dublin in the infamous Billy O'Brien goalmouth incident. In the last few minutes the Dublin forwards succeeded in getting the ball over the goal line for a goal, which was only awarded after a three-minute consultation between the referee, M. J. Flaherty of Galway, and the umpires. Both the umpires claimed that the goalie, Billy O'Brien of Nenagh, had been fouled before the goal was scored but the referee didn't see the foul and allowed the goal. Dublin won by 1-6 to 0-7.

Phil's first entry into senior ranks was to be selected on the 1948/49 National League team at. Tipperary qualified for the final against Cork at Thurles in February. They won by two points and Phil had a good game at centrefield, partnered by Pat Stakelum. It was Tipperary's first victory in the competition since 1928 and a great boost for the championship.

Tipperary were drawn against the same opposition in the first round of the championship and it took them two-and-a-half hours to achieve victory. It was the start of three glorious years during which Phil played a pivotal role at centrefield. As well as winning three Munster finals and three All-Irelands he also won two more National League medals, in 1950 and 1952 respectively. Another medal was to be won in 1957. As well as the medals, there were two trips to the U.S., in 1950 and again in 1957.

Other achievements from this period include an Oireachtas medal in 1949 and successive Monaghan Cup medals between 1949-1953. Thomond Feis medals were won in 1949 and 1951. He was on the successful Ireland teams in the Representative Games series in 1952 and 1953, winning the Sports Star of the Week award in 1952 for his display on Joe Salmon of Galway. Four Railway Cup medals were won in 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953. He was long puck champion of Ireland in 1951.

Early in 1950 Phil left his father's farm to work in Johnson Mooney and O'Brien bakery in Dublin and play hurling with the Young Irelands club. He continued playing for Tipperary until 1953, moving to centreforward in the latter year. He played for Dublin in 1954 and 1955, partnering Norman Allen in the former and Con Murphy in the latter year at centrefield. Dublin were beaten by Wexford in the 1954 Leinster final and by Kilkenny in the 1955 Leinster semi-final.

In 1956 he changed jobs and joined Esso (Ireland) Ltd. and started working at Clonmel. He started playing for Toomevara and Tipperary once again. He won his fourth National League medal in 1957 and got his second trip to the U.S. in October. In the meantime Tipperary lost the Munster championship semi-final, defeated 5-2 to 1-11 in one of the most tantalising defeats ever suffered by the county. It was a game that Tipperary should have won and it was lost through a combination of adverse circumstances together with a share of ill-luck. Phil retired from inter-county hurling after returning from the league trip to the U.S. Then began a very fruitful period of his career with Toomevara.

He played in seven consecutive North finals from 1957-63, winning four and losing in 1957, 1959 and 1963. He captained the team in 1958. There were three county final appearances, with defeats in 1958 and 1961, and a great victory over Thurles Sarsfields in 1960, a victory that prevented the Thurles club winning six in a row.

Phil eventually retired from club hurling in 1966 after a career of over twenty years. He turned his attention to training and coaching. His training career began with Portlaoise, where he helped the club to five senior football titles between 1966 and 1971. He attained a coaching certificate in hurling in 1977. When he retired from Esso in 1982 he trained and coached Killenaule to win three South Tipperary intermediate championships in hurling, in 1983, 1985 and 1986.

Married to Joan Power in 1958 and with a family of three sons, Phil Shanahan has contributed enormously to the G.A.A. at club and county level. He believes passionately in the game of hurling and has put that belief into practice through his coaching and training. He is very articulate on the G.A.A. and can speak at length of his playing days and the great players he met. He was always professional in his approach to the game and his dedication to training and preparation made him a man before his time. The Tipperary county board couldn't afford county training before the 1949 league final and the players had to train themselves. Phil recalls: 'I used to get up at seven o'clock in the morning and run and sprint in our field at the back of the house in order to achieve the required standard of fitness to beat this great Cork team.' Such dedication is remarkable and was reflected in the many great performances he gave for his club and his county.



MacDonaghs and DeWets 18 North titles

The eighteen North Titles that have come to the parish of Cloughjordan have spanned a period of 89 years between 1901 and 1990. Many of the names that played with De Wets reappear in the later championship winning side. When Kilruane MacDonaghs defeated Moneygall in the 2001 U/14 A hurling final, two of the players Thomas Williams and Jim Conway had great grandfathers who played with De Wets. Chairman of the De Wets was George O'Leary great grandfather of Mark O'Leary, one of the stars of Tipperary's All-Ireland win over Galway. Secretary of the club was Michael Gaynor, grand uncle of Len Gaynor.

In 1901 the De Wets won the first of their seven championships by defeating Roscrea in Cloughjordan on a 0-4 to 0-3 scoreline. One of those medals was on display recently in the North Tipperary museum in the Eire Og complex. In 1902 De Wets defeated Knigh on a 2-5 to 1-1 scoreline and went on to win the county final by defeating Carrick. They completed the three in a row by defeating Ballycommon and added a fourth title by defeating Ballycommon once again on a 5-8 to 1-1 scoreline. They lost to Lorrha in 1905 but reversed the result in 1906, De Wets 4-6, Lorrha 1-4. With the championship unfinished in 1907 De Wets were declared champions. In 1908 the championship was played on a league basis and De Wets completed their second three in a row. Jack Dwan was captain of the team and his sons were later to play a prominent role with MacDonaghs. The name of De Wets was known and respected wherever hurling was played. They had some memorable games against the hurling strongholds of Tulla, Castleconnell and St. Finbarr's. The legendary De Wets were lauded in song and verse. One such ballad had the chorus:

*"Unconquered yet, you are De Wet,
Oh may you never vary
The magic name that gained such fame
For gallant Tipperary".*

A drought which lasted thirty two years ended when the senior hurling team now called Kilruane MacDonaghs defeated Kildangan in the 1940 final on a 3-1 to 2-5 scoreline. There were very strong links between this team and De Wets. Jack and Des Dwan, Tommy and Paddy Williams and Mick Meara were sons of De Wet hurlers. An article in the *Nenagh Guardian* on August 24th, 1940 highlighted the family connections between De Wets and MacDonaghs. It began: "Often have I heard it said that 'whats bred in the marrow comes out in the bone', but never perhaps has the truth in the old saying been so clearly demonstrated as at Borrisokane on the occasion of the North Tipperary final. According to the article 'Amongst those who were there to congratulate the winners were six members of the 'Old De Wets' - Tom Ryan, Paddy Williams, Son Kennedy, Jack Meara, Matt Cleary and Din Kelly". Four years later MacDonaghs captained by Tommy Williams defeated Duharra on a 4-7 to 2-3 scoreline.

Four unsuccessful appearances in the North Final followed before the Murphy Cup came back to Cloughjordan once again when Gerry McCarthy led MacDonaghs to victory in 1959 on a 0-11 to 1-4 scoreline. This was the first time a team won the North Final without scoring a goal. This final also pitted brother against brother as Joe and Sean Williams lined out for MacDonaghs and their brother Niall was centreback for Toomevara. Six years elapsed before MacDonaghs triumphed again in the 1965 final against Lorrha on a 3-10 to 5-2 scoreline. This was the first time Kilruane captured the Frank McGrath Cup. It was also the first victory in the white jersey. The club had changed from their traditional green and gold colours in 1963. Len Gaynor who was to play a prominent role in future victories, captained the side.

Twelve years passed before MacDonaghs were successful again. They made it a three in a row of titles between 1977 and 1979 defeating Borris-ileigh, Roscrea and Moneygall and also adding county titles. The captains were Dinny Cahill, Jim Williams and Liam O'Shea. Another hat trick of titles followed between 1985 and 1987 with Roscrea, Toomevara and Lorrha the runners-up. Tony Sheppard captained the '85 and '86 sides and became the first player since the De Wet captain Jack Dwan to skipper two winning championship teams. John Cahill led the side to victory in 1987. With his brother Dinny captain of the '77 side, they are the only set of brothers to lead MacDonaghs team to glory in the premier competition. Three years later MacDonaghs defeated Toomevara in the 1990 final on a 2-7 to 0-5 scoreline. Kilruane MacDonaghs had thus won at least one senior North final in every decade from the forties to the nineties. Seven members of the side: Dinny Cahill, Jim O'Meara, Jim Williams, Tony Sheppard, Enda Hogan, Eamon O'Shea and Gilbert Williams were winning their seventh medal in that final.

Winners of the first title in 1901 and champions on eighteen occasions, De Wets and MacDonaghs have a proud tradition in the North Tipperary senior hurling championship.



Len Gaynor



Profile: Kevin Tucker, Nenagh Éire Óg

When Nenagh Éire Óg walk out on the field today in search of their seventh North Tipp senior hurling title Kevin Tucker will be their captain.

When Nenagh won their last title in 1998 Eddie Tucker, brother of Kevin was captain.

MUNSTER MINOR WIN

Captaining winning teams in nothing new to Kevin. He led Tipp to a 1-12 to 1-9 win over Cork in the 1993 Munster Minor final. Tipp lost to Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final later on.

An All-Ireland U-21 and Munster medals came in 1995 and two players of the year awards - North and county - gave the Tipp senior selectors the nod. After two Munster final appearances Kevin was dropped from the county scene altogether.

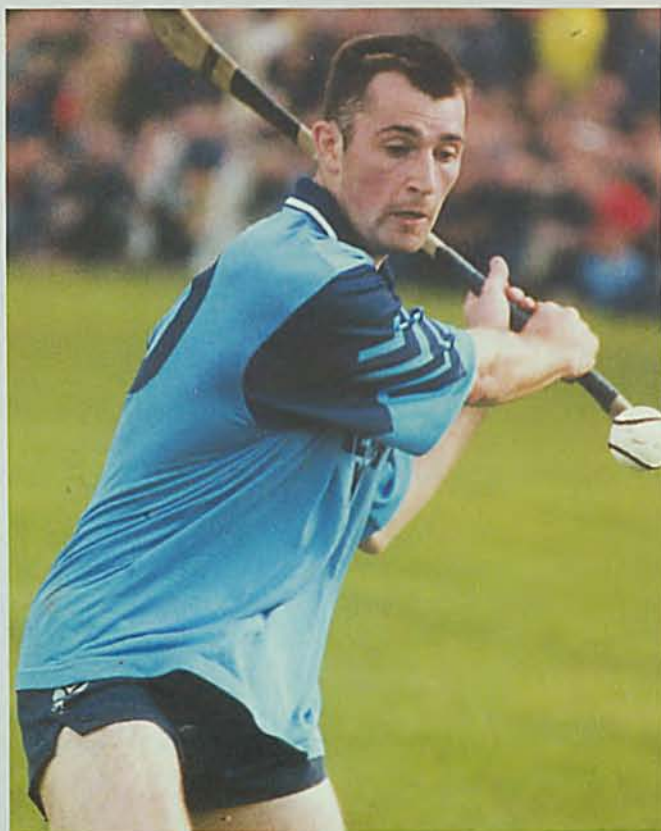
Many suggest he may have a lot to offer his county yet and who knows what is in store.

His constant scoring ability is an asset to his club and the number 10 rarely, if ever, fails to score from play.

There is no doubt about his unequalled style of play as he can be seen drifting from one wing to the other in search of scores.

Having won a county U-14 hurling medal in 1988 his medal collection shows some success every year since, except 1996. Even that year he made the news by making the Tipp senior team.

In his own words his greatest and fondest memory is winning the 1995 county senior final against Boherlahan. Today, Kevin Tucker will play in his fourth North final and he will be hoping for his third win. Listed below is the list of achievements for Kevin Tucker who first played for Nenagh seniors in July 1993 against Lorrha.



KEVIN'S LIST OF ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1988 U-14 North and County Hurling medals
- U-13 Community Games, county and Munster medals.
- 1990 U-16 North and county hurling and football medals.
- 1991 Minor North and county medals
- Minor football North medal;
- U-21 North and county football medals.
- 1992 Minor North and county hurling medals;
- Minor North football medal.
- 1993 Captain, Tipp minors to Munster final success;
- North senior championship medal;
- North Tipp Player of the Year
- U-21 North and county football medals
- U-21 North and county hurling medals
- 1994 U-21 North medal
- 1995 Senior County Championship medal
- U-21 Munster and All-Ireland medals
- North League medal
- Tipperary Player of the Year
- 1997 Ryan Cup medal with Tralee RTC Intermediate North and county football medals.
- 1998 North Tipperary senior medal
- County League medal
- Started senior career in 1993; came on a sub against Lorrha.
- Best memory in hurling: Winning county final in 1995
- Started playing senior inter-county in 1996.



Profile: Declan Maher, Borris-Ileigh

Back in 1995, Borris-Ileigh lost to Toomevara in the North Tipperary Senior Hurling final. The game was played on a Sunday evening which was an unusual time of day for a final. The summer of that year was one of the best in the past decade. The attendance was big as many of the patrons attended in short shirt sleeves such was the warmth of the evening.

There was no sunshine for Borris-Ileigh as they had to play second fiddle to a stronger Toome team.

Playing in goals for Borris was a young 16 year old. His name was Declan Maher. He was just a number of weeks after his 16th birthday and he conceded no goals over the hour.

Declan had a busy summer in 1995. He won both North and county medals in U-16 hurling and football and he captained the hurling team.

He was on the Tipperary U-16 team who played in the Nenagh Co-Op plus the Garda Cup.

Declan will play at wing or corner forward on Sunday but his favourite position is wing back. The holder of two Munster and one All-Ireland minor medals he has helped his club win two All-Ireland Seven-a-Side Tournaments in 1997 and 2000. He had won in every grade from U-12B to U-21A



DECLAN'S LIST OF ACHIEVEMENTS

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1989 U-12 B North | 1995 Represented Tipperary in Nenagh Co-Op |
| 1991 U-14 H. B North | 1996 Minor F. B North |
| 1995 U-16 H. B North and County | 1995 U-21 Football A |
| 1995 U-16 F. B North and County | 1995 U-21 Hurling B, North and County |
| 1991 Feile Runners-up in B final | 1997 U-21 Hurling A, North and County |
| 1993 Represented North Tipp in Peadar Cummins | 1997 All-Ireland Seven-a-Side |
| 1993 Represented Tipperary in Tony Forrestal | 2000 All-Ireland Seven-a-Side |
| 1995 Represented North Tipperary in Garda Cup | 1996 Munster Minor and All-Ireland Minor |
| | 1997 Munster Minor. |

Best of luck to Borris-Ileigh senior hurling panel
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North Tipp. JH 'B' Quarter-final

KILDANGAN

	1	
	Enda McGrath	
2	3	4
Dan Hogan	Martin Hogan	Aidan Ryan
5	6	7
Ger Quinn	Liam Carl Flannery	Michael Ryan
	8	9
	Brendan Delaney	Colm McGrath
10	11	12
Pat Lynch	William Seymour	Denis Slattery
13	14	15
Paul Hogan	Eamon Kelly	Seamus Gleeson

Subs: 16 Conor Hayes, 17 Wesley Hayes, 18 Michael Slattery, 19 Willie White, 20 Seamus Mulhall, 21 John Lynch, 22 Colm Darcy, 23 Graham Finch, 24 Tomas Ryan, 25 Conor Foley

TEMPLEDERRY

	1	
	Patrick Maher	
2	3	4
Daniel Madden	Patrick Kennedy	Patrick Ryan
5	6	7
Paudie Ryan	Michael Harrington	John Harkin
	8	9
	John Hogan	Matthew Ryan
10	11	12
J. J. Fahy	Patrick Phelan	Cathal Ryan
13	14	15
Murty McMahon	Michael Stapleton	John Murphy

Subs: 16 Michael Fogarty, 17 Thomas Coughlan, 18 John Rohan, 19 Alan Ryan (K), 20 Patrick McLoughney, 21 Ben Looby, 22 John Phelan, 23 Sean McLoughney, 24 Richard Kennedy, 25 Neil Ryan; Derick Fahey, Patrick Ryan (C), Padraig Corcoran, Noel Murray.

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Richie Flannery

7

John Kennedy

8

John Slattery

9

Noel Moloney

10

Kevin Tucker

11

Eddie Tucker

12

Robert Tomlinson

13

Declan O'Meara

14

Robert Foley

15

Michael Cleary

FIR IONAIÐ

16 Christy McLoughlin; 17 Brian Darcy; 18 Hugh Moloney; 19 Danny Corbett; 20 David Hackett; 21 John Flannery; 22 Michael Hackett; 23 Cormac Galvin; 24 John Brennan; 25 Brian Quinn; 26 Shane Connolly; 27 Declan Bailey; 28 Liam O'Gara.

RAGHNÓIREI

Michael Doyle, Coach/Manager; Neilly Corbett, Liam Heffernan, Noel Shoer



Kevin Tucker, Captain



Buiríos Uí Luíoch

1

Darragh Rabbitte

2

Rory Kinane

3

Philip Maher

4

Owen Stapleton

5

Pierce Ryan

6

Philip Rabbitte

7

Martin Maher

8

Tom Stakelum

9

Aidan Cowan

10

John Keane

11

Seamus Maher

12

Angelo Walsh

13

Mark Bourke

14

John McGrath

15

Declan Maher

FIR IONAIÐ

16 Sean Maher, 17 Mark Stapleton, 18 Aidan Ryan, 19 Joe Loughnane, 20 Mark Rabbitte, 21 Martin Treacy, 22 Vincent Stapleton, 23 Michael Small, 24 Brendan Kenny, 25 Timmy O'Connell, 26 P. J. Kiely, 27 Trevor Groome, 28 Peadar Fahy, 29 Mattie Stapleton, 30 Padraig Maher, 31 Michael Ryan, 32 Martin Hennessy, 33 Patrick Tynan.

RAGHNÓIREI

Tom Ryan, Manager; Noel O'Dwyer, Timmy Ryan, Gerry Stapleton, selectors
Brendan Hoare, trainer.



Philip Maher, Captain



Nenagh Éire Óg Player Profiles

NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION
Michael McNamara	21	Barman
Rory Flannery	27	Accountant
Noel Coffey	34	Factory Employee
Anthony Quinn	23	Engineer
Hugh Flannery	23	Student
Richie Flannery	22	Student
John Kennedy	29	Shop Manager
John Slattery	23	Teacher
Noel Moloney	20	Student
Kevin Tucker	26	Bank Official
Eddie Tucker	29	Factory Employee
Rober Tomlinson	27	Factory Employee
Declan O'Meara	26	Factory Employee
Robert Foley	29	Engineer
Michael Cleary	34	Self Employed
Christy McLoughlin	27	Factory Employee
Brian Darcy	19	Student
Hugh Moloney	18	Student
Danny Corbett	21	Student
David Hackett	19	Student
John Flannery	23	Farmer
Michael Hackett	22	Engineer
Cormac Galvin	22	Actuary
John Brennan	18	Student
Brian Quinn	19	Student
Shane Connolly	27	Fitter
Declan Bailey	27	Bank Official
Liam O'Gara	27	Teacher



Borris-Ileigh Player Profiles

NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION
Darragh Rabbitte	20	Refrigeration Technician
Rory Kinane	21	Student (University of Limerick)
Philip Maher	21	Plumber
Eoin Stapleton	21	Student (University of Limerick)
Pierce Ryan	20	Student (U.C.D.)
Philip Rabbitte	24	Refrigeration Technician
Martin Maher	19	Student (University of Limerick)
Tom Stakelum	30	Shop Manager
Aidan Cowan	23	Student (University of Limerick)
Angelo Walsh	23	Stock Rotator (Gleeson Group)
Seamus Maher	25	Garda
John Keane	22	Teacher
Declan Maher	22	Construction Plant Fitter
John McGrath	37	Technician
Mark Bourke	19	Student (U.C.D.)
Sean Maher	24	Lorry Driver
Mark Stapleton	25	Accountant
Aidan Ryan	36	Carpenter
Vincent Stapleton	19	Student (Mary Immaculate Limerick)
Joe Loughnane	32	Publican
Martin Treacy	17	Leaving Cert. Student
Mark Rabbitte	27	Refrigeration Technician
Michael Small	19	Student (Mary Immaculate Limerick)
Timothy O'Connell	19	Student (W.I.T.)
Trevor Groome	26	Software Engineer
Matthew Stapleton	17	Leaving Cert. Student
P.J.Kiely	19	Student (L.I.T.)
Paraic Maher	18	Student (W.I.T.)
Michael Ryan	19	Student (University of Limerick)
Brendan Kenny	19	Student (Mary Immaculate Limerick)
Martin Hennessy	25	Plasterer
Peadar Fahy	27	Welder



When the Frank McGrath Cup was first presented

August 1961: Before presenting the Frank McGrath Cup to John Hough, captain of Toomevara, Seamus Ryan, N.T., Chairman of the North Tipperary Board, said it was a privilege to present the trophy for the first time to John Hough, the old warrior of Toomevara, in the great victory his team had in winning the cup. It was a good game, a good final. Borrisokane fought their best but were not good enough to beat Toom.

Mr. Ryan said he regretted that the donor of the cup, Frank McGrath, was unable to be present. It was only fitting that it should go to this old club that he had played with for so many years. He congratulated both teams on providing such a fine display.

Mr. Ryan then handed over the cup to John Hough amidst loud hand-clapping.

John Hough, the Toomevara captain, said he wished to thank Mr. Ryan for his very generous remarks about both teams.

Preceding, he said that the presentation of the Frank McGrath cup gave them the spirit they had in going out to win this championship for the first time because of the great honour and glory Frank McGrath brought to the village of Toomevara, to Tipperary, and to Ireland. He knew that Frank McGrath would feel that it was more welcome to him that the cup should go for the first time to his old team, the 'Greyhounds'.

The Toomevara captain added they regretted that Mr. McGrath was not present in person to present the cup to his old club.

They complimented Borrisokane on their fine spirit of sportsmanship and on the fine game they put up and said that their turn would come in time to win the cup.

He called for three cheers for Borrisokane which was heartily responded to.



Best wishes to Nenagh Éire Óg in today's final

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Colm Phelan - an appreciation

One of the entries a parish events under First Anniversary Masses read 'Sunday 20th July at 10.30 a.m. for the late Colm Phelan'. It is now just 12 months since I received the terrible news of Colm's death on a Sunday morning only a few hours since I spoke with him as he prepared to journey to Galway to celebrate the stag night of a team mate of some 15 years.

I got to know the Phelan family shortly after they located in Roscrea from Dublin in the early eighties. At this stage Colm had earned the nick name 'Friar' because of his hair style. He showed promise as an U-12 hurler and footballer. His hurling and football improved in those formative years playing regularly with the Boys' National School, later with Roscrea G.B.S. and with Roscrea juvenile teams.

He gained some honours in North Tipp at U-12 and U-14 but his crowning success was the winning by Roscrea of the Community Games All-Ireland title in 1983. This campaign started off tamely with a win over Toome but only gained momentum after defeating Cashel in the county final in Semple Stadium.

There was great anticipation as the team travelled to Cork for the Munster finals of the Community Games.

The Limerick team was overcome in the first round while the Cork representatives were beaten in the semi-final. The Munster final was played a week later in Ballygiblin where the Kerry team was defeated.

During the month of August extensive practising and training was undertaken for the finals in September. Colm was now playing at full forward where his strength and skill played no small part in bringing the title to Roscrea beating Athenry in the semi-final and Birr in the final.

During his U-16 years Colm contributed significantly to the hurling and football teams as an outfield player.

Then during his years as a minor player he became the netminder (a chip off the old block) but missed out on a hurling final medal as Cashel proved too strong.

He continued to guard the barn door in his U-21 years and narrowly missed out on a hurling final medal to Borrisokane.

Colm was now an adult and began to search outside Roscrea to earn a living and moved to the U.S. for over a year. During his time away he kept in constant contact with his family, girl friend and local G.A.A. happenings.

On his return he again kept goal for the hurlers and Inane footballers playing his part in maintaining the tradition of the town again narrowly missing out on a county medal being beaten by Knockavilla in a replay in junior football.

During his last couple of years, Colm was employed in Dublin but travelled for training on at least one occasion a week.

Colm epitomised the genuine clubman with his dedication and commitment to the G.A.A. games and ideals.

May he rest in peace.

-From Roscrea Hurling Club. - D. K.



25 Championship meetings since 1951

shows Borris-Ileigh winning most of the games, 13-8 and there was 4 draws.

June 8 1952	Borris-Ileigh 4-2	Nenagh 1-4
May 26 1955	Borris-Ileigh 2-10	Nenagh 2-5
July 8 1956	Borris-Ileigh 1-9	Nenagh 3-3
Replay	Borris-Ileigh 1-3	Nenagh 2-3
June 24 1962	Borris-Ileigh 3-5	Nenagh 4-9
July 14 1964	Borris-Ileigh 5-6	Nenagh 3-12
Replay	Borris-Ileigh 3-4	Nenagh 5-9
1970	Borris-Ileigh 3-11	Nenagh 4-3
Aug 13 1972	Borris-Ileigh defeated	Nenagh
June 3 1973	Borris-Ileigh 5-11	Nenagh 3-8
Aug 8 1976	Borris-Ileigh 5-11	Nenagh 4-3
July 5 1980	Borris-Ileigh 4-18	Nenagh 0-6
June 28 1981	Borris-Ileigh 1-14	Nenagh 0-6
May 16 1982	Borris-Ileigh 4-4	Nenagh 2-12
July 24 1983	Borris-Ileigh 2-15	Nenagh 1-10
June 24 1984	Borris-Ileigh 2-9	Nenagh 3-7
July 21 1985	Borris-Ileigh 1-18	Nenagh 3-7
June 28 1987	Borris-Ileigh 1-13	Nenagh 3-2
June 19 1988	Borris-Ileigh 1-16	Nenagh 1-12
1991	Borris-Ileigh 2-7	Nenagh 2-11
July 30 1995	Borris-Ileigh 1-16	Nenagh 2-11
Aug 22 1995	Borris-Ileigh 3-8	Nenagh 3-8
Replay	Borris-Ileigh 5-4	Nenagh 2-21
July 25 1998	Borris-Ileigh 2-8	Nenagh 1-14
April 23 2000	Borris-Ileigh 1-10	Nenagh 0-13

North Tipp. SHC roll of honour

PRE-PARISH RULE 1901-1934

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

AFTER PARISH RULE

Roscrea (15)	16 1936, '37, '39, '41, '42, '45, '49, '54, '63, '67, '68, '69, '70, '71, '80
Borris-Ileigh (12)	4 1947, '50, '51, '52, '53, '55, '72, '73, '76, '81, '83, '88 05, 06
Kilruane MacD (11)	1940, '44, '59, '65, '77, '78, '79, '85, '86, '87, '90
Toomevara (11)	1 1946, '58, '60, '61, '62, '91, '94, '95, '97, '99, '00 02, 03, 06
Nenagh Éire Óg (7)	7 1957, '64, '92, '93, '98 01, 04
Lorrha (5)	1948, '56, '66, '84, '89 1
Newport (2)	1935, '96
Kildangan (2)	3 1938, '43 08
Moneygall (1)	1975
Silvermines (1)	1974



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TSB (Nenagh) SHC Results 2001

Date	Teams		Venue	Referee
<i>Preliminary Round</i>				
June 2nd	Nenagh Éire Óg 1-15	Moneygall 1-8	Toomevara	M. Cahill
<i>First Round</i>				
June 9th	Portroe 6-11	Templederry 1-11	Cloughjordan	M. Healy
June 9th	Toomevara 1-22	Borrisokane 0-8	Cloughjordan	T. Ryan
June 9th	Borris-Ileigh 2-18	Roscrea 1-17	Moneygall	G. Hayes
June 20th	Moneygall 0-19	Silvermines 2-3	Cloughjordan	J. Cleary
<i>Losers' Group</i>				
July 7th	Roscrea 1-14	Borrisokane 0-11	Cloughjordan	M. Cahill
July 8th	Templederry 2-14	Silvermines 1-2	Nenagh	T. Ryan
<i>Losers' Group Final</i>				
July 15th	Roscrea 0-15	Templederry 1-8	Nenagh	J. Cleary
<i>Quarter-finals</i>				
June 14th	Borris-Ileigh 0-19	Toomevara 1-15	Nenagh	J. McDonnell
July 15th	Nenagh Éire óg 1-14	Portroe 1-10	Nenagh	G. Hayes
	Moneygall bye			
<i>Semi-finals</i>				
Sept 15th	Borris-Ileigh 2-16	Moneygall 0-5	Cloughjordan	V. McKenna
Sept 15th	Nenagh Éire óg 4-14	Roscrea 3-10	Cloughjordan	M. Cahill
<i>Final</i>				
Sept 30th	Borris-Ileigh	Nenagh Éire Óg		

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1976 - Borris-Ileigh Jubilee team



Borris-Ileigh 1976 North Tipp. champions: Front: Peadar Cummins, Rory Kinane, Dessie Kennedy, Pat Maher, Mick Cowan, Noelle Maher, Brendan Kenny, Gerry Stapleton, Pat (Flowery) Ryan, Timmy Delaney, Billy Ryan. Back: M. O'Dwyer, John McGrath, Timmy Stapleton, Joseph Kenny, Timothy Ryan, Noel O'Dwyer, Matt Stapleton, Tommy O'Dwyer, Seamus Hynes, Mick Prior, Philip Kenny.

As part of the Centenary celebrations, the organising committee decided that in some way they would honour players in the past. It was decided to honour a team that won a North final, all of twenty-five years ago.

Borris-Ileigh were North champions that year when they defeated Lorrha by 4-11 to 3-5 at Cloughjordan. In the curtain raiser Roscrea defeated Nenagh Éire Óg by 2-9 to 0-4.

Ten teams set out at the beginning of the year to pursue the Frank McGrath Cup. The ten teams were divided into two groups of five with the top two qualifying for the semi-final.

After getting a bye in the first round, Borris-Ileigh won their first game defeating Silvermines by four points. They won the remainder of the group matches by slender margins - Kilruane 1 point; Toomevara a goal and they had a little more to spare over Nenagh Éire Óg when the margin was eleven points.

So it was semi-final time and Borris needed a replay to get over Roscrea on October 10th. The final was played two weeks later at Cloughjordan and Borris-Ileigh won by 4-11 to 2-5.

GAMES AND RESULTS:

Round 2, May 30th: Borris-Ileigh 2-9, Silvermines 1-8 at Cloughjordan

Round 3, June 27th: Borris-Ileigh 5-5, Kilruane MacDonaghs 4-7 at Nenagh

Round 4, July 3rd: Borris-Ileigh 4-5, Toomevara 3-5 at Nenagh

Round 5: Borris-Ileigh 5-11, Nenagh Éire Óg 4-3, at Nenagh

Semi-final, Sept 19th: Borris-Ileigh 0-8, Roscrea 0-8

Replay: Borris-Ileigh 3-13, Roscrea 1-13

Final, October 24th: Borris-Ileigh 4-11, Lorrha 3-5 at Cloughjordan.

The team lined out as: Gerry Stapleton, Dessie Kennedy, Timmy Stapleton, Pat Maher, Joe Kennedy, Noel O'Dwyer, Timmy Delaney, Michael Coen (capt), Timmy Ryan, Brendan Kenny, Noel Maher, Pat Ryan, Matt Stapleton, Tommy O'Dwyer, Rory Kinane. Subs: Paddy Tynan, Liam Carroll, Owen Walsh, Willie Stapleton, John Kinane, Matt O'Connell, John Stapleton, Liam Corbett. Selectors: John McGrath (Snr.), Seamus Hynes, Mick Prior RIP.



North Tipp's All-Ireland Club Champions

Roscrea 1971: Back (l-r): J. Moloney, W. O'Reilly (sel.), J. Cunningham (sel.), M. Minogue, K. Carey, L. Brussels, L. Spooner, J. Spooner, J. Shanahan, W. Stapleton, B. Hogan, T. Murphy, F. Dooley, J. Crampton, B. Brussels, J. J. Maher (sel.), M. Loughnane (sel.). Front: F. Loughnane, J. Tynan, M. Hogan, J. Cunningham, D. Moloney (capt), P. Rowland, B. Maher, M. Nolan, T. O'Connor. Inset: A. Spooner, P. Dynan, P. Landy, J. Hannon, H. Loughnane, J. Fitzgerald, T. Tynan.



Kilruane MacDonaghs 1986: Front (l-r): Gilbert Williams, Jim O'Meara, Dinny Cahill, Tony Sheppard, Ger Williams, Seamus Gibson, Pat Quinlan, Ned Fogarty (masseur). Back: Philip Quinlan, John Cahill, Enda Hogan, Joe Banaghan, Dinny O'Meara, Eamonn O'Shea, Jim Williams, Paddy Williams.

Borris-Ileagh 1986-'87: Back (l-r): Rory Kinane (sel.), Conor Stakelum, Gerry Stapleton, Timmy Stapleton, Richard Stakelum, John McGrath, Noel O'Dwyer, Timmy Ryan, Bobby Ryan, John McGrath (sel.). Front: Noelle Maher, Philip Kenny, Michael Ryan (capt), Francis Collins, Mick Cowan, Francie Spillane, Aidan Ryan. Mascot: Aidan Cowan.



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A Century of Progress

When a silver or golden jubilee occurs, many people will be able to recall the events being celebrated and the milestones being marked, as they are within the realm of human memory. In the case of a centenary we have to depend on the written word, or word of mouth handed down. Ireland's tradition of passing on the folklore, customs and stories of the past, is a rich one, and we generally have many colourful accounts of the history and events of former years. The Centenary of the North Board, which we celebrate this year, is a very significant milestone for a body which has served the games and the community so well. We have to depend on the transmitted word to record the activities of the early years.

Thankfully, we have a number of people who can vividly recall events up to 70-80 years ago. Seamus King in his *History of the G.A.A. in the North Tipperary Division* has brought those 100 years together in a company record of the endeavours of the various generations to keep alive the flame ignited in 1901. It chronicles the path of the Board through strife and upheaval, war and depression, poverty and hardship.

It traces the growth and development of the games in the division through good times and bad. We can contrast the impact of the games on society in times of economic stringency and in the era of the Celtic Tiger. Different eras brought varying challenges but the North Board and the clubs of the division have faced these challenges, promoted the games and nurtured a unique sense of community and Irishness which the Gaelic Athletic Association represents. The abiding and enduring factor over the century has been the chain of unbroken service to the Association. Centenary Year affords us the opportunity to remember the administrators and the players who have been the links in that chain during the 20th century and into the third millennium. Today we honour all who have served as officers of the Board

when a plaque is unveiled, carving their name in stone for posterity. Earlier in the year a special tribute was paid to one of North Tipperary's most noted servants in a night of celebration for Seamus Ó Riain. Next month, the best hurlers to grace the fields of the division will be honoured when the 'Teams of the Century' will be honoured. Centenary Year is an opportunity to remember the past but it is also appropriate to highlight the present, especially the games, which are the core of the Association. Activities to date in the year's programme, incorporating hurling, football, camogie and handball, have attempted to emphasise the element of participation and fun, rather than competition, especially among the youth. The added bonus of having the McCarthy and O'Duffy Cups in the county brings an extra dimension in appealing to the young boys and girls.

The North Board now faces into its second century on a solid foundation, but with challenges, though very different, no less daunting, than those which faced the founding fathers 100 years ago. A constantly changing society needs a vibrant Gaelic Athletic Association. Let us not be found wanting in maintaining the flame handed to us. We must continue to sow, to reap rich harvests in the future.

Mura gcuireann tú san earrach ní bhainfidh tú san fhómhair.

Top Ten Marksmen

Pos.	Player	Club	Score	Frees	65s	Total	Games
1	Angelo Walsh	Borris-Ileigh	0-26	0-21	0-2	0-26	3
2	Paul Ryan	Templederry	0-18	0-13	-	0-18	3
3	Kevin Tucker	Nenagh	0-16	0-10	-	0-16	3
4	Ken Dunne	Toomevara	1-12	0-7	0-2	0-15	2
5	Declan O'Meara	Nenagh	4-3	-	-	0-15	3
6	John Ryan	Portroe	3-5	-	-	0-14	3
7	Ronan O'Meara	Roscrea	1-11	1-8	-	0-14	3
8	John Carroll	Roscrea	2-7	1-0 pen.	-	0-13	4
9	Trevor Fletcher	Roscrea	0-13	0-8	-	0-13	4
10	Denis O'Dwyer	Moneygall	0-11	0-5	-	0-11	3

Best of luck to Nenagh Éire Óg in today's final

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Song for Centenary of North Board

I

Stand on Keeper's lofty summit on a clear and cloudless day
Where a panoramic vista, opens up along the way
From the Shannon's sweeping waters stretching on through Ormond's plain
To the hallowed ruins at Lorrha and to Carden's wild domain.

II

The rolling hills of Arra guarding Nenagh's ancient ground
The blessed bush at Urra, Knockshegowna's fairy mound
The home of the O'Meara clan, Roscrea's monastic site,
The verdant vales of sweet lleigh, Slieve Felim's rugged height.

III

North Tipperary, home of hurling, famous clubs and matchless men,
You have kept the bright flame burning in every vale and glen
And cherished are the memories a century begets
Since the torch was borne proudly by Lahorna's famed De Wets.

IV

Peter Carroll from Kilbarron, so steadfast and resolute,
Convened the Board's first meeting in the Nenagh Institute
Clubs rallied to his summons, and the work was there begun
On the last day of the month of June in the year nineteen-o-one.

V

The early years saw troubled times in a country rent by strife,
But steady hands now steered the ship in its journey on through life,
And Gaelic games then flourished in the North Tipperary zone,
And each parish showed a valour and spirit of its own.

VI

The Toomevara greyhounds ever foremost in the fray,
The blue brigade from Nenagh, and the red from old Roscrea,
Kiladangan and MacDonaghs and the stylish Borrisokane,
Moneygall in their distinctive black and footballing Inane.

VII

Ballina and Shannon Rovers, Knockshegowna and Portroe,
The hardy boys from Burgess and the Lorrha men in blue,
The 'Mines and Templederry and lleigh of high renown,
The hurlers bold from Ballinahinch, and likewise, Newport Town.

VIII

When came the call for freedom in the far-off days of yore,
You stood heart and hand together, your own birthright to restore,
Your epitaphs are pencilled bold on every hill and mound,
Your monuments, the playing fields on stainless Ormond ground.

IX

God rest the souls of those who died and keep them free from pain,
We pray that in God's heavenly home old hurlers meet again,
Where are healed the scars of battle, and there's no more dark or gloom,
And where Wedger's shouting to his men, "Once more me boys for Toome".

X

North Tipperary, home of hurling men, who passed the spirit on,
Let the trumpets blare triumphant for a century that's gone.
Let us toast these unsung heroes who together onward strode,
And left us a proud heritage, in the North Tipperary Board.

MICHAEL COLLINS

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Bobby Ryan, captain of Borris-Ileigh 1988 receives the Frank McGrath Trophy from Chairman John Tierney



Paul Kennedy, captain, receives the Hubie Hogan Trophy from Chairman John Tierney in 1988.



John Keane, one of Borris-Ileigh's best forwards.



Michael Cleary, Nenagh Éire Óg, winner of 4 All-Stars and 2 All-Ireland SH medals

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Thomas Dunne 2001 and Matt Hassett 1961 both Toomevara



Bobby Ryan 1989, Sean Kenny 1949 and Jimmy Finn 1950 all Borris-Ileigh



Tadhg O'Connor 1971, Roscrea

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