

North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final

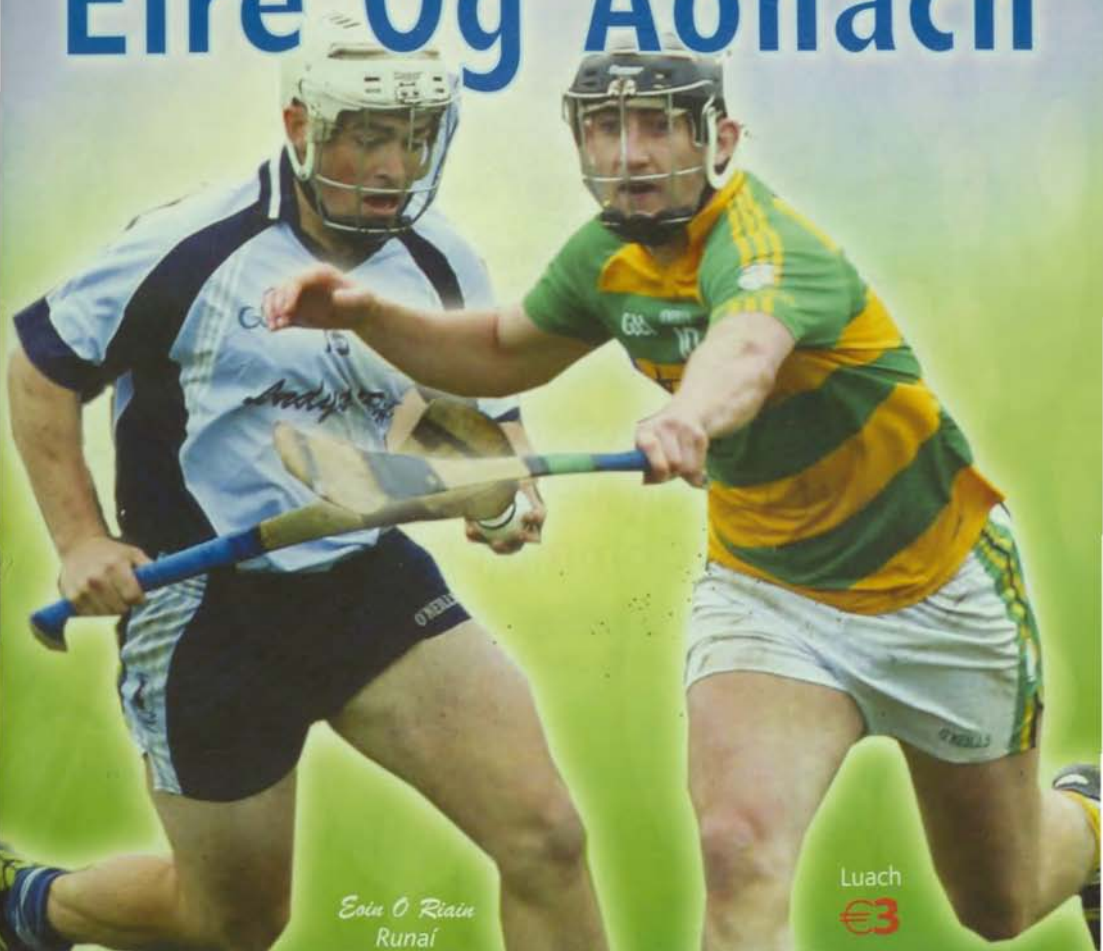
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This year the Hibernian North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship was very competitive with many sporting games culminating in today's final between Burgess and Nenagh Éire Óg. Both sides have achieved remarkable success in recent times and it should lead to a cracking game of hurling. I wish both teams the very best of luck.

I would like to wish the best of luck to referee Michael Murphy and his officials as he takes charge of today's game. We are especially grateful to our championship sponsors Martin and Jane Morris of the Hibernian Inn for their continued support over the past few years. We wish the sponsors of all our championships the best and ask our patrons to support them.

We thank the Nenagh Éire Óg club and the Thomas MacDonagh Park Committee for the use of their pitch and facilities. As usual they have everything in prime order. Also a word of thanks to those who help in the running of our games, to Secretary, Eugene Ryan, Treasurer, Willie Lennox and his loyal band of gate checkers, programme sellers and anyone else who helps in any way.

Thanks to our PRO Liam Hogan for coming up with another fine programme and finally a word of thanks to the Order of Malta for their continued attendance at our games.

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Seán McCrath, Cathaoirleach

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North finalists - Nenagh Éire Óg



Nenagh Éire Óg side that defeated Borris-Ileigh in the North Tipperary semi-final.

An intriguing final in prospect

By James Hayden

This year's North Tipperary senior hurling championship has provided GAA fans with thrills and spills aplenty but few will argue that both sides battling it out for the coveted Frank McGrath Cup are not here today on merit.

Today Burgess will grace a north senior final for the first time since that topsy-turvy final against Kildangan in 2008 and will undoubtedly be gunning to secure their first ever north final victory.

On that day the Burgess supporters watched on in horror as Kildangan came with a late burst to spoil for what a long time looked like a certain victory for the men in green and gold. Today is the day to consign those memories well and truly to the past as they bid to make that final push towards the summit of hurling in North Tipperary, and few will begrudge them the victory should Pat Cremin's charges prevail against a fancied Nenagh Éire Óg side.

As long as Burgess have been around the tag of underdogs has always sat comfortably upon their shoulders and while many believe Nenagh Éire Óg's pace and guile will be too much for them to handle, they are fully capable of capping off a fine campaign with what would be a memorable victory over a side that boast a potent mix of experience, youth and undoubted talent.

Nenagh Éire Óg are no strangers to success having lifted the famed McGrath Cup on no less than eight occasions but it has been five years since that memorable day in 2009 and expectations of a renaissance in the senior ranks in the intervening period have failed to materialise.

Putting aside the lack of senior silverware Nenagh Éire Óg are a club on the up and have been making huge strides, with a plethora of titles at juvenile and minor grades over the past seven years. Despite their county final loss last year they are still well in the contention when consideration is given to the final destination of Dan Breen later in the year.

Their performances to date in the north championship have been impressive to say the least but undoubtedly their victory over Borris-

leigh in the semi-final displayed the true depth of character in this Nenagh Éire Óg side. For that reason the bookmakers have installed the 'Blues' as favourites to lift the cup today.

They ably negotiated all rounds and at this juncture the management team of Liam Heffernan, John Fitzgerald, Enda Costello and Noel Coffey appear to have settled on quite a potent combination of youth and experience.

In defence, brothers Noel and Hugh Maloney marshal their respective lines with military precision while the experience of Kevin Tucker in midfield has guided the up and coming minor, Andrew Coffey. In attack, Nenagh Éire Óg possess a wealth of talent with all six forwards capable of picking off their own scores. Paddy Murphy and Michael Heffernan spearhead a forward line capable of destroying even the meanest of defences.

Despite Nenagh Éire Óg appearing to have all the aces Burgess possess the strength of character to upset the odds here today. Their victory over Kilruane MacDonaghs in the semi-final was fully deserved and of particular note on that day was the intensity and determination displayed by every man in a Burgess jersey.

In defence, brothers Donagh and Shane Maher together with Michael O'Flaherty have forged a hugely impressive half-back line combination while Jonathon Mulqueen at full-back has been a tower of strength together with Jack O'Flaherty and John O'Dwyer beside him. In midfield, Daniel Ryan and Peter Gill have excelled while in attack Burgess have relied on the attacking prowess of freetaker in chief, Stephen Murray and full-forward, Eoin Hogan while experience and scoring abilities of Brian Hogan, Eoin (Tossy) Hogan, Damien O'Brien and Noel Gleeson bring a hugely balanced look to the Burgess attack.

So, a hugely intriguing final in prospect with interesting match-ups right throughout the field. Hopefully it will be a final to remember!

Verdict: The heart says Burgess but the head gives the nod to Nenagh!

Burgess - North Tipp finalists



The Burgess team that defeated Kilruane MacDonaghs in the North semi-final.

Today's referee Michael Murphy, Toomevara

In taking charge of his first senior hurling final Michael Murphy will become the first to referee a North senior final and also play in one since T F Stapleton achieved the same feat in 1996. The Toomevara man has been refereeing since 2007 and has taken charge of a number of finals since then.

He took charge of two North Under-21 finals in 2011 (Burgess v Nenagh Eire Og) and 2103 (Kilruane MacDonaghs v Burgess). He also took charge of a North Minor A Hurling decider as well as the 2011 North Minor B final between Portroe and Ballinahinch Gaels. He was also in charge of the Junior B Hurling league final in 2012 as well as various Juvenile finals.

A winner of three North Senior medals 1991, 1994 and 1995 he also won four county senior medals as well as a Co. Junior A, County Intermediate and a North and county Junior B title. He won county medals in every grade bar minor while adding a Munster U-16 medal in 1981. He won a Munster minor medal in 1983 and an Intermediate medal in 1988 as well as an all-Ireland Vocational medal in 1984.

His umpires are Tim McCormack, James McCormack, Francis Devaney and Kieran Bergin Toomevara.

Linesmen on the day are Kieran Delaney, Toomevara; Ciaran Timmons, Silvermines and Pat O'Mahony as fourth official.

P.S. Michael Murphy becomes the fourth man to referee and play in a North senior final. The other three include T F Stapleton, Borris-Ileagh; Michael Nolan, Moneygall and Hubie Hogan, Lorrha.



1993: Sean Nealon, led Burgess to North Intermediate success after his side defeated Templederry in the final. John Joe McKeogh made the presentation.

Burgess defeat Nenagh in North Tipp U-21 'A' Hurling final 2011

Burgess 0-18 Nenagh Éire Og 3-6

By Liam Hogan

Burgess bridged a seven year gap to capture their second U-21 A hurling title when defeating a fancied Nenagh side at Templeberry in December 2011.

This was a memorable win for Burgess. Bar their captain, Pat Looby in goal, the remainder of the team is underage for 2012. Stephen Murray inspired with six points from play out of a tally of ten but it was goalkeeper Looby that saved the day with a marvelous match winning save in the 55th minute from Shane Maher.

Man of the match: Stephen Murray, Burgess.

SCORERS: Burgess - S Murray 0-10 (0-3f, 0-1=65); D Ryan, E Hogan and J O'Brien 0-2 each; T O'Halloran and K Ryan 0-1 each.

Nenagh Éire Og - T Heffernan 1-2; E Slattery 1-1; D Hickey 1-0; S Maher 0-2; D Quinn 0-1.

BURGESS: Paddy Looby; Declan O'Donoghue, John O'Dwyer, Willie Ryan; Jack O'Flaherty, Johnny Mulqueen, Peter Gill; Mike O'Flaherty, Kieran Ryan; Tadgh O'Halloran, Stephen Murray, John O'Brien; Eoin Hogan, Kevin Seymour, Danny Ryan. Subs Vincent Kearns for Seymour (57)

NENAGH ÉIRE OG: Willie Bolger; Donnacha Heffernan, Darragh Quinn, Kieran Gubbins; Billie Heffernan, Mark Flannery, Sean Geaney; Eddie Darcy, Niall Madden; Tommy Heffernan, Paddy Murphy, David Cleary; Adam Grattan, Shane Maher, Eoin Slattery. Subs- David Hickey for Cleary (33); Darragh Walsh for Darcy (43) Cliff Moloney for Madden (51).

REFEREE: Michael Murphy, Toomevara.

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Foreword

Burgess the surprise packet in this year's North championship

By Liam Hogan

Croke Park was the place to be last Sunday. Two highly entertaining finals, with Kilkenny producing the goals (as we expect) in defeating a fancied Limerick side in the minor All-Ireland. One hour later we witnessed the best All-Ireland final of all time. Tipp and Kilkenny must meet again on September 27th. What are the odds of a second replay? Kilkenny and Cork needed three games to decide the 1930 All-Ireland final. Cork won.

After the minor game last Sunday, Michael Cleary, John Heffernan and Conor O'Donovan represented the Nenagh Eire Og club as they were introduced to 80,000 spectators as part of the Tipperary team that defeated Antrim to claim the All-Ireland final in 1989.

The captain of the Nenagh team today is Noel Maloney and he recalls (very vividly) the day Conor O'Donovan departed for Dublin on the eve of the All-Ireland final. Noel lived in the same estate as Conor and all the young players in the estate met Conor to see him off. There is a photo taken to mark the occasion.

Conor O'Donovan, Michael Cleary and John Heffernan played key roles in Nenagh's North final wins 1992 and '93. Billy Heffernan, son of John will play some part in today's final. Michael Cleary managed Nenagh senior teams in the naughties and Conor O'Donovan was part of the backroom team involved with Nenagh's Under-14 journey this year. However they lost to Toomevara in a great game.

Returning to 1989! Donie Nealon was a selector with the Tipp team that year as Tipp brought an end to an eighteen year famine in All-Ireland glory. His involvement with Burgess played on with Burgess winning four North Intermediate finals in 1992, '93, 2003 and 2005 with two county final win accruing in 1993 and 2005. Burgess reached the senior final in 2008.

That North final defeat seemed as far away as

ever as Burgess struggled year on year in a bid to reach a second final. But it never happened until this year where Burgess manager Pat Cremin has certainly turned things around. Cremin's team has defied the odds on the back of a very strong defence as Lorrha, Silvermines, Moneygall and Kilruane MacDonagh found out.

Today Burgess hope to emulate their neighbours Portroe who won their first North final in 2012. Yes, Youghalarra, a club formed in Burgess parish during the 1900s, brought the only senior success in 1909 but Burgess as we know it were formed in the 1940s and they stumbled between intermediate and senior graded in the midst of fourteen North Intermediate titles plus three county titles.

The build up to today's final is built on the back of a successful period of under-age titles in the past fifteen years with three North Under-21 A titles to boast of.

Nenagh Eire Og can boast of a strong under-age foundation too. Just last weekend their marvellous journey at minor grade ended in defeat against Toomevara in the North Minor 'A' semi final ending their quest for eight North Minor 'A' finals in a row. No other club has won seven North Minor 'A' side titles in the history of North Tipp GAA and in addition Nenagh won two county titles also.

A win for Nenagh today would bring it to five North final wins in a fifteen year spell.

That's not a bad return when clubs like Toomevara, Borris-Ileigh and others are fighting for crumbs from the same table.

P.S. Fifty years ago, Nenagh won the 1964 North senior final when they defeated Roscrea in the decider. Mick Burns was the winning captain adding a North medal to his All-Ireland success against Kilkenny the same month. Burgess man Donie Nealon was on the Tipp team that year and he captained Burgess to intermediate success the same month when the Green and Golders defeated Shannon Rovers.

1964 North Tipperary Final

In 1964 Éire Óg, after a seven-year gap were crowned North Tipperary senior hurling champions following a great win over Roscrea at MacDonagh Park. Unfortunately, it would take another twenty-eight years before the club tasted such success again.

Here is the edited version from The Guardian dated October 1st, 1964

North Tipperary Senior Hurling champions, Roscrea, were sent crashing from their throne Sunday, when they were beaten by an inspired Éire Óg to take their first senior hurling crown since 1957.

Éire Óg's form was a revelation and must have astonished even the most optimistic of their own followers among the attendance of 3,800. From first to last they hurled with a daring, dashing will to win and made a mockery of those who had doubted their ability. Many felt that Éire Óg would make a good fight of it, but only a good fight; their own fervent supporters said they would win, but who expected to see Roscrea, on the crest of the wave, fold up to the tune of 5-12 to 2-5.

Éire Óg reached undreamed of heights in the opening ten minutes, and the holders had no answer to their brilliant first-time hurling. If this brilliance dimmed somewhat later, their determination never faltered and the fact that they were going as strong at the finish as at the start was a tribute to their trainer, Garda Jim Hughes.

There were scenes of great excitement after the Éire Óg captain, Mick Burns, had been presented with the Frank McGrath Cup by Mr Jim Ryan, Chairman of the North Tipperary Board. This excitement continued into the evening and bonfires blazed in celebration of Éire Óg's great triumph that brought the title to Nenagh for the third time in almost half a century. It was a colourful scene as the teams, with Éire Óg in light blue and Roscrea in their familiar red jerseys, paraded over the green sward of MacDonagh Park in the late September sunshine behind the Nenagh C.B.S. band. The pitch was in perfect trim and a credit to the grounds man, Mr Jack Roberts.

GREAT START

Roscrea won the toss and Éire Óg were, set to play, into the town goals. The Nenagh team were the first to attack and from a line ball out on the left Mick Burns centred beautifully but the ball was cleared and Roscrea raced into the attack. From Francis Loughnane's drive, Johnny McGrath, pulling first time in the air drove the ball downfield. Back came the holders and Mickey Nolan raced down the centre to drive over their first point.

Hardly had the cheers of the Roscrea supporters died away when Gerry Quinlan brought Éire Óg supporters to their feet as he broke his way past two defenders, pushed the ball up to his full-forward line and Oliver Tucker was on hand to turn it into the Roscrea net. Éire Óg were hurling as if their very lives



Captain Mick Burns carried shoulder high.

depended on it and Roscrea reeled backwards as the side in the light blue jerseys again went on the attack and Terry Moloney, with a great effort, hammered the ball to the net for the second time.

Michael Kearns tried to work his way through but was held and from the free Moloney drove the ball high and straight between the posts and minutes later Pádraig Kennedy sent over a great point from way out on the left wing. In a Roscrea attack Connie Cleere saved well from John Dillon and McGrath cleared up-field, and then came the greatest goal of the game as Michael Kearns rounded Niall Heffernan, bore down on the

Roscrea goals and with a left-handed drive gave Leo Dooley no chance whatsoever with a ball that rocketed into the top of the net, and unbelievably the Nenagh team were ahead by 3-3 to 0-1 with less than nine minutes of play gone.

STRUCK TOP FORM

In those opening nine minutes Éire Óg had really struck top form and though their standard dropped somewhat for the remainder of the first half, it was nevertheless, top class and it would be difficult to level any kind of criticism at such a display of hurling skill and fervour.

Roscrea had no answer to the play of the new champions and never really recovered from their whirlwind start. After Kearns goal the Nenagh team again got back on the attack and forced a 70 that Leo Dooley saved and cleared up-field and Francis

Loughnane scored the holder's second point.

A free to Éire Óg was pointed by Moloney and then a drive by Kearns went wide. Dooley saved a shot from Adrian Ayres before Moloney chalked up goal number four for the still rampant Nenagh team, as he connected with, a cross by Pádraig Kennedy. Loughnane kept Roscrea hopes alive with a point, and at the other end Kennedy was wide for Éire Óg, their third and last wide of the first half. Roscrea began to come more into the game, and Johnny McGrath swept the ball almost off the toes of the holder's full forward, John Dillon, and out of play. Roscrea had their fourth score when Nolan took a pass from Barney Hogan to swing over a point. Hogan moved back to midfield to partner Mick Minogue with Pat Dynan moving to the full-forward line.

Again Moloney was on the mark with a point from a free for Éire Óg and after Dooley had saved a shot by Tony Tierney, the Nenagh team had three points in succession, the first from a long-range free by Mick Burns and the remaining two coming from Ayres and Kennedy. Roscrea had a chance from a 21 yards free but Loughnane's shot at goal was saved, and a row developed near the Nenagh goalmouth. The holders were given a second 21 yards free and on this occasion Loughnane drove over a point, and seconds later the half-time whistle went to leave Éire Óg ahead by 4-7 to 0-5.

ROSCREA CHANGES

Minutes after the restart Éire Óg came very near to increasing their lead as Michael Kearns again rounded his opponent and fired in a shot that hit Dooley on the shoulder and went out for a 70 which Burns drove to the left of the posts. The Nenagh team increased their lead when Kennedy whipped over a point, and Roscrea came back for a similar score by Nolan. Kearns was fouled as he tried to work his way through the Roscrea defence and from the free, Moloney was again on the target for a point.

Roscrea were in command for a period but the Éire Óg defence was equal to all demands on it. Finally, the holders got through for a goal they richly deserved as a Nenagh defender blundered and Jimmy Carroll drove the ball to the net. The holders had a great chance from a 21 yards free but Jimmy Carroll missed his stroke.

Éire Óg had been playing "seconds" to the holders for quite a spell but now began to fight their way back on top. Kearns, who had moved to the half forward line in a switch with Ayres, won possession in the middle of the field, broke away and "flicked" out a pass to the unmarked Kennedy who promptly slammed it between the posts for another point. Minutes later the Nenagh team scored again, Ayres sending over a great point from cut near the sideline. Play was scrappy at this stage and each side had a number of wides. Hogan reduced arrears for the holders with a point and when Loughnane was fouled the same player duly pointed the free. The Nenagh team were four clear goals ahead at this stage, and this was increased to five as Ayres connected with a cross by Tucker and slammed the ball to the net.

Moloney pointed another Éire Óg free, and then in the last minute Loughnane raced through to crash home Roscrea's second goal.

MAJOR HONOURS

It was a great display by the Éire Óg team and one that will long be remembered in the division, for not even their most carefree optimists could have foreseen so rounding a victory. One player stood head and shoulders above all others and that was Éire Óg's midfielder, Phil Hennessy. Hennessy was immense for the entire hour, raining long drives into the heart of Roscrea territory and completely outplaying those sent to curb his activities.

Eddie O'Donnell, Johnny McGrath and Michael Kearns must all claim very high ratings for their displays. O'Donnell gave a tremendous display in the first half, time and again coming through to clear his lines and he was equally effective after the interval. McGrath had another great hour at full back. Kearns had his best ever game in senior ranks and repeatedly had the Roscrea defence in trouble as he moved goalwards.

That quartet were truly outstanding for the winners, but Mick Burns, Terry Moloney, Adrian Ayres and Pádraig Kennedy all contributed handsomely. Burns was always in control of his area, Moloney was leading scorer with two great goals. Ayres and Kennedy picked off some great scores. The efforts of those already mentioned would have hardly met with such success but for the heroics of Phil Murray, Paddy Kearns, Tony Tierney, Christy Morgan, Ollie Tucker, Gerry Quinlan and goalkeeper Ollie Cleere.

Éire Óg scores came from: T. Moloney (2-5), A. Ayres (1-2), P. Kennedy (0-4), M. Kearns (1-0), O. Tucker (1-0), M. Burns (0-1). Roscrea scorers were: F. Loughnane (1-3), J. Carroll (1-0), B. Hogan (0-2), M. Nolan (6-2), J. Dillon (0-1).

Éire Óg: C. Cleere (goal); C. Morgan, J. McGrath, E. O'Donnell; M. Burns (capt.), P. Murray, P. Kearns; P. Hennessy, T. Tierney; A. Ayres, G. Quinlan, P. Kennedy; M. Kearns, T. Moloney, O. Tucker.

Roscrea: L. Dooley (goal); M. Hogan, K. Carey, N. Heffernan, C. Murphy, P. Roland, O. Killoran; P. Dynan (capt.), M. Minogue; S. Carroll, M. Nolan, F. Loughnane; B. Hogan, J. Dillon, D. Moloney. Sub: J. Carroll for Heffernan.

Referee: M. Carey (Ballinahinch).



Éire Óg parading prior to the 1964 final.

Nenagh and Burgess Head to Head

There have been eleven meetings between the sides in North Senior Hurling.
Nenagh Eire Og lead 8 to 2.

June 01 1952	at Nenagh:	Eire Og Nenagh 7-7 Burgess 1-4	Group area semi final
June 27 1954	at Borrisokane	Eire Og Nenagh bt Burgess	Group area semi final
July 13 1958	at Nenagh:	Eire Og Nenagh 7-10 Burgess 2-3	Group area final
May 14 1961	at Nenagh:	Eire Og Nenagh 6-12 Burgess 0-2	Group area first round
May 15 1967	at Nenagh:	Eire Og, Nenagh 6-12 Burgess 3-4	Group area first round
July 08 1972	at Nenagh:	Burgess 3-11 Eire Og Nenagh 2-6	Round 3
June 17 1973	at Nenagh:	Eire Og Nenagh 4-16 Burgess 1-6	Round 3
May 07 1978	at Nenagh:	Burgess 1-7 Eire Og Nenagh 0-7	Round1 weak group
May 20 1979	at Nenagh:	Eire Og Nenagh 6-20 Burgess 1-5	Round2 weak group
June 28 2009	at Toomevara:	Nenagh Eire Og 0-17 Burgess 0-7	Round 5

**Burgess played under the Duharra name through the 1940s*

Earlier encounters

1937: Nenagh 4-5 Youghalarra 2-0 at Puckane.

Last North Championship meeting between the sides June 2009

Nenagh Eire Og 0-17 Burgess 0-7 at Toomevara

Nenagh Eire Og demolished Burgess with an impressive second half display. They trailed 0-6 to 0-5 at half time and after Thomas Hogan increased the Burgess lead, the sky blues took over to score 0-12 without reply including nine points from play when Kevin Tucker, John Flannery, John Slattery, Richie Flannery (frees) and man of the match Eddie Tucker (0-4 from play overall) each laid their mark.

SCORERS: Nenagh Eire Og- E Tucker 0-4; K Tucker 0-3 (3f); P Ryan 0-2; R Flannery 0-2 (2f);

Michael Heffernan, John Slattery, Cliff Moloney, H Maloney, P Murphy and J Flannery 0-1 each.

Burgess – T Scroope 0-4 (3f); D O'Brien 0-2; E Hogan 0-1.

NENAGH EIRE OG: Michael McNamara; Eoin Fitzgibbon, Hugh Maloney, John Brennan; Hugh Flannery, Noel Maloney, Richie Flannery; John Flannery, Paddy Murphy; Kevin Tucker, Eddie Tucker, Michael Heffernan; Cliff Moloney, Paddy Murphy, Tommy Heffernan. Subs – John Slattery for Heffernan (40).

BURGESS: Garrett Howard; Donagh Maher, David Maher, Leo Quigley; Robbie Cremin, Brian Hogan, Noel Gleeson; Jonathan Ryan, Eoin Hogan; Timmy Hogan, Tony Dunne, Damien O'Brien; Tony Scroope, Niall Quigley, Paddy Tucker. Subs- Shane Maher for D Maher (45 inj); Peter Gill for Tucker (55).

Referee Tommy Ryan, Kildangan.



Paddy Murphy, Nenagh Eire Og

Paths to the Final 2014

Hibernian Inn North Senior Hurling Championship Round 1

May 11:	Kilruane MacDonaghs 3-17	Roscrea 2-5	at Dolla Ref John Cleary
May 11:	Borris-Ileigh 2-17	Moneygall 0-10	at Dolla Ref Johnny McDonnell
May 11:	Nenagh Eire Og 2-18	Templederry 1-11	at Cloughjordan Ref Philip Kelly
May 18:	Ballina 1-18	Silvermines 2-14	at MacDonagh Park Ref Kieran Delaney
May 18:	Portroe 1-18	Borrisokane 0-13,	at MacDonagh Park Ref Ger Fitzpatrick
May 18:	Burgess 0-24	Lorrha 1-17	at Cloughjordan Ref Michael Murphy
May 18:	Kildangan 4-15	Toomevara 2-10	at Dolla Ref Pat Gibson

Hibernian Inn North Senior Hurling Championship Round 2

June 7:	Burgess 2-15	Silvermines 2-10	at MacDonagh Park Ref Tommy Ryan
June 7:	Kildangan 1-16	Templederry Kenyons 1-11	at Toomevara Ref John Cleary
June 7:	Moneygall 1-24	Ballina 2-19	at MacDonagh Park, Ref Pat Gibson a.e.t.
June 7:	Nenagh Eire Og 3-12	Roscrea 1-10	at Toomevara, Ref Kieran Delaney
June 8:	Toomevara 2-18	Portroe 2-14	at MacDonagh Park, Ref Philip Kelly
June 8:	Kilruane MacD 3-22	Borrisokane 1-10,	at MacDonagh Park, Ref T.P. Sullivan
June 8:	Borris-Ileigh 4-15	Lorrha 1-20	at Cloughjordan Ref Michael Cahill

Hibernian Inn North Senior Hurling Championship Play-off

July 23:	Portroe 4-13	Ballina 1-17	at MacDonagh Park Ref Tommy Ryan
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Hibernian Inn North Senior Hurling Championship Quarter Finals

June 27:	Nenagh Eire Og 1-16	Kildangan 1-12	at Dolla, Ref Ger Fitzpatrick
June 27:	Burgess 0-20	Moneygall 2-8	at Toomevara Ref Philip Kelly
August 3:	Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-28	Portroe 1-18	at Dolla Ref Kieran Delaney
August 3:	Borris-Ileigh 1-22	Toomevara 1-19	at Nenagh Ref John Cleary

Hibernian Inn North Senior Hurling Championship Semi Finals

August 24:	Burgess 1-16	Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-17	at MacDonagh Park, Ref Philip Kelly
August 24:	Nenagh Eire Og 2-13	Borris-Ileigh 1-14	at MacDonagh Park, Ref Pat Gibson

Hibernian Inn North Senior Hurling Championship Final

Sept 14:	Burgess 0-00	Nenagh Eire Og 0-00	at MacDonagh Park Ref
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Nenagh's Hugh Maloney in action in the semi-final against Borris-Ileigh.



Burgess' Damien O'Brien gets his hurley to the ball in the semi-final against Kilruane.

Top 15 positions supplied 26 Scorers from 14 clubs in North Tipp SHC 2014

Pos	Total	Name and club	Score	Games
1st	43	Stephen Murray Burgess	0-43 (0-31f, 3'65)	4 games
2nd	32	Brian O'Meara, Kilruane MacD	1-29 (0-13f, 0-2 s-cut)	4 games
3rd	31	John Sheedy, Portroe	2-25 (0-14f, 0-4'65)	4 games
4th	27	Conor Kenny, Borris-Ileigh	6-9	4 games
5th	26	Brian Stritch, Ballina	1-23 (0-17f, '65)	2 games
6th	25	Brendan Maher, Borris-Ileigh	1-22 (0-18f)	4 games
7th	18	Kevin O'Halloran, Portroe	3-9 (0-4 s-cuts)	4 games
	18	Tommy Heffernan, Nenagh Eire Og	3-9 (1-0f)	4 games
	18	Michael Heffernan, Nenagh Eire Og	2-12 (1-0f)	4 games
8th	17	Niall O'Meara, Kilruane MacDonaghs	3-8 (1-0f)	4 games
9th	16	Jason Forde, Silvermines	1-13 (1-6f, '65)	2 games
	16	Pauraic Kelly, Kildangan	4-4	3 games
10th	14	Mark McCarthy, Toomevara	1-11 (0-6f)	3 games
11th	13	Donnacha Quinn, Nenagh Eire Og	0-13 (0-10f, '65)	4 games
12th	12	Eoin Brislane, Toomevara	4-0	3 games
	12	Adrian Ryan, Templederry	0-12 (0-6f, 2'65)	2 games
	12	Patrick Maher, Lorrha	0-12 (0-9f, '65)	2 games
	12	Dan McCormack, Borris-Ileigh	0-12	4 games
13th	11	Mark O'Leary, Kilruane MacD	1-8	4 games
	11	Ken Dunne, Toomevara	0-11 (0-10f)	3 games
	11	Ruairi Gleeson, Kildangan	0-11 (0-4f, 2'65)	3 games
14th	10	Colm Larkin, Borrisokane	0-10 (0-10 f)	2 games
	10	Willie Greene, Moneygall	0-10 (0-7f, '65)	3 games
	10	Philip Fanning, Moneygall	0-10 (0-6f, 2'65)	3 games
15th	9	Ger Kirwan, Moneygall	2-3	3 games
15th	9	Davin Flynn, Roscrea	1-6	2 games

Highest Scorer in one game:

Stephen Murray, Burgess 0-17 (0-13f, 2 '65) v Lorrha

Biggest haul from play in one game:

Pauraic Kelly, Kildangan 3-2 v Toomevara

Biggest goal haul in one game:

Pauraic Kelly, Kildangan 3-2 v Toomevara;

Conor Kenny, Borris-Ileigh 3-0 v Lorrha

Kevin O'Halloran, Portroe 3-0 v Ballina

Biggest point haul from play in one game:

Tadhg Gallagher, Kildangan 0-5 (out of 0-6) v Templederry

Stephen Murray, Burgess 0-5 (out of 0-13) v Moneygall

Brian Teehan, Moneygall 0-5 v Ballina

Dan McCormack, Borris-Ileigh 0-5 v Toomevara

Brian O'Meara, Kilruane 0-5 (out of 0-8) v Portroe

Largest amount of scorers:

Kilruane MacD 14, Borris-Ileigh 14

Top 4 Scorers in 2013

Jason Forde, Silvermines 5-42 (5-20f, 004 '65, 0-3 s-cut)

Ruairi Gleeson, Kildangan, 1-47 (0-30f, 0-4'65)

John Sheedy, Portroe 2-33 (0-19f, 0-3'65)

Brendan Maher, Borris-Ileigh 3-28 (1-17f, 1-0p, 0-4'65, 0-1s-cut)

Sixty seconds with Shane Maher, Burgess



Shane Maher has enjoyed a remarkable hurling career both with club and county. Today he lines out at wing back. His achievements in the game read three Munster Senior championships medals and one All-Ireland with Tipp as well as one National Hurling League and one Munster Intermediate Championship.

With his club he has numerous North and County titles from U-12 right up to senior level. His success at U-21 A level when Burgess defeated Nenagh was special as it arrived eight years after pretty much the same group of players won an U-12 "C" Title in 1991. It marked a serious progression and a statement of intent for the future! Something we wouldn't know about him: "I'm in Negative Equity," he says.

Sixty Seconds with Eoin Tossy Hogan Burgess Full Forward



Captaining the Burgess senior team in 2011 was one of a number of highlights in my career as well as winning the county intermediate final in 2005. Other achievements include two North U-21 A in 2001 and 2003, intermediate north in 2003 and 2005, All Ireland Freshers 'A' with Waterford IT in 2002 and 2003 plus a County senior league 2013. Not many people will know that I'm a great grandnephew of the republican and GAA leader, Frank McGrath, who was also from Youghalarrá. The North Tipperary Cup is named in his honour.



Nenagh Éire Óg officers - from left: Séamus Cleary (treasurer), Jim Nagle (chairman) and Declan Bailey (secretary).



Nenagh Éire Óg U-14 team 2014, North finalists.



Nenagh U-14 hurlers relax following the North final.



Nenagh Éire Óg U-12 'A' 2005 team, North finalists. Back: Michael McGrath (manager), Conor Kennedy, Kevin Gubbins, Daragh Walsh, Gary Power, Mark Tuite, Liam Flannery (selector), Cronan Gleeson, Kevin Flynn, Paul Slattery, Stephen Nagle, Donnacha Heffernan. Front: Wesley Heenan, Paddy Sheehan, Mark Higginbottom, Brendan O'Brien, Daryl McCormack, Joseph Geaney (capt), Sean Geaney, Adam Gratton.

Sixty Seconds with . . .

Michael McHamara, Goalkeeper Nenagh Éire Óg



I played under-14 and under-16 with Tipp and won the All-Irelands. At under-16 level I won two Garda Cups and two under-14 North Tipp Peadar Cummins Cup. In 2001 I won my first senior North medal and a second in 2009. But my very best memory of all is being coach to the Éire Óg minor teams who successfully won back-to-back minor A county titles (2012-13). For me it was great to give something back to those players and it is a great achievement for some of those who are hurling with me at present.

Mark Flannery, Nenagh Corner Back



I'm lucky to have many happy memories with Éire Óg. Winning the north and county minor hurling finals in 2008 has to be up there as one of the best. We were beaten by Sarsfields in the previous year's county minor final in Semple Stadium. So, it was extra special to come out on the right side of the result 12 months later against Upperchurch. It wasn't an easy road back as we struggled in our first few games in the North which included a heavy defeat and consequently were lucky to qualify for a semi-final. Ritchie Flannery and Hugh Maloney came in to give us some extra support which

helped turn the year around, but only after a lot of hard work by both the players and management. It was fitting that the final was the last game that this particular group of players played after being together since under-8.

Noel Maloney



One of my earliest hurling memories was on Friday, 1st September 1989. I was eight. It was two days before the All-Ireland hurling final between Tipperary and Antrim. Myself, Hugh and Alan Kelly all grew up in Melrose. Our neighbour was the great Conor O'Donovan. We called up to his house with our Tipp jerseys on and flags waving high to wish Conor the best of luck on Sunday. He greeted us smiling at the door. He gave each of us one of his hurleys to hold. I distinctly remember the length of it. I was only a few inches taller than it. All his hurls had blue tape and a blue grip - the Éire Óg club colours. We posed for a

picture with Conor in his hall way. We felt like All Stars. For the next few days hurling on the green in Melrose there was no mention of John Heffernan, Skippy Cleary, Nicky English; we all wanted to be Conor O'Donovan. On the evening of my wedding in 2012 Conor called into the reception of the Abbey Court. He handed me a card. In it was the original picture from 1989. I have it framed now. It was a great gesture on his part and an exceptional gift.

Fifty years ago Burgess win North Intermediate final

Fifty Years Ago: Burgess defeated Shannon Rovers in the 1964 North Intermediate Final. Here is a shortened version from the Nenagh Guardian.

Burgess won the North Tipperary intermediate title for the second successive year when they defeated Shannon Rovers in the final at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh

The holders were repeating the victory of the previous year against the same opponents in a game that followed a somewhat similar pattern to the 1963 final.

It was not one of the best final in the grade but nevertheless it was enjoyable with both teams battling it out until the final whistle.

Burgess met the enduring hard hitting Rovers side hip to hip and shoulder to shoulder and gave as much as they took but most important of all their forward line possessed a guile that was completely lacking in the Kilbarron team.

Burgess had Donie Nealon the three goal star of Tipperary's All-Ireland triumph played a vital role in Burgess's win with a personnel tally of 3-4 and it was the efforts of the player that tipped the scales of victory in favour of the holders.

Nealon was often to be seen helping out in defence when the occasion demanded. And it was a brilliant run by the Burgess captain that to the vital fifth goal in the second half.



1964 Junior Champions. Back row: Packie Kennedy (Pallas), Paddy Seymour (Pallas), Jimmy Slattery (Barbaha), Mattie Hogan (Pallas), Michael Hogan (Pallas), Tommy Seymour (Pallas), Michael McDonnell (Carrigatogher), Willie Hayden (Carrigatogher), Front row: Hughie McDonnell (Carrigatogher), Patsy Nealon (Newtown), Dinny Maher (?), Jim Barry (Newtown), Pat McGrath (Monroe), Donie Nealon (Newtown), John Joe Slattery (Barbaha), James Hanrahan (Carrigatogher), Jerome Hogan (Pallas)

Burgess were the masters in the first half but Shannon Rovers had most of the play territorially after the interval and there were many thrilling goalmouth struggles as the Kilbarron tried to bulldoze their way through only to be met by a defence that would not budge no matter what the odds were

Rover's supporters were in a happy mood as their team got away to a great start and swept into a four point lead. First Tom Hourigan pointed a free and minutes later the same player swept in and buried the ball in the Burgess net. Burgess were playing like anything but champions at this stage and despite the promptings of Nealon were coming off second best. The holders opened their account when Nealon pointed a free but Willie Joe Hogan answered for Rovers with a fifty five metre free. Burgess were now beginning to move freely and Hugh McDonnell hit a great point from almost eight metres and minutes later they drew level as Billy Hayden fired in a shot that was saved only for Donie Nealon to break through and crash the ball to the net.

Rovers had a great chance of taking the lead but Martin Starr drove an easy free wide and Burgess took a lead they never after lost as Nealon whipped over a point. Jim Barry fired over a shot that John Cahalan did well to save. It was all Burgess now and Patsy Nealon and Willie McDonnell were on top at midfield. The holders stretched their lead as Pat McGrath got in a shot that was saved only for the ball to come to Donie Nealon who promptly slammed it to the net.

Rovers struck back for a point by PJ Starr but at the other end Burgess forced a 65 that Dinny Maher placed well and Jim Barry scored the winners third goal. Hourigan pointed a twenty metre free for Shannon Rovers but a great goal by Billy Hayden increased the holders lead. Nealon pointed a Burgess free and when the half time whistle arrived it was Burgess who led 4-5 to 1-4.

On the restart, Burgess had two wides but at the other end a great shot by Hourigan was

saved for a sixty five. Donie Nealon picked up a ball just inside the Rovers half and with a great burst of speed drew away from the Rovers player chasing him. Feigning and swerving he sailed past two Rovers defenders and fired in a shot that the unmarked Billy Hayden drove to the net. Nealon added a free and the holders were thirteen points ahead.

Shannon Rovers tried all they knew to force a way through the strong Burgess defence but three brilliant saves by Jerome Hogan in the winner's goal foiled them. Rovers moved Matt Fogarty to full forward line and thrill followed thrill in the Burgess goalmouth as the challengers strove to break through. Willie Joe Hogan flashed into the goalmouth and after a melee the ball ended up in the Burgess net and minutes later Hourigan added another goal to narrow the gap to seven points.

Although the greater share of the play was in the Burgess half of the field the winners inside trio of attackers always seemed capable of getting scores when the ball came there way. A long ball by Hugh McDonnell came to Jim Barry but the young corner forward's shot struck the upright and went wide. Donie Nealon broke his way down the middle to crash home the winner's sixth goal and Pat McGrath added a point.

Rovers were still trying hard but the Burgess defence were giving nothing away and it was the holders who scored again as Hayden drove in a ball and Hayden swept to the net before Hogan rounded off the scoring when he pointed a Rover's free.

BURGESS: Jerome Hogan; M Hogan, T Seymour, P Seymour; J Hanrahan, M McDonnell, D Maher; P Nealon, W McDonnell; H McDonnell, D Nealon (Capt), J. J. Slattery; J Barry, P. McGrath, B Hayden.

SHANNON ROVERS: J Cahalan; J Egan, T Bourke, J Horan; M Guest, J Bourke, W J Hogan (Capt); M Fogarty, A Walshe; S Joyce, P Prout, T Hourigan; P J Starr, J O'Meara, M Starr.

Referee: P Ryan, Borris-Illeigh.



Nenagh Éire Óg



FIR IONAIÐ

- (16) Kevin Flynn
- (17) Sean Geaney
- (18) Billy Heffernan
- (19) Conor Ryan
- (20) Paul Ryan
- (21) James Mackey
- (22) Mark Tuite
- (23) Shane Maher
- (24) Adam Gratton
- (25) Alan Kelly
- (26) John Cahalan
- (27) Donnacha Heffernan
- (28) Eoin Fitzgibbon
- (29) Gary Howard
- (30) David Hickey
- (31) Philip Hickey
- (32) David Hackett
- (33) Niall Madden
- (34) Christopher Ryan
- (35) Brian Flynn
- (36) Michael Collins
- (37) Bob O'Brien
- (38) David Cleary
- (39) Johnny Slattery



Michael McNamara



Mark Flannery



Noel Maloney (C)



John Brennan



Dáire Quinn



Hugh Maloney



Barry Heffernan



Kevin Tucker



Andrew Coffey



Pearse Morris



Michael Heffernan



Tommy Heffernan



Killian Gleeson



Paddy Murphy



Donnacha Quinn

Manager: Liam Heffernan. Coach: John Fitzgerald. Selectors: Enda Costello, Noel Coffey. First Aid: Liam Quinn. Logistics Matt Lillis

NENAGH	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor pocanna
1 adh leath					
2 adh leath					
IOMLÁN					



Burgess



Niall McGrath



Jack O'Flaherty



Jonathan Mulqueen



John O'Dwyer



Shane Maher



Donagh Maher



Michael O'Flaherty



Dainel Ryan



Peter Gill



Damien O'Brien (C)



Brian Hogan



Noel Gleeson



Eoin Hogan



Eoin Tossy Hogan



Stephen Murray

FIR IONAIÐ

(16) Brian Sherlock

(17) Conor Quigley

(18) Billy O'Flaherty

(19) Paddy Hogan

(20) William Ryan

(21) Brian Tucker

(22) Keith Nealon

(23) Garreth Howard

(24) Tadhg O'Halloran

(25) John O'Brien

(26) Kieran Ryan

(27) Tony Hogan

(28) Timmy Hogan

(29) Andy Dunne

(30) Conor Gill

(31) Pat Woods

Manager: Pat Cremin. Selectors: Dinny Darcy, Shane Ryan. Coach: Darren Harrington. First Aid: John Gleeson, Claire Kearns, Dr. Morris O'Keefe. Physio: Cian McDonnell. Equipment: Joe Sherlock

BURGESS	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor pocanna
1 adh leath					
2 adh leath					
IOMLÁN					



2009: Nenagh Eire Og captain Hugh Moloney received the Frank McGrath Cup from Martin Morris (sponsor - The Hibernian Nenagh). Also present are North Board Chairman Michael Sheedy and Jane Devaney (The Hibernian).

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Coolderry and Burgess united in grief as young Gael Dermot Hogan is taken from us

The slings and arrows of outrageous misfortune decreed that just four weeks and a day after striking for all of us his most abiding Gaelic Games memory, Dermot Hogan, RIP, died on his farm in Coolderry, Co. Offaly.

The cruel hand of fate had decided that just 29 days after his own proud stand as he took his bow as manager of the Offaly U-21 team beaten by Wexford in a David and Goliath mismatch Dermot's young life would be brought to an untimely end.

The headlines associated Dermot with the proud parish of Coolderry and it was, indeed, his home. In fact it was so for the last 22 years since he went back there to part-time farm the Hogan homestead at The Heath in the parish of Coolderry with his lovely wife Marie where they would raise their three daughters, Lisa, Ciara and Rachel. It was also, from the earliest moments of knowing in his life, his spiritual home as he had an irresistible pull to that proud part of the country, his father's home-place.

Yet, the great sense of community that Dermot embodied, a characteristic chiselled from the very best traditions of the GAA, was honed and nurtured in the parish of one of today's senior finalists, Burgess.

Having moved there as a five year old with his father Kieran, mother Margaret and brothers Kevin and I in 1973, Dermot would spend the formative years of his life growing up happily in the Ballywilliam side of the parish, a place where his love of all things GAA would take root and flourish. Indeed the Burgess jersey sat proudly with Coolderry's on his coffin seven weeks ago today and how proud we were to see the fine men of the parish line the route with a guard of honour on his final journey to Coolderry Church for his Funeral Mass. How fitting it was also that the penultimate pallbearers on his final steps to his resting place at Dungar Cemetery were teammates and friends he grew up with.

It's unlikely that any of today's team would recall Dermot hurling for Burgess but in his all-too-short career in the green and gold, he hurled with a dash and dare that would serve them well today. A tough, uncompromising corner back who revelled in tight confines, an enjoyment perhaps not often shared by opponents who occupied that space with

him.

Of course, like anyone who grew up in the parish at that time, Dermot took great inspiration and delight from being coached by one of the game's greats, Donie Nealon. Indeed it was with Donie as coach that he claimed an U-12 B title in 1980. He would later be a member of an U-16 winning team and also go on to claim Nealon Trophy – the 'Holy Grail' at the time for underage hurling in Burgess for obvious reasons – and U-21 honours. He won a Junior 'B' title as a 17 year old and the following year graduated to what was then the club's first team, the Intermediates but played only a handful of seasons before moving to Cork to work.

Regardless of his move to Cork or his return a year later to Offaly, his career was effectively cut short by injury; a fractured leg that he carried unknowingly through a winter and one that an operation early the following year never really put right.

We have many proud moments to recall from Dermot's involvement in the GAA, both from a playing and coaching perspective and for that we are truly grateful. My own outstanding memory will always be from a Saturday evening Nealon Trophy Final defeat by a single, agonising last minute score against Shannon Rovers, for it typified the mix of madness and toughness that made him. Just six days earlier in the semi-final he fell onto an opponent's pull and got up to reveal the neatest and most instant of hare-lips after being sliced as cleanly as with the precision of a surgeon's knife. A BMX bicycle mask – there were few helmets and no face guards then of course – and less than a week later, he hit the field into the second half of the final, oblivious and indifferent to the surgery that sowed lip back together inside and out. Beaten but unbowed and that's the memory we will always have of Dermot, even now.

Today, on this massive day for Burgess, he will no doubt be with us in spirit, somewhere on the bank, probably welcomed back by other great Gaels from the parish who are no longer with us. Great men like Jack Maher, Mick Ryan 'Nail', Martin Gleeson and, indeed, herself, the First Lady of the parish and dearly departed Kitty Nealon, among others.

It will be a gleeful gathering and they'll be roaring Burgess on to victory, just as they did of old and just as they will continue to do. Burgess abu!





Nenagh Eire Og hurlers - 2009 North SHC Winners. Back row: (l to r) John Flannery, Paddy Murphy, Richie Flannery, Hugh Moloney (captain), Michael McNamara, Brian Dillon, Noel Moloney, Eddie Tucker. Kneeling: Pearse Morris, Kevin Tucker, Michael Heffernan, John Brennan, Tommy Heffernan, Cliff Moloney, Eoin Fitzgibbon.



Nenagh Eire Og U-12 North 'C' champions 2005. Back row: (l to r) Tommy Mulcahy, Philip Hennessey, Greg Browne, Michael Hallinan, Brian O'Brien, Sean Gilbert. 3rd row: Edmund Kennedy, Adam Maxwell, Niall O'Gorman, Gary Howard, Paul Browne, Andrew Coffey, Shane Hennessey, Conor Ryan, Adam Cody, Jack O'Brien, Daryl McGee, Aayusm Tripathi, Charlie Cawley, Andrew Weinman, Oisín Ryan. 2nd row: Paul White, Stephen Hallinan, James Mackey, Michael Hallinan, Killian Gleeson, Alan Coady, Donnacha Quinn, Brian Gubbins, Aishling O'Brien, Louis Lavery, Dean Ray. Front: Michael Collins, Philip Mackey, Emmet O'Brien, Gerard O'Gorman, Barry Heffernan, Luke Kennedy, Jack Nolan, Aodhan Geaney, Aidan Healy.

Things I loved about All-Ireland hurling final day from a Tipperary perspective

By Liz Howard



All Ireland hurling day is so special when the most skilful of games takes centre stage in Croke Park. All the excitement leading up to the final; Thursday night in Semple Stadium was fantastic, children with

hurleys and full of joy, courteous hurlers taking time to sign autographs, County board officers busy and trying to accommodate all with tickets leads to the day. Up early on Sunday morning to prepare for the influx of family and friends. These are my best memories of one great day.

- The arrival of family, the fun, the chat, the anticipation, the walk to Croke Park and the acknowledgment of fellow Tipperary supporters.
- My grandniece Katie Howard being part of the group of children who formed the Guard of Honour for Tipperary and Kilkenny, what a privilege and honour for her.
- Facing our national flag as Amhran na bFiann fills Croke Park
- The beauty and quality of the hurling, the exquisite points scored by Tipperary
- The incredible spirit displayed by every Tipperary player, the composure of

young guns Cathal Barrett, James Barry, John O'Dwyer, no fear.

- The great fight back by Tipperary, character and courage, the spirit of Knocknagow was alive and well.
- The return to top form of Lar Corbett, class personified, incredible pace and skill.
- Tipperary supporters 100% behind the team.
- Paddy Stapleton's point.
- The dignity of Eamon O'Shea, what an ambassador for our county.
- "The Gathering" outside Croke Park after the game, the post match analysis, the lively discussion, relief and a little disappointment as we felt that Tipperary was the better team.
- Meeting DJ Carey the prince of Kilkenny hurling, he was full of gracious praise for all involved.
- Meeting all the Tipperary players in The Burlington, they were so focused for the replay. They looked so stylish in their outfits, cool or what!
- Going home to watch the match on record, time for reflection. Time to sleep and dream of Liam MacCarthy returning to Tipperary later this month.

Today sees my own club Burgess contest the North Tipperary Championship final against Nenagh Eire Og. I wish for a great final and that the Frank McGrath Cup comes home to Burgess. Good luck to Burgess.

The Barry Family

**would like to wish Damien
and the Burgess Team**

**the best of luck
in the North Final**



Burgess winners over Drom-Inch in the county Minor 'B' final 1990. Back (l-r) Darrel Tucker, Darren Meaney, Conor Fitzgerald, Seamus Collins, Colm McDonnell, Liam McGrath, Paddy Slattery, Kieran Kyne. Front: Ger Sullivan, John McKenna, John Ryan, David Ryan, Shane Ryan, Eugene O'Brien, Kevin Cooney.



Burgess GAA Club officers 2014. Back row: Marion Carroll, Liam Gillespie, Johnny Flynn, John Murray, Mike Carroll, Laura Carroll, Fergal McDonnell. Front: Anne McGrath, Gemma Flynn, Mairead Darcy, Dinny Ryan, Rena Maher, Maire Murray

Top Scorers

Nenagh Eire Og Scorers

Michael Heffernan	2-12 (1-0 f)
Tommy Heffernan	3-9 (1-0 f)
Donnacha Quinn	0-13 (0-10f 0-1'65)
Paddy Murphy	2-3
Killian Gleeson	1-5
Barry Heffernan	0-4
Pearse Morris	0-3
Andrew Coffey	0-3
Paul Ryan	0-2
Kevin Tucker	0-2 (0-2f)
Michael McNamara	0-1 (free)
Daire Quinn	0-1
James Mackey	0-1.

Total 8-59

Burgess Scorers

Stephen Murray	0-43 (0-31f, 0-3'65)
Eoin G Hogan	1-5
Brian Hogan	1-4
Noel Gleeson	0-6
Damien O'Brien	0-6
Eoin Tossy Hogan	1-1
Daniel Ryan	0-3
Peter Gill	0-2
Michael O'Flaherty	0-1
Bill O'Flaherty	0-1
John O'Dwyer	0-1 (0-1f)
Donagh Maher	0-1
Shane Maher	0-1

Total 3-75



Burgess selectors from left Shane Ryan, Pat Cremin, Darren Harrington and Dinny Darcy.



The 1989 All-Ireland winning Tipperary team that included Conor O'Donovan, John Heffernan and Michael Cleary.

Conor O'Donovan, Nenagh Éire Óg

On All-Ireland final day the exploits of the 1989 All-Ireland-winning Tipperary team were marked at Croke Park, Dublin. Supporters of the Blues were thrilled to see the endeavours of John Heffernan, Michael Cleary and Conor O'Donovan celebrated as part of the jubilee ceremony.

Conor O'Donovan, who is still involved with the Éire Óg club and coached the under-14 team to the north final in recent weeks, was very taken in recent weeks by members of the public who wished him well as the jubilee celebrations approached.

"In the last few weeks I have found it so gratifying that so many people have come up to me and wished me well with it. I am genuinely touched by that. I have to say that I really appreciate it. I really do. It added to the sense of occasion for me," Conor O'Donovan explained.

Conor O'Donovan, who first learned his hurling in Effin (Limerick), always appreciated how welcome the Tipperary fans and the Tipperary people made him feel.

"It was great that even though I was not from the county originally I was completely welcomed by everybody and anybody on all of the teams that I played for, whether it was the club here, the under-21s or the senior teams that I played with in Tipperary."



Conor O'Donovan
with the 1995 League Cup

Snippets

Six teams have won the North Final in the last ten years including Roscrea, Borris-Ileigh, Nenagh Éire Óg, Kildangan, Portroe and Toomevara. This compares to three teams Toomevara, Newport and Nenagh Éire Óg who won 1994 to 2003.

A to Z of this year's North final

- A** A first North senior hurling final meeting between today's finalists
- B** Burgess are into today's final for the third time. They won their first (under the name (Youghalarra) in 1909. Almost a century later they lost to Kildangan in the 2008 decider.
- C** Conor Kenny, Borris-Ileigh scored 1-4 in the semi final defeat to Nenagh Eire Og
- D** Dolla was one of four venues used this year as twenty one championship games were complete with Cloughjordan, Toomevara and MacDonagh Park, Nenagh the other three.
- E** Eugene Ryan, North Board Runai, won a North Tipp senior hurling medal with Moneygall in 1975. Moneygall defeated Silvermines in the decider at Cloughjordan.
- F** The Frank McGrath Cup is the silverware for today's final
- G** Goals. There were sixty three scored in the 21 games played.
- H** Brian Hogan, Lorrha scored a point from play in his sides game against Borris-Ileigh at Cloughjordan
- I** Inches of GAA championship coverage in the *Nenagh Guardian*, *Midland Tribune* and *Tipperary Star* this week and every week.
- J** Joe Gallagher led Kildangan to victory in last year's North final win over Silvermines
- K** Killian Gleeson's goal a minute into the second half helped Nenagh Eire Og knock out the holders Kildangan in a low key Hibernian Inn North Tipperary Senior Hurling championship quarter final played at Dolla.
- L** Long time waiting! Kilruane MacDonagh, beaten semi-finalist against Burgess were seeking their first North final appearance since 1994.
- M** MacDonagh Park will host the final again this year. It was officially opened and blessed on September 27th 1942 when Roscrea defeated Kildangan in the north final
- N** Nenagh Eire Og are seeking their eight North final win to day. They won in 1957, 1964, 1982, 1983, 1998, 2001 and 2009
- O** Plenty O's in this year's championship. There is Damien O'Brien and the two O'Flahertys for Burgess. John O'Brien, Toomevara, David O'Connor, Borris-Ileigh, Ronan O'Meara, Lorrha plus Noel O'Halloran and lineball specialist, Kevin O'Halloran, Portroe.
- P** Paddy Murphy's goal turned the game in Nenagh's favour and helped overcome Borris-Ileigh in the semi final.
- Q** The Quinn Brothers, Daire and Donnacha have played a big part in Nenagh's success to date.
- S** Both Semi Finals produced a number of high scoring feats. Stephen Murray was top scorer with Burgess on 0-8 against Kilruane's Brian O'Meara who scored 0-9 as runners up. Conor Kenny scored 1-4 for Borris-Ileigh
- T** Top scoring Kilruane MacDonaghs score 0-28 in their quarter final win over Portroe at Dolla
- U** Under age wins at divisional level have been high on the agenda for both teams since 1999. Nenagh Eire Og won four U-12 in 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2007; five U-14 in 2003, 2005, 2009, 2010 and 2011; seven U-16 victories in 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 with seven North Minor titles in a row 2007 -2013. Burgess on the other hand collected wins in U-12 in 2004; U-14 in 1999; an U-16 in 2000; Minor A in 2002 plus three U-21A in 2002, 2004 and 2011
- V** Vincent Stapleton, Borris-Ileigh was ordained a deacon in the middle of the year in the midst of a busy years hurling with his club.
- W** Willie Greene, Moneygall arrived in MacDonagh Park just in time for Moneygall's extra time win over Ballina in the second round of the Hibernian Inn Senior hurling championship played June 7th. His reason was simple. Earlier that day, he was part of Kildare's Christy Ring Cup final win over Kerry at Croke Park
- Y** David Young captained the Toomevara side that reached the quarter final but lost to Borris-Ileigh.
- X** xtream weather condition didn't deter the running of the 1997 North Senior hurling final between Toomevara and Borris-Ileigh on August 3rd. Toomevara won.
- Z** Zero goals. It happened five times in the championship. Moneygall 0-10 Borris-Ileigh 2-17; Borrisokane 0-13 Portroe 1-18; Burgess 0-24 Lorrha 1-17; Burgess 0-20 Moneygall 2-8 and Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-28 Portroe 1-18.



Burgess' Sean Dunne, Jack O'Keeffe and Tomas Gibson with trophies from the U-12 success last year.



Kevin Nealon (Burgess) scoring a goal against James O'Meara of Lorrha in the North Tipperary Intermediate playoff in 1999. Behind the goal is a very anxious looking Burgess selector Donie Nealon!

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MY HURLING LIFE:

Donie Nealon, Burgess & Tipperary

School Honours: Harty Cup medal with St. Flannan's College, Ennis 1954.

Club Honours: Eight North Tipp Intermediate medals; two county Intermediate/Junior medals; two North Tipp Junior football medals.

Inter County Honours: All-Ireland Senior hurling 1958, '61, '62, '64, '65. Munster Senior hurling 1958, '60, '61, '62, '64, '65, '67, '68. National Hurling league 1959, '60, '61, '64, '65, '68; Railway Cup 1959, '63, '66, '68; Oireachtas SH 1960, '61, '63, '64, '65; County SHC 1961 (Dublin); Fitzgibbon Cup 1958, '60, '61 (UCD); Caltex Hurler of the Year 1962; Tipperary Sports Star 1962; St. Brendan's Cup two v New York; All-Ireland Stars team (3).

Refereeing: All-Ireland U-21 and Intermediate finals. All grades of Munster championships including club senior final. Eleven North Tipp senior finals.

Where and when did you first play hurling for your club? In 1947 as an 11 year old v Kildangan in U-15 competition in Danny Moloney's field in Crannagh, Ballycommon. In 1952 with Youghalarra Junior team v Eire Óg, Nenagh in Portroe. In 1953 with Burgess/Youghalarra intermediates v Kilruane in Nenagh.

Your first mentor(s)? My father Rody, who taught my brothers, sisters and I the basic skills of the game in Pat Hogan's field in Newtown village opposite our home.

Who had the biggest influence on your career? My father Rody from the tender age of four years. Fr. Jimmy Madden, outstanding coach/trainer in St. Flannan's College; Jack Maher, who first asked me to play with Burgess intermediate team in early 1953, and guided me as a player throughout my career and at county Tipp level Paddy Leahy, a true father figure and counsellor to all new players.

What was the most you scored in any one game? Difficult to remember but I do recall scoring 3-4 v Shannon Rovers in North IH final of 1964 and 3-3 against Offaly in a NH league in Roscrea in 1962 as well as 4-4 in Toronto against a Canadian selection in 1959.

What was your most memorable score? Probably the most important score was my first gaol, early in the second half, with one hand v Kilkenny in 1964 when they had come right back into the game. Liam Devaney delivered a terrific diagonal ball that deceived the full back line and I managed to reach out and slip it past the advancing Ollie Walsh. In truth it was more opportunistic than memorable.

What players did you admire? Paddy Kenny, Jimmy Kennedy, Jimmy Doyle, Mick Roche and Nicky English (Tipperary), Jimmy Barry-Murphy, Christy Ring (Cork), Jimmy Smyth and Jamsey O'Connor (Clare), Joe Salmon and Joe Canning (Galway), D. J. Carey, Eddie Keher and Henry Sheflin (Kilkenny), Philip Grimes, Ken McGrath and Frankie Walsh (Waterford), Nicky Rackard, Jim English and Tim Flood (Wexford), Des Foley (Dublin), Eamon Cregan, Joe McKenna and Ciaran Carey (Limerick), Johnny Dooley (Offaly), Pat Critchley (Laois) and Brendan Hennessy (Kerry and New York).

A rule you would like to see changed in hurling? Kicked scores should not be allowed and 4 points for a goal.
Who is your favourite GAA writer/pundit? Firstly Vincent Hogan as well as Martin Brehony, Enda McEvoy and not forgetting Shane Brophy of the Guardian.

Favourite sport other than hurling? Camogie (of course), golf and handball.

Favourite book? 'The Club' by Christy O'Connor, 'All in My Head' by Lar Corbett; 'The Godfather (Fr Maher, Kilkenny) of Modern Hurling' by Enda McEvoy; 'Tony Ryan, Ireland's Aviator' by Richard Aldous and Donal Ryan's books (who is a former student of Youghalarra NS).

Favourite film? Dr. Zhivago, which I must have watched ten times and also The Field is a close runner up.

Hurling personality you'd most like to meet? I'd better not answer that one as I'd lose too many friends.



Favourite hurling memory outside of playing? Killarney, Munster Final 1987, I think is No. 1 also 1971 All-Ireland over Kilkenny as trainer/coach. 2010 Tipp's All-Ireland; Burgess winning 2005 county IH title to return to senior; Burgess/Duharra's first county senior camogie title in 2010 and hopefully the parish's first North title since 1909 v Eire Og Nenagh today!

What is your greatest moment in sport? Probably been chosen as Hurler of the Year in 1962.



Donie Nealon scoring a goal v Kilkenny 1964.

North Tipp. SHC Roll of Honour

Toomevara (33)	1910, '11, '12, '13, '16, '17, '18, '19, '22, '23, '25, '26, '27, '28, '29, '30, '31, '46, '58, '60, '61, '62, '91, '94, '95, '97, '99, '00, '02, '03, '06, '10, '11
Roscrea (16)	1936, '37, '39, '41, '42, '45, '49, '54, '63, '67, '68, '69, '70, '71, '80, '04
Borris-Ileigh (14)	1947, '50, '51, '52, '53, '55, '72, '73, '76, '81, '83, '88, '05, '07.
Kilruane MacDonagh (11)	1940, '44, '59, '65, '77, '78, '79, '85, '86, '87, '90
Lorrha (8)	1905, '14, '24 1948, '56, '66, '84, '89
Nenagh Éire Óg (8) 	1915, '57, '64, '92, '93, '98, '01, '09. 
Lahorna De Wets (7)	*1901, '02, '03, '04, '06, '07, '08
Kildangan (4)	1938, '43, '08, '13
Newport (2)	1935, '96
Portroe (1)	2012
Moneygall (1)	1975
Silvermines (1)	1974
Kilbarron/Kildangan (1)	1934
Borrisokane (1)	1933
Newport (1)	1932
Youghalarra (1)	1909
*1901 to 1908	

Last North Tipp Senior Hurling Final Win for Burgess 1909

Burgess or Youghalarra as they were known at the time, won their only North Senior Hurling title back in 1909. In fact it was played in a year later. It was decided at the beginning of 1909 that the championship be run on a straight knockout basis.

Eight teams entered, Roscrea v Nenagh at Borrisokane; Clonakenny v Toor at Cooleen; Youghalarra v Templeberry at Toomevara; Borrisokane v Terryglass at Toomevara.

Youghalarra defeated Borrisokane in the semi-final and Clonakenny overcame Roscrea in the second semi. The final was fixed for February 6th at Templeberry and bad weather kept the attendance low but Clonakenny won by 2-6 to 1-5 after a great game. Burgess objected and

the replay was fixed for March 20th at Toomevara. A big crowd turned out but Clonakenny failed to field. A board meeting resulted and Clonakenny were disqualified but a replay was ordered after a successful appeal made by the Clonakenny club to the county board.

The replay was played at Roscrea on May 1st in front of a large crowd and on this occasion Youghalarra won by 3-5 to 2-3.

The victorious Youghalarra was Bill Gleeson (Capt), Frank and Pat McGrath; Jim, Martin and Denis O'Brien; Pat and Dan O'Meara; John and Jer McDonnell; Pat and Joe Fletcher; Matt Fogarty; Tom and Pat O'Brien; Joe Slattery and Dan Gleeson.

Last North final win for Nenagh was in 2009

23 August: Nenagh Eire Og 0-24 Portroe 2-12 MacDonagh Park.

Having led by one point at half time, Nenagh Eire Og secured six unanswered points at the start of the second half to help them capture their eighth North Senior Hurling title at MacDonagh Park. Sean Treacy's men proved much to good for a Portroe side that were unable to reach the heights of the semi final win over Toomevara.

SCORERS: Nenagh Eire Og - K Tucker 0-7 (0-6f); M Heffernan 0-4; P Murphy 0-3, R Flannery 0-3 (0-2f, 0-1'65); C Moloney, E Tucker and T Heffernan 0-2 each; P Ryan 0-1.

Portroe - J Sheedy 0-6 (0-5f); J Creamer 1-1; C Shouldice 1-0; D Hogan, J Conroy, C Gleeson, J Ryan and M Gennery 0-1 each.

NENAGH EIRE OG: Michael McNamara; Eoin Fitzgibbon, Hugh Maloney, John Brennan; John Flannery, Noel Maloney, Ritchie Flannery; Brian Dillon, Pearse Morris; Kevin Tucker, Eddie Tucker, Michael Heffernan; Cliff Moloney, Paddy Murphy, Tommy Heffernan. Subs: John Slattery for C Moloney (41), Paul Ryan for Murphy (50); Shane Maher for E Tucker (58).

PORTROE: Darren Gleeson (Capt); John Hogan; Nicky Ryan, Dermot O'Halloran; Noel O'Halloran, Colm Gleeson, Charlie Wilford; Jimmy Creamer, Justin Conroy; Michael Sheedy, Dinny Hogan, Mark Gennery; John Sheedy, John Ryan, Michael Creamer. Subs: Coleman Shouldice for N Ryan (inj) (17); James Ryan for J Creamer (55); Padraig Hickey for M Creamer (58).

REFEREE: Tommy Ryan, Kildangan.



The Nenagh Éire Óg team that beat Roscrea in the North Tipperary SHF in 1964. (back l to r): John Lawlor and Johnny Starr (club officials), Oliver Tucker, Philip Murray, Seán Duignan, Jerry Quinlan, Paddy Kearns, Michael Kearns, Jimmy McCarthy, Tony Tierney, Christy Morgan, Denis Cahalan, Johnny McGrath, Martin O'Connor & Frank O'Donnell (club officials). (front): Terry Moloney, Adrian Ayres, Paudie O'Kennedy, Mick Burns, Phil Hennessy, Connie Cleere, Eddie O'Donnell, Michael Gleeson, Eamonn O'Meara, Billy Shoer.

MY HURLING LIFE:

Mick Burns, Nenagh Eire Og and Tipperary

Mick Burns captained Nenagh Eire Og to win the 1964 North final win over Roscrea. It finished 5-12 to 2-8 almost a replica score of Tipperary's All-Ireland win over Kilkenny three weeks earlier. A winner of five All-Ireland senior medals, today he recalls his hurling life.

School Honours:

Croke Cup 1951

Club Honours:

Two Senior ('57, '64); One Junior 1953; Three Minor 1951, '53 and '55; Two Dublin Senior Leagues (with Faughs club)

Inter County Honours:

Five Senior All Irelands (1958, 1961, 1962, 1964 and 1965); One Minor All Ireland (1955); Eight Senior Munster (1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1967 and 1968); Two Munster Minor (1954, 1955); One Railway Cup 1962; Six National League 1959, 1960, 1961, 1964, 1965 and 1968; Six Oireachtas 1960, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1968; 2 Brendan Cups (in New York)



Where and when did you first play hurling for your club?

Minor with Nenagh aged 13 in 1951

Your first mentor(s)?

Br. Stapleton and Fr. Joe Hayes at C.B.S. Nenagh

Who had the biggest influence on your career? Br. Stapleton and Fr. Joe Hayes

What was the most you scored in any one game? 1 goal or 3 points approx.

What was your most memorable score? All of them!

What players did you admire and what did you admire about them? The Tipp team of the '60s.

They were the best. Every one of them did their best and you could always count on them.

A rule you would like to see changed in hurling? I would like to see the three step rule imposed properly.

A recent rule change that in your view, is wrong for hurling: A recent rule introduced black cards for football. This is in addition to yellow cards and red cards! I would like to see less cards!

Who is your favourite GAA writer/pundit? Vincent Hogan

Favourite sport other than hurling? Golf

Favourite book? John Doyle's book

Favourite film? The Quiet Man

Hurling personality you'd most like to meet? Joe Canning, Galway and Eddie Keher, Kilkenny

Favourite hurling memory outside of playing? Going to my first All Ireland in 1949. Tipperary defeated Laois.

What is your greatest moment in sport? Winning the 1961 All-Ireland final against Dublin and Nenagh capturing the 1995 County Final against Boherlahan. Sadly it was the only medal I didn't win.



Burgess players Damien O'Brien and Michael O'Flaherty in action in their semi-final win over Kilruane.



Nenagh's Paddy Murphy striking goalwards in the semi-final against Borris-Ileigh.

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TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

Lorrha defeated Toomevara to win their eighth North final. Ken Hogan was the winning captain

The winners trailed 0-6 to 0-9 at half time. Helped by the breeze in the second half, Lorrha staged a revival and a 45th minute goal by Aidan McIntyre put them 1-9 to 0-9 clear. Points from Eamon Sherlock and Kieran Haugh stretched Lorrha's lead but scores by John Ryan and Kenneth McDonnell left the game in the balance. Approaching the closing stages, Lorrha went five clear thanks to another Eamon Sherlock free with Gerry O'Sullivan adding one from play. Toome's Michael Nolan hit back with a goal but Lorrha held out to see the Frank McGrath Cup head North.

LORRHA: Ken Hogan; Eamon Sherlock 0-5 (5f), Donal Donoghue, Michael Brophy; Aidan McIntyre 1-1, John McIntyre 0-1, Cathal McIntyre; John Madden, Declan O'Meara 0-1; Pat Kelly, Seamus Mannion, Martin Young; Pat Kennedy, Gerry O'Sullivan 0-1, Kieran Haugh 0-5. Subs: Tom Harding for Harding, Willie Fogarty for Kelly, Tom Madden for Fogarty.

TOOMEVARA: Kevin McCormack; Pat Maher, Rory Brislane, Brendan Spillane; George Frend, Pat King, Noel McDonnell; Kenneth McDonnell 0-2, Michael O'Meara; Eddie Frend, Liam Flaherty, Michael Nolan 1-5; Jimmy Dunne 0-2, Tony Dunne 0-1, John Ryan 0-2. Joe McGrath for E Frend, Kevin Kennedy for J Dunne.

REFEREE: Johnny McDonnell, Roscrea.



1989: Lorrha were North senior hurling champions.



Shane Maher, Burgess catches a high ball in the semi-final against Kilruane

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