

North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final  
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2015

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The Hibernian Inn  
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Senior Hurling Final 2015



Kildangan v  
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Kenyon



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Sunday 23 August 2015 • MacDonagh Park, Nenagh 5.30pm





# Fáilte

## Cathaoirleach, Dan Kennedy



Is cúis mór áthais dom fáilte a chur roimh gach éinne a tá i láthair i bPáirc Mhic Dhonnachada in Aonach Urmhumhan inniu don Cluiche Ceannais Iomána Sinsear idir Cill an Daingean agus Teampall Doire. Tá súil agam go mbeidh sár imirt againn

On behalf of the North Tipperary GAA Board, I welcome you all to MacDonagh Park Nenagh for our senior hurling final where Kildangan and Templederry Kenyons take centre stage today.

While Kildangan are no strangers to North Final day, Templederry players are making their first appearance. We extend good wishes to the players of both teams and hope to see them do justice to their undoubted skills and bring honour and glory to their clubs and families. May the game of hurling be the real winner. We also welcome match referee, John Cleary and his officials. They have a very important role to play in the smooth and sporting playing of our games and deserve our support and thanks at all times.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Nenagh Eire Og club for the use of their facilities and also pay tribute to the ground staff at MacDonagh Park who have presented the pitch in excellent condition for the match.

We must pay tribute to Martin and Jane Morris and family of the Hibernian Inn for their continuing generous sponsorship of the North Tipperary Senior Hurling championship and look forward to their support to our great association into the future. Also a special word of thanks to assist in the running of our games in so many different ways, to Secretary Eugene Ryan, Treasurer Willie Lennox and his group of gatemen and ticket sellers, to our programme sellers and all the members of our Competitions Control Committee (CCC).

As we assemble for today's game, it is fitting that we remember Thomas MacDonagh in whose memory the pitch is named and whose bust appears on all medals presented by North Tipperary GAA. We look forward to the centenary celebrations of the 1916 Rising that are scheduled to take place in his birth place Cloughjordan and throughout the country next year.

**Domhnall Ó Cinnéide**

*Cathaoirleach*

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**Buiochas.** The compilation of this programme would not be possible without the much appreciated assistance of the following: Eugene Ryan (North Board Secretary), James Hayden, Bridget Delaney, Odhran Ducie, Seamus Hogan (Kildangan), Ger Ryan (Templederry), Anne Ryan (Templederry Secretary), Michael Quinn (Kildangan Secretary), Michael Gleeson (Cumann na mBunscoil), John O'Keeffe (GDA North Tipperary). *Editor: Willie Lennox.*

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## *Kildangan - North finalists*



The Kildangan panel that beat Portroe in the North semi-final.



# Historic first final meeting for Templederry and Kildangan

By James Hayden

**T**HIS year's North Tipperary senior hurling championship has provided GAA fans with talking points aplenty but few will argue that both sides battling it out for the coveted Frank McGrath cup are not here today on merit.

Today Templederry will grace a north senior final for the first time in their long and illustrious history and will undoubtedly be gunning to secure their first ever success in the blue riband event of North Tipperary hurling.

Today is the day the famed Kenyons side will bid to make that final push towards the lofty summit of senior hurling in what is always a hotly contested division, and few will begrudge them victory should Brian Horgan's charges prevail over a fancied Kildangan side.

As long as Templederry have been around the tag of underdogs has always sat comfortably upon their shoulders and while many believe Kildangan's youthful pace and big-day experience may be too much for them to handle, they are fully capable of capping off what would be a historic and memorable victory over a side that boast a potent mix of experience, youth and undoubted talent.

Kildangan, on the other hand, are no strangers to success having lifted the famed McGrath Cup twice since their return to the senior ranks in 2005 and are today appearing in their fifth final since their well-documented resurgence, having appeared in the 2006, 2008 (winners), 2011 and 2013 (winners) deciders.

Kildangan are a club on the up and have been making huge strides over the past decade. Their performances to date in the north championship have been impressive to say the least but undoubtedly their victory over Portroe in the semi-final displayed the true depth of character in this well-balanced Kildangan side. For this reason, and given the fact that they have impressed throughout this year's campaign, most bookmakers have installed the 'Dangan' as marginal favourites to lift the Frank McGrath cup today.

They ably negotiated all rounds and at this

juncture, manager, Dan Hackett and his backroom team appear to have settled on quite a potent combination of youth and experience following a little bit of tinkering with their side earlier in the year.

In defence, Kildangan have opted for the confident and youthful Barry Hogan in between the sticks. Wily campaigners Hugh Flannery and Gerry Slattery marshal their respective defensive lines with military precision while the experience of Tommy Connors and Joe Gallagher around midfield has guided the up and coming Willie Connors and Tadhg Gallagher. In attack Kildangan possess a wealth of talent with all six forwards capable of picking off their own scores. Darragh Egan and Michael Ryan spearhead a forward line capable of destroying even the most miserly of defences.

Despite Kildangan appearing to have all the aces Templederry do possess the strength of character to upset the odds here today. Their victory over near neighbours, Silvermines in the semi-final as was their earlier victories over champions, Nenagh Eire Og and Borris-Ileigh were fully deserved and of particular note in both the quarter and semi finals was the intensity and determination displayed by ever man in a green jersey.

In defence, Christy Coughlan and Thomas Stapleton form the spine of a very impressive defensive sextet while at midfield Brian Stapleton and Liam McCutcheon have caught the eye throughout this year's campaign.

In attack Templederry possess an embarrassment of riches with Gearoid Ryan, Adrian Ryan, Eanna Murray, Padraig O'Leary, Darragh Carey and Pío Kennedy all well able to pick off their own scores and they are sure to keep Kildangan's defence on their toes today.

So a hugely intriguing final in prospect with interesting match-ups right throughout the field. Hang on to your seats, hats and everything else because today's clash promises to be an absolute thriller.

**Verdict:** A close call but it may just be a historic day for Templederry Kenyons!

# Templederry Kenyons - North Finalists



Templederry panel that beat Silvermines in the North Semi-final.





Templederry Kenyons officers: Left to right: Maudie Kennedy (treasurer), Alan Ryan (chairman) and Anne Ryan (secretary).

## From the Archives

### Templederry

**1887** One of the earliest mentions of Templederry in Canon Fogarty's 'Tipperary GAA Story' recalls an event in 1887: 'Killeen and Moneygall played a challenge in Dunkerrin in 1887. Fr. Maguire, the local curate, had a pig killed and cooked for the occasion and victors and vanquished were fed after the game in a princely manner'.

**1914** The records show that Templederry contested the North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final in 1914. Having defeated Kilbarron and Ballina in earlier rounds they lost the final to Lorrha – Final score Lorrha 4-02 Templederry 1-00. Prominent players for Templederry at the time were Tom Collins, Dick Bourke, Jack Cormack, Pat Kennedy and Pat Murphy.

**Kildangan** Kildangan's first Senior Hurling success was in 1934, when, combined with Kilbarron, the won the North Tipp Senior hurling championship. Only four clubs entered the championship that year, Kildangan-Kilbarron, Portroe, Toomevara and Roscrea. The championship was played on a league system with the top team being declared champions. Kildangan-Kilbarron beat Toomevara and Portroe, drew with Roscrea 5-06 to 4-09 and were declared champions. They subsequently lost the county final to Moycarkey Borris 3-06 to 2-03. The following are mentioned as prominent players: John Hctor (capt), Dan and Rody Gleeson, Martin Kennedy, Martin Moran, Denis Costello, John Mackey, Jim Killeen, Pat Cahalan, Mick Hogan, Wm. Hayes, Mick Hanrahan, M. Quirke, P. Hogan. Reserves: John Grady, Jim Cleary, Maurice Corboy.



# The North final-are Templederry Kenyons really in it?

**Ger Ryan, PRO, Munster Council GAA**

**T**he GAA is so much about a sense of place. What's your county? What's your club? There is of course a perceived hierarchy within that sense of place. Are you from a big club? A senior club? A club that has won county titles? A club that contributes players to county teams? A club whose name registers with GAA people from other counties? But whatever the history, whatever the roll of honour, whatever the future prospects, whatever the hierarchy, every club ultimately stands on an equal platform in the GAA and it's where all GAA life starts and ultimately ends.

Every club too has its day in the sun. For smaller clubs, those opportunities are often once in a generation or even in a lifetime. That has been so true of Templederry Kenyons. Today's appearance in the North Senior hurling final is a celebration of decades of effort, loyalty and a steely ambition to stay making progress. From divisional juvenile, junior and intermediate titles in the '70s, to minor B and junior B county titles in the '90s, to a glorious first decade of the new millennium when county titles were won at Intermediate, Under 21 B, Minor B and Junior B, the results graph has been upwards, sometimes slowly but nonetheless always progressing. There was even a North Under 21 A title followed by a creditable county final performance to savour against the star studded Thurles Sarsfields.

Progress has continued into the current decade with an impact now being made at senior level by a group of very talented and dedicated players, well managed and coached to maximise their potential, and supported by a forward thinking and able group of club officials. In an age of high standards of preparation all three components are necessary to be competitive. There has been less silverware so far this decade but that was always going to be the case playing at a higher level. Easy to be there some will say because we have too many



**Ger Ryan**

senior clubs in Tipperary. We do. But performances and results justify Templederry's place in the top ranks evidenced by last year's county semi-final appearance and two years of securing a place in the top 16 with relative ease.

So here we are. Templederry Kenyons in a North Senior Hurling final. The North Final has always been a big occasion. When I was a child, attending the North final was an occasion to watch the "big" clubs, to dine at somebody else's table, to be present but not really be part of it, to maybe have Templederry in a curtain raiser! But being part of the main attraction? No that was not even ambition, or wishful thinking, thoughts such as that were a fanciful journey to outer space that could never reach the realms of reality. Yet here we are today living in the glorious unpredictability of sport – Templederry Kenyons playing in a North Senior hurling final.

Both Templederry and Kildangan will be focussed 100% on delivering a performance this

evening that is good enough to secure the Frank McGrath Cup. A final is often unpredictable territory. The build-up and the occasion always have an impact. The uncertainty will be less for Kildangan as recent successes in this championship makes this evening more familiar territory. They too though have travelled the journey of hope, hard work, disappointment, progress, success and longing not just to be present at the top table but to sit at the head of it.

The nature of sport and the expectations of players and supporters alike demand that the game has to be won for the occasion, the participation, and the achievement of getting there to be worthwhile. Let's challenge that for a moment, at least from a Templederry perspective. Getting there and the build-up to a first ever final appearance have brought great joy to a small place, to a community that like all small rural communities continuously shows great resilience, neighbourliness, energy and self-belief to survive and at times thrive. The GAA embodies that sense of community. I travelled through the village of Templederry one Saturday morning a couple of weeks ago and it

was wonderful to see so many people out putting up banners and colours. Let there be no doubt. This is an occasion for the whole club and whole parish to celebrate and enjoy. Whatever the result, who would give back the joy of preparation, of looking forward with hope and anticipation and wondering if the impossible can actually happen. Those more used to success on this stage will say look at the colours, the posters, the banners and the banter, and say the place got carried away, particularly if the result is unfavourable. But surely it's important to get a little carried away, to add a pep to one's step, to look forward with pride, to show open enjoyment and demonstrate some passion in supporting your team and club. The players and mentors won't lose focus and that's the important thing for the game but they too can and should savour the build-up. This is one of those glorious opportunities that life and sport occasionally throw up for a small community to be centre stage!

Templederry Kenyons in a North Final – once not even a dream, this evening a reality. Anything more will be a big bonus!

The best of luck to  
Templederry Kenyons  
in the North Final

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## Kildangan team players' profiles



**Barry Hogan**  
Age 17  
Townland Blackfort  
Occupation Student



**Martin Minehan**  
Age 26  
Townland Ballyartella  
Occupation Electrician



**Hughie Flannery**  
Age 34  
Townland Monsea  
Occupation Marketing Manager



**David Sweeney**  
Age 20  
Townland Knigh  
Occupation Student



**Alan Flynn**  
Age 20  
Townland Killard  
Occupation Student



**Gerry Slattery**  
Age 35  
Townland Hogans Pass  
Occupation Financial Advisor



**Jack Loughnane**  
Age 21  
Townland Cushmona  
Occupation Student



**Tommy Connors**  
Age 35  
Townland Ballyhogan  
Occupation Plumber



**Joe Gallagher**  
Age 25  
Townland Boolegealadh  
Occupation Secondary School Teacher



**Willie Connors**  
Age 19  
Townland Ballyhogan  
Occupation Student



**Darragh Egan**  
Age 29  
Townland Puckane  
Occupation School Teacher



**Tadhg Gallagher**  
Age 21  
Townland Boolegealadh  
Occupation Student



**Paul Flynn**  
Age 20  
Townland Killard  
Occupation Farmer



**Micheal Ryan**  
Age 36  
Townland Urra  
Occupation Stone Craftsman



**Ruairi Gleeson**  
Age 23  
Townland Johnstown  
Occupation Carey Glass employee



**Paddy Coen**  
Age 28  
Townland Johnstown  
Occupation Carpenter



**Ciaran Kelly**  
Age 17  
Townland Kildangan  
Occupation Student



**Eoin Gleeson**  
Age 27  
Townland Johnstown  
Occupation Electrician



## Kildangan team players' profiles



**Fergal Hayes**

Age 24  
Townland Monsea  
Occupation Soldier



**Gary Byrne**

Age 36  
Townland Ballycommon  
Occupation Caretaker



**Darren Moran**

Age 19  
Townland Puckane  
Occupation Student



**Andy Loughnane**

Age 18  
Townland Cushmona  
Occupation Student



**James Quigley**

Age 17  
Townland Ballyanny  
Occupation Student



**Johnny Horan**

Age 21  
Townland Puckane  
Occupation Student



**Paraic Kelly**

Age 25  
Townland Kildangan  
Occupation Insurance Salesman



**Decky McGrath**

Age 17  
Townland Dromineer  
Occupation Student



**Paddy Gallagher**

Age 23  
Townland Boolegealadh  
Occupation Primary School Teacher



**Eanna Gleeson**

Age 25  
Townland Johnstown  
Occupation Agritech Employee



**Tom McLoughlin**

Age 21  
Townland Ballyhogan  
Occupation Student



**Dan O'Meara**

Age 17  
Townland Lahorna  
Occupation Student



**Eoin Meagher**

Age 18  
Townland Monsea  
Occupation Student



**Darren Ryan**

Age 17  
Townland Carney  
Occupation Student



**Darragh Molloy**

Age 17  
Townland Ballycommon  
Occupation Student



**Shane Seymour**

Age 23  
Townland Carney  
Occupation Farmer

## Templederry team players' profiles



**Adrian Ryan**  
Age 25  
Occupation Student  
Part of Parish Clohinch



**Brian Stapleton**  
Age 23  
Occupation Student  
Part of Parish Shanballyard



**Christy Coughlan**  
Age 25  
Occupation Teacher  
Part of Parish Killeen



**Ciaran Carey**  
Age 20  
Occupation Student  
Part of Parish Loughane



**Dale Donnelly**  
Age 22  
Occupation Student  
Part of Parish Gurteen



**Damien Dunne**  
Age 22  
Occupation Farmer  
Part of Parish Carrigeen



**Dan Shanahan**  
Age 29  
Occupation Carpenter  
Part of Parish Clohinch



**Darragh Carey**  
Age 18  
Occupation Student  
Part of Parish Loughane



**Dylan Carey**  
Age 19  
Occupation Student  
Part of Parish Loughane



**Johnny Harkin**  
Age 31  
Occupation C.P. Fitter  
Part of Parish Gortnagoona



**Eanna Murray**  
Age 24  
Occupation Trainee  
Accountant  
Part of Parish Clohinch



**Gearoid Ryan**  
Age 26  
Occupation Plumber  
Part of Parish Loughane Lower



**John Kennedy**  
Age 34  
Occupation Sales Rep  
Maxi Nutrition  
Part of Parish Ballincarra



**John Kennedy**  
Age 18  
Occupation Student  
Part of Parish Foilnamuck



**Liam McCutcheon**  
Age 18  
Occupation student  
Part of Parish Latteragh



**Seamus O'Leary**  
Age 32  
Occupation Farmer  
Part of Parish Ballyhane



**Mark Grisewood**  
Age 22  
Occupation Factory Worker  
Part of Parish Curreeny



**Mark Gleeson**  
Age 20  
Occupation Student  
Part of Parish Knockmeal



**Noel O'Connell**  
Age 24  
Occupation Factory Worker  
Abbey  
Part of Parish Curreeny

## Templederry team players' profiles



**Matthew Hogan**

Age 21  
Occupation Student  
Part of Parish Clohinch



**Matthew Ryan**

Age 28  
Occupation Financial Services  
Part of Parish Loughane Lower



**Odhran Murphy**

Age 18  
Occupation Student  
Part of Parish Latteragh



**Micheál O'Leary**

Age 29  
Occupation Aircraft  
Maintenance Engineer  
Part of Parish Ballyhane



**Padraig Hogan**

Age 19  
Occupation Student  
Part of Parish Clohinch



**Padraic O'Leary**

Age 27  
Occupation Aircraft Engineer  
Part of Parish Ballyhane



**Páidí Ryan**

Age 30  
Occupation Solicitor  
Part of Parish Curreeny



**Paul Murray**

Age 25  
Occupation Quantity  
Surveyor  
Part of Parish Clohinch



**Timmy Minogue**

Age 33  
Occupation Tiler  
Part of Parish Ballincarra



**Tom Ryan**

Age 24  
Occupation Student  
Part of Parish Oatfield



**Thomas Stapleton**

Age 27  
Occupation Student Teacher  
Part of Parish Shanballyard



**Tadhg McLoughlin**

Age 24  
Occupation Carpenter  
Part of Parish Gortnagoona



**Ross Donnelly**

Age 18  
Occupation Student  
Part of Parish Gurteen



**Ronan Kinane**

Age 25  
Occupation Student  
Part of Parish Loughane Lower



**Pio Kennedy**

Age 24  
Occupation Student  
Part of Parish Clohinch



**Philip Kennedy**

Age 20  
Occupation Student  
Part of Parish Killeen



**Donal McGrath**

Age 28  
Occupation Tiler  
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*Wishing Templederry the best of  
Luck in Today's Final*



Pictured at the press launch for the North final at The Hibernian, Nenagh, were, left to right: Willie Lennox (treasurer of the North Board), Joe Gallagher (Kildangan captain), Martin Morris (The Hibernian sponsor), Dan Kennedy (chairman North Board), Gearoid Ryan (Templederry captain) and Eugene Ryan (secretary North Board).

Best of luck to Templederry Kenyons in North Final  
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*Best of luck to Templederry Kenyons  
in North Final*

From:

**Ann & Gerry McGrath**

at

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Killeen**

*Best of luck to  
Templederry Kenyons in  
the North final  
from*

**Mattie  
Ryan  
(Coole)**





# MEET THE CAPTAINS

## ***Gearoid Ryan - Templederry***

Today's Templederry captain is Gearoid Ryan. Born on the 26th of August 1988, Gearoid has amassed a wealth of experience at both club and county levels.

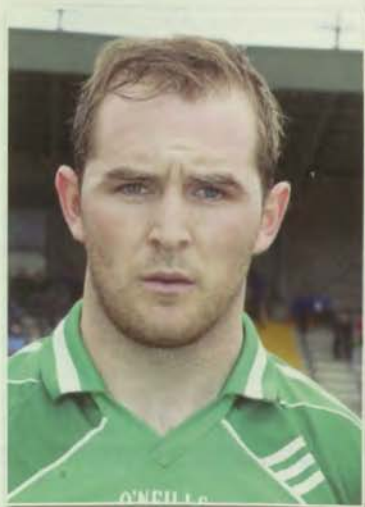
An accomplished attacker, Gearoid debuted for Tipperary seniors in the 2009 National League and currently holds one All-Ireland winner's medal (2010) and four Munster winner's medals. He also holds a Munster U-21 medal (2009) and an All-Ireland Minor winner's medal (2006).

At club level, Gearoid also holds county and north intermediate medals following Templederry's elevation to the senior ranks in 2008.

To lift the Frank McGrath Cup today the men in green and white will have to give their all against what Gearoid describes as an "excellent" Kildangan side.

"Undoubtedly, there is a massive buzz around the parish and in the village in anticipation of the final. It's a historic day for the club and hopefully it will be a memorable one, but we face a huge challenge in the guise of an excellent Kildangan side," Gearoid said.

"If we don't win on our year is over, it's as simple as that. The north final is our Holy Grail at the moment but Kildangan are going to be the acid test for us. They have been there or thereabouts over the last number of years and they have won north finals. They are a vastly experienced side and we will have to be at the top of our game to overcome them".



## ***Joe Gallagher - Kildangan***

Today's Kildangan captain is Joe Gallagher. At just 25 years of age Joe holds two North senior championship medals and has previously captained the men in blue and gold to a North senior final victory.

Joe lifted the Frank McGrath Cup in 2013 following their landslide 5-15 to 0-8 victory over Silvermines and was also a member of the side which defeated Burgess in the 2008 final.

A direct and deadly forward Joe has also secured honours at inter-county level and holds Munster and All-Ireland medals at three grades, minor, under 21 and Intermediate.

Joe believes that Kildangan will have to pull out all the aces in order to overcome a "massive" Templederry challenge in MacDonagh Park today.

"Templederry will pose a massive challenge for us. They have been the form team in North Tipperary this year and they knocked out the reigning champions. It's no easy task to beat Nenagh Eire Og. We know they have serious hurlers all over the field and you can't give them an inch. They have class about them and they will provide huge opposition for us.

"Anytime we have played them in the past there has only been a puck of a ball between us and I think it will be no different today," Joe said.



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# North Tipperary Coaching and Games

This was another busy year for all involved with Coaching and Games in our division and here is a brief report of some of the activities that took place throughout the year. Thanks to everybody who helped out in anyway.

## Primary Schools

- 34 Primary Schools in North Tipperary are involved in the Club School Link coaching scheme.
- Between 1800 – 2000 students involved in the scheme with over 80/90 hours of coaching taking place in the schools across the division on a weekly basis.
- All schools took part in Cumann na mBunscoil competitions, and some schools also took part in blitz programmes run by Coaching and Games.

A big thank you to the teachers and school coaches for all their help during 2014/15 and also to the clubs and schools that made their facilities available for our games.

## Post Primary Schools

- All Post Primary Schools are taking part in school competitions run by Tipperary Post Primary School Committee and Munster Council.
- Some schools took part in Blitz programmes run by Tipperary Coaching and Games.
- A number of schools participated in GAA Youth Forum held in The Dome in 2015.
- Transition Year courses were held in the following schools: Nenagh CBS, St Josephs Borrisoleigh and Borrisokane Community College.

## Club Activity

- Our Under 8 and under 10 Go Games Hurling and Football blitz programmes are going well this year so far. A huge number of clubs are taking part in these programmes. A number of clubs organised their own blitz days as well.
- Foundation and Award 1 (child and youth) coaching courses were conducted throughout the year.
- Several North clubs took part in the Munster Activity Days throughout the year. These gave our under 12 players a chance to play in Croke Park, Fitzgerald Stadium Killarney, Gaelic Grounds Limerick, and Semple Stadium. These are great days for our young players and hopefully in 2016 we will see more players get the chance of playing in these stadiums.

## GAA Kellogg's Cúl Camps

- 12 clubs in the division were involved in Kellogg's Cúl Camps during the summer. Approximately 1500 children took part in the camps. Many students from North Tipperary were employed as coaches over the summer months by Tipperary Coaching and Games to work with the Kellogg's Camps.
- 4 clubs in the division were involved in Easter Camps. These camps were very successful and were run as a 3 day camp over the Easter Holidays costing €20. This fee also covered a free football and sliotar for each child.

## Development Squads

- North Under 14s, 15s and 16s took part in Inter Divisional Hurling and Football. The Development squads give almost 90 players an opportunity to further develop their skills. Many of them have progressed onto County teams at their respective age.
- Thanks to all Divisional selectors for their help in working with these squads and best wishes to players and mentors involved with County Talent Academies in their upcoming tournaments.

As a recently appointed GDA in North Tipperary I wish to acknowledge the tremendous work being done to foster and develop our games within the division.

*Wishing both teams best of luck in today's final.*

**John O' Keeffe, North Games Development Administrator**





# Kildangan

## FIR IONAIÐ

- (16) Paddy Coen
- (17) Ciaran Kelly
- (18) Eoin Gleeson
- (19) Fergal Hayes
- (20) Gary Byrne
- (21) Darren Moran
- (22) Andy Loughnane
- (23) James Quigley
- (24) Johnny Horan
- (25) Paraic Kelly
- (26) Decky McGrath
- (27) Paddy Gallagher
- (28) Eanna Gleeson
- (29) Eanna Gleeson
- (30) Dan O'Meara
- (31) Eoin Meagher
- (32) Darren Ryan
- (33) Darragh Molloy
- (34) Shane Seymour



Barry Hogan



Martin Minehan



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Gerry Slattery



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Tommy Connors



Joe Gallagher (C)



Willie Connors



Darragh Egan



Tadhg Gallagher



Paul Flynn



Michael Ryan



Ruairi Gleeson

Manager: Dan Hackett. Coach/Selector: Sean Treacy. Selector: Martin McLoughney  
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KILDANGAN	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	65m	Saor pocanna
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2 adh leath					
IOMLÁN					



# Templederry Kenyons



Matthew Ryan



Padraig Hogan



Christy Coughlan



Johnny Harkin



Timmy Minogue



Thomas Stapleton



Padraig Ryan



Brian Stapleton



Liam McCutcheon



Darragh Carey



Gearoid Ryan (C)



Eanna Murray

24 *Bo* *Kennedy*



(Matthew Hogan)



Adrian Ryan



29 *Podan*  
(Tom Ryan)

Coach/Trainer: Brian Horgan. Manager: Jimmy Collins. Selectors: Donie Kennedy & Padraig McCutcheon. Physio/First Aid: Michael Tynan.

## FIR IONAIÐ

- (16) John Kennedy
- (17) Ciaran Carey
- (18) Dylan Carey
- (19) Dale Donnelly
- (20) Ross Donnelly
- (21) Damien Dunne
- (22) Mark Gleeson
- (23) Paul Murray
- (24) Pío Kennedy
- (25) Odhran Murphy
- (26) Donal McGrath
- (27) Tadhg McLoughlin
- (28) Michael O'Leary
- (29) Padraig O'Leary
- (30) Daniel Shanahan

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## Martin Kennedy – a hurling legend

On July 17th 1983, one of the legends of Tipperary hurling passed away in Nenagh Hospital. In the 1931 match preview *The Guardian* described Martin Kennedy as "undoubtedly the finest experiment of full forward play".

Martin Kennedy was born in Kilnafinch, between Toomevara and Templederry, on November 20th 1889. His father, Michael Kennedy, had married Mary Shanahan of Glanmore, Templederry in Templederry Church at Shrovetide of 1887, and had ten children. Martin was the fourth son.

Next day he was baptised in Templederry Church, Dan Kennedy and Margaret Maher being the sponsors. He went to school in the little National School in Latteragh.

His initial hurling was with Borrisileigh with whom he reached two county finals in the Intermediate grade as a goalie. In 1919 he transferred to Toomevara and from then on his career blossomed.

Toome' were then at the height of their fame. They won every North title between 1916 and 1931, except for Lorrha's brief interruption in 1924. Martin was to make the county team in 1919, and was to win All Ireland medals in 1925 and 1930. This brought him two trips to the U.S. with the Tipperary teams.

Six Railway Cup medals, two Thomond Shields, four county medals and eleven North medals, added to an impressive tally.

After Toome's failure to play the 1932 final against Newport, Martin Kennedy transferred to Kildangan. He won North medals with them in



*Martin Kennedy*

1934, 1938 and in 1943, when he was 45 years of age.

Speaking at the graveside in Monsea, Seamus Ó Riain said "As a player he has won a place supreme among the great artists of hurling and his feats have been recorded in the histories of the game. But the last words have not been written, for whenever games are discussed and games are assessed, their merits will be measured against the high standards set by Martin Kennedy".

(By Liam Doran – first appeared in North Senior hurling Final Programme of 1991).



### TODAY'S REFEREE JOHN CLEARY

John Cleary (Knockshegowna) takes charge of today's final. This is John's second North senior final, having previously officiated in 2007. John is one of the more experienced referees in the division having also officiated at two North Intermediate finals in 2008 and 2011, Junior A final in 2010 and Minor A final in 2009.

Today John is assisted by his linesmen Peter Carroll (Burgess) and Johnny McDonnell (Roscrea) with Martin Griffin (Silvermines) operating as 4th official. His umpires are Tadhg Whelan, Barry Carroll, Anthony Whelan and Richard King.



## Cill an Daingean – Kiladangan

November 2015 will mark the 100th birthday of Kiladangan GAA Club and it is appropriate that this will be marked by the publication of a book, which will attempt to give readers an insight from its earliest days right up to the present, decade by decade. The club is of course seeking its 6th North Tipperary Senior Hurling title, the previous successful years being 1934 (Kiladangan-Kilbarron), 1938, 1943, 2008 and 2013.

After the 1934 triumph, both Kiladangan and Kilbarron had to go their separate ways as a result of the "parish rule" being implemented and Kiladangan subsequently competed at Senior Level from 1935 to 1965, at intermediate in 1966. At Senior again in 1967 and at Intermediate from 1968 to 1971, Senior from 1972 to 1975, Intermediate from 1976 to 2004 inclusive, with the exception of 1996 when we were Junior. Competing again at Senior Level from 2005 up to the present, this is our 5th North Final having won 2 and lost 3 – wins against Burgess in 2008 and Silvermines in 2013 and losses to Toomevara in 2006 and 2011. In this really competitive division, this is a remarkable level of consistency especially when one considers the amount of changes from the All Ireland winning 2004 team.

If the past 10 years is our second golden period of Senior hurling, then our first was surely the 11 year period 1935 to 1945, during which we won senior titles in 1938 and 1943 over Roscrea, but also lost finals on a total of 5 occasions – 4 times to Roscrea – 1936, 1937, 1942 and 1945 and once to Kilruane MacDonaghs in 1940. Indeed such was the dominance of Roscrea and Kiladangan at the time, that North Board Chairman Fr. Seamus Gardiner was critical of clubs for opting to compete at the lesser grades.

Also Kiladangan amalgamated with Burgess in 1969, 1970 and 1976 and with Shannon Rovers in 1990 at Senior level, but all unsuccessfully. Hurling has evolved down through the years – doubtful if old timers would recognise the game today, it having moved away from the first time pulling, ground and overhead hurling, with possession today being seen as vital. Short striking and the use of hand pass are very much part of today's game. Indeed our 2008 team under the coaching of Ger Cunningham, were possibly responsible for introducing the style to North Tipp. When the question was posed recently as to what is hurling, the answer quickly came as "football played by men with hurleys", such is the style adapted by some counties. Neither Kiladangan or Templederry supporters will be concerned about such matters, once they win.

Our record has been good against today's opponents over the past 5 years with 5 narrow victories but one will always be conscious of "first time for everything" syndrome. Indeed, who would begrudge any club attempting to win their first Senior title in North Tipperary. However, our opponents will no that no team will ever concede a final without a battle and Kiladangan's supporters demand and expect the maximum effort from our team today and hope it will be sufficient to reclaim the Frank McGrath Cup.

### Kiladangan – 50 years ago 1965 in North Senior Hurling Championship

**Round 1** St Flannan's (Shannon Rovers/Knockshewowna) 2-12 Kiladangan 0-04

**Losers Group:** Kiladangan 5-08 Burgess 5-05

**Losers Group:** Kilruane McDonaghs 3-17 Kiladangan 2-07

**Panel:** Ned McLoughney, Jimmy Flannery, John Kelly, Paddy Kelly, John Ryan (Ballyvillane), Billy Foley (Knigh), Noel Seymour, Billy Flannery, Michael Kennedy, Jimmy O'Meara, Ted Ryan, Billy McLoughney, Tom Quigley, Johnny Guilfoyle, Denis Slattery, Seamus Hogan (Dromineer), Brian McDonnell, John Slattery, Jimmy Seymour, Rory Flannery, Tom Slattery.

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Pat Flynn (Kildangan) in action with Christopher O'Riordan (Portroe) in the North semi-final.





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Cumann na mBunscol Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh has been organising an under 13 hurling and football championship for primary schools in the North Tipperary area for over 25 years. This year 37 schools from North Tipperary entered the hurling competition and 36 schools entered the football competition. Nenagh CBS primary and Carrig N.S., Ballycommon entered U13 hurling Roinn A and Roinn B competitions respectively which are run on an all county basis only.

### Roinn C

- Ballina N.S. (Runners-Up)
- Scoil Eoin Naofa, Roscrea
- Kildangan N.S. (Puckane)
- Kilruane N.S. (Winners) Roinn D
- Scoil Naomh Cualán, Borrisoleigh (Winners)
- Dromakeenan N.S. (Runners-Up)
- Gaelscoil Aonach
- Portroe N.S.
- Templeberry N.S.

### Roinn E

- Ardcreney N.S.
- Ballinree N.S.
- Borrisokane N.S. (Runners-Up)
- Corville N.S. (Winners)
- Dunkerrin N.S.

- Newport B.N.S.
- Sacred Heart N.S. Roscrea
- Youghalarra N.S. Roinn F
- Ballinahinch N.S. (Winners)
- Birdhill N.S.
- Cloughjordan
- Lissenhall N.S.
- Lorrha/Redwood
- Moneygall N.S. (Runners-Up)
- Toomevara N.S.

### Roinn G

- Boher N.S. (Runners-Up)
- Burgess N.S. (Winners)
- Kilbarron N.S.
- Rathcabbin N.S.
- Rearcross N.S.
- Silvermines N.S. Roinn H
- Aglish N.S. (Winners)
- Ballinacloy N.S.
- Gurtagarry N.S.
- Kyle Park N.S.
- Kilkeary N.S. (Runners-Up)
- Killenaive N.S.
- Terryglass N.S.



Scoil Naomh Cualán, Borrisoleigh  
Roinn D North and County Champions 2015



On behalf of Templederry Kenyons GAA club, a big thank you to all who contributed to the preparation for today's final.

The list hereunder of those who made substantial contributions were also joined by others who wished to remain anonymous, and many who made personal donations. Each contributor should feel proud that they played a role in the preparations for today's game and the committee would like to extend a sincere thank you to each one of you.

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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 (9)	1915, '57, '64, '92, '93, '98, '01, '09, 2014
Lahorna De Wets (7)	*1901, '02, '03, '04, '06, '07, '08
Kildangan <del>(1)</del> 5	1938, '43, '08, '13, '15
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	





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## Meet the Management teams



Templederry Kenyons management - (l to r) Padraig McCutcheon (selector), Donie Kennedy (selector) and Jimmy Collins (manager).




Kildangan management : Sean Treacy (coach/selector), Dan Hackett (manager), Martin McLoughney (selector), Jim Ryan (logistics). Absent from photo: Donnacha Mulcahy (SE&C coach)

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4. Kilbarron.
5. Carrigahorig.
6. Knigh.
7. Killeen.
8. Cloughjordan.
9. Youghalarra.
10. Roscrea.
11. Portroe
12. Carrigatoher.
13. Toomevara.
14. Uskane.
15. Aglish.
16. Milford.
17. Dunkerrin.
18. Ardcroney.
19. Borrisokane.
20. Munroe.
21. Kilcommon.
22. Boher
23. Ballina.
24. St. Michaels (Limerick).
25. Cadamstown (Offaly).
26. Lorrha and Dorrha (Davins).
27. Bolinbroke.
28. Ballinaclogh (Red Hugh O'Donnells).
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# 1915 North Senior Hurling Final

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## NENAGH 3-03 MONEYGALL 3-02

Nenagh won the North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final on Sunday 25th 1915 in a game that was played in Toomevara before a very large attendance who witnessed Nenagh overcome Moneygall by one point. The Moneygall team since their sensational victory of the county champions Toomevara were considered almost certain winners of the championship this year and had left nothing undone in the matter of training. The game was splendidly contested, both teams giving a fine display of hurling.

The Nenagh team had put up a proud record this season by defeating Borrisokane and Lorrha (last year's champions) and their supporters were confident that they would put up a great fight against any individual team in the county this year.

The result of Sunday's match well justified the expectations for Nenagh certainly deserved their win, and were value for a few more scores on the play than the actual register placed to their credit. The Nenagh hurlers with one or two exceptions, were splendid exponents of the game, and if taken in hands now by some experienced player who understands training the team should make a great effort towards securing the County championship next season, which achievement was always considered a straight road to the Munster and All Ireland championships.

## HOW THEY PLAYED

For the winners Minogue played a fine dashing game. McGrath at full back was very safe, doing the right thing at the proper time, and doing it well. Flannery (Queen Street) promises a great future. Coonan at midfield is a very classy player and if he understood tackling this man could hardly be equalled. Meara on the right back was a power of strength. Flannery (Kilruane) did some clever hurling. Ryan will make a great midfield player. Nolan filled his position at full forward very creditably. Egan has few equals as a tackler. Meara on the right wing was very good but seemed new to the position. Walsh the injured player, a fine dashing forward. Hogan played a good tough game. Darcy was safe but a trifle slow. Kennedy seemed a bit nervous, as also did Coonan in goals. Ayres, who replaced Walsh, played a good game, but should get rid of the ball at once the minute he gets possession.

The winning score was made by Flannery, who dodging his opponents sent the ball through for a major. The team was: Bill Coonan (Whitewalls), Bill O'Meara and Rody O'Meara (Ballythomas), Frank McGrath (President of North Tipp GAA and Nenagh), Billy Flannery (Millview and Queen Street), Mick Kennedy (Bank Place), Christy Ryan (Silver Street), Rody 'Style' Minogue (Ballintotty), Mick Coonan and Paddy Coonan (Whitewalls), Matt Hogan (Barrack Street), William Flannery (one time chairman of North Tipp Board), Jimmy Nolan (Cunnahurt) brother of Mr. Martin Nolan and Mr. Patrick Nolan, Mick Egan (St. Patrick's Terrace), Walsh (Kilruane), James Darcy (Ardcroney), Martin Ayres (William Street).

The placings were **NENAGH:** B. Coonan (goal), M. Hogan, F. McGrath, R. O'Meara, B. Flannery, R. Minogue, M. Egan, C. Ryan and M. Coonan: **P. Coonan, M. Kennedy, B. O'Meara, J. Nolan, W. Flannery (K), J. Darcy, M. Ayres and Jack Walsh.**

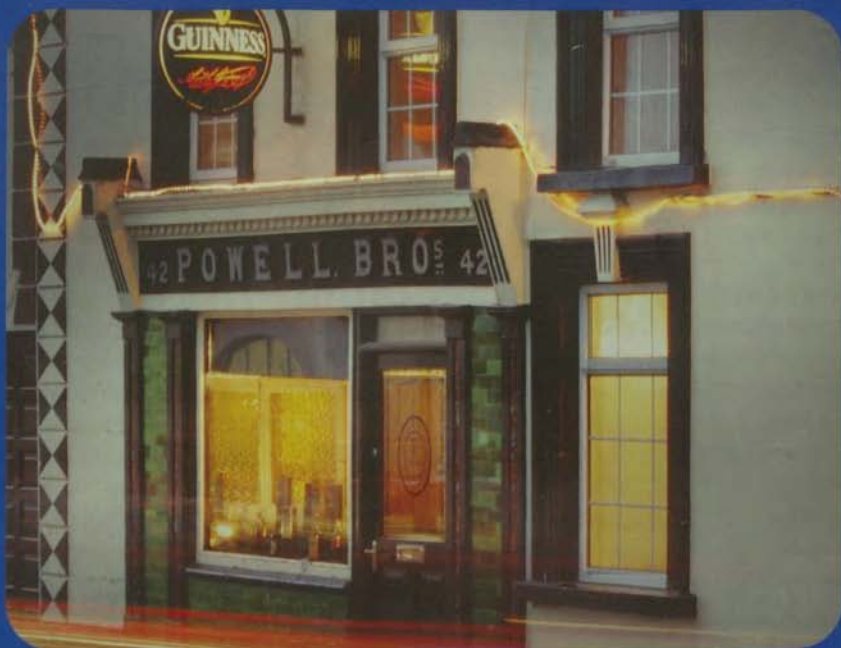
**MONEYGALL:** D. Meagher, J. Kennedy, P. Meagher, J. Hodgins, Jer/Darby Collison (capt), J. Cleere, P. Kennedy, J. Burke, J. Sutton, J. Collison, P. Collison, T. Meagher, P/J Ryan, D. Ryan and M. Gleeson.



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## ROUND 1

Date	Venue	Teams and Scores	Referee
03-05-2015	Cloughjordan	Lorrha-Dorrha 5-14 v 0-13 Borrisokane	Michael Cahill
16-05-2015	Dolla	Roscrea 1-15 v 2-21 Kildangan	Ciaran Timmons
	Dolla	Templederry Kenyons 0-19 v 1-14 Borris-Ileigh	Michael Murphy
17-05-2015	Toomevara	Moneygall 0-10 v 1-12 Portroe	Tommy Ryan
	Nenagh	Burgess 1-12 v 1-20 Kilruane MacDonaghs	Johnny McDonnell
	Nenagh	Silvermines 4-20 v 1-12 Ballina	Thomas Sullivan
	Cloughjordan	Nenagh Éire Óg 0-17 v 1-16 Toomevara	Philip Kelly

## ROUND 2

23-05-2015	Puckane	Kilruane Mac Donaghs 2-14 v 2-17 Ballina	Kieran Delaney
	Toomevara	Silvermines 5-21 v 1-16 Borrisokane	Michael Murphy
	Nenagh	Portroe 2-16 v 0-18 Burgess	Philip Kelly
30-05-2015	Nenagh	Toomevara 0-13 v 2-14 Roscrea	Thomas Sullivan
31-05-2015	Dolla	Kildangan 0-19 v 0-6 Moneygall	Ger Fitzpatrick
	Cloughjordan	Lorrha-Dorrha 1-15 v 0-16 Borris-Ileigh	Kieran Delaney
	Dolla	Templederry Kenyons 2-18 v 0-18 Nenagh Éire Óg	John Cleary

## ROUND 3

26-06-2015	Nenagh	Toomevara 3-19 v 3-16 Kilruane Mac Donaghs	Philip Kelly
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## QUARTER FINALS

27-06-2015	Nenagh	Ballina 1-15 v 0-23 Templederry Kenyons	Ger Fitzpatrick
19-07-2015	Toomevara	Roscrea 3-20 v 3-27 Silvermines	Tommy Ryan
	Cloughjordan	Lorrha-Dorrha 4-11 v 1-29 Kildangan	Philip Kelly
21-07-2015	Nenagh	Portroe 1-16 v 0-16 Toomevara	John Cleary

## SEMI FINALS

26-07-2015	Nenagh	Templederry Kenyons 0-25 v Silvermines 3-13	Philip Kelly
		Kildangan 2-24 v Portroe 1-21	Ger Fitzpatrick

## PATHS TO FINAL - TEMPLEDERRY

Round 1	Templederry Kenyons 0-19	Borris-Ileigh 1-14
Round 2	Templederry Kenyons 2-18	Eire Og Nenagh 0-18
Quarter Final	Templederry Kenyons 0-23	Ballina -15
Semi-final	Templederry Kenyons 0-25	Silvermines 3-13

## PATH TO FINAL - KILDANGAN

Round 1	Kildangan 2-21	Roscrea 1-15
Round 2	Kildangan 0-19	Moneygall 0-06
Quarter Final	Kildangan 1-29	Lorrha 4-11
Semi Final	Kildangan 2-24	Portroe 1-21

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