

North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final
Match Programme
2016

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North Tipperary
Senior Hurling Final 2016



Kiladangan v Kilruane MacDonaghs



Sunday 18th Sept 2016

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Cathaoirleach, Dan Kennedy

Fáilte romhaibh go léir go dtí Cluiche Cheannais Iomána sinis i Clóch Shiurdáin inniu. Táim cinnte go mbeidh iomaníocht laidir ann idir na foirne ins an cluiche cheannais, Cill an Daingean agus Cill Ruain. Fáilte fé leith roimh na h-imreoirí, na oifighi agus an reteoir agus tá suil agam go mbeidh sar chluiche spoirtíúla again.

North Senior Hurling final time has come around again and it is my pleasure on behalf of North Tipperary Board to welcome all our valued patrons from near and far to MacDonagh Park in Cloughjordan for this showpiece occasion for North Tipperary hurling. It is appropriate that this final is being staged in MacDonagh Park Cloughjordan on the centenary of the Easter Rising of 1916, as Clough was the birthplace of Thomas MacDonagh a signatory of the Proclamation. No doubt the MacDonagh field committee will have the pitch, as always, in excellent condition. A special welcome to the teams from Kiladangan and Kilruane MacDonaghs who will do battle for the Frank McGrath Cup. It is a novel pairing between the host team Kilruane MacDonaghs, seeking their first final victory in over a quarter of a century and the current champions Killadangan. This is a final which is very difficult to predict and extra time cannot be ruled out as both teams have players of the highest calibre. It is refreshing to know that both teams have already qualified for the knock stages of the county championship and I wish both teams the very best in their pursuit of victory in the Dan Breen Cup.

The new structure, a straight knock system of a maximum of four rounds, kicked off this year but due to the excellent run of our county senior hurlers and footballers which affected divisional fixtures, we are staging this final, later than usual, in mid September, just seven days after the semi-finals.

I want to take this opportunity of thanking Hibernian Inn Nenagh for their generous sponsorship of the North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship over many years and look forward to their much valued participation in the future.

Best wishes to Philip Kelly who referees the final and his officials and our thanks to all our referees over the course of the year for their outstanding service led by our divisional co-ordinator Martin Healy.

Finally thanks to our divisional CCC for their time and patience in fixture scheduling in the challenging scenario facing them in 2016; thanks to John Delaney, our PRO, for his work during the year and his excellent production of this programme and to the many club venues throughout the division that hosted games throughout the season at adult and juvenile level.

Go mbeidh sar chluiche again le cunamh Dé!

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Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh



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Kildangan - North finalists



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

Player Profile: Paul Flynn

Name:	Paul Flynn
Club:	Kiladangan
Height:	5'11
Weight:	13 stone
Age:	21
Honours:	2 North Senior Hurling Titles; North Under 21 'A' Hurling Title; North Under 21 'B' Hurling Title; North and County U16 'C' Hurling Title; North and County U12 'B' Hurling title



Who are your sporting heroes? Eoin Kelly and Paul O'Connell

If you could play with a player from another era who would it be? Philip Maher

Three opponents, club and county, that you admire the most? Ronan Maher,
Bonner Maher, Paddy Stapleton

Most memorable game, club and county? North Under 21 'A' Hurling Final 2014

Biggest influence on your career? Mother and Father

What is the toughest part of your sporting career? Mixing working and hurling

Do you have a nickname? Nope

Are you currently in a relationship? Yes

Away from sport, who do you most admire? James Mulqueen

What hobbies or interests do you have? Watching television and soccer

Favourite ground? Dolla

Favourite food? Steak

Favourite music? All types of music

Sporting ambition? Winning a County Senior title with Kiladangan.

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Player Profile: Niall O'Meara

Name: Niall O'Meara
Club: Kilruane MacDonaghs
Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 85kg give or take.
Honours Won: All Ireland senior, 2 Munster senior, Fitzgibbon Cup, 4 North U21, 1 county U21, county senior football and various underage medals.

Who are you sporting heroes? Tommy Dunne, JJ Delaney and Brian O'Driscoll.

If you could play with a player from another era who would it be? Tommy Dunne. Class act and some hands.

Three opponents, club and county you admire most? Joe Canning always plays well under such pressure. Tommy Walsh Kilkenny was unreal in his prime. John Cahill Kilruane MacDonaghs. Heard great stories. Would love to have marked him to see what all hype was about.

Most memorable game, both club and county? County U21 final 2010. Captaining Tipp U21s was great achievement

Biggest influence in your career? Family of course with all their support. Gilbert Williams and Eamon O'Shea were two who invested a lot of time in me.

What is the toughest part of your sporting career? Time and eating healthy.

Do you have a nickname? Bill (could be called worse and have been

Away from sport, who do you most admire? Ed Sheeran. Came from nothing and really connects with fans

What hobbies or interest do you have? Golf, music and Netflix.

Favourite ground? Semple Stadium or Dolla

Favourite food? Marios chipper. Don't sample the fare too often

Favourite music? All kinds. Love a good dance tune.

Sporting ambition? To keep enjoying the sport and hopefully win a few more medals with club and county .

If you could change three things rules in the GAA what would they be? Off season should be off season. TMO may be helpful at times. It's getting a bit too professional.



Kilruane MacDonaghs - North Finalists



Kilruane MacDonaghs panel that beat Burgess in the North semi-final.

North Senior Hurling Championship 2016

Rd 1 Preliminary

28/05/2016	Borris-Ileigh	1-18	Silvermines	1-8
29/05/2016	Kiladangan	2-18	Toomevara	1-17
29/05/2016	Burgess	4-24	Moneygall	1-12
	Templederry	3-14	Nenagh Eire Og	1-18
	Roscrea	5-14	Lorrha	1-10
	Ballina	1-16	Portroe	1-14

Quarter Finals

23/7/2016	Templederry	2-18	Roscrea	3-18
29/7/2016	Kiladangan	3-16	Ballina	2-12
7/9/2016	Burgess	2-20	Borrisokane	0-16
29/7/2016	Kilruane	3-24	Borris-Ileigh	2-18

Semi Finals

11/9/2016	Roscrea	1-10	Kiladangan	2-25
11/09/2016	Burgess	1-14	Kilruane	3-12

North Final

18/09/2016	Kilruane	-	Kiladangan	-
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The Field — Thomas MacDonagh Park

In this the Centenary of the 1916 Rising, it is very appropriate that the North senior hurling final takes place in Thomas MacDonagh Park, Cloughjordan.

The pitch was officially opened on Easter Sunday, 10th April 1966 by Alf Murray, G.A.A. President. That Sunday the country celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the Easter Rebellion. Cloughjordan, the birthplace of Proclamation signatory Thomas MacDonagh, was one of the focal points of the national celebrations. The pageant, "Seachtar Fear Seacht Lá" was staged in the park to coincide with the opening. Unfortunately, the scheduled game between Tipperary and Wexford had to be deferred until May due to the unfavourable weather.

The Thomas MacDonagh Memorial Library was also opened on that day by Barbara Redmond, daughter of Thomas MacDonagh. The government was represented by Charles Haughey, Minister of Agriculture.

The opening of Thomas MacDonagh Park was a fitting way to honour the memory of Cloughjordan's most famous son. The Park Committee had been founded in 1961 with the specific aim of providing the parish with a venue which would facilitate training and matches. Chairman, Roche Williams and secretary, Michael Banaghan provided inspirational leadership as the committee set about gathering the necessary finance. Silver Circles and carnivals proved to be major sources of revenue. Against all the odds and surmounting many obstacles, the vision became a reality on Easter Sunday 1966. The committee did not rest on its laurels and in 1969 the Pavilion was built. It wasn't until 1995 that the next phase of development occurred when the stand was officially opened by Jack Boothman, G.A.A. President.

In 2006 the magnificent Sports Complex was completed and in 2010 the Hurling Wall came into operation.

Thomas MacDonagh Park did not stage its first North senior final until 1975 when Moneygall, captained by Pat Sheedy, defeated Silvermines on a 2-10 to 1-11 scoreline to claim the Frank McGrath Cup for the first time. However, it wasn't the first senior decider to be staged in Cloughjordan. The inaugural North senior hurling final was held in Killurane just outside Cloughjordan on 20th April 1902 — it was actually the 1901 decider. Special trains operated from Roscrea and Nenagh and the Nenagh Fife and Drum band entertained the crowd before the game. De Wets defeated Roscrea on a 0-4 to 0-3 scoreline. The losers objected to the result and a replay was ordered in Templemore. Roscrea came out on top in this encounter but De Wets objected this time, claiming that Roscrea had the assistance of some "guest" players from Offaly. Roscrea did not attend the appeal's meeting in Nenagh and De Wets were declared champions.

After the success in staging the 1975 final, Thomas MacDonagh Park was to host the 1976 final as well. Fifteen years elapsed before the final returned to Cloughjordan in 1991 when Toomevara saw off the challenge of Nenagh in a replay on a 2-11 to 2-7 scoreline. Thomas MacDonagh Park also hosted the 1992, 1993, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2003 finals.

Today, the biggest day in the North Tipperary hurling calendar returns to Thomas MacDonagh Park after a thirteen-year absence. Kilruane MacDonaghs and Kiladangan face up to each other, reviving memories of clashes between the teams in the late thirties and early forties. They only



*"Seachtar Fear Seacht Lá." Back: Neil Williams (Thomas MacDonagh), David Power (Joseph Plunkett), Paddy Maher (James Connolly). Middle: Donie Nealon (Patrick Pearse), Noel McDonnell (Sean Mac Diarmada). Front: Joe Boyle (Thomas Clarke), Muiris Ó Cinnéide (Eamonn Ceannt), Elizabeth Barry (Narrator), Denis Gardiner (Young Man), Una Ronan (Young Lady), Seamus Ó Riain (Producer), Fr. Michael Green (Producer).
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met in the final on one previous occasion and that was in 1940 when MacDonaghs, skippered by Jack O'Meara (The Iron Man), just shaded the verdict in Borrisokane on a 2-5 to 3-1 scoreline.

The Magpies last claimed the Frank McGrath Cup in 1990 when Pat Quinlan led the team to a 2-7 to 0-5 victory over the Greyhounds. MacDonaghs haven't appeared in a senior final since 1994 when they had to give second best to Toomevara.

Today, they face a formidable challenge as they take on the reigning champions,

Kiladangan. Copious amounts of water have flowed under a multitude of bridges since the Magpies last laid their hands on the Frank McGrath Cup. Tremendous success at underage level has yet to bear fruit in the premier grade. It has been a long wait for the nineteenth senior title to come to Cloughjordan.

Today is one step closer for MacDonaghs. Win, lose or draw it promises to be a great occasion for the Kilruane MacDonaghs club in this historic year.



Kildangan



FIR IONAIÐ

- (16) Paddy Coen
- (17) Eoin Kelly →
- (18) Dan O'Meara
- (19) Ciaran Kelly →
- (20) Andy Loughnane
- (21) Jack Loughnane
- (22) Declan McGrath
- (23) Darragh Molloy
- (24) Gary Byrne
- (25) Eanna Gleeson
- (26) Paddy Gallagher
- (27) Jim Minehan
- (28) Eoin Meagher
- (29) Kian Hayes
- (30) Shane Seymour
- (31) Darran Ryan
- (32) Tommy Connors
- (33) Gerry Slattery



Barry Hogan



James Quigley



Hughie Flannery



Fergal Hayes



David Sweeney



Alan Flynn
Joint Captain



Darren Moran



Johnny Horan



Martin Minehan



Joe Gallagher



Darragh Egan
Joint Captain



Ruairi Gleeson



Willie Connors



Paul Fynn



Tadhg Gallagher

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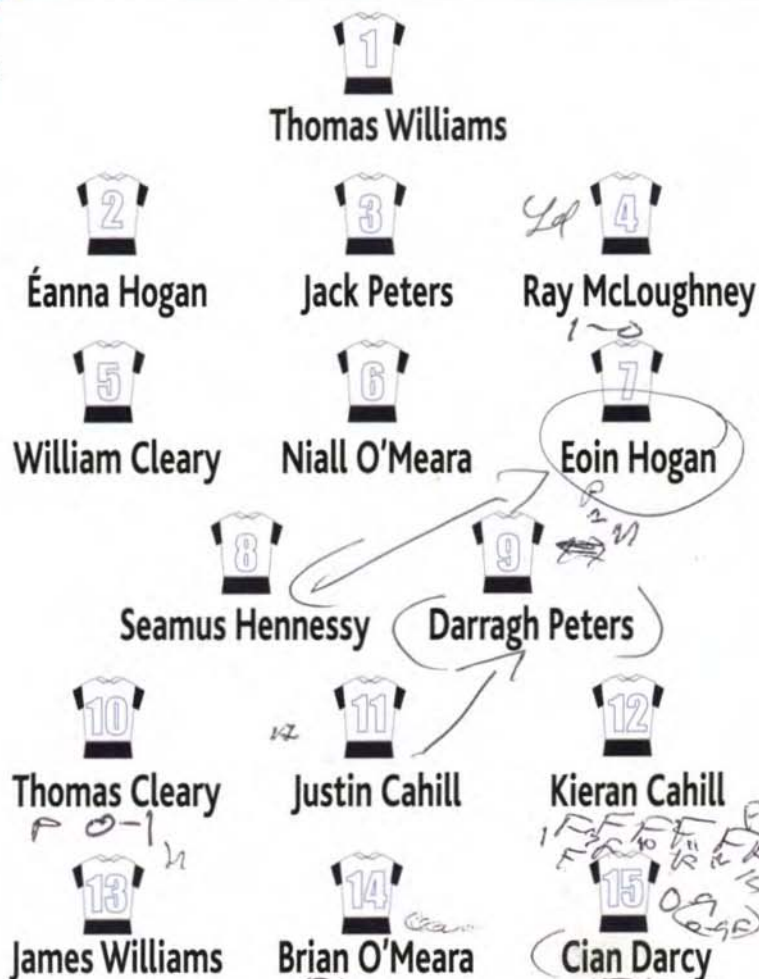
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2 adh leath					
IOMLÁN					

Kilruane MacDonaghs



FIR IONAIÐ

- (16) Conor Doheny
- (17) Conor Cleary
- (18) Mark O'Meara
- (19) Stephen Cleary
- (20) Tomás Hogan
- (21) James Cleary
- (22) Pat Conway
- (23) Declan Barrett
- (24) Alan Darcy
- (25) Bob Dooley
- (26) Eoin Williams
- (27) Conor Austin
- (28) Jonathan Cahill
- (29) Brendan McAdams
- (30) Nial Shinnors
- (31) Kevin Ryan
- (32) Liam Gibson



Manager: Mick Ryan; Coach: Noel Larkin; Selector: Mark O'Meara

KILRUANE	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	65m	Saor pocanna
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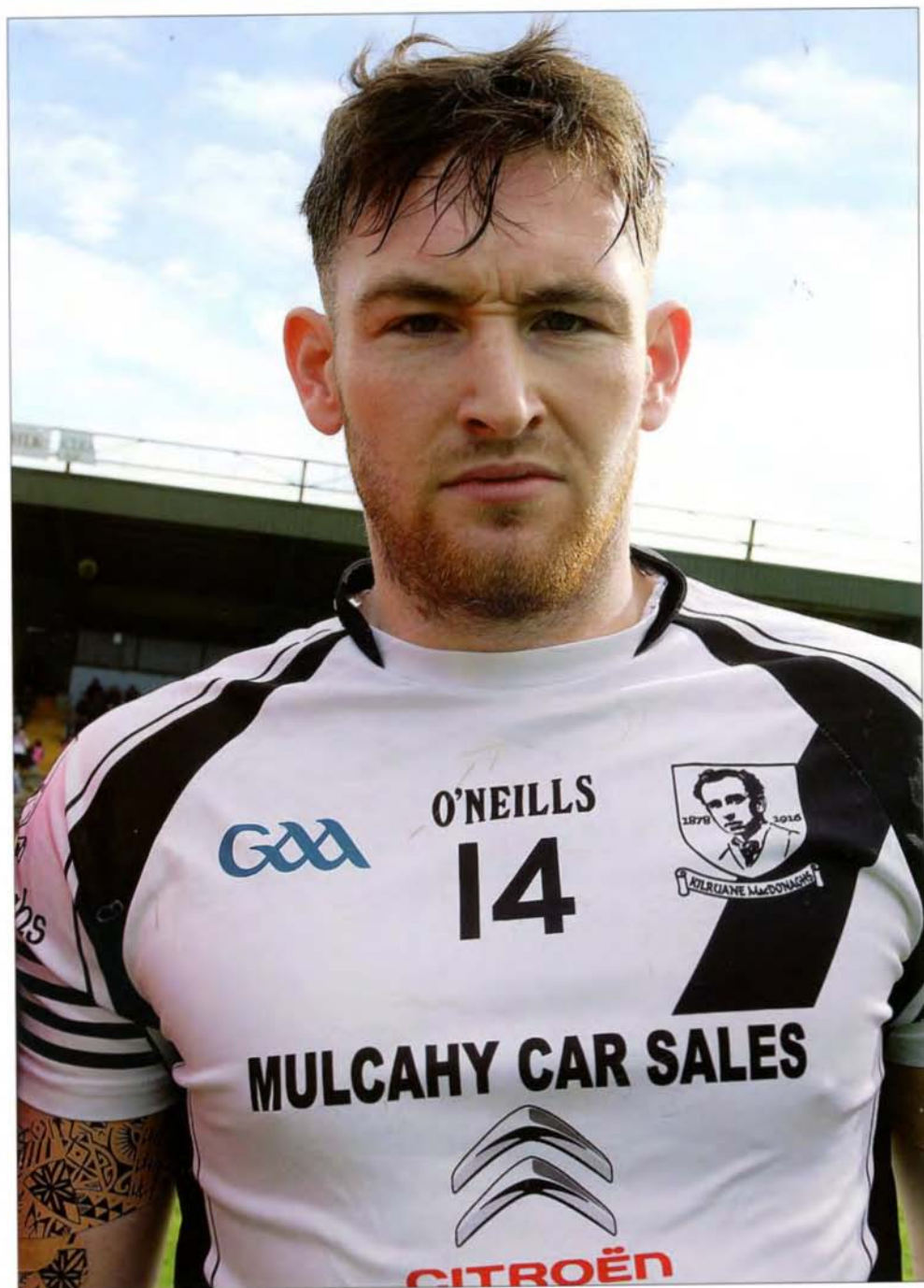
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Kilruane captain Brian O'Meara

Today's referee, Philip Kelly

Philip Kelly took up refereeing in 2009 after a long playing career with Ballinahinch having played his first intermediate game in 1985. He won an All-Ireland junior hurling medal with Tipperary in 1991 as well as two Munster medals (1990 and 1991). He has numerous titles in handball.

He refereed the All-Ireland U16 final of 2012 between Limerick and Galway. Philip was added to the Munster provincial panel of referees in 2013. He done his first Munster minor championship match in 2014 Clare v Kerry and in 2015 was in charge of Limerick and Waterford Munster minor match Round 1 and the Munster Junior club hurling semi-final. This year he took charge of Limerick and Waterford in the Munster Senior League in January and also the Waterford v Cork Munster minor match round 1 in April.

He has refereed county finals in Tipperary in every grade bar the ultimate level of senior. He has done various divisional finals as well at numerous relegation finals including the famous well published re-fixtured of Ballybacon and Cashel in 2011. In the 2016 North Tipperary championship, he has officiated in two matches to date. Philip previously refereed his first North Senior final in 2013 between Kiladangan and Silvermines. His uncle Michael Carey also refereed the North senior final of 1964 between Nenagh Eire Og and Roscrea. Philip is also involved in the recruitment of referees in Tipperary.

Married to Beverley, they have four in family - Jamie, Joey, Karl and Lydia.

Describe your funniest moment to date as a referee? Was refereeing a senior regulation final in another division outside of North Tipperary. Remarked before the match to one of the club mentors involved that there was a massive crowd present for the game. His answer - Up this side of the county you always get a big crowd for a funeral. Sums up them kinds of matches!!

What advice would you have for any aspiring



Referee Philip Kelly

referee? Be open to constructive criticism from people who know what they are talking about. Preparation and attention to detail is key. Set yourself your own target of where you want to get to within a time scale. Go and do what you need to do to achieve to be a better referee.

If you could change one rule in hurling, what would it be? Implementing rule changes 4 weeks after congress needs to be changed. Streamline the system that all changes come in at start of calendar year. Revision control the following - new rule changes, sideline regulations and rule book. Management to be located in stand, appreciate this would be difficult in implement at club but could be done at inter county match level.

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

Standby referee

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4th official

Ger Fitzpatrick

Peter Carroll

Kieran Delaney

Roscrea

Burgess

Toomevara



Pictured at the press launch for the North final at The Hibernian, Nenagh, were, left to right: Marion Minehan (Secretary), Noel Maher (Treasurer), Brian O'Meara (captain Kilruane), Alan Flynn (captain Kildangan), Martin Morris (proprietor The Hibernian Inn sponsor), Dan Kennedy (chairman).



Competition, Controls Committee North Board, At back: Michael Ryan (Nenagh), Martin Healy (ref. co-ordinator), Michael Tierney (Borris-Ileigh), John Delaney (PRO). Front: Marian Minehan, Dan Kennedy and Michael Flynn. Absent from picture: Catherine McTiernan (secretary Bord na nOg) and John Gleeson (Ballina).

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Darragh Egan, Kiladangan joint captain, in action against Roscrea.



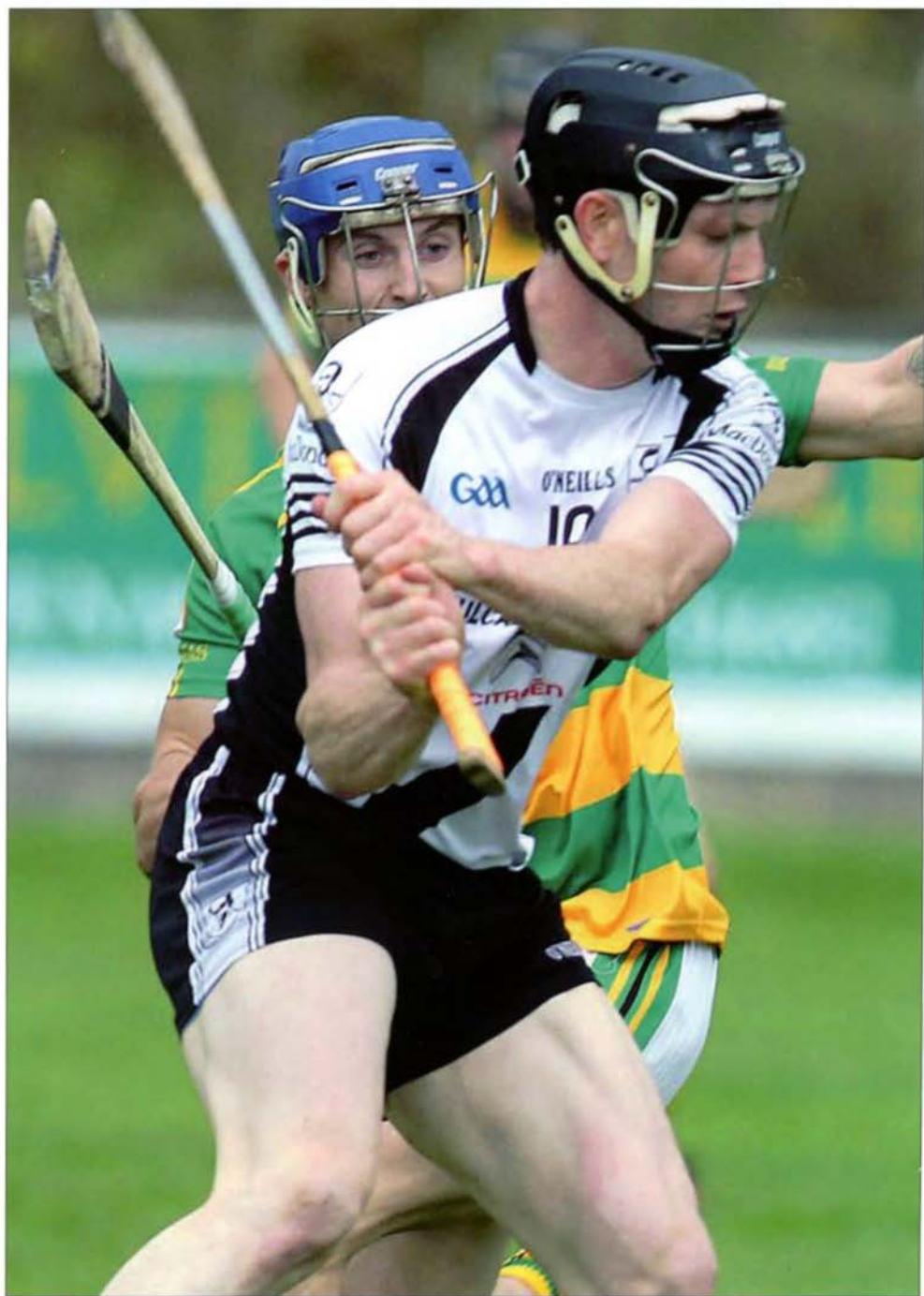
Alan Flynn,
Kiladangan joint captain.

McGrath's Bar

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today's North Final.

"Bigi Linn don Craic agus Ceol"



Thomas Cleary is tackled by John O'Dwyer of Burgess in the North semi-final match.

Meet the Management teams



Kilruane MacDonaghs senior management (l to r) Noel Larkin (Coach), Mick Ryan (Manager) and Mark O'Meara (Selector).



Kildangan Management (l to r) Jim Ryan (Logistics), Marcus O'Connell (First-Aid), Martin McLoughney (Selector), Dan Hackett (Manager) and Sean Treacy (Coach/Selector).

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 (9)	1915, '57, '64, '92, '93, '98, '01, '09, 2014
Lahorna De Wets (7)	*1901, '02, '03, '04, '06, '07, '08
Kildangan (5)	1938, '43, 2008, '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
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