

Co. Tipperary Senior Hurling Final
Match Programme
1987



CLUICHÍ CEANNAIS CHÉAD BHLIAIN CHONTAE TIOBRAID ÁRANN

Stáid Semple

*1ú Mí na Samhna
1987*

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COUNTY FINAL

Tomás Ó Baróid
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LUACH
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Ocáid Mhór Craobh an Chontae

LÁ MÓR na gClub i bhFéilire iománaíochta an Chontae, an lá seo. Tá tábhacht ar leith ag baint leis i mbliana, sa mhéid go bhfuilimid ag ceiliúradh Céad Bliana de Chluichí Cheannais an Chontae. Sea! Inniu, freisin lá againn an lucht féachainte — Tiobraid Árannaigh uilig beagnach, an deis chun breathnú amach féachaint cé bheidh againn mar phríomh iománaithe, agus cioca club a bheidh mar phríomh chlub againn, an bhliain seo chugainn.

Ocáid eisceachtúil an lá seo, ar dhuina eile freisin. Tá againn inniú foireann Chlub Luach Má — Caisleán Aoibhne ag imirt in aghaidh foirinn chlub Cheapach na bhFaoiteach — agus Ceapach na bhFaoiteach ag imoíocht i gCraobh an Chontae don chéad uair ariamh. Tá an-chreidiúint go deo tailte acu dá bharr san.

Do lucht treanúna na bhfoireann iagsúla is eachtra speisialta an cluiche seo inniú. Is abhar dóchais dóibh bheith ag féachaint ar aghaidh chun na bliana seo chugainn — 1988, nuair a tabhairfear deis do chuid des na hiomathóirí ón dá fhoireann a gcuid scil, stíl, agus misnigh a léiriú ar fhoireann Sinsearach an Chontae. Ábhar dóchais dúinn freisin, ar an gcúis céanna is ea an chéad cluiche inniú — Cluiche na Mionúir idir Na Sáirséalaigh agus Tuam Uí Mheára.

O thaobh atmasféir de, is deachair buachaint ar chluiche Chraobh an Chontae. Níl imeacht eile ann sa chontae len a mbíonn an tábhacht chéanna agus an tarraingt ar shluaite, iad ag bailiú i nDúrlas Éile agus i stáid Semple don ócáid mhór, go luath sa ló. Ní lá go dtí é, leis an bplé agus argóint roimh ré, méaduithe go mór dar ndóighe tar éis an chluiche. Bíonn sainmhíniú á thabhairt ar gach aon chasadh den imirt: na scóranna a gnóthúodh agus nár gnóthúodh; an

t-ádh abhí le Limirthoirt agus an mi-ádh abhí ar imreoirí eile; an moladh á thabhairt agus an milleáin a chur; an toradh a bheadh ann murach seo agus siúd; agus mar sin de.

Dar ndóige, níl an réamh-atmosféar sa lá tá inniú ann, pioc mar a bhíodh sé sna blianta ó shein! Bhí tráth ann nuair a thagadh na sluaite ar gach saghas córas iompair chuig an Chluiche Cheannais, san a tháinig méadú ar líon na ngluaisteáin. Bhíodh éileamh trom ar na traeineacha, ar na busanna, agus thagadh na céadta ó gach áird den gContae an rotharacha. Ó eirí na maidne bhíodh an t-atmasféar á chruthú, go háisithe le teacht na dtraeineacha chuig an stáisiún. is annsúd a bhíodh na garsúin ag díol na gCláracha Oifigiúla agus béim breise á chur acu ar oifigiúlacht na gclár. San uais sin bhíodh sé de nós ag daoine cláracha neamh-fhoirmiúla a fhoillsú — rud nach dtártaíonn inniú. Bhíodh an-díol go deo ar dhatanna na bhfoirne chomh maith, idid bratacha agus suaitheantais — iad uilig ag fógairt dílseachta dos na foirne éagsúla agus ag cur go mór le breáthacht na hócáide.

Bhíodh ana-bhailiúcháin de Ghaeil ar Chearnóg na Saoirse i nDúrlas Éile, ar feadh roinnt naire a chloig roimh tosnú an chluiche. Ar an mbaile féin bhíodh “toga gacha bídh agus rogha gacha dighe” ar fáil agus ar díol. Bhíodh na hamhlánaithe áide le clos, maille le ceoltóirí éagsúla “a seinm ceoil do phócaí folamha”, agus a leithéid aitheanta mar chúid den suet agus scléip abhí ag baint le hatmasféar Chraobh an Chontae.

Ach bíodh sé sin mar a bhíodh, agus é mar atá — an iomáint fós faoi bhláth tar éis breis is Céad Bliana agus na sluaite ag cruinniú isteach ar bhaile. Chunaith Chumann Lúth Chleas Gael, a léiriú dúinn uilig go bhfuil “Éire fós ag Cáit ní Dhuibhir”.

CLAR AN LAE

1.30 (i.n.)

CLUICHE CHEANNAIS MIONÚIR

Na Sairséalaigh (Thurles Sarsfields)

v.

Tuam Uí Mhéara (Toomevara)

Réiteoir: LIAM Ó BARÓID

3.00 (i.n.)

CLUICHE CHEANNAIS SÍNSEAR

Ceapach na Faoite (Cappawhite)

v.

**Luach Magh-Caisleán Aoibhne
(Loughmore - Castleiney)**

Réiteoir: GEARÓID Ó LONGAIGH

- 1.20 p.m. Minor Teams take the field.
- 1.30 p.m. Throw-in County Minor Final.
- 2.40 p.m. Presentation to winning Minor Captain.
- 2.45 p.m. Senior Teams take the field.
- 2.50 p.m. Parade of Teams and Club Representatives.
Introduction of His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Morris, to both captains.

3.00 p.m. Throw-in County Senior Final

NA RÉITEOIRÍ

Sínsear: GEAROID Ó LONGAIGH
(Gerry Long, Knockshegowna)

GERRY LONG, today, realises one of his life-long ambitions, to referee a Tipperary Senior Hurling Final. This ambition would have been long realised but for the dominance of North Tipp in the county finals since 1965. Gerry has been refereeing for almost a decade and among the more important games he has handled are All-Ireland finals at Special Minor, U-21 and Junior; two Harty Cup finals; two Co. Minor finals and numerous other championship games.

He has been on the Senior Inter-county Referees' panel for the past two seasons and has refereed at all the main hurling venues in the National League.

Gerry has also played a big part in his own club's development in recent years and he has held several of the officer posts within it. He also acted as



County P.R.O. for a spell and has been a member of the County Communications Committee since 1982. Gerry is married with one daughter. We wish him well in the final.

Umpires: Paddy Hodgins, John Rafferty, John Cleary, Michael McGrath.

Linesmen: Johnny McDonnell, Pat Dunlea.

Mionúr: LIAM Ó BARÓID
(Willie Barret, Ardfinnan)

MARRIED with three children, Willie has been refereeing since 1978. He is presently Treasurer of his local club, Ardfinnan, and is actively involved with it in developing new club grounds and dressing rooms. Willie is also involved at juvenile level and is currently training the Under-12 team.

His major achievements in refereeing to date are the 1984 Centenary Co. Senior Hurling Final; 1987 Munster Minor Hurling Semi-final, Cork v. Clare; the 1987 Under-21 Munster Hurling Final, Cork v. Limerick.



Willie is employed at the Mitchelstown Co-op Shop in Cahir. We wish him the best of luck in today's minor final.

Umpires: Richie Long, Luke Kelly, Pat Kearney, Seán Barrett.

Linesmen: Michael O'Mahony, Leslie Boyle.

Fáilte go Chluichí Cheannais Chead-bhliain Chontae Thiobraid Árann

IMBLIAIN comoradh an chéid cluiche cheannais iomáint sinsear an conndae is é mo pribhléid ar son Coiste Condae failte a chur romhaibh go leir do na Cluichí Ceannais Iomanaíochta.

Gaghaim buíochas leis na foirní go leir a ghlac pairt sna comortaisí go dtí seo agus leis na daoine a chabhraigh leis na cumainn.

Ta suil agam go mbeidh cluichí breá sportuile againn agus go mbainfidh gach einne taitneamh as an la is cuma ce hiad na buathoirí.

In my last term as Chairman I consider it a wonderful privilege to officiate on this historic occasion. A century ago Thurles Sarsfields had the honour of capturing the first Tipperary Senior hurling title when they defeated a North Tipperary selection. Ever since then County Final day in the Premier county, with all its colour, pageantry, and unique atmosphere has enjoyed a special place in the hearts of Gaels everywhere. Like the Association of which it is an intrinsic part, the county final claims the loyalty and support of all gaelic games followers regardless of age, class, profession, or whatever category into which people are divided. Apart from being the county hurling showpiece it serves as a uniting force within the parish, and this is never more evident than when your local club brings home victory. Such is an occasion of unprecedented joy and of more profound significance it is a distinct morale booster, in these generally difficult economic and social times.

Today our minds are firmly fixed on the unique pairing of Loughmore-Castleiney and Cappawhite in the



MICHAEL LOWRY

senior final, and the meeting of Thurles Sarsfields and Toomevara in the minor contest. But we would be guilty of gross ingratitude to past generations if we were to ignore their labours and achievements. Down through the decades the noble exponents of the native game have given Tipperary people endless hours of pleasure by their deeds, and the history books record for us the many epic encounters staged between our clubs to decide the destination of the top county prize. It is fair to say that our clubs have played a significant role in the onward march of the association both on the playing fields and in the boardrooms.

How appropriate that today's senior

final is historic in more ways than one. It brings together two clubs, each bidding for it's first county senior title, and doubtless, where ever the Dan Breen Cup finds itself tonight, there is going to be mighty celebrations! After a most interesting championship campaign that saw the sudden demise of reigning champions Borrisoleigh, and the fall of next in line favourites Kilruane MacDonagh, with many other hot contenders, we have two highly acclaimed stylish outfits ready to fight an intriguing battle - intriguing in so far as both sides have been to the forefront in the race for the prestigious prize in recent years, and now find themselves in opposition.

Loughmore/Castleiney have, at any rate, county final experience in 1983, only to have lost to Borrisoleigh, and who could begrudge them the honour now. After all, from a relatively limited pick, numerically, they have sprung to the forefront of the hurling and football world, a tribute indeed to their dedication and attention to both codes from juvenile level onwards, and an example to all clubs.

Likewise, who could begrudge Cappa that honour. Through thick and thin they have battled to establish themselves as a formidable outfit, and their performances to date this year leaves us in no doubt that win, lose or draw today, the club is destined to have a hurling force for some time.

But today's final is historic for other reasons. Should Cappa take the honour, they will be the first West Tipperary team to do so in forty-four years since Eire Og Annacarthy defeated Moycarkey/Borris in the 1943 decider. Of further historic significance is the fact that for the first time in twenty-two years, the final does not feature North divisional representatives. While the pattern has

changed this year, it's only fitting to pay tribute to that division for its contribution to the game with fifteen out of twenty one titles, since then going it's direction.

Now we look forward to a West-Mid final crammed with herculean effort, courage, and resolution, and what better curtain-raiser to the senior final than the meeting of Thurles Sarsfields and Toomevara. Toome are bidding to retain the minor title and in doing so further endorse the opinion that they are the emerging force in hurling, while the Blues, winners in 1985, will be hoping to take another positive step in ensuring a bright future for a club which was for so long in the past the hurling dynasty of Tipperary.

It is my sincere wish that both finals will be played in a sporting manner that benefits this special occasion and I hope that the winners of the senior final will prove worthy ambassadors for the Association in the Munster and All-Ireland club championships maintaining the high standards set, particularly, by our champions of '85 and '86, Kilruane MacDonagh and Borrisoleigh.

How appropriate that we should be celebrating a centenary final in the same year that our county seniors and minors brought us a Munster double. While our minors were somewhat fancied to bring us the honours, our seniors surpassed all expectations under the excellent guidance of trainer/coach Michael 'Babs' Keating and his selectors Donie Nealon and Theo English. How we almost choked on emotion as we heard captain Richard Stakelum give his elegant address from the podium that day after our deserved nine points victory. The scenes that day underlined in no uncertain manner, how deeply the prolonged absence from the top of the

hurling world was felt in Tipperary, and just how much it meant to be back.

Unfortunately we did not realise our dream of All-Ireland honours, but next year is another year and hopefully, having now made the breakthrough, we will not alone retain the Munster crown, but go on to take that elusive national title.

I have had many pleasant experiences in my three year term in office, made possible in no small way by the co-operation I had received from my fellow board officers, club officials, and players, divisional and county

Boards, referees, officials and many others from within and outside the Association. In thanking all concerned I would like to express my appreciation to you the Gaels of Tipperary for your support for the games and the Association.

In wishing luck to all the participants here today, referees and their officials, I have no doubt that you will witness entertainment of the highest standard in keeping with that of the past, and here's to another century of the best in Tipperary.

Michéal O Labhraí

BUIOCHAS

ON behalf of Tipperary County G.A.A. Board, I wish to avail of this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to everyone associated with the organisation of our games during the year.

REFEREES

We are fortunate to have so many competent and dedicated referees who give of their time voluntarily. It is seldom we accord them the praise and recognition which they so richly deserve.

ORDER OF MALTA

I also acknowledge the excellent service rendered by the Order of Malta. The Association benefits greatly by the care and medical attention given by them to our players during the playing season.

MOYCARKEY BAND

I thank the Moycarkey Pipe Band who have a long and cherished association with County Final Day.

PROGRAMMES

A very special word of thanks and congratulations to Programme Editor, Donal O'Gorman and his willing assistants for this wonderful production which is in keeping with the very high standard of programmes produced for all important games during the year. The magnitude of this task should not be under estimated as it requires a great deal of ingenuity, research and painstaking work to provide varied, informative and interesting productions.

MEDIA

Finally I acknowledge the tremendous support and assistance we receive in the promotion of our games from the Editors and Sports Staff of our local papers. Our games and the Association's activities are given very valuable coverage in the "Tipperary Star", "Nationalist" and "Nenagh Guardian".

Michael Lowry,

Chairman, Tipp. G.A.A. Board.

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Dónal Ó Gormáin (Eagarthóir)

CAPPAWHITE

- DANNY O'NEILL** (29). Gleeson Concrete. 4 West Senior Hurling, 1 West Senior Football, 1 West Co. Junior Football, 2 West U-21 and 1 Co. U-21 Hurling.
- MYLES COUGHLAN** (32). Farmer. 2 West Senior Hurling, 2 West Junior Hurling, 2 West U-21 Hurling.
- MICHAEL BUCKLEY** (27). Factory employee. 4 West Senior Hurling, 2 West Junior Hurling, 1 West Under-21 Football, 2 West Under-21 Hurling.
- NOEL BUCKLEY** (26). Welder. 4 West Senior Hurling, 2 West Junior Hurling, 1 West Under-21 Football.
- DAN RYAN** (27). Wang Ltd. 4 West Senior Hurling and 1 West Senior Football, 1 U-21 Football, 2 West U-21 Hurling, 1 Co. U-21 Hurling, 1 West Co. Junior Football.
- SIMON RYAN** (24). Shop assistant. 4 West S.H.
- ANTHONY O'NEILL** (27). O'Dwyer Steel. 4 West S.H., 1 U.21 H. (West), 1 West J.H., 10 O'Donoghue Cup, 1 U-21 Football.
- GER RYAN** (22). Cabinet maker. 4 West Senior Hurling, West Under-21 Football.
- MARTIN McDERMOTT** (35). Telecom Éireann employee. 4 West Senior Hurling, 1 West Senior Football, 2 West Junior Football, 1 Co. Junior Football.
- JOHN BARRY** (31). Barman. 1 West Senior Hurling, 3 West Junior Hurling, 1 West U-21 Minor, 1 Co. U-21 Minor, 1 West Senior Football.
- JOHN BARRY** (31). Farmer. 4 West Senior Hurling, 1 West Senior Football, 1 Co. Junior Football, 1 West Junior Football, 1 West Junior Hurling, 2 West and 1 Co. U-21 Hurling, 1 All-Ireland Senior Colleges Hurling (St. Kieran's, Kilkenny), and 3 Leinster Colleges Hurling (St. Kieran's, Kilkenny).
- MICHAEL RYAN** (21). Butcher. 1 West Senior Hurling.
- EUGENE MAGUIRE** (28). 4 West Senior, 1 West Junior, 1 West Senior Football (Rovers), Munster Vocational U-15 Football.
- TOM COUGHLAN** (27). Shop assistant. 1 West Senior Hurling.
- DICK QUIRKE** (21). Van Salesman. 2 West Senior Hurling, 2 All-Ireland Senior Colleges with St. Flannan's, Munster Minor Hurling.
- PAUL BUCKLEY** (25). 1 West Senior Hurling, 1 West U-21 Hurling, 2 West Junior Hurling.
- EAMONN RYAN** (29). Farmer. 4 West Senior Hurling, 1 West Senior Football, 3 West Under-21 Hurling, 1 West and Co. Junior Football, 1 Co. Under-21 Hurling.
- DEASÚN HENNESSY** (24). Teacher. 4 West Hurling, Under-12 West Football, 2 All-Ireland Higher Education Championships, Under-14 and Under-16.
- AUSTIN BUCKLEY** (27). Baker. A member of the Tipperary squad. 4 West Senior Football, 1 West Junior and Co. Junior Football, 1 West Junior Hurling, 1 O'Donoghue Cup Senior Hurling, 3 U-21 West and 1 U-21 Co., 1 West U-21 Football, 3 All-Ireland U-21 and 1 All-Ireland U-21.
- CONOR RYAN** (27). Area Sales Manager, Kerry Co-op. 4 West Senior Hurling and 1 West Senior Football.
- PA O'NEILL** (25). Driver. 4 West Senior Hurling and 1 West U-21 Hurling and 1 Co. U-21 Minor, 1 West U-21 Football.
- JOHN O'NEILL** (32) (Capt.). Gleeson Concrete. 4 West Senior Hurling, 1 Senior Football, 2 West and 1 Co. Junior Football.
- GER O'NEILL** (25). E.S.B. employee. 4 West Senior Hurling, 1 West S.F., 2 U-21 West Hurling, 1 All-Ireland Minor Hurling, 1 All-Ireland U-21 Hurling and 1 U-21 West Football.

Toomevara beat mighty Thurles Sarsfields in the 1960 final, which was contested at Templemore. Sarsfields were appearing in their sixth successive final, after winning the

previous five. They were clear favourites. Captain Billy Donovan led the Toomevara boys to victory, 3-15 to 2-9. The game was played on October 16th.

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FRANKIE McGRATH (25). Telecom Éireann employee. Holder of all under-age competitions, 2 Minor Hurling titles, Intermediate Co. Final medal 1980; 3 Mid Senior Hurling medals and numerous Football medals. A member of the C.B.S. Harty Cup and Colleges Final team 1979. Frankie is a brother of Pat, Tom and Michael.

RICHARD STAPLETON (27). Civil Servant. A member of the Templemore C.B.S. team that took Harty Cup and All-Ireland Colleges Final in 1978. Holder of Minor and Intermediate Co. Final medals and 3 Mid Senior Hurling medals. (Single).

PETER BRENNAN (26). Clerical Student. Represented County at all levels in Hurling. Holder of two All-Ireland U-21 Hurling and 2 Minor Hurling Co. Final medals, Intermediate Co. Final medal, 3 Senior Football Co. Final medals, Harty Cup and All-Ireland Colleges medal, 3 Divisional Senior Hurling medals.

JIM MAHER (25). Farmer. Captained Tipperary Minors to All-Ireland success in 1980. Holder of U-21 All-Ireland medal, Harty Cup and All-Ireland Colleges awards. Co. Minor Hurling titles and three Mid Senior Hurling titles. (Single).

PAT CORMACK (26). Farmer. Holds Harty Cup and Colleges Final medals. Minor Co. Final in hurling and Intermediate Co. title and 3 Mid Senior Hurling titles. (Single).

JOHN CORMACK (23). (Vice-Captain). Insurance Inspector. Has the honour of leading out the team for to-day's Final. Holder of Minor and U-21 All-Ireland Hurling medals, Co. Senior Football medal, 3 Mid Senior Hurling titles. One of three brothers on the team. (Single).

EAMONN SWEENEY (31). Postman. Although the smallest man on the side, Eamonn is big in hurling ability and has distinguished himself as a top-class goalkeeper with the team for a few years. Holder of Mid Minor Hurling in 1974, Intermediate Co. title 1980 and 3 Mid Senior Hurling titles. (Married).

NED RYAN (19). Farmer. Has won many honours at school level; came on at an age when our under-age teams were on the decline. Has represented the county at Minor and U-21 level in Football. Holder of 2 Mid Senior Hurling medals and numerous Football medals. (Single).

EAMONN BRENNAN (28). Farmer. Has represented the County in Hurling and Football. Holder of Minor Hurling Co. Final medal; U-21 Mid Medal, 3 Cahill Cup Medals, 3 Mid Senior Hurling Final medals, Intermediate Co. Hurling medal. Outstanding dual player with the club over his playing career. (Married).

SEAMUS BOHAN (18). Student. Member of Tipperary minor hurling team which reached the All-Ireland final this year. Holder of Rice and Kinnane cup medals. Mid minor football medals. He is the youngest player in today's final. Seamus is a newcomer to the senior hurling team this year. (Single).

PAT TREACY (26). Civil Servant. holder of all under-age competitions. Holder of Harty Cup and All-Ireland Colleges' medals. Minor and U-21 medals, Intermediate Co. Final and holder of 2 Co. Senior Football Final medals. He has represented the county at under-age and at senior level. (Married).

TOM McGRATH. Town Clerk in Templemore. Veteran of today's game at 32. Represented the county at all levels except junior hurling. Holder of Mid Minor Hurling medal, Intermediate Hurling medals. He also has three Mid Senior Hurling medals, along with his numerous Football medals. (Married).

PAT McGRATH. Age 26. P.O. Clerk. Has represented the county at all levels in Hurling and Football, winning 2 All-Ireland U-21 Hurling medals. He is a holder of Harty Cup and All-Ireland Colleges medals, also three Mid final medals in hurling. Holder of Minor and Intermediate Co. Final medals. (Married).

MICHAEL McGRATH (28). Farmer. He has represented the county at all levels. He is a holder of All-Ireland U-21 hurling

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medals and three Mid final medals in Senior Hurling. He is at present a member of the county Senior Hurling panel. He has the distinction of striking late goals over the years. (Married).

LIAM CORMACK (25). Teacher. Holder of numerous School medals. Also Minor and U-21 medals. Liam is also a holder of 3 Mid Final Hurling medals. He is a holder of both Minor Hurling and Football titles in 1979. He is also one of the fastest forwards in the game.

TOM LARKIN (31). Agricultural Adviser. Transferred to the club from Clonmore with whom he won 4 Intermediate Mid Hurling titles. Holder of 2 Kinane Cup medals, 3 Corn Phádraigh medals, 1 Cahill Cup medal, 2 Mid Senior Hurling titles and also a Co. Minor Football medal. (Single).

PAT LYNCH (28). Wood machinist. Pat has played at all levels in the club. He is a holder of Minor and U-21 medals, along

with Mid Senior Football and Senior Hurling medals. He also has 2 Co. Football medals (single).

DINNY KIELY (33). Warehouse manager. Dinny was team goalkeeper up to the Co. Semi-final. He is a holder of Intermediate Mid and County medals and also 3 Mid Senior Hurling medals. (Married).

DICK EGAN (26). Technician. Dick is a holder of All-Ireland Vocational School medals. He is also a holder of Minor, U-21, Senior Football and Hurling medals. He was a regular on the team until his departure to England. (Single).

MARTIN MAHER (30). Occupation: Accountant. Martin was a regular on the team until an injury in the football quarter-final forced him out of the game. He is a holder of 2 Senior Hurling Mid Finals, Mid Minor hurling medal in 1974 and also an Intermediate Co. Hurling medal in 1980. (Single).

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THURLES SARSFIELDS

BACK ROW (l. to r.): Tony Coman, Ken Doherty, Andreas Callanan, Richard Corcoran, Padraig Dundon, Padraig Delaney, Trevor Cooke, Pat Jordan, Brendan Carroll, Pat Minogue, Paul Gooney, Martin McElgunn, Brian Spillane. **FRONT ROW** (l. to r.): Paul Mockler, Sean Callanan, Walter Doyle, Mark Jordan, Eddie Coman, Clive Hanrahan, Fionn Stakelum (Capt.), Tomás Maher, Ken O'Connor, Donal O'Shea, Seamus Quinn.



TOOMEVARA

FRONT ROW (players only) (l. to r.): Willie Ryan, Michilin Delaney, Tommy Carroll, Declan O'Meara, Paul Delaney, Liam Hogan, Joe Kennedy. **BACK ROW** (l. to r.): Tom Bergin, Michael Ryan, Seamus Brislane, Martin Brislane, Bill Carroll, David Spillane, Gerard Frend, Michael Brislane, Kevin McCormack, Michael O'Meara, Tony Delaney, Kevin Kennedy.

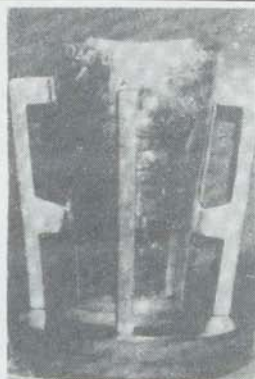


THE DAN BREEN CUP

Liam Ó Donnchú

UP to 1931 there was no trophy presented to the County Senior Hurling Champions. In 1931, when the Tipperary team returned home after an American Tour, they brought with them a cup which had been presented by Dan Breen to Tipperary County Board. What follows is a list of all those captains, to whom the magnificent trophy was presented.

1931	Martin Kennedy	Toomevara
1932	Phil Purcell	Moycarkey-Borris
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1934	Phil Purcell	Moycarkey-Borris
1935	Jim Lanigan	Thurles Sarsfields
1936	Jim Lanigan	Thurles Sarsfields
1937	Paddy Ryan	Moycarkey-Borris
1938	Jim Lanigan	Thurles Sarsfields
1939	Jim Lanigan	Thurles Sarsfields
1940	Tom Kennedy	Moycarkey-Borris
1941	Phil O'Dwyer	Boherlahan
1942	Jim Lanigan	Thurles Sarsfields
1943	Tom Ryan	Eire Óg/Anacarthy
1944	John Maher	Thurles Sarsfields
1945	John Maher	Thurles Sarsfields
1946	John Maher	Thurles Sarsfields
1947	Willie Wall	Carrick Swans
1948	Francis Maher	Holycross/Ballycahill
1949	Sean Kenny	Borrisoleigh
1950	Sean Kenny	Borrisoleigh
1951	Francis Maher	Holycross/Ballycahill
1952	Tommy Doyle	Thurles Sarsfields
1953	Tim Ryan	Borrisoleigh
1954	Francis Maher	Holycross
1955	Mickey Byrne	Thurles Sarsfields
1956	Mickey Byrne	Thurles Sarsfields
1957	Larry Keane	Thurles Sarsfields
1958	Tony Wall	Thurles Sarsfields
1959	Tony Wall	Thurles Sarsfields
1960	Willie Donovan	Toomevara
1961	Martin Maher	Thurles Sarsfields
1962	Michael McElgann	Thurles Sarsfields
1963	Bobby Mockler	Thurles Sarsfields
1964	Jimmy Doyle	Thurles Sarsfields
1965	Patsy Dorney	Thurles Sarsfields
1966	Richie Walsh	Carrick Davins
1967	Mick Roche	Carrick Davins



The new Dan Breen Cup

1968	John Dillon	Roscrea
1969	Patsy Roland	Roscrea
1970	Donie Moloney	Roscrea
1971	Jim Fogarty	Moyne/Templetuohy
1972	Mick Hogan	Roscrea

Due to wear and tear down the years, the cup was damaged to such an extent that by this year it was felt that a new trophy was needed. The Dan Breen Memorial Committee provided the new Dan Breen Cup. It was first presented in 1973

1973	Jack Hannon	Roscrea (New Cup)
1974	Jimmy Doyle	Thurles Sarsfields
1975	Pat Sheedy	Moneygall
1976	Mick Doherty	Moneygall
1977	Dinny O'Meara	Kilruane MacDonagh
1978	Jim Williams	Kilruane MacDonagh
1979	Liam O'Shea	Kilruane MacDonagh
1980	Kevin Brady	Roscrea
1981	Timmy Stapleton	Borrisoleigh
1982	Jack Bergin	Moycarkey-Borris
1983	Francis Spillane	Borrisoleigh
1984	Jack Bergin	Moycarkey-Borris
1985	Tony Sheppard	Kilruane MacDonagh
1986	Mick Ryan	Borrisoleigh
1987		

THE FIRST COUNTY FINAL

Thurles Champions

BORRISOLEIGH, in the parish of Glenbeen, had the proud distinction of hosting the first ever County Senior Hurling Final. The location of the field where this historic game took place was down "the ould Bog Road", in a field owned by Martin Ryan ("Bomb") and now owned by Seamus Kennedy, Lower Street.

The *Tipperary Advocate* at the time reports the game as a "Hurling Tournament" with Holycross to play North Tipperary in a semi-final and the winners to play Thurles on the same day. Thurles had previously qualified for the final by virtue of a forfeit point (today's equivalent of a "65") win over Borrisoleigh in Littleton. The report continues:

"The North Tipps being now the victors were obliged to take the field against Thurles. The Thurles men

walked fresh and vigorous into the ground, but their opponents, after their long and well sustained struggle, could scarcely be regarded as being 'in form' for another contest. However, to work they went and it was work in every sense of the word. From the commencement we saw plainly that North Tipp would suffer, as the leather was no sooner thrown in than it was carried into a rush into the North Tipp territory and kept there for a considerable time despite their strenuous efforts to return it over the centre line.

"The play waxed fast and furious now in North Tipp and again in Thurles territory, and jaded as the North Tipps undoubtedly were from their previous struggle, they fought manfully but to no avail as at close of time this hitherto unconquered team



The 1887 team, winners of the first All-Ireland hurling championship (photographed about 1910). **Back row:** D. Maher, J. Sullivan, E. Murphy, J. Ryan, M. Maher, E. Leamy, T. Burke, C. Callanan, D. Davoren, M. Maher. **Centre row:** P. Ryan, D. Maher, J. Stapleton (captain), T. Maher, G. Leamy, J. Ryan, J. Dwyer. **Front row:** M. Carroll, M. McNamara, T. Butler.

had to lower their colours to the Thurles men.

"I must say that the North Tipps fought a losing battle with the greatest energy and determination and towards the end of the last half hour made brilliant efforts to retrieve their fading honour, but I must say also that the hurlers themselves are not responsible for their defeat but the gentlemen, whoever they are, that sent them into a second contest after hurling one of the finest and best sustained matches ever witnessed in the county or perhaps in the country and with the interval of only a few minutes' rest. It was a suicidal policy and only courting defeat to do so under such circumstances and if the result is bitter, the management and not the hurlers is to blame".

The score was 3 points and 3 forfeit points for Thurles; North Tipperary nil.



Denis Maher.

Thurles — Denis Maher (capt.), Andy, Tom and Matty Maher, Jim Stapleton, Ned Murphy, Jer Dwyer, Jack, Dinny, Ned and Matty Maher, Con Callanan, Tom Burke, Dan Davern, Jim Sullivan, Pat Ryan, Stephen Purcell, Dick Butler, Ned Flanagan, Martin McNamara ("Mac") and Jack Bannon.



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1987 Centenary Final

THE uniqueness of the pairing in this year's county senior hurling final is entirely appropriate. After all, it is the centenary of the first county final in which Thurles defeated a North selection, and while neither Thurles nor a North team have made it to the final, it is only fitting that the final pairing should be "different" in the best sense of the word.

Cappawhite have never before played in a county senior hurling final. Success in the West division they have enjoyed in recent years, and a few years back they were counted unlucky by many to lose to Moycarkey-Borris in a county semi-final, after a replay. They were most successful in juvenile and under-age ranks back in the sixties, but this is their big breakthrough at senior level.

Likewise Loughmore-Castleiney — they have never won the county senior hurling title, though they have won hurling honours at under-age level and of course in football. Four years ago they got to the final for the first time, but Borris-Ileigh proved their masters. In recent years they have been the dominant force in Mid-Tipperary, and the feeling is that this is a make or break year for them.

So the scene is set for what should be an encounter in keeping with the importance of the occasion, both historically, and from the point of view

of the senior final in the champion county in Munster. It is interesting to note that this is the first time since 1951 that a West Tipperary team has contested the final. In that year, Clonoulty lost to Holycross. The last time a West team triumphed was back in '43 when Eire Og, Anacarty overcame Moycarkey-Borris.

It is also interesting to note that this is the first time since '65 that the North division is not represented in the senior final. In '65 the final was between Thurles Sarsfields, the winners, and Carrick Davins.

New ground then is being broken this year with the plinth of the Dan Breen Cup to receive a new name. Who will it be? That's an imponderable, as both sides have been impressive on their way to the final. Cappawhite have defeated teams from North (Roscrea) and Mid (Sarsfields) on their way to the final, so as West champions they have nothing to fear from the other divisions. Similarly, Loughmore-Castleiney eliminated the fancied Kilruane MacDonagh in the semi-final, so they are likely to be in a very confident mood.

It is the most open final for many a year, and hopefully, it will be a contest worthy of a centenary final. All the indications are that it will.

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Congratulations and best wishes to Cappawhite Hurlers.

PATHS TO THE FINAL

Cappawhite

Cappawhite, 1-14; Golden, 2-4.
Cappawhite, 2-16; Knockavilla
Kickhams, 1-11.

Cappawhite, 4-15; Clonoulty, 3-10.

County Quarter-final

Cappawhite, 1-20; Roscrea, 1-14.

County Semi-final

Cappawhite, 2-15; Thurles Sarsfields,
1-14.

Loughmore/Castleiney

(Losers' Group system)

Loughmore, 3-9; Sarsfields, 1-11.
Loughmore, 3-19; JK Brackens, 1-2.
Loughmore, 4-13; Moycarkey, 2-7.

Final

Loughmore, 2-11; Sarsfields, 2-10.

County Quarter-final

Loughmore, 2-13; Killenaule, 3-6.

County Semi-final

Loughmore, 1-12; Kilruane, 0-12.

Sarsfields

(League system)

Sarsfields, 4-12; Moycarkey, 2-7.

Sarsfields, 4-14; JK Brackens, 2-3.

Sarsfields, 1-7; Gortnahoe, 1-4.

Sarsfields, 4-12; Boherlahan, 1-7.

Sarsfields, 6-15; Upperchurch, 0-2.

Sarsfields, 2-3; Holycross, 2-4.

Final

Sarsfields, 4-6; Holycross, 2-8.

County Semi-final

Sarsfields, 3-11; Cashel, 0-6.

Toomevara

Toomevara, 3-10; Erin's Hope, 1-5.

Final

Toomevara, 2-14; Kilruane, 2-4.

County Semi-final

Toomevara 1-9; St. Mary's, 0-2.

Mickey Byrne - Record Holder

Mickey "Rattler" Byrne of Thurles Sarsfields holds the Tipperary record for County Senior Hurling Medals. He won 14 in an illustrious career with the famous "Blues". His winning years were 1944, 1945, 1946, 1952, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965.



MINOR FINAL '87

'85 CO. CHAMPIONS: SARSFIELDS

versus

'86 CO. CHAMPIONS: TOOMEVARA

THE county minor hurling final brings into contention two clubs steeped in hurling tradition in Tipperary - Toomevara, the reigning champions, and Thurles Sarsfields.

The pages of Tipperary hurling history are full of references to the famous "Greyhounds" and the equally famous "Blues" and to-day's confrontation between these great rivals will surely evoke memories for many an old-timer in the crowd and, indeed, many who are well short of "the pension".

Anyone who has been following juvenile GAA affairs will not be surprised that the minor final is being contested by these two clubs. Toomevara have enjoyed tremendous success in juvenile ranks in recent years and have annexed county honours in all age groups, under 12, 14 and 16. Last year's triumph over Moycarkey-Borris in the minor final was the logical end product of that success and the indications are that Toomevara, for so long a household name in Tipperary hurling, is well on the way to regaining that eminence again.

Dúrlas Óg, since its foundation in '79, has been the outstanding juvenile club and its achievements have helped to revive interest in hurling in Thurles, once the stronghold of the game in the county, but sadly out of

the limelight for too long. Like Toomevara, Dúrlas Óg have won

SEAN TREACY CUP

Minor Co. Championship



This trophy was presented by the Tipperary Association, Dublin in 1958 to commemorate Sean Treacy who died for Ireland on 14th. October, 1920.

honours at all levels in juvenile Hurling, but unlike Toomevara, players with Dúrlas Óg must decide on leaving the under-16 grade which of the town's four adult clubs they will play with – Sarsfields, Kickhams, Fennellys or Rathealy.

Sarsfields have certainly benefited from the great work of Dúrlas Óg, and they won county minor honours two years ago and they, too, will be hoping that the successes at under age level will in time be reflected in the senior grade.

It is appropriate here to pay tribute to the great work of Bórd na nÓg for under-age hurling in the county. The people involved at this level get none of the publicity or prominence that

goes with the higher grades but, without them, hurling and Gaelic games would be all the poorer.

In many ways, the minor final could be regarded as Bórd na nÓg's showpiece as it reflects the end-product of their work for these youngsters over the past half-dozen years.

It is something of a cliché – but very true at the same time – to say that those in action in the minor final today will be the stars of club, if not also county hurling, in Tipperary tomorrow, and so we will sit back and enjoy what we hope will be a thrilling contest between two worthy representatives of under-age hurling in Tipperary.

COUNTY FINAL DAYS

The 1911 Final was played at Cashel. Thurles Blues defeated Toomevara 4-5 to 1-0.

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The first fifteen aside final was decided in Cashel in 1913. Victory went to North representatives Toomevara, in a one-sided game. Their opponents, O'Leary's (Tipperary), managed only a single point, while Toomevara scored 6-4. (This was the 1912 final).

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Boherlahan was the venue for the 1916 final. A large crowd gathered and witnessed a game which was played at a furious pace. The home team won 2-2 to 0-0 for Toomevara.

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Borrisoleigh was the appointed venue for the 1929 decider. A crowd of 10,000 saw Thurles Blues take the title. They had an easy task in ousting Toomevara 4-3 to 1-3.

The 1944 final was fixed for Borrisoleigh. The contestants were Thurles Sarsfields and Kilruane MacDonaghs. Disgraceful scenes took place on that day, Sunday, 22nd October, 1944, which caused the game to be abandoned, with twelve minutes remaining. Referee Gerry O'Keeffe of Clonmel had no option but to call off the game as sufficient players were not available to restart. Several injuries were received in a very serious incident. The score was: Thurles Sarsfields 6-3, Kilruane MacDonaghs 1-4.

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40 years ago. On 26th October, 1947, Carrick Swans beat Borrisoleigh 5-4 to 2-2 at Clonmel. The game was attended by about 8,000 spectators. The teams were level 2-2 each at half-time. Borrisoleigh failed to score in the second half. Mr. Denis Costello was referee.



John Neill, Cappawhite, receiving the West Championship trophy from Chairman Michael Maguire.



John Cormack, Loughmore, receiving the Mid Championship trophy from Pat Cullen, Mid Chairman.

Na Sairséalaigh ***(Thurles Sarsfields)***

Dathanna: Gorm is Bán (Blue and White)

(1) P. Ó Duláinigh
PADRAIG DELANEY

(2) F. Staiclium (Capt.)
FIONN STAKELUM

(3) T. Ó Meachair
THOMAS MAHER

(4) A. Ó Ceallanáin
ANDREAS CALLANAN

(5) R. Ó Corcoráin
RICHARD CORCORAN

(6) C. Ó hAnracháin
CLIVE HANRAHAN

(7) P. Ó Gamhna
PAUL GOONEY

(8) B. Ó Cearbhail
BRENDAN CARROLL

(9) P. Ó tSiurdán
PAT JORDAN

(10) S. Ó Chuinn
SEAMUS QUINN

(11) P. Ó Muineog
PAT MINOGUE

(12) B. Ó Dubhail
WALTER DOYLE

(13) C. Ó Concubhair
KEN O'CONNOR

(14) E. Ó Comáin
EDDIE COMAN

(15) T. Mac Cuag
TREVOR COOKE

FIR IONAIÐ: (16) M. Mac Giolla Gunna (**Martin McElgunn**); (17) P. Ó Dondúin (**Padraig Dundon**); (18) B. Ó Spealláin (**Brian Spillane**); (19) D. Ó Sé (**Donal O'Shea**); (20) S. Ó Ceallanáin (**Sean Callanan**); (21) C. Ó Dochartaigh (**Ken Doherty**); (22) P. Ó Moicléir (**Paul Mockler**); (23) A. Ó Comáin (**Tony Coman**); (24) M. Ó tSiurdán (**Mark Jordan**); (25) B. Ó Mathúna (**Brian O'Mahony**).

SELECTORS — Michael McElgunn, Michael Dundon, Pat O'Shea,
Liam Hanrahan and Michael Maher.

NA SAIRSÉALAIGH	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
1 adh Leath					
2 adh Leath					
Iomlán					

Tuaim Uí Mheára

(Toomevara)

Dathanna: Uaithne is Óir (Green and Gold)

(1) C. Mac Cormac
KEVIN McCORMACK

(2) P. Ó Dulánaigh (Capt.)
PAUL DELANEY

(3) S. Ó Brioslán
SEAMUS BRISLANE

(4) S. Frend
GEORGE FREND

(5) A. Ó Dulánaigh
TONY DELANEY

(6) D. Ó Meára
DECLAN Ó MEARA

(7) S. Ó Chinneide
JOE KENNEDY

(8) D. Ó Spealáin
DAVID SPILLANE

(9) M. Ó Mára
MICHAEL O'MEARA

(10) M. Ó Dulánaigh
MICHILÍN DELANEY

(11) C. Ó Chinnéide
KEVIN KENNEDY

(12) L. Ó hÓgáin
LIAM HOGAN

(13) T. Ó Cearbhail
TOMMY CARROLL

(14) L. Ó Cearbhail
BILL CARROLL

(15) L. Ó Riain
WILLIE RYAN

FIR IONAID: (16) M. Ó Riain (**Michael Ryan**); (17) S. Ó Riain (**Joe Ryan**); (18) A. Ó Duibhir (**Arthur O'Dwyer**); (19) P. Ó Cionalaigh (**Paul Kenneally**); (20) T. Bergin (**Tom Bergin**); (21) M. Ó Brioslán (**Michael Brislane**).

SELECTORS — Frankie Ryan, Sean Nolan, Joe McGrath.

TUAIM UÍ MHEÁRA	Cúil	Cúllíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
1 adh Leath					
2 adh Leath					
Iomlán					

Ceapach na Faoite

(Cappawhite)

Dathanna: Bán is Gorm (White and Blue)

(1) D. Ó Néill
DAN O'NEILL

(2) M. Ó Cochláin
MYLES COUGHLAN

(3) M. Ó Buachalla
MICHAEL BUCKLEY

(4) D. Ó Riain
DAN RYAN (P)

(5) D. Ó hAonghusa
DEASÚN HENNESSY

(6) A. Ó Néill
ANTHONY O'NEILL

(7) G. Ó Riain
GER RYAN (B)

(8) E. Ó Riain
EAMON RYAN (B)

(9) S. Ó Riain
SIMON RYAN (L)

(10) A. Ó Buachalla
AUSTIN BUCKLEY

(11) C. Ó Riain
CONOR RYAN (H)

(12) P. Ó Néill
PA O'NEILL

(13) S. Ó Néill (Capt.)
JOHN O'NEILL

(14) G. Ó Néill
GER O'NEILL

(15) M. Mac Diarmada
MARTIN MacDERMOTT

FIR IONAIÐ: (16) S. de Barra (**John Barry**); (17) S. Ó Riain (**John Ryan (P)**); (18) N. Ó Buachalla (**Noel Buckley**); (19) A. MacGuidhir (**Eugene Maguire**); (20) R. Cuirc (**Dick Quirke**); (21) M. Ó Riain (**Michael Ryan (L)**); (22) T. Ó Cochláin (**Tom Coughlan**); (23) P. Ó Buachalla (**Paul Buckley**).

SELECTORS — Gerry Creedan, Liam Treacy, Rusty Keane (*Trainer*).

CEAPACH	Cúil	Cúilini	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
1 adh Leath					
2 adh Leath					
Iomlán					

Luach Magh-Caisleán Aoibhne (Loughmore-Castleiney)

Dathanna: Uaithne is Dearg (Green and Red)

(1) P. Mac Craith
FRANKIE MacGRATH

(2) R. de Stapltón
RICHARD STAPLETON

(3) P. Ó Braonáin
PETER BRENNAN

(4) S. Ó Meachair
JIM MAHER

(5) P. Ó Cormaic
PAT CORMACK

(6) S. Ó Cormaic (Vice-Capt.)
JOHN CORMACK

(7) E. Mac Suibhne
EAMON SWEENEY

(8) E. Ó Riain
NED RYAN

(9) E. Ó Braonáin
EAMON BRENNAN

(10) S. Ó Bohan
SEAMUS BOHANE

(11) P. Ó Treasaí
PAT TREACY

(12) T. Mac Craith
TOM McGRATH

(13) L. Ó Cormaic
LIAM CORMACK

(14) M. Mac Craith
MICHAEL MacGRATH

(15) P. Mac Craith
PAT MacGRATH

FIR IONAIÐ: (16) S. Ó Treasaigh (**John Treacy**, Capt.); (17) T. Ó Lorcain (**Tom Larkin**); (18) D. Ó Ciolaigh (**Dinny Kiely**); (19) R. Ó hAogáin (**Dick Egan**); (20) P. Ó Loinsigh (**Pat Lynch**); (21) M. Ó Meachair (**Martin Maher**).

SELECTORS — Paddy Kenny (Coach), Mick McGrath, Mick Walsh, John Fitzpatrick, Pat Cullen.

LUACH MAGH	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pecanna
1 adh Leath					
2 adh Leath					
lomlán					

To-day's Captains

CAPPAWHITE



John Neill

LOUGHMORE/CASTLEINEY



John Treacy

SARSFIELDS



Fionn Stakelum

TOOMEVARA



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THE 1937 County Hurling Final at Thurles between Moycarkey—Borris and Cashel proved to be one of the best contests in the history of the championships. Full of thrills throughout, productive of brilliant hurling, an abundance of goals and an exciting finish, in which the players were lashed by a heavy downpour, the game has found a place amongst the records of the best county finals ever.

From West and Mid, North and South, Tipperary Gaels converged on Thurles and were rewarded with an hour's hurling, not alone productive of many brilliant phases and continuous varying play but all the elements which every final lacked since the famous "Clash of '29" between Thurles Sarsfields and Toomevara. Not since then had the county been treated to such a worthy final. In some respect it even eclipsed that memorable clash.

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Scores came with such rapidity and play was so constantly changing that it was anybody's game up to the finish. Although Moycarkey were worthy of their victory, few would have denied

Cashel their triumph had they won. The amazing half-time scoreline of 6-2 to 4-1 in Moycarkey's favour was partly due to initial slackness in the Cashel backline.

The winners' forward line was easily the strongest part of the team. At centre-field "Sweeper" and William Ryan no more than held their own against the Cashel pair, Ed Morrissey and Michael Ryan. Moycarkey's skipper got little chance to shine but nevertheless put in some very useful hurling. All the forwards played splendidly, with Tom Hayes, Mutt Ryan and Tom Kennedy, in that order, slightly superior to their team mates. Of the backs, Johnny Ryan, Tom Hayes and P. Maher were best.

It was left to the vanquished, however, to provide the hero of the game. Mick Burke stood out head and shoulders over everyone else, his accuracy, whether off frees or when wriggling amongst a bunch of opponents, was magnificent. If a minute-by-minute account of the first half were compiled it would contain his name more frequently than those of the other twenty-nine players combined. In the second half he was



Moycarkey-Borris v. Cashel at Thurles on Sunday, 20th September, 1937

Paddy Ryan ("Sweeper") leads Moycarkey-Borris in the pre-match parade prior to the 1937 County Senior Hurling Final in which they defeated Cashel. He is followed by Tom Kennedy, Johnny Ryan, Mick Dempsey, Paddy Maher ("Balty"), Jimmy Maher, Matty Ryan, Billy O'Keeffe (partly hidden) and Willie Ryan. Cashel are led by Mick Burke followed by P. O'Brien.

not so prominent but did enough to maintain his position. The defence, very weak in the first ten minutes, gradually improved, with Michael Murphy, Stephen Morrissey and John Barrett the most in evidence. The forwards, although they lost two golden chances on the turn-over, were the best department of the combination. Geoff O'Shea, at centre-forward, proved a surprise packet. Other members of the attack to play exceptionally well were Tom Dwyer and Thomas Parson.

Victory eventually went to

Moycarkey on the score 7-6 to 6-2, but Cashel made them earn it.

Moycarkey-Borris: Patrick Ryan (capt.), Thomas Kelly (goal), Thomas Hayes, John Ryan, Martin Healy, Thomas Keeffe, Mattie Ryan, Paddy Maher, Michael Dempsey, Thomas Kennedy, Thomas Hayes, James Maher, Mutt Ryan, Willie O'Keeffe, Willie Ryan.

Cashel: Michael Burke (capt.), David Boland (goal), Michael McCarthy, Florence McCarthy, Phil Holmes, Michael Murphy, Stephen Morrissey, Edward Morrissey, John Barrett, Michael Ryan, Thomas Parson, Denis O'Brien, Geoffrey O'Shea, Michael Leamy, Thomas Dwyer.
James O'Loughlin, Thurles, refereed.

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STAR OF THE PAST

Bill Ryan Laha

BILL RYAN LAHA, the sole survivor of the last team to win an All Ireland football final for Tipperary. Bill is now 93 years. He played right-back most of his life on the team with the exception of one occasion against Sligo in an All-Ireland semi-final when he played centrefield. On the same day the Tipperary hurlers were beaten by Kilkenny. It was the 1922 championship played in 1923.

Bill was on the Tipperary team for twelve or thirteen years and won three Munster football medals! The other two were in 1918 when Wexford beat them in the final and 1920 when they went ahead to win their last All-Ireland football Championship.

His first success was with Castleiney when he won a senior football medal in 1914 when they were combined with Templetuohy. The combination beat Nenagh Institute in the final at Thurles. There were only two drinking on the team. Bill recalls they were taken in to John Maher's after the match by some Gael and there were only two alcoholic drinks in the round. They were beaten in the county final in 1915. They didn't have the full team as some were injured and one of the players had a death in the family. They broke up with Templetuohy after that. A few went with Templemore. In 1925 they beat Fethard in the final at Carrick-on-Suir. Three years later they won the Mid but were beaten by Fethard in the Final.

Tipperary were beaten by Kerry in the 1919 Munster final but they



Bill Ryan Laha

reversed the result in 1920. They overcame Mayo by five points in the semi-final. The All-Ireland against Dublin was played in June, 1922. The team trained in Mullinahone, staying in houses for the fortnight. Those from around the area went home at night. Every day there was a regimen of football, running and sprints. There was no compensation for being away from the farm. The final result was 1-6 to 1-2 in favour of Tipperary.

Bill has vivid memories of 'Bloody Sunday' in November 1920. The occasion was a challenge match between Dublin and Tipperary to raise funds for the I.R.A. The team went up on Saturday evening. Bill got the train at Templemore. There were fourteen English soldiers on the train and there was nearly an incident between them and the players. When the train arrived at Kingsbridge there was a large military presence and Bill and his fellow players expected to be arrested on some pretext. Instead the soldiers were arrested. Seemingly, they had done some damage at the station at Templemore before leaving and the station-master had wired Dublin. The players stayed at Barry's Hotel. When the team lined out on the Sunday, Mick Hogan was playing behind Bill. They had a discussion about changing positions because the Dublin corner-forward, Frank Burke, was a great forward and a bit of a handful for Hogan. However, they didn't change. Tipperary were defending the Canal End and the game was on about twelve minutes when the attack came. The soldiers came in at the Canal End and there was pandemonium when the firing started. The field also was surrounded because Bill made two attempts to get away and was turned back by the military on both occasions. Eventually, somebody gave him a coat and he made his way back to the hotel where the team had toged out. There was no score at the

time of the military incursion and the match was replayed for a set of medals the following year and Tipperary won. Two other members of that team were shot later: Jackie Brett went with the column and was shot and Jim Egan got shot in the Civil War.

Bill was not a big man. In fact he was only 5' and weighed only 11-8 at peak fitness. He relied on speed, which he had in abundance, and highfielding to make up for his physical limitations.

The two best footballers he ever saw were Tommy Murphy of Laois and Larry Stanley of Kildare. Bill's life wasn't all football. He started hurling with the Clonmore junior team. Later he played with Templetoohy juniors and won a Mid final with them in 1923. He won another medal with Castleiney juniors in 1925 on a team that included Martin Whelan of Toomevara, who was working on the Council in the area at the time. The team had to go senior as a result of this victory and Bill won a Mid senior medal with them in 1928.

He stopped playing in 1932 when his knee went and became a club officer. Himself and Jim Ryan of Loughmore carried the team along for many years after that. He's looking forward to a Loughmore-Castleiney victory today with as much enthusiasm as he did to his own great victory in the Mid Senior final in 1928.

Bill was honoured with Mid Hall of Fame award in 1985.

Best wishes to Loughmore/Castleiney in the County Final

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STAR OF THE PAST

Pat Furlong - Cappawhite

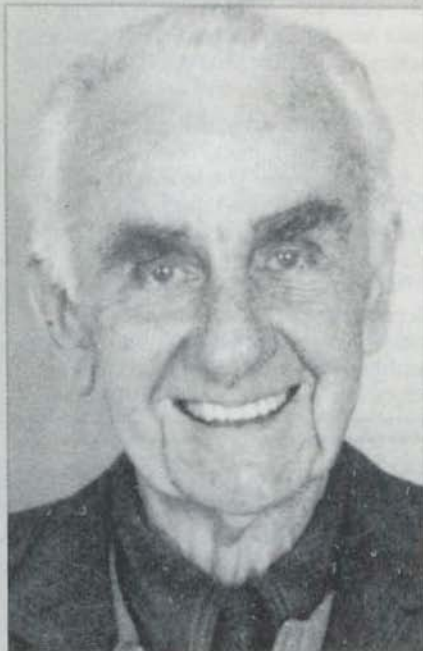
ONE OF Cappawhite's most loved sons has lived throughout all the great achievements of the club. Born in 1904 into an old Gaelic family. His older brother George was captain on the first ever winning Cappawhite team which won the 1913 South Tipperary Junior Hurling Championship.

Pat Furlong played most of his hurling in the late 'Twenties and early 'Thirties. He won a South Championship Junior Hurling medal with Solohead in 1926, a neighbouring parish before the West Board was founded.

Cappawhite, situated beside the Co. Limerick border, had many attractions for roving hurlers and at regular intervals a car would be sent from a certain club in East Limerick across the border to collect some prominent players to play in important matches. On one such occasion the Cappawhite boys arrived in Limerick and were seeking direction for the Market Field — the present Greyhound Track — which was the old G.A.A. Field. This is equivalent to a Tipperary hurler asking in Thurles the directions to the hurling field, much to the embarrassment of their guest club.

It was during these incursions into County Limerick his powers of hurling came to light and he was considered for a place on the Limerick Senior hurling team until further investigation showed that he lived on the wrong side of the border.

A prominent Limerick official suggested to the Tipperary mentors



Pat Furlong

his hurling ability and he was selected by Tipperary County Junior hurling team which won the Triple Crown in 1930. He was the first Cappawhite man to win an Adult All Ireland Championship hurling medal, as Bill Neill won the first ever All Ireland hurling medal as a minor some weeks before.

He was selected, and played Senior Inter County hurling for Tipperary in the League against Galway in Portumna the following year, but unfortunately broke his leg in an accident which ended his promising Inter County career.

He played a prominent part in the Cappawhite Donohill team which won the first ever Junior hurling championship of West Tipperary. He also was on the losing team of the above combinations in West Senior hurling finals against the all conquering Clonoulty men in 1931 and 1932. In 1939 he won his second West Junior hurling championship with Rockwell Rovers.

Pat Furlong, in recalling his memories of triumphs and glories, can point with boyish grin to a mark left on him by the legendary John "Tyler" Mackey, father of Mick Mackey, for his incursions into Co. Limerick hurling.

Pat acted as secretary for the club in its early days. The Furlong Gaelic tradition was continued by his nephew, George Furlong, prominent player in the late 50's and also by his

grand nephew John Kelly, who won u21 and Senior All Irelands with Tipperary.

Pat Furlong was a very skilful, stylish and fast player, who played most of his games at centre forward in a sporting manner, which still is characteristic of the club.

Pat Furlong is now approaching his 84th birthday and was witness at all the club's great events in its history and of the winning of all its County hurling titles which include Juvenile, Minor, u21 and Junior. His most favourite wish is that he will witness Cappawhite winning its first Co. Senior hurling title and believes "to-day is the day".

We wish this great Gael, Pat Furlong, many more years of health, happiness and endless hours of hurling chat.

*Best wishes to Loughmore
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DOWN MEMORY LANE

By LIZ HOWARD

ROLL BACK the years to 1937 and the Tipperary hurlers who brought the McCarthy Cup to Thurles, to celebrate fifty years of hurling finals. Tipperary won the first All-Ireland hurling title in 1887, and Jim Lanigan had the honour of captaining his county to win the Jubilee All-Ireland fifty years later. Today, Jim and the other survivors of that team are with us here in Semple Stadium, except Fr. Phil Purcell who is far away in Africa. Sadly many are gone

to the playing fields of Heaven, but no doubt they are keeping an eye on proceedings in Thurles. Their memory will live on in Tipperary hurling folklore.

In 1937, they started their Munster campaign here in Thurles, defeating Cork, 4-3 to 3-5. The match started without Tommy Treacy and Jimmy Cooney who were playing in the Dublin Hurling Championship Final, on opposite sides. However, they made a dash to Thurles and took the field to a

All-Ireland Senior Hurling Champions 1937



Back row (l. to r.): D. Gorman, W. O'Donnell, W. Wall, Jim Lanigan (Capt.), John Maher, Ger Cornally, Jerry Doyle, Dan Mackey (Johnny Leahy). **Centre row** (l. to r.): (William Leahy), Jimmy "Butler" Coffee, Jimmy Cooney, Johnny Ryan, Bunny Murphy, T. Treacy, Phil Ryan, M. Maher. **Front row** (l. to r.): T. Ryan "Sweeper", T. Doyle, J. Gleeson, T. Butler.

great cheer. Tommy Treacy received a facial injury which necessitated him leaving the field. His departure let Cork back into the game, but Tipp. held on to win by a single point. That day a young man made a big impression with his speed, skill and style, his name was Tommy Doyle, a man, who was to become a household name in hurling circles.

The Munster Final was played in Cork. All-Ireland Champions Limerick provided the opposition. Limerick started well, Mick Mackey scored an early goal, followed by a point. The Tipperary backs settled down, and at half time the sides were level 1-2 all.

After the resumption Tipperary were first to score, two goals came quickly, and Limerick replied with a green flag also. The hurling was fast and furious in the best tradition of Munster Championship. Limerick were kept at bay by a great Tipperary defence and won 6-3 to 4-3, however the players involved say that it was a closer game than the score indicated. Tom Semple the famous Thurles Blues and Tipperary captain, and the legendary Capt. Johnny Leahy were the Tipperary mentors. Two men who knew their hurling.

Killarney was the venue for the All-Ireland, as Cusack Park was under construction and Hill 16 being terraced, Croke Park was unavailable. Kilkenny proved no match for Tipperary — half-time saw the men in Blue and Gold lead 2-8 to 0-2; the final score was 3-11 to 0-3. The entire championship was truly a team effort.

Today, Jim Lanigan, Dinny O'Gorman, Jer Cornally, Johnny Ryan, John Maher, Willie Wall, "Butler" Coffey, Tommy Doyle, "Sweeper" Ryan, "Bunny" Murphy and Phil Ryan are here as guests of the Co. Board and on December 4, will be guests of honour at a Celebration Dinner in Dundrum House Hotel.

There are many youngsters here today also, hoping that one day they too will wear the Blue and Gold of Tipperary. We hope that all present will enjoy the day, and that Loughmore-Castleiney and Cappawhite will produce a final to remember, also the young hurlers of Toomevara and Thurles. Good luck to all the players, and referees also. May it be a sporting occasion, full of good hurling and enjoyment.

HURLING FINAL SNIPPETS

The 1953 game was played at Thurles Sportsfield on Sunday, 4th October. A huge crowd of 16,000 gathered for the Borrisoleigh v. Boherlahan decider. A great display from Borrisoleigh brought them their third Senior Championship. The game was not without incident, one from each side went for the "long walk". Four points separated the teams when the final whistle sounded. Borrisoleigh 4-8, Boherlahan 4-4. *Remember the team?* Borrisoleigh — Paddy Delaney, Phibbie Kenny, M.J. Dwyer, Liam Meagher, Joe Prior, Jimmy Finn, Billy

Stapleton, Tim Ryan (Capt.), Philly Ryan, Liam Devaney, Seán Kenny, Ned Ryan, Phil Maher, Jim Quinn, Paddy Shanahan. Subs: Paddy Kenny, Pat Hammond, Mick Prior, Tom Ryan, Gerry O'Dwyer. Mr. Wm. O'Donoghue was referee. Programmes were on sale at 3d. Admission to field 1/6 (7½p), Stand 2/6 (12½p).

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Thurles Sarsfields played in eleven successive finals from 1955 to 1965. They won two sets of five, losing the middle game in 1960 to Toomevara — 3-15 to 2-8.

MEET THE PLAYERS

THURLES SARSFIELDS

PADRAIG DELANEY (17). Goalkeeper. He has won county championship medals at U/12, U/14 and U/16 level with Durlas Óg. He was a member of the 1987 C.B.S. team which won the Fitzgibbon Cup.

FIONN STAKELUM (18). Left Corner Back. Captain of today's team, he is son of Pat, who won three All Ireland medals with Tipperary in 1949, '50 and '51. Fionn has won U/12 hurling and football medals with Durlas Óg and a county minor medal in '85. He was also a member of the C.B.S. Fitzgerald Cup team.

THOMAS MAHER (17). Full-back. Thomas was born in Limerick City and moved to Thurles in 1970, where his father is Principal of Thurles Vocational School. He has won county medals with Durlas Óg at U/12, U/14 and U/16 level.

ANDREAS CALLANAN (18). Right Full Back. Son of Dick Callanan, former Sarsfields defender, who won numerous county medals in the early sixties. Andreas also has won county medals at under-age with Durlas Óg.

RICHARD CORCORAN (17). Left Half-back. Richard is a cousin of Tipperary captain, Richard Stakelum. He has won county medals at U/12, U/14 and U/16 level with Durlas Óg and has also won an U/16 Munster medal with Mid Tipp.

CLIVE HANRAHAN (16). Centre-back. Son of Liam, who played with Galmoy in Kilkenny and who is also a selector with the team. Clive captained the C.B.S. Rice Cup winning team in 1984. He has won U/12, U/14 and U/16 county medals with Durlas Óg and was a member of the Mid U/16 champions of 1986.

PAUL GOONEY (18). Right Half-back. A member of the successful Durlas Óg teams and has won county U/12, U/14, U/16 medals with them. He has also won Rice Cup and Fitzgibbon Cup with Thurles C.B.S. and Fitzgibbon Shield with Maynooth College.

BRENDAN CARROLL (17). Centrefield. Son of Michael, who played senior hurling with Kilkenny in the early '60s and nephew of the famous Ted of Kilkenny fame. Brendan has won county U/12, U/14 and U/16 medals with Durlas Óg and was a member of this year's Sarsfields' senior hurling panel.

PAT JORDAN (17). Centrefield. Pat has won county U/12, U/14 and U/16 medals with Durlas Óg; Fitzgibbon Cup with Thurles C.B.S.; has won several cross country championships with Thurles Crokes Athletic Club.

SEAMUS QUINN (16). Left Half-forward. Seamus has also won county U/12, U/14 and U/16 medals with Durlas Óg, in addition to Rice and Fitzgibbon Cup successes with Thurles C.B.S. He was a member of this year's Tipperary minor panel and came on as a sub in the All Ireland final.

PAT MINOGUE (18). Centre-forward. Pat was also a member of the Durlas Óg and won county U/12, U/14, U/16 medals. He has also Rice and Fitzgerald Cup medals with Thurles C.B.S.

WALTER DOYLE (18). Right Half-forward. Walter was a member of the successful Durlas Óg club and won an U/12 medal with them. After a long lay-off from the game, he has now made a successful return with Sarsfields at minor level.

KEN O'CONNOR (18). Left Half-forward. Ken is son of former Kerry footballer, Larry O'Connor, and nephew of the Kenny brothers of Borrisoleigh. He has won U/12 hurling with Durlas Óg and has played Dean Ryan and Harty cup with Thurles C.B.S.

EDDIE COMAN (17). Full-forward. Eddie's father John is one of a number of brothers who played with Moycarkey. Eddie has won U/12, U/14 and U/16 medals with Durlas Óg and Fitzgerald Cup with Thurles C.B.S.

TREVOR CROKE (17). Right Corner forward. Trevor is son of Jackie, who played with Killenaule and who is a selector on this

year's senior and junior teams. He has won U/12, U/14 and U/16 medals with Durlas Óg and also played with Thurles Vocational School.

MARTIN McELGUNN (16). Son of Micheál, former Sarsfields' and Tipperary defender. Martin has won U/12, U/14 and U/16 medals with Durlas Óg; Rice Cup and Fitzgerald Cup medals with Thurles C.B.S.

PADDY DUNDON (16). Son of Michael, editor Tipperary Star. Pdraig has won U/12, U/14 and U/16 medals with Durlas Óg and also Rice and Fitzgerald Cup medals with Thurles C.B.S.

DONAL O'SHEA (17). Son of Pat O'Shea, who is a selector on the minor team. Donal has also won U/12, U/14 and U/16 medals with Durlas Óg and Fitzgerald Cup with Thurles C.B.S.

SEAN CALLANAN (17). Sean is a brother of Andreas and has also been successful with Durlas Óg, winning U/12, U/14 and U/16 medals and also Fitzgerald Cup with Thurles C.B.S. in 1986.

BRIAN SPILLANE (18). Brian has won Rice Cup and Fitzgerald Cup medals with Thurles C.B.S. and was also a member of Durlas Óg, winning U/12, U/14 and U/16 medals. He has played Rice Cup and Fitzgerald Cup with Thurles C.B.S.

PAUL MOCKLER (18). Son of Bobby Mockler, who won several county medals with Sarsfields in the early 'sixties. Paul has won U/12, U/14 and U/16 medals with Durlas Óg and also plays with Thurles Vocational School.

KEN DOHERTY (16). Currently playing with Durlas Óg, and won an U/16 medal with the club this year. He has also won U/12 and U/14 medals; plays with Thurles Vocational School.

TONY COMAN (15). Youngest member of the panel, Tony is a brother of Eddie. He has won U/14 and U/16 medals with Durlas Óg.

MARK JORDAN (17). Due to a broken leg, Mark has been unable to play with the team since early in the Championship. He has also won U/12, U/14 and U/16 medals with Durlas Óg.

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MEET THE PLAYERS

TOOMEVARA

DECLAN O'MEARA (17), Centre Back. Played centrefield last year; member of this year's Tipp. minor team; also a successful rugby player with Nenagh.

JOE KENNEDY (17), Right Half Back. Also a member of this year's Tipperary minor team and formed a successful midfield partnership with Declan O'Meara last year. Also plays football on his days off.

MICHAEL O'MEARA (18), Centrefield. Captain of Tipp. minor team that was beten in All Ireland final. Plays with Toom senior team. Also played rugby with Munster U/18 team this year. Won County U/21 medal last year.

DAVID SPILLANE (17), Centrefield. Brother of Brendan, on senior team. Won U/16 County medal two years ago. Hoping to add to his collection today.

MICHILIN DELANEY (18), Left Half-forward. member of this year's Tipp. minor team. Hoping to collect his second County minor medal. Has won numerous underage championships. Son of Mikey, who played with Toom senior teams during the '60s and '70s.

KEVIN KENNEDY (16), Centre-forward. First year on the team; played on this year's North U/16 team; also plays a bit of football in his spare time.

LIAM HOGAN (18), Right Half-forward. Came on the team in last year's semi-final against St. Mary's. Started off his hurling career as a goalie. Also an amateur jockey.

TOMMY CARROLL (16), Left Corner Forward. Played on this year's North Tipp. U/16 team. Major influence in winning this year's North U/16 title. Hoping to collect his second County minor title.

BILL CARROLL (18), Full-forward. Brother of Tommy. Also collected a medal last year. Regular full forward during this year's campaign.

WILLIE RYAN (18), Right Corner Forward. Also hoping to collect his second minor medal, but this time as a player. Has won nearly every under-age medal to date.

MARTIN BRISLANE (18). Played centre-

forward on last year's team; has been out of action since that match and is recently recovering from a knee operation; will be sorely missed today.

MICHAEL RYAN (18). Won U/16 County medal two years ago; son of Frankie, who is a selector of today's team and who played such a key role of the last Toom senior success; also plays rugby with Nenagh.

JOE RYAN (17). Won North U/16 medal last year along with a County minor medal; son of Con who played on the great Toom teams of the '60s.

ARTHUR O'DWYER (16). Won North U/16 medal this year. Hoping to collect his first minor medal.

PAUL KENNEALLY (17). First year on the team. Won U/16 County medal two years ago.

TOM BERGIN (18). First year on the team.

MICHEAL BRISLANE (16). Brother of full-back Seamus; won North U/16 medal this year.

KEVIN McCORMACK (16). Goalkeeper. Goalie from last year's winning team; son of John Joe, who played in Toom's last County winning senior team; has won nearly every under-age club honour; played full-back for this year's U/16 team.

PAT DELANEY (17), Left Corner Back. Captain of this year's team. Also played on last year's team; has been known to play a bit of football with Vocational School, Nenagh.

SEAMUS BRISLANE (18), Full-back. Also the regular full-back last year. Has won U/12, U/14, U/16 County medals. Plays some rugby during the off season.

GEORGE FREND (17), Right Corner Back. Final member of a resolute full-back line. What he lacks in size is more than made up in skill and quickness around the square. Hoping to add another minor medal to numerous under-age achievements to date.

TONY DELANEY (16), Left Half Back. Centre back on this year's North U/16 team. Brother of Michilin, also on the team. Also hoping to add to many previous under-age successes.

TIOBRAID ÁRANN

The Tipperary Minor team who defeated Cork in the Munster Final at Thurles.



BACK ROW (l. to r.): John Leahy, Colm Egan, Brendan Hogan, Michael Ryan, Brendan Corcoran, Conal Bonnar, Noel Keane.
FRONT ROW (l. to r.): Kevin Ryan, Don Lyons, Pat Kearns, Brendan Ryan, Justin Quinlan, Michael O'Meara (Capt.), Liam Sheedy, Seamus Bohan.

THURLES SARSFIELDS G.A.A. CLUB

RECORDS do not reveal the exact date and location of the foundation of the club but tradition gives the year of its inception as 1884, while the *Cashel Sentinel* lists the club as being affiliated to the G.A.A. in 1885. The first major contribution by the club to the G.A.A. was the organising of the famous Gaelic Tournament on Easter Sunday 1886. To the town was given the honour of bringing forth the Association, and this was the day of its baptism.

While the club was widely known as the "Blues", it was in its original colours of Green and Gold that it had the honour of winning the first County Championship in 1887, and later, representing Tipperary, won the first All Ireland Hurling Championship.

Seventeen years were to elapse before the club regained the county championship. Sometime during those intervening years the club adopted the colours of Blue and White and with Tom Semple as captain won the championships of 1904, 1906, 1907, 1909 and 1911 and the All Ireland Championships of 1906 and 1908.

In 1912 the club entered a lean period and were out of honours until 1929 when they regained the county title and under the captaincy of John Joe Callanan, went on to win the 1930 All Ireland. The club was again victorious in 1936, 1938 and 1939 with

OFFICERS

President: John Lanigan.
Chairman: Donal O'Gorman.
Vice-Chairman: Liam O'Donoghue.
Secretary: John McCormack.
P.R.O.: Michael Dundon.

Jim Lanigan captaining the club selection to the All Ireland in 1937.

Further success came in 1942, '44, '45 and '46 with John Maher captaining the county team All Ireland success in 1945. Our next county success was in 1952 when we beat Borrisoleigh at Nenagh before 15,000 spectators. 1955 heralded a golden era in Sarsfields' history for in this year, and again in 1956, it won the "Triple Crown" of senior, junior and minor county titles.

Indeed between 1955 and 1965 the club won 10 county senior titles, 4 minor titles, and three junior titles. Minor titles were again won in 1973 and 1985 with our last senior title won in 1974. 1977 saw the realisation of a dream when the Social Centre was opened.

Although the club has been out of major honours since '74, this year has brought new hope with the seniors reaching a county semi-final and both juniors and minors reaching the county final.

We hope that this year's successes are the start of a much desired revival in the club.

MAN OF THE MATCH AWARD

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1983 NOEL O'DWYER	Borrisoleigh	1985 EAMON O'SHEA	Kilruane MacDonagh
		1986 PHILIP KENNY	Borrisoleigh

1984 — Centenary Year.

The advent of the new field, with its spacious playing facilities and the introduction of Theo English, Tipperary former great, as team coach and selector, along with Rev. Jim Egan and Jerry Creedon as selectors, enabled Cappawhite to enter a Golden Era after 100 years of G.A.A. They won 3 senior hurling West finals on the trot and were unlucky to lose to Moycarkey Borris and Kilruane in the county shake-up.

They surrendered the West Championship title rather easily in 1986 to

Eire Óg Annacarty, but they returned in '87 by beating Clonoulty Rossmore by 8 points in a dramatic final. They were being led by 9 points at half-time.

Cappawhite, having beaten Roscrea and Thurles Sarsfields on the way to their historic Senior first final will be trying to emulate Clonoulty who won it in 1888 and Eire Óg Annacarty in 1943 for West Tipp.

Today will tell whether another glorious chapter will be added to the history books for the little village under Slieve Phelim Hill.

LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY G.A.A. CLUB

Presidents: Bill Ryan Laha and Richard McGrath.

Chairman: Pat Cullen.

Secretary: John Treacy.

Treasurer: Eddie Webster.

P.R.O.: Pat Healy.

G.A.A. clubs were formed in Loughmore and Castleiney in 1885.

THE parish had its first success in 1914 when Castleiney defeated Nenagh in the county football final. The two parts of the parish were united in one club in 1961. Of the present hurling team, Pat McGrath, Peter Brennan, John Cormack and Jim Maher won All-Ireland under-age medals with Tipperary. The four McGrath brothers are cousins of the Treacy brothers and Ned Ryan. There are also the Brennan brothers and the Cormack brothers.

Loughmore-Castleiney went senior in 1981 after winning the county intermediate hurling championship the previous year. They played the county final in Cashel in 1983 and were pipped by Borrisileigh.

In the last few years the club has developed a new central parish field at

Cugilla and built modern dressing-rooms.

Present club chairman, Pat Cullen, won a minor football title in 1956 at the age of fifteen years. He was on the successful club teams at the beginning of the 21-in-a-row mid championship sequence and had the distinction of presenting the cup to the captain of the winning 21st team as the Mid-Board chairman. In fact, Pat is the first Loughmore-Castleiney man to hold the position of Mid chairman.

Another clubman, Sean Ryan, was secretary of the Mid Board in 1966. Pat Cullen's grand-uncle, of the same name, was founder of the Faughs club and put up some of the money for the purchase of Croke Park. The population of the parish is less than 1,200 people.

100 Years of County Finals

TIPPERARY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 1887 - 1987

1887	Thurles	0-3	North Tipperary	0-0
1888	Clonoulty	1-1	Boherlahan	0-2
1889	Moycarkey	1-3	Toomevara	1-0
1890	Toomevara — No records available of games played			
1891	— 1893 — No Championship played due to Parnellite split.			
1894	Drombane	4-4	Thurles	0-0
1895	Tubberadora	3-9	Suir View	2-7
	(After extra time)			
1896	Tubberadora	4-8	Suir View	2-2
1897	Suir View	4-3	Horse & Jockey	2-9
	(Not replayed. Title awarded to Suir View)			
1898	Tubberadora	3-7	Horse & Jockey	1-4
1899	Horse & Jockey	3-8	Two Mile Borris	2-4
	(Replay)			
1900	Two Mile Borris	w/o	Moycarkey	Scr.
1901	Ballytarsna	7-11	Thurles	0-1
1902	Lahorna De Wets	7-10	Carrick	1-2
1903	Two Mile Borris — (Awarded Title from Lahorna De Wets)			
1904	Thurles	5-8	Lahorna De Wets	3-9
1905	Two Mile Borris	w/o	Lorrha	Scr.
1906	Thurles	4-11	De Wets	3-6
1907	Thurles	3-13	De Wets	1-6
1908	Thurles	2-6	Giengoole	4-2
	(Co. Convention declared 1908 Championship dropped and void)			
1909	Thurles	10-4	Racecourse/Grangemockler	5-2
1910	Toomevara — (Won Title on objection to Racecourse after two games)			
1911	Thurles	4-5	Toomevara	1-0
1912	Toomevara	6-4	Tipperary/O'Leary's	0-1
1913	Toomevara	2-3	Cashel	0-0
1914	Toomevara	5-2	Boherlahan	3-1
1915	Boherlahan	4-4	Thurles	1-2
1916	Boherlahan	2-2	Toomevara	0-0
1917	Boherlahan	2-2	Toomevara	1-1
1918	Boherlahan	3-4	Toomevara	6-0
	(Title awarded to Boherlahan on objection)			
1919	(Toomevara) North Selection	3-0	Mid Selection	1-5
1920	— 1921 Championship not played due to War of Independence.			
1922	(Boherlahan) Mid Selection	5-1	North Selection	2-3
1923	(Toomevara) North Selection	5-4	South (Kilmoyler)	3-3
1924	(Boherlahan) South Selection	8-3	Mid Selection	1-0
1925	Boherlahan	5-4	Toomevara/Moneygall	2-3
1926	Moycarkey	6-4	Boherlahan	4-2
1927	Boherlahan	4-1	Toomevara	1-1
1928	Boherlahan	5-4	Clonoulty	2-2
1929	Thurles	4-3	Toomevara	1-3
1930	Toomevara	4-1	Boherlahan	1-0
	(Replay)			
1931	Toomevara	5-4	Moycarkey/Borris	0-2
1932	Moycarkey/Borris	7-6	Killenaule	5-1

1933	Moycarkey/Borris	1-7	Borrisokane	1-0
1934	Moycarkey/Borris	3-6	Kildangan/Kilbarron	2-3
1935	Thurles Sarsfields	6-5	Carrick Swans	0-2
1936	Thurles Sarsfields	2-10	Roscrea	0-3
1937	Moycarkey/Borris	7-6	Cashel	6-2
1938	Thurles Sarsfields	7-7	Kildangan	2-2
1939	Thurles Sarsfields	5-3	Cashel	4-2
1940	Moycarkey/Borris	4-7	Cashel	4-2
1941	Boherlahan	2-2	Eire Og/Anacarty	0-6
1942	Thurles Sarsfields	8-5	Killenaule	0-1
1943	Eire Og/Anacarty	4-3	Moycarkey/Borris	2-4
1944	Thurles Sarsfields	6-3	Kilruane McDonagh	1-4
1945	Thurles Sarsfields	1-4	Roscrea	1-0
	(Replay)			
1946	Thurles Sarsfields	4-5	Carrick Swans	0-3
1947	Carrick Swans	5-4	Borrisoleigh	2-2
1948	Holycross/Ballycahill	4-10	Lorrha	2-4
1949	Borrisoleigh	4-6	Knockavillad	2-1
1950	Borrisoleigh	2-7	Carrick Swans	2-3
1951	Holycross/Ballycahill	5-15	Clonoulty	1-4
1952	Thurles Sarsfields	5-6	Borrisoleigh	1-8
1953	Borrisoleigh	4-8	Boherlahan	4-4
1954	Holycross	6-5	Roscrea	2-3
1955	Thurles Sarsfields	4-10	Borrisoleigh	0-6
1956	Thurles Sarsfields	3-8	Lorrha	1-4
1957	Thurles Sarsfields	4-15	Na Piarisaigh	4-4
1958	Thurles Sarsfields	4-11	Toomevara	3-3
1959	Thurles Sarsfields	3-12	Kilruane McDonagh	2-6
1960	Toomevara	3-15	Thurles Sarsfields	2-8
1961	Thurles Sarsfields	3-4	Toomevara	0-9
1962	Thurles Sarsfields	1-9	Moycarkey/Borris	1-8
1963	Thurles Sarsfields	4-10	Roscrea	2-10
1964	Thurles Sarsfields	5-13	Holycross	1-4
1965	Thurles Sarsfields	3-11	Carrick Davins	2-7
	(Replay)			
1966	Carrick Davins	2-12	Lorrha	1-3
1967	Carrick Davins	2-10	Roscrea	2-7
1968	Roscrea	2-13	Thurles Sarsfields	3-4
1969	Roscrea	4-13	Carrick Davins	0-5
1970	Roscrea	3-11	Thurles Sarsfields	2-12
1971	Moyné/Templetuohy	2-8	Roscrea	0-6
1972	Roscrea	5-8	Borrisoleigh	3-6
1973	Roscrea	3-14	Kilruane McDonagh	3-8
1974	Thurles Sarsfields	3-6	Silvermines	1-10
1975	Moneygall	3-13	Kilruane McDonagh	0-5
	(Replay)			
1976	Moneygall	1-9	Roscrea	2-5
1977	Kilruane McD.	1-5	Borrisoleigh	0-5
	(Replay)			
1978	Kilruane McDonagh	2-14	Roscrea	2-13
1979	Kilruane McDonagh	2-18	Thurles Sarsfields	3-6
1980	Roscrea	3-11	Kilruane McDonagh	2-13
1981	Borrisoleigh	1-14	Roscrea	0-12
1982	Moycarkey/Borris	2-12	Roscrea	0-11
	(Replay)			
1983	Borrisoleigh	0-17	Loughmore C.	1-11
1984	Moycarkey-Borris	2-8	Lorrha	0-9
1985	Kilruane McDonagh	2-11	Roscrea	0-10
1986	Borrisoleigh	0-14	Kilruane McDonagh	0-7
1987	Cappawhite		Loughmore/Castleiney	

"THE WEST'S AWAKE" 1943

(The West's last County S.H. Title)



ÉIRE ÓG - 1943 COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Back row (left to right); Tom Burke, Willie O'Donnell (R.I.P.), Denis Condon (R.I.P.), Jackie Cooney, Jerry Ryan (W) (R.I.P.), Jimmy O'Donnell. **Middle row:** Philly Ryan (C), Tom Joye, Michael Ryan (C), Johnny Ryan (W). **Front row:** George Ryan, Jerry Ryan (R.I.P.), Jim Hanley (R.I.P.), Tom Ryan (C) (R.I.P.), Jack Dee (R.I.P.).

FOUR points ahead with eight minutes to go, Moycarkey Borris looked all set to take another county title; then, like a flash, Bill O'Donnell gained possession in a sharp Éire Óg attack and from twenty yards sent in a bullet-like shot which gave Jim Keeffe no chance. This was the turning point in a game which had abounded in thrills.

Éire Óg, infused with new life and hope, tore down the field again for Tom Joye to score another goal to be followed a minute later by Éire Óg's fourth, with Joye again the marksman. It was all over. Moycarkey, a defeated and bewildered side, had no reply, and the final whistle went with Éire Óg winners of their first county title by five points.

These few sentences epitomise what was probably one of the most dramatic rallies ever staged in a senior hurling final, and one which sent the large crowd frantic with excitement.

It was certainly a most sensational game in which Eire Óg were given only a slim chance of toppling a Mid team. Reflecting on the history of the side, Eire Óg's success was all the more remarkable. In 1934, '35 and '36 they won the West Tipperary Primary Schools' Championship, graduating to minor status under the name of Brian Borus. They won the West Tipperary minor hurling championships of 1938, '39 and '40. These same players formed the nucleus for the team which had swept all before them since 1941,

being beaten only twice in 37 matches — the 1941 county final by Boherlahan, and the 1942 county semi-final by Killenaule.

Certainly a record to be proud of, culminating in this the pinnacle of their success.

Eire Óg: J. O'Donnell, T. Ryan, J. Hanly, J. Dee, J. Ryan (C), Phil Ryan, J. Ryan, W. O'Donnell, T. Bourke, Gerry Ryan, Tom Ryan (Capt), Jerry Ryan (W), Tom Joye, J. Cooney, M. Ryan.
Subs: D. Dwyer and J. Carroll.

Moycarkey Borris: J. Keeffe, P. Purcell, T. Hayes, J. Maher, M. Dempsey, J. Ryan (Capt), T. Purcell, M. Hayes, W. Ryan, M. Ryan, P. Ryan, W. Keeffe, M.F. Cummins, T. Molloy, T. Hayes.

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ANNACARTY ABU!

*Here's a health to Eire Óg, may your banners never fall,
You beat Cappawhite and Cashel and you feared not Killenaule;
On the third day of October, Nineteen and Forty Three,
You beat Moycarkey, champions, and gained the victory.*

*Long life to Father Meagher, in glory may he shine,
Likewise his gallant parish team, all in their youth and prime;
With his good advice on training, he has surely done his best,
And succeeded in the final to bring honours to the West.*

*From the strong Moycarkey tactics, our backs did never yield,
The ball went down like lightning to the goal from centrefield;
Our forwards now were ready, they too were trained and fit,
And with style and combination, they seldom missed the net.*

*The training now has told its tale, it suppld every limb,
For this we must pay tribute to our old "Tipperary Tim";
Now Gaels all o'er the county, to victory you'll advance,
If you loyally keep together and give Eire Óg the chance.*

*So loyally work together and soon we'll see the day
We'll bring back the golden glories of our Gaels beneath the clay;
All youths now pay attention - wield the native ash,
And cheer once more to victory, Tipperary's famous dash.*

Thomas Ryan (Looby)

MINOR RESULTS

1931-1987

1931 South Selection		South Selection	1-0
1932 Mid Selection	51	West Selection	4-2
1933 Mid Selection	5-3	South Selection	2-2
1934 Mid Selection	4-3	Carrick	0-3
1935 Thurles C.B.S.	2-1		
1936 Thurles C.B.S.			
1937 Thurles C.B.S.		West Selection	2-4
1938 Mid Selection	6-2	Mid Selection	2-2
1939 North Selection	5-1		
1940 — 1945 Not played.			
1946 Mid Selection			
1947 Mid Selection		West Selection	2-3
1948 Mid Selection	8-6		
1949 — 1952 Not played.			
1953 Rahealty	6-7	Eire Og, Nenagh	5-2
1954 Thurles Sarsfields	2-9	St. Mary's, Clonmel	2-2
1955 Thurles Sarsfields	7-4	Eire Og, Nenagh	2-1
1956 Thurles Sarsfields	8-4	Toomevara	1-6
1957 Thurles Sarsfields	8-9	Borrisokane	3-1
1958 Roscrea	6-8	Thurles Sarsfields	5-3
1959 Roscrea	13-6	Wild Rovers, Cahir	2-3
1960 Roscrea	1-5	Ballingarry	1-3
1961 Roscrea	9-9	Na Fianna (Templemore/Clonakenny/ Drom)	2-5
		Na Fianna (Templemore/Clonakenny/ Drom)	2-1
1962 Roscrea	3-9	Ballingarry	3-3
		Carrick-on-Suir	2-4
1963 Roscrea	7-6	Moyné Loughmore	3-3
1964 Moyne Templeuohy	4-4	Cappawhite	1-7
1965 Cappawhite	5-6	Golden/Kilfeacle	0-3
1966 Roscrea	2-7	Roscrea	2-3
1967 Roscrea	4-7	Moycarkey/Borris	1-7
1968 Moycarkey/Borris	3-5	Clonoulty/Rossmore	3-6
1969 Eire Og, Nenagh	8-8	Boherlahan Dualla	3-3
1970 Boherlahan	7-6	Kilruane McDonagh	1-4
1971 Kilruane McDonagh	3-12	Cashel K.C.	2-5
1972 Moycarkey/Borris	2-5	Loughmore C.	3-4
1973 Thurles Sarsfields	5-7	Roscrea	0-4
1974 Cashel K.C.	5-7	Cashel	1-5
1975 Cashel K.C.	2-15	Loughmore Castleiney	0-10
1976 Loughmore Castleiney	3-4	Loughmore C.	3-7
1977 Eire Og, Nenagh	2-5	Knockavilla Kickhams	2-4
1978 Eire Og, Nenagh	2-13	Thurles Sarsfields	0-7
1979 Loughmore Castleiney	1-12	Toomevara	2-5
1980 Cashel K.C.	2-11	Carrick Swans	1-5
1981 Clonoulty/Rossmore	2-10	Roscrea	1-5
1982 Holycross/Ballycahill	2-9	Kickhams West	2-5
1983 Moycarkey/Borris	2-5	St. Mary's	1-7
1984 Roscrea	7-10	Moycarkey	1-8
1985 Thurles Sarsfields	2-10	Toomevara	
1986 Toomevara (Replay)	2-12		
1987 Thurles Sarsfields			

TIOBRAID ÁRANN

The Tipperary Senior Hurling team who defeated Cork, the Munster and All-Ireland title holders, in extra time of the 1987 replayed Munster Final at Killarney.



BACK ROW (l. to r.): John Kennedy, John Heffernan, Con O'Donovan, Ken Hogan, Colm Bonnar, Donie O'Connell, Bobby Ryan. FRONT ROW (l. to r.): Nicky English, Gerry Williams, Aidan Ryan, Richard Stakelum (Capt.), Pat Fitzelle, Seamus Gibson, Pat Fox, Paul Delaney.