

North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final

Match Programme

2010

Coiste Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh  
The Hibernian Inn  
North Tipperary Senior Hurling Final

# Buiríos Uí Luíoch v Tuaim Uí Mheara

at 5.00 p.m.

Referee: **Tommy Ryan** (Kildangan)

Preceded by  
Denis Mead's  
Intermediate Hurling  
Championship  
Final

## Buiríos Uí Chéin v Fánaithe na Sionnainne

at 3 p.m.

Referee:

**Pat Gibson**

(from Burgess)

*Georoid Mac Eochaidh*

Luach  
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MacDonagh Park, Nenagh  
Saturday 18th September 2010

## 2010 The Hibernian Inn North Tipperary Senior Championship

### Group 1

Round 1					
10-04-10 @ 15:00	Lorrha/Dorrha	1-10	3-13		
11-04-10 @ 18:00	Toomevara	1-13	2-14	Burgess Borris-Ileigh	Cloughjordan Nenagh
10-04-10 @ 16:30	Templederry Kenyons	2-11	2-06	Roscrea	Cloughjordan
Round 2					
01-05-10 @ 19:15	Burgess	0-19	2-17	Toomevara	Cloughjordan
01-05-10 @ 17:30	Borris-Ileigh	0-16	0-07	Templederry Kenyons	Dolla
01-05-10 @ 17:45	Roscrea	1-11	0-09	Lorrha/Dorrha	Cloughjordan
Round 3					
09-05-10 @ 19:00	Toomevara	3-13	0-15	Lorrha/Dorrha	Nenagh
09-05-10 @ 17:30	Templederry Kenyons	1-16	0-19	Burgess	Nenagh
09-05-10 @ 13:00	Borris-Ileigh	0-14	1-08	Roscrea	Toomevara
Round 4					
05-06-10 @ 18:00	Lorrha/Dorrha	1-10	2-19	Templederry Kenyons	Toomevara
06-06-10 @ 15:30	Burgess	2-08	0-16	Borris-Ileigh	Nenagh
06-06-10 @ 19:00	Roscrea	1-13	1-13	Toomevara	Moneygall
Round 5					
12-06-10 @ 19:30	Templederry Kenyons	2-16	0-23	Toomevara	Dolla
12-06-10 @ 19:30	Borris-Ileigh	1-17	3-10	Lorrha/Dorrha	Nenagh
12-06-10 @ 19:30	Burgess	2-13	3-06	Roscrea	Toomevara

Group 1	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Score For / Agst	W-overs Rec / Con	Score Diff	Points
Borris-Ileigh	5	5	0	0	3-77 / 7-46	0 / 0	+19	10
Toomevara	5	3	1	1	7-79 / 5-77	0 / 0	+8	7
Burgess	5	2	1	2	7-72 / 7-65	0 / 0	+7	5
Templederry Kenyons	5	2	1	2	7-69 / 3-74	0 / 0	+7	5
Roscrea	5	1	1	3	8-44 / 5-60	0 / 0	-7	3
Lorrha/Dorrha	5	0	0	5	5-54 / 10-73	0 / 0	-34	0

Burgess & Templederry Kenyons finished on 5 points each Burgess go through in 3rd place on the following ruling;  
See Note Attached

### Group 2

Round 1					
11-04-10 @ 16:30	Kilruane MacDonaghs	0-26	2-12	Portroe	Nenagh
11-04-10 @ 13:30	Moneygall	4-09	0-18	Nenagh Eire Og	Toomevara
Round 2					
02-05-10 @ 13:30	Portroe	1-09	2-19	Moneygall	Nenagh
02-05-10 @ 12:00	Nenagh Eire Og	2-08	3-11	Kildangan	Nenagh
Round 3					
14-05-10 @ 19:30	Moneygall	0-19	1-17	Kilruane MacDonaghs	Toomevara
08-05-10 @ 19:00	Kildangan	3-17	2-14	Portroe	Dolla
Round 4					
06-06-10 @ 14:00	Kilruane MacDonaghs	2-15	5-12	Kildangan	Nenagh
05-06-10 @ 19:30	Portroe	4-09	0-24	Nenagh Eire Og	Toomevara
Round 5					
11-06-10 @ 19:45	Kildangan	4-15	2-15	Moneygall	Dolla
11-06-10 @ 19:45	Nenagh Eire Og	1-11	2-14	Kilruane MacDonaghs	Toomevara

Group 2	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Score For / Agst	W-overs Rec / Con	Score Diff	Points
Kildangan	4	4	0	0	15-55 / 8-52	0 / 0	+24	8
Kilruane MacDonaghs	4	3	0	1	5-72 / 8-54	0 / 0	+9	6
Moneygall	4	2	0	2	8-62 / 6-59	0 / 0	+9	4
Nenagh Eire Og	4	0	0	4	3-61 / 13-43	0 / 0	-12	2
Portroe	4	0	0	4	9-44 / 5-86	0 / 0	-30	0

### Quarter Finals (Extra Time)

(Quarter Final A) 20-06-10 @ 14:00	(Group 1 Runner-Up) Toomevara	1-14	0-10	(Group 2 3rd Place) Moneygall	Nenagh Matchtracker
(Quarter Final B) 20-06-10 @ 15:45	(Group 2 Runner-Up) Kilruane MacDonaghs	2-12	2-15	(Group 1 3rd Place) Burgess	Nenagh Matchtracker

### Semi-finals (Extra Time)

(Semi-final X) 01-08-10 @ 15:00	(Group 1 Winner) Borris-Ileigh	1-14	1-04	(Winner Quarter Final B) Burgess	Nenagh Matchtracker
(Semi-final Y) 01-08-10 @ 13:15	(Group 2 Winner) Kildangan	1-13	1-16	(Winner Quarter Final A) Toomevara	Nenagh Matchtracker

### FINAL

SUN 22-08-10 @ 15:00	(Winner Semi-final X) BORRIS-ILEIGH	0-00	0-00	(Winner Semi-final Y) TOOMEVARA	NENAGH
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# Fáilte

## Cathaoirleach, Michael Sheehy



### *A Dhaoine,*

Failte romhaibh go leir go dtí Cluiche Ceannais Iomáint Tíobraid Árann Thuaidh anseo i bPáirc Mhic Donnacha an Aonaigh. Failte fe leith roimh na foirne as an Tuaim Uí Mheara agus Burios Uí Lúioch, agus na hoifigigh agus an reiteoir. Tá suil againn go mbeidh cluichi sportúil againn inniu.

This year the Senior Hurling Championship was very competitive with many sporting games, culminating in today's final between old rivals Toomevara and Borris-Ileigh. With both clubs having won the championship several times, it should lead to a cracking game and I wish both teams the very best of luck.

Our curtain raiser today is the Intermediate Hurling final between neighbours and keen rivals Borrisokane and Shannon Rovers. This game could go either way and I wish both teams the best of luck.

I would like to wish the best of luck to today's referees Tommy Ryan, who takes charge of the Senior decider and to Pat Gibson, who referees the Intermediate game.

We are especially grateful to our championship sponsors Martin and Jane Morris of The Hibernian Inn for continuing their generous sponsorship of our Senior Championship while Dennis Quirke continues to sponsor our Intermediate Championship. We wish our sponsors well in their future business.

We are grateful to Éire Óg GAA club for the use of their pitch which is always in excellent condition. Also a word of thanks to those who help in the running of the games in so many ways, to Secretary Gerard McKeogh, Treasurer Catherine Gleeson and her loyal group of gate checkers and programme sellers and anyone else who helps in any way. Thanks also to Liam Hogan for coming up trumps with another fine programme production and to the Order of Malta for their attendance at our games.

Is mise

**Micheál Mac Shíthigh**, Cathaoirleach.

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*Borris-Ileigh senior hurlers that defeated Burgess in the North SHC Final. Back row: (l r) Mark Bourke, Vincent Stapleton, Jody Harkin, Phillip Rabbittie, Phillip Maher (Captain), Ciaran Cowan, David O'Connor, William Donnelly. Kneeling: Sean McCormack, Paul Maher, Brendan Maher, Sean Maher, Declan Maher, Paddy Stapleton, Martin Maher.*

# No getting away from big games

By Shane Brophy (Nenagh Guardian)

**A**fter the euphoria of the All Ireland Senior and Under 21 Hurling successes over the past two weeks, it is back to the bread and butter of the club championship and what better way to start the closing stages with two big finals in Nenagh today.

From a North Bórd point of view, playing their two showpiece finals on the same day is not ideal but after a busy and expensive period for Tipperary supporters over the last three months or so, getting something back in terms of two big finals for the price of one is a reward for their loyalty.

First up is the intriguing Denis's Meats Intermediate Hurling Championship Final clash of Lower Ormond neighbours Borrisokane and Shannon Rovers.

At the start of the championship, you would have got long odds on this being the final pairing but both deserve their places in the final with the winner set to end a long wait for the Intermediate title.

It is a remarkable turnaround in fortunes for both sides.

Borrisokane didn't win a game in the 2008 Championship and appeared to be going nowhere despite having a talented squad. However, they have shown what we all knew was in them and have improved consistently over the past two years and their progression continued with a superb come from behind win over Newport last week.

While Borrisokane were a good outside bet to reach the final, Shannon Rovers wouldn't have featured on many people's potential final lists, that is outside the club itself. The club has suffered its fair share of heartache over the last three years or so and while it would have broken many a club, the Rovers have united and the scenes on the field following their semi-final win over Silvermines were worthy of the final itself.

The first game today has plenty of potential storylines even before we get to the big game of the year in the division, the Hibernian Inn Senior Hurling Championship Final between Borris-Ileigh and Toomevara.

Because of Tipperary's successful run to the All Ireland Senior and Under 21 titles, the closing stages of the senior club championship will be congested so for the winners today not only will they collect the Frank McGrath Cup, they will also avoid potentially two extra rounds of the county senior championship by going straight to the quarter finals.

Borris-Ileigh come into the final with an unblemished record of six wins from six, including a four-point win over Toomevara in the very first round at the same venue on April 11th.

As the year has gone on the maroons have become stronger by the game in terms of the squad at their disposal so they will have plenty of options to choose from today. They have also shown a good level of maturity in winning many tight games with their defence playing a major role to date but they will need their forwards to fire in a big way if they are to win the championship for a 15th time.

Toomevara are looking for their 32nd North title but you have to go back to before 1991 when their current golden era of success began for the last time they went as long without winning the divisional title with 2006 being their most recent success.

Ominously they have improved as the campaign has gone on with their quarter and semi-final wins over Moneygall and Kildangan being particularly impressive though without being spectacular but the experience and know how of getting the job done was there for all to see.

*Enjoy the games!*



Toomevara senior hurlers that defeated Kildangan in the North SHC Semi-Final. Back row: (l to r) John Delaney, Francis Devaney, Brian McCormack, David Young, Ken Dunne, Darren Delaney, Terry Dunne. Kneeling: Benny Dunne, Patrick Tuohy, Andrew Ryan, John O'Brien, Sean Delaney, Willie Ryan, Denis Kelly, Paddy O'Brien.

# The Morris Code and that 1982 unfinished business

By **Gerry Slevin**

**Q**uestion? What team won the 1982 North senior hurling final? The record books use one word to tell us and that word is not the name of any club. The word is 'unfinished'. Yes, there was a final and played in Gardiner Park Borriskane it was between Roscrea and Éire Óg and it finished all square, 3-8 to 0-17. But alas no replay. An accumulative set of circumstances brought about the stalemate and whatever was behind it all, the Éire Óg viewpoint is soon to be revealed in a book *The Morris Code* to be launched in the Hibernian Inn on Thursday 30th September by GAA President Christy Cooney.

The author is Borriskane native and long-time stalwart of both Borriskane and Éire Óg clubs Jimmy Morris. Now residing in Canada Jimmy has penned what he describes as the musings of a Tipperary GAA club man.

A fascinating delve it is into his long association with both his native and adopted clubs. It is packed with reminiscences of the players, fellow administrators, great characters that crossed his path, contentious issues like the MacDonagh Park saga, and his forthright views on the GPA. He also has some hilarious stories to tell about players lending their services to clubs other than those to which they were legally attached!

Nor does Jimmy pull any punches and when it comes to the unfinished business of 1982 and here's what he has to say:

*The records show that Éire Óg did not agree to replay the game. Why? It was felt that the club had been wrong footed. The final was played on August 1st the replay fixed for the 29th. Two issues then came into play. Ros sought a postponement, citing young Donal Kealy, a member of the Tipp minor team, it being unfair to him to play the match on the Sunday prior to the All-Ireland minor final against Galway (which Tipp won), even though he hadn't*

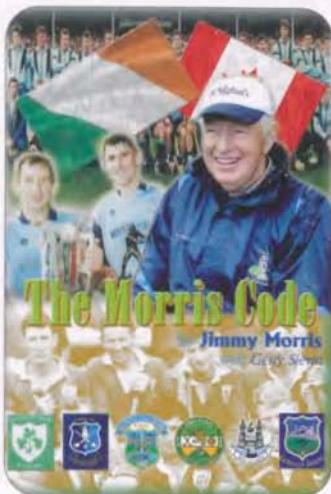
*worn the club colours in the senior championship. They felt the club was entitled to a 'free' Sunday prior to that All-Ireland.*

*But there was more to it than that. You see, both Tadhg and Kevin O'Connor had been sidelined in a county championship match and would be out of bounds for the 29th. Still with me? Right! The Board rejected a proposal for a postponement—heavily I might add, and the replay was to go ahead. Then came the decision that all games involving members of the Tipp minor team be called off. This came following a directive from the County Board and whereas we were agreeable to play on the 29th without our player, Roscrea were not.*

*Fair play to Roscrea, they pulled all the strings at their disposal to ensure the O'Connors received the minimum suspension only, which indeed was their right to strive for. Whatever chance Éire Óg had of agreeing to replay the game was blown out of the water when North Board chairman Denis Floyd proposed the minimum suspension.*

*Now don't for a minute think that I was anti-Tadhg O'Connor or Kevin for that matter. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Roscrea club was perfectly entitled to make their case as best they could. However, that said, it was quite difficult to stomach the fact that the minimum suspension should apply in that particular instance. The Board chairman obviously thought otherwise and Éire Óg, feeling quite sore about it did not agree to replay the final.*

*And just to illustrate his personal admiration for Tadhg O'Connor – and emphasising that it is not meant as a sop – the author describes him as 'pound for pound one of the best defenders to come out of North Tipperary. He had speed, steel, wrist work and controlled aggression. We were all so proud when he led Tipp to All-Ireland victory eleven years earlier'.*





## North Finals 2000 to 2009

### North Final Wins

Toomevara won the Frank McGrath Cup more times than any other club during the Noughties. They brought the Cup to the parish in 2000, 2001, 2003 and 2004.

Nenagh Éire Óg and Borris-Ileigh won two each with Nenagh winning the North Board Centenary Final in 2001 and claimed their second in 2009 while Borris-Ileigh earned a brace in 2005 and 2007.

Overall, five teams brought home the Frank McGrath with Roscrea successful in 2004 and Kildangan in 2008.

### North Final Appearances in the last Decade

Eight clubs reached the North Final. Nenagh Éire Óg take top spot here with 5.

The full list is as follows:

Nenagh Éire Óg	5
Borris-Ileigh	4
Toomevara	4
Kildangan	2
Moneygall	2
Portroe	1
Burgess	1
Roscrea	1

### Semi Final Appearances

Toomevara	9
Borris-Ileigh	7
Nenagh Éire Óg	6
Roscrea	5
Moneygall	5
Kildangan	3
Portroe	3
Burgess	1
Newport	1

## Last North final meeting between today's senior finalists

### 1997: August 3rd Toomevara 1-15 Borris-Ileigh 0-8

The TSB Nenagh became the first sponsors of the North Senior Hurling Championship 1997. The North final was played in a downpour at Cloughjordan on August 3rd resulting in the smallest attendance at a North Final for years. An eight minute goal by Liam Nolan gave Toome a lead they would never relinquish, a lead which read 1-8 to 0-7 at half time. Toome held Borris scoreless in the third quarter and by the end were deserving winners. George Frend was the winning captain and also man of the match.

**SCORERS:** Toomevara: Ken Dunne 0-8 (0-7f); Liam Nolan 1-1; Pat King 0-2; George Frend, Thomas Dunne, Kevin Kennedy and Paddy O'Brien 0-1 each. Borris-Ileigh- Conor Stakelum 0-6 (0-2f); Aidan Ryan and Declan Maher 0-1 each.

**TOOMEVARA:** Justin Cottrell; Philip Shanahan, Rory Brislane, Martin Cahalan; Aidan Maxwell, Tony Delaney, Pat Meagher; George

Frend, Terry Dunne; Thomas Dunne; Kevin Kennedy, Ken Dunne; Liam Nolan, Pat King, Paddy O'Brien. Subs: Denis Kelly for Kennedy.

### BORRIS-ILEIGH:

Declan Rabbitte; J.J. Maher, Philip Maher, Michael Ryan (B); Joe Loughnane, Seamus Maher, Sean Maher; Tom Stakelum, Conor Stakelum; Martin Hayes, Philip Rabbitte, John McGrath; John Keane; Aidan Ryan, Declan Maher. Richard Stakelum for Hayes, Michael Ryan for Maher.

**REFEREE:** Johnny McDonnell, Roscrea.



Ken Dunne, Toomevara

## 2007 Borris-Ileigh's last North final win

September 9th

**Borris-Ileigh 0-19 Nenagh Éire Óg 0-16**

A Late point by David O'Connor seals 14th title for Borris.

Scores were level 13 times.

**Scorers: Borris-Ileigh:** David O'Connor 0-8, 6 frees; Mark Bourke 0-3; Philip Rabbitte 0-2; Aidan Cowan 0-2 sideline cuts; Martin Maher, Brendan Maher, John Keane, Angelo Walsh 0-1 each.

**Nenagh Éire Óg:** Kevin Tucker 0-8, 5 frees; Richie Flannery 0-4, 3 frees, 1 65; Michael Heffernan, Noel Moloney 0-2 each.

**Borris-Ileigh:** Jody Harkin (7); Martin Treacy (7), Philip Maher (9), Matthew Stapleton (6); Kieran Cowan (7), Paddy Stapleton (8), Angelo

Walsh (7); Aidan Cowan (8), Declan Maher (Capt, 7); Brendan Maher (7), Vincent Stapleton (7), Mark Bourke (8); David O'Connor (8), Philip Rabbitte (7), Martin Maher (8). Subs: John Keane (8) for B Maher (42 inj); Seamus Maher for M Stapleton (57).

**Nenagh Éire Óg:** Michael McNamara (8); Stephen Ryan (7), John Brennan (9), Hugh Flannery (7); John Slattery (7), Richie Flannery (Capt, 7), Hugh Moloney (9), John Kennedy (7), John Flannery (6); Eddie Tucker (6), Noel Moloney (9), Paddy Murphy (7); Kevin Tucker (8), Paul Ryan (6), Michael Heffernan (8). Subs: Brian Quinn (6) for J Flannery (ht); David Hackett (6) for P Ryan (47); Declan O'Meara for J Kennedy (58).

**Referee:** John Cleary (Knockshewgowna).

Attendance: 3,000 approx (including children)

## 2006 Toomevara's last North final win

**TOOMEVARA 1-15 KILDANGAN 0-12**

A late Benny Dunne goal, from a free, helped Toomevara win their 31st Hibernian Inn North Tipperary Senior Hurling final against a gallant Kildangan side at MacDonagh Park.

Toomevara hit 1-2 in the last six minutes which was the difference in the end.

**Man of the Match:** Benny Dunne (Toomevara)

**Scorers - Toomevara:** Ken Dunne 0-5, 4 frees, Willie Ryan 0-3, Benny Dunne 1-0, free, Francis Devanney, Paddy O'Brien 0-2 each, Michael Bevans, Thomas Dunne, Eoin Brislane 0-1 each.

**Kildangan:** Darragh Egan 0-9, 6 frees, 2 65s, Tommy Connors, John Maher 0-1 each. Paddy Lynch 0-1 free.

**Toomevara:** James McGrath, Barry Dunne, Tony Delaney, Paul McGrath, Terry Dunne, Benny Dunne, David Young, Eoin Brislane, Ken Dunne, Paddy O'Brien, Francis Devanney, Thomas Dunne (Capt), Michael Bevans, John O'Brien, Willie Ryan. Subs: Padraig Hackett for E Brislane (42), John Delaney for Thomas Dunne (55).

**Kildangan:** Dermot Hogan, Michael Ryan, Liam Kelly (Capt), Brian Lawlor, Karl Hogan, Dan Hackett, Gerry Slattery, John Maher, Brian Kelly, Paddy Lynch, John Slattery, Tommy Connors, Conor Hayes, Liam Karol Flannery, Darragh Egan. Subs: Eoin Gleeson for J Slattery (27), Sean Gleeson for C Hayes (44), Hugh Flannery for LK Flannery (56).

**Referee:** Johnny McDonnell (Roscrea)  
Attendance: 3,500 approx.



Toomevara's Eoin Brislane grabs the ball ahead of Templederry's Thomas Stapleton.



**Shannon Rovers team that defeated Silvermines in the semi-final.** Back left to right: Liam O'Gorman, Alan Hogan, Pat O'Meara, Jamie Burke, Andrew Byrne, Darran Carroll, Alan Byrne, Roy Darcy, Derek Horan, Danny O'Halloran, Alan Hannigan, Paddy Heenan, Nial Cahalan, Ross Ryan, Cian McLoughney. Front: James Stack, Cian Burke, Barry Cahalan, Michael Hourigan, Martin Burke, Michael Harding, George Hannigan, Padraig O'Meara, Donal Leenan, Julian O'Halloran, Tommy Hogan.

## Winning the twenty sixth All Ireland - the most complete performance

by **Liz Howard**

The performance of the Tipperary hurlers in the All-Ireland final against Kilkenny was the most complete and impressive of any Tipperary side that I have witnessed. For me, the most rewarding aspect was that every player was superb; it was lovely to say "you were wonderful" to each after the game. The passion on the pitch was matched by the supporters; never have I seen Tipperary followers so animated, so vocal, so colourful, so fabulously engaged on the day. Pat Kerwick's rendering of "The Galtee Mountain Boy" from the Hogan Stand captured the spirit of Tipperary so well. Young and young in spirit celebrated a group of hurlers who brought the twenty sixth All Ireland to the Premier County.

The demeanour and dignity of the players was impressive, it was all about the contribution of "Team Tipperary". Eoin Kelly was composed, articulate and gracious in his acceptance speech in Croke Park. So too were Liam Sheedy, Eamonn O'Shea and Michael Ryan. At the end of the homecoming celebrations in Semple Stadium, Biddy Sheedy sang "Happy are we all together". How apt. Liam's mother is a great woman, widowed when Liam was not yet two; she has an indomitable spirit and joy *de vive*.

Last Saturday the Tipperary U21 side claimed a ninth All Ireland title, they did it in style in Semple Stadium. Again every player gave a top class performance. It was an evening of joy and lovely to see so many children there. Padraic Maher, Brendan Maher, Noel Mc Grath, Patrick



Maher, Seamus Hennessey, Michael Heffernan and Michael Cahill are now the proud holders of minor, U-21 and senior All Ireland medals. Again a terrific management team of Ken Hogan, Tommy Dunne, TJ Connolly and William Maher.

Let us not forget the U16 Tipperary team that won the All Ireland sponsored by the Tipperary Supporters' club. The county is rich in talent; let it be nurtured, developed and minded well. Congratulations to Tipperary camogie clubs Cashel on winning the Crokes Kilmacud 7's, Clonoulty Rossmore on winning the Shield and Cahir on winning the St. Jude's U13 7's last Saturday.

Now to the North Final, Toomevara v Borris-Ileigh, two great clubs fight for the Frank McGrath Cup. Brendan Maher has been a key figure in getting Borris to the final, so far Toomevara have been more impressive as a team. These clubs bring out the most competitive element in each other. Shannon Rovers powered by George Hannigan and Alan Burns meet Borrisokane in the Intermediate decider. My friend Tadgh Slevin showed all his experience when they defeated Newport, Philip Austin who had a fine year for Tipperary football is another key figure.

Sympathy to the Jack Kennedy and his family on the death of Anna (nee Cleary) she was a great Tipperary and Éire Óg supporter, her son Philip captained Tipperary to U 21 All-Ireland success in 1981 and '8 while Michael and John played for Éire Óg. Ar dheis De go raibh a h-anam dilis.

# Toomevara v Borris-Ileigh

## Head to Head

Today's finalists have met 31 times. Toomevara lead 14 to 15 and there were two draws.

00/00/1948	Round 2	Toomevara	1-07	<b>Borris-Ileigh</b>	4-08	Nenagh	
04/06/1950	Round 1	Toomevara	3-00	<b>Borris-Ileigh</b>	6-13	Nenagh	
24/06/1951	Round 1	Toomevara	2-03	<b>Borris-Ileigh</b>	4-13	Borris-Ileigh	
02/06/1957	Round 2	<b>Toomevara</b>	5-14	Borris-Ileigh	4-05	Nenagh	
18/05/1958	Round 1	<b>Toomevara</b>	3-07	Borris-Ileigh	1-03	Nenagh	
18/08/1968	Semi final	Toomevara	4-07	<b>Borris-Ileigh</b>	3-13	Nenagh	
08/06/1969	Round 2	Toomevara	1-11	<b>Borris-Ileigh</b>	4-07	Nenagh	
19/09/1971	Semi final	Toomevara	2-06	<b>Borris-Ileigh</b>	4-07	Nenagh	
26/05/1974	Round 2	Toomevara	2-05	<b>Borris-Ileigh</b>	2-13	Nenagh	
03/07/1976	Round 4	Toomevara	3-05	<b>Borris-Ileigh</b>	4-05	Nenagh	
21/05/1978	Round 2	Toomevara	0-07	<b>Borris-Ileigh</b>	7-11	CloughJordan	
14/07/1985	Round 4	<b>Toomevara</b>	0-14	Borris-Ileigh	1-08	Moneygall	
00/00/1989	Semi final	<b>Toomevara</b>	1-11	Borris-Ileigh	0-10	CloughJordan	
14/06/1992	Prelim Rd	Toomevara	2-11	Borris-Ileigh	0-17	CloughJordan	Draw
21/06/1992	Replay	<b>Toomevara</b>	3-11	Borris-Ileigh	1-15	CloughJordan	
17/07/1993	Losers Final	<b>Toomevara</b>	1-10	Borris-Ileigh	0-11	Nenagh	
20/08/1995	North Final	<b>Toomevara</b>	0-18	Borris-Ileigh	1-12	Nenagh	
24/05/1997	Round 1	<b>Toomevara</b>	1-17	Borris-Ileigh	1-13	Moneygall	
03/08/1997	North Final	<b>Toomevara</b>	1-15	Borris-Ileigh	0-08	CloughJordan	
20/06/1999	Round	Toomevara	0-12	<b>Borris-Ileigh</b>	1-14	Nenagh	
14/07/2001	Round	Toomevara	1-15	<b>Borris-Ileigh</b>	0-19	Nenagh	
28/04/2002	Round	<b>Toomevara</b>	3-14	Borris-Ileigh	2-04	Nenagh	
18/07/2003	Round	<b>Toomevara</b>	1-14	Borris-Ileigh	1-13	Nenagh	
30/06/2004	Round 2	<b>Toomevara</b>	2-17	Borris-Ileigh	0-17	Nenagh	
08/08/2004	Semi-final	Toomevara	0-11	<b>Borris-Ileigh</b>	1-16	Nenagh	
03/07/2005	Semi-final	Toomevara	1-12	<b>Borris-Ileigh</b>	1-15	Nenagh	
09/07/2006	Semi-final	<b>Toomevara</b>	1-17	Borris-Ileigh	0-14	CloughJordan	
19/08/2007	Semi-Final	<b>Toomevara</b>	1-15	<b>Borris-Ileigh</b>	1-20	Nenagh	
21/06/2008	Round 5	Toomevara	0-18	Borris-Ileigh	0-15	Nenagh	
17/05/2009	Round 3	Toomevara	2-10	Borris-Ileigh	1-13	Dolla	Draw
10/04/2010	Round 1	Toomevara	1-13	<b>Borris-Ileigh</b>	2-14	Nenagh	
22/08/2010	Final	Toomevara	0-00	Borris-Ileigh	0-00	Nenagh	

### Two North final wins for Toomevara.

Despite the great rivalry, the sides have met in just two North Finals. Toomevara won both, the first in 1995 on a shirt sleeve sunny evening, the first final played after tea time. Two years later, conditions were the exact opposite. Pools of water covered Tomas MacDonagh Park, CloughJordan and such were the conditions that a postponement was very probable. The game went ahead and Toomevara won.

### Semi Finals

Semi Final meetings amount to seven. Borris-Ileigh lead the race with 5 wins, successful in 1968, 1971, 2004, 2005 and 2007. Toomevara won in 1989 and 2006.

### Double Championship Meetings

Today's final will make it fourth occasion that the sides met twice in championship hurling the same season. It happened previously in 1992, 1997 and 2004.

### Toomevara v Borris-Ileigh The Early Years

00/00/ 1930	Final	<b>Toomevara</b>	5-08	Borris-Ileigh	1-06
00/00/ 1931	Final	<b>Toomevara</b>	7-01	Borris-Ileigh	1-03
00/00/ 1935	Round 2	Toomevara	1-02	<b>Borris-Ileigh</b>	6-06
00/00/ 1945	Round 1	<b>Toomevara</b>	1-04	Borris-Ileigh	0-04
00/00/ 1946	Round 1	<b>Toomevara</b>	6-03	Borris-Ileigh	2-06

# North Senior Hurling Semi Finals and Finals 2000 to 2009

Year	Winners	Score	Runners-up	Score	Venue	Date	Referee
<b>2000</b>							
Semi Final	Moneygall	0-16	Borris-Ileigh	1-11	Nenagh	Aug-27	Michael Cahill
Semi Final	Toomevara	1-15	Nenagh Éire Óg	1-14	Cloughjordan	Sep-02	John Collins
Final	Toomevara	3-13	Moneygall	1-10	Nenagh	Sep-09	T F Stapleton
<b>2001</b>							
Semi Final	Borris-Ileigh	2-19	Moneygall	0-05	Cloughjordan	Sep-15	Vince McKenna
Semi Final	Nenagh Éire Óg	4-14	Roscrea	3-10	Cloughjordan	Sep-15	Michael Cahill
Final	Nenagh Éire Óg	1-15	Borris-Ileigh	1-11	Nenagh	Sep-30	Michael Cahill
<b>2002</b>							
Semi Final	Toomevara	2-13	Roscrea	3-08	Nenagh	Aug-03	John Ryan
Semi Final	Moneygall	0-10	Portroe	0-08	Nenagh	Aug-03	P J Leahy
Final	Toomevara	0-19	Moneygall	1-07	Nenagh	Sep-14	John Ryan
<b>2003</b>							
Semi Final	Nenagh Éire Óg	0-14	Moneygall	0-14	Cloughjordan	Aug-24	Seamus Roche
replay	Nenagh Éire Óg	3-21	Moneygall	2-11	Cloighjordan	Aug-31	Noel Cosgrove
Semi Final	Toomevara	3-14	Newport	0-04	Dolla	Aug-24	John Ryan (Bob)
Final	Toomevara	3-12	Nenagh Éire Óg	0-16	Cloighjordan	Sep-07	John Ryan (Bob)
<b>2004</b>							
Semi final	Roscrea	1-13	Portroe	0-13	Cloughjordan	Aug-07	Denis Curtiss
Semi final	Borris-Ileigh	1-16	Toomevara	0-11	Nenagh	Aug-08	Noel Cosgrove
Final	Roscrea	0-13	Borris-Ileigh	1-09	Nenagh	Aug-22	Brian White
<b>2005</b>							
Semi Final	Borris-Ileigh	1-15	Toomevara	1-12	Nenagh	Jul-03	Brian White
Semi Final	Nenagh Éire Óg	1-17	Moneygall	2-13	Cloughjordan	Jul-10	John Ryan (B.lahan)
Final	Borris-Ileigh	1-12	Nenagh Éire Óg	0-13	Nenagh	Aug-07	Sean Bradshaw
<b>2006</b>							
Semi Final	Kildangan	2-13	Roscrea	1-07	Nenagh	Jul-02	Richie Barry
Semi Final	Toomevara	1-17	Borris-Ileigh	0-14	Cloughjordan	Jul-09	Johnny Ryan
Final	Toomevara	1-15	Kildangan	0-12	Nenagh	Jul-30	J. MacDonnell
<b>2007</b>							
Semi Final	Borris_Ileigh	1-20	Toomevara	1-15	Nenagh	Aug-19	Richie Barry
Semi Final	Nenagh Éire Óg	3-10	Kildangan	2-10	Nenagh	Aug-19	Dinny Curtiss
Final	Borris_Ileigh	0-19	Nenagh Éire Óg	0-16	Nenagh	Sep-09	John Cleary
<b>2008</b>							
Semi Final	Burgess	0-15	Toomevara	1-10	Nenagh	Jul-26	Sean Bradshaw
Semi Final	Kildangan	2-18	Roscrea	2-12	Nenagh	Jul-27	Johnny Ryan
Final	Kildangan	1-17	Burgess	2-12	Nenagh	Aug-24	Michael Cahill
<b>2009</b>							
Semi Final	Portroe	1-14	Toomevara	1-12	Nenagh	Jul-26	Michael Cahill
Semi Final	Nenagh Éire Óg	1-16	Borris-Ileigh	0-8	Nenagh	Jul-26	Noel Cosgrove
Final	Nenagh Éire Óg	0-24	Portroe	2-12	Nenagh	Aug-23	Tommy Ryan

## 2008 last win for Toomevara against Borris-Ileigh

Toomevara 0-18, Borris-Ileigh 0-15

Toomevara will be thankful that the wing forward, Ken Dunne who was on form as they struggled to break down Borris-Ileigh in open play. Toome scored just six points from play as opposed to ten for Borris-Ileigh. Yet, there was no doubting the fact that Toomevara deserved the win. In the wet conditions, players like John O'Brien and Willie Ryan, were not found wanting in terms of pulling their weight. Man of the Match: Ken Dunne (Toomevara)

**Scorers: Toomevara:** Ken Dunne 0-11, 8 frees, 1 65, 1 scut; Michael Bevans 0-3; John O'Brien, Paul McGrath 0-1 each; Joey McLoughney 0-1 free.

**Borris-Ileigh:** David O'Connor 0-5, 4 frees, 1 65; Mark Bourke 0-4, 1 free; Paddy Stapleton,

Paul Maher 0-2 each; Brendan Maher, Rory Kinane 0-1 each.

**Toomevara:** James McGrath; Paddy Tuohy, John Boland, Paul McGrath; Barry Dunne, Benny Dunne, Joey McLoughney; Francis Devaney, Kieran McGrath; Ken Dunne, Terry Dunne, Willie Ryan; Paddy O'Brien, Michael Bevans (Capt), John O'Brien. Subs: John Delaney for K McGrath (54); Pdraig Hackett for P O'Brien (58).

**Borris-Ileigh:** Jody Harkin; Martin Treacy, Philip Maher, Eoin Stapleton; Kieran Cowan, Martin Maher, Vincent Stapleton; Angelo Walsh, Aidan Cowan (Capt); Brendan Maher, Paddy Stapleton, Mark Bourke; David O'Connor, Rory Kinane, Mattie Stapleton. Subs: Paul Maher for A Walsh (ht); Philip Rabbitte for M Stapleton (41); Declan Maher for D O'Connor (57).

**Referee:** Tommy Ryan (Kildangan).



The Borris-Ileigh team which beat Moneygall in 1997. Back row l-r: John McGrath, Philip Maher, Philip Rabbitte, Darragh Rabbitte, Seamus Maher, Tom Stakelum, Joe Loughnane, Enda Coen. Front: Aidan Ryan, Declan Maher, John Keane, Sean Maher, Michael Ryan, Conor Stakelum, Michael Ryan.

## Brendan Maher, Borris-Ileigh ... destined to greatness

By Brian McDonnell.

It was like cutting the twine on a catapult - five summers ago (Sunday, August 7 2005) Borris-Ileigh unleashed Brendan Maher on the world.

Then, as now, Borris-Ileigh faced into a North Tipperary senior hurling final as slight underdogs, but on that occasion against Éire Óg Nenagh. Not many knew much about the 16-year-old Brendan at the time, but, by God, after that final they did - Borris-Ileigh won 1-12 to 0-13 and Brendan Maher turned that final.

Pucking around before the game the blond-haired Brendan Maher didn't look like an instrument of fate; he looked immature and unused; like a hand without calluses. But when experienced hurling men saw what he was capable of they knew then how a racehorse trainer feels when he sees something special on the gallops. What was it Belfast scout Bob Bishop wrote in a telegram to Matt Busby after he fixed his eyes on George Best all those years ago: "I have found you a genius".

Besides the 2005 north title Brendan Maher added another in 2007, but he is perhaps better known for his Tipperary exploits. He hurled for three years as a minor, winning two All-Ireland titles (2006 and 2007), the second of which as captain. This summer represents his fourth as an under-21 during which time he has won two Munster titles (2008 and 2010) and an All-Ireland just last weekend while the recent All-Ireland final success over Kilkenny marked his eleventh senior appearance since his debut was a substitute against Cork in 2009.

Normally, as with a talented young player in any sport, it is the technique and the talent that gets you first, the revelation of character comes later.

When a player is young it is relatively



Brendan Maher, Borris-Ileigh

simple to say whether he has the ability to do this or that, but only time will tell whether an individual has the bottle, the ambition and all those other intangible ingredients which make sport such an endless fascination.

In recent years Brendan Maher has sharpened his skills and strengthened his body right before our eyes. We know he can hurl and we know he could punch a horse to its knees, but what we also know is what kind of man he is: Brendan Maher is not just a man around whom you can build a team, he's the kind of man around whom you could build a country.



Name: **Philip Maher**  
Club: **Borris-Ileigh**  
Height: 6'3  
Weight: 14'10

## Captain's Call

Honours: 1 All-Ireland senior hurling 2010  
1 NH League 2001  
1 Munster senior hurling 2001  
2 North senior titles '09, '07  
3 Railway Cups

*Who are your sporting heroes?* Ian Rush and Nicky English

*If you could play with a player from another era, who would it be?* Noel O'Dwyer or Timmy Stapleton.

*Three opponents, club and county, you admire most?* Gearoid Ryan, Eamon Corcoran and Ollie Moran.

*Most memorable game, both club and county?* North final '07 and All-Ireland final '01

*Biggest influence in your career?* My brother and my father

*What is the toughest part of your sporting career?* Dealing with injuries

*Do you have a nickname?* Not that I know of.

*Are you currently in a relationship?* Married for my sins!!!!

*Away from sport, who do you most admire?* Joe Loughnane.

*What hobbies or interests do you have?* TV, golf, soccer and reading

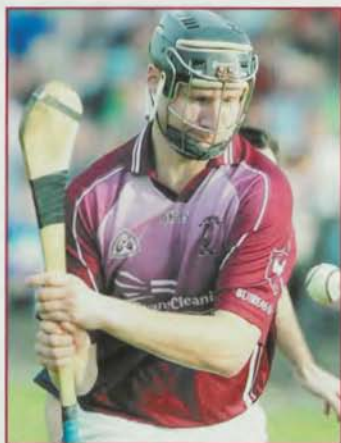
*Favourite ground?* Nenagh

*Favourite food?* Sweets

*Favourite music?* All types except tradational.

*Sporting ambition?* County senior title with Borris

*If you could change three rules in the GAA what would they be?* 2 points for line ball scored, other than that I would'nt change anything



Name: **Benny Dunne**  
Club: **Toomevara**  
Height: **5.10**  
Weight: **82kgs**

## Captain's Call

Honours: **1 All-Ireland senior hurling medal**  
**8 County Senior titles, 2 Munster Club Championship**  
**2 Munster Championship Medals**  
**1 National League**  
**1 Harty Cup and 1 Colleges All Ireland**  
**Captain Tipp Seniors in 2005**  
**North & County medals at all grades**

*Who are your sporting heroes?* Dan Carter (All Black Outhalf) & George Best

*If you could play with a player from another era, who would it be?* Nicky English

*Three opponents, club and county, you admire most?*  
John Mullane, Lar Corbett, Sean Og Ó hAlpin

*Most memorable game, both club and county?*  
Munster Club Final vs Mount Sion, All Ireland Final '10.

*Biggest influence in your career?* Neil Williams, my Dad

*What is the toughest part of your sporting career?*  
Losing that All-Ireland and being sent off in it.

*Do you have a nickname?* Not that I know of??

*Are you currently in a relationship?* Married to Elaine in March this year.

*Away from sport, who do you most admire?* My Mother, Recie

*What hobbies or interests do you have?* Playing golf handicap 11, watching sport and sleeping!

*Favourite ground?* Semple Stadium

*Favourite food?* Recie's fry up!

*Favourite music?* Not fussy

*Sporting ambition?* All-Ireland Club with Toome plus another county senior with Toome.

*If you could change three rules in the GAA what would they be?* Inconsistency of refereeing, 2 points for sideline cut, and the new hand pass rule.

*Best piece of advice you have received during your hurling career?* Enjoy every minute of playing while you can..



# All-Star and Cu Chulainn Awards

Before the Carroll All Stars began in 1971, the best hurlers in the sixties received what were known as a Cú Chulainn Award. A number of well know Tipperary hurlers made the teams.

## 1963 Cú Chulainn Awards

Ollie Walsh (Kilkenny), Tom Neville (Wexford), Austin Flynn (Waterford), **John Doyle** (Tipperary), Séamus Cleere (Kilkenny), Billy Rackard (Wexford), Larry Guinan (Waterford), **Theo English** (Tipperary), Des Foley (Dublin), **Jimmy Doyle** (Tipperary), Mick Flannelly (Waterford), Eddie Keher (Kilkenny), **Liam Devaney** (Tipperary), Jimmy Smyth (Clare), Phil Grimes (Waterford)

## 1964 Cú Chulainn Awards

Ollie Walsh (Kilkenny), **John Doyle** (Tipperary), Pa Dillon (Kilkenny), Tom Neville (Wexford), Séamus Cleere (Kilkenny), **Tony Wall** (Tipperary), Pat Henderson (Kilkenny), **Mick Roche** (Tipperary), Paddy Moran (Kilkenny), **Jimmy Doyle** (Tipperary), **Michael 'Babs' Keating** (Tipperary), Eddie Keher (Kilkenny), Tom Walsh (Kilkenny), **John McKenna** (Tipperary), **Donie Nealon** (Tipperary)

## 1965 Cú Chulainn Awards

**John O'Donoghue** (Tipperary), Tom Neville (Wexford), Austin Flynn (Waterford), **Kieran Carey** (Tipperary), Denis O'Riordan (Cork), **Tony Wall** (Tipperary), Jimmy Duggan (Galway), Phil Wilson (Wexford), **Mick Roche** (Tipperary), **Jimmy Doyle** (Tipperary), Pat Carroll (Kilkenny), Pat Cronin (Clare), **Donie Nealon** (Tipperary), **John McKenna** (Tipperary), **Seán McLoughlin** (Tipperary)



*Donie Nealon and Sean McLoughlin in action against Kilkenny in the 1964 All-Ireland hurling final.*

## 1966 Cú Chulainn Awards

Paddy Barry (Cork), Pat Henderson (Kilkenny), Austin Flynn (Waterford), Denis Murphy (Cork), Séamus Cleere (Kilkenny), Kevin Long (Limerick), Martin Coogan (Kilkenny), Bernie Hartigan (Limerick), **Theo English** (Tipperary), Seánie Barry (Cork), Eddie Keher (Kilkenny), Pat Cronin (Clare), Paddy Molloy (Offaly), **John McKenna** (Tipperary), Mattie Fox (Galway)  
Justin McCarthy (Cork) won 1966 Hurler of the Year but got no Cú Chulainn Award.

## 1967 Cú Chulainn Awards

Ollie Walsh (Kilkenny), Pat Henderson (Kilkenny), Pa Dillon (Kilkenny), Jim Treacy (Kilkenny), Séamus Cleere (Kilkenny), Jimmy Cullinan (Clare), **Len Gaynor** (Tipperary), **Mick Roche** (Tipperary), Paddy Moran (Kilkenny), Eddie Keher (Kilkenny), **Tony Wall** (Tipperary), Pat Cronin (Clare), **Donie Nealon** (Tipperary), Tony Doran (Wexford), **Michael 'Babs' Keating** (Tipperary).

# All-Star and Cu Chulainn Awards

Then in 1971, the first Carroll's All-Stars, now known as the Vodafone All-Stars were presented. So far, Tipperary have 73 All-Star Awards (71 Hurling, 2 Football)

## All-Star Hurling

- 1971 - Tadhg O'Connor (Roscrea) No.5  
 Mick Roche (Carrick Davins) No. 6  
 Francis Loughnane (Roscrea) No.10  
 Michael 'Babs' Keating  
 (Ballybacon/Grange) No.11
- 1972 - Francis Loughnane (Roscrea) No.10
- 1973 - Francis Loughnane (Roscrea) No.10
- 1975 - Tadhg O'Connor (Roscrea) No.5
- 1978 - Tommy Butler (Drom and Inch) No.15
- 1979 - Pat McLoughney (Shannon Rovers) No.1  
 Tadhg O'Connor (Roscrea) No.4
- 1980 - Pat McLoughney (Shannon Rovers) No.1
- 1983 - Nicky English (Lattin-Cullen) No.10
- 1984 - Nicky English (Lattin-Cullen) No.10
- 1985 - Nicky English (Lattin-Cullen) No.10
- 1986 - Bobby Ryan (Borris-Ileigh) No.7
- 1987 - Ken Hogan (Lorrha) No.1  
 Aidan Ryan (Borris-Ileigh) No.12  
 Pat Fox (Eire Og Annacarty) No.13  
 Nicky English (Lattin-Cullen) No.14
- 1988 - Bobby Ryan (Borris-Ileigh) No.7  
 Colm Bonnar (Cashel) No.8  
 Declan Ryan (Clonoulty-Rossmore) No.10  
 Nicky English (Lattin-Cullen) No.14
- 1989 - Conal Bonnar (Cashel) No.5  
 Bobby Ryan (Borris-Ileigh) No.6  
 Declan Carr (Holycross-Ballycahill) No. 9  
 Pat Fox (Eire Og Annacarty) No.13  
 Cormac Bonnar (Cashel) No.14  
 Nicky English (Lattin-Cullen) No.15
- 1990 - Noel Sheehy (Silvermines) No.3  
 Michael Cleary (Nenagh) No.10
- 1991 - Paul Delaney (Roscrea) No.2  
 Noel Sheehy (Silvermines) No.3  
 Conal Bonnar (Cashel) No.5  
 John Leahy (Mullinahone) No.9  
 Michael Cleary (Nenagh) No.10  
 Pat Fox (Eire Og Annacarty) No.13  
 Cormac Bonnar (Cashel) No.14
- 1992 - Michael Cleary (Nenagh) No.13
- 1993 - Michael Cleary (Nenagh) No.13
- 1994 - John Leahy (Mullinahone) No.12
- 1996 - Liam Cahill (Ballingarry) No.13
- 1997 - Paul Shelly (Killenaule) No.2  
 Tommy Dunne (Toomevara) No.9  
 Declan Ryan (Clonoulty-Rossmore) No.11  
 John Leahy (Mullinahone) No.12
- 1999 - Tommy Dunne (Toomevara) No.9
- 2000 - Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange)  
 No.1  
 John Carroll (Roscrea) No.5
- 2001 - Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange)  
 No.1  
 Philip Maher (Borris-Ileigh) No.3,  
 Eamonn Corcoran (JK Brackens) No.5  
 Tommy Dunne (Toomevara) No. 8  
 Eddie Enright (Thurles Sarsfields) No.9  
 Mark O'Leary (Kilruane McDonaghs)  
 No.10  
 Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) No.15
- 2002 - Paul Kelly (Mullinahone) No. 7  
 Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) No.13
- 2003 - Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange)  
 No.1
- 2004 - Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) No.13
- 2005 - Paul Kelly (Mullinahone) No. 9  
 Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) No.14
- 2006 - Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) No.13
- 2007 - Declan Fanning (Killenaule) No. 3
- 2008 - Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange)  
 No. 1,  
 Conor O'Mahony (Newport) No. 6,  
 Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) No. 9
- 2009 - Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) No. 3,  
 Conor O'Mahony (Newport) No. 7  
 Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) No. 10,  
 Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney)  
 No. 13

## Gaelic Football

- 1998 - Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers) No.15
- 2003 - Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers) No.12

## Player of the Past

# Martin Bourke, Curaheen, Toomevara

**M**artin saw the first light of day, breathed in that fresh and healthy mountain air in 1923. From an early age his Grandfather Michael, his father Jack and Uncle Tom reared and regaled him with stories of the 1890 Toomevara who joined "the elite of Gaeldom" when winning their first County title. He had heard all about Tom Gavin, Jer Larkin, Jer Dwyer, Pat Kennedy, Tim and Ned Feehan, Tim and Jack Hackett, Ned Meagher and many more.

A keen follower of the game, he remembers learning how to hurl as a youngster as if it were yesterday. "All the training was done between the Rock and the Tower, below near the wooden bridge where we would hurl with the Ryan Roches, the Cummins lads, the Sheas, Tom Dunne and the neighbours".

Martin walked to school with schoolbag and crook, developing his upper body strength, swinging and timing by cutting the tops of daisies, jumping up and smashing a few conkers off the chestnuts. There was no schoolboy hurling teams in Martin's days and the first team he aspired to making was minor.

"I walked the six miles from home to Toome to get a lift and play Kilruane, but when I got there, Mick Burke and the boys had left on a couple of pony and cars. The walk home up by the Long Stone seemed like eternity," he said.

Stephen Hackett and Jack Harty were the two biggest influences on his career. They showed him how, to kill a ball stone dead on the hurley and when to hold the hurley "firm" and "soft." "They constantly preached, ground hurling, first time pulling, drop pucking, overhead striking, and how to snap a ball from the air over your opponent's head. At training or on match day the consistent mantra was "mark your own man, don't stray too far up the field, don't be bunching, get out first to the ball, don't dilly-dally and criss cross your ball." He added, "The heat of battle was where you cut your teeth and the local rivalry was wicked competitive and when Pake Younge and Philly Ryan would meet there would be "hell on earth".

Martin went through his long career which started in earnest in 1941 and his last game in his beloved green and gold was in 1959. The highlight of his career was the North Final of



1946 win over Roscrea which brought to an end 15 barren years. Martin's displays throughout the '46 campaign drew attention from the Tipperary selectors and even though the "Swans winged the Greyhounds" the Walls of Carrick would remember Martin Bourke, Sean Ryan (F) and Tommy Russell when they had the County Team Selection.

"In my heyday, 1947, I was playing his best hurling, never caught on my wrong side and could cut a ball over the bar from 50 yards". I was lucky to play with Tipp in London and in a few league matches as well as the Oireachtas," he admits.

He goes on to say, that the differences between hurling now and then are. "Fellows are fitter and faster, the ball is lighter and travelling longer and quicker, the referees are better able to keep up with the play, and the hurlers nowadays are almost professional. The new rules have the game destroyed, there is too much bunching.

Martin is worried that youngsters have too much competition too early and end up being burnt out and his advice to younger lads today would be to "Listen and heed what is being told to you, practice your weak side more, concentrate on pure hurling, and watch the county lads that play in the same position on the field as you and see how they handle different situations"

## Liam Hackett, Coole, Toomevara

Liam Hackett was well equipped to be a great hurler when he trotted into Master Jack Donovan in Toomevara N.S. in 1952. His pedigree was impeccable as his Grandfather and Grand-Uncles were heavily involved in The Toomevara hurling Club foundation in 1885 and subsequently in their first County Final of 1890. Matt Hassett had resuscitated schoolboy hurling in Toome and the strongly built young Hackett was to line out in 1957 at the age of 9 with the local Juvenile team.

As well as having plenty respect for Matt Hassett, the former Toome defender, was very praiseworthy of the late Tom Ryan. "Tom Ryan as the most complete hurler that I played with. He had it all and he had to compete with Wall, Roche and Theo for his place on the Tipp team. Tom would always do the hard work making it easier for his team-mates and always played the younger hurler into the game whilst mentoring and nurturing them," said Liam.

Liam entered the Vocational School in Nenagh in 1962 and played both hurling and football each year up to completion of his studies in 1965, winning three All-Ireland medals and Captaining North Tipp Vocational School team to an All-Ireland victory in 1965.

In the meantime he studied his other idols. "Whilst Toomevara had an array of stars in the 60's: Matt, Tom Shanahan, Roger Mounsey, Neil Williams, Jack Hough, I had a special admiration for Matt O'Gara and Phil Shanahan and studied their styles quite a bit," he adds.

Liam gave twelve years sterling service of senior hurling to the "Green and Gold" and played inter county with Tipp but was prematurely forced to retire from the game he loved through a very serious injury he received in a match in 1976 against Kildare. He had given of his best to Tipperary and wearing the blue and gold with distinction at Minor, Under 21 and Senior in hurling and football but with one regret. "I regret not having won a North Senior and County with Toome and not being picked on the Tipperary panel in 1971. My favourite position was centre back or centre

field and I rated Seamus Hogan of Kildangan or Tommy Dwyer of Borris-Ileigh as his most difficult opponents.

As a result he well equipped to look at today's game and suggests the players and the Association of today deserve much praise and admires the speed and commitment that young players produce. "The speed of the game, players fitness levels, their dedication and commitment to training, protection of goalkeepers, the genuine attempt by most players to play the game fair, hard and honest and general all round improvement in playing facilities and conditions are better for all of the players," he says

Of course he has a few dislikes. Who doesn't? "The intensity and length of warm ups, weight of sliotar, players faking injuries, lack of use of all of the skills and virtual disappearance of ones like, drop-pucks, overhead striking and first time hurling. Bunching is leading to needless melees and eventual throw-ins, over use and flippancy of yellow cards and gross inconsistency in referee's interpretation and understanding of the rules. There seems to be a real lack of ability on modern day hurlers to be able to read the game and hence not to be in the right place at the right time," said the Toome man

He can now sit back and encourage his grandchildren to continue that great tradition and unbroken service to "The Greyhounds" a tradition that spans three Centuries involving playing, administering, selecting, spectating and sponsoring Toomevara teams. He is also very proud of his sons Bernard, Ray and Pdraig who won North, County and Munster titles with Toomevara at Juvenile and Adult level.

Outside of hurling Liam has interests in horse racing and golf, "It was a proud moment when my horse Beau Ranger won his second bumper in Limerick and to see my three sons win the J. P. McManus Pro-Am in Adare, this year," he concludes.



*Borrisokane Intermediate hurlers that defeated Newport in the Denis's Meats North IHC semi-final. Back row: (l to r) Shane Dooley, Andrew Austin, David Kennedy, Philip Austin, Graham McMahon, Eoin Larkin, Enda Forde, Kevin Gleeson, Seosamh Cleary. Kneeling: Colm Larkin, Tadghie Slevin, Cathal Dooley, Robert Davis, Paul Egan, Pauric Moriarty. Photograph: Bridget Delaney*

PLAYER OF THE PAST

## Timmy Delaney of Rathmoy, Borrisoleigh

**T**immy Delaney is probably the sweetest back in Tipperary hurling never to win an All-Ireland Senior medal. He is absolutely thrilled, as a very proud Borris-Illeigh man, that Paddy and Brendan are now added to the roll of honour of "Borris" men who have won Celtic crosses. Timmy dreamed from the day in went in to an all female teacher school in 1953 that one day he would join all the greats that went before him, Jimmy Finn, Billy Devanney, Sean, Paddy and Phibby Kenny, Tim and Ned Ryan and the bould Philly Ryan in winning those much coveted medals.

Timmy is loud in his praise, admiration and thanks to Mick Prior who was the driving force behind schoolboy/juvenile hurling in their parish and was a very special and successful mentor to Timmy and his peers. They won a great under-15 north title in 1963 when defeating Kilruane in a "Titanic" struggle. Timmy was to miss the county semi-final as a result of a bad gash received whilst "following a horse drawn hay gatherer" The injury necessitated 22 stitches and despite robust protestations from the young Timmy and his father John, Dr. Joan Power insisted that he couldn't play.

Timmy had a very successful period whilst hurling with Templemore C.B.S. winning, Corn Padraig, Kinnane Cup, and Croke Cup under the genial tutelage of Brother Tynan from Rathmoy. Timmy wasn't long coming to the notice of the County Minor selectors and was a prominent member of the 1966 and '67 panel. He hurled 4 years with the under-21 squad and had the unusual distinction of playing in and winning an Under-21 All-Ireland while still a Minor and was chosen as Captain in 1970. Timmy got a run in a couple of league matches with the Tipp. Seniors but according to Paul Byrne, "the then Selectors would not have been aware of this humble mans performances in St.Pats. College which would have guaranteed him walk on to any

County team".

Timmy is a hugely passionate, proud and committed Club man who carries and displays all his traditional qualities in his movements through Borrisoleigh whiter as a key player or as a highly respected and much loved team official. Timmy played his first game for Borris Seniors at the age of 16. "You wouldn't get within an asses roar of any senior team that time unless you could display consistently the entire array of skills required to wear the Club Jersey. You had to be able to hurl left and right, overhead hurling and doubling on dropping balls, batting down the puck out to a better placed colleague, be able to effect the drop puck, blocking, hooking, first time pulling, and the be able to hurl the Borris way of criss-crossing balls. The door was left open for you, off you go on your own, and if you're good enough you will be alright." Those times we were naturally fit going up to the field and we spent 90% of our time learning and developing our trade. Today the fitness levels are far higher, the speed of the games is unreal, and the lads are now making better use of the ball with pin point accuracy. Free taking and side line touches have improved immensely. I would prefer to see less running with the sliotar and let the ball do the work, players hold their positions. There are far too many yellow cards dished out and I am genuinely afraid that our lovely national game is heading in the direction to a non-contact sport."

"My greatest moments were every time I pulled on my club jersey. My biggest regret was been injured for the 1986 All-Ireland Club final and my biggest disappointment was when we lost the 1977 county final replay"

After retiring, Timmy was highly successful in management with Borris-Illeigh, Clonoulty-Rossmore, Upperchurch-Drombane and Burgess.

A supreme artist and an absolute gentleman.





Nenagh Guardian 13 June 1970

## Player of the Week: Mackey McKenna, Borrisokane

The county S.H.C. game between Borrisokane and Moycarkey/Borris at Roscrea on Sunday provides us with our player of the week and he is one who needs no introduction to hurling enthusiasts everywhere.

There were several in line for the award this week: Kilruane's Tom MoLoughney and Paddy Williams, Tom McGarry and Mick Murphy from Borrisokane, Ailbe Burke and Martin Guest from Shannon Rovers, and Joe Tynan, Roscrea, for the part he played in Tipp's win over Limerick in the under 21 championship last Wednesday evening.

However, taking everything into consideration, our vote goes to the holder of four All-Ireland medals, the greatest hurler Borrisokane has ever produced; a man who is now back on the county panel after a two years absence and looks like becoming Tipperary's full-forward for the Waterford game on Sunday week.

Mackey McKenna scored 2-3 against Moycarkey last Sunday and not alone does he merit his recall to the Tipperary panel but also our mythical award of 'Player of the Week'.



### Shannon Rovers have won Eight North Finals

1939: 29/10/39	Shannon Rovers 4-3	Youghalarra 2-1
1954: 26/9/54	Shannon Rovers 1-3	Newport 2-2*
1967: 17/9/67	Shannon Rovers 7-7	Toomevara 2-4
1968: 6/10/68	Shannon Rovers 6-3	Kildangan 3-12
Rep 20/10/68	Shannon Rovers 5-6	Kildangan 0-6
1974: 6/10/74	Shannon Rovers 2-4	Borrisokane 0-3
1975: 5/10/75	Shannon Rovers 3-7	Ballinahinch 1-6
1985: 6/10/85	Shannon Rovers 3-9	Portroe 1-7
1986: 5/10/86	Shannon Rovers 1-12	Newport 0-7

\* Rovers objected and Newport lost the game

### Shannon Rovers Lost Seven Finals

1947: 9/11/47	St Marys Nenagh 5-6	Shannon Rovers 2-5
1953: 19/9/53	Burgess 3-5	Shannon Rovers 3-5
Rep 18/10/53	Burgess 2-4	Shannon Rovers 3-1
Rep 25/10/53	Burgess 4-2	Shannon Rovers 2-4
1963: 22/9/63	Burgess 6-3	Shannon Rovers 3-6
1964: 13/9/64	Burgess 7-6	Shannon Rovers 3-5
1966: 16/10/66	Kildangan 1-5	Shannon Rovers 2-2
Rep 23/10/66	Kildangan 4-8	Shannon Rovers 2-1
1971: 10/10/71	Kildangan 5-9	Shannon Rovers 2-4
1994: 1/10/94	Silvermines 0-18	Shannon Rovers 1-9

@ Showgrounds,	Ref P Kennedy
@ Nenagh,	Ref H Hogan
@ Cloughjordan,	Ref D Nealon
@ Borrisokane,	Ref S O'Meara
@ Borrisokane,	Ref S O'Meara
@ Nenagh,	Ref P McGrath
@ Nenagh,	Ref S O'Meara
@ Nenagh,	Ref D Nealon
@ Nenagh	Ref J McDonnell

@ Borrisokane	Ref C Heffernan
@ Nenagh	Ref D Gleeson
@ Nenagh	Ref D Gleeson
@ Nenagh	Ref P Ryan B-I
@ Nenagh	Ref M Loughnane
@ Nenagh	Ref P Ryan B-I
@ Nenagh	Ref J McKenna
@ Nenagh	Ref M Carey
@ Nenagh	Ref T Nolan
@ Nenagh	Ref G Hayes.

## The IH Management Teams



*Shannon Rovers Intermediate team management (l to r) Pat Cremin, Sean O'Meara and Sean Darcy.*



*Borrisokane Intermediate team management (l to r) Seamie Gleeson (Trainer/Selector), Padraic Hogan (Manager) and Paul Dooley (Selector).*



# Shannon Rovers

1

**Jamie Burke**

2

**Michael Hourigan**

3

**George Hannigan**

4

**Pat O'Meara**

5

**Barry Cahalan**

6

**Alan Byrne**

7

**Derek Horan**

8

**Donal Leenane**

9

**Roy Darcy**

10

**Alan Hannigan**

11

**Philip Donnellan**

12

**Martin Burke**

13

**Alan Hogan**

14

**Andrew Byrne**

15

**Padraig O'Meara**

## Fir Ionaid

16 Niall Cahalan, 17 Darren Carroll, 18 James Stack,  
19 Julian O'Halloran, 20 Ross Ryan, 21 Liam Gorman,  
22 Michael Harding, 23 Dan O'Halloran, 24 Paul Burke,  
25 Paddy Heenan, 26 Tommy Hogan, 27 Shane Carroll,  
28 Danny Burke, 29 Cian McLoughney.

## Raghnóirei

Manager: Sean O'Meara,  
Selector/Trainer Pat Cremin;  
Selector, Sean Darcy.  
Physio: Mary Tierney.



Captain: Derek Horan

# Borrisokane



1

**Paul Egan**

2

**Cathal Dooley**

3

**Kevin Gleeson**

4

**Padraig Moriarty**

5

**Rob Davis**

6

**Enda Forde**

7

**David Kennedy**

8

**Tadhg Slevin**

9

**Seosamh Cleary**

10

**Graham McMahon**

11

**Philip Austin**

12

**Andrew Austin**

13

**Eoin Larkin**

14

**Colm Larkin**

15

**Shane Dooley**

## Fir Ionaid

17 Andrew Comeford, 18 Conor Darcy,  
19 Brian Davis, 20 Conor Forde, 21 Ronan Guest,  
22 Gordon Harding, 23 Ray Harding,  
24 Adrian Hogan, 25 Peter McSharry,  
26 Seamus Moriarty, 27 Gary Power,  
28 Daryl Sullivan

## Raghnóirei

Manager: Padraig Hogan, Selector: Paul Dooley, Selector/trainer  
Seamus Gleeson.

Physio: Caroline Crean; First Aid Tina Coen.



**Captain: Graham McMahon**



# Borris-Ileigh

1

**Jody Harkin**

2

**Paddy Stapleton**

3

**Ciaran Cowan**

4

**Sean Maher**

5

**Declan Maher**

6

**Philip Maher**

7

**William Donnelly**

8

**Aidan Cowan**

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**Paul Maher**

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**Vincent Stapleton**

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**Brendan Maher**

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**Sean McCormack**

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**David O'Connor**

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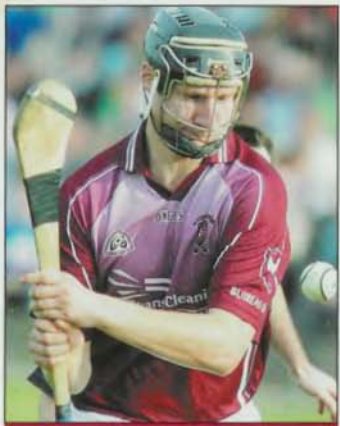
**Philip Rabbitte**

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**Mark Bourke**

## Fir Ionaid

16 Cathal Bourke, 17 Keith Ryan, 18 Martin Maher,  
 19 Brendan Kenny, 20 Rory Kinnane,  
 21 Dan McCormack, 22 Jack Bourke,  
 23 Mattie Stapleton, 24 Benny Harkin,  
 25 John Ryan, 26 Tommy Kavanagh,  
 27 Paudie Stapleton, 28 Maurice Ryan,  
 29 Thomas Fahey, 30 Ollie Delaney,  
 31 Kieran Hackett.



Captain: Philip Maher

# Toomevara



	1	
	<b>Sean Delaney</b>	
2	3	4
<b>Patrick Tuohy</b>	<b>Terry Dunne</b>	<b>Andrew Ryan</b>
5	6	7
<b>David Younge</b>	<b>Benny Dunne</b>	<b>Darren Delaney</b>
	8	9
	<b>Joseph McLoughney</b>	<b>Ken Dunne</b>
10	11	12
<b>Willie Ryan</b>	<b>Francis Devaney</b>	<b>Paddy O'Brien</b>
13	14	15
<b>Denis Kelly</b>	<b>John O'Brien</b>	<b>Michael Bevans</b>

## Fir Ionaid

16 Brian Delaney, 17 John Delaney,  
 18 Brian McCormack, 19 David Nolan,  
 20 Barry Dunne, 21 Thomas McCarthy, 22 John Boland,  
 23 Paddy Grace, 24 Eoin Brislane, 25 Colm Canning,  
 26 Jim Duignan, 27 Tony Delaney, 28 Brian Shanahan,  
 29 Jamie Quigley, 30 Conor O'Meara, 31 David Kennedy,

## Raghnóirei

*Manager:* Thomas Dunne, *Selectors:* Pat King, Dinny Haverly;  
*Physio:* Ned Murphy, Niamh Egan;  
*Trainer:* Ross Dunphy;  
*First Aid:* John Tuohy.



**Captain: Benny Dunne**

## Meet Shannon Rovers Captain, Derek Horan

This has been a wonderful year for Derek Horan. Just this month, he led Shannon Rovers to retain the Saint Jude All-Ireland Sevens. Rovers defeated Pdraig Pearses, Galway.

Selected as captain with the club this season, he began his hurling year on a high when winning a Higher Education Division 3B League medal with Dundalk I.T.

A qualified Agricultural Technician he went on to play at centre back with Louth hurlers and enjoyed a satisfactory season. Louth reached the Allianz National League Division 3 B final but lost to Wicklow at Parnell Park. In the Nicky Rackard Cup, Louth were well in the race but narrowly failed to make the knockout stages.

Derek first played championship hurling with Rovers Intermediates in 2000. His medal collection is impressive, He led the club to a North U-21 C win in 2003. Two North Intermediate league medals arrived in 2004 and 2006 while in football, he won one Junior B football, a Junior A Football medals before collecting three North senior football medals with Thomas MacDonaghs.

He enjoyed his early career at midfield but has made wing back his own now, partnering Alan Byrne and Barry Cahalan.



*Shannon Rovers intermediate team - North league champions 2006. Back row: (from left) - Dinny Cahalan, Philip Donnellan, Sean O'Meara, George Hannigan, Shane Carroll, Pat Quinlan, Alan Byrnes, Kevin Cahalan. Kneeling: Lee Darcy, James Stack, Darryl Darcy, Adrian Whelan, Martin Burke (captain), Jamie Burke, Roy Darcy.*

## The SH Management Teams



Toomevara management (l to r) Dinny Haverty, Tommy Dunne and Pat King..



Borris-Ileigh management (l to r) Timmy Ryan, Jim Williams (manager) and Martin Fahey.



## Looking back: Tomas Ryan Lanigan

*"In Borrisoleigh, dogs and horses were always a way of life. In Toomevara the Greyhound is tattooed on your soul the moment you are born."*

Thomas Lanigan Ryan and Mary Dwyer of Carrigdawson were married in 1966 and it was to be the beginning of among other things a united commitment to sport. Mary coming from a very old and well respected traditional family came in to the home of "faction fighting" where the "black hens" and "magpies" were well known throughout the land. Whilst the "Bantam" would respond to the Borrisoleigh supporters cheers at local matches, Mary would never "crow" but would smile inwardly and bask in the may great display's and victories of her beloved Toom. In all the great men that wore the green and gold Mary has a "soft spot" for that talented family from Curraheen, the Dunnes, with Tomas being her "white haired boy".

Thomas's father Jack and his uncle Thomas played hurling with Borrisoleigh, or the "Bush Team" as they were known locally and were selected on the Tipperary Junior team along with local team-mates Jack and Mick Hammomds. They were all on the County team from 1910-1916 winning 4 Munster and 2 All-Irelands as well as Thomas's father Jack captaining the Tipp. Team in 1913 and was thus the first of a long list of giants of men to bring silverware for a national title to Borris-Illeigh.

Thomas himself was at his first North final in Nenagh in 1947" when on 31st August Borrisoleigh beat Kilruane by 4-03 to 2-06 to claim their first North Title with Paddy Kenny captaining the side. Incidentally the Borris men wore Blue and

White then. Borrisoleigh were beaten in the County Final played at Clonmel by Carrick-swans powered by the Walls. Thomas was there in 1949 when on the 30th of Oct. In Thurles, Borris-Illeigh beat Knockavilla Kickhams by 4-06 to 2-01 to win their first ever County Senior Hurling title and Sean Kenny brought home "Dan Breen" to "The Strangers Paradise". This famous victory is recorded in folklore by "the seven stones of octogenarian genius, Pat Mahon", in his famous, "Up Borris-Illeigh".

Thomas and Mary have travelled the County and Country supporting and "roaring on the boys" of Borrisoleigh, Toomevara, and Tipperary. They have contributed to every fund raiser, double you money investment, 10 year tickets, training funds etc.etc that has existed. They both agree (?) that with all the success of Tipperary Teams that their most "memorable and emotional day" was when the Seniors of Borris-Illeigh who won the Dan Breen in the Clubs Centenary year, 1986, and followed it up with a fantastic "day of all days" in the spring of 1987, whenon St. Patrick's Day they defeated Rathnure in Croke Park on a score line of 2-09 to 0-09 to win the All-Ireland Club Title.

Thomas and Mary are sports fanatics and they look forward to each Christmas when they together do the *Farmers Journal* bumper crossword/quiz. Whether it is at the Mart, Creamery, or on the Streets of "Naynagh" there is great comradely between the Borris and Toom Supporters and as Mary says "Toom will still pull in Borris this October on their way back home with" Dan" no matter what happens in the North Final.

## Tommy Ryan, today's SH referee

Tommy Ryan takes charge of his second North Tipperary senior hurling final today. He was referee for last year's final between Nenagh Éire Óg and Portroe.

He has officiated in various National Hurling League matches in 2009 and 2010.

He took charge of the 2009 Christy Ring final involving Carlow and Down.

This year he refereed the Munster Minor Hurling semi-final between Cork and Waterford.

Tommy was the fourth official at this year's All-Ireland Minor Hurling final.



Toomevara U-14 hurling team 1993. At back John Hogan, Tomás Ryan, Brian McGrath, Stephen O'Meara, Ken Hall, David Meagher, James O'Meara, Andrew Ryan. Front: Paddy O'Brien, Benny Dunne, Pat McGrath, Andrew Ryan, Anthony O'Neill, Paul McGrath and Barry Dunne.

## Shannon Rovers Pen Pics

**Jamie Burke 22:** A leg injury almost curtailed his carrier but Jamie's goalkeeping has improved immeasurably from game to game having made a successful transition from the forward line.

**Barry Cahalan 22:** Can play effectively in any position from two to nine. Successfully led Shannon Rovers Gaels to U-21 success last year and a winner of two All-Ireland Sevens medals.

**George Hannigan 23:** Better known for his exploits on the football pitch. Won a Division 3 National Football league medal in 2009. Has made full back his own for the club.

**Pat O'Meara:** To quote the great Michael O Mhuireachtaigh, the ball might pass him, the man might pass him but ball and man together rarely pass him. Won two Intermediate League medals in 2004 and 2006.

**Michael Hourigan:** The no nonsense corner back, safe and reliable, Michael has put in some great performances this year.

**Alan Byrne:** Playing his best hurling to date, the former Tipp corner back won a National Hurling league medal in 2008.

**Derek Horan:** See Captain's page

**Donal Leenane:** At 38, he is the veteran. Leads by example always encouraging his fellow players.

**Roy Darcy:** One of the jokers in the panel. The 26 year old gives it one hundred percent. A winner of a Munster U-16 medal with North Tipperary in 2000.

**Martin Burke:** Having one of his best years in a club jersey. Plays with true spirit. Won Munster U-16 medal with North Tipp in 1993.

**Philip Donnellan:** Played along side George Hannigan on the Tipp minor football side in 2006. A promising rugby player with UCC, the Rovers centre forward will win plenty ball on the forty.

**Alan Hannigan:** Brother of George, Alan is a fine sick man, equally at home in defence or attack. Led Rovers Gaels to county final victory in 2008.

**Alan Hogan:** Has made a successful recovery from a cruciate knee injury he received in last year's county Junior football final. Played successfully at left wing back with Tipp minors in 2009.

**Andrew Byrne:** One of five sets of brothers in the side. A current minor, he has provided heartache for opposition full backs with his daring runs in this year's campaign.

**Padraig O'Meara:** Another minor player the Rovers sharpshooter played corner back with

the Tipperary minor football side this Spring. A winner of a Munster U-16 medal with Andrew Byrne in 2008.

**Niall Cahalan:** Son of former goalkeeper, Sean, the lion hearted giant has played in goal with Tipperary footballers at Minor, U-21 and Junior level.

**Darren Carroll:** Effective in attack as well as a defender. The tall athlete will have a commanding presence around the edge of the square. His father, Timmy won two medals.

**James Stack:** A very promising juvenile hurler, his career has been hampered with injury. Played a key role when introduced against Silvermines in the semi final.

**Julian O'Halloran:** Better known as Julianio following his recent trip to Brazil in aid of charity. Scored the levelling point against the Mines.

**Ross Ryan:** Another of the 2008 successful minor side, Ross is a very accurate forward from play and placed balls.

**Liam O'Gorman:** Another fine player that had his career hampered by a serious knee injury a few years ago.

**Michael Harding:** Can turn his hand to any sport. Gives everything to the cause, happy in defence as well as midfield.

**Dan O'Halloran:** Has played at every level with the club equally at home in both defence and attack.

**Paul Burke:** Another of the successful minor side. Won man of the match in the county final that year.

**Paddy Heenan:** Successful goalkeeper with the winning minor side in '08, Paddy has another minor final to look forward too later this year.

**Tommy Hogan:** The real veteran of the side. Has given club and county fantastic service over the years. A winner of an All-Ireland Intermediate hurling medal in 2000 alongside current team manager, Sean O'Meara.

**Shane Carroll:** One of the finest players the club has produced. A winner of a Munster and All-Ireland U-16 medals in 2002. Recently returned from a stay in Australia.

**Danny Burke:** Made a successful recovery from serious illness to win North and county minor honours in 2008. An accurate forward, he has just returned to the panel following a break from the game.

**Cian McLoughney.** Another of the 2008 minor brigade, Cian played his part in the early part of the year but a knee injury has curtailed his involvement

## Borrisokane Pen Pics

- Paul Egan** – age 23, won an u16 north & county, Minor north & county and an All-Ireland Vocational schools in 2005. 1st year in goals with the Intermediate panel.
- Cathal Dooley** – age 22, won an u16 north & county, Minor north & county and an All-Ireland Vocational schools in 2005. Recently took up a teaching post in Kildoooley.
- Kevin Gleeson** – age 23, won vocational schools All-Ireland in 2005. Nickname Yogie. Manager of this years under 16's.
- Pdraig Moriarty** – the Kerry man who returned from playing with Kerry Senior Hurlers to play with his club.
- Robert Davis** – age 23, won vocational schools All-Ireland in 2005. Works in Holland and he is no tulip.
- Enda Forde** – Munster Minor in 2002. Co U16. A solid centre back and having a great year.
- David Kennedy** – age 18, first year on the intermediate panel and making a name for himself, won north u12 football, U14 Hurling and Minor football this year.
- Tadhg Slevin** – age 30, a former Tipp hurler who has excelled at all grades. Hoping that he can add a north medal to his senior league medal and his most treasured school league medal from 93.
- Seosamh Cleary** – age 25, 2 Munster minor medals 2002&2003, Under 16 and minor north & co.
- Graham McMahon** – age 26, Captain fantastic, lead Borrisokane under 16's & Minors to north & county wins.
- Philip Austin** – age 23, vice captain of the Tipperary Senior football team, won division 3 & 4 national league medals, won minor north & county with club.
- Andrew Austin** – age 19, the faster of the Austin brothers, has made an immediate impact on the team this year.
- Eoin Larkin** – a member of the tipp minor panel that got to the all Ireland in 99. A very versatile player that can be played in the forwards our backs. Has worked hard to come back from an injury picked up earlier in the year to get his place.
- Colm Larkin** – nickname DJ – won Munster Minor with Tipp, U16's All-Ireland, All Ireland Inter Firms, Under 16 & Minor North & County with Borrisokane. An excellent free taker who averages 5 to 6 points a game.
- Shane Dooley** – 17, the youngest members of the panel and his first year to play intermediate. Has won north u12 football, u14 hurling & minor football with the club. Has a great desire to score and one to watch for the future
- 
- Andrew Comerford** – back from London where he won the relegation game of the Christy Ring with London.
- Conor Darcy** – The hard working full forward, who has a more pressing engagement in a couple of weeks, when he heads up the aisle. Another good man gone
- Brian Davis** – age 18, Brother of Robert and also his first year with the Intermediate panel. Won north U12 football, U14 hurling & Minor football.
- Conor Forde** – Age 21 nickname (Lar) member of the defence forces and recently came back from Chad. Won North & County U16 and Minor.
- Ronan Guest** – Has hurled every position for Borris, and brings great versatility to the team. Also went down one knee recently
- Gordon Harding** – Nickname the Kid, Won a north & county u16 and Minor. Works in Borris and loves farmer talk.
- Ray Harding** – Brother of Gordon and alot more good looking, put in some great performance for juniors this year
- Adrian Hogan** – the most senior member of the panel but has still lots to give. Captained Tipp Minors in 1991 and has won the Tipp jersey on many occasions.
- Peter McSherry** – Member of the victorious minor football team, and has put in some stirling performances this year with minor and junior hurlers
- Seamus Moriarty** – A future full back in the making, obviously been well tutored by older brother Pdraig
- Gary Power** – Very skillfull forward, who will be a backbone to this team in years to come.
- Daryl Sullivan** – Only recovering from injury, has kept hurley makers in business over the years

From The Guardian 12th October 1974

## Rovers' hunger for success lays low the champions

Shannon Rovers 2-4 Borrisokane (holders) 0-3

Playing with the dash of a side that has been starved of success – just as Borrisokane did last year – Shannon Rovers regained the Intermediate hurling crown after a six year lapse when they soundly thrashed the champions by a score but a seven point margin on Sunday. That the champions could score but a point from play in the hour is indication enough of their performance, but it must not take from the approach of the Shannonsiders, who though entering the game as underdogs finished it in a blaze of glory and left no one in any doubt as to their right of ownership of the title for this year.

**Shannon Rovers** – Pat Malougney, Tom Fox, Sean Cahalan, Martin Tierney, Willie Hourigan, G. Ryan, Martin Guest (Capt.), Anslem Walsh, Liam Horan, W. J. Hogan, Martin Horan, Colm Darcy, Michael Tierney, Tony Hogan, Timothy Tierney.

Subs – Vince McCarthy for Timothy Tierney, Jim Maloughney for Liam Horan

**Borrisokane** – Paul Whyte, John Reddan, Mick Hanley, Jackie Brennan, Eamonn Brennan, Mick Murphy (Capt.), Pat Buckley, Jimmy Cahill, Noel Morris, Tony McKenna, Pat Reddan, Shea Donnelly, Noel Tuohy, Noel Breannan, Mackey McKenna

Sub – Gerry Tuohy for Noel Brennan

Referee – Pat McGrath, Toomevara



*Shannon Rovers, winners of the North Tipperary intermediate championship 1974: Standing l-r: Jim Burke, P. J. Starr, Paddy Fogarty, Sean Cahalan, Timmy Tierney, Seamus Horan, Martin Horan, Tom Fox, Pa Hogan, Liam Horan, Martin Tierney, W. J. Hogan, Tony Ryan, John Tierney, Billy Hogan, Tom Slattery, Michael Quinlan, Jack O'Meara. At front: Vince McCarthy, Michael Tierney, Willie Hourigan, Martin Guest (capt), George Ryan, Tony Hogan, Pat Maloughney, Finbarr Tierney, Anslem Walsh, Jim Maloughney, Colm Darcy.*

Star of the Past:

## Goalkeeper Sean Cahalan

### Shannon Rovers and Tipperary

Prior to Patrick McLoughney lining out in goals for Tipperary and winning a National Hurling League final of 1979, Sean Cahalan won two All-Ireland Intermediate medals with Tipperary in 1971 and '72.

A sub with the 1971 winning side. The following year he lined out in goals as Tipp defeated Galway at Birr. This was a remarkable achievement because counties rarely win two-in-a-row at that grade as the Brocka man lined out with other well-known players like Jim Keogh and Michael Fitzgibbon both Silvermines, Noel Seymour, Ollie Killeen, Willie Moloney of Kildangan and John Costigan and Jim Kehoe.

Kehoe, from Kilsheelan, later collected a National League medal in 1979 alongside Patrick McLoughney. Jim Keogh, Silvermines, was to become full back with Tipp

seniors throughout the 'seventies and John Costigan lined out at right corner back in the 1968 senior final against Wexford.

In his earlier years, Sean Cahalan played

in the attack and scored three goals (Pat Foote scored three more) in the big intermediate win over Toomevara in 1967. One year later he made the goalkeeping position his own in the North final win over Kildangan and later against Latten Cullen in the county decider.

Having sampled senior grade in 1969, Rovers returned to intermediate the following year. They finished runners up to Kildangan in the 1971 final. Three years later Sean played in his next North final. This time it was at full back when he helped Rovers defeat Borrisokane and the following year he fulfilled the role once again to see off Ballinahinch.



## Toomevara pen pictures

### **Sean Delaney (Sean Duláinne)**

This is Sean's second season on the Toomevara senior panel, brother of Tony and Uncle to Darren. Has won North titles at under age level with Toomevara. Looking for his first North senior medal today.

### **Patrick Tuohy (Padraig Ó Tuathaigh)**

He has won championships medals at North, County and Munster club level with Toomevara including three North senior medals. Paddy has represented Tipperary at under age level.

### **David Young (Daibhéid de Siun)**

Has won medals at all grades with Toomevara. Represented Tipperary at under age level and Captained Tipp to win the Munster under 21 championship in 2006. Added an All-Ireland senior medal to his collection on the first Sunday in September.

### **Andrew Ryan (Aindriu Ó Riain)**

Represented Tipp at under age level and was on the minor team in 2009 and 2010. Has won a Minor B. medal in 2007 and a senior league medal this year with Toome. Seeking his first North senior medal today.

### **Terry Dunne (Toirealach Ó Doinn)**

Won his first North Senior Championship medal in 1991, he was the youngest player to play in a Co. Senior hurling final in 1992. He has won championships at all grades with Toomevara. He has won Munster Minor, Munster and All Ireland under 21 and Munster and All Ireland Senior with Tipperary.

### **Benny Dunne (Beirheart Ó Doinn)**

Benny has represented Tipperary at all grades and is on the current senior panel, he captained the Tipperary Senior Hurling team in 2005. He has won medals at all grades with Toomevara and is the current Captain. Recently won an All-Ireland senior medal with Tipperary against Kilkenny on September 5th.

### **Darren Delaney (Dáire Duláinne)**

This is Darren's first North Senior championship he is aged 18 and his father Tony is also on the panel. Won his first senior medal with Toomevara in their victory over Hylcross in the Co. League final on the 8/8/10.

### **Brian McCormack (Brian Mac Cormaic)**

Nicknamed "Rooster" Brian has won North, County and Munster senior club medals with Toomevara as has his father Mike, only father and son to have done so. Joined the Toomevara

senior panel in 2004 and is seeking his second North Championship medal today.

### **Ken Dunne (Cainneach Ó Doinn)**

Ken has represented Tipperary at all graded and won medals with Toome in all grades at North and County. He is a prolific free taker for Toomevara over the years. He has recently become a Dad for the first time.

### **Paddy O'Brien (Padraig Ó Briain)**

Paddy has represented Tipperary at all grades, he has won Munster and All Ireland Senior with Tipperary in 2001 scoring a point having come on as a sub in the final. He has been on the Toome senior team since 1995 and has won championships at all grades.

### **Francis Devaney (Proinsias Devaney)**

Francis is another Toome player to have represented Tipperary at all grades. He joined the Toomevara senior squad in 2001 and has been part of a very successful team since winning medals at all grades.

### **John O'Brien (Sean Ó Briain)**

John is a brother of Paddy and has represented Tipperary at all grades, he has won Munster and All Ireland Senior with Tipperary in 2001 and another following Tipp's win over Kilkenny. John won the RTE Man of the Match award in the 2008 Munster Senior Hurling Final, scoring 1-4 from wing-forward. He has enjoyed success at all grades with Toomevara.

### **Denis Kelly (Donnacha Ó Ceallaigh)**

1994 saw Denis first join up with the Toome senior team and over the years has been part of their success. Represented Tipp at Minor level he has also won a Dublin Championship medal with Faughs.

### **John Delaney (Sean Ó Duláinne)**

John has represented Tipperary at under age level has won North, County and Munster club senior championship medals with Toomevara. He is looking for his second North Championship medal today.

### **William Ryan (Liam Ó Riain)**

Willie is another player who has played for Tipperary at all levels. He was captain of the Senior Hurling team in 2009 that won the National League and Munster championship. He has won medals in North, County and Munster Club championships with Toomevara.

### **Brian Delaney (Brian Ó Duláinne)**

This is Brian's second year on the senior panel.

## Toomevara pen pictures

The County senior league victory this year was his first medal at senior grade. Has won Minor B and Junior League medals with Toome. Seeking his first North Senior medal today.

### **Michael Bevans (Micheál Bevans)**

Mikey Bevans has been a part of the Toomevara senior set up since 1994 and has played a major part in its success. Mikey captained Toome to two County Final victories in 2003 and 2008. His first North Final appearance was also against Borrisoleigh.

### **Barry Dunne (Barra Ó Doinn)**

1999 saw Barry another one of the Dunne brothers make his appearance at senior level with Toome. Those 11 years has saw him win medals at North, County and Munster club level. Highlight for Barry was the Co. Final victory in the 2005.

### **Thomas McCarthy (Tomás MacCarthaigh)**

Known as "Cannonball". Thomas has been on the senior panel for the past six years during which time he has won medals at North, County and Munster club level. He captained the Toomevara Junior A team to North Championship success two years ago.

### **Eoin Brislane (Eoin Ó Brisleáin)**

Eoin's first North final was in 1998 and has five North Championship medals as well as County and Munster club. He has represented Tipperary at all levels, including minor two years and under 21 three years.

### **David Nolan (Daibhéid Ó Nualláin)**

David is on the Toome senior panel for the past three years and has won Co. Championship medal 2008 and Co. League medal 2010. He has represented Tipperary at under 14 and 16 and North Tipp in the Garda Cup. Looking for his first North Championship medal today.

### **Jim Duignan (Séamas Duigeannain)**

2009 was the year Jim earned his place on the senior panel. Won his first senior medal with Toomevara in their victory over Holycross in the Co. League final on the 8/8/10. He has won North titles at under age level. Hoping to win his first North senior medal today.

### **Jamie Quigley (Séamus Ó Coighligh)**

Jamie is a member of the senior panel for the past few years and has won county Championship medal 2008 and Co. League medal 2010. Jamie also plays rugby for Nenagh Ormond. Seeking his first North Championship

medal today.

### **Colm Canning (Colm Ó Cainin)**

This is Colm's first year on the senior panel and he has collected a Co. senior league medal in Toome's victory over Holycross as well as Junior A and Junior B league medals in 2010. He has represented Tipp at under 14, 15, 16 and 17 level. Looking for his first North Senior Championship medal today.

### **Bryan Shanahan (Brian Ó Seanchain)**

Bryan has been part of the Toomevara senior set up for the past two years. He won Co. Senior league medal in Toome's victory over Holycross as well as North Junior A league in 2010. Represented North in the Garda Cup. Hoping to win his first North senior medal today.

### **John Boland (Sean Ó Beollain)**

John joined the senior panel in 2001 and has won medals at North, County and Munster club level. Represented Tipperary at under age and Minor level. Suffered an injury in the earlier rounds and is now regaining fitness.

### **Joseph McLoughney (Seosamh Mac Lachtna)**

Joey is a member of the senior panel for the past few years during which time he has won medals at North, County and Munster club level. He has represented Tipp at under age level and was Captain of the Tipperary All Ireland winning side in 2006.

### **Paddy Grace (Páidí Gras)**

Paddy is on the Toome senior panel for the past three years and has won Co. Championship medal 2008 and Co. League medal 2010. He has represented Tipperary at under age level. Regaining fitness after an earlier injury. Hoping to win his first North senior medal today.

### **Tony Delaney (Antaine Ó Dúláinne)**

1991 saw Tony win his first North Senior Championship medal and has been part of the senior set up since winning medals at North, County and Munster club level. His son Darren is also on the panel. He is known locally as "Moose".

### **David Kennedy (Daibheid Ó Cinneide)**

David has been a part of the Toomevara senior set up since 2001 during which time he has won medals at North, County and Munster club level. David suffered an injury in an earlier round and is now regaining his fitness.



## Recent success for Borris-Ileigh Juvenile Club

### Borris-Ileigh Juveniles in 2010

The highlight of the year so far for Borris-Ileigh must be the winning of the North U-14 B Hurling final. They defeated Kildangan and their victory was most welcome as Borris-Ileigh failed at the same hurdle last year.

*Over the years, Borris-Ileigh Juvenile Hurlers has contested finals on a regular basis. Their previous success was the U-16 B Hurling title in 2008.*

### Hurling Record

U-12 A:	1	Borris-Ileigh	1973.
U-12 B:	1	Borris-Ileigh	1989.
U-14 B:	5	Borris-Ileigh	1990, 1999, 2003, 2005, 2010.
U-16 B:	5	Borris-Ileigh	1988, 1991, 1995, 2004, 2008.

### LATEST SUCCESS PRE 2010:

*North Tipperary Under 16 'B' Hurling Championship Final 2008*

## Deserved Under 16 success for Borris-Ileigh

**Borris-Ileigh 1-16 Lorrha 1-13**

Borris-Ileigh struck three points without reply in the closing minutes to win a high quality North Tipperary Under 16 'B' Hurling final against Lorrha at Cloughjordan wrote *Shane Brophy*.

**Man of the Match** was Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh).

**Scorers: Borris-Ileigh:** Dan McCormack 0-7, 4 frees; Benny Harkin 0-6, 2 frees; Jack Bourke 1-3.

**Lorrha:** David Fogarty 1-8, 1-4 frees; Niall O'Meara 0-3; Declan O'Meara, Aaron Hogan 0-1 each.

**Borris-Ileigh:** Shane McCormack; Dara Ryan, Damien Dunne, Cathal O'Connell; Michael Ryan, Danny Ryan, Stephen Shanahan; Daniel Bergin, Barry Dwyer; Tommy Mockler, Benny Harkin, Seamus Howard; Jack Bourke, Dan McCormack, John Fitzgerald. Sub: Thomas Ryan for J Fitzgerald.

**Lorrha:** Philip Hogan; Daniel Smyth, Sean O'Meara, Sean Hogan; Sean Duggan, Christopher Guilfoyle, Gavin Young; Niall O'Meara, Jamie Lewis; David Fogarty, Declan O'Meara, Neil Houlihan; Padraig Kennedy, Michéal Lambe, Michael Brophy. Subs: John O'Meara for M Lambe; Aaron Hogan for P Kennedy.

**Referee:** Dan Darcy (Kilruane MacDonaghs).

## Tipperary U-21 All-Ireland Champions 2010



Tipperary U-21 Hurlers - Munster & All Ireland Champions 2010. Standing: (l to r) Brian O'Meara, Kevin O'Gorman, Michael Cahill, Paddy Murphy, Pádraic Maher, John O'Dwyer, Seamus Hennessy. Seated: Michael Heffernan, Sean Carey, Patrick Maher, Brendan Maher, James Barry, James Logue, Ciarán Hough, Noel McGrath. Photograph: Bridget Delaney

# Top 30 scorers in 2010

The 2010 Hibernian North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship Top 30 Scorers

Points	Player	Club	Total
43	Ken Dunne	(Toomevara)	3-44 (1-28f, 0-1 '65)
38	David O'Connor	(Borris-Ileigh)	1-35 (0-27 f, 0-2 '65)
36	Brian O'Meara	(Kilruane MacDonagh)	1-33 (0-20 f, 0-1 sideline)
31	Darragh Egan	(Kildangan)	0-18 (0-22f, 1'65, 0-1 s-cut)
31	Stephen Murray	(Burgess)	2-25 (0-14f, 1'65, 0-1 sideline)
31	John Sheedy	(Portroe)	1-27 (0-22 f, 1'65)
26	Tony Scroope	(Burgess)	1-23 (0-16 f)
25	Eanna Murray	(Templederry)	1-22 (0-16 f, 2'65)
22	Tommy Connors	(Kildangan)	4-10
21	John O'Brien	(Toomevara)	2-15
21	Ronan O'Meara	(Lorrha)	2-15 (0-10f, 2'65)
20	Brendan Maher	(Borris-Ileigh)	0-20 (0-7f, 0-1 sideline)
19	Michael Sheedy	(Portroe)	5-4 (1-0f)
19	Colm Kennedy	(Roscrea)	1-16 (0-11f, 0-2'65)
18	Seamus Hennessey	(Kilruane MacDonaghs)	2-12 (1-2f)
18	Gearóid Ryan	(Templederry)	0-18 (0-7f, 0-1'65)
17	Willie Greene	(Moneygall)	0-17 (0-14f)
17	Michael Heffernan	(Nenagh Éire Óg)	1-14 (1-10f)
16	Tom Ryan	(Templederry)	4-4
15	John Doughan	(Moneygall)	1-12 (0-5f, 0-1 pen, 0-2 '65)
15	Ray McLoughney	(Kilruane)	0-15 (0-11f, 0-2 '65)
14	Paddy O'Brien	(Toomevara)	0-14 (0-6f, 0-1 sideline)
14	Tommy Devereux	(Moneygall)	3-5
14	Ruairi Gleeson	(Kildangan)	4-2
13	Sean Kelly	(Kildangan)	4-1
13	Noel Hogan	(Lorrha)	1-10 (0-4f)
12	Kevin Tucker	(Nenagh Éire Óg)	1-9 (0-7f)
12	Paddy Fanning	(Moneygall)	1-9 (1-1f)
10	Pdraig O'Leary	(Templederry)	2-4.
10	David Buckley	(Roscrea)	2-4

October 5th, 1986:

## Last North final win for Shannon Rovers

**Shannon Rovers 1-12 Newport 0-7**

The teams marched behind the Moycarkey Pipe Band before a well contested final at MacDonagh Park. The decisive score arrived in the 23rd minute when full forward Timmy Tierney found the net after a well placed pass by Joe Hannigan. It was the games only goal in the 1-12 to 0-7 victory.

**Scorers: Shannon Rovers:** Sean O'Meara 0-7 (6 frees), Timmy Tierney (1-0), Jim McLoughney (0-1 1 s-cut) and Timmy Carroll 0-2 each, Mike Burke 0-1.

**Newport:** N. O'Gorman and Ger Carey 0-2 each, Pat Shinnors, T. Floyd and C. Keating 0-1 each.

**Shannon Rovers :** Patrick McLoughney; Ger Leenane, Tom Burke Captain, Sean Darcy; Liam Hogan, Jim McLoughney, Seamus O'Sullivan; Joe Hannigan, Timmy Carroll; Sean O'Meara, Mike Burke, Ger Darcy; Pat Hogan, Timmy Tierney, Gerry O'Meara.

**Newport:** Ger Floyd, John O'Brien, Michael Ryan, John Ryan; Tom Jones, Larry McGrath, D. J. O'Brien; Ger Carey, Connie McGrath, Tim Floyd, Ger Bradley, Connie Keating; John Keating, Noel O'Gorman, Pat Shinnors.

**Referee:** Johnnie McDonnell.



*Shannon Rovers, 1968 North Intermediate champions: At back: Sean Cahalan, Pat Prout, Tom Fox, Jim Egan, Martin Guest, Jim Burke, Albie Burke, Raymond Guest, Martin Horan, Matt Gogarty, Timmy Tierney, Seamus Horan. Kneeling: Tony Darcy, Tom Hourigan, Mikey Cahalan, Cyril Darcy, W. J. Hogan, Anslem Walsh, Tony Hogan, P. J. Starr*

## Toomevara Juvenile Affairs

It must be said that Toomevara have a great record at Juvenile hurling since 1972 when the U-12, U-14 and U-16 grades were formed. Their record speaks for itself.

### North U-12 A Hurling

21 Toomevara 1975, 1977, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2006.

### U-14 A Hurling

13 Toomevara 1977, 1979, 1983, 1984, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2007, 2008.

### U-16 A Hurling

10 Toomevara 1981, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1999, 2003

This year they completed at A level in every grade.

**Take the Toomevara U-12 Hurling side:** They narrowly failed to reach the semi-final. They had stiff opposition in Kilruane MacDonaghs, Roscrea, Moneygall and Nenagh eire Og.

**The U-14 Hurling side** produced a great run. Mixing fortunes against Nenagh Eire Og, Newport/Ballinahinch, Kilruane MacDonaghs, Roscrea and Ballina they reached the semi-final before losing to Newport/Ballinahinch 2-7 to 2-6.

At U-16 Hurling level - it has so far being a fantastic as the side remain unbeaten to date having overcome Kildangan, Roscrea, Kilruane MacDonaghs, Lorrha and drew with Nenagh Eire Og. A semi-final place is assured.

### Recent Success 2008

There most recent success at divisional level was the U-14 A Hurling final win over Kilruane MacDonagh in 2008.

Toome retain Under 14 'A' title ..... said the Nenagh Guardian

Toomevara 3-11 Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-7

The importance of a good goalkeeper was never more evident than in Templederry last Saturday as Shane Nolan made a succession of saves to ensure that Toomevara retained their north title in defeating Kilruane MacDonaghs.

Nolan made a succession of second half saves with one fantastic effort coming two minutes from time as Jack Peters bore down on goal. A goal for the challengers at the time would have reduced Toome's lead to the minimum at a time when Kilruane were well on top but were not as prolific in taking their scores like Toome were.



Liam Hogan with Barry Dunne. John O'Brien is also in the photo.

## Borris-Ileigh pen pictures

- Jody Harkin:** Occupation: Teacher. A stalwart in goals and has been first choice keeper since he joined the panel. Also a keen golfer (handicap unknown).
- Paddy Stapleton:** Occupation: Student. A tough and tight marking corner back as he is proving at present with the Tipp Senior panel. Good reader of the game.
- Ciaran Cowan:** Occupation: Student. This is his first year playing at full back and has settled in very well. A strong player on the ground and in the air.
- Sean Maher:** Occupation: Haulage. Playing better than ever, a real workhorse and never gives an inch. A brilliant man to train.
- Declan Maher:** Occupation: Bank Official. Has the heart of a lion on the field a fierce tackler always giving 110%.
- Philip Maher:** Occupation: Plumber. Is now manning the centre back position with ease. A big strong player both on the ground and overhead.
- William Donnelly:** Occupation: Student. Has settled well in this position after playing in a few different positions earlier. Dare you put your hand up to catch a ball.
- Aidan Cowan:** Occupation: Telecom Engineer. A big strong physical player. Bonecrushing tackles are his forte.
- Paul Maher:** Occupation: Student. Has settled in well at midfield. A very fast and versatile hurler. Hard player to keep up with.
- Sean McCormack:** Occupation: Student. Transferred from a backman to the forward line. A young hurler both skilful and stylish.
- Brendan Maher:** Occupation: Teacher. A very impressive player in every match with an abundance of talent. An inspiring young hurler with both club and county at present.
- Vincent Stapleton:** Occupation: Student Priest. A teak tough hurler. A great manmarker who can destroy the best of hurlers.
- Mark Bourke:** Occupation: Co-op Manager. A very speedy player. When in form can score points from almost anywhere.
- Philip Rabbitte:** Occupation: Plumber. Big strong player and has come back into the team after a bad injury. A great target man.
- David O'Connor:** Occupation: Student. A brilliant free taker, from all angles, for the last few years. Has a tendency to score goals also. Great striker of the ball.
- Cathal Bourke:** Occupation: Student. Goalkeeper. A very good shot stopper.
- Martin Maher:** Occupation: Teacher. After a long lay off with injury he has re-asserted himself at wing forward. A very important man to have back in the team.
- Keith Ryan:** Occupation: Tree Surgeon. A very fast and versatile player.
- Brendan Kenny:** Occupation: Teacher. A strong high fielding forward.
- Rory Kinane:** Occupation: Teacher. Can adapt as a forward or back. Strong in the air.
- Matthew Stapleton:** Occupation: Student. A talented and skilful forward.
- Jack Bourke:** Occupation: Student. A young talented goalkeeper.
- Dan McCormack:** Occupation: Student. A fast and very skilful forward.
- Benny Harkin:** Occupation: Student. Good forward, great to take a score.
- Tommy Kavanagh:** Occupation: Student. A young accurate forward.
- Tomas Fahy:** Occupation: Student. Tight marking back, good in the air.
- John Ryan:** Occupation: Student. A strong tough half forward.
- Paudie Stapleton:** Occupation: Student. A young and fast midfielder.
- Maurice Ryan:** Occupation: Farmer. A midfielder, good first time hurler.
- Aidan Dwyer:** Occupation: Student. A very strong and tough backman.
- Kieran Hackett:** Occupation: Student. Tight and fearless corner back.
- Ollie Delaney:** Occupation: Student. Clever forward both skilful and accurate.

# Juvenile Affairs 2010

The North Tipperary U-12 'A', 'B' and 'C' Finals were played on August 7th at Dolla. Kilruane MacDonaghs retained the North U-12 'A' title when defeating Roscrea. In the 'B' final, Newport won their sixth B decider in overcoming Burgess while Templederry captured the 'C' final against Portroe. The finals provided plenty colour and good hurling. Prior to each final, the teams marched behind lone piper, Joe Barry. This was a highlight and the idea went down well with both parents and players. We should also take this occasion to thank the referees, linesmen and umpires for their help on the day. Thanks also to the committee members at Silvermines club. The finals signify the end of the U-12 hurling and Football championships as we know them. The decision to end the championships was made by Congress last Spring.

## U-12 Hurling Results were

U-12 A : Kilruane MacDonaghs	8-2	Roscrea	3-5
U-12 B : Newport	0-7	Burgess	1-1
U-12 C : Templederry	2-7	Portroe	0-5

## North U-12 Hurling Roll of Honour 1972-2010

### North U-12 A Hurling

21	Toomevara	1975, 1977, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2006.
6	Nenagh Éire Óg	1972, 1984, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2007.
4	Kilruane MacDonagh	1978, 1979, 2009, 2010
4	Roscrea	1974, 1990, 2005, 2008.
2	Moneygall	1976, 1999.
1	Burgess	2004.
	Borris-Ileigh	1973.

### North U-12 B Hurling

6	Newport	1978, 1981, 1982, 1988, 1996, 2010.
5	Kildangan	1976, 1990, 1991, 2006, 2007.
4	Sean Treacys	1983, 1984, 1985, 1993
3	Moneygall	2002, 2005, 2009.
	Templederry	1979, 2001, 2003.
	Kilruane MacDonaghs	1997, 1999, 2000.
	Burgess	1980, 1986, 1994,
2	Ballina	1995, 2008.
	Silvermines	1998, 2004.
1	Borrisokane-Knockshe	1992.
	Borris-Ileigh	1989.
	Lorrha	1987.
	Nenagh Éire Óg	1977

### North U-12 C Hurling

4	Silvermines	1994, 1995, 1997, 2006.
3	Shannon Rovers	1996, 2003, 2007.
	Portroe	1993, 2000, 2009.
2	Templederry	1998, 2010
	Nenagh Eire Og B	2004, 2005.
	Lorrha	1999, 2002
1	Newport	2008.
	Kildangan	2001.
	Lorrha	1992
1	Burgess	1991.

## 1996: Borrisokane's last North Inter title

### Borrisokane 1-11 Templederry 0-10

An impressive scoring display from Padraig Hogan, helped Borrisokane to their seventh North Intermediate hurling title, when they defeated Templederry in a wet MacDonagh Park all of fourteen years ago.

He scored 1-9 over the hour and with Borrisokane having wind advantage in the first half, he had Borris 0-4 to 0-1 ahead after twenty minutes.

His brother Adrian, scored a point from a sideline cut to extend their lead and on twenty five minutes Pauraic Hogan scored a goal from a long distance free which deceived the Templederry defence.

Borris led 1-9 to 0-1 at half time and the expected Templederry comeback began to materialise with points coming from John Collins and Seamus Kennedy.

Martin Tooher was well positioned to get Borrisokane's first and only point from play. Templederry switched Michael Ryan to centre forward and Tommy Murray had a point which skimmed over the Borris crossbar.

Templederry reduced the deficit to three points after Liam Murray pointed a free, but with two minutes remaining, Pauraic Hogan sealed the issue with a free.

**Borrisokane:** Vince McKenna; Paul Dooley, Martin Donnelly, Jim McLoughlin; Dermot Murphy, Keith Slevin, Paul Corcoran; Michael Heenan (Capt), John Gardiner; Adrian Hogan, Martin Tooher 0-1, Padraig Hogan 1-9(1-7 f and 2 65); Vivian Dooley, John McKenna, Eoin Cleary.

Sub- Barry Gohery for Cleary, Declan Morris for Murphy injured.

**Templederry:** Jimmy Collins; Gerard Ryan, Patrick Kennedy, Donal Ryan; Murty McMahon, Micheal Ryan 0-1, Patrick Ryan; Michael Kennedy, Pauraic Ryan; Seamus Kennedy 0-1, Liam Dwan (Capt), John Collins 0-4; Liam Murray 0-3 (frees), Michael Stapleton, Tommy Murray 0-1.

Sub- Damien Bourke for Pauraic Ryan, Brian Murray for MI Kennedy.

Referee Martin Ahern Ballina.

### Borrisokane's Seven North Final wins

1940: Dec 1	defeated Moneygall	3-3 to 2-2	@ Kilruane	Ref P Kennedy, Dolla
1952: Sep 21	defeated Silvermines	1-6 to 2-0	@ Nenagh	Ref D Gleeson, Templederry
1958: Aug 24	defeated Silvermines	3-6 to 2-5	@ Nenagh	Ref H Hogan, Lorrha
1973: Oct 7-	defeated Ballina	3-11 to 2-5	@ Nenagh	Ref S O'Meara, Lorrha.
1982: Sep 26-	defeated Portroe	2-10 to 1-4	@ Nenagh	Ref P Dunlea, Silvermines
1995: Oct 1-	drew with Silvermines	1-15 to 0-18	@ Nenagh	Ref T F Stapleton, Borris-Ileigh
Rep Oct 8-	defeated Silvermines	5-16 to 0-10	@ Nenagh	Ref T F Stapleton.
1996: Oct 20-	defeated Templederry	1-11 to 0-10	@ Nenagh	Ref Maratin Ahearne, Ballina

### Borrisokane lost Five Finals

1950: Oct 1-	lost to Portroe	6-5 to 1-4	@ Nenagh	Ref P Hogan, Kildangan.
1957: Aug 30-	lost to Newport	8-9 to 1-5	@ Nenagh	Ref P Ryan, Borris-Ileigh
1974: Oct 6-	lost to Sh- Rovers	2-4 to 0-3	@ Nenagh	Ref S O'Meara, Lorrha
2004 : Oct 3-	lost to Kildangan	2-13 to 2-11	@ Nenagh	Ref A Moloney, Cahir
2006: Oct 1	lost to Silvermines	2-15 to 1-13	@ Nenagh	Ref M Cahill, Kilruane McD.



## Welcome to the Captains' table

Over fifty captains have received the Frank McGrath Cup, the prize for the North Senior Hurling Championship, since the cup was first presented in 1961.

The list is as follows:

1961 John Hough	Toomevara	1998 Eddie Tucker	Nenagh
1962 Niall Williams	Toomevara	1999 Tommy Dunne	Toomevara
1963 Michael Nolan	Roscrea	2000 Terry Dunne	Toomevara
1964 Michael Burns	Éire Óg Nenagh	2001 Kevin Tucker	Nenagh
1965 Len Gaynor	Kilruane	2002 Ken Dunne	Toomevara
1966 Noel Lane RIP	Lorrha	2003 Michael Bevans	Toomevara
1967 Francis Loughnane	Roscrea	2004 James Maher	Roscrea
1968 John Dillon	Roscrea	2005 Philip Rabbitte	Borris-Ileigh
1969 Michael Hogan	Roscrea	2006 Thomas Dunne	Toomevara
1970 Patsy Rowland	Roscrea	2007 Declan Maher	Borris-Ileigh
1971 Donie Moloney	Roscrea	2008 Brian Kelly & Michael Ryan	Kildangan
1972 Noel Dwyer	Borris-Ileigh	2009 Hugh Maloney	Nenagh Eire Og
1973 Tim Delaney	Borris-Ileigh		
1974 Jim O'Brien	Silvermines		
1975 Pat Sheedy	Moneygall		
1976 Michael Coen	Borris-Ileigh		
1977 Denis Cahill	Kilruane		
1978 Jim Williams	Kilruane		
1979 Liam O'Shea	Kilruane		
1980 Kevin Brady	Roscrea		
1981 Tim Stapleton	Borris-Ileigh		
1982 Final finished level.	No replay		
1983 Francis Spillane	Borris-Ileigh		
1984 Kieran Hough	Lorrha		
1985 Tony Sheppard	Kilruane		
1986 Tony Sheppard	Kilruane		
1987 Jack Cahill	Kilruane		
1988 Bobby Ryan	Borris-Ileigh		
1989 Ken Hogan	Lorrha		
1990 Pat Quinlan	Kilruane		
1991 Rory Brislane	Toomevara		
1992 Paul Kennedy	Nenagh		
1993 Donie O'Brien/ John Heffernan	Nenagh		
1994 Pat Meagher	Toomevara		
1995 Tony Delaney	Toomevara		
1996 Connie McGrath	Newport		
1997 George Frend	Toomevara		



Noel O'Dwyer, Borris-Ileigh



Len Gaynor, Kilruane



Francis Loughnane, Roscrea



Ken Hogan, Lorrha



*Borrisokane intermediate panel that defeated Ballina in the 2003 Intermediate Hurling Championship quarter final. Back l-r: Pairic Moriarty, Ger McKenna, Jamie Donnelly, Garry Donnelly, Joe Murphy, Philip Austin, Eoin Larkin, Enda Forde, Graham McMahon, Keith Slevin, Seosamh Cleary, Conor Darcy, Brendan Reddin, Brian Hogan, Mark Comerford, Michael Comerford, Front: Padraig Hogan, Paul Donnelly, Andrew Comerford, Adrian Egan, Colm Larkin, Ronan Guest, Tadhg Slevin, Adrian Egan, Liam Gleeson, Joe Gleeson, Darragh McKenna, John Tully, James McMahon.\**



*Borrisokane senior hurlers 2001. Back l-r: John Egan, Niall Slevin, Eoin Larkin, Paul Corcoran, Andrew Comerford, Shane Guest, Ger Morris, Keith Slevin, Dermot Murphy, Patrick Brennan. Kneeling: Liam Gleeson, Tadhg Slevin, Michael Heenan, Joe Murphy, Graham McMahon, Jim McLoughlin, Ronan Guest, Adrian Hogan, Seosamh Cleary.*

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<u>Group Stages</u>								
<b>Round 1</b>								
17-04-10 @ 18:00	Newport	1-20	2-09	Knockshewowna	Toomevara			
18-04-10 @ 15:30	Borrisokane	1-16	2-12	Shannon Rovers	Nenagh			
10-04-10 @ 14:00	Silvermines	1-18	2-10	Ballinahinch	Newport			
<b>Round 2</b>								
24-04-10 @ 18:00	Knockshewowna	0-07	0-12	Borrisokane	Lorrha			
25-04-10 @ 16:00	Shannon Rovers	0-09	0-13	Silvermines	Puckane			
01-05-10 @ 16:00	Ballinahinch	0-13	2-15	Ballina	Dolla			
<b>Round 3</b>								
04-06-10 @ 19:45	Borrisokane	0-15	0-09	Newport	Dolla			
15-05-10 @ 17:30	Silvermines	W/O	Scr	Knockshewowna	Toomevara			
23-05-10 @ 14:00	Ballina	0-10	0-13	Shannon Rovers	Portroe			
<b>Round 4</b>								
12-06-10 @ 16:00	Newport	0-02	2-11	Silvermines	Ballina			
12-06-10 @ 18:00	Knockshewowna	0-06	3-21	Ballina	Dolla			
04-06-10 @ 19:45	Shannon Rovers	2-15	0-15	Ballinahinch	Kilcolman			
<b>Round 5</b>								
19-06-10 @ 19:30	Silvermines	0-17	1-07	Borrisokane	Nenagh			
19-06-10 @ 18:00	Ballina	1-06	1-13	Newport	Nenagh			
18-06-10 @ 20:00	Ballinahinch	1-10	1-14	Knockshewowna	Puckane			
<b>Round 6</b>								
24-07-10 @ 17:30	Borrisokane	0-11	4-09	Ballina	Nenagh			
09-07-10 @ 19:30	Newport	2-08	0-04	Ballinahinch	Ballina			
24-07-10 @ 15:30	Knockshewowna	1-10	0-16	Shannon Rovers	Borrisokane			
<b>Round 7</b>								
31-07-10 @ 16:30	Ballina	0-12	1-14	Silvermines	Newport			
31-07-10 @ 19:00	Ballinahinch	1-14	0-22	Borrisokane	Dolla			
31-07-10 @	Shannon Rovers	Scr	W/O	Newport	Nenagh			
Group	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Score For / Agst	W-overs Rec / Con	Score Diff	Points
Silvermines	6	6	0	0	4-73 / 3-40	1 / 0	+36	12
Borrisokane	6	4	0	2	2-83 / 7-68	0 / 0	0	8
Newport	6	4	0	2	4-52 / 5-45	1 / 0	+4	8
Shannon Rovers	6	3	0	3	4-65 / 2-64	0 / 0	+7	6
Ballina	6	3	0	3	10-73 / 2-70	0 / 0	+27	6
Knockshewowna	6	1	0	4	4-46 / 5-79	0 / 1	-36	2
Ballinahinch	6	0	0	6	4-66 / 8-92	0 / 0	-38	0

**Semi-finals (Extra Time)**

(Semi-final X) 21-08-10 @ 18:30	(Group Winner) Silvermines	0-09	0-10	(Group 4th Place) Shannon Rovers	Toomevara Matchtracker
(Semi-final Y) 12-09-10 @ 13:00	(Group Runners-Up) Borrisokane	0-00	0-00	(Group 3rd Place) Newport	Nenagh

**FINAL (Extra Time)**

Weekend 18/19-09-10	(Winner Semi-final X) SHANNON ROVERS	0-00	0-00	(Winner Semi-final Y) B'okane or Newport
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## North Tipp. IHC roll of honour

Burgess (14)	1941, '51, '53, '56, '59, '63, '64, '69, '70, '76, '92, '93, '03, '05.
Silvermines (9)	1945, '48, '72, '87, '94, '97, '98, '99
Shannon Rovers (8)	1939, '54, '67, '68, '74, '75, '85, '86
Borrisokane (7)	1940, '52, '58, '73, '82, '95, '96
Kildangan (7)	1966, '71, '77, '80, '01, '02, '04
Newport (6)	1934, '57, '65, '88, '89, '09
Moneygall (4)	1943, '49, '62, '91
Portroe (4)	1950, '81, '83, '90,
Templederry (4)	1931, '79, '00, '08
Toomevara (3)	1944, '55, '84
Lorrha (2)	1946, '07
Knockshegowna (2)	1960, '61
Dolla (2)	1927, '28
Kilruane MacDonaghs (1)	1978
St. Mary's (1)	1947
Youghalarra (1)	1942
Kilbarron Kildangan (1)	1930
Nenagh De Wets (1)	1929

## U-14's Big Day

The North Tipperary U-14 'A', 'B' and 'C' Finals were played on August 14 at MacDonaghs Park, Nenagh. Nenagh Éire Óg retained the North U-14 'A' title when defeating Newport/Ballinahinch following a hard fought game. In the 'B' final, Borris-Ileigh won their 5th 'B' decider following an easy win over Kildangan while Portroe needed extra time in capturing the 'C' final against Shannon Rovers Gaels following a very exciting game.

Similar to the Under 12 finals, the previous weekend, there was plenty colour and good hurling. Prior to each final, the teams marched behind lone piper, Joe Barry. We should also take this occasion to thank the referees, linesmen and umpires for their help on the day. Thanks also to the committee members at MacDonagh Park committee members plus members from Nenagh Éire Óg Club. Both bodies left no stone unturned.

**'A' Final:** *Nenagh Éire Óg 3-7 Newport/Ballinahinch 1-5.*

**'B' Final:** *Borris-Ileigh 2-15 Kildangan 0-2*

**'C' Final:** *Portroe 3-13 Shannon Rovers Gaels 5-4.*

### U-14 A Hurling

13	Toomevara	1977, 1979, 1983, 1984, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2007, 2008.
9	Nenagh Éire Óg	1972, 1973, 1974, 1978, 1988, 2003, 2005, 2009, 2010
6	Roscrea	1976, 1982, 1985, 1992, 1993, 1994.
	Kilruane MacDonagh	1980, 1981, 1990, 1996, 2001, 2006.
2	Borrisokane-Knockshe	1975, 1976.
1	Kildangan	2004.
1	Silvermines	2000.
1	Burgess	1999.

### U-14 'B' Hurling

5	Borris-Ileigh	1990, 1999, 2003, 2005, 2010
5	Burgess	1984, 1985, 1993, 1994, 1995.
4	Lorrha	1976, 1977, 2001, 2008.
3	Newport	1978, 1997, 2004.
	Ballina	1983, 1996, 2000.
	Shannon Rovers	1979, 1981, 1986.
	Kildangan	1980, 1982, 1988.
	Templederry	1992, 2007.
	Silvermines	1987, 1989.
1	Moneygall/Ballinahinch	2009.
	Borrisokane	2006.
	Portroe	2002.
	Moneygall	1998.
	Borrisokane-Knockshe	1991.

### U-14 C Hurling

3	Portroe	1994, 1997, 2010.
3	Borrisokane	1998, 1999, 2009.
	Shannon Rovers	1992, 2000, 2001.
2	Kildangan	1995, 2002.
	Templederry	1993, 1996.
1	Newport	2003.
	Silvermines	1991.

No Competition in 2004, '05, '06, '07 and '08.



*Jimmy Butler Coffey won an All-Ireland senior hurling medal in 1937 against Kilkenny at Killarney. Jimmy won a North SHC medal with Newport in 1935 and met up with his great grandnephew Pearse Morris who played on the Nenagh Éire Óg team that won last year's title thus bridging a 74 year gap. In the foreground is the Frank McGrath Cup which is the North SHC Cup.*

## Tiobraid Arann Abu

*Tiobraid Arann Abu! Tiobraid Arann Abu  
That's our watchword and war cry foraye;  
For Tipp'rary's brave men from the hill and the glen  
Are the champions of Ireland today.  
Fling the new on the breeze, let it ring o'er the seas  
On the moorland and wild mountain blue –  
How the boys on the field forced all rivals to yield  
With the cry, Tiobraid Arann Abu!*

### CHORUS

*Then hurrah boys, hurrah, 'tis our glory today  
How the seniors and brave minors too,  
Showed the juniors the way to win fame in the fray  
With the cry, Tiobraid Arann Abu*

*In the land of our birth – purest gem of the earth –  
Writ in bright flashing gold of the dawn  
Is Tipp'rary's fair name and her far flowing fame  
In the swing of the Irish caman  
Let the bright blue and gold of our banner unfold*

*And we'll swear to be loyal and true  
To the men of renown who won victory's crown  
With the cry, Tiobraid Arann Abu!*

*Tiobraid Arann Abu! Let it ring loud and true  
Till it shakes heather-crowned Sliabh na mBan  
For no power could e'er smash Tipp'rary's swift dash  
With clash of the ash sweeping on  
While of victory we boast, let us now drink a toast  
To the brave men, the tried and the true  
Who so oft in the past nailed our flag to the mast  
With the cry, Tiobraid Arann Abu!*

*In the games of the Gael may our men never fail  
To be loyal to Eire's fair name  
May they ever march on like the men who are gone  
True to gallant Tipp'rary's great fame  
Yes, with Ireland's caman and the speed of the fawn  
And the blood of the Gael through and through  
Feeling proud of the past they will fight to the last  
With the cry, Tiobraid Arann Abu.*

# Tribute to Jimmy Conroy

(Nenagh Éire Óg) 1938-2009

**T**oday we pay tribute to Jimmy Conroy, who passed away earlier this year. Jimmy was a regular contributor to souvenir match programme on North Senior Hurling Final day.

As news filtered through of Jimmy Conroy's passing, his neighbours, friends and his large Éire Óg family were numbed into disbelief that this very fit man was taken from us so unexpectedly.

Jimmy Conroy was the ultimate family man, a great Gael, an immensely proud Galway man, a tremendous Éire Óg man and an ardent G.A.A supporter and a passionate lover of the National game of hurling.

Jimmy hailed from the famous Carnmore/Claregalway parish where he was born in 1938. He played schoolboy hurling for his native parish before he went on to win two Connacht senior colleges medals with St. Mary's of Galway. His club performances at a young age in his beloved red club jersey attracted the attention of the county selectors and Jimmy was selected on the Galway minor hurling team for 3 consecutive years, 1954, 1955 and 1956. He made his debut with the Galway senior team in October 1958 at Semple Stadium Thurles when he donned the maroon and white, lining out with no.13 as the Tribesmen beat Wexford in the Oireachtas final to win the Thomas Ashe trophy.

Jimmy Conroy was an automatic choice on the Galway hurling team from 1958-1968 when for the most part they partook in the Munster Senior Championship.

He joined An Garda Síochána and during his many postings, he helped local teams. He played with Whitegate and Éire Óg Ennis. One of Jimmy's proudest moments in the Banner was when he assisted Feakle to win the Clare Cup. Jimmy was a popular, well respected and highly regarded acquisition by the "Toomevara Greyhounds" as he was stationed in the local village from 1966-1971. His many battles with the North Tipp teams are often spoken about.

He transferred to Nenagh in 1972 and started a family there. Jimmy became a member of Éire Óg, taking on roles as administrator, team manager, selector, and in later years a keen player in that exclusive den of rogues the "45" club. Jimmy was one of the prime instigators of setting up the Éire Óg Juvenile Committee in 1982 and was elected vice-chairman with Bro. Pat Madigan as chairman. Over the next 3 decades his role as administrator, tremendous attention to detail, he will be fondly remembered by the scores of youngsters that passed through his hands and under his tutelage they all blossomed.

Jimmy along with fellow selectors were to be part of an enormously successful period for Éire Óg juveniles in both codes hurling and football, being a familiar sight at our matches with his daughter Breda. Jimmy was looking forward to seeing his grandson Billy O'Brien lining out with pride for "The Blues".

Jimmy was a selector on the two-in-a-row North Tipperary Under 16 hurling Munster final winning teams in 1989 and 1990. He was also a selector with the Tipperary county under 16 teams. Jimmy served as an officer with both North Tipperary Bord na nOg and County Tipperary Bord na nOg.

One of his biggest disappointments was when he was Tipperary Minor hurling selector which failed at the last hurdle in the All-Ireland final against Kilkenny in Croke Park in 1991.

Jimmy was laid to rest in Lisbonney graveyard on Sunday 22nd Nov. Jimmy will be leaving behind him a hugely loving and grieving family. To his family we extend our deepest sympathy.

*Solas na bhflaitheas dá anam uasal.*

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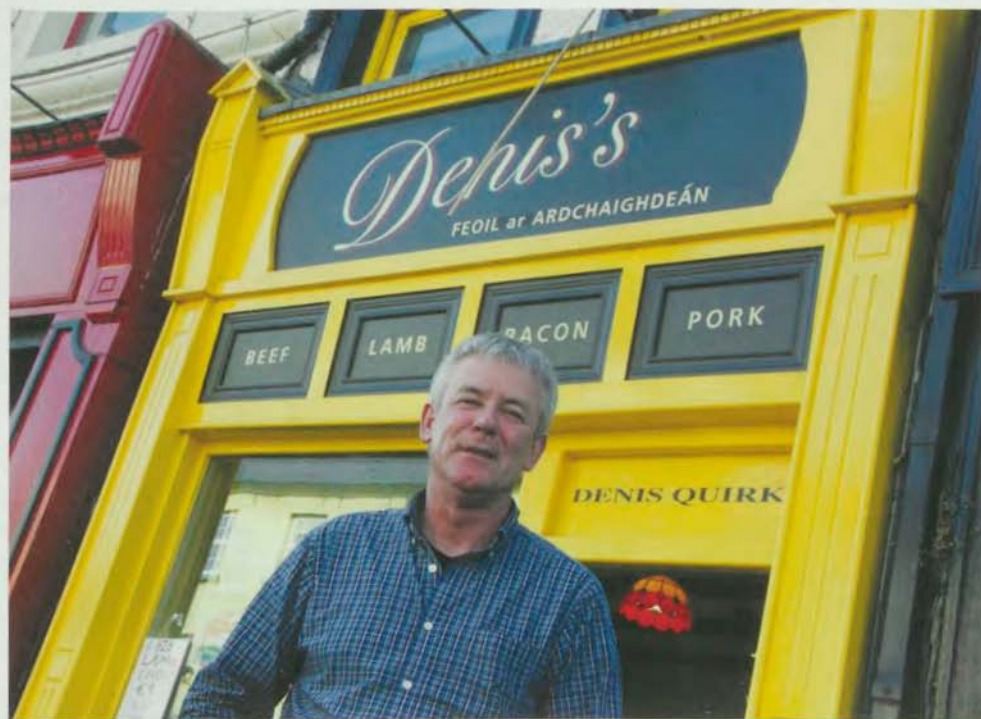
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