

EIRE OG 'RARIN' TO

RELIEVE LOUGHMORE OF

THEIR TITLE

If co-incidences surrounding Sunday's county MH final between the North champions, Eire Og, and their Mid counterparts, Loughmore/Castleiney, have any relevance, then Sunday's result is a foregone conclusion. It's Eire Og for the title.

When the Nenagh lads won their first—and only—title in the grade in 1969, they defeated reigning champions, Moycarkey in the final. The previous year, Moycarkey had won the title for the first time.

Next Sunday, the present Eire Og squad step out on the Semple Stadium sod trying to relieve Mid champions Loughmore/Castleiney of a title they won for the first time ever last year. On that basis alone, the title should come back to the North but as everyone knows, co-incidences like these should only be taken with a grain of salt.

EXCELLENT CHAMPIONS

Loughmore have shown themselves to be excellent champions. Last year they put out fancied Cashel in the final and the dedication showered upon the under age players of the parish right up from the under 12 grade in recent years has borne fruit, few thought possible in a parish which is best noted for its footballing exploits.

Minor hurling in the county received a marvellous injection last year with Tipperary's all-Ireland victory. This year's side was no bad one either but things didn't go right in the first round against Clàre and victory in that outing might well have led the way for a retention of the title.

Sunday's finalists have had a long hard battle to reach the top and both were impressive in their semi-final outings last Saturday. Everything seems set for a thrilling climax to what has indeed been a great competition. As champions, the odds must favour Loughmore, but there is an enthusiasm in this Nenagh line up, backed by a keen regard for training and the overall balance of the side can win them the day.

'69 FINAL

Incidentally in the 1969 final, which Eire Og won by 8-8 to 1-7, Eire Og, who were forced to play without Robert Ashman, lined out as follows:

Michael Maguire, Eddie Murphy, Matt Sheary (capt.), Martin O'Meara, P. J. Cooney, Tim Fogarty, Martin Moroney, Billy Condon, Liam Heffernan, John Grace, Joe Rice, Rody Cawley, Martin Hogan, Willie Brennan, Denis O'Connor.

Jimmy Collins from St Mary's, Clonmel, will have charge of Sunday's game, which opens the day's proceedings at 2 p.m.

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