

Co. Tipperary Senior Football Final  
Match Programme  
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*Tomás Ó Balaí,  
Rúnaí.*

## FAILTE

It is with great pleasure that I welcome the four teams to today's county football finals. Arravale Rovers have a distinguished history stretching back to the early days of the association. In those far-off days football was extremely strong in Tipperary. An indication of that strength can be seen in the outcome of the 1894 championship. There were three teams from the town among the eleven that contested the football championship and the two that reached the final were Arravale Rovers and Tipperary Shamrocks. Arravale won by 2-1 to nil even without the services of their well-known captain, Jack Quane, who had gone to America. Another famous team from the town, Bohercrowe, won the county championship in 1894 and 1896 and were back again in 1899. Tipperary Town won in 1902 and Tipp O'leary's in 1910. Surely an impressive record !



*Photograph taken during the tour of the United States by the Tipperary senior hurling team in 1931. Left to right, Wedger Meagher and Captain Johnny Leahy. The child in the front is a son of Dan Breen's. Can anyone guess the name of the man on the left.*

Loughmore-Castleiney's record may not stretch back so far but it is also a proud one. The club won its first county final in 1940 and were successful on seven occasions altogether. In 1955 they defeated to-day's opposition. Two men from the parish played on the Tipperary selection against Dublin on 'Bloody Sunday', Bill Ryan Laha and Jim Ryan. Both men won All-Ireland medals when Tipperary won their last football All-Ireland in 1920.

The contestants in to-day's minor final are Templemore and Fethard. Fethard recorded their only victory in this grade in 1957 and Templemore are going for their first today.

The venue for to-day's game, Pairc Sean O'Laochdha, is going through a period of refurbishment at the present.

The entrance has been repainted and the sign over the gate re-erected. New seating has been installed on one part of the field. It is all part of the Sportsfield Committee's endeavour to make the park a better venue for all Gaelic Games.

Seamus J. King — Cathaoirleach.

## CLAR AN LAE

Minor final, 1.30 — Fethard V Templemore  
Referee: Paddy Lonergan (Galtee Rovers).

Senior final, 3.00 — Arravale Rovers V Loughmore-Castleiney  
Referee: Tommy Lonergan (Kilsheelan).

## NA REITEOIRI



Paddy Longergan of Bansha is today's minor football final referee. Paddy is a married man and lives in Cahir but retains the Galtee Rovers connection by acting as secretary of the juvenile club. He has wide experience as a referee having handled all grades in hurling and football within the division. Outside the west he has been in charge of two All-Ireland Vocational Schools finals and this year he refereed the Cork—Waterford minor football semi-final game.



Tommy Lonergan from the Kilsheelan club is the referee in charge of today's senior football final. Tommy is still an active playing member of his club to which he has given distinguished service as a goal-keeper. He is a very experienced referee having been in charge of games at all grades in hurling and football within the south division. He has the distinction of refereeing the two county senior football semi-finals this year as well as the senior hurling final. He has refereed National League games and Munster club championships. He is a minor football selector and was on the selection committee of last year's successful minor football team.

## Today's Program

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## ARRAVALA ROVERS

Arravale Rovers are playing in their first county senior football final since 1976. In that year they were beaten by neighbours Galtee Rovers. A number of players on today's panel figured at that time, Tommy Twomey, Pat McCormack, Denis Keanneally, Willie Crowe, Pat Kelly, Carl Lowry, John Crowe and Michael McCarthy.

Pat Kelly, who is the trainer of today's team, would have been playing but for injury. The selectors are Seamus O'Donoghue, Dan Sheridan, Sean Moore and Jimmy O'Connell.

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| Club Officers: | Life President: | Jim Donoghue    |
|                | President:      | Dick Meagher    |
|                | Chairman:       | Michael Ryan    |
|                | Secretary:      | Jimmy O'Connell |
|                | Treasurer:      | Willie Madden   |

In the west championship Arravale lost the first round to Emly. They beat Golden and Lattin to win the loser's group and should have played the loser's of the west final for a place in the county quarter-finals. The west finalists, Galtee Rovers and Cappawhite, couldn't find a suitable date for their match. The west board decided to nominate two teams for the quarter-finals. Cappawhite withdrew and Galtee Rovers and Arravale Rovers went forward. The west final between Galtee Rovers and Cappawhite has still to be played. In the county quarter-final Arravale created some surprise when they defeated Fethard. They followed up that success with a comprehensive defeat of Templemore in the semi-final last Sunday. They are approaching to-days game in a confident spirit.

Three of to-days team are on the county senior football panel, Tommy Twomey, Pat McCormack and Tony Meagher. Corner-back, David Walsh was on the successful Tipperary minor football team in 1984.

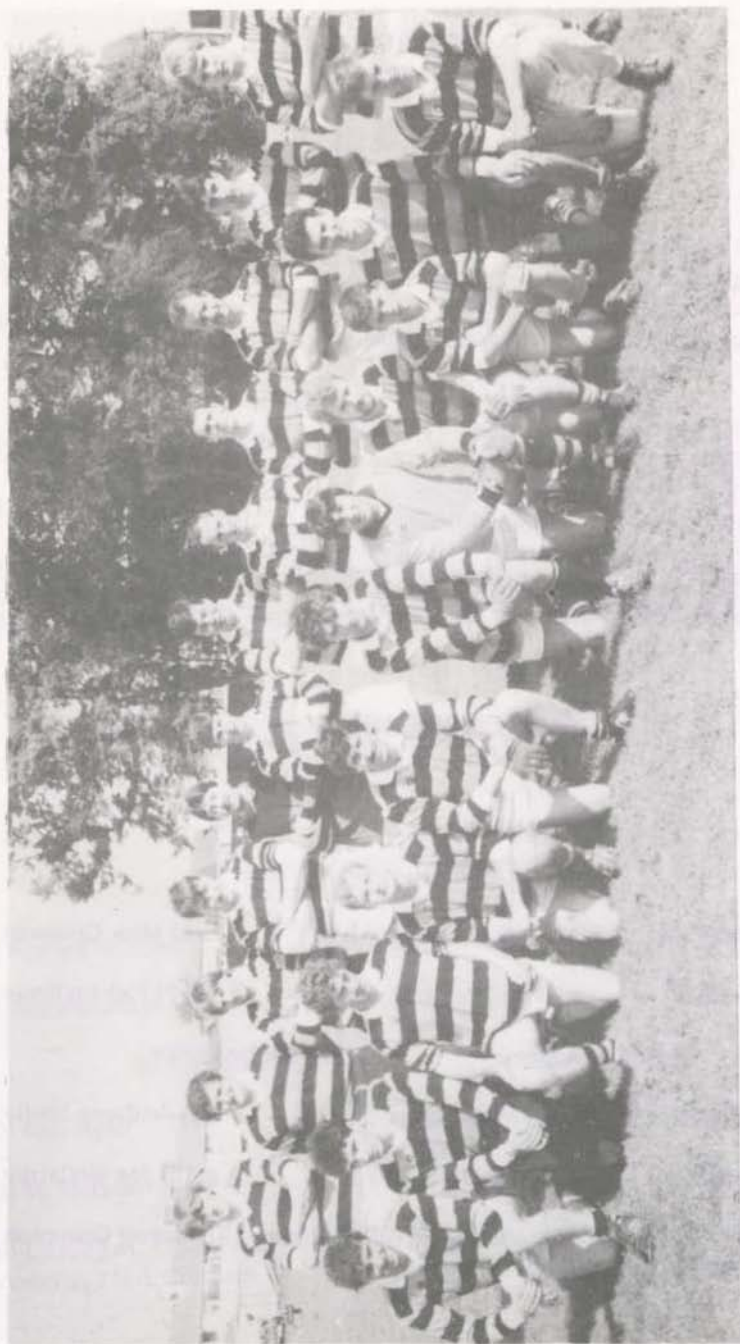
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**ARRAVAL ROVERS SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM**

*Who defeated Fethard in the County Senior Football Quarter Final in Cahir 15th September 1985*

# FETHARD

(Blue & White)

|             |
|-------------|
|             |
| (1)         |
| David Keane |

- 2) Colm Kehoe                      3) Paul Hayes                      4) Paul Mullins
- 5) Michael Ryan                      6) Willie O'Meara                      7) Dermot Hackett (Capt.)
- 8) Brian Burke                      9) Chris Coen
- 10) Liam Ryan                      11) Michael Riordan                      12) Kevin Burke
- 13) Willie Morrissey                      14) Eddie Sheehan                      15) Fergus McCormack
- 16) Johnny Connolly, 17) Shay Ryan, 18) Andy Donovan, 19) Thomas McCarthy, 20) Adrian Bradshaw, 21) Ger Murphy.

# TEMPLEMORE

(Green & White)

|              |
|--------------|
|              |
| (1)          |
| Brendan Bane |

- 2) John McGrath                      3) Brian Lawlor (Capt.)                      4) Mick Corcoran
- 5) Mark Hctor                      6) James Cahill                      7) Padraig Newe
- 8) Ruane Morris                      9) Brendan Burke
- 10) Batt Burke                      11) Michael Ormond                      12) Anthony Shelly
- 13) Dan O'Boyle                      14) Brendan Foy                      15) Joe McCarthy
- 16) Brian Larkin, 17) Conor Wall, 18) William Butler, 19) Michael Crampton  
20) Ger Callanan, 21) Michael Cahill.

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| (1)                  |
| Tommy Twomey (Capt.) |

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| 2) Joe Browne        | 3) Pat McCormack    | 4) David Walsh     |
| 5) Willie Madden     | 6) Tom Richardson   | 7) Denis Kenneally |
| 8) Paul Landers      | 9) Willie Crowe     |                    |
| 10) James O'Donoghue | 11) Brendan Fogarty | 12) Tony Meagher   |
| 13) Jimmy Lowry      | 14) Bill Cronin     | 15) John Lowry     |
- 16) Pat Kelly, 17) Carl Lowry, 18) Barry Walshe, 19) Arthur Ryan, 20) Michael McCarthy, 21) Damian Quinlan, 22) Martin Lowry, 23) Willie Dillon, 24) Willie Gilsenan, 25) John Crowe, 26) John Conroy, 27) Richard Crowe.

# LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY

(Red and Green)

|           |
|-----------|
| (1)       |
| Joe Kiely |

- |                        |                  |                     |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 2) Richard Stapleton   | 3) Eddie Webster | 4) Tom Ryan         |
| 5) Eddie Brennan       | 6) Peter Brennan | 7) Pat Treacy       |
| 8) Tom McGrath         | 9) Pat McGrath   |                     |
| 10) Ned Ryan           | 11) A. N. Other  | 12) Frankie McGrath |
| 13) M. McGrath (Capt.) | 14) John Treacy  | 15) Pat Lynch       |
- 16) Dick Egan, 17) John Connolly, 18) John Lalor, 19) Kevin Kelly, 20) Tom Connolly, 21) J. Cormack.





**LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY**

*Front: J. McGrath, M. McGrath, J. Geehan, S. Fogarty, E. Brennan, P. Brennan, F. McGrath, J. Treacy. Back: R. Stapleton, T. Ryan, K. Kelly, J. Kiely, P. McGrath, P. Treacy.*

## LOUGHMORE—CASTLEINEY

Loughmore-Castleiney go into to-day's county senior football final with a magnificent achievement behind them, twenty-one mid senior football titles in a row ! Since 1965 they have won every senior title and their coach, selector and full-back today played in that first title victory twenty years ago. Eddie has, in fact, eighteen titles. He retired after the 1981 victory and was recalled for this year's mid final after injury prevented their regular fullback, Seamus Fogarty, taking his position. Eddie played sufficiently well to retain his position in the quarter and semi-final games.

Eddie Webster's career is a proud one. As well as his mid medals he has three senior football titles. Only eighteen years when he had his first senior victory in 1965 Eddie has shown promise when he won minor hurling and football and under-21 football with his club in 1964. Since then his successes have extended beyond the club. A regular on the county team he was on the successful Division II National League win in 1971. In the same year he was on the Munster Railway Cup team that lost the final but played on the successful teams of 1975 and 1976. On two occasions he received the award of County Footballer of the Year.

A married man with five children Eddie is also treasurer of the club. His most memorable game was against Offaly in a National Football league game. Another memorable performance was against Ardfinnan in the 1973 county final. Marking Babs Keating that day he played a stormer and topped a great performance by scoring 1-1 from frees. He believes that Loughmore-Castleiney have the experience to take today's title and that the pressure will be on Arravale Rovers.

As well as Eddie the other selectors are Sean Mockler, Mick Connell, J. V. Burke and Tom Egan. The club officers are: Life President: Fr. J.J. O'Rourke President: Bill Ryan Laha; Chairman: Pat Cullen, Secretary: John Treacy and Treasurer: Eddie Webster.

Loughmore-Castleiney were beaten by arch-rivals, Templemore in the first round of the mid. They beat Templetuohy in the loser's group and turned the tables on Templemore in the final. In the county quarter-final they beat Borrisokane-Shannon Rovers and accounted for Galtee Rovers in the semi. Today is their seventh final appearance since 1973. They have won four.

## MINOR PREVIEW

The trainer of the Templemore team in today's final is Jack Walsh. Jack is a Loughmore man living in 'enemy' country. No sooner did he come to live in Templemore than his talents were recognised and he was put in charge of a team. And Jack's talents are impressive. He is the holder of eighteen mid-final medals, the same as his former team-mate, Eddie Webster. Like Eddie, Jack was on that first successful team back in 1965 and won eighteen finals in-a-row until he retired after the 1982 final.

The other selectors of the team are Paddy Guidera and Tom Shortt. Another man closely involved in juvenile secretary, Paddy McLoughlin. The club officers are: President: Tommy O'Dwyer; Chairman: Michael Cahill, Secretary: Michael Kealy and Treasurer: Bill Prout.

On their way to the final the team beat Thurles in the first round, Holy-cross in the semi and Thurles again in the final. They defeated Roscrea in the county semi-final. Full back and captain, Brian Lawlor played on the county minor football team. James Cahill was on the county minor hurling team. The top scorers on the team are Michael Ormond and Joe McCarthy.

## FETHARD

On the basis of their record to date Fethard must be favourites to take the minor final today. Since the present bunch of lads came together at under-12 they have lost only one final, the under-12 divisional final. They won the county under-14, urban and rural, and the county under-16 championship and now they are confident of taking the minor. Four of the team are on the Fethard senior team and four are also on the county minor team. The team also won the under-15 All-Ireland 7-a-side Og Sport title at Gormans-town in 1982.

The selectors are Jimmy O'Shea, who is also coach, Louis Coen, Richard Hayes and Pat Sheehan. The team was beaten in the first round of the south championship by Commercials. They then defeated Cahir, Moyle Rovers, Ardfinnan and Commercials on their way to the final against Moyle Rovers. In this remarkable final they came from fourteen points down to win by a single point. They defeated Golden in the county semi-final. The Chairman of the Fethard club is Ned Sheehan, the Secretary Michael McCormack and the Treasurer Martin Cuddihy.

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