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Senior



Football Final

At Ardfinnan

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 1999

Fanaithé na Maoilig

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Na Trachtalai

at 4.00 p.m.

Referee: Ger Hayes

Preceded at 2.30 p.m. by

County Minor Football Final

Fíodh Ard v Buirgheás

Referee: Sean Twomey

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1888 Bohercrowe	1927 Fethard	1963 Ardfinnan
1889 Bohercrowe	1928 Fethard	1964 Ardfinnan
1890 Grangemockler	1929 Mullinahone	1965 Commercials
1891/93 None	1930 Kilsheelan	1966 Commercials
1894 Arravale Rovers	1931 Grangemockler	1967 Commercials
1895 Arravale Rovers	1932 Kilsheelan	1968 Kilsheelan
1896 Arravale Rovers	1933 Clonmel Shamrocks	1969 Commercials
1897 Clonmel Shamrocks	1934 Clonmel Shamrocks	1970 Ardfinnan
1898 Clonmel Shamrocks	1935 Ardfinnan	1971 Commercials
1899 Arravale Rovers	1936 Templemore	1972 Kilsheelan
1900 Clonmel Shamrocks	1937 Clonmel Shamrocks	1973 Loughmore/Castleiney
1901 Clonmel Shamrocks	1938 Fethard	1974 Ardfinnan
1902 Tipperary Town	1939 Ardfinnan	1975 Kilruane
1903 Grangemockler	1940 Castleiney/Loughmore	1976 Galtee Rovers
1904 Grangemockler	1941 Arravale Rovers	1977 Loughmore/Caslteiney
1905 Grangemockler	1942 Fethard	1978 Fethard
1906 Grangemockler	1943 10 th Batallion	1979 Loughmore/Castleiney
1907 Grangemockler	1944 Commercials	1980 Galtee Rovers
1908 Cloneen	1945 10 th Batallion	1981 Galtee Rovers
1909 Grangemockler	1946 Loughmore/Caslteiney	1982 Commercials
1910 Tipperary O'Learys	1947 St. Patricks	1983 Loughmore/Castleiney
1911 Nenagh	1948 Commercials	1984 Fethard
1912 Mullinahone	1949 Galtee Rovers	1985 Arravale Rovers
1913 Mullinahone	1950 Galtee Rovers	1986 Commercials
1914 Castleiney	1951 Ballingarry	1987 Loughmore/Castleiney
1915 Nenagh	1952 Old Bridge	1988 Fethard
1916 None	1953 St. Patricks	1989 Commercials
1917 Fethard	1954 Fethard	1990 Commercials
1918 Fethard	1955 Loughmore	1991 Fethard
1919 Fethard	1956 Commercials	1992 Loughmore/Castleiney
1920 Fethard	1957 Fethard	1993 Fethard
1921 None	1958 North Selection	1994 Commercials
1922 Fethard	1959 North Selection	1995 Moyle Rovers
1923 Fethard	1960 Thurles Crokes	1996 Moyle Rovers
1924 Fethard	1961 St. Flannan's (North)	1997 Fethard
1925 Templemore		1998 Moyle Rovers

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Moyle Rovers Senior Football Team 1980. Front row: Pat Foley, Noel Conway, John McGrath, Ger Purcell, Donal Foley, John Keating. Back row: Anthony Cahill, Michael Boland, John Boland, Seamus Cleary, John Russell, Mick Looby, Brendan Foley, Seamus Caulfield, Brendan Boland R.I.P.

Is Lá mor é an Lá innie do mhuintir Thiobraid Árann. Mar sín cuireann sé an áthas orm fáilte a chuir sibse go léir ar an ócáid agus ar an áit stairiul seo.

Ta súil agam go mbéidh ní amháin cluiché go ana-mhaith ach cluichí sportúil againn. Today's final, the last of this century brings together those near neighbours and great sporting rivals Moyle Rovers, our current County Champions, and Clonmel Commercial, many times champions in the past, in what appears to have the makings of an excellent County Senior Final.

Moyle Rovers proved themselves worthy champions in the truest sense of the word, and while extremely unlucky in the Munster club final, they gave it their all in those two enthralling encounters with Doonbeg. Commercial who also have come tantalisingly close to that coveted Munster Club Championship title, have also proved their entitlement to their standing in the upper echelons of Gaelic Football. Their initial participation and ultimate victory in the Munster Senior Football League which was launched last year to honour that great Kerry stalwart the late John Dowling is an achievement we all salute.

Today also in a very special way we warmly welcome the minor finalists. From that great bastion of Gaelic Football we have many time champions Fethard, who this afternoon will have as opponents Burgess who are contesting their first ever County minor football final.

The appearance of Burgess just two short years after their neighbours Kildangan were very narrowly defeated in their debut at this stage of the competition cannot be let go unnoticed. We warmly compliment all of those responsible and hope that their deserved success will come sooner rather than later.

This year saw the County senior championship being played on an open draw system and my personal viewpoint is that it has been an undoubted success. It's earlier conclusion is also to be welcomed and sincere thanks to all those who made this possible.

To our referees and officials of today and indeed the many other days Ar mbuíochas a gabháil libh. Likewise to our supporters and all the countless others who serve us so unselfishly we are deeply indebted.

As we come to the end of one millennium and are within a very short time of standing on the threshold of another let us pause and think if we can make it more memorable and enjoyable for each other. Personally I have no doubt but we can. Let us in a co-operative and co-ordinated manner put "Tipperary" first by promoting to the utmost extent possible our games both hurling and football and all other facets of our culture. We are wandering and losing our way, let us return to the long and narrow - and quickly.

*Micheál O'Freaghaile
Cathaoirleach Choiste Péil*

TOP SCORES - Fethard

Conor McCarthy 0-42; Ken O'Donnell 3-8; John Fitzgerald 2-3; Carl Maher 1-13; Glen Burke 0-19; Brian Coen 0-3; Kenneth Byrne 0-3; Cian Maher 0-2; Nicky Murphy 0-2; Diarmuid Burke 1-0; Declan Kenny 1-0

Fethard scored 8 goals 95 points - against 6 goals 41 points

Fethard

Colours: Blue and White

1

Tommy Gahan

2

John O'Meara

3

Michael Ahearne

4

Philip Croke

5

Alan Phelan

6

Cian Maher

7

Ronan Allen

8

Kenneth Byrne

9

Nicky Murphy (C)

10

Conor McCarthy

11

Glen Burke

12

Brian Coen

13

Carl Maher

14

John Fitzgerald

15

Kenneth O'Donnell

Subs: 16 Ian Kendrick; 17 Paul Hackett; 18 Pat Looby; 19 John Noonan; 20 Declan Kenny

PATHS TO FINAL

Fethard

Minor 'A' Football 1999

11th April -	Fethard 0-21	Commercials	0-4
30th April -	Fethard 1-14	Wild Rover	0-4
7th May -	Fethard 0-9	Ardfinnan	2-7
27th July -	Fethard 1-22	Killenaule	1-7
14th Aug -	Fethard 1-11	Ardfinnan	2-8
24th Aug -	Fethard 3-10	Ardfinnan	0-2
27th Aug -	Fethard 2-8	J.K. Brackens	1-9

Buirgheás

16th April -	Burgess 0-7	Inane Rovers	0-5
30th June -	Burgess 5-5	Nenagh Eire Og	1-3
11th Aug -	Burgess 2-11	Inane Rovers	2-7
27th Aug -	Burgess 3-5	Knockavilla/Kickhams	0-8

Burgess - Buirgheás

Colours: Gold and Green

1 Noel McDonnell (N. MacDomhnaill)		
2 Niall McGrath (N. MacCraith)	3 Patrick Ryan (P. Ó Ríain)	4 Donal Hogan (D. Ó hOgáin)
5 Damien O'Brien (D. Ó'Briain)	6 Jason Seymour (J. MacSeymour)	7 David Maher (D. Ó Meachair)
8 Shane Maher (S. Ó Meachair)		9 Alan Seymour (A. MacSeymour)
10 Michael Fogarty (M. O'Fógartaigh)	11 Colm O'Brien (C. Ó'Briain)	12 Cathal Hanrahan (C.Ó hAnnreachán)
13 Noel Gleeson (N. Ó'Glíasain)	14 Padraig McDonnell (C) (P. MacDomhnaill)	15 Francis Hogan (P. Ó hOgáin)

Subs: 16 David Quinlan (D. Ó Caoinlean); 17 Kevin McGrath (C. MacCraith); 18 James Brophy (S. de Broithe); 19 Martin Fogarty (M. Ó Fogartaigh); 20 Owen Hogan (E. Ó hOgáin); 21 Tony Scroope (A. Scroope); 22 Patrick Tucker (P. O Tuicéir)

Selectors: P. J. Hogan, J. P. McDonnell, Aindreas McDonnell

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BURGESS

This is an historic day for the Burgess Club, as the Minor Footballers contest their first ever County 'A' Final against Fethard.

Football has made great strides in Burgess since the '90's. John Kissane from Kerry and Patsy Bonnar, a native of Donegal were invited to Burgess to coach the young players in 1992. They did great work concentrating on skill and speed. Pat Cremins, another Kerryman, also got involved later and the results follows.

Burgess won the U/16 'B' North Tipperary Championship in 1994, a second U/16 'B' North title in 1997 and a County Championship the same year. That team makes up today's panel. In 1996 the U/12 team won the County 'A' Championship - that was a tremendous achievement and really ignited the football fire in the parish.

Brian Duggan, Colm O'Brien and Shane Maher were on the Tipperary Minor panel of 1998, as were Shane and Colm again this year. The present panel are all dual players. Jason Seymour, Colm O'Brien, Shane Maher, Cathal Hanrahan, Pdraig McDonnell and Patrick Ryan are the backbone of the team while younger players Noel McDonnell, Damien O'Brien and Michael Fogarty show great promise. Noel McDonnell won't be fifteen until late December. Many of the remainder of the panel are still under sixteen.

The Burgess Club is very fortunate in the personnel who are involved, both those who are native to the parish and those who came to live there. They do wonderful work and the club is buzzing. The juvenile section is doing well in hurling and football and the U/21 hurling and Intermediate sides have come through the ranks.

Burgess will be a real force in Tipperary in a few years' time.

Best of luck lads.

LIZ HOWARD

CLUB OFFICERS - Burgess

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FETHARD ARE GOING FOR THEIR 4th COUNTY MINOR TITLE

FETHARD are going for their 4th County Minor title this century and it is a first time against North Tipperary opposition in a County Final.

This is only their fifth time appearing in a County Minor final - losing only one in 1972 - Arravale Rovers - 1-2 :::: Fethard - 0-2.

Although we had to wait until 1957 to gain our first success it is appropriate that Seamus Hackett, (captain), has a son, Paul on the panel for today's match.

Vincent Allen's second cousin, Ronan is also on the panel. We were successful on that day -

Fethard 1-7 :::: Arravale Rovers 0-2.

Our second title came in 1985 - Fethard 3-10 :::: Templemore 3-1. Players still playing Senior today are Brian Burke, Willie O'Meara, Willie Morrissey and Chris Coen. His brother, Brian is also on today's panel.

We won our third title also in the eighties back in 1989 - 10 years ago and still playing Senior today are Michael Spillane, Philip Blake, Martin Ryan and Martin Coen who is another brother of Brian and the score was - Fethard 1-8 :::: Cashel/King Cormacs 0-7. Hence, Brian Coen is going for a third County Minor Medal in the one household.

Paul Hackett is going for a fourth as Seamus won in 1957, Dermot was on the 1985 team and Kenneth played on the 1989 team.

Kenneth Byrne is going for a second as his grandfather, Mick Byrne won a County Medal with a South Selection in the inaugural year of 1932.

Our captain, Nicholas Murphy, is grandson of the famous Gus McCarthy of "Bloody Sunday" fame back in 1920. Glen Burke, son of Denis Burke; Kenneth Byrne son of Noel Byrne; Ian Kendrick, son of Michael Kendrick; John Fitzgerald, nephew of Davy and John Fitzgerald; Brian Coen, son of Louis Coen, all of who played Senior football with Fethard back in the 1970's / 1980's.

Included is Tommy Gahan, nephew of Davy Morrissey who played around that era; John O'Meara & Carl Maher, first cousins of present players, Willie and Jimmy O'Meara; Conor McCarthy and Kenneth O'Donnell, nephews to Don McCarthy who played for Fethard; Michael Ahearne, son of Mick Aherne, County Board Representative; Philip Croke, son of Eddie Croke and Pat Looby, son of Pat Looby who played the caman with distinction for Fethard.

Also included are John Noonan whose grandfather, Paddy Morrissey, St. Patricks Place; Declan Kenny whose father, Michael was on a Fethard under 21 team member back in 1967 and last but by no means least, Alan Phelan whose uncles played with Moyle Rovers.

Our Management Team is:- Tommy Sheehan who holds five County Senior Medals and one All-Ireland; his brother, Pat who was on the back-room team of our last two success in 1985 and 1989; and Walty Moloney, our successful Senior Manager of 1997.

Our Club Officials:- Chairman - Gus Fitzgerald

Secretary - Michael McCormack

Assistant Secretary & P.R.O. - Noel Byrne

Treasurer - Nicholas O'Shea

Ardfinnan Club

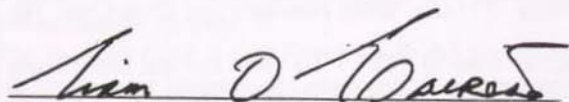
CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

On behalf of Ardfinnan G.A.A. Club I would like to welcome everyone to our club ground. In particular I want to welcome our four teams reigning Senior Champions Moyle Rovers, Clonmel Commercials, Fethard and Burgess.

Our Senior Final today is a repeat of the '96 final Moyle Rovers versus Commercials which on that occasion took three epic games to decide the champions. Both clubs have been very impressive in reaching today's final and all the ingredients are there for a football classic.

Our Minor Final brings together Fethard and Burgess in what promises to be an exciting final.

I wish the best of luck to the four teams contesting today's finals. Also to referees Ger Hayes and Sean Twomey and their officials.



Liam O'Bairead
Cathaoirleach,
Cumann Luth-Chleas Gael,
Ardfinnan

1996 RESULTS

06-10-96	Final	Ardfinnan	Moyle Rovers	0-09	Commercials	1-06	Paddy Russell
20-10-96	Final <R>	Ardfinnan	Moyle Rovers	1-10	Commercials	0-13	Paddy Russell
28-10-96	Final <2 nd R>	Ardfinnan	Moyle Rovers	1-12	Commercials	0-09	Paddy Russell

PATH TO FINAL

MOYLE ROVERS

03-07-99	1 st round	New Inn	Aherlow	1-11	Moyle Rovers	2-08	Ger Hayes
10-07-99	1 st round <R>	New Inn	Aherlow	0-14	Moyle Rovers	2-14	John Kelly
01-08-99	Q-final	Cashel	Moyle Rovers	0-11	Loughmore/C'iney	2-05	Brian White
10-08-99	Q-final <R>	Cashel	Moyle Rovers	3-07	Loughmore/C'iney	1-08	Paddy Russell
22-08-99	Semi-final	New Inn	Fethard	1-09	Moyle Rovers	1-11	Paddy Russell

COMMERCIALS

10-07-99	1 st round	Boherlahan	J. K. Brackens	0-09	Commercials	1-13	Sean Twomey
31-07-99	q-final	Cahir	Ardfinnan	1-09	Commercials	1-11	Tommy Lonergan
21-08-99	semi-final	New Inn	Commercials	1-14	Knockavilla/Kickhams	0-06	Ger Hayes

REFEREES

Our referee for today's Minor final is Sean Twomey from Arravale Rovers Club. Sean has been refereeing since 1993 and has quickly come through the ranks and earlier this year took charge of the West Senior Football Final, Galtee Rovers v Golden. He has now established himself as one of Tipperary's leading football referees.

Sean's umpires are John Hennessy, James Ryan, James Twomey, Billy Twomey.

Linesmen: Tommy Fitzgerald and Tommy Twomey.

Today's Senior Final Referee is Ger Hayes, Moneygall. Ger has been refereeing since 1990 and is regarded as one of Tipperary's Top Football Referees. Ger is no stranger to Co. Finals, having refereed U21, Minor and Junior previously and today takes charge of his first semi-final.

Ger's umpires today are Martin Hogan, Noel Ryan, Billy McLeish and Owen McLeish.

Linesmen: Brian White and Tommy Lonergan.

Last Clash Teams 1996

How They Lined Out

MOYLE ROVERS

Paul O'Connor

*E. Power
J. McGrath*

*L. Cronin
Ml. McGrath*

*P. Norris
N. Wall*

Jimmy Dunne

John Owens (Capt.)

*D. Browne
P. Boland*

*D. Foley
Donal Foley*

*R. Boland
Jas. Williams*

COMMERCIALS

*B. Walsh
D. Lavin*

*M. Quinlivan
M. O'Connell
Ger Deely, Capt.*

*L. Phelan
S. O'Loughlin*

P. Scully

P. O'Keefe

*F. Kelly
E. Smith*

*C. McGrath
Philly Ryan*

*Joe McNamara
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COUNTY FINAL

CLONMEL COMMERCIALS take the field today, attempting to win the County Senior Football Championship for the 14th time in the Club's history.

Founded in 1932, Commercials have enjoyed frequent success in all grades of football since.

12 years after their formation, the Club's famous green and gold jerseys had been carried to victory on the playing fields all over Tipperary and had won South and County titles in all grades.

The Club's first taste of County success came in the form of a Minor title in 1935.

A County Junior title followed in 1940 before the first of the Club's 13 Senior titles in 1944.

The captain on that occasion was the legendary, Sean Cleary who went on to captain Commercials in their next two victories in 1948 and 1956.

Arguably the Club's greatest achievement was winning three County titles in a row in 1965, 1966, & 1967.

The captain on all three teams was the late, Brian O'Callaghan.

This is a feat that has not been replicated by any Club since.

The Club's two County titles of the nineties came in 1990 and 1994. On both these occasions, Commercials were beaten in the Munster Club final.

Today, Commercials attempt to bridge a five year gap by winning their 14th County Senior Football final.

COUNTY ROLL OF HONOUR

MINOR - (13):- 1935; 1936; 1938; 1955; 1960; 1965; 1967; 1968;
1975; 1978; 1981; 1992 & 1993.

UNDER 21 (06):- 1969; 1971; 1977; 1983; 1984 & 1998.

JUNIOR (01):- 1940

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PLAYER PROFILE

Philly Ryan (Clonmel Commercials)

Age: 30

Ht: 5' 10"

Wt: 16.2

Philly holds four Senior Co. Championships and three County League Medals. He was selected as South Tipperary Footballer of the Year in 1990 and Tipperary Footballer of the Year in 1991.

He captained the Tipperary Senior football team which won the All-Ireland 'B' Championship in 1995. He was also captain in 1991. Philly was honoured by the Munster selectors in 1991 and 1994.

At club level he is actively involved as a selector. Under his guidance Clonmel Commercials won the Minor County Championship in 1993 and 1994. His brother Andy played with Commercials. Philly enjoys hurling and swimming also.

Most competitive he marshals his backs well, agile, quick reflexes and safe hands, Philly Ryan makes the opposing forwards earn their scores.

Liz Howard

PLAYER PROFILE

Seamus Delahunty (Moyle Rovers)

Age: 32

Ht: 6' 2"

Wt: 14.2

Seamus won Minor, U21 and three Senior County Football Championships with Moyle Rovers. Wearing the blue and gold of Tipperary he won a Munster Minor Championship in 1984. Tipp contested the All-Ireland Final that year, unfortunately luck was not with them that day. Team mates included Brian Burke, Derry Foley and Tom Anglim.

Seamus won a Munster and All-Ireland title in 1998. That was a wonderful campaign and Seamus was a key figure in terms of leadership and effective goalkeeping. Seamus is sub goalkeeper to Philly Ryan on the Senior Inter-County side. He had a great year in 1998 when Moyle Rovers reached the Munster Club Championship Final.

He is a useful hurler and won a Co. Junior Championship last year. An all round sportsman, he also plays tennis and golf. Moyle Rovers have ambitious development plans and as Club Chairman, Seamus has a key role in this venture, which will require a huge financial outlay.

Seamus Delahunty is a man of action, whether it be as a player or administrator.

Liz Howard

CLONMEL COMMERCIALS

Colours: Green and Gold

1

Philly Ryan

2

Fergal Condon

3

Kieran O'Reilly

4

Michael O'Mahoney

5

Tommy Galvin

6

Ger Deeley

7

Sean McEwan

8

Eamonn Hanrahan

9

Tommy Kelly (C)

10

Paul Scully

11

Anthony Wall

12

Fergal O'Callaghan

13

Paudie O'Keeffe

14

Kevin Dempsey

15

James Keating

Subs: 16 Colm McManamin; 17 David Lavin; 18 Joe McNamara; 19 Frannie Kelly; 20 Christoir McGrath; 21 John Cunningham; 22 Kevin Kelly; 23 Declan Pollard; 24 David Keane; 25 Lorcan Halpin

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MOYLE ROVERS

Colours: Sky Blue

1

Seamus Delahunty

2

Noel Wall

3

Kevin O'Connor

4

Liam Cronin (C)

5

John McGrath

6

Michael McGrath

7

John Owens

8

Jimmy Dunne

9

John Shanahan

10

Tommy Hewitt

11

Derry Foley

12

Robbie Boland

13

Donal Foley

14

Paul Boland

15

Declan Browne

Subs: 16 M. J. Browne; 17 James Williams; 18 Niall Fitzgerald; 19 Pdraig Foley; 20 John Kelly; 21 Ger McCarthy; 22 Paul Norris; 23 Paul O'Connor; 24 Michael Murphy; 25 Kevin Condon; 26 Keith Delahunty; 27 T. J. Wall

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- 2 - To harness and strengthen good will football in the county
- 3 - To establish links with G. A. A. Ladies Football in the County
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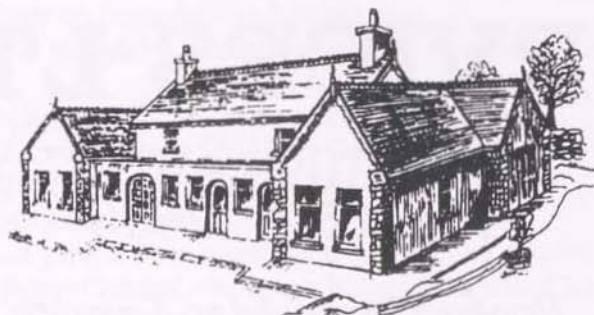
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Today sees the Moyle Rovers contest their fourth County Senior Football Championship final having competed and been victorious in 1995, 1996 and 1998. Today's final is a unique occasion being the last final of the millennium and a pairing of two neighbouring clubs and naturally great rivals.

Whilst the eighties and nineties have been a memorable period in our club's history such was not always the case. The Moyle Rovers Club was first affiliated in May 1928 and has competed on a regular basis since that time except for a short lapse in the 1950s.

The first success of note was achieved in 1931 when the County Junior Football title was won. This saw our club competing in the Senior Championship in '32, '33 and '34 without success. The present resurgence began in 1956 after a short lapse and over the years the club has progressed steadily to its present day strength.

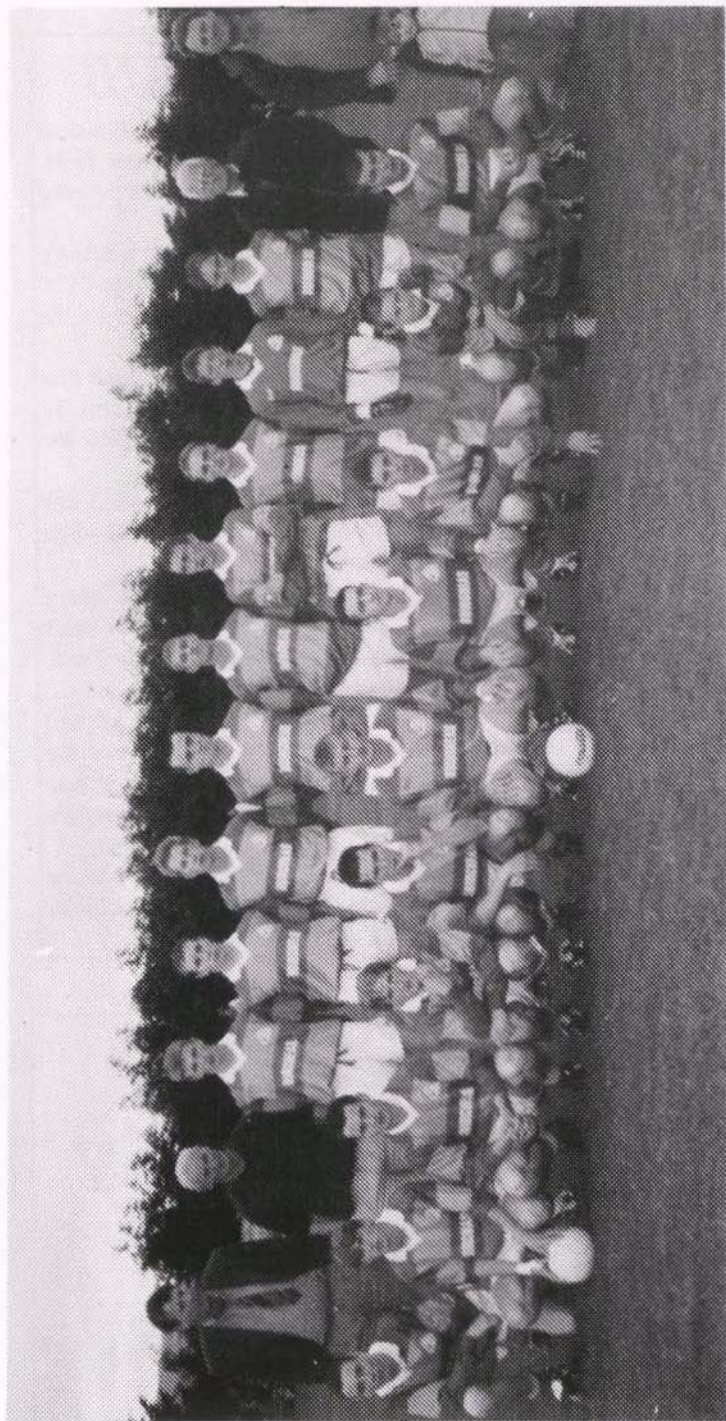
The County Junior Football Championship was again won in 1959 and the club has competed in the Senior Championship since that date except for one year 1966 when the club was victorious in the South Intermediate Championship.

Much of the success of the various club teams in recent times can be attributed to many great people within our club and parish, but the development of a juvenile section since 1976 and the purchase and development of our own club grounds at Moyle Park, Monroe which was officially opened on May 20, 1990 has been central to this.

The juvenile arm of our club now caters for large numbers of young people which will ensure a strong adult club in hurling and football over the coming years. Since the opening of our club grounds in 1990 a second playing pitch has been added and further development proposals are at an advanced stage to ensure that all our members will be well looked after in the next millennium.

Our successes over the years and the development of our facilities at Monroe are a fitting tribute to the dedicated people who, down the years, under difficult conditions have kept our club to the forefront of G.A.A. affairs in the Premier County.

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Burgess Minor Football Panel and Selectors 1999. Back row (left to right) P. J. Hogan (Selector), J. P. McDonnell (Selector), Frankie Hogan, Michael Fogarty, Shane Maher, Alan Seymour, David Maher, Damien O'Brien, Donal Hogan, Noel McDonnell, David Quinlan, Aindreas McDonnell (Selector), John Flannery and his son John. Front row (left to right) Martin Fogarty, Niall McGrath, Jason Seymour, Padraig McDonnell (Capt.), Patrick Ryan, Colm O'Brien, Noel Gleeson, Cathal Hanrahan, Tony Scroope, Kevin McGrath



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