

Co. Tipperary Senior Football Final
Match Programme
2004



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**Cidona
County Senior Football Final**

**Leahy Park, Cashel
October 16th 2004
at 2.30pm**

Loughmore-Casteliney

V.

Moyle Rovers

Referee: Paddy Russell (Emly)

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On behalf of the Tipperary county board of GAA, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Cashel this afternoon for the Cidona sponsored county senior football final. My sincere thanks to Cidona for their excellent sponsorship and I hope the contest this evening will do justice to their generosity.

I want to offer my sincere good wishes to Paddy Russell and his team who are officiating today and also to express my thanks to the Cashel Sportsfield committee who are giving excellent assistance to the county board in presenting our games.

In what has been a difficult year in football in the county, it is my earnest wish that today will represent a watershed and that we will be rewarded with an exhibition of all that is best in Tipperary football and that in the next few weeks, we can put the trauma of the past year behind us and that the players will be back on the field representing their county with distinction as they have done in the past. May the champions of 2004 provide us with the inspiration and leadership to bring the above aspiration to fruition.

In conclusion on behalf of the county board, my congratulations and sincere good wishes to Declan Browne who once again has been honoured with selection for Compromise Rules series v Australia.



Fáilte. Cathaoirleach Bord Péil, Michéal Ó Freaghaile

Faillte sibhse go léir go dtí Páirc Ó Laocha inniu. Fáilte speisealta don dhá foireann, an réiteoir agus na h-oifigi.

Tá suil agam go mbainfífh gach einne taitneamh agus go mbeidh cluiche sportúil again.

County football final day has arrived once more and, in this historic park, which now provides excellent amenities for both players and patrons alike, we are looking forward to a game, which has all the ingredients for a memorable occasion.

Today's contestants, Moyle Rovers and Loughmore-Castleiney, bring together two of the greatest exponents of Gaelic football in the county. Down through the years their contribution to the association in the county could be described as phenomenal.

While Loughmore-Castleiney are recognised as the strongest dual club in the county, any reference to Moyle Rovers would not be complete without extending heartiest congratulations to Declan Browne, who has been selected for Ireland against Australia in the Compromise Rules.

Finally, my sincere thanks to all responsible for the hosting of this final, and to all our loyal supporters.

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Dean Horton (Clonmel Og)
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Tom Ryan (Sean Treacy's)
Donncha Leahy (Arravale Rovers)
Jake Fortune (Moyle Rovers)
Liam Richardson (Aherlow).

Loughmore-Castleiney

Patrick Nolan (Loughmore-Castleiney)
Corey O'Brien (Loughmore-Castleiney))
Thomas McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney)
Matthew Fitzgerald (Fethard)
Eamon McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney)
Jonathon Ryan (Ardfinnan)
Francis Kennedy (J. K. Brackens)
Robert O'Brien (Fr. Sheehy's)
Páraic Egan (Loughmore-Castleiney)
Martin Kelly (Moynemount)
Liam Hewitt (Clonmel Commercial's)
Simon Williams (Cahir)
Dylan Tobin (Newcastle)
Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney)
Darragh Shanahan (Inane Rovers)
Patrick McGrath (Emly)

COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL FINAL DAY 2004
By Ed DONNELLY (P.R.O. TIPPERARY GAA BOARD)

Leahy Park, Cashel is the venue for today's intriguing Cidona Tipperary county senior football final between Moyle Rovers and Loughmore-Castleiney. Cashel was also the venue for the 2004 Cidona Tipperary County Under 21 "A" football final on May 16th, when the same two clubs provided a very competitive match before Loughmore edged out winners in the end. On that occasion, many supporters from both clubs would have been content in the knowledge that the future looked bright. As the senior championship has unfolded, the future is now for many of those young players, and at least a handful of those under-21 players will collect a senior medal here today. Six of the Moyle Rovers under-21 team started their semi-final victory over Fethard, while five of the Loughmore under-21 side played against Cahir in their semi-final win. Coincidentally, the referee from that under-21 final is also retained – Paddy Russell of Emly.

Of course, both sides have some senior county players to call on as well, which have been influential in their qualification for today's final. The two main players are Micheal Webster and Declan Browne. Micheal Webster has been playing well at midfield for Loughmore while Declan Browne single-handedly guided Moyle Rovers to victory over Fethard in the semi-final getting all, except one, of his team's scores. What plans will Loughmore have to restrict the influence of Declan Browne? The success or otherwise of those plans will probably decide this final. It is impossible to entirely restrict the influence of Declan Browne, such are the skills of this outstanding player. We all wish him well over the next two weekends when he will finally get to represent Ireland in the International Rules Series.

Speaking of county players casts one back to the events of the past season. It is unclear how the history books will record what has happened. Perhaps 2004 will be seen as a defining moment for Tipperary football - or something else. None of us know what the long-term future will hold. I sincerely hope that Tipperary football can rebound from this setback and build for the future, starting in the 2005 National League. Hopefully today's final will lay the platform for the future with the winning club today giving the leadership for the 2005 league and championship. Best of luck to both clubs and may the best team win.

The Under-12 Mini Game, which will be played at half-time today, in an initiative of the county youth committee. Every club in the county is given the opportunity to have at least one of their players participate on either county hurling final day or county football final day. Mol an óige agus tíochofaidh siad!

The program for to-day's match has been produced by Cashel King Cormacs. They are to be complimented on their efforts, and they would like the patrons of today's game to support the advertisers in the program.

LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY G.A.A. CLUB BY PAT HEALY, P.R.O.

It is hard to imagine that 1992 was the last year the club brought the county senior football title to the parish.

The convention of 1992 introduced a new method of choosing selectors. A manager was appointed, who picked his own selectors, a system still in operation today. Former club, county and provincial player, Eddie Webster, was the man in charge.

A Mid final victory over the combo side, Oliver Plunketts, followed by success against Lattin-Cullen in the quarter-final, a thrilling semi-final victory over Commercials, following a replay, sent us into the county final against reigning county champions, Fethard. The sides finished level at 0-10 each.

The replay was fixed for Saturday, November 7 at Cashel and, after a fine performance and a superb opportunist goal from Tommy Cullen, we collected our tenth county title, with Seamie Bohan lifting the cup as a result of a 1-9 to 0-10 scoreline, and Tom McGrath winning the Man of the Match award.

Today, thankfully, there are links with that winning side. Declan Laffan, who was then a 17 year-old goalkeeper, Philip and Noel Kennedy, Pat McGrath, Ned Ryan and captain, Seamie Bohan.

One amazing aspect of the 1992 victory was the fact that the club were forced to field in the Munster club championship against Clare champions, Kilkee, on the following day. As well as team manager, Eddie Webster, the selectors were Sean Mockler, Pat Healy, James Maher and Tommy Egan.

The club's last appearance in the county senior football final was in Millennium year 2000. Semple Stadium, Thurles was the venue, and the opposition, as today, Moyle Rovers.

This was one of the best finals for years, with the sides level on various occasions, including injury time, when a Declan Browne kick from out on the end line, hung in front of the goals until a breeze took it over the bar for a 0-10 to 0-9 victory for Moyle Rovers, and heartbreak defeat for our side.

With the great players of the eighties and nineties calling it a day, the club has managed to build a new side and yet keep in contention every year. The winning of the county minor title in 2002, and success in this year's county under-21 A title, aided by some excellent talent in our juvenile teams, the future of the game in the parish looks strong for years to come.

Today's team is captained by Michael Webster, son of Eddie, who was coach and manager of the successful 1992 side.

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LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1992

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2

Gary Sweeney

3

Ned Ryan

4

Paul Ormond

5

Edward Connolly

6

David Kennedy

7

Tom King

8

Michael Webster (capt.)

9

Paul Brennan

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Martin Gleeson

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Seamie Bohan

12

Tommy Ormond

13

Evan Sweeney

14

Declan Laffan

15

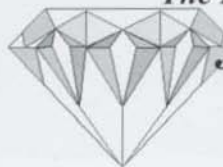
Kieran McGrath

**16. Barry Hennessy. 17. Alvy Stapleton. 18. Davy McGrath.
19. Noel Cahill. 20. Pat McGrath. 21. Noel Kennedy. 22. John Gleeson.
23. Tommy Long. 24. Declan Bolger. 25. Ronan Stapleton.
26. Brendan Healy. 27. James Connolly. 28. Michael Ormond.**

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2

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3

Aiden Foley

4

Noel Wall (capt.)

5

Kevin Morrissey

6

Liam Cronin

7

Robbie Boland

8

Niall Fitzgerald

9

Pádraig Kelly

10

Declan Browne

11

Pádraigh Foley

12

James Williams

13

Ronan Desmond

14

John McGrath

15

Brian Mulvihill

16 Seamus Delahunty. 17 T. J. Wall. 18 Kieran Lyons.
19 Daniel Lyne. 20 Kevin Condon. 21 Conor Cooney. 22 Tom Lane.
23 Gary Moore. 24 Pat Condon. 25 Michael Mulcahy. 26 Martin Dunne.
27 Eamon Cahill. 28 John Shanahan.

Selectors: Manager, John Owens, M. J. Browne, Michael Boland.
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 Kevin O'Connor, Derry Foley, Niall Fitzgerald, Jimmy Dunne, Mick McGrath, Tom Lane & Conal Crosse.
 Front Row: Kevin Morrissey, T.J. Wall, Declan Browne, John Owens, John McGrath, Seamus Delahunty,
 Liam Cronin (Capt.) with son Keith, Robbie Boland, James Williams, Noel Wall, Padraig Foley & Paul Boland.

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MOYLE ROVERS G.A.A. CLUB - BY SEAMUS DELAHUNTY

Moyle Rovers come to Cashel today in search of their sixth county senior football title, and their first since 2000. Having already lost the minor and under-21 finals this year, they will be anxious to atone for these defeats against great rivals, Loughmore-Castleiney.

Though now well established, Moyle Rovers struggled for years to make the breakthrough in senior football. They won their first South senior title in 1991, defeating county champions of that year, Fethard, by a point in the final, the winning score coming from a '45' by Michael John Browne, one of today's selectors.

A second South title was captured in 1995, when they overcame Commercials. They went on to defeat the same opposition in the county final, and take their first title at that level. In goal on that team was their All-Star corner-forward, Declan Browne. Moyle Rovers went on to contest the Munster club final, only to be defeated by Laune Rangers.

This success was the start of the club's dominance of senior football in the county, and they went on to win South and county titles in 1996, 1998, 1999 and 2000. This record of five divisional and county titles in six years is a record to be proud of.

This great success story in the nineties was tinged with sadness, as it saw the death in 2000 of the club's great father figure, Mick McCarthy, often known as Mr. Moyle Rovers. This was followed by the death of the long-serving club president, John Burke, and then in 2003, the club was stunned and saddened by the sudden and untimely death of club secretary, Jimmy McCarthy. These passings were indeed sad but it was fortunate that these men lived to witness the great successes between 1995 and 2000.

Today, the Moyle Rovers club is thriving with huge activities at juvenile level from under-6 to under-16.

The Monroe Development Committee, a sub-committee of the club, have recently completed the construction of a magnificent sports hall, which is proving to be a great amenity within the club and parish.

The Moyle Rovers club is proud to be part of today's final and, whatever the outcome, I'm sure the players will give their all against an opposition with a great hurling and football tradition.

This is Moyle Rovers sixth county football final and they have never been defeated in one! Is this a good omen for today?

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1889 - Bohercrowe	1947 - St. Patrick's Cloneen
1890 - Grangemockler	1948 - Clonmel Commercials
1891 - No Championship due to Parnellite split	1949 - Galtee Rovers
1892 - No Championship due to Parnellite split	1950 - Galtee Rovers
1893 - No Championship due to Parnellite split	1951 - Ballingarry
1894 - Arravale Rovers	1952 - Old Bridge, Clonmel
1895 - Arravale Rovers	1953 - St. Patrick's Cloneen
1896 - Arravale Rovers	1954 - Fethard
1897 - Clonmel Shamrocks	1955 - Loughmore
1898 - Clonmel Shamrocks	1956 - Clonmel Commercials
1899 - Arravale Rovers	1957 - Fethard
1900 - Clonmel Shamrocks	1958 - St. Flannans
1901 - Clonmel Shamrocks	1959 - St. Flannans
1902 - Tipperary Town	1960 - Thurles Crokes
1903 - Grangemockler	1961 - St. Flannans
1904 - Grangemockler	1962 - Ardfinnan
1905 - Grangemockler	1963 - Ardfinnan
1906 - Grangemockler	1964 - Ardfinnan
1907 - Grangemockler	1965 - Clonmel Commercials
1908 - Cloneen	1966 - Clonmel Commercials
1909 - Grangemockler	1967 - Clonmel Commercials
1910 - Tipperary O'Learys	1968 - Kilsheelan
1911 - Nenagh Institute	1969 - Clonmel Commercials
1912 - Mullinahone	1970 - Ardfinnan
1913 - Mullinahone	1971 - Clonmel Commercials
1914 - Castleiney	1972 - Kilsheelan
1915 - Nenagh	1973 - Loughmore-Castleiney
1916 - Abandoned due to interference by British forces	1974 - Ardfinnan
1917 - Fethard	1975 - Kilruane McDonagh's
1918 - Fethard	1976 - Galtee Rovers
1919 - Fethard	1977 - Loughmore-Castleiney
1920 - Fethard	1978 - Fethard
1921 - No Championship due to War of Independence	1979 - Loughmore-Castleiney
1922 - Fethard	1980 - Galtee Rovers
1923 - Fethard	1981 - Galtee Rovers
1924 - Fethard	1982 - Clonmel Commercials
1925 - Templemore	1983 - Loughmore-Castleiney
1926 - Mullinahone	1984 - Fethard
1927 - Fethard	1985 - Arravale Rovers
1928 - Fethard	1986 - Clonmel Commercials
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1934 - Clonmel Shamrocks	1992 - Loughmore-Castleiney
1935 - Ardfinnan	1993 - Fethard
1936 - Templemore	1994 - Clonmel Commercials
1937 - Clonmel Shamrocks	1995 - Moyle Rovers
1938 - Fethard	1996 - Moyle Rovers
1939 - Ardfinnan	1997 - Fethard
1940 - Loughmore-Castleiney	1998 - Moyle Rovers
1941 - Arravale Rovers	1999 - Moyle Rovers
1942 - Fethard	2000 - Moyle Rovers
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