

Co. Tipperary Senior Football Final
Match Programme
2007

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael

Cidona County Senior Football Finals

Leahy Park, Cashel

Sunday 4th November 2007

Senior - 3.00pm

Fethard v. Moyle Rovers

Referee: Paddy Russell (Emly)

Minor - 1.15pm

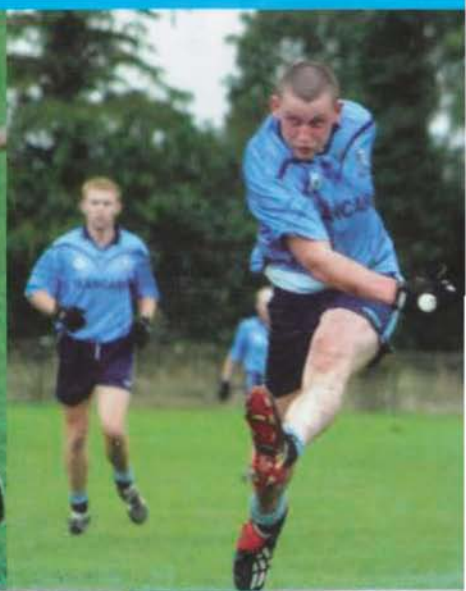
Arravale Rovers v. Moyle Rovers

Referee: John Kelly (Rahealty)

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CLÁR AN LAE SINSEAR AGUS MIONÚIR - 4 November 2007

- 1.00 Moyle Rovers Minor Football team on to field
1.02 Arravale Rovers Minor Football team on to field
1.15 Throw-in for County Minor "A" Football Final
MOYLE ROVERS VS. ARRAVALE ROVERS
1.50 Half-time in Minor Football Final
2.00 Second half of Minor Football Final commences
2:35 End of Minor Football Final
2.40 Presentation of Minor Cup to winning Minor Captain followed by presentation of Man of the Match Award
2.45 Fethard Senior Football team on to field
2.47 Moyle Rovers Senior Football team on to field
2.58 Amhrán na bhFiann
3.00 Throw-in for County Senior Football Final
FETHARD VS. MOYLE ROVERS
3.35 Half-time in Senior Football Final
3.37 Presentation of Kilsheelan-Kilcash Football teams 1968 and 1972
3.50 Second half of Senior Football Final commences
4.25 End of County Senior Football Final
4.30 Presentation of Senior Football Trophy to winning Senior Captain.
Presentation of the Man of the Match Award sponsored by John Quirke Jeweller



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FÁILTE AN CHATHAOIRLIGH (SEÁN Ó' COSTAGÁIN)

On behalf of the Tipperary Co. Board of G.A.A. it gives me great pleasure to welcome all players, mentors, officiating officials and supporters to Leahy Park, Cashel this afternoon for minor (A) and senior football county finals 2007. After a quiet year on the football front we come to Cashel this afternoon in anticipation of what an interesting final between the old and new strongholds of football in our county.

Fethard, who head the roll of honour of Tipperary championships won, are outsiders this afternoon as they square up to neighbours, Moyle Rovers, who have been quite impressive to date on their way to the final. It is a situation that the Fethard men relish and they have a proud record in county football finals. Moyle Rovers is one of the most progressive club not only in Tipperary but in Ireland and, even though they did not win their first county senior title until the mid-nineties, they will be endeavouring to win their sixth this afternoon.

Let's have a game of football befitting the occasion and in a week that has seen the appointment of a new senior football manager, John Evans. We hope that he will gain inspiration from this final as he sets out with the good will and good wishes of all of us in his task of moulding a potent Tipperary football team for league and championship 2008. I ask the clubs of the county to row in behind John and if they do that I have no doubt but the results will be favourable.

My best wishes also to the Moyle Rovers and Arravale Rovers minor teams in what has the makings of an excellent curtain raiser.

Today also, as has become customary on county final day, we salute the gallant men of Kilsheelan/Kilcash who won two county titles in 1968 and 1972 at a time when club football was at an all time high in the premier county. They broke the dominance of Clonmel Commercials and Ardfinnan in that era between 1962-72, when they captured nine county finals between them. I hope you enjoy the afternoon and evening and let's hope this reunion will inspire future generations of young men from Kilsheelan/Kilcash to emulate the men of that golden era.

Finally thanks once again to the Cashel Sportsfield committee for arrangements for today's presentation and a sincere well done on your recent refurbishment.

Welcome from Football Board Chairman, Pete Savage

I would like to welcome Fethard and Moyle Rovers to this final. It's a unique all-South pairing and I wish both teams well. I also want to welcome Arravale Rovers and Moyle Rovers in the minor final. They are the stars of tomorrow. Equally, I welcome the two referees, John Kelly and Paddy Russell, plus their officials and thank them for their service to the Association. I wish to express a special word of thanks to the Cashel King Cormac's club and their officials for always being so welcoming and for generously making their facilities available to football. Today is a special day for the Kilsheelan teams of 1968 and 1972. I have first hand experience of playing against them and I can vouch for what great players they were. Enjoy the day. Finally, I hope that all our patrons enjoy this climax to our footballing year and that the games will be enjoyable to watch.



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*Sean Carey
Moyle Rovers Minor Captain*



*Darren Lowry
Arravale Rovers Minor Captain*



*Stephen O'Donnell
Fethard Senior Captain*

Arravale Rovers Minor Team

	1 Patrick Finnan	
2 Conor McNamara	3 Sean Spillane	4 Michael O'Sullivan
5 Sean O'Meara	6 Robert Kiely	7 Ian Richardson
8 Fergal McNamara		9 Darren Lowry (Captain)
10 David Heffernan	11 Michael Fitzgerald	12 Michael Frawley
13 Michael O'Dwyer	14 Eoin McCarthy	15 Gerard Mulhair
16. Michael John Ryan 17. Darragh Fitzpatrick 18. Bryan Lowry 19. James Ryan 20. Paddy Dalton 21. Gerard O'Dwyer 22. Sean Kilcoyne 23. Morgan O'Brien 24. Declan Ryan 25. Nicky Cummins 26. Padraig Lyons 27. Mark Crowe 28. Stephen Redfern		



Arravale Rovers MFC 'A'

Back L/R; Tadhg Duggan (Selector), Gerard O'Dwyer, Sean Spillane, Michael O'Sullivan, Gerard Mulhair, Michael O'Dwyer, David Heffernan, Declan Ryan, Paddy Finnan, Nicky Cummins, Eoin McCarthy, James Ryan, Brian Lowry. Front L/R; Tommy Toomey, Sean O'Meara, Michael Fitzgerald, Darragh Fitzpatrick, Michael Frawley, Ian Richardson, Conor McNamara, Darren Lowry, Fergal McNamara, Robbie Kiely, Paddy Dalton, Michael J. Ryan.

Moyle Rovers Minor Team

	1 Ciaran Kenrick	
2 Shane Heffernan	3 David Foley	4 Denis Mc Grath
5 David Mc Grath	6 Ciaran Lorigan	7 Darragh Dwyer
8 Sean Boland		9 Peter Acheson
10 Jack Lonergan	11 Brian Smith	12 Shane Foley
13 Thomas Hill	14 Sean Carey (Capt.)	15 Edmond Burke

16. Eugene Phelan 17. Mark Cambell 18. John Paul O' Donovan
 19. Charlie Purcell 20. Barry Whelan 21. Andrew Walsh
 22. Robert Kearney 23. Liam Carey 24. Alan Cambell 25. Ewan Moir.



Moyle Rovers Minor Team

Back Row: Eugene Phelan, Charlie Purcell, Barry Whelan, Andrew Walsh, Ciaran Lorigan, Peter Acheson, Ciaran Kenrick, David Foley, Jack Lonergan, Shane Heffernan, Sean Boland, Thomas Hill.

Front Row: Liam Carey, Robert Kearney, Brian Smith, Mark Campbell, Darragh Dwyer, David McGrath, Edmond Burke, Sean Carey (Capt), Shane Foley, Denis McGrath, Alan Campbell.

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TODAY'S SENIOR GAME REFEREE



Paddy Russell, Emly is the referee for to-day's senior final and is probably the most experienced referee in the county. He started refereeing back in 1976 and has refereed finals in all grades since then. His refereeing career includes schools and interfirm games, as well as club and intercounty.

At the intercounty level he has refereed two senior All-Irelands, in 1990 and 1995. Looking back from the present he regards the Charlie Redmond incident in the latter All-Ireland as the funniest moment in his refereeing career.. he was in charge of a minor football All-Ireland in 1989 and a Railway Cup in 2005. he has also refereed four Munster finals.

He got involved in refereeing very simply. He was asked by his club to attend a juvenile refereeing course in 1976 and the rest is history. He has an interesting comment on the criticism of referees, which is widespread. The best referees are those who never refereed a match of any kind, which is why I take all their critical comments to heart.

Married to Margaret, the couple have two boys, Shane and Mark. Paddy's linesmen today are Brian Tyrell, Clonmel and John O'Brien, Arravale Rovers.

COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL FINAL PREVIEW

BY JACKIE CAHILL OF THE TIPPERARY VOICE

A record 22nd title for Fethard or a sixth for South rivals Moyle Rovers?

All will be revealed this afternoon when the local rivals lock horns for the second time this season – and for the very first time in a county senior football final.

Rovers defeated Fethard in September's South final but the losers had to play much of that game with 14 men and a much tighter affair is predicted at Cashel's resplendent Leahy Park today. Four Moyle Rovers players – former Allstar Declan Browne, Liam Cronin, Robbie Boland and team captain James Williams – are each chasing a sixth county senior medal.

The quartet played key roles in the club's five previous successes in 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999 and 2000. Indeed, Browne was goalkeeper on the 1995 team when they made that historic breakthrough and the evergreen Cronin captained the 2000 vintage.

Since their last success seven years ago, Rovers have fallen twice at the final hurdle, beaten by Loughmore-Castleiney in 2004 and Aherlow in 2006. On this very ground 12 months ago, Rovers were demolished by Aherlow on a 2-10 to 0-5 scoreline but the tables were turned last weekend as Declan Browne's late point secured a hard-fought victory for Rovers as the West champions were dethroned.

Fethard, meanwhile, are back in the final for the first time since last winning the competition, against Aherlow in 2001. With 21 titles to their credit, Fethard are far and away the most successful club in the history of the Tipperary senior football championship, with Clonmel Commercials trailing in their wake with fourteen.

Incidentally, today's encounter is the first all-South decider since Moyle Rovers defeated Clonmel Commercials in the 1999 decider. It could be an historic day for Moyle Rovers as their minors prepare to do battle with Arravale Rovers at 1.15pm, an attractive curtain-raiser to what promises to be an intense senior game. (3.0pm) Two senior panellists – Kieran Kenrick and Tipperary's All-Ireland minor hurling medallist Seán Carey – will line out for the minors but it is highly unlikely that either player will be asked to play a part in the senior game which follows.

Fethard, meanwhile, have regrouped well after losing the South final and their comprehensive 3-9 to 0-7 semi-final victory over Thomas McDonaghs was a vast improvement on previous outings. And so the scene is set. Will it be a seasonal championship double for Rovers against their divisional rivals, or sweet revenge for Fethard? Sixty minutes will tell all. *Enjoy the game.*

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FETHARD PLAYER PROFILES 2007

Name: **PAUL FITZGERALD** Age 30 Height 6 ft 3ins Weight 18 stone

Occupation Factory Employee

Honours Tipperary Football All Ireland 2005 (Tommy Murphy), Munster 2003 (McGrath Cup), 1995 M F (Munster) Club Football SF County 1997, 2001, South 1997, 2002, 2005, County Lge 2001, 2003, 2004, South Lge 2001, Under 21 South 1993, Hurling IH South 2002, 2006, Under 21 B South 1993, 1997, Munster Football Team 2005, 2006, Player Admired: Aiden O Mahony (Kerry)

Name: **DAMIEN BYRNE** Age 31 Height 5ft 11.5ins Weight 13.5 stone

Occupation Teacher

Honours Tipperary Football All Ireland 1998 Junior, 2005 Tommy Murphy, Munster 1998 Junior, 2003 McGrath Cup, Club Football SF County 1997, 2001, South 1997, 2002, 2005, County Lge 2001, 2003, 2004, South Lge 2001, Under 21 1993 South, Hurling IH 2002 South, Player Admired Seamus Moynihan (Kerry),

Name: **MICHAEL AHERNE** Age 26 Height 6ft Weight 13 stone

Occupation Cabinet Maker

Honours Club Football SF County 2001, South 2002, 2005, County Lge 2001, 2003, 2004, 2001 South Lge 1 C, Under 20 County 2000, 2001, 2002, South 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, Junior A 1999 County & South, Junior B 1998 County & South Minor A 1999 County & South Hurling IH South 2002, 2006, Under 21 B South 2001, Minor South 1996. Player Admired Michael Ryan (Fethard)

Name: **IAN KENDERICK** Age 23 Height 5ft 8inches Weight 12.5 stone

Occupation Electrician

Honours Club Football SF South 2005, County Lge 2004, Junior A County & South 1999, Junior B County 1998, Under 21 A County & South 2002, Minor County & South 1999, County Lge 2000, 2001, Player Admired Seamus Moynihan (Kerry)

Name: **BENNY HAHESSY** Age 35 Height 5ft 9inches Weight 12 stone

Occupation Farmer

Honours Tipperary Football All Ireland 2005 Tommy Murphy, Munster 2003 McGrath Cup, Munster Minor Hurling Lge 1989, Club Football I F County 1999, South 1997, 1999, Under 21 B 1996 South, Minor B 1987 South, Hurling SH South 2000, 1990 South Minor 1983, Player Admired Peter Canavan (Tyrone)

Name: **CIAN MAHER** Age 26 Height 6ft Weight 13 stone

Occupation Salesman

Honours Club Football SF 2001 County, 2002, 2005 South, 2001, 2003, 2004 County Lge, 2001 South Lge, Under 21 A 2000, 2001, 2002, County, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, South, Minor County & South 1999, Hurling IH South 2002, 2006, Under 21 B South 2001, Minor South 1996 Player Admired Brian Burke (Fethard)

Name: **GLEN BURKE** Age 25 Height 5ft 11 inches Weight 13 stone

Occupation Teacher

Honours Munster Football Team 2005 Club Football SF 2001 County, 2002, 2005 South 2001, 2003, 2004 County Lge 2001 South Lge, Under 21 A 2000, 2001, 2002 County &

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TODAY'S MINOR GAME REFEREE



John Kelly of Rahealty club is in charge of the minor final at Cashel today. A Kildare man, who resides at Ballinure, he played inter-county football with his native county before arriving in Tipperary. He played for a number of years with Rahealty before taking up refereeing about fifteen years ago. Since then he has taken charge of most football finals at Mid and county level, the high point of which was being in charge of the county senior football final between Commercials and Aherlow at Semple Stadium a number of years ago. He has refereed hurling matches as well. Outside of refereeing his hobbies include attending hurling, football and rugby matches, as well as doing a bit of farming. Married to Carlow woman, Paula, the couple have three daughters. His linesmen today will be Denis Curtis, Thurles and Hugh Coughlan, Templetuohy.

South, Junior A 1999 County & South, Minor A 1999 County & South, 2000 County Lge
Player Admired Denis Burke (Fethard)

Name: **AIDEN FITZGERALD** Age 27 Height 6 ft 4 inches Weight 15 stone
Occupation Builder

Honours Tipperary SF All Ireland 2005 Tommy Murphy Club Football SF 2001 County,
2002, 20005, South, 2001, 2003, 2004, County Lge, 2001 South Lge, Under 21A 2000,
2001, County 1999, 2000, 2001, South, Hurling IH South 2002, 2006, Under 21B South
1997, Minor B South 1996 Player Admired Dara O Shea (Kerry)

Name: **JAMIE McCORMACK** Age 22 Height 6 ft 2 inches Weight 13.5 stone
Occupation Carpenter

Honours Club SF 2005 South, County Lge 2002, 2003 2004, Junior A 2003 South, Under
21A 2002 County & South, Minor Lge 2001, Hurling IH 2002, 2006 South,
Player Admired Tommy Sheehan (Fethard)

Name: **EOIN DOYLE** Age 24 Height 6 ft 1 inch Occupation Engineer (Structural)
Honours Club Football SF 2005 South, 2003, 2004 County Lge, Junior A 2003 South, Un-
der 21A 2001, 2002, County & South, Minor A 2000, 2001, County Lge Hurling IH 2002,
2006 South, Under 21B 2001 South, Player Admired Jack O Shea (Kerry)

Name: **STEPHEN O DONNELL** Age 30 Height 5 ft 10 inches Weight 14 stone
Occupation Milk Vendor

Honours Club Football SF 1997, 2001, County, 1997, 2002, 2005, South, 2001, 2003,
2004 County Lge, 2001 South Lge, Under 21 A 1993 South, Hurling IH 2002, 2006,
Under 21 B 1997 South Player Admired Kieran McGeedy (Armagh)

Name: **JOHN PAUL LOOBY** Age 30 Height 6 ft Weight 13 stone
Occupation Builder Foreman

Honours Club Football SF 1997, 2001, County, 1997, 2002, 2005 South, 2001, 2003,
2004, County Lge, 2001, South Lge, Under 21 A 1993 South, Hurling IH 2002, 2006,
South, Under 21B 1993, 1997, Player Admired Maurice Fitzgerald (Kerry)

Name **WILLIE MORRISSEY** Age 38 Height 5 ft 8 inches Weight 12 stone
Occupation Shop Sales

Honours Tipperary Football All Ireland J F 1998, Munster JF 1998, Club Football SF
County 1988, 1991, 1993, 1997, 2001, South 1988, 1992, 1993, 1997, 2002, 2005, County
Lge 2001, 2003, 2004, South Lge 2001, Under 21A County 1987, 1988, South 1987,
1988, Minor A County & South 1985, Hurling IH 1989, 1992, 2002, 2006 South, Under
21B, 1990 South, Minor B 1987 South,
Tipperary Sports Star Award SF 1997, 2001, Nationalist Award SF 1997, 2001,
Player Admired All Players

Name: **BRIAN COEN** Age 25 Height 5 ft 10 inches Weight 13 stone
Occupation Garda

Honours Club Football SF 2001 County, 2003, 2005 South, 2001, 2003, 2004 County
Lge, 2001, South Lge, Under 21 A 2000, 2001, 2002, County, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002,
South, Minor A 1999 County & South 2000 County Lge, Hurling IH South 2002, 2006,
Under 21B South 2001, Player Admired Brian Burke (Fethard)

Name: **CHRISTOPHER SHEEHAN** Age 17 Height 5ft 11 inches Weight 12 stone
Occupation Student

Honours Club I H 2006 South, MHB 2007 South, MFB 2007 U16F (7aside) 2005,
Player Admired Declan O Sullivan

Name: **TOMMY GAHAN** Age 25 Height 6 ft Weight 13.5 stone
Occupation Garda

Honours Club SF 2001 County, 2005 South, 2004 County Lge, Junior A 2003 South,
Under 21 A 2000, 2001, 2002, County, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, South, Minor 1999
County & South, 1997, 1998 County Lge, U18 Schools 1997 County,
Player Admired Benny Hahessy (Fethard)

Name: **MICEAL SPILLANE** Age 35 Height 6 ft Weight 14.5 stone
Occupation Farmer

Honours Tipperary All Ireland I H 2000, Munster IH 2000, Club Football SF County
1991, 1993, 1997, 2001, South 1992, 1993, 1997, 2002, 2005, Under 21 A County 1987,
1988, South 1987, 1988, Hurling I H South 1989, 1992, 2002, 2006, Under 21B South
1990, 1993, Minor B South 1987, Player Admired Brian Burke (Fethard),

Name: **KENNETH O DONNELL** Age 26 Height 5ft 7 inches Weight 11 stone
Occupation Security

Honours Club Football SF County 2001, South 2002, 2005, County Lge 2001, 2003,
2004, 2001 South Lge1 , Under21ACounty 2000, 2001, 2002, South 1999, 2000, 2001,
2002, Junior A 1999 County & South, Minor A 1999 County & South County Lge 1997,
1998, Hurling IH South 2002, 2006, Under 21B South 2001, Minor South 1996
Player Admired Colm Cooper (Kerry),

Name: **SHANE WALSH** Age 21 Height 6ft Weight 12.5 stone
Occupation Student

Honours Club Football SF 2005 South, 2004 County Lge Junior A 2003 South, Under 21
A 2001, 2002 County, 2001, 2002 South, Minor A 1998, 2001 County Lge , Hurling I H
2002, 2006 South , Under 21 B 2001 South, Player Admired Eamon Corcoran (Tipp)

Name: **CONOR MC CARTHY** Age 26 Height 5ft 10 inches Weight 15 stone
Occupation Contract Cleaner

Honours Club Football SF County 2001, South 2002, 2005, County Lge 2001, 2003,
2004, 2001 South Lge1 C, Under 21A County 2000, 2001, 2002, South 1999, 2000, 2001,
2002, Junior A 1999 County & South, Junior B 1998 County & South Minor A 1999 County
& South County Lge 1997, 1998, Under 21B South 2001,
Player Admired Colm Cooper (Kerry)

Name: **MICHAEL DILLON** Age 23 Height 6 ft 3 inches Weight 11.5 stone
Occupation Shop Sales

Honours Club Football SF 2001, County, 2002, 2005, South, 2003, 2004, County Lge,
Under 21 A 2001, 2002 County, 2001, 2002 South, Hurling I H 2002 2006 South, Under
21B 2001, South Player Admired Willie Morrissey (Fethard)

Name: **EDMOND SHEEHAN** Age 18 Height 6 ft Weight 14 stone
Occupation Carpenter Apprentice Player Admired Colm Cooper (Kerry),

Name: **CONNIE O FLYNN** Age 20 Height 5 ft 10 inches Weight 11.5 stone

Occupation Student Player Admired Graham Cauty (Cork)

Name: **AIDEN LONERGAN** Age 22 Height 6 ft Weight 13 stone

Occupation Student Player Admired Declan Fanning (Tipperary)

Name: **SHANE ALWYARD** Age 22 Height 5 ft 7 inches Weight 11.5 stone

Occupation Garda

Honours Club S F 2005 South, Junior A'2003 South, Minor Lge 2001

Player Admired Colm Cooper (Kerry)

The Cashel King Cormacs Club are delighted to host today's County Football Finals. It is the third year in a row to host the County Senior Final. They are very pleased with the recent improvements in car parking facilities here and hope that all our patrons enjoy the games today.



FETHARD SENIOR FOOTBALL 2007

Back l/r: Miceal Spillane, Edmond Sheehan, Stephen O'Donnell, John P. Looby, Connie O'Flynn, Aiden Fitzgerald, Paul Fitzgerald, Tommy Gahan, J.P. McGrath, Cian Maher, Eoin Doyle, Glen Burke, Benny Hahessy.

Front l/r: Ml Dillon, Willie Morrissey, Adrian Lawrence, Dean Tobin, Kennth O'Donnell, Brian Coen, Ian Kendrick, Ml Aherne, Shane Walsh, Conor McCarthy, Christopher Sheehan, Damien Byrne, Shane Alwyard (Missing Jamie McCormack)



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22. Shane Walsh Tullamaine 23. Conor McCarthy Congress Terrace

24. Shane Alyward Killusty 25. Connie Flynn Rathkenny

26. Edmund Sheehan Woodvale Walk

27. J.P. McGrath Staragoulea

Team Selectors: Michael Fitzgerald, Danny Kane, Brendan Brett.

**Management: Tommy Sheehan, Micheal O'Riordan, Willie O'Meara,
Stephen Fitzgerald. Medical: Pat Sheehan**

Fánaithe an Maoilig (Moyle Rovers) (Sky Blue/Navy)

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Ian Browne
Maghinstown

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Ronan Desmond
Powerstown

3

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Mylerstown

5

Daniel Lyne
Donoughmore

8

Paul Johnson
Monroe

9

James Williams
Monroe

10

John Shanahan
Laganore

11

Padraig Foley
Ballingarrane North

12

Gary Moore
Powerstown

13

Declan Browne
Shanbally

14

Paul Shanahan
Laganore

15

Brian Mulvihill
Silversprings

16. Kieran Kenrick *Silversprings* **17. Padraig Kelly** *Powerstown*

18. Kevin Condon *Caherclough* **19. Noel Wall** *Giant's Grave*

20. Sean Keating *Powerstown* **21. Martin Dunne** *Caherclough*

22. Tommy Barry *Silversprings* **23. Conor Cooney** *Shanavine*

24. Diarmud Foley *Ballingarrane North* **25. David Conway** *Rathronan*

26. Richard Power *Horse Pasture* **27. Sean Carey** *Maghinstown*

28. John Lyne *Donoughmore*

Selectors: Jimmy Dunne (manager). Donal Foley (Coach). Mick Mulvihill,
Brendan Foley. **Physio:** Neil Burke

Moyle Rovers



Back Row L to R: Robbie Boland, Ronan Desmond, John Shanahan, Noel Wall, David Conway, Kevin Condon, Ian Browne, Gary Moore, Patrick Kelly, Diarmuid Foley, Martin Dunne, Paul Shanahan, Tommy Barry, Conor Cooney, John Lyne,
Front Row L to R: Declan Browne, Liam Cronin, Michael Mulcahy, Aidan Foley, Sean Keating, Daniel Lyne, James Williams, Padraig Foley, Sean Carey, Paul Johnson, Ciarran Keypriek, Brian Mulvihill

MOYLE ROVERS PLAYER PROFILES 2007

Ian Browne: Ian is 21 years old,

Working as Gardai, based in Youghal. Ian was Sub goalie on both Tipperary U21 team & Senior Team this year. He has won 2 South Senior Football Title

Noel Wall: Noel is 34 years old.

Working as an Electrician. Noel is married to Mary They have one Daughter Ava.

Noel has won 7 South Senior Titles & 5 County Senior titles.

Liam Cronin: Liam is 39 years old.

Working as an Engineer Technician. Liam played with the County Senior Football team.

Liam is married to Helen with 2 sons Keith & John & 2 daughters Emma & Michelle.

Liam has won 8 South Senior Title & 5 County Senior Titles

Michael Mulcahy: Michael is 21 years old.

Michael is currently a student. This is Michael's first year playing Senior Football for his club. He has won 1 South Senior Title

James Williams (Captain): James is 31 years old.

Working as a secondary school teacher. James is married to Sharon They had one son,

Odhran. James played with the County Senior Football team. He has won 7 South Senior Titles & 5 County Senior Titles

Martin Dunne: Martin is a 21 year old student.

He was a substitute on the Tipperary U21 football team that reached the Munster final earlier this year. He has won 2 South Senior Football Title

Sean Keating: Sean is 20 years old.

Working as an Apprentice Electrician. This is Sean's first year playing Senior Football with his Club. He has won 1 South Senior Football Title

Padraig Foley: Padraig is 26 years old.

Working as Construction Engineer. He has won 3 South Senior Titles & 2 County Senior Title

Paul Johnson: Paul is 21 years old.

He is currently a student. Paul played at Centre field for the Tipperary team that reached

the Munster Final and Captained the U21 Moyle Rovers team that won the South &

County Final this year. Paul made his debut with Tipperary Senior Football this summer.

This is Paul's second year playing at Senior Club level. He has won 2 South Senior Football Title

Kevin Condon: Kevin is 28 years old.

Working with BK Alarms. Married to Sheila. Kevin has won 3 South Senior Title and 1 County Senior Title

John Shanahan: John is 26 years old.

Working as a builder. John has won 3 South Senior Title and 1 County Senior title

Brian Mulvihill: Brian is 21 years old.

He is currently a Student. Brian Played on Both Tipperary U21 & Senior Football teams this year. He has won 2 South Senior Title

Declan Browne: Declan is 29 years old.

Working as a Sales Rep for Clonmel Oil. Declan played for Tipperary Senior Football team. Married to Niamh. Declan has won 7 South Senior Titles & 5 County Senior Titles

Paul Shanahan: Paul is 23 years old.

Working in Bulmers. Paul has won 2 South Senior Title

Paraic Kelly: Paraic is 22 years old.

Working as Fitter. Paraic has won 2 South Senior Title

Ciaran Kenrick: Ciaran is 18 years old.

He is currently a Student. Ciaran was Goalkeeper for the Tipperary Football Minors this year. Ciaran Has won 1 South Senior Title. He is also on the Minor team also playing the county Final today

Robbie Boland: Robbie is 37 years old.

Working as a Nurse/Social Worker in Ferryhouse.. Married to Ger with son Luke & 2 Daughter Robyn & Lucy. Robbie has won 8 South Senior Titles & 5 County Senior Titles

Ronan Desmond: Ronan is 24 years old.

He is a qualified Aviation Technician. Ronan is currently working as an Apprentice Electrician. He has won 2 South Senior Title

Aidan Foley: Aidan is 22 years old.

He is a student. Aidan played at the Full Back Position for the Tipperary Senior Team this year. This is Aidan's second year playing at Senior Club level. He has won 2 South Senior Title

Conor Cooney: Conor is 23 year.

Working as a financial Advisor. He has won 1 South Senior Title

Danny Lyne: Danny is a 20 year old student.

He was on the Tipperary U21 Football team that reached the Munster Final earlier this year. This is Danny's First year playing on the Senior Team.. He has won 1 South Senior Title

John Lyne: John is a 19 year old student.

Brother of Danny Lyne. This is John's First year on the Senior Panel. He has won 1 South Senior Title

Sean Carey: Sean is 18 years old

He is working as an Apprentice plumber. Sean is Captain of the Minor Team playing in today's County Final. Sean Captained the Tipperary Minor Football team & Played with Tipperary Minor Hurling team that won the All Ireland recently. This is Sean first year playing Senior Football for Moyle Rovers. He has won 1 South Senior title

Gary Moore: Gary is 24 years Old

Salesperson in Larry O'Keeffe Furniture. Gary was on the Senior Panel that won the County Final in 2000. He has won 2 South Senior title & 1 County Senior Title

Richard Power: Richard is a 19 year old student.

This is Richards First year on the Senior Panel. He has won 1 South Senior title

David Conway: David is 22 years old

Student. This is David second year on the senior team. He has won 2 South Senior Title

Diarmuid Foley: Diarmuid is 21 years old

Student. Brother of Aidan Foley

This is Diarmuid's first year on the Senior Panel. He has won 1 South Senior Title

Tommy Barry: Tommy is 21 years old

Student. This is Tommy first year on the senior panel. He has won 1 South Senior Title

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I am honoured to have been appointed manager of the Tipperary football team for the forthcoming season. I have an immense amount of experience built up, having trained teams in Kerry for the last 25 years. I do not intend to list out my achievements but suffice to say I have won every honour that a football club can win (several times over) at senior grade and at minor grade in Kerry. I have played minor, U21, and senior for my county and trained the Kerry U21 team for 2 years. I have trained my club to two Munster Club championships and one All Ireland title.

In one of these championships I encountered Moyle Rovers in the Munster final. I attended Moyle Rovers victory over Aherlow which gave me a flavour of the appetite that is still in the game in Tipperary. I realise the task that lies ahead is not an easy road and will require not only a dedicated management team but determination, enthusiasm, achievable targets, training, coaching, improved skillwork and a game plan to suit Tipperary football.

In any of the tasks I have taken on, thus far, I have succeeded and I feel that while there may be a certain apathy within the county towards our Tipperary intercounty footballers, there is still wonderful spirit within the county that has to be harnessed. I am certainly not going to be making a 260 mile round trip to Thurles from South Kerry for a training session that may be regarded as punching in the time. I am calling on all Tipperary players both young and "older" to answer the call to arms and shelve any thoughts of negativity, immigration, retirement, until you assess for yourselves where Tipperary can go and what we can achieve under my term as manager.

I hope you enjoy the game today and if it has half the excitement of the semi-final it certainly will be worth the entry fee. I believe there are three types of people in the world of sport "Those who make things happen", "Those who watch things happen", "Those who wonder how it happened".----Tiobrad-Arainn Abú

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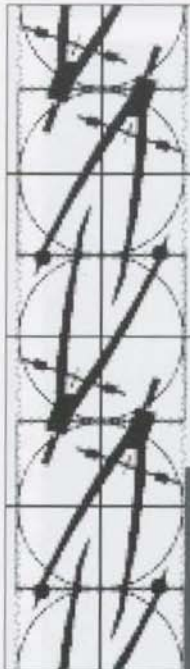
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FETHARD GAA CLUB

Today sees the very first meeting of Fethard and Moyle Rovers in a county final. Fethard have appeared in 31 finals, winning 21. It has been six years since our last victory at Thurles, Fethard 1-13 Aherlow 0-8. Our last defeat in a county final was back in 1992 in a replay, Loughmore 1-9 Fethard 0-10. The team of 2001 went all the way to a Munster Club final losing out to Nemo Rangers 1-11 to 0-10. Today four of that team MI Quinlan, Tom Anglim, Brian Burke and Tommy Sheehan, are not available for selection. The remaining eleven players, plus two of the subs, as well as Benny Haheesy and Jamie McCormack make up today's fifteen.

Fethard are bidding for their 22th county senior title. In the eighties we produced a new core of players Brian Burke, Tommy Sheehan, the Hackett brothers John and Dermot, the O'Mearas, Willie and Jimmy, the Coens, Coos Shay and Martin, some others retired with those still playing today at top level Willie Morrissey and Miceal Spillane. We started winning county titles in Centenary Year and continued in 1988, 1991, 1993, 1997. New names were added to the squad in the mid nineties, Paul Fitzgerald, Damien Byrne, Stephen O'Donnell, to be further strengthened by John P Looby and Aiden Fitzgerald adding titles in 1997, 2001 before the emergence of Glen Burke, MI Aheme, Kenneth O'Donnell, Conor McCarthy, Ian Kendrick, Cian Maher, Eoin Doyle, Jamie McCormack, Brian Coen, Shane Walsh, from the successful 3 in a row county under 21A titles, 2000, 2001, 2002. All of this talent together with the emerging talent of this year's under-18 panel have been available to the management team.

Our success in recent years commenced with the minor and junior titles in 1999, with our last senior county success in 2001 our under-21 titles, to our most recent success in 2006 with the intermediate hurlers winning the South and our junior A football win in 2003. Many of our players have represented the county in the last few years most notably our representation on the Tommy Murphy success of 2005 Paul and Aiden Fitzgerald and Damien Byrne with the previous All-Ireland success of the juniors in 1998 when we also had three, Willie Morrissey, Damien Byrne, and Tommy Sheehan. In the last year our sole representative in senior football was Cian Maher, with Aiden Fitzgerald on the intermediate hurling.

The juvenile club are doing great work and this year we won the South under-14A hurling, a competition we had not won for 25 years and we wish them all the best in the future in the maintaining the high standards set by their predecessors.

Fethard GAA Club would like to thank our sponsors, players, members and supporters for their continued support in this most difficult time of keeping the Club on the road and we finally wish our Friary town team the best of luck in today's unique final pairing, Chairman, Michael O'Dwyer, secretary, Mary Godfrey, joint treasurers Nicky O'Shea, Noel Byrne, PRO Noel Byrne.

CHAMPIONS OF 1968 & 1972 HONOURED

In keeping with the practice of the past number of years, the Tipperary county board, in conjunction with the Nationalist and the Park Hotel, Clonmel honour the county senior football champions of 1968 and 1972, Kilsheelan/Kilcash, at the county senior football final at Leahy Park, Cashel today. The members of the two victorious sides will be given a reception, sponsored by the county board, when they arrive at Leahy Park. After the match they will be taken to the Park Hotel for dinner. During the meal they will be made a presentation by the Nationalist. The occasion should be a great opportunity for the members of the two panels to reminisce about their great exploits on the field of play nearly forty years ago.

When Kilsheelan Were Champions

The years 1968 and 1972 are probably the most famous years in the history of Kilsheelan/Kilcash club. In these two years they doubled their number of senior football championships, having won two previously in 1930 and 1933.

There wasn't much to presage the arrival of Kilsheelan on the senior football scene in 1968. Ardfinnan and Clonmel Commercials had dominated the scene for most of the sixties and were to continue to do so for some years after that.

Maybe the catalyst was the decision taken at the county convention to introduce the Open Draw in the senior football championship. Proposed by Clonmel Commercials, it was passed by a substantial majority with the provision that it be for a one-year trial period. It was to bring a change in the fortunes of the Kilsheelan club.

The new look championship got under way at Cashel on April 14, with eight teams from the South, four from the West, four from the Mid and one from the North competing. Kilsheelan made good progress and qualified for the semi-final in which they defeated Moyle Rovers by 1-4 to 1-2 at Clonmel on October 20. In the second semi-final Ardfinnan defeated Fethard by 2-5 to 1-7 at the same venue two weeks later.

The final was played at Clonmel on November 17 and the result was a surprise. Kilsheelan won their first senior title since 1933 when they defeated Ardfinnan, who were odd-on favourites and South Division titleholders, by 1-11 to 2-7. It was one of the best county finals for years. Kilsheelan led by 1-7 to 0-3 at half-time but with less than six minutes remaining, they were a point behind and Ardfinnan were looking certain winners. But Kilsheelan didn't give up and scored two points to give them an unexpected victory.

The successful team was as follows: Johnny Dempsey, Johnny O'Driscoll, Johnny O'Halloran, Frank Coffey, Mick Morrissey, Martin O'Gorman, Richard O'Gorman, Jonathon Moriarity, Donie Fitzpatrick, Dick Strang, Liam Larkin, Sean Nugent, Cyril Robinson, Willie Robinson (capt.), Philly O'Halloran. The panel also included Patsy O'Halloran, Jim Morrissey, John Donovan, George Power, Jim Cahill, Willie Marshall, Jim Holohan and Jim Kehoe.

The county champions were beaten by East Kerry, 1-12 to 0-3, in the first round of the Munster club championship at Kilsheelan a week later.

The Open Draw proved popular and was still there in 1972 when Kilsheelan won their fourth county senior football final, and their last to date. After the success of 1968, Kilsheelan lost out to Ardfinnan, in a match in which Babs Keating got two goals, in the 1969 semi-final. In 1970 they made their exit in the first round, going down to Eire Óg, Annacarty, and the same happened in 1971, when they went out to Loughmore-Castleiney.

There was a determination in the club in 1972 to avoid the disastrous results of the previous two years and build on the success of 1968. Twenty teams took part in the county championship and Kilsheelan

defeated Aherlow and Moyle Rovers along the way to qualify for the semi-final. Four teams from the South qualified for the penultimate stage and the semi-finals were played at Clonmel on October 8. Kilsheelan got the better of Fethard by 0-7 to 0-4, while Ardfinnan defeated Commercials by 0-8 to 1-4.

The final, a repeat of the 1968 decider, was played at Clonmel on October 22. Much was expected of the encounter but, generally, the game was disappointing and the occasion lacked atmosphere. The game was close but Kilsheelan deserved their two-point victory on a scoreline of 1-11 to 1-9. Ardfinnan suffered from injuries and never looked capable of winning. It was Kilsheelan's fourth title and Jim Kehoe was their outstanding player with a personal tally of 1-5.

The successful team was as follows: Johnny Dempsey, Johnny O'Driscoll, Johnny O'Halloran, Mick Morrissey, Jim Cahill, Martin O'Gorman, Richard O'Gorman, Jonathon Moriarity, Richard Strang, Liam Murphy, Jim Kehoe, Cyril Robinson, Philly O'Halloran, Jim Holohan, Sean Nugent. The panel also included Liam Larkin, Willie Robinson, Sean Connolly, Pat Keyes, Pat Larkin, Tommy Ryan, Declan Geoghegan, Tommy Lonergan, Patsy O'Halloran, Gerry Hennebry, Michael Dempsey.

The county champions were beaten in the first round of the Munster club championship. They lost by 0-11 to 1-5 to Clare champions, Doonbeg, at Kilsheelan on March 4, 1973.

Why did Kilsheelan/Kilcash make the breakthrough in 1968 after many years of trying since their previous victory in 1933? One of the members of the team, Richard O'Gorman, gave this reason in a contribution to the club history, which was published in 1988:

'Everybody knows that 'tradition' plays a major role in all championship successes, whether they be club or county. Kilsheelan had many fine teams between 1933 and 1968 but still failed to win a senior championship. The breakthrough came in 1968 and for me this came about in the team's preparation for the final. The Rosminian Order of priests were based at Glencomeragh and had among them many who had played football with their counties at various levels. They had a very fast and skillful team and challenge games were arranged with them in preparation for the final. Being a religious order, Kilsheelan were obliged to avoid the 'stopping' type tactics, which were generally used against other teams. As a result we were unable to cope with the skill and free-flowing football played by the Rosminians and it was customary in the early games to be beaten by anything up to 15 points. However, we were learning with each game and by our final game we had almost come to grips with them. We had eliminated many of our weaknesses and had sharpened our game considerably and with Tom Larkin sparing no effort we were prepared for the success few players or supporters thought possible. The Rosminians had initiated the success of 1968 from which so many fine displays came in the following years.'

Richard continues: 'On the field of play Kilsheelan's greatest 'strength' was in its balance throughout the field. The team was physically strong with no place for the shy, fancy player. We had a very reliable goalkeeper backed by strong, tight, marking and, at all times, fearless defenders, who took any risk to prevent a score. To most of our opponents we never appeared on paper to have a very strong midfield, yet I can safely say that as far as I can remember our main player in that area never had a bad game and our forwards never had to accept less than fifty percent of ball from midfield. We were lucky to have had a forward line, all of whom were capable of scoring. All six forwards generally scored and we never lacked for a first-rate free taker. Overall it was a well-balanced and skillful team backed up by a willingness to train and to be mentally prepared for the big day.'

What more needs to be said about this band of players, who brought two county senior titles to the club in 1968 and 1972. They deserve to be remembered today and forever.

Kilsheelan/Kilcash Panel Members in 1968 and 1972

Johnny Dempsey: Was a very capable goalkeeper, played in both finals and also represented his county in the u-21 grade.

In the right fullback line was the teak tough uncompromising Johnny O'Driscoll, whose long relieving clearances were a feature.

Next to him on each occasion was the high-fielding and very reliable Johnny O'Halloran now deceased. Representing him today is his son, Aidan.

In the other corner was the fiercely determined Frank Coffey. In the '1968 final he held Michael "Babs" Keating to one point.

Right half back was the tight-marking and tough as nails Mick Morrissey, who rarely put a foot wrong.

Centre half back was a man who had a great pair of hands under the dropping ball and represented his county at underage level - Martin O'Gorman.

On his left was his brother Dick O'Gorman. Another safe pair of hands, his long-distance clearances were a feature of his play and he played many times for the county team.

This player won his place in the team of 1972. A very reliable defender whose speed off the mark was a feature. His name is - Jim Cahill.

At midfield was a man with Kerry blood in his veins. Although quietly spoken he said it all on the field - Jonathon Moriarty.

Also at midfield in the 1968 final was another exponent of all the skills of the game, Donie Fitzpatrick.

Moving to attack we have the captain of the 1972 team, who also represented his county many times with distinction - the outstanding Dick Strang.

In the centre was a name very synonymous with the club. His accuracy from frees in the 1968 final played a big part in the victory - Liam Larkin.

On the other wing was a very loyal servant, who later turned to administration. Former chairman of the South Board and currently board secretary, Sean Nugent.

Moving to the inside line we had Cyril Robinson, a player who gave outstanding service and also lined out for the county at underage. Unfortunately he is now deceased and representing him here today is his son, Keith.

At full forward was the man who got the goal in the 1968 decider and also represented the county many times. He was later a prominent referee - William Robinson.

Completing the line up in 1968 was the man, who put Kilsheelan in front in the closing stages and played no small part in this famous win, Philly O'Halloran. He is also deceased and represented by his son Senan.

In 1972, the selectors took the opportunity to give youth its fling. A talented performer scoring 1-5 in the final and went on to play for his county in both codes. His name was Jim Kehoe.

Also on board was another up and coming player who was not shy of the goal-posts when the chance came his way. His name is Liam Murphy.

Lined out at full forward that day was James Holohan. Better known for his general input in the club and is currently the secretary.

In the earlier rounds of the '68 championship and in preceding years John Donovan was ever present on the side. He was also on the 1964 team that took junior football honours.

This player lined out with Tipperary minors in the All-Ireland final of 1955 and had an outstanding career with his native Fethard before coming to Kilsheelan - Sean Connolly.

He was a member of the 1964 side and a tireless loyal servant in an attacking role, Jim Morrissey.

One of the fastest players off the mark was a regular on the sides in those years and probably better

known as a hurler - the late Pat Keyes. Representing him today is his son PJ.

On the subs bench in 1972 was Pat Larkin whose best years were ahead of him and he was an outstanding full-back and also represented his county.

Also a sub that year, he was a regular in attack and played in the Munster Club championship the following year - Tommy Ryan.

This player also played in attack and played in the Munster Club championship already mentioned - Declan Geoghegan.

On the panel in 1972 was a man who went on to give great service as goalkeeper, later as an inter-county referee and is a selector with this year's team - Tommy Lonergan.

Another very loyal servant. His enthusiasm for the game ensured he rarely missed a training session. For 23 years he served as secretary of South Bord na nÓg, Patsy O'Halloran.

Another panellist who gave lots of service to the club and later served as chairman of the juvenile club - Gerry Henebry.

Also from the class of 1968 and who played most of his football at junior level was Willie Marshall. Now deceased he is represented by his son Liam.

We started with a Dempsey and we are going to finish up with a Dempsey. This player was a regular on the senior team - his name Michael Dempsey.

Selectors: Selectors on both occasions were the same. Johnny Kehoe, who helped the club to senior titles in 1930 and 1932, was also club chairman at the time. Now deceased he is represented by a family member. Also a selector was Billy Stokes. He was a very talented goalkeeper on the hurling teams in his playing days. He served as chairman of the Club for nine years. Trainer was Tom Larkin. He played at full back in the 1964 team when they won the junior football title. He also played for the county in both codes and will be remembered as the only Kilsheelan player to win an All-Ireland senior hurling medal.

Paths to the Finals

- 1968: Semi-final: Kilsheelan 1-4 Moyle Rovers 1-2
Final: Kilsheelan 1-11 Ardfinnan 2-7
Munster Club: East Kerry 1-12 Kilsheelan 0-3
- 1972: Semi-final: Kilsheelan 0-7 Fethard 0-4
Final: Kilsheelan 1-11 Ardfinnan 1-9
Munster Club: Doonbeg 0-11 Kilsheelan 1-5.



Kilsheelan Co Senior Football Champions 1968

Back Row l/r:
William Robinson
(Capt.),
Donie Fitzpatrick,
Mick Morrissey,
Johnny O'Driscoll,
Martin O'Gorman,
Dick O'Gorman,
George Power,
Jonathan Moriarty.

Front Row l/r:
Dick Strang,
Liam Larkin,
Cyril Robinson,
Johnny Demsey,
Sean Nugent,
Frankie Coffey,
Philly O'Halloran,
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