

Co. Tipperary Senior Football Final
Match Programme
2009

Coiste Thiobraid Árann

**Co. Senior
Football
Final**

Moyle Rovers



v

Aherlow



**Preceded by
County Minor (A)
Football
Final Replay**

Ardfinnan

v

Loughmore-Castleiney

1.00 pm E.T.

Referee: John Ryan (B) Cashel

John Ryan



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**SEMPLE STADIUM, THURLES, SUNDAY 25 OCT. 2009
THROW-IN 3.00 P.M. REFEREE DEREK O' MAHONEY (ARDFINNAN)**

Clár an Lae

- 12.45 Ardfinnan team on to the field
12.47 Loughmore Castleiney team on to the field
1.00 Throw-In for the Co. Minor (A) Football Final Replay
Ardfinnan v Loughmore Castleiney
Réiteoir John Ryan (Cashel King Cormacs)
1.30 Half - time in Co Minor Football final
(Entertainment by the Sean Treacy's Pipe Band)
1.40 Second Half of Co Minor Football Final
2.10 End of County Minor Football Final
2.20 Presentation of the Michael Hogan Perpetual Challenge Cup
to the winning Captain
2.25 Presentation of the Kilruane MacDonaghs 1975 County
Champions
2.43 Aherlow team on to the field
2.45 Moyle Rovers team on to the field
2.54 Paráid na bhFoireann
2.58 Amhrán na bhfiann
3.00 Throw in for the County Senior Football Final
Aherlow v Moyle Rovers
Réiteoir Derek O Mahoney (Ardfinnan)
3.30 Half – time in the Senior Football Final
(Entertainment by the Sean Treacy's Pipe Band)
3.40 Second half of the Senior Football Final
4.10 End of County Senior Football Final
4.20 Presentation of the O Dwyer Cup to the winning Captain
followed by the presentation of the "Man of the Match" award
Sponsored by John Quirke Jeweller Cahir

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Fáilte

Barry O'Brien, Cathaoirleach Contae Thiobraid Árann

Is cois mhor athais dom fiorchaoín failte a fhearadh romhaibh go leir go dtí Staid Semple inniu le haghaidh Cluichi Cheannais Peil an Chontae. Fearaim failte faoi leith na himreoirí o na Cumainn a bheidh ag ghlacadh pairte anseo inniu. Tá suil agam go mbeidh la iontach taithneamhach ag gach uile dhuine.

Today we gather in Semple Stadium for what is another special day in our sporting lives, the county senior and minor football finals. I would like to welcome the four teams taking part and thank them and all involved in their clubs for getting them to this, the ultimate stage in both competitions. I would like to extend my best wishes to the players of Aherlow, Moyle Rovers, Arravale Rovers and Loughmore-Castleiney and I hope they have a memorable and enjoyable day. I do not believe that even the most experienced pundits could have forecast the finalist in today's games and this is what makes the uncertainty of sport so intriguing. I certainly would not attempt to predict the outcome of either match.

Our thanks to our referees for today, Derek O'Mahoney and John Bob Ryan and their officials whom I am sure will do a wonderful job as usual. They represent all the referees and officials within the county who officiate at games at venues throughout the county, year in, year out. We are and should be grateful for the dedication they bring to their role as referees. I would again take the opportunity to ask anyone who may be interested in becoming a referee to contact our county referee's administrator John Lonergan.

A special welcome to the men of Kilruane MacDonaghs who are here today to celebrate their achievements in the past. This is now part of the tradition on County final day and I am sure that it is part of the programme that we will continue long into the future. Semple Stadium is again in wonderful condition for today's games and considering the major programme of games that have taken place here throughout the year the condition of the pitch is a credit to all those involved.

A special thank you to Sean Nugent, Tom Maher and all the members of County CCC who organise our fixtures throughout the year. This indeed is an onerous task but one which they carry out very effectively.

Finally, we look forward to both games in anticipation of seeing the type of football that has this year brought Tipperary back to a standard which leaves us with high hopes of achieving the ultimate success as a county, in the near future.

Barra O'Briain



Buiochas:

Thanks to the contributors for today's Programme. To all club representatives which include David Grogan and Terrence Coskeran, Aherlow; John Keating and Jean O'Connor, Moyle Rovers. To John Treacy and Pat Healy, Loughmore-Castleiney and to Willie Barrett and Martin Doyle, Ardfinnan. A special mention to Jackie Cahill, Noel Dundon and for their articles and to Tim Flyod, Sean Nugent, Tom Maher and Ger Corbett for their invaluable help. Photos: John McLoughney & John Kelly. Editor: **Liam Hogan**.

Fáilte

Nollaig O'Muiris, Cathaoirleach Peil Contae Thiobraid Árann



I would like to welcome you all to what promises to be a great days football. I welcome the Aherlow and Moyle Rovers teams for our County Tipperary Senior Football final.

Both teams have earned the right to be in today's final having overcome stiff opposition along the way. Aherlow had to come via the West championship when they accounted for Galtee Rovers in the west decider. They then defeated Thomas MacDonaghs in the quarter- final before overcoming Loughmore-Castleiney in the recent semi-final here at Semple Stadium

Moyle Rovers path to the final has been more direct. They overcome Fethard in the south final and having also reached the last four of the open draw section, they gained automatic inclusion to county semi-final where they overcome Killenaule.

I must also welcome both Loughmore-Castleiney and Ardfinnan the participants in today's Minor A Football final replay. Both teams produced a very exciting draw last week and I expect today's replay to go right down to the wire.

I would like to wish the match officials the best of luck in today's finals. The grounds men in Semple Stadium deserve praise for having the pitch the perfect condition for today's games.

**Ar aghaidh leis on peil.
Nollaig O' Muiris.**

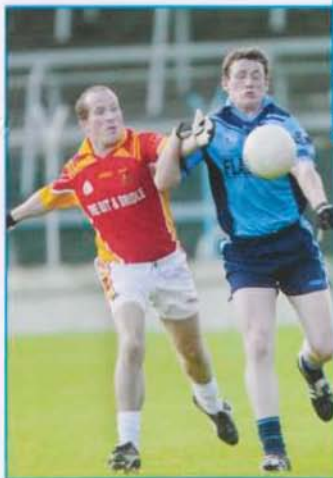
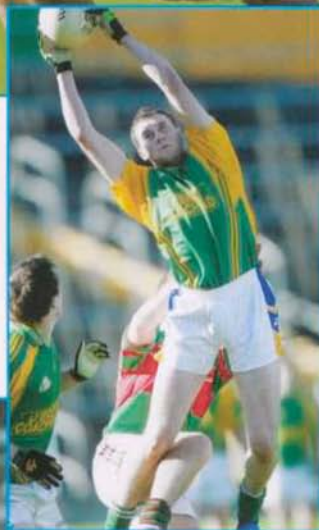
Co Senior Football Roll Of Honour

Fethard (21):	1887, '1917, '18, '19, '20, '22, '23, '24, '27, '28, '38, '42, '54, '57, '78, '84, '88, '91, '93, '97, '01.	Kilsheelan (4):	1930, '32, '68, '72.
Commercials (14):	1944, '48, '56, '65, '66, '67, '69, '71, '82, '86, '89, '90, '94, '02.	Mullinahone (4):	1912, '13, '26, '29.
Loughmore		Saint Flannans (3):	1958, '59, '61.
-Castleiney (10):	1940, '46, '55, '73, '77, '79, '83, '87, '92, '04.	Saint Patrick's (2):	1947, '53.
Ardfinnan (8):	1935, '39, '62, '63, '64, '70, '74, '05	Army	
Grangemockler (8):	1890, 1903, '04, '05, '06, '07, '09, '31,	10th Battalion (2):	1943, '45.
Clonmel		Templemore (2):	1925, '36.
Shamrocks (7):	1897, '98, 1900, '01, '33, '34, '37.	Nenagh Institute (2):	1911, '15
Moyle Rovers (6):	1995, '96, '98, '99, '00, '07.	Bohercrowe (2):	1888, '89,
Galtee Rovers (6):	1949, '50, '76, '80, '81, '08.	Aherlow (1):	2006
Arravale Rovers (6):	1894, '95, '96, '99, 1941, '85,	Cahir (1):	2003.
		Kilruane	
		MacDonaghs (1)	1975.
		Dr. Crokes (1):	1960.
		Old Bridge,	
		Clonmel (1):	1952
		Ballingarry (1):	1951.
		Castleiney (1):	1914.
		Tipperary	
		O'Leary's (1):	1910.
		Cloneen (1):	1908.
		Tipperary Town (1):	1902.



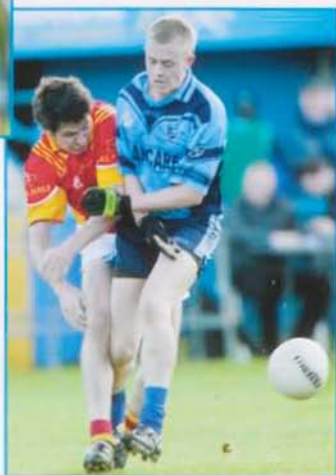
Pictured above: Aherlow's Bernard O'Brien and Loughmore's Noel McGrath.

Pictured left: Aherlow's Ciarain McDonald.



Pictured left: Moyles Padraig Foley and Killenaule's Michael Fitzgerald.

Pictured right: Moyles Sean Keating and Killenaule's Philip Blake.



Aherlow



The Aherlow team (winners in 2006) that defeated Loughmore-Castleiney in the recent semi-final in Semple Stadium.

Moyle Rovers



Six time winners Moyle Rovers prior to their semi-final win over Killenale at Sleetry Stadium.

Today's Referees'

Meet **Derek O'Mahoney, Ardfinnan.**

Today, Derek O'Mahoney will take charge of his first Senior Football Final.

The Ardfinnan man first took charge of the whistle in 2002. He received a good education having officiated as both umpire and linesman with his fellow club man and former All-Ireland referee, Willie Barrett.

Derek has vast experience in the role at club and county level.

At divisional level he has officiated in a South Senior Football Final. His first county final was the 2005 County U-21 B football decider. He also officiated in two County Minor A Football finals, 2006 and 2008.

At inter-county level he refereed the Munster Minor Football Final in 2007 when Cork played Kerry. He also took charge of this year's Munster U-21 Football semi-final involving the same counties.

Then there's his first National Football League game between Waterford and Carlow, plus a McGrath Cup game, a Celebratory Bainisteoir clash as well as doing the line in this year's all-Ireland Minor Football Final.

Married to Margaret the self employed Architect and has one daughter, Emer aged 2. His umpires for today's final are Fran O'Leary, Ger Meagher, Stan Barlow and Richie Boyle, all Ardfinnan.

The Linesmen for today include Paddy Russell, Emly and Martin Ryan, Moyne - Templetuohy. Brian Tyrell, Clonmel Commercials is the fourth official.



Minor Referee - John Bob Ryan Cashel King Cormacks.

John Bob Ryan will be the man in the middle for today's Minor Football Replay involving Loughmore-Castleiney and Ardfinnan.

The experienced official is no stranger to taking charge of major county finals. He began his career in 1990 and has donned the whistle in divisional finals in every grade in both hurling and football.

His county finals include, the 2002 County Intermediate final, County U-21 decider in 2006, the U-21 B decider in 2007 plus Minor A clash involving Nenagh and Upperchurch last year.

His umpires today are Mick Mackey, Cashel, John Palmer Cashel, Pat Cormack Rosegreen, Pakie Hallissey Cashel

Linemen: Oisín Ryan, Cashel and Liam Shanahan, Upperchurch-Drombane.



County Senior Football Paths to the Final 2009

Prelim Round

19/04/09:	Ardfinnan	0-09	J K Brackens	0-05
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Co Senior Football Championship Round 1

9/5/09:	Commercials	1-8	Aherlow	0-6
1/5/09:	Moyne Templetuohy	3-15	Fr John Kenyons	0-7
10/5/09:	Moyle Rovers	3-8	Loughmore Castleiney	1-6
4/5/09:	Éire Óg Annacarty	0-8	Arravale Rovers	0-7
9/5/09:	Ardfinnan	1-13	Cahir	2-6
9/5/09:	Fethard	0-11	Clonmel Óg	0-9

Galtee Rovers received a walk over from Thomas McDonaghs

Killenaule received a walk over from Mullinahone

Senior Football Championship Round (2)

7/6/09:	Moyle Rovers	1-10	Éire Óg Annacarty	1-07
7/6/09:	Galtee Rovers	0-15	Clonmel Commercials	1-06
7/6/09:	Killenaule	3-12	Moyne Templetuohy	2-10
7/6/09:	Fethard	2-13	Ardfinnan	2-05

Quarter Finals

27/9/09:	Loughmore-Castleiney	0-11	Fethard	1-04
27/9/09:	Aherlow	2-13	Thomas MacDonaghs	0-10
4/10/09:	Killenaule	3-6	Galtee Rovers	0-13
Moyle Rovers a bye				

Semi-Finals

11/10/09:	Aherlow	2-08	Loughmore -Castleiney	0-04
11/10/09:	Moyle Rovers	2-12	Killenaule	0-02

Final

25/10/09	Aherlow	0-0	Moyle Rovers	0-0
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Divisional Finals

South Tipp				
30/8/09:	Moyle Rovers	0-14	Fethard	0-8
North Tipp				
17/9/09:	Thomas MacDonaghs	1-17	Fr John Kenyons	0-11
Mid Tipp				
20/9/09:	Loughmore-Castleiney	2-12	J K Brackens	0-8
West Tipp				
23/9/09:	Aherlow	1-7	Galtee Rovers	0-6



The Ardinnan Panel that drew with Loughmore-Castleiney in the County Tipperary Minor A Football Final. Picture Back Row L to R Colin Nugent, Nigel Carberry, David Condon, Eoin Lambert, Oisín Flynn, Joseph O'Connor, Carl Costigan, Michael O'Sullivan, Billy Hewitt, Shane Fagan, Aran Cowan, Eoin Walsh. Front Row L to R Philip Murphy, Michael Goonan, James O'Mahoney, Darren Bray, John O'Donnell, Colin Nugent, Jason Coffey Capt, Daniel O'Regan, Liam Walsh, Jamie Butler, Jonathan Ryan.

Today's Minor (A) Football Final teams



The Loughmore-Castleiney Panel that drew with Ardinnan in the County Tipperary Minor A Football Final. Picture Back Row L to R Liam McGrath, Kevin Johnson, Craig Cleary, Richard Maher, Padraig Egan, Darragh Butler, Lorcan Egan, Liam Treacy, Eamon McGrath, Padraig Hennessy, Joseph Hennessy, Brian McGrath. Front Row L to R Willie Eviston, Tomas McGrath, Henry Maher, Eamon Connolly, John McGrath, Aidan McGrath, Michael Ryan, John Meagher, Kevin O'Connell, Patrick Nolan, Aaron Sweeney, Joseph Nyland.

County Minor A Football Final – The drawn game

Dramatic later Treacy goal forces replay

writes Noel Dundon

Loughmore-Castleiney 3-4 Ardfinnan 2-7

Half time: Loughmore-Castleiney 2-2 Ardfinnan 1-2

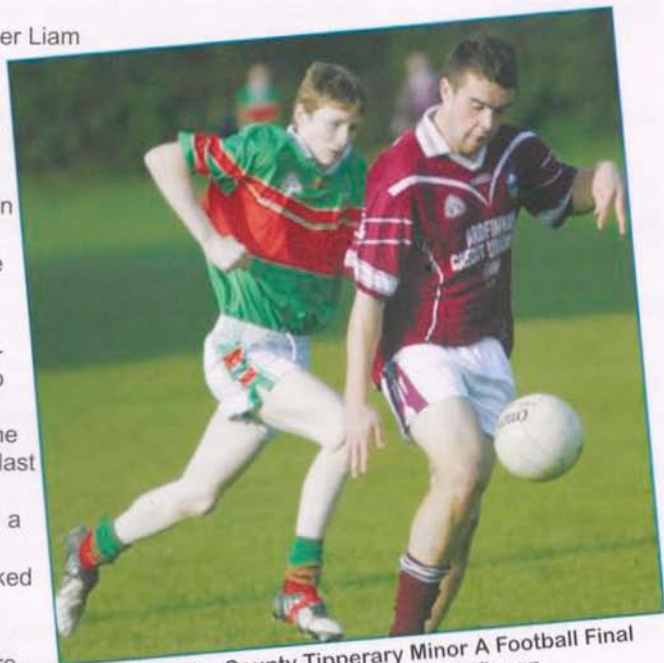
A cracking goal from midfielder Liam Treacy three minutes into injury time earned Loughmore Castleiney a well deserved draw in the County Minor A Football Final at Golden on Saturday afternoon last as they snatched a draw from the jaws of defeat at the hands of South champions Ardfinnan.

A cracking game of end-to-end football all came down to the very final moments – Treacy's blast from outside the 21 yard line was the second last kick of the game as referee Paddy Russell called time on a fantastic final once Ardfinnan keeper Colin Nugent had kicked out the ball following the sensational goal.

And while it was Loughmore-Castleiney who led for the vast majority of the game, the Ardfinnan lads will probably be kicking themselves for having missed so many chances in a game which was very tight all the way through – they booted ten wides in the hour much to the frustration of their supporters who were very vocal in the stand.

Teams and Scorers: Ardfinnan: C Nugent, O Flynn, E Walsh, C Costigan, M O'Sullivan, J O'Connor, P Murphy, B Hewitt 0-3, J Ryan, D Bray, D O'Regan 1-0, J Coffey 0-2, J O'Mahoney 1-1, S Fagan, J O'Donnell. Subs: A Cowan for J O'Connor; J O'Connor for D Bray; M Goonan for J O'Donnell.

Loughmore Castleiney: J Nyland, K Johnson, W Eviston, L Egan, D Butler, A McGrath, H Maher, J Meagher, E Connolly, P Egan, L Treacy 1-2, J McGrath, L McGrath 2-1, T McGrath, M Ryan. Subs: B McGrath 0-1 for M Ryan.
Referee: P Russell (Arravale Rvs).



Action from the County Tipperary Minor A Football Final between Loughmore-Castleiney and Ardfinnan.

Aherlow Team Pen Pictures

Tommy Russell (Capt)	Just reward for our captain who has been commuting from Dublin all year to represent his club. Inspirational leader from wing back.
Shane Leonard	Vital save in the quarter final which proved to be the catalyst for our surge to today's county final. Also was custodian for the '06 final.
Seanie Mullins	Third generation of the Mullins clan to represent Aherlow with distinction. Sticky corner back who is always looking to join the attack.
John Hennessy	Central figure in the Aherlow team. Scorer of a memorable point against the Nire in 2006. First cousin of corner back Seanie.
Mark O' Brien	AKA 'Jotsy'. Captain of our only county final win to date. Nice to see him back to his best after a few injury setbacks.
Mark Hanley	'Sparky'. The baby of the team! Shows all the competitive spirit and bravery that is associated with the family name.
Ciaran MacDonald	'Big Mac'. Going from strength to strength, showcased by his Vodafone player of the month award earlier this year. Along with his club mate Barry Grogan, both played pivotal roles in securing successive promotions for Tipperary.
Cathal Dillon	Our true all rounder combining hurling, football and handball. Winner of All-Ireland minor and Munster under 21 hurling medals. Rode 'Jumping Jim' to success in the Effin derby.
Stuart Moloney	Settled in easily to life in the Glen following his move from Loughrea in Co. Galway. Playing the football of his life in the midfield position this year.
Seamus Grogan	'Sham'. This players commitment and bravery has been evident all year and will play a major part in Aherlow's quest for honours along with his brother Barry.
Derry Peters	Bringing all his years of experience to this present Aherlow team. Has made the switch from game-keeper to game-poacher. Vital scorer of only goal in west final followed by classic celebration. Highly involved in Ladies football in Tipperary.
Lawrence Coskeran	'Larry'. The engine of this team-whether it's in attack or defence always available for the pass. Captained Tipperary in the Munster under 21 football final '07.
Bernard O'Brien	'Bob'. Possesses an educated left boot and was scorer of one of our goals in his previous visit to Thurles in the semi final.

Aherlow Team Pen Pictures

Barry Grogan	Star forward for both club and county. Prolific in attack proven by his 3-02 tally against Cork in the Munster under 21 final and his talent was recognised with being crowned Munster under 21 footballer of the year in '07.
Thomas Hanley	Older of the Hanley brothers. Scorer of some vital goals since his introduction to the senior football ranks. Along with Ciaran MacDonald, recent winner of Abbey School sport star of the year.
Kieran Moroney	'Mission'. Returned from major back surgery to provide competition in the goalkeeping position. A very able deputy.
Conor O'Shea	Provides great leadership to the team which stems no doubt, from his overseas operations with the Defence Forces. When introduced, he had a major impact on the outcome of the semi final this year.
Chris MacDonald	Older brother of Ciaran. Our flying 'drummer'. Expect nothing less than a tigerish display when introduced in any match.
Frankie Leonard	'The Rock'. Announced his arrival with a 2 point salvo against Commercials at the commencement of this year's championship during his first spell on the senior panel.
Denis O'Shea	'Dinny'. A real giant of Aherlow GAA and has starred at every age group, in every level and in both hurling and football. Captained hurling team to their only intermediate title. Actively involved in coaching of Aherlows up and coming stars.
Cathal O'Shea	'Bob'. Youngest member of the O'Shea brothers. Another 'dual star' of the Aherlow panel. Has represented Tipperary at minor, under 21 and intermediate hurling successfully.
Seanie Peters	A real character of this Aherlow crop. Infectious enthusiasm rubs off on those around him. Scorer of 3 goals in Aherlows first ever under 14 county final victory.
Michael Moroney	'Barra'. Has played in almost every position on the Aherlow team over the years, now fulfilling a dual role as player and selector.
Liam Richardson	One to watch for the future. Had 2-1 scored after 7 minutes in junior semi final, when he had to retire with a facial injury as a result of his bravery in scoring the second goal.
John Hennessy	'Junior'. Another young player who has staked his claim for a place on this year's panel by his hard work put in at training.

ARDFINNAN

1

Colin Nugent

2

Oisín Flynn

3

Eoin Walsh

4

Carl Costigan

5

Michael O'Sullivan

6

Jonathan Ryan

7

Philip Murphy

8

Billy Hewitt

9

Joseph O'Connor

10

Darren Bray

11

Daniel O'Regan

12

Jason Coffey

13

James O'Mahony

14

Shane Fagan

15

John O'Donnell

Subs:

16 Ciaran Nugent

17 Nigel Carberry

18 Aran Cowan

19 David Condon

20 Jamie Butler

21 Eoin Lambert

22 Liam Walsh

23 Michael Goonan

24 Ger Murphy

Coach/Trainer: John Cummins, Michael O'Loughlin

Selectors: Liam Barrett, MI Goonan & Liam Myles

First Aid: Barbara Moran

Ardfinnan	1st Half	2nd Half	Total
Score			
Wides			
Frees			
45's			

LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY

1

Joseph Nyland

2

Kevin Johnson

3

Willie Eviston

4

Lorcan Egan

5

Darragh Butler

6

Aidan McGrath

7

Henry Maher

8

John Meagher

9

Eamon Connolly

10

Padraig Egan

11

Liam Treacy

12

John McGrath

13

Liam McGrath

14

Tomas McGrath

15

Michael Ryan

Subs:

16 Richard Maher

17 Eamon McGrath

18 Aaron Sweeney

19 Joseph Hennessy

20 Padraig Hennessy

21 Craig Cleary

22 Brian McGrath

23 Kevin O'Connell

24 Tommy Maher

25 Sam Allen

26 Martin Maher

27 Patrick Nolan

Manager: Tom McGrath

Selectors: Maureen Connolly, David McGraath, Seanie Johnson

Physio: Cathy Doran

Loughmore Castleiney	1st Half	2nd Half	Total
Score			
Wides			
Frees			
45's			

AHERLOW

1

Shane Leonard

2

Sean Mullins

3

John Hennessy

4

Mark O'Brien

5

Mark Hanley

6

Ciarain McDonald

7

Tommy Russell

Captain

8

Cathal Dillon

9

Stuart Moloney

10

Seamus Grogan

11

Derry Peters

12

Laurence Coskeran

13

Bernard O'Brien

14

Barry Grogan

15

Thomas Hanley

Subs:

16 Kieran Moroney

17 Conor O'Shea

18 Denis O'Shea

19 Chris McDonald

20 Frankie Leonard

21 Cathal O'Shea

22 Seanie Peters

23 Michael Moroney

24 John Hennessy Jnr.

25 Liam Richardson



Tommy Russell
Capt.

Manager: Liam Kerins

Selectors: David Hennessy and Michael Moroney

Team Physio: Rebecca O'Sullivan. **Team Doctor:** Kathleen O'Sullivan

Aherlow	1st Half	2nd Half	Total
Score			
Wides			
Frees			
45's			

MOYLE ROVERS

1

Ciaran Kendrick

2

Ronan Desmond

3

Richard Power

4

Liam Cronin

Captain

5

Sean Keating

6

Niall Fitzgerald

7

Dara O'Dwyer

8

James Williams

9

Martin Dunne

10

John Shanahan

11

Sean Carey

12

Peter Acheson

13

Diarmuid Foley

14

Padraig Foley

15

Declan Browne

Subs:

16 Ian Browne

19 Paul Johnson

22 Brian Smith

25 Shane Heffernan

28 Sean Boland

31 Paul Shanahan

34 Jack Lonergan.

17 Aaron Kelly

20 Brian Mulvihill

23 Daniel Lyons

26 Mark Murray

29 Daniel Lyne

32 Kevin Condon

18 Darren Nolan

21 Robbie Boland

24 Edmund Burke

27 Gary Moore

30 Michael Mulcahy

33 Shane Foley



Liam Cronin
Capt.

Manager: Jim Cahill. **Selectors:** Jimmy Dunne, Seamus Delahunty, Brendan Foley and John Owens. **Physio:** Neil Bourke.

Aherlow	1st Half	2nd Half	Total
Score			
Wides			
Frees			
45's			

Moyle Rovers Team Pen Pictures

Peter Acheson	Age: 19. Occupation: Student. Favorite Sport other than Football: Hurling. Most Admired Sports player: Darren Fletcher. Favorite Food: Steak & Chips.
Declan Browne	Age: 31. Occupation: Sales Rep for Clonmel Oil. Favorite Sport other than Football: Golf. Most Admired Sports Player: Roy Keane. Favorite Food: Bacon & Cabbage.
Ian Browne	Age: 23. Occupation: Garda. Favourite Sport other than Football: Synchronised swimming. Most Admired sports player: Robbie Boland/Pat Fahy. Favourite Food: Crabs.
Sean Boland	Age: 19. Occupation: Student. Favorite sport other than Football: Soccer. Most Admired Sport Player: Andrea Pirlo. Favorite Food: Maxi Twist.
Robbie Boland	Age: 39. Occupation: Social Care Worker. Favorite sport other than Football: Soccer. Most Admired Sport player: Liam Boland. Favourite Food: Chocolate.
Edmund Burke	Age: 20. Occupation: Student. Favourite sport other than football: Soccer. Most Admired Sport player: Brian Dooher. Favourite Food: Mashed Spuds & Steak
Sean Carey	Age: 19. Occupation: Apprentice Plumber. Favourite Sport other than football: Hurling. Most Admired sport player: Eamon Corcoran. Favourite Food: Steak & Chips
Liam Cronin (Capt)	Age: 41. Occupation: Civil Engineer Technician. Favourite sport other than football: Hurling. Most Admired Sports player: Roy Keane. Favourite Food: Steak & Chips.
Ronan Desmond	Age: 26. Occupation: Unemployed. Favourite Sport other than Football: Coursing. Most Admired Sport player: Roy Keane. Favourite Food: Steak.
Martin Dunne	Age: 23. Occupation: Auditor. Favourite sport other than football: Hurling. Most Admired Sport Player: Tommy Walsh. Favourite Food: Pasta.
Darragh Dwyer	Age: 18. Occupation: Student. Favourite sport other than football: Hurling. Most Admired sport Player: Graham Canty. Favourite Food: Steak & Chips.
Diarmuid Foley	Age: 21. Occupation: Student - agriculture science. Favourite sport other than Football: Hurling. Most Admired Sport player: Paul Galvin. Favourite Food: Bacon & Cabbage.

Moyle Rovers Team Pen Pictures

Padraig Foley	Age: 28. Occupation: Site Manager. Favourite sport other than football: Rugby. Most Admired Sport player: Zinedein Zidane. Favourite Food: Steak & Chips
Paul Johnston	Age: 23. Occupation: Economist. Favourite sport other than football: Soccer. Most admired sport player: Declan Browne. Favourite Food: Chicken Stir Fry
Sean Keating	Age: 21. Occupation: Electrician. Favourite sport other than football: Hurling. Most Admired sport player: Phil Babb. Favourite Food: Chicken Curry.
Aaron Kelly	Age: 24. Occupation: Application Engineer. Favourite sport other than football: Golf. Most admired sport Player: Tiger Wood. Favourite Food: Chinese.
Ciaran Kenrick:	Age: 19. Occupation: Student. Favourite sport other than football: Soccer/Golf. Most Admired sport player: Lar Corbett. Favourite Food: Spaghetti Bol.
Daniel Lyne	Age: 22. Occupation: Chemical Engineer. Favourite Sport other than Football: Hurling. Most Admired sport player: Johnny Wilkinson. Favourite Food: Shepherds Pie.
Gary Moore	Age: 26. Occupation: Store man. Favourite Sport other than Football: Soccer. Most Admired Sport player: Sean Keating. Favourite Food: Steak & Salad.
Brian Mulvihill:	Age: 22. Occupation: Trainee Accountant. Favourite sport other than football: Hurling/Rugby. Most Admired Sport player: Tiger Wood/Tom Brady. Favourite Food: Steak, Onion & Chips
Mark Murray	Age: 33. Occupation: IT Manager. Favourite sport other than Football: Golf. Most Admired Sport Player: Dermot Earley. Favourite Food: Chicken & Chips.
Darren Nolan	Age: 22. Occupation: Student. Favourite sport other than Football: Soccer. Most Admired Sport player: Ritchie Power. Favourite Food: Stew.
John Shanahan	Age: 29. Occupation: Carpentry. Favourite Sport Other than Football: Soccer. Most Admired sport player: Peter Lambert. Favourite Food: Past/ pizza.
Brian Smith	Age: 18. Occupation: Student. Favourite sport other than football: Rugby. Most Admired sport Player: Declan Browne. Favourite Food: Chicken.

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Richard Power

Age: 20. Occupation: Student. Favourite Sport other than football: Rugby. Most Admired sport player: Gordon Murphy. Favourite Food: Pasta

Niall Fitzgerald

Age: 28. Occupation: Garda. Favourite sport other than Football: Rugby. Most Admired Sports player: Martin Johnson. Favourite Food: Sea Food.

Shane Heffernan

Age: 19. Occupation: Student. Favourite sport other than Football: Hurling/Soccer. Most Admired Sports player: Daz Dwyer. Favourite Food: Chicken & Mash.

Kevin Condon

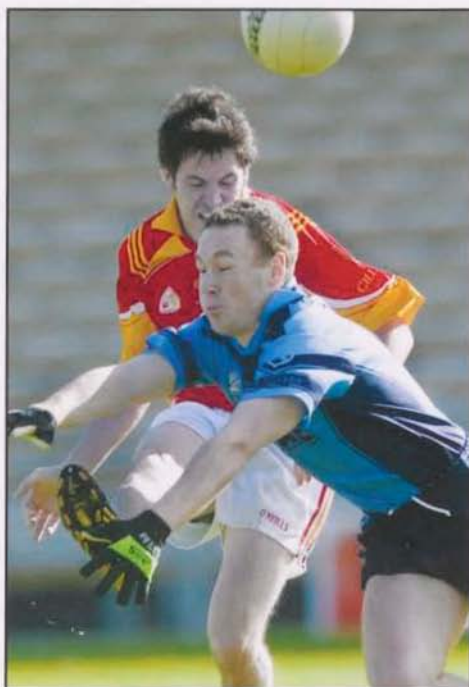
Age: 31. Occupation: Alarm Installer. Favourite sport other than football: Soccer. Most Admired Sports player: Darragh O Se. Favourite Food: Italian.

Michael Mulcahy

Age: 23. Occupation: Sport. Favourite Sport other than Football: Rugby. Most Admired Sports Player: Ryan McMenamin. Favourite Food: Steak.



Moyle Rovers Niall Fitzgerald and Killenaule's Michael Farrell and Gerry Kennedy.



Moyle Rovers Paul Johnson and Killenaule's Philip Blake.

Hoping to upset friends

By Jackie Cahill

AHERLOW hitman Barry Grogan is hoping to upset some close friends in this afternoon's county senior football final.

In recent seasons, Grogan has shared Tipperary dressing rooms with a number of the Moyle Rovers players he finds himself in direct opposition against today.

Grogan smiled: "Brian Mulvihill is a good friend of mine, and Sean Carey. Rovers have good, fast forwards and we'll have to be on our toes to stay with them.

"If you give them a chance in front of goal, they will take it.

"We're going to have to be very tight at the back and when we get our chances up front, we'll have to take them.

"I think it's going to come down to the last couple of minutes and it will be very tight." Grogan, who burst onto the big stage with a hat-trick of goals against Cork in the 2007 Munster U21 final, has been in sensational form for Tipperary over the past couple of seasons.

Grogan's high-scoring exploits have helped to propel the Premier County from the depths of Division 4 to the unparalleled heights of Division 2, from where they will operate next season.

But Grogan admits that such a long season can take its toll as he explains: "It's tough starting from January and playing into the end of October and the start of November. It's a long year, playing consistently and training nearly every night.

"With Aherlow, we had three games in nine days at one point this year which wasn't great but we got over that."

Grogan was speaking at last week's innovative media night at Cahir house, organised by county board and football board officials to raise awareness of this afternoon's showpiece final.

And Grogan has taken great pleasure in watching Tipperary's footballing stock rise dramatically since the arrival of John Evans as county team manager in late 2007. Victory today would cap another memorable season for Grogan, who reflected: "The county set-up is going well too so that will push it even higher and this is the first time that a media night has ever been done. It wasn't done in 2006 anyway! It's going in the right direction. We have good young players coming through to the county team but we have to start winning things at the top level as well. It's no good winning league matches, we have to start winning in the championship too."

Grogan is also relishing the opportunity of playing at Semple Stadium this afternoon, having won his 2006 county senior medal at Cashel's Leahy Park.

Grogan said: "Any day you play in Thurles adds to the occasion. It's a great field, a big crowd hopefully, a big atmosphere and we'll be up for it."



Barry Grogan been pursued by Loughmore's David Kennedy in his teams recent semi-final win.

Meet Liam Kearns...the Manager of the Aherlow team

He has spent the past eight years as an Inter-county manager with Clare, Limerick and Laois but his return to the club scene has enlightened him as to the difficulties that clubs have to endure. The club scene is treated badly, he claims.

With Laois knocked out of last year's all-Ireland championship, he did a few sessions with Aherlow. The club invited him back at the beginning of this year and he remains as resolute as ever.

"I've enjoyed it but club football is tough going. The intercounty scene is eight out of ten, but club players are getting an awful deal. We had to play three games in nine days. That's abuse of players. I wouldn't be happy about that at all," he claimed.

Speaking at the County Senior Football Final launch held in the Cahir House Hotel on Thursday last the Aherlow boss outlined the journey his team had to endure.

Aherlow, short a number of regulars, played Commercials in the first round of the open draw on May 4th. Commercials won by five. In the West championship they overcome Arravale Rovers, drew with Galtee and overcome Eire Og. Having qualified for the knockout stages they defeated Eire Og in the semi-final on September 18 followed by a victory over Galtee Rovers in the West decider five days later. Then on September 23 they defeated Thomas MacDonagh in the county quarter final. Three games in a nine day period, something that infuriates the Kerry man.

"We played Commercials in April, half a team then and well beaten, didn't play again for three months. One championship match v Arravale rovers, another one and then three in nine days. Talking about burnout and players being abused but are they talking about elite players or club players?" he asks.

With the Aherlow Junior Hurling side to playing a County Quarter final just one week before the senior football final is another bone of contention with Kearns.

"We're in a county final now. We should get a clear two weeks, but most of the players will have to play the junior hurling match last Saturday. If you get to your county final you are entitled to two weeks to prepare. This is the club's All Ireland. It's all about getting fixtures done as quickly as possible and tick the box," he fumes.

Trying to stop players from going away during the summer is not easy. "Aherlow have a small panel. I couldn't blame a lad if he said that he wants to go to America and earn a few bob for the summer. What do I say? Listen, hold on, we'll be playing championship matches in three months. Stick around and train and then we'll play three games in nine days. I've been at intercounty level and seen both sides. The club player needs help.



Liam Kearns (centre) with David Hennessy and Michael Moroney.

Moyle Rovers back In another County Final

Earlier in the year Jim Cahill decided to manage the Moyle Rovers senior football team. Having now reached the final he hopes to bring Moyle Rovers back to the top when they will seek their seventh crown and their first after a gap of two years.

Things have gone well for him as he has two pieces of silverware on the sideboard so far winning the County Senior Football League and South Senior Football double. There is progress on the hurling



Jim Cahill seen here (2nd from right) with his co selectors. Left to right: Jimmy Dunne, Brendan Foley and Seamus Delahunty.

scene also.

"It's been a good year for the club from the point of view that we won the County Football League, a County U-21 A Football title and the club has won their first South Intermediate Hurling title and their first South Under 21 A hurling championship," he said.

Next Sunday they hope to win the clubs seventh county senior football final.

"From a football perspective we are delighted to be in the final. It's being a long year. We played two games in one week at one stage, Ardfinnan twice in the county league and again in the south championship. There was a lull for six or seven weeks. I would rather have more continuity but at the end of the day we are where we want to be. Hopefully we can finish it off.

Jim see today's opponents as a formidable, well drilled and very fit. They have the key players in the spine of the team, players of senior county standard, top class footballers.

"I can't see any weaknesses. They are big, very strong team and use the ball very well. They have no real stars and no weak links. With Mr. Grogan, you can't give him any chances. He will score every time. He is a top class forward," he claims.

Cahill has his own views on the number of games that clubs should have to play throughout the season.

"In my own view, because of the number of dual players that we would have, I would feel that there are too many games at this stage. The league system can be very draining on players, starting early in the year and dragging it out. Seems to me that Aherlow have timed their run very well. Only three or four senior teams in the west but they managed it well and are peaking. Ours has been a longer run but then again, clubs were shouting about not getting enough games before," he said.

Meet James Williams – Moyle Rovers

By Jackie Cahill

MOYLE Rovers stalwart James Williams will appear in his eighth county senior football final this afternoon.

Williams boasts an impressive record on the big day, having collected six winners' medals from his previous seven outings.

Former Tipp senior player Williams, 33 this year, is a survivor from the very first Rovers team to win the county SF title, in 1995, and shows no signs of slowing down as he continues to operate consistently at midfield.

An incredible hunger for success and massive dedication to his club see Williams coming back year on year in the search for more glory.

This is his 16th season as a senior footballer and he said: "I really enjoy the banter and the training two or three times a week. Jim (Cahill) came back this year and things were freshened up and new. It's very hard to let go of the reins."

Williams tasted defeat for the one and only time in a county senior football final against this afternoon's opponents Aherlow in 2006.

When asked if that setback will provide Rovers with any added incentive today, Williams replied: "Not really. We came back the following year and won the county title and beat Aherlow in the semi-final. We had to get over them to win the final against Fethard so that hand has been played.

"You're talking about three years later and both teams have changed dramatically so it won't be in the back of our minds.

"We've played in enough finals and won enough to know that that if you given enough on any given day and believe that you're good enough, you can win it."

Williams, a secondary school teacher in Carrick-on-Suir for the last five years, is confident that Rovers are adequately prepared for this afternoon's titanic test but lamented the 'sporadic' nature of this year's championship.

He explained: "We played the senior football league final on a Tuesday and a round of the South championship on the Thursday.

"All of a sudden then we had the whole month of July with no games.

"We won the South final which put us straight into the county semi-final so we were another seven or eight weeks without a game.

"We were trying to get challenge matches and training but there's nothing like competitive games.

"Aherlow have been playing game after game and that has to stand to them but to win the South final, you'll be tested and it's one of the toughest to win every year.

"It's been a reasonably good year, winning the county league final and the South championship but trying to maintain it over a long period with big gaps is tough."



The Captain of Moyle Rovers James Williams is presented with the trophy by Football Board Chairman, Pete Savage after Moyle Rovers defeated Fethard in the County Senior Football Final played in Cashel in 2007.



Happy Days – Tipperary winners of the Div. 3 National Football League on April 25th 2009.

National Football Fixtures 2010

DIVISION 2

February 6 @ 7:30pm

- vs. Laois (away) - 2010 National Football League Division 2 Round 1

February 13 @ 7:30pm

- vs. Kildare (Semple Stadium) - 2010 National Football League Division 2 Round 2

March 6 @ 7:30pm

- vs. Down (away) - 2010 National Football League Division 2 Round 3

March 14 @ 2:30pm

- vs. Meath (Semple Stadium) - 2010 National Football League Division 2 Round 4

March 20th @ 7:30pm

- vs. Donegal (Semple Stadium) - 2010 National Football League Division 2 Round 5

March 28th @ 2:30pm

- vs. Armagh (away) - 2010 National Football League Division 2 Round 6

April 11th @ 2:30pm

- vs. Westmeath (Semple Stadium) - 2010 National Football League Division 2 Round 7

John Evans

By Jackie Cahill

SENIOR team manager John Evans has admitted that staying up in Division 2 of next year's Allianz National Football League is a must as he prepares to unveil an ambitious five-year plan for the future of the game in Tipperary.

Evans has been working closely with county board and football board officials recently as he prepares to take up a newly-created 'Director of Football' role.

Kerry native Evans will continue to manage the U21 and senior teams while also striving to achieve the many goals which will be outlined in a visionary blueprint.

Evans admitted that negotiations regarding his appointment as Director of Football have almost reached a conclusion and that further details will be announced over "the next couple of weeks."

However, Evans conceded that future progress, on the back of two successive promotions to Division 2, is dependent on consolidation next year.

Speaking at last week's launch of today's county senior football final, Evans spoke about his imminent appointment as new Director of Football.

He said: "It's in its formulation. I think you will see something over the next couple of weeks where it will come to fruition. It has been formulated, the role has been drafted and a consensus has been reached with the county board. "That's as far as I can go. There will be a good release on this. We want to have the proper terms of reference. It's involving the role I have, plus a number of other portfolios."

Evans, along with top-ranking officials, will officially unveil their five-year plan encompassing all teams from the juvenile ranks right up to senior.

He said: "It won't be just the senior and U21 teams, it will be a five year plan and will involve U14, U15, U16 up to minor and the new U20 competition which is being formulated by the Munster review committee.

"After that it's U21 before moving onto another phase, which may not be the junior team but a senior B team, which is a development squad in itself to get on the senior team. "These are structures that are in every county. If you were in Galway, Tyrone, Meath at the moment and you were in the last three U21 provincial finals and two of the last three years at minor, you would say, this is the way forward. You plan accordingly. It's natural." Evans is confident that further success can be achieved for Tipperary football and paid credit to the players for taking responsibility upon themselves to better their lot. When he arrived from Kerry in late 2007, Tipp were floundering in the Division 4 backwaters but massive success has been achieved over the last two years.

Evans reflected: "To get the mindset right, to get out of Division 4 first, only the players had that. Nobody else had that, just the bunch of players we had.

"In our first Division 3 match earlier this year, we played Down and had a good chat afterwards, having lost by six points. We were bitterly disappointed. We said that day that we would go and win Division 3. Forget about this thing about competing. It's about



getting the mindset right. If I predict what's going to happen next year, I'm going to tell all and sundry what we're going to do but part of it, of course, is about staying in Division 2. If we can do that, it's a mighty achievement. It's important that we do stay in Division 2 from another point of view. The plan, going forward, the vision that we have in mind for Tipp football going forward necessitates us staying up there. In a strange way, it's putting the gun to every Tipperary football head to perform and create this conveyor belt. Harness the teams that have been to Munster finals and support the team that's there."

Evans finally tasted championship success this year when Tipp put their Munster quarter-final heartbreak against Limerick behind them to defeat Louth in a memorable Drogheda qualifier.

But Evans believes that a big opportunity slipped through Tipp's hands as Limerick ran Cork desperately close in the Munster final.

Evans said: "Limerick got a fantastic run this year and after reaching the Munster final, they would have been at Croke Park.

"Losing to Limerick was disappointing but in the development scale, I would have put my two hands around, and still would, that Division 3 cup. That feeling of success, having failed last year in getting a bit of silverware, was very important. Limerick and Sligo showed that we're very young, very light and very inexperienced."

Evans has vowed to tackle the issue of physicality in an attempt to beef up the Tipperary players.

He said: "Yes, the physicality is quite clear, it's there, it's obvious. Revealing my management team, I will raise eyebrows with the guy I'm bringing in. There is a lot of work going on but isn't it great that there's a reward there? If I was driving down to Kerry with a broken heart after losing, I'd be driven demented. But I've been going down there with a win. I can't wait to turn the car below and come back up - that's the way I look at it. I'm retired from my own job now and can give it 100 per cent. I hope that we have a good run in the championship but staying in Division 2 is a must. I'd be disappointed if we don't."

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Kilruane MacDonaghs

Senior Football Champions

1975

Dinny O Meara who captained the side was a rock solid full back in both hurling and football. In hurling he faced some of the greatest ever full forwards such as Ray Cummins, Tony Doran and Joe McKenna and always held his own.

Tony Sheppard lined out in goals and his long kickouts launched many an attack. He was selected on the North Tipperary centenary football team in 2001. Tony captained Kilruane MacDonaghs to win the All-Ireland club hurling final in 1986.

Donnchadha Minogue wore the number two shirt where his speed off the mark and tigerish tackling made life very uncomfortable for opposing forwards. Donnchadha captained Kilruane MacDonaghs to win the county intermediate hurling title in 1978.

Brian O Reilly lined out at corner back. The Meath native was the personification of dependability. He was the oldest member of the team and his experience and leadership proved to be invaluable, particularly in the final against Loughmore. Brian passed to his eternal reward in 1995.

John Kelly was a stylish and accomplished wing back. He gave some great performances in the earlier rounds of the championship in particular. John was also a very talented hurler.

Paddy Williams was the eldest of three brothers on the team. He captained Tipperary to win the National hurling league in 1979. Paddy also played senior football with the Premier county. He was named North Tipperary hurler of the year in 1978.

Dinny Cahill was an attacking half back who combined his defensive duties with forays upfield. He captained the senior hurlers to win the Dan Breen in 1977. Dinny played senior hurling and football for Tipperary and is also a successful coach at both club and intercounty.

Tom Killackey was a towering presence at midfield. He scored a vital goal in the county final. Tom captained Kilruane MacDonaghs to win the county U-21 hurling title in 1974. Phil Reddan was a high fielding midfielder and a great linkman between defence and attack. Phil was very consistent throughout the campaign. He played senior football and county U-21 hurling with Tipperary.

Seamus Hennessy was the youngest member of the team playing on the right flank of the attack where he notched some vital scores during the campaign. He played minor, U-21 and senior hurling with Tipperary and was admired by friend and foe as an ace marksman.

Jim Williams led the attack on the forty and his bustling style suited his role as playmaker. He played U-21 and senior football with Tipperary and was selected on the North Tipperary centenary football team. Jim captained MacDonaghs to win the Dan Breen in 1978.

Jim O Meara played at left wing forward in the county final and was named man of the match. He was a reliable freetaker. Jim is one of five members of the panel who holds four county U-21 hurling medals.

Gilbert Williams lined out in the number thirteen shirt. He scored two crucial goals in the semi-final win. He is one of nine members of the team who holds an All-Ireland club medal. Gilbert captained MacDonaghs to win the All-Ireland hurling sevens in centenary

year.

Sean O Meara wore the number 14 jersey. He was an ideal target man on the edge of the square creating scores for his colleagues. Sean scored a vital goal in the final. He played senior and U-21 football with Tipperary and also wore the blue and gold with the senior hurlers.

John Quinlan was son of selector Paddy Quinlan who was a native of Loughmore. He played minor football with Tipperary. John has county hurling medals in U-15, U-17, minor, U-21, junior, intermediate and senior.

PJ 'Bunny' Keogh was introduced in the county final against and came to the fore in the last quarter as Loughmore piled on the pressure. He was a teak tough defender who played his football in the traditional style.

Noel 'Sonny' Killackey also came on as a substitute in the final. He was a noted opportunist in both hurling and football and was in the right place in the county final to take a pass from Sean O Meara to score the winning goal. Sadly, Noel passed away in 1987 at the young age of 34.

Dinny Whelan was an all action forward in both hurling and football. He played minor hurling with Tipperary and won numerous underage hurling and football medals with the club. Dinny now resides in America.

Kevin Dwan was a hard tackling corner back who also won divisional minor and U-21 football medals. He was a tenacious defender in football and hurling and always gave a committed performance.

Eddie Troy was a native of Toomevara but threw his lot in with MacDonaghs when he came to live in Cloughjordan. He was a no nonsense defender who gave little quarter and asked for less. Eddie was a successful cross country runner and won numerous titles with Premier A.C.

John Joe Hyland was an elegant forward who was also deadly from placed balls. He won a divisional minor hurling with MacDonaghs and was also a selector on a number of underage football sides.

John Sheppard was the elder brother of Tony and was the reserve goalkeeper. He was in goals on the first Kilruane MacDonaghs teams to win both the minor and U-21 divisional football titles.

Michael Waters was a versatile member of the squad who was equally at home in defence or attack. He played minor hurling with Tipperary.

Jim Reddan was one of the veterans of the squad and gave great service to the club. He was on the senior hurling team which won the 1977 county final. Jim was a renowned goal poacher in hurling where he used his strength to great effect on the edge of the square.



Dinny O Meara receives the cup flanked by club treasurer Mick Hennessy.

Kilruane MacDonaghs Championship Success 1975

As Kilruane MacDonaghs footballers began their 1975 football campaign few if any players harboured ambitions of ultimate success. The county senior football championship was played on an open draw and twenty teams participated.

The first round pitted Kilruane against southern kingpins Clonmel Commercial in Holycross. Scores were level four times in the first half but a John Quinlan goal gave MacDonaghs a two-point interval lead. Jim O'Meara added a second goal in the 41st minute and four minutes later Kilruane moved the ball swiftly the full length of the field where full forward Sean O'Meara raised a third green flag. This crucial score spurred MacDonaghs on to record victory on a 3-7 to 1-9 scoreline, which was an upset for the books to say the least.

Seven times champions Fethard were to provide the opposition in the second round in Thurles. A brace of goals from Jim Williams and Sean O'Meara saw MacDonaghs take a three-point lead into the dressingroom at the break. On the resumption Fethard piled on the pressure but goalkeeper Tony Sheppard made some inspirational saves and Kilruane held out for a two-point win with the score 2-6 to 1-7 in their favour.

In the quarter final they faced Fr. Sheehys of Clogheen at Holycross. The North team was always in control of this game and ran out comfortable winners on a 1-11 to 0-6 scoreline. County Semi-Final

The 1972 champions Kilsheelan-Kilcash blocked MacDonaghs path to the final. This was a tense low-scoring game, played at Cashel on August 10, with Kilruane leading 1-4 to 1-2 at half time. Scores were even scarcer on the turnover but as time was running Kilsheelan edged a point ahead. Then Paddy Williams lofted a long range free into the Kilsheelan square where his brother Gilbert flicked the ball to the net. The score stood despite Kilsheelan protestations that it was a square ball. MacDonaghs added an insurance point to book a final spot on 2-5 to 1-5 scoreline.

Against all the odds Kilruane MacDonaghs had reached the decider. The hurlers were also cutting a path to the final. All training was focused on the hurling but the week of the football final the small ball took a temporary backseat. 1973 champions and football specialists Loughmore Castleiney stood between the team and a fairytale ending. The newspaper pundits didn't give Kilruane much chance. One of them screamed: 'Loughmore-Castleiney set for County Football Title'. However, they were also covering their backs and one of them stated that 'the North Tipp side were outsiders in most of their games in the competition and didn't let that trouble them.' Another spoke of Kilruane's 'peak condition' and that they would have an advantage in their 'home ground' of Nenagh. County Final.

Few in the 4,000 attendance in MacDonagh Park Nenagh – the crowd was swelled by the county senior hurling semi-final between Moneygall and Moycarkey-Borris which preceded it - would have given Kilruane a chance at halftime. They had squandered innumerable opportunities in the first half and trailed by five points at the break with the score 1-7 to 1-2.

The second half was a different story, however, as MacDonaghs shed their inhibitions and thundered into the game. Just two minutes had elapsed when full-forward Sean O'Meara flicked the ball to the net and Kilruane were on their merry way. They had drawn level by the 58th minute and hit the front when Sean O'Meara passed the ball to substitute Noel (Sonny) Killackey who tucked it in the corner for the golden goal. Loughmore laid siege to the Kilruane goal in search of the equaliser but had to be content with a point. MacDonaghs were not to be denied and were crowned champions on a scoreline of 3-6 to 1-10. Selectors Paddy Quinlan, Hughie McDonnell and Frank Brady had worked the oracle.

The winning team was as follows: Tony Sheppard, Donnchadha Minogue, Denis O'Meara (capt.), Brian O'Reilly, John Kelly, Paddy William, Dinny Cahill, Tom Killackey (1-0), Phil Reddan, Seamus Hennessy (0-1), Jim Williams, Jim O'Meara, Gilbert Williams (0-1), Sean O'Meara (1-4), John Quinlan, Sub: Noel Killackey (1-0) for John Quinlan.

Referee: George Ryan (Lattin-Cullen)

It was the first time Kilruane had played in the senior football final and it was the first time in sixty years that a club team from the North division had been victorious.

Munster Club

Kilruane must have exhausted their effort in the county final. They had a bye to the semi-final of the Munster club football championship and played the Cork champions, Nemo Rangers, at Ballinlough on November 1st. The result was a massacre, 7-15 for Nemo and 0-3 for the Tipperary champions.

The North senior football championship was a separate competition to the county championship. Five teams affiliated., Kilruane played Silvermines in the semi-final on February 15, 1976 and were defeated.

Club Officers: Chairman- Danny Gibson

Secretary: Tom Kirby

Treasurer: Mick Hennessy



Group taken outside Templemore Arms Hotel in connection with the joint sponsorship by the Tipperary County Board, the hotel and the Nationalist of the celebration of Kilruane MacDonagh's win in the 1975 county senior football final on county final day. The panel of players will be introduced to the crowd before the game. Left to right: John Costigan and Seamus J. King, organising committee, county chairman, Barry O'Brien, hotel proprietor, Dan Ward, Kilruane 1975 captain, Jim O'Meara, club chairman, Connie Grace and Pat Carey, representing the Nationalist.

Kilruane MacDonaghs 1975 Football Champions



(Front L to R) Seamus Hennessy, Jim Williams, Dinny O'Meara, Paddy Williams, John Quinlan, Dinny Cahill, Tony Sheppard and PJ Bunny Keogh. Back: Phil Reddan, Gilbert Williams, Brian O'Reilly (R.I.P.), Tom Killackey, Jim O'Meara, Donnchadha Minogue, Noel Killackey (R.I.P.), Sean O'Meara (partly hidden) Ned Fogarty (masseur) (R.I.P.), John Kelly and John Sheppard.