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May I congratulate Galtee Rovers and Loughmore on reaching the final stage of our Senior Football Championship and I look forward to a game fitting for the occasion in standard of play, sportsmanship and general behaviour. I expect to see Champions of Tipperary Football who will be a show piece in conduct and leadership to all our G.A.A. Clubs in the County; a Club to be truly proud of at inter-County level and, finally, a unit that will strive generously and sincerely to lead Tipperary to more dedicated and successful efforts at County level.

Gaelic Football is especially traditional to South Tipp. and while no team from the Division is involved in the Senior Final it is nevertheless very appropriate that this Final should be played in Clonmel, and I thank everyone who helped in preparing for and carrying through this fixture.

Our referees are very important, generous and dedicated people. I thank Billy Carroll for his contribution to the organisation and running of our games in the County and I congratulate him on his selection as referee for to-day's game. I feel sure he will be very successful.

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BILLY CARROLL, St. Mary's, will be officiating at his 2nd Senior Football Final, having handled the final and re-play when to-day's finalists last met in 1977. One of the most experienced officials in the County, he has refereed at all levels including National League ties, 1977 Munster Minor hurling final, Munster Club games, Senior Hurling finals in West; Mid and South. A dedicated Club official, he is a current County 21-Hurling Selector and Chairman of South Tipp. Bord na nOg for the past three years.

The umpires for to-day's game are Jim Coy, Bill Peters, Sean Carroll and Paul Dillon; with Jimmy McCarthy and Frank Nyhan as linesmen.

ARTHUR DALY, Kickhams, will have charge of the curtain raiser. He is one of the most improved referees in the Division, having refereed Minor, 21 Junior Championship and County Senior League games, as well as being in constant demand by Bord na nOg.

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WHEN TEAMS LAST MET

The last time these two teams met in a final was in 1977 and it took two meetings to decide which would be champions. The first game was played in Semple Stadium, Thurles, on October 23rd as curtain-raiser to the County Senior Hurling final.

The match was played in most unpleasant conditions and was a hard-fought affair; and when referee Billy Carroll called a halt the score stood at 2-2 each.

The goals came from Eddie Hickey and James Lonergan (Galtee Rovers) and James Meagher and Martin Mahar (of Loughmore).

Teams: Galtee Rovers—J Ferris; P Bargin; M Hickey; B Darcy; B Whelan; V O'Donnell; J Darcy; S McCarthy; P Morrissey; J Lonergan; J O'Connell; M McCarthy; L Bergin; E Hickey; S Grogan (Subs., D Moloney, M O'Connell).

Loughmore: M Maher; E Stapleton; P Stapleton; M Kiely; M Meagher; E Webster; M Webster; S Ksarney; T Kiely; J Meagher; G Stapleton; J Sweeney; J Hsaly; T McGrath; M Walsh. (Sub., J Bourke).

The re-play was three wesks later in Cashel, and proved a far more entertaining game, with Loughmore coming out on top on the score 2-6 to 0-5, having led 0-4 to 0-3 at half time.

Galtee Rovers who were reigning champions, opened brightly with two quick points, but once Loughmore settled down they took a stranglehold on the game which they never relinquished.

Scorers: Loughmore—Gar Stapleton and MI. Maher 1-0 each; MI. Webster, Tom McGrath 0-2 each; Jim Sweeney and Tom Kiely 0-1 each. Galtes Rovers—MI. McCarthy 0-2; Seamie Grogan, Jim Lonergan and Ger O'Connell 0-1 each.

Loughmore: M Maher; E Stapleton; P Stapleton; M Kisly; T Treacy; E Webster; M Webster; M Maher; G Stapleton; T McGrath; J Sweeney; T McGrath; J Maher; S Kearney; M Maher.

Galtee Rovers: J Ferris; B Whelan; M Hickey; B Darcy; E McCarthy; V O'Donnell; J Darcy; S McCarthy; M McCarthy; J Lonergan; S Grogan; M Maher; L Bergin; G O'Connell; D Moloney.

Billy Carroll, Clonmel, again refereed.

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Loughmore-Castleiney G.A.A. Club

To contest the County Senior Football Final has always been the honour closest to the heart of the Loughmore-Castleiney Club. The Club is contesting the Final for the fourth time in the seventies. In 1973 the opposition was Ardfinnan; in 1975 it was Kilruane; and in 1977 it was Galtee Rovers. Again this year the Club are looking forward to a great match when the same two Clubs contest the Final. Loughmore were winners of the title in 1973 and 1977.

The 70's have been good years for the Club. They have won County titles in every grade of football: under 12 in 1973; under 14 in 1974, '75 and '76: under 16 in 1977; minor in '76 and '77; under 21 in '70, '74 and '76; junior in 1978; Senior in '73 and '77. During the same years the Club also won five County titles in under-age hurling.

Great footbailers have always been part and parcel of Loughmore-Castleiney teams. Many have worn the County jersey at all grades. Sean Kearney and Eddie Webster are proud holders of Railway Cup medals. They will again be using their vast experience to help the Club in its efforts for another title.

In 1978 the Club took a big step when it bought a new playing field. At the moment great efforts are being made, through the promotion of Ciste Gael, to raise money to pay for that field and provide excellent prizes for all who participate in the Draw. The prizes each month have been excellent and much more support would be welcome — especially extra promoters.

The Club is under the chairmanship of Pat Cullen, with Tom McGrath as Secretary and Eddie Webster at Treasurer.

PATH TO THE FINAL

Galtee Rover Galtee Rover Galtee Rover	s 1-16	Ardfinnan Fethard Commercials	1-8 1-8 1-6 3-22	
Loughmore Loughmore Loughmore	1-13 8-14 3-14 12-41	Golden Rockwell Moyle Rovers Kilruane	1-7 3-3 2-8 6-18	

(Red & Green)



Reiteoir

Martin Maher (1)

S. Fogarty (2)

Eddie Webster (3) Sean Kearney Martin Kiely (4)

(6) Captain

E. Brennan

Gerry Stapleton Pat McGrath (9)

Tom McGrath (10)

Tom Ryan

Jimmy Sweeney (11) John Treacy Tom Kiely (12)

Jim Maher (13)

(14)

M. McGrath (15)

Fir Ionad: John Hackett (Goalie), (16) Rd. Stapleton, (17) Jackie Walsh, (18) Peter Brennan, (19) Stephen Maher, (20) Pat Treacy, (21) Johnsie Burke, (22) K. Kelly, (23) Martin Walsh.

GALTEE ROVERS

(Red & White)





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Jimmy Ferris

Billy Whelan

MI. Hickey
(3)
Pat Bergin

Billy Darcy

MI. McCarthy (5)

Pat Bergin

Eamonn McCarthy

Vincent O'Donnell Seamus McCarthy Captain (8) (9)

MI. S. O'Connell

Paddy Morrissey

Liam Bergin

Declan Hickey

Eamonn Hickey

S. Grogan (15)

Fir Ionad: (16) P. Lonergan, (17) Ml. Grace, (18) S. Quinn, (19) Ml. Byron, (20) Conor Peters, (21) John O'Connell, (22) John Long, (23) J. J. Hayes, (24) Gerry Boles, (25) W. Barry.

GALTEE ROVERS THROUGH THE AGES

(By Paudie McCarthy)

The Galtee Rovers Club have a long and illustrious past, dating from the pioneering days of 1885, when it first affiliated to the Co. Board. As with most clubs, the history of the early days is somewhat sketchy. However, there is evidence to suggest that footgall was the predominant game in Bansha from the beginning. This tradition has been nurtured

and successfully carried on in the present century.

Although the men in scarlet entered the County Championship for the first time in 1899, and made a South Final appearance in 1904, their efforts was not attended by success until 1912, when from an entry of 12 teams they won the South Senior Football Championship, led by Jack Kennedy. They repeated the performance in 1915 and were finalists again in 1916, '17 and '19, after which the team began to disinttegrate as a major championship contender.

While football honours eluded the team through the thirties, the post war era more than compensated when the club won the football championships with clockwork regularity, beginning the excellent run in 1946 by winning the County Junior Championship. This victory sprung the team to senior status in 1947, when after some good wins they went under to Drangan-Cloneen by three points in the County Final. The dizzy heights were reached on 16th April, 1950, when the Galtees, captained by Larry Maher, won the 1949 County Senior title by defeating Templetuchy in Clonmel. The performance was repeated the following season in Thurles after a hard fought game against the same opposition. Jim O'Connor brought home the cup that day. Ballingarry came good in 1951 and surprised the Rovers by three points in the decider. The 1952 final was a non-event. Old Bridge were awarded the title when the Bansha boys withdrew.

From 1947 to 1954 this great team won the West Tipp, senior title on seven occasions, including six in a row from the inaugural year of the Hennessy Cup in 1949.

After this fine combination faded from the scene a valley period inevitably occurred until the 1960's, when in '62 and '63 the West title once again returned to the Village. From this time onwards juvenile competition flourished. Galtee Rovers, under the guidance of the enthusiasm of John Moloney, won the County Juvenile Championship in 1965. This young team was to form the nucleus of the senior champion team of 1976.

The senior team have appeared in six successive West Finals since 1973, winning on three occasions, the 1976 title being the club's 12th since the war, putting it way ahead in the honours list. That year also saw the return of the County Senior Championship when Jimmy Ferris accepted the trophy amid scenes of great jubilation. Hopes are high that the performance will be repeated in the current season, the team having already beaten Cappawhite and Fethard in the West and County Championships, thus avenging last year's defeats.

Regardless of its championship aspirations the Galtee Rovers are determined to finish the season on a high note as preparations are well under way for its first American Tour, due to depart on 12th October next. Success for this venture will close a decade of unprecedented growth and herald the 1980's in a fitting manner.

GALTEE ROVERS/ST. PECAUN'S G.A.A. CLUB

Life President: Thomas Fanning, President: John Moloney, Vice-Chairmen: Mossy Tierney, Timmy Ryan and Jim Byron. Secretary: Martin Quinn. Assistant Secretary: John Kildunne. Treasurer: Larry Quinn. P.R.O.: Mrs. Muriel Wims.

CURTAIN-RAISER

Due to the involvement of some of the Loughmore-Castleiney Minors with their Club's Senior panel and the drawn semi-final between Commercials and Knockavilla, the County Minor Final has been postponed to a later date.

In its place is a very attractive South Tipp. Junior Football semi-final between Carrick Davins (last year's beaten finalists) and Ardfinnan. Both teams have shown good form in the earlier rounds and a close, exciting game is expected.

The winners meet Kickhams in the final.

(Red & White)

(1) P. Lonergan

(2) D. King

(3) J. O'Neill

(4) E. Walsh

(5) S. Power

(6) Joe Kennedy

(7) G. Casey

(8) Jackie Walsh (9) Tom Russell

(10) M. Russell

(11) T. Walsh

(12) P. Russell

(13) J. Lawton (14) Jimmy Ryan (15) Pa Butler

Fir Ionad: (16) P. Power (17) J. Murphy, (18) M. Saville, (19) C. Mc-Grath, (20) T. Foran, (21) M. O'Shea.

ARDFINNAL

(Maroon)

(1) P. Noonan

(2) J. D. Condon

(3) R. Boyle

(4) M. Prendergast

(5) J. Costigan

(6) P Byrnes

(7) M. Quinn-

(8) P. Hallinan

(9) B. Browne

(10) F. O'Leary (11) P. Kendrick (12) C. Browne

(13) T. Byrnes (14) Pakie Ryan

(15) Patsy Savage

Fir lonad: (16) H Dillon, (17) S. O'Donoghue, (18) Ger Donoghue, (19) S. Barrett, (20) Ml. Lonergan, (21) John Butler.

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Awards for best Club histories will be made at National, Provincial and County levels.

BUIOCHAS

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OH, BROTHER!

To-day's finalists have in their selections no less than eight sets of brothers. Loughmore-Csatleiney have five: Tom, Pat and Ml. McGrath; John and Pat Treacy; Martin and Tom Kiely; Martin and Jim Maher; Jackie and Martin Walsh. Gallee Rovers have three sets: Seamus, Michael and Eamonn McCarthy; Ml., Eddie and Declan Hickey; and Pat and Liam Bergin.

After the match, enjoy a drink at THE ARCH BAR

TO-DAY'S CAPTAINS



VINCENT O'DONNELL

Captain of Galtee Rovers. The first Bansha man to win a Railway Cup Football medal. He was a substitute on the victorious Munster team in 1978. In 1975 he won the Cidona award for 'Footballer of the Year' in Co. Tipperary. He has played Minor and Under-21 for Tipperary, as well as being a regular for the Senior team since 1973.

SEAN KEARNEY Captain_Loughmore-Castleiney

Sean is bidding for his third Co. Cham pionship medal. A regular member of the Tipp. Senior Football team since 1965. Played with Minor team in 1963-'64 and '21' team in '64, '65, '66 and '67. Holder of two Railway Cup medals (won in 1972 and 1975) and fourteen Mid-Championship medals.



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'96—Arravale Rovers	'41—Arravale Rovers
'97—Clonmel Shamrocks	'42—Fethard
'98—Clonmel Shamrocks	'43—10th Battalion
'99—Arravale Rovers 1900—Clonmel Shamrocks	'44—Clonmel Commercials
1900—Clonmel Shamrocks	'45—10th Battalion
'01—Clonmel Shamrocks	'46—Loughmore-Castleiney
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'02—Tipperary Town '03—Grangemockler	'47—St. Patricks '48—Clonmel Commercials
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'or Clarace	'52—Old Bridge '53—St. Patricks
'07—Grangemockler '08—Cloneen '09—Grangemockler	53—St. Patricks
09—Grangemockler	54—Fethard
10—Tipperary O'Learys	'55—Loughmore '56—Clonmel Commercials
'10—Tipperary O'Lsarys '11—Nenagh	56—Clonmel Commercials
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'14—Castleiney	'59—North Selection
'15—Nenagh	'60—Thurles Crokes
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'29—Mullinahone	74—Ardfinnan
'30—Kilsheelan	75—Kilruane McDonagh
'31—Grangemockler	76—Galtse Rovers
32—Clonmai Snamrocks	'77—Loughmore-Castleiney '78—Fethard
'33—Kilsheelan	'78—Fethard

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