

Co. Tipperary Senior Football Final  
Match Programme  
1988



COISTE CHONTAE THIOBRAD ÁRANN  
CRAOBH PEIL SINNSEAR 1988  
AN CHLUICHE CHEANNAIS

# NA TRACTALAI

v.

# FIODH ARD

CILL tSIOLAIN

DOMHNACH 25/9/'88 :: 3.15 (i.n.)

Reiteoir: Tomas O Lonargain

COISTE CHONTAE THIOBRAD ÁRANN THEAS  
IOMÁINT SÓISIR -- AN CHLUICHE LEATH CHEANNAIS  
(Ath-Imirt)

## Baile Uí Néill v. Fánaithe na Maoille

1.45 (i.n.)

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# Réamhrá

Thar cheann C.L.C.G. Coiste Chontae Thiobrad Arann, chuirim Cead Mile Failte roimh uile go Cill t Siolain-innui. A sincere welcome to all Gaels to Kilsheelan today on the occasion of our 1988 County Senior Football Championship final. Clonmel Commercials and Fethard share a proud record of achievement down the years and I wish both sides well in their efforts to gain another major title. Whatever the end result I look forward to a fine game in keeping with the great traditions of both sides. Good luck too to referee Tommy Lonergan and his team of officials and finally sincere thanks to all who have assisted in the staging of today's programme,

Eoin O Cinneide  
Cathaoirleach  
Bord Peile Tiobraid Arann



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Back row: S. Lonergan, B. Keane, C. McGrath, G. McGrath, P. Kilkenney, F. Kelly, D. O'Keeffe  
Front: J. McNamara, M. Lynch, D. Pyke, H. Daly, P.H. Ryan, M. O'Connell (Capt.), S. O'Neill, W. Peters.  
Mascot: R. Maunsell

## DEDICATION

*One man deserving of success on Sunday is Fethard's Michael O'Riordan. Michael, a garda, stationed in Navan and a member of the Fethard team for the past ten years, frequently makes the 160 mile journey home to play for his Club and train with his Colleagues. His commitment and dedication could be richly rewarded on Sunday next.*

## Were you there?

*Fethard and Clonmel opened the second round in Kilcash with a match which had to be abandoned by reason of the high wind. In that year Fethard met Grangemockler in the Final. Tyrell shot a goal for Fethard which was disputed by the 'Mocklers. Getting no redress they walked off the field.  
Fethard 1.0 Grangemockler 0.2 year 1918.*

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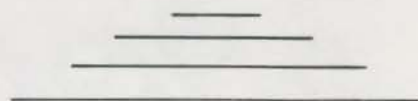
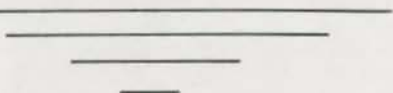
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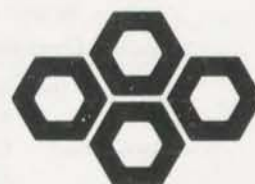
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# Paths to the Final

## South Championship

1st Round	Fethard	2.11	Kilsheelan	0.1
	Commercials	2.12	Fr. Sheehys	2.3
Semi-Finals	Commercials	2.11	Ardfinnan	1.4
	Fethard	1.8	Cahir	1.5

Final Fethard declared winners.  
Commercials beat Moyle Rovers in the Clonmel Oil S.F.L. Final to gain their place in the County Quarter Finals.

## County Championship

Quarter Finals	Commercials	2.16	Golden	0.4
	Fethard	1.8	Emly	1.4
Semi-Finals	Commercials	2.10	Loughmore	0.9
	Fethard	1.11	Templemore	1.5

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## Previous Co. Final Meetings

Commercials and Fethard have met in the Co. S.F.C. Final on three previous occasions:—

1982	Commercials	2.3	Fethard	1.2
1984	Fethard	1.9	Commercials	1.6
1986	Commercials	1.12	Fethard	0.2

### CO. FINAL RECORDS

Fethard have appeared in 24 County Finals winning 16. These successes were gained in 1887, 1917–20 incl. 1922–24 incl. 1927, 1928, 1938, 1942, 1954, 1957, 1978, 1984.

Commercials have won 10 of the 15 finals they have contested. Their winning years were 1944, 1948, 1956, 1965–67, 1969, 1971, 1982, 1986.

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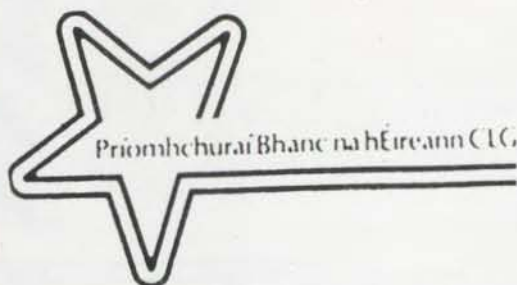
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# NA TRACTALAI

(GREEN & GOLD)

1  
PADRAIG O RIAIN  
Patrick Ryan

2  
SEAN O CEIRIN  
John Kearns

3  
AODH O DALAIGH  
Hugh Daly

4  
MARC O CONAILL  
Mark O'Connell

5  
MICHEAL O LOINGSIGH  
Michael Lynch

6  
GEAROID O DAILIGH  
Ger Deeley

7  
SEAN O CAOIMH  
John O Keefe

8  
BEN O CATHAIN  
Ben Keane

9  
DONAL O CAOIMH (Capt.)  
Donal O Keefe

10  
SEOSAMH MAC CONMARA  
Joe Mc Namara

11  
PROINNSIAS O CEALLAIGH  
Franny Kelly

12  
ANTOIN DE BHAIL  
Anthony Wall

13  
PEADAR O CILLCHOINNE  
Peter Kilkenny

14  
CRIOSTOIR MAC GRAITH  
Christy McGrath

15  
DIARMUID O SHEA  
Dermot O Shea



Donal O'Keefe

Fir Ionaid:  
16. T. Kelly  
17. Padraig Kavanagh  
18. S. O Loughlin  
19. T. Gleeson  
20. M. Peters  
21. M. Freberg  
22. Willie Peters



The referee for today is Tommy Loneragan. Tommy is from County at the moment. He is in charge of the whistle for the Finals of nearly all Club games. Tommy is also a referee of North American B. He is as a referee combine and an active and with a proud record of service.

We wish him well in the future.



# FIODH ARD

(BLUE & WHITE)

1

PADRAIG O'CONNRAIC  
Pat Kenrick

2

SEAN O hAICEAD  
John Hackett

3

MICHEAL MAC GEARAILT  
Michael Fitzgerald

4

MICHEAL O RIAIN  
Michael Ryan

5

LIAM O MUIREASA  
William Morrissey

6

LIAM O MEARA  
William O Meara

7

SEAMUS O RIAIN  
Shay Ryan

8

BRIAN DE BURCA (Captain)  
Brian Burke

9

LIAM O CONGHAILE  
Liam Connolly

10

TOMAS O SIOCHAIN  
Tommy Sheehan

11

MICHAEL O DOMHNA  
Michael Downes

12

EOIN O COMAIN  
Owen Cummins

13

SEOSAMH O CATHAIN  
Joe Keane

14

MICHAEL O RIORDAIN  
Michael Riordan (Jnr.)

15

MICHEAL O RIORDAIN  
Michael Riordan

## AN RÉITEOIR

Tomas O Lonergain

y's Co. Final is local clubman Tommy one of the most experienced referees in the nt. Having at least ten years experience in and has taken charge of divisional and Co. grades plus National League and Munster has also seen service overseas, taking charge board Championships during 1987. His role l with being a Co. Minor football selector elling worker for his own club gives him a e to the Association.

oday's game.

Fir Ionaid:

- 16. Liam Ryan (Clerihan)
- 17. John Hurley
- 18. Michael Broderick
- 19. Kevin Burke
- 20. Liam Ryan
- 21. Paddy Ryan
- 22. Jim Butler
- 23. Gerry Murphy
- 24. Thomas McCarthy
- 25. Michael Healy



Brian Burke

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# Baile Ui Neill

Green & White

- |                            |                     |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1<br>Eddie McGuire (Capt.) |                     |                     |
| 2<br>Walter Crowley        | 3<br>Eamon Phelan   | 4<br>Al Murray      |
| 5<br>Michael Crowley       | 6<br>Jim Lyons      | 7<br>Pat Meehan     |
| 8<br>Declan Hahassy        | 9<br>Michael Lyons  |                     |
| 10<br>Jim O Meara          | 11<br>Joss Lonergan | 12<br>Eamon O Meara |
| 13<br>Timmy Bolger         | 14<br>Johnson Lyons | 15<br>Tom Keating   |
- Subs: 16. Tom Needham, 17. Francis Murphy 18. Sean Power, 19. Tom Murray  
20. Val Needham 21. Richard Tobin, 22. Gerry Ryan, 23. Micael Freaney 24. Aidan Bradshaw



Ballyneale 1987  
Junior Hurling  
Champs.

# Fanaithe na Maoille

- |                            |                      |                   |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1<br>Pat McCormack (Capt.) |                      |                   |
| 2<br>Brendan Foley         | 3<br>Michael Looby   | 4<br>Brian Boland |
| 5<br>Kevin O Connor        | 6<br>Dennis Fennessy | 7<br>Paul Norris  |
| 8<br>Keith Delahunty       | 9<br>Tom Acheson     |                   |
| 10<br>Pat Hickey           | 11<br>Donal Foley    | 12<br>M.J. Brown  |
| 13<br>Seamus Norris        | 14<br>Declan McGrath | 15<br>Dick Looby  |
- Subs: 16. Tom McGrath 17. Charlie Boland 18. John McGrath, 19. Eamon Power  
20. Michael McGrath 21. John Keating 22. Eddie Casey 23. Paul McCarthy 24. Frankie Fennessy  
25. P.J. Guiry 26. Martin Hurley 27. John Russell

## Anecdotes

Before the formation of the G.A.A. in 1884 one of the earliest recorded matches was played in Hurley's Field, Glen, Kilsheelan between teams from Kilcash and Kilrossanty, Co. Waterford. There were no goal-posts at that time and the game was played from ditch to ditch. Kilcash won the game.

The famous athletes Pat and Maurice Davin were at the game and saw the necessity for proper rules to control the game and shortly afterwards in co-operation with Michael Cusack and others the G.A.A. was established.

Fethard were in the Association from the very beginning and won the first Senior Championship in 1887.

Clonmel Commercials were in existence around 1900 and were great rivals of the Clonmel Shamrocks at that time. In 1900 Shamrocks beat the Commercials in the final of the County Championship by 1-8 to 4 points and went on to win the All-Ireland. The Commercial Club went out of existence some years afterwards and was revived in 1932 with the formation of a minor team. They entered a senior team in the championship of 1938 and have continued with an unbroken run to the present time.

Fethard's Golden Years were from 1917 to 1928 when they won nine titles in twelve years.

Commercials most successful era was from 1965 to 1969 when they won four titles in five years.

In 1924 Fethard issued a challenge through the Press to any club team in Ireland. The challenge was accepted by Ballinasloe, Co. Galway and the game was played in Magner's Field (presently the Soccer Ground at the Show Grounds) Clonmel. Played before a very large crowd it was a thrilling game and the visitors came out on top.

Members of the Fethard and Commercial Clubs who received Sport Star Awards were as follows:

### Fethard

1960 T. Newport  
1978 S. Moloney

### Commercials

1965 P. O'Connell  
1967 P. Archibald  
1977 G. McGrath  
1982 P. O'Neill

Kilsheelan and Kilcash Juvenile Club, who compiled this programme, wish to sincerely thank all those sponsors and contributors. We urge you to support the advertisers without whom this programme would not have been possible.

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This year's Tipperary G.A.A. Year book is at present being compiled. Articles, Photographs, etc., etc. should be sent, before the end of October, to:

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## Fethard '84 Team



Back: Pascal Hanrahan, Liam Connolly, Paddy Ryan, Davy Moroney, Anthony Colville, Richie Hayes  
Tony Sheehan, Brian Burke, Buddy Fitzgerald, Jimmy O'Shea.

Front: Noel Sharpe, Dinny Burke, Michael Healy, Maurice Horoughton, John Hackett, Ml. O'Riordan,  
Paddy Kenrick, Diarmuid Hackett, A.B. Kennedy, Joe Keane.



*Memories of football 1984 style are sweet in Fethard. It was one of the greatest years in the club's proud history. Sweeter still that it was the Centenary Year of the G.A.A.*

*Our Junior footballers won the South Championships and County League titles, being beaten in the County Final by the narrowest of margins by Cashel. Our Senior team won both South and County Championships and acquitted themselves well in Munster.*

*Some great mentors of that historic year have gone to their eternal reward R.I.P. The cruel hand of emigration has leaned heavily on our club since 1984, robbing us of some of our greatest youth. Father Time has nudged others into well-earned retirement but many of those heroes of 1984 from both Junior and Senior squads allied with bright newcomers have merged to give us a worthy team for today's struggle.*

*Best of luck — Boys in Blue and to our worthy opponents Clonmel Commercial.*

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