

Co. Tipperary Senior Football Final
Match Programme
1994

CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL

CLUICHE CEANNAIS
PEILE
THIOBRAID ÁRANN

Sinsir: 3.15pm.



Na Tráchtálaí

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Luach Maígh-Caisleán Aoibhne

Réiteoir: Paddy Russell (Imleach Lubhair)

Mionur: 1.45pm

Eatharlach -V- J. K. Brachain

Réiteoir: Ger Hayes (Muine Gall)



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23 Deireadh Fomhair, 1994

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FÁILTE

Is cúis áthais dom er mo sho féin agus er son Coiste Contae Tiobraid Árann fíorchaoín fáilte a fhearadh roimh chuile dhuine go Stáid Laochadha, Caiseal le haghaidh Chluichí Ceannais Peile an Contae. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh gach éine taitneamh agus sport as an cluichí, agus go mbeidh an bua ag na foirne is fearr.



It is a pleasure to welcome, on my own behalf and on that of the county board, the four teams to the minor and senior county football finals in Leahy Park, Cashel today. Three of the four divisions are represented, J.K. Brackens and Loughmore-Castleiney from the mid, Clonmel Commercials from the south and Aherlow from the west.

I should like to extend a special welcome to Clonmel Commercials, who are celebrating the sixtieth year of their existence this year. It's a proud occasion for a club that has given sterling service to football in the county. During that period they have played in sixteen county finals and were successful in 1944, 48, 56, 65, 66, 67, 69, 71, 82, 86, 89, and 90.

Loughmore-Castleiney also have a respectable record. Having won their first county final in 1940 they had further successes in 1946, 55, 73, 77, 79, 83, 87 and 92.

While Commercials and Loughmore-Castleiney have met five times at this stage of the competition, the minor contenders in today's program, Aherlow and J.K. Brackens, have never met in a final. In fact both teams are going for their first victory in this competition and I wish each of them the best of luck.

Finally, I should like to welcome all our patrons to today's game and to wish the referees, Ger Hayes and Paddy Russell, and their teams of officials well.

*Seán O Fógartaigh,
Cathaoirleach.*

OFFICIALS;

Senior: *Umpires-* Lar O'Keeffe, Nicholas Lonergan, Gerry Cummins, Davy Crowe.
Linesmen - Seanie Twomey, Tom Meehan.

Minor: *Umpires-* Noel Ryan, Barry Ryan, Martin Hogan, Billy McLeish.
Linesmen - Martin Aherne, Mick Maunsell.

COUNTY TIPPERARY MINOR FOOTBALL 'A' FINAL

Aherlow (Green & Gold)

	1.	
	Brian O'Sullivan	
2.	3.	4.
Denis Grogan	Billy Riordan	Paul Kiely
5.	6.	7.
Timmy Leonard	Fergal Clifford (capt.)	Jamie Noonan
8.	9.	
Lionel Leonard	Mark O'Brien	
10.	11.	12.
Barry Leonard	Noel Clifford	Peter Leonard
13.	14.	15.
Michael Carey	Mark O'Shea	Cathal O'Shea

16. Robert Shanahan, 17. Paul O'Brien, 18. Patrick Burke, 19. Morgan O'Connell,
20. Kenneth Bowers, 21. Noel O'Brien, 22. Philip Kiely, 23. Sean Moroney,
24. David Hennessy.



AHERLOW MINOR FOOTBALL TEAM

COUNTY TIPPERARY MINOR FOOTBALL 'A' FINAL

J. K. Brackens (White & Black)

1.		
Johnny Bane		
2. Willie Fogarty	3. Tos Fogarty	4. Paul Kilroy
5. Eamon Corcoran	6. Joe Cusack	7. Michael Grimes
8. Darren Owens	9. Willie Collier	
10. Aidan Doyle	11. Adrian Moynihan	12. Damien McBride
13. Richard Grimes (capt.)	14. David Burke	15. Johnny Doran

16. Michael O'Reilly, 17. Michael Fogarty, 18. Darragh O'Neill, 19. Alan Kilroy,
 20. John Henderson, 21. Paddy Kennedy, 22. Fergal Maher, 23. Liam Corcoran,
 24. John Finnerty, 25. David Finnerty.



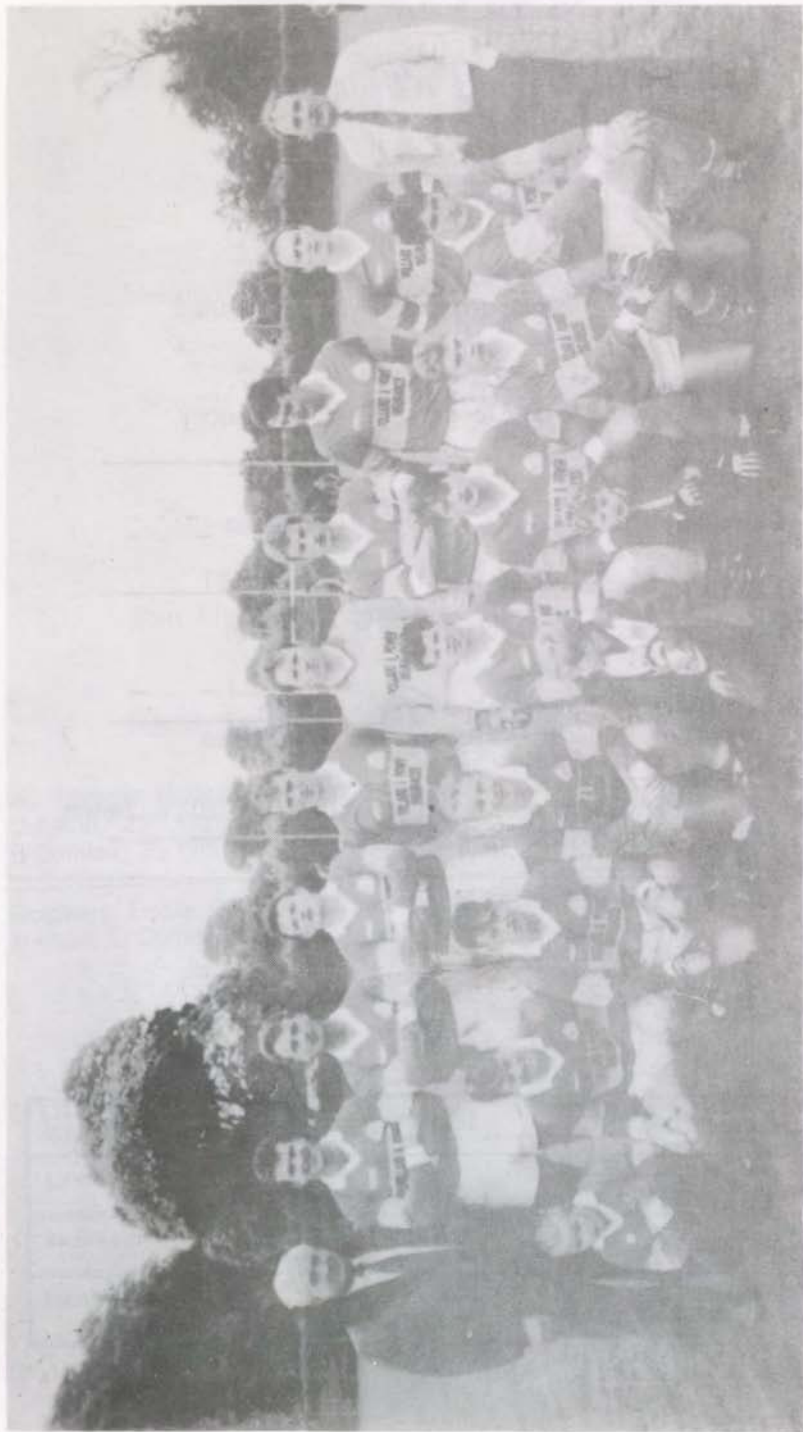
J. K. BRACKENS MINOR FOOTBALL



THE McGRATH FAMILY LOUGHMORE WITH SEAN MOCKLER AT THE RECENT REUNION IN BRÚ BORU.



SEAN MOCKLER MAKES A PRESENTATION TO FORMER CO. FOOTBALL BOARD CHAIRMAN HUGH KENNEDY.



CLONMEL COMMERCIALS

BACK Row: (L to R): T. Pollard, C. McGrath, D. O'Shea, A. Wall, L. Phelan, S. McMahon, D. Hickey, F. O'Callaghan, M. Power. FRONT Row: J. Kelly, D. Lavin, P. Lucey, J. McNamara, M. O'Donnell(capt.), R. Forristal, B. Walsh, C. O'Donnell, D. O'Keefe, J. Hall.

Na Tráchtálai

Clonmel Commercials (Green & Gold)

	1. P. Ryan	
2. B. Walsh	3. R. Forristal	4. M. O'Connell
5. L. Phelan	6. G. Deeley	7. P. Lucey
	8. A. Wall	9. F. O'Callaghan
10. J. McNamara	11. C. McGrath	12. P. O'Keeffe
13. D. Hickey	14. F. Kelly	15. D. O'Shea

16. S. McMahon, 17. M. O'Mahony, 18. J. Hall, 19. D. Lavin, 20. E. Hewitt,
21. S. Granville, 22. D. O'Keeffe, 23. J. McNulty, 24. G. McGrath.

Rognoirí: Ben Keane Thomas Kelly, Paul Dillon.

COMMERCIALS	Cúil	Cúillíní	Seacháí	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
Iomlán					

Luach Máigh / Caislean Aoibhne

Loughmore-Castleiney (Green and Gold)

1.		
Dominic Brennan		
2.	3.	4.
Eamonn Brennan	David Kennedy	Michael McGrath
5.	6.	7.
Seamus Bohan	Pat McGrath	John Kennedy
8.	9.	
John Cormack	Ned Ryan	
10.	11.	12.
Tom McGrath	Michael Ormond	Philip Kennedy
13.	14.	15.
Declan Laffan	Noel Kennedy	Timmy Cullen

16. Michael McGrath, 17. John Treacy, 18. Joe Ryan, 19. Pat Treacy, 20. Paul Ormond, 21. Frankie McGrath, 22. Noel Morris, 23. Pat Lynch, 24. Michael O'Connell, 25. Tommy Larkin, 26. Noel Cahill.

Rognoirí: Eddie Webster (Trainer), Pat Healy, Martin Walsh, James Meagher, Michael O'Connell.

LOUGHMORE/ CASTLEINEY	Cúil	Cúillíní	Seacháí	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
Iomlán					



LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY S.F.
(CO. Semi-Final, V Nenagh Eire Og.)

BACK Row: (L to R): Dominic Brennan, Mick McGrath (K.), Noel Kennedy, Declan Laffan, Tom McGrath.
FRONT Row: John Cormack, John Kennedy, Ned Ryan, Michael Ormonde, David Kennedy, Eamonn Brennan (capt.),
Seamie Bohan, Pat McGrath.

THE LAST TIME THEY MET - 1990

The preview in the 'Tipperary Star' on October 13, 1990 read:

"HUNGRY LOUGHMORE CAN TOPPLE COMMERCIALS." The paper's projection was based on the premise that Loughmore had a greater hunger to win and, therefore, their greater determination would lead them to victory.

The projection was way out as the headline the following week bore testimony: "COMMERCIALS OUTPLAY STRUGGLING LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY."

The report of the game opened thus: 'Unbeaten in Tipperary senior championship football since the county final of 1988, Clonmel Commercial's pounded a disappointed Loughmore-Castleiney into submission in lack-lustre county senior football final at Cashel on Sunday that was much more one-sided than anyone anticipated.'

The extent of the margin of victory, eleven points, in a scoreline of 3-10 to 1-5, may have flattered the south team, but they definitely deserved their victory. The mid champions offered tenacity and determination but it was no longer to the slick and very fluent football played by the champions. After a hesitant start they led by 1-4 to 0-2 and never looked like losers in the second half.

Willie Peters was a key figure in the Clonmel triumph, his off-the-ball work and intelligent distribution creating many problems for the mid champions. The winners highest scorer was Franny Kelly with 2-7 to his credit while others to figure prominently were Donal O'Keeffe, Ger Deeley, John Kerins, Joe McNamara and Cristoir McGrath. For Loughmore-Castleiney few reputation were enhanced but the best of the pack were Tom McGrath, Pat McGrath, Peter Brennan, Ned Ryan, John Treacy and Jim Maher.

The teams were: P. Ryan, J. Kerins, R. Forrestal, M.O'Connell, L. O'Loughlin, G. Deeley, P. Kilkenny, D.O'Keeffe, T. Gleeson, D. O'Shea, C. McGrath, M. Quinleven, J. McNamara, F. Kelly, W. Peters. SUBS: B. Keane for Quinleven, A. Wall for McGrath, P. Kavanagh for J. McNamara.

Loughmore-Castleiney: J. Kiely, P. Treacy, T. Ryan, P. Brennan, P. McKeivitt, P. McGrath, E. Brennan, T. McGrath, N.Ryan, M. McGrath, J. Treacy, S. Bohan, F. McGrath, J. Maher, J. Cormack. SUBS: M. Meagher for P. Treacy, M. McGrath (K) for F. McGrath.

The referee was the same as for today's game, Pady Russell of Emyl. The game was graced by the presence of Bloody Sunday footballer, Bill Ryan, Laha, Castleiney, who was escorted on to the field by football board chairman, Hugh Kennedy, to throw in the ball. On the same day in Semple Stadium, Cashel King Cormac's were playing in their first hurling county final in fifty years and were beaten 0-13 to 0-10 by Holycross-Ballycahill. In the county board meeting that followed the final, the Clonmel Commercial's delegate complained about the quality of the program produced for the game in Leahy Park.

Clonmel Football Clubs

Seán O'Donnell

Clonmel Commercials Football Club is sixty years old this year. Its founders in 1934 were no doubt aware that it was just one more in a long line of football clubs which had existed in Clonmel since the foundation of the G.A.A., one of which bore the same name, and while they may have thought it likely that more were to follow they could not have foreseen that it would outlive all others and that its achievements would rank it among the leading clubs in Munster.

One of the earliest football clubs in Clonmel in the aftermath of the founding of the G.A.A. in 1884 was the O'Brien Daltons, a club which had a playing field at the top of the Kerry Road and which had among its players Willie Prendergast who as general secretary of the G.A.A. was principal organiser of the "American Invasion" of 1888. Prendergast's club failed to survive the local turmoil of the Parnellite Split however and by 1895 there were five football clubs in the town, the Clonmel Slashers, the Clonmel Emmets, the Clonmel Emeralds, the Clonmel Kickhams and the Clonmel Shamrocks, all catering for varying political tastes and some identifying with particular areas of the town such as the Emmets with the north of the town around the railway station, the Emeralds and Slashers with Glenconnor, the Kickhams with the Old Bridge and the Shamrocks with the Kerry Road. When the Clonmel Commercials was founded in 1897 they had a club room in Emmet Street and played their games in O'Halloran's field which was later part of the Showgrounds and their secretary Willie Joyce boasted that they were the only non political football club in Clonmel.

The two Clonmel clubs, the Shamrocks and the Commercials dominated Tipperary football at the turn of the century with the Shamrocks edging in front in 1900 when as representatives of Tipperary they won the All-Ireland title. The suspension of the club in 1903 was highly controversial and even evoked the sympathy of Michael Cusack. It also marked the end of dominance of Clonmel clubs in Tipperary football for many years. The Commercials faded from existence and a new club, the High School Football Club, was able to rival the Shamrocks within the town.

St. Patricks was the dominant Clonmel football club from its foundation in 1912 until the formation of the Clonmel Celtics in 1919. Both clubs amalgamated in 1920 to become Clonmel Hurling and Football Club. St. Mary's Hurling and Football Club emerged in 1923 and Clonmel Young Irelands in 1924 while the Old Bridge began to make its mark from 1927.

St. Mary's Hurling Club, founded in 1929, flirted briefly with football but when Clonmel Commercials Football Club was founded in 1934 it quickly became a lure for most young footballers in the town and by 1937 had even attracted most of the senior players from the Clonmel Shamrocks which had been revived in 1932. Since then other Clonmel clubs catering for football at various levels have included teams from the Army Barracks and the Boys' Club, The Old Bridge, Kickhams, St. Luke's, Éire Óg and Clonmel Óg.

Sixty years is a long time in the life of Clonmel football.

During that period Commercials have appeared in eighteen finals, winning twelve of them.. A very respectable record.



FORMER INTER-COUNTY FOOTBALLERS

L/R: Phil Tobin -Grangemockler; Harry Tobin -Grangemockler;
Gerry Carey -Commercials; Johnny Ryan -Commercials with Co. Football Board
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LEFT/R:- John Moloney, Sean Burns, Larry Maher, His Grace Archbishop Clifford, Seamus McCarthy, John Joe Quirke, Tim Curran, Eddie McCarthy.



SOME FORMER INTER-COUNTY FOOTBALLERS AT A RECENT REUNION IN BRÚ BORU, CASHEL.

LEFT/R:- Vincent Millett - Commercials; Johnny Ryan - Commercials; Pakie Brennan - Ardfinnan.

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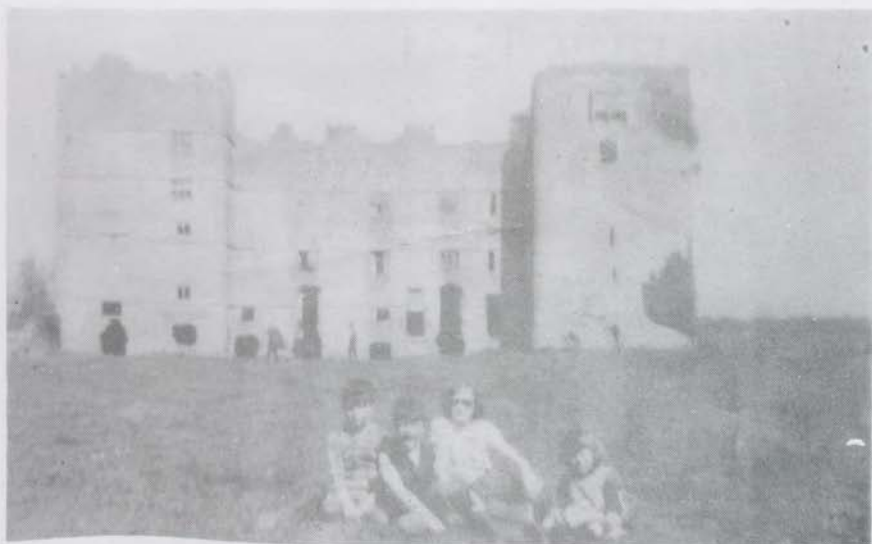
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