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Match Programme  
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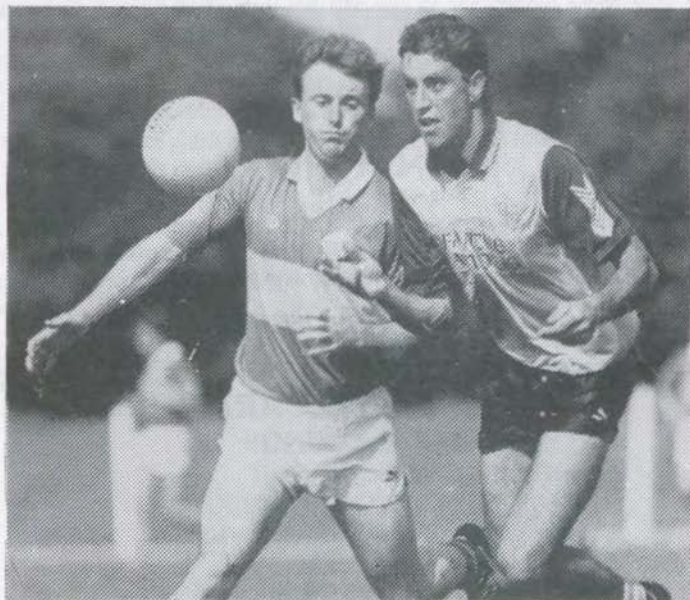
## Tipperary Senior and Minor Football County Finals.



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It is my sincere pleasure to welcome the four teams to the minor and senior county football finals in Cahir today. Whereas the senior game is an all-south affair, in which Commercial and Moyle Rovers fight for honours, the minor final brings into opposition Newport, the champions of the north division and Golden-Kilfeacle, the champions of the west.

Tipperary football has a new bounce in its step as a result of significant successes during 1995. For a county starved of footballing glory, the victories of the senior team in the All-Ireland 'B' championship and the minors in the Munster final were most welcome. These successes were tremendously important in themselves but they should also have the effect of increasing the county's belief in its footballing potential. With such self-belief greater success can be achieved as Clare proved in winning the All-Ireland senior hurling championship.

This year we celebrate the centenary year of Tipperary's great achievement in winning the football and hurling All Irelands of 1895. In that year the famed Arravale Rovers Team, about whom Tom O'Donoghue has written so well in his recently launched history of the Arravale Rovers club, won the first leg of the double when they beat Navan O'Mahony's. The hurling leg was won by glorious Tubberadora, who were recently commemorated in an impressive monument in the parish of Boherlahan. Both these matches were played in Jones's Road now Croke Park, on the same day and were the first All-Irelands to be played in that venue.

Today, therefore, as we gather in Cahir for the senior and minor county football finals, we can take pleasure in recalling the high achievements of Tipperary football in 1995 and the glorious memories of one hundred years ago.

Finally, I should like to thank the Cahir club for hosting today's games, the referees and match officials who are in charge and the Communications Committee for the production of this program. I should like to thank all our supporters and wish them an afternoon of good football.

SEÁN O FÓGARTAIGH,  
Cathaoirleach.

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### CLÁR AN LAE

2 p.m.: Tipperary Minor Football Final  
GOLDEN-KILFEACLE -V- NEWPORT  
Referee: Fran O'Leary (Ardfinnan)

3.30: Tipperary Senior Football Final  
CLONMEL COMMERCIALS -V- MOYLE ROVERS  
Referees: Tom Meehan (Cashel)





#### **TOM MEEHAN (CASHEL)**

A former Secretary and P.R.O. of Cashel King Cormacs. Tom has been a referee since 1975, when he participated in the referee's course organised by Brother O'Grady and John Moloney. The previous year he won his only County medal in the Intermediate Football Championship.

He has refereed three West Senior Football finals and five County finals to date. The first County final was the 1989 u-12B final won by Cahir. This is his first senior final.

Tom is on the National and Munster Council panel of referees and has refereed N.F.L. and Munster Minor Football championship games. This year he was appointed linesman for the Munster Senior Football final in Killarney. His inspiration has been John Moloney and his ambition is to referee Munster and All-Ireland finals.

Keen on keeping fit, Tom has run thirteen marathons and has already started his training programme for the 100th. Boston Marathon next April. His other interest is Irish traditional music and is a member of the renowned Bru Boru group.

His Umpires today are Nicholas Lonergan, Michael Forrester, Noel Fitzgerald and Liam O'Dwyer. His linesmen are Paddy Russell and Eamon O'Dwyer.



#### **FRAN O'LEARY (ARDFINNAN)**

Married to Vera with three children, Fran is joint treasurer of the Ardfinnan G.A.A. club. He played all grades of football with Ardfinnan and all grades of hurling with Ballybacon-Grange. He was the trainer of the Ardfinnan under-16 football team which became county champions this year.

Having started refereeing in 1992, he refereed this year's county senior football quarter-final between St. Kevin's and Lattin-Cullen. He was also in charge of the South under-21 'B' hurling and football finals.

His umpires today are Gerard Meagher, Martin Meagher, Michael Mullane and Tony Lonergan. His linesmen are Christy Brown and Derek O'Mahony.

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## FAILTE ÓN CHATHAOIRLEACH

As chairman of the County Football board it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to the show piece of this year's football finals which will be held today in Cahir.

This year makes it a very special occasion as we welcome Moyle Rovers who contest their first football final and also to our current and worthy champions Clonmel Commercial.

Also a special word of welcome to our minor teams Golden-Kilfeacle and Newport and also to our Referees and officials.

The 1995 Championships has provided excellent fare so far, with very thrilling games and the finals should be no exceptions. Wishing all the teams the best of luck on the day.

Our Thanks to the Public Relations Committee for today's programme.

Go raibh mile maith agaibh go léir

SEAN O'MOICLEIR.

Football Board Chairman



## FELLOW GAELS,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you here today to our first staging of the County Minor & Senior Football Finals in our club grounds. It is a great honour for our club to be selected as the venue for what we hope will be two great finals,

Our finalist today are Newport & Golden-Kilfeacle in the Minor and in the senior we have an all Southern Encounter between old rivals and near neighbours Moyle Rovers and last years County Champions Clonmel Commercial.

I wish all four teams well in their endeavours to bring honour to their respective clubs. Finally I wish the referees, Fran O'Leary (Minor) & Tom Meehan (Senior) and their officials well in carrying out their duties.

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2.

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3.

Sean Carr

4.

Sean Hourigan

5.

Michael Stapleton

6.

Eamon Ryan (Capt.)

7.

Tomas Ryan

8.

Ger Looby

9.

David Fogarty

10.

Ivor Hanraharn

11.

Aidan Fogarty

12.

Don Beattie

13.

Seamus Ryan

14.

Thomas Fogarty

15.

Michael Sherlock

## FIR IONAIÐ

16. Jason Collins. 17. James Lawrance. 18. Aidan O Sullivan.

19. Shane Stapleton. 20. James Tierney. 21. Mark Bargary. 22. Frank Stapleton.

23. Kevin McCarthy.

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## CLÁR OIFIGIÚIL

*Chuir Coiste Cumarsáide Thiobraid Árann an Clár oifigiúil seo le chéile.*

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# TULACH SHEASTA

## NEWPORT

*(Purple and Gold)*

1.

John O'Toole (Capt.)

2.

Paddy Ryan

3.

Tom Clifford

4.

Ger O'Brien

5.

Donncha Houlihan

6.

Aidan O'Gorman

7.

Alan Creagh

8.

David Fahy

9.

Brian Coffey

10.

Kenneth O'Brien

11.

Eoin Bonfiled

12.

Cathal Bourke

13.

Mark Lenihan

14.

David Hickey

15.

Martin McLoughlin

FIR IONAIÐ:

16. Michael Coffey, 17. Michael Carroll, 18. Des Kelly, 19. Mark Walton,  
20. John Caplis, 21. William Lynch, 22. James Ryan.

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## GOLDEN - KILFEACLE



Back Row, Left to Right: Donie Crosse, Mark Bargary, Aidan O'Sullivan, Eamon Ryan, Ger Looby, Steven Flood, Thomas Fogarty, Sean Corr, Sean Houlihan, David Fogarty, Thomas Ryan, Ivor Honrahan, P.J. Collins, Kevin Landy. Front Row: Anthony Ryan, Jason Collins, Michael Stapleton, Don Beattie, Brian Landy, Seamus Ryan, Aidan Fogarty, Michael Sherlock, James Tierney, Shane Stapleton, Kevin McCarthy

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Chairman: James O Donnell. Vice Chairmen (2): John Ryan (p) Jim Fogarty.  
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P.R.O.: Michael Fogarty

- Golden-Kilfeacle have never played in a minor 'A' final. The club lost two minor 'B' finals in 1990 & 1993.
- David Fogarty plays on the county minor hurling and football teams.
- Ger Looby plays hurling and Football with St. Flannans.
- Aidan Fogarty plays on the Tipperary under 16 team.
- Brian Landy is a brother of selector Kevin, who is also Senior Football goalkeeper
- Selector, P.J. Collins, is a Clareman.
- The Selectors are PJ Collins, Donal Crosse, Kevin Landy.

## NEWPORT



Newport: North Tipp. Minor Football Champions 1995 Back: Martin McLoughlin, Aidan O'Gorman, Tom Clifford, David Fahy, Brian Coffey, John O'Toole, Paddy Ryan, Mark Walton, Cathal Bourke, James Ryan, William Lynch. Front: John Caplis, Michael Carroll, Kenneth O'Brien, Ger O'Brien, Alan Creagh, David Hickey, Eoin Bonfield, Mark Lenihan, Michael Coffey. (Absent: Donncha Houlihan & Des Kelly)

The selectors are Noel O'Gorman (Manager), Paddy Clifford, Martin Bonfield and Dermot Bourke. Club officers: Chairman: Frank Humphreys. Vice-Chairmen: Ed Ryan & John Keating. Secretary: Denis Floyd. Treasurer: Martin Kennedy. P.R.O.: Kathleen O'Mahoney. Youth Officer: Margeret Moloney

Newport contested the county minor football final of 1993 when, despite a good performance, they went under to a very talented Clonmel Commercials side. Five of today's side were in action then: John O'Toole and Tom Clifford still hold the same positions; Aidan O'Gorman and Eoin Bonfield manned the corners of the defence; Kenneth O'Brien was at corner-forward. Brian Coffey and Paddy Ryan were also on the panel.

Newport are assisted by Ballinahinch in this year's minor championship. Their representatives on the panel are David Fahy, Cathal Bourke, Michael Carroll, Mark Walton, Des Kelly and William Lynch.

In 1971 Newport-Ballinahinch won the north Tipperary minor football title, Defeating Kilruane by 1-3 to 0-5 in the final.

A Newport team won the first north Tipperary minor football championship. The year was 1940, when Kyle brought the honour to the parish, defeating Nenagh in a replay. During the game play had to be delayed for ten minutes while the ball was being retrieved from the top of a nearby tree.

The Kyle team on that occasion was: P. Keating (Fiddane), D. Carey, M. O'Brien, P. Ryan (Boola), E. Boyle, J. Coleman, J. O'Brien, K. Barry, M. Keating, S. Crowe, P. Ryan (B), J. Ryan (B), J. Ryan (Clare Glens), T. Hoyne, P. Ryan (Fiddane), J. Ryan (P), B. Doheny.



## GREAT GAMES IN PROSPECT

Cahir hosts the county final between two South Tipperary teams, Clonmel Commercial's county champions 1994 and Moyle Rovers 1995 south champions.

The year 1995 has been a very good year for Tipperary football with the minors reaching All-Ireland semi final only to be beaten by eventual champions Westmeath. The under 21 side defeated Cork in the first round only to fall to Waterford in the next round. The juniors travelled to Tralee and a failure to take their chances proved very costly as Kerry won by Five points and also won the Munster Title.

At Juvenile level county titles are now shared by the Four divisions and already this year Inane Rovers have won county minor 'B' title with Borrisoleigh winning county under 16 title. Ardfinnan won county under 16 title after an outstanding game of football with Arravale Rovers enjoyed by a huge crowd in New Inn. Burgess created their own piece of history in winning county honours at under 12 level while Fethard proved champions in the under 14 grade with a very good side..

1995 Saw Tipperary win all Ireland 'B' title at Senior level with Billy Ryan, Fergall O'Callaghan and Kieran O'Reilly of Clonmel Commercial's and Derry Foley and Liam Cronin of Moyle Rovers.

Both Commercial's and Moyle Rovers are steeped in football tradition and every year Clonmel commercial's are considered as one of the sides to be Beaten at Senior level. Moyle Rovers have found it very hard to come out of the south Division despite the fact that they have given many players to the County Teams. The Present Team contains Derry Foley, John Owens and Liam Cronin of the Senior sides and Declan Brown, Corner forward on Minor side but Goalkeeper on Club Senior Side and also Brendan O'Dwyer wing Back on county team. Donal Foley, Elder Brother of Derry, was on Tipperary Senior side for many years while Jimmy Dunne was on Tipperary Senior team for many years and is also a very good hurler. John McGrath, Michael McGrath, Seamus Delahunty have also worn Tipperary Blue and Gold with Distinction.

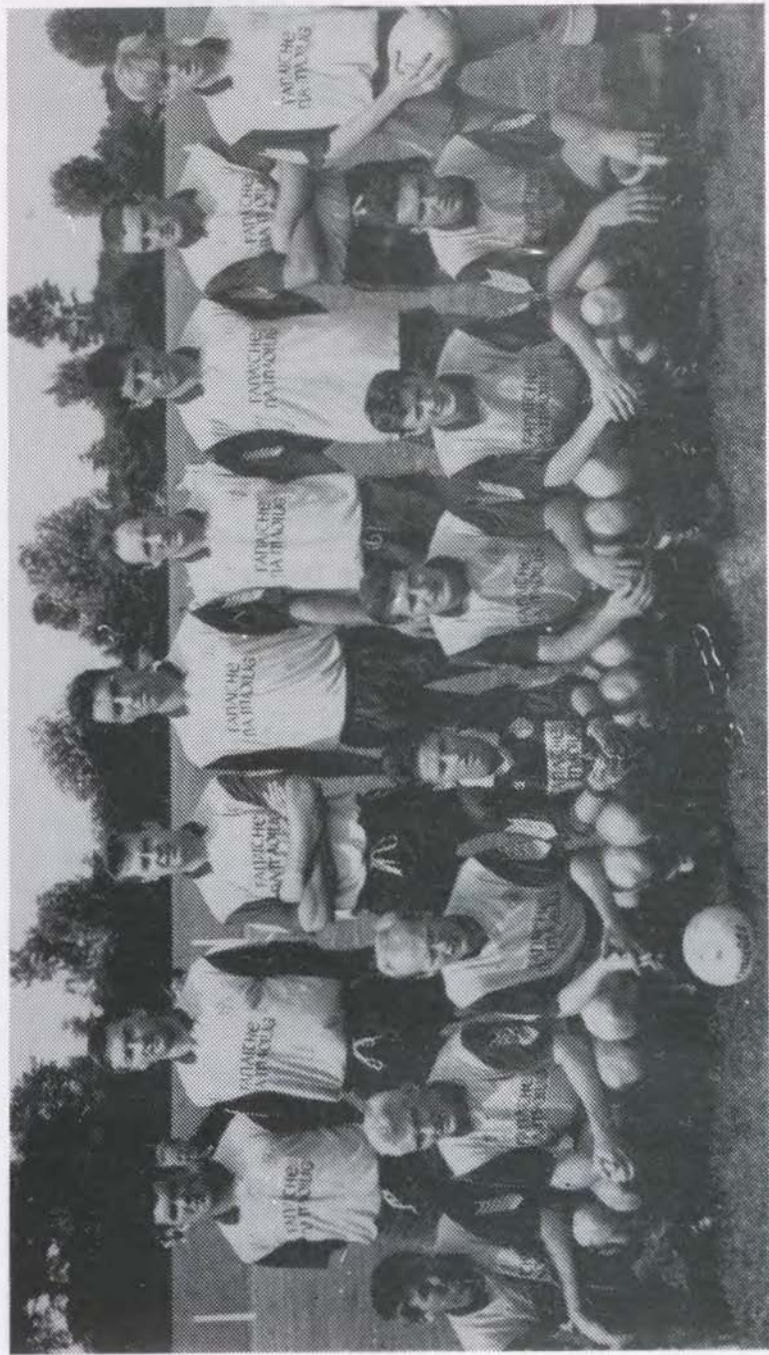
Clonmel Commercial's feature a side who have all played with Tipperary in some grades. Goalie Philly Ryan has been county captain this year and is a great character on and off the field. Benny Walsh was centre back on county minor side while Cristoir McGrath was full forward on Sounty Senior Side and Absent from the side when they played Moyle Rovers in South Final, Also absent on that date were Rian Furestall and star full forward Franny Kelly who gave such excellent service to Tipperary at Minor under 21, Junior and senior level. Franny Kelly is now manager of Waterford Senior Football side.

Both of these sides play a good open style of football and hopefully we will have a game to remember and the winning side will give us a captain to lead Tipperary to further honours in 1996.

The minor game is a real novel final between Newport winners over Cahir in the county semi final and Golden -Kilfeacle who overcame Kickamee-Rahealty in their semi final. Aidan O'Gorman of Newport and David Fogarty of Golden -Kilfeacle were members of county minor side and were also members of County minor hurling side. Golden-kilfeacle have already won County under 21 'B' football title defeating Cahir in the decider and many of these players will be playing on Sunday.

**SEAMUS O'DONOGHUE**

P.R.O. FOOTBALL BOARD



## MOYLE ROVERS

Back Row, L/R: Paul Bolland, Jummy Dunne, Seamus Delahunty, Derry Foley, Kevin O'Connor, Donal Foley, Michael BcGrath, James Williams, Front Row: Eamonn Power, John Owens, Liam Cronin (capt.) Declan Browne, John McGrath, Noel Wall, Robbie Bolland



# FÁNAITHE NA MAOILIG

## MOYLE ROVERS

*(Sky Blue)*

1. Declan Browne		
2. Eamon Power	3. Liam Cronin (Cpt.)	4. Kevin O'Connor
5. John McGrath	6. Michael McGrath	7. Noel Wall
8. John Owens		9. Jimmy Dunne
10. James Williams	11. Derry Foley	12. Seamus Delahunty
13. Donal Foley	14. Paul Boland	15. Robbie Boland

### SUBS:

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### TRAINER:

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| 2.<br>Bernard Walsh        | 3.<br>Rian Forrestal    | 4.<br>Mark O'Connell      |
| 5.<br>David Lavin          | 6.<br>Michael O'Mahony  | 7.<br>Liam Phelan         |
|                            | 8.<br>Paudie O'Keeffe   | 9.<br>Criostoir McGrath   |
| 10.<br>Anthony Wall (Cpt.) | 11.<br>Martin Quinlivan | 12.<br>Fergal O'Callaghan |
| 13.<br>Fergal Condon       | 14.<br>Franny Kelly     | 15.<br>Dermot O'Shea      |

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Back Row, L/R: David Hickey, Liam Phelan, Eddie Hewitt, Dermot O'Shea, John Hall, Martin Quilnivan, Fergal O'Callaghan Anthony Wall, David Lavin. Front Row: Padraig O'Keefe, Kieran O'Reilly, Phillip Ryan, Bernard Walsh, Mark O'Connell, Joe McNamara, Michael O'Mahony  
Ian Barnes, Ciaran O'Connell, James Kelly



# COUNTY FOOTBALL FINALS 1988 - 1994

*(Winners before 1988 in County G.A.A. History)*

Year	Senior	Intermediate	Junior	Under 21 A	Under 21 B	Minor A	Minor B
1988	Fethard 1-11 Commercials 1-10	Eire Og, Nenagh 2-4 Ballyporeen 0-9	Arravale Rovers 1-5 Shannon Rovers 1-4	Fethard 1-7 Templemore 1-2	Mullinahone 2-3 Loughmore- Castleiney 0-6	Arravale Rovers 0-11 Sarsfields 0-7	Aherlow 0-5 Newport 1-1
1989	Commercials 2-7 Fethard 0-9	Lattin-Cullen 0-10 Mullinahone 1-4	Sarsfields 1-3 Shannon Rovers 1-1	Slievenamon 1-9 Arravale Rovers 0-2	Cahir 1-5 Upperchurch- Drombane 0-2	Fethard 1-8 Cashel K.C. 0-7	Aherlow 1-8 St. Patricks Drangan 2-3
1990	Commercials 3-10 Loughmore- Castleiney 1-5	Cappawhite 3-5 Grangemockler 0-6	Kiladangan 2-5 Upr-Church- Drombane 1-4	Cashel K.C. 0-8 Commercials 0-5	Ballyporeen 0-12 Aherlow 1-5	Eire-Og Nenagh 2-6 Commercials 1-5	Boherlahan- Duala 2-4 Golden - Kilfeacle 1-5
1991	Fethard 1-12 Commercials 0-13	Grangemockler 1-17 Borrisokane 2-10	St. Patricks- Drangan 1-9 Upr-Church- Drombane 0-5	Eire-Og Nenagh 1-12 Aherlow 1-9	Kickhams 1-8 Boherlahan- Duala 1-3	Arravale Rovers 3-6 Eire-Og, Nenagh 1-4	Rosegreen 3-7 Burgess 0-6
1992	Loughmore- Castleiney 1-9 Fethard 0-10	Ballyporeen 2-7 Aherlow 0-5	Kickhams 1-11 Inane Rovers 0-8	Aherlow 2-4 Eire-Og Nenagh 1-4	Ardfinnan 1-13 Lattin-Cullen 0-12	Commercials 1-9 Arravale Rovers 0-9	Kickhams 2-5 Cahir 0-9
1993	Fethard 0-13 Loughmore- Castleiney 1-4	J.K. Bracken 2-3 Newport 0-6	Eire-Og, Annacarty 1-8 Commercials 1-8	Eire-Og, Nenagh 1-7 Fethard 0-4	Killenaule 3-5 Golden- Kilfeacle 0-7	Commercials 4-8 Newport 1-5	Rahealty 2-15 Golden - Kilfeacle 3-7
1994	Commercials 0-10 Loughmore- Castleiney 1-6	Borrisokane 2-10 Kilsheelan 1-9	Killenaule 1-8 Borrisoleigh 0-10	Ardfinnan (Awarded Game) Loughmore- Castleiney	Moyle Rovers 1-10 Rahealty 0-11	Aherlow 3-12 J.K. Brackens 1-8	Moyle Rovers 2-8 Moyn / Temple- loughy 0-6
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When Frannie Kelly leads out Clonmel Commercials today he will not be awed by the occasion. At 33, he is looked upon as the 'Daddy' of the squad and he is playing in his 12th county final. He won the first of his five county championships in 1982 when many of his team-mates today were in short trousers and he captained his first team in a county final in 1984.

Since 1974 when he began his career as an under-12 he has won honours in every grade with Commercials. He played minor, U-21 and senior for Tipperary in 1980 and was a regular with the county senior team for many years.

Beginning in 1985 when he joined 13 kerrymen on the Munster Railway cup team, he represented Munster again in '86, '87, '91 and '92. For two years running he was the highest scorer in the National Football league, beating Dublin's Barney Rock into second place. During this period he was listed by Eugene McGee among players who, according to the then-Offaly coach, were deserving of selection to the All-Stars but were "condemned to exterior darkness by the lack of success of their county team."

In 1990 he won the Cidona Footballer of the Year award, having won the Man of the Match award in the county final. And having won the Man of the Match award for his eight points in the great Tipp victory over All-Ireland champions Down in 1992, he went out a week later and scored 1-4 for Munster against Leinster.

As a hurler too he has won many honours with St. Mary's which he has captained in every grade from under-12 up. In 1980 he was a sub on the Tipp. minor team which beat Wexford in the All-Ireland final and in the same year he won South Tipp's Hurler of the Year Award.



His involvement in games is never ending, he is chairman of Commercials juvenile club and coaches all the club's teams from under-8's upwards.

His services as a coach are in wide demand outside the county and at present he is in charge of the Waterford team facing into the National League. He is also coach to the Kilrossanty team which will be playing next Sunday in Waterford's county final. Should Commercials win today and Kilrossanty win next Sunday, Franny Kelly could find himself in the Munster club championship captaining his own team and coaching his opponents!!!

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## DERRY FOLEY

Derry was born on 3rd. July 1967. He is the youngest son of the late Dan Foley R.I.P. of Garryroe, Clonmel and Breda nee McGrath of Powerstown, Clonmel.

Derry who stands at 6'4" in height is a farmer by occupation on the home farm at Garryroe.

He attended the national school in Rathkeevan, Clonmel High School, St. Colemans in Fermoy and U.C.C.

His interest in Gaelic games was initially developed at home being from a family whose roots are deeply etched in the G.A.A. He first represented the Moyle Rovers club at the age of nine playing centre field in the under "12" championship losing to Fethard in the South semi-final that year. He has been a loyal servant to our

club since that time playing at all levels except for a period of four years which he spent in America.

Derry holds a South and County minor football championship medal with Slicvenamon in 1984, two south senior football championship medals 1991, 1995, two Clonmel Oil senior football league medals '92, '93, a Tipperary man cup medal in 1993 and an All-Ireland B Championship medal this year. He also won a Dean Ryan under 16 and a half medal with St. Colemans and South Tipperary hurling Championship B medal with Moyle Rovers in 1993.

He has represented Tipperary at minor level and has been ever present on the Tipperary senior football team in recent years.

Derry is now a key member of the Moyle Rovers team fulfilling the early promise that he has shown at under age level. The club now look forward to many more years of service from Derry.

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Michael McCormack, Michael Moroney, Eamon Keating, Clive Mullins, Frank Coffey, Johnny Ryan, Tony Newport, John O'Meara.



### ALL-IRELAND 'B' CHAMPIONS 1995

Tipperary senior footballers made history on August 27th when they defeated Longford by seven points in the All-Ireland 'B' championship at Birr. The win was most welcome for football followers in the county after the poor National League Campaign and the heavy defeat by Kerry in the Munster Championship. Unfortunately, the game got little publicity and the attendance of less than one thousand people on a Sunday evening hardly did justice to the endeavour of the players and the significance of the win.

An indication of the significance of this win is the fact that it's the first major win in county senior football since 1971. In that year Tipperary won Division 2 of the National Football League and were presented with a special trophy by the President of the Association, Pat Fanning. The team achieved a one hundred percent record on their way to success, defeating Carlow, Limerick, Waterford, Wexford, Clare and Kilkenny along the way.

Victory was clinched when they defeated Waterford by 0-10 to 1-6 at Clonmel on May 16th. Babs Keating, the captain, punched a point five minutes from the end to give the team a pont victory. The victorious side was J. O'Donoghue, J. Harney, E. Webster, M. McCormack, D. Fitzgerald, D. O'Gorman, P. O'Donoghue, D. Burke, S. Kearney, P. Blythe, M. Keating, P. O'Connell, J. Cummins, D. Strang, C. McElwee. Subs: P. Moroney for Fitzgerald, L. Myles for McElwee. The selectors were Mick Frawley of Emly, Rev. Dr. Marsh of Ardfinnan, Michael O'Meara of Clonmel, Dick McGrath of Loughmore-Castleiney and Tom Larkin of Kilsheelan.

But Back to '95. Having beaten Wexford and Waterford, Tipperary qualified for the All-Ireland 'B' final. The victory over Wexford was of particular importance as it represented a tremendous bounce back after the championship defeat by Kerry. It was Longford's second appearance in the final, having lost to Clare in the 1991 decider.

There was never any doubt about the outcome. Longford had no answer to Tipperary, whose appetite for the fray and technical ability were far superior. Playing with the breeze in the first half they established an eight point lead, 1-7 to 0-2, after eleven minutes. Derry Foley was in inspirational form at Cerefield while Sean Brett and Tom Macken were on top in defence. Davy Hogan scored the first half goal while substitute, Mark Leonard, got the second. Longford notched 1-3 in the last ten minutes but there was never any doubt about the outcome. The final score was 2-12 to 2-5 in favour of Tipperary.

The Captain, Philly Ryan, Was presented with the Cup by Albert Fallon, Vice-president of the G.A.A. and chairman of the Leinster Council. The successful side was as follows: P. Ryan (Commercials), S. Brett (Mullinahone), B. Lawlor (Mullingar Shamrocks), P. Gleeson (Arravale Rovers), M. Sheehan (Nenagh), T. Macken (Ballyporeen), T. Anglim (St. Patrick's), B. Burke (Fethard), D. Foley (Moyle Rovers), B. Cummins (Ardfinnan), P. Lambert (Nemo Rangers), F. O'Callaghan (Commercials), J. O'Dwyer (Killenaule), J. Costello (Kilmacud Crokes), D. Hogan (St. Patrick's). Subs: M. Leonard (Aherlow) for Hogan; C. O'Reilly (Cashel) for Anglim; P. Costello (Garda) for Foley. The Selectors were: Seamus McCarthy (Galtee Rovers), D.J. Gleeson (Eire Og/Annacarty), Michael Power (Newcastle) Pete Savage (Ardfinnan).



Back row, Left to Right: John O'Dwyer, John Costello, Fergal O'Callaghan, Derry Foley, Brian Burke, Brendan Cummins, Brian Lawlor, Mark Sheehan.

Front row, Left to Right: Tom Anglim, Sean Brett, Davy Hogan, Peter Lambert, Philly Ryan (Capt.), Peter Gleeson, Tom Macken,

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## ARRAVALÉ ROVERS

### ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS 1895

The Arravale Rovers club, representing Tipperary, won the 1895 All-Ireland senior football final, when they beat Navan O'Mahony's of Meath. However, if it were one hundred years later, the club might never have got the opportunity to represent the county.

One can take up the story in the county semi-final of 1895, played on October 27th at Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir between the Tipperary town club and Grangemockler. Twenty minutes before the end of the game Grangemockler were awarded a free and Arravale disagreed so much with the verdict they walked off the field! When the matter was discussed at the county council of the Tipperary G.A.A. early in December it was decided that the final twenty minutes of the game be played in Cashel on December 22nd after which the winners would play the county final against Loughmore.

Grangemockler refused to abide by the decision and the matter came before the Central Council of the Association in January 1896. The decision of the county council of the Tipperary G.A.A. was upheld and the match fixed for Cashel on February 3. Grangemockler refused to field and Arravale had a facile victory over Loughmore by 4-6 to 0-1 to become county champions.

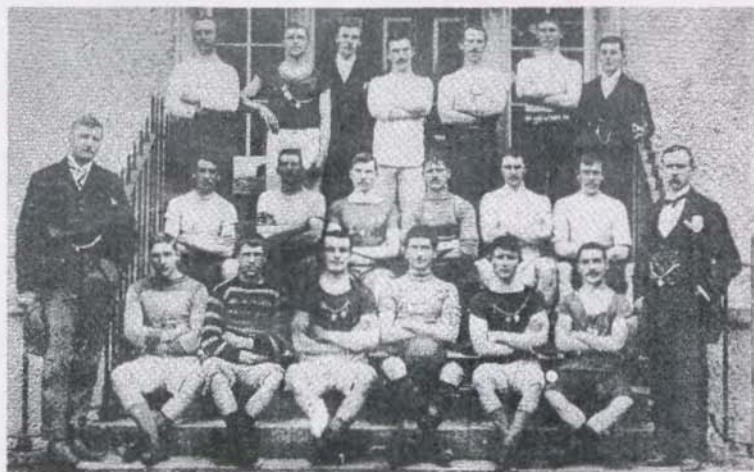
As champions of county Tipperary, Arravale's next game was against Waterford in the Munster championship. They beat them by 2-7 to 0-1 at Tipperary on February 1 and went on to beat Limerick Commercials by 0-5 to 0-2 in the final at Kilmallock on February 23. Entry to the pitch cost three pence. Playing for Limerick on that occasion was Willie Quane, a brother of Robert, who was a star on the Arravale side.

This victory qualified the Tipperary side for the All-Ireland. It was fixed for Jones's Road on March 15 and was played in conjunction with the hurling All-Ireland. Admission charges for the day were six pence to the track around the pitch and twelve pence for a stand seat. These were pre-booked prices. Those who bought their tickets on the day paid double the prices.

Arravale wore white jerseys and togs while Navan O'Mahony's were in crimson jerseys and green togs. The day was wet and windy and the Meath side, having won the toss, decided to play with the wind. They made good use of it and led by three points to nil at halftime. Arravale began to peg back the lead in the second half and with ten minutes remaining the sides were level. Three minutes later Arravale Rovers got the crucial score, when Willie Ryan sent over the bar to put the Tipperary side a point in front. Apart from the point Ryan had a fine game and was regarded as the star of the side. The final score was Arravale Rovers 0-4: Navan O'Mahony's 0-3.

However, the result was in doubt as a result of a letter to the newspaper the following day by the referee, J.J. Kenny of Dublin. According to him Tipperary's second point was illegal because the player wasn't outside the twenty-one yard line when the ball was kicked out. The letter was read out at the next central council meeting but it was decided to uphold the referees decision on the pitch. The council decided, because of Navan's good sportsmanship in not pursuing Mr. Kenny's claims, to put up a special set of silver medals, for a return bout between Rovers and the O'Mahony's.

The All-Ireland champions were: P.Finn (Capt.), W.Ryan, B.Quane, J.Riordan, M.Finn, M.McInerney, P. Glasheen, J.Carey, M.Conroy, D.Butler, W.Ryan, J.Heffernan, J.O'Brien, P.Daly, B.Finn, P.Dwyer, J.Carew. Subs: D.Quane, J.Luddy, W.O'Shea, M.Ryan, B. Swords, M.O'Meara, F.Jones.



*Co. Tipperary (Arravale Rovers) winners of the 1895 All-Ireland football championship.*

Front Row:(J. Ryan President), W. Ryan, M. McInerney, R.Quane, W.P. Ryan (Capt.), M. Connery, W.P. Quane, (J.J. Burke, Sec.). Centre Row: J. O'Brien, P. Daly, J. Carew, R. Swords, J. Riordan, M. Butler. Back Row: J. Luddy, W. O'Shea, (W.Dwyer, Treasurer), P. Dwyer, P.Glasheen, M. Ryan, (J. Wuse, Assistant Sec.)

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