

Co. Tipperary Senior Football Final
Match Programme
2008



*Cluichí Cheannais Peil
Thiobraid Árann
Idirmheanach agus Sinsear*

October 26, 2008

1.00 pm

Intermediate Football Final

Clonmel Óg v

Kilsheelan/Kilcash

Réiteoir

Paddy Russell (Emly)

at Monroe

3.00 pm

Senior Football Final

Cahir v Galtee Rovers

Réiteoir

John Kelly (Thurles)

at Leahy Park, Cashel

Runaí: Tadhg de Flóid

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Fáilte an Chathaoirligh (Sean Ó'Costagáin)



It is my privilege as chairman of the County Board to welcome you all to Leahy Park, Cashel for what promises to be a great football day. First of all I would like to welcome the participants in the senior final, Cahir who will be endeavouring to emulate the men of 2005 who captured the O'Dwyer trophy for the first time and Galtee Rovers whose last title was back in 1981. Both teams had to battle to reach this stage of the competition with Cahir coming from behind Moyle Rovers in the dying minutes to carve out a memorable one point victory in their semi-final. The Galtee boys victory was equally hard earned as in their semi-final with great rivals and neighbours Aherlow they found themselves nine points in arrears after fifteen minutes but they fought back to win

by a three point margin. Everything is set for what should be a great final and in a year when football has made great progress in the county may the contest live up to expectations.

The curtain raiser will see Clonmel Óg and Kilsheelan Kilcash battle for the intermediate title which will be a repeat of the South final when the town boys had a one point victory. There is no doubt but today's pairing represents the best two teams in the grade in the county and an added bonus for the victors will be senior status for 2009.

Sadly since the South final selector William Robinson will be absent from the Kilsheelan Kilcash management team but I have no doubt but he will be present in spirit and his sad loss will undoubtedly spur the men from the beautiful village to bring back the trophy after a number of near misses. Great credit is due to Clonmel Óg for reaching the final and with their impressive run to date will be slight favourites to capture the title. May the best team win.

The Loughmore-Castleiney men who won county senior titles in football in 1973, 1977, 1979 and 1983 are being honoured today courtesy of "The Nationalist" and "Templemore Arms Hotel". On behalf of the County Board I would like to welcome the Loughmore-Castleiney teams and sincerely thank the generous sponsors and hope they all have a most enjoyable day.

To the Cashel King Cormacs club, our hosts today I would like to thank you for the excellent organisation that you put into preparing for occasions like today and I hope everything goes well for you.

Finally I would like to wish John Kelly the best of luck as moltoir in senior final and Paddy Russell who will referee the intermediate final. I hope that Paddy will continue for many years to come to officiate at our domestic games even though he has blown "The Final Whistle" on his intercounty career. In conclusion I would like to congratulate Paddy on his wonderful book and also the author Jackie Cahill. I hope it will generate an extra few bob for you both that will be some small compensation for your remarkable contribution to the Gaelic Athletic Association over the years.



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Captains & Referees

Cahir Captain, Padraig Hyland was part of a very successful juvenile structure in the 1990s. He started playing football and hurling in the very popular parish leagues. His haul of juvenile medals is impressive:

South: U12 "A" H (1), U14H (3), U14F (4), U16F (1), M. F. 1995

County: Under 14H (1), U14F (3), U16F (1)

Padraig was part of the minor football team that won the county "A" championship in 1996, as well as the South U21F titles in 1995 and 1996 and U21H in 1996. He won South and county I. F. titles in 1998 and South and county U21 "B" hurling in 2000. He was also part of the senior team that won the South S. F. titles in 2001 and of course the 2003 South and county S. F. titles. So with a distinguished club career, Padraig will be hoping to lift the county S. F. trophy for only the second time in the club's history.



Galtee Captain, Cathal Moloney has given many years of service to his club, in hurling as well as football. He has 7 West senior football medals to his credit for 1999-2004 inclusive and 2008. He has also won 2 West junior hurling A and 4 West intermediate hurling titles in 2000, 2001, 2007 and 2008. He has also won a county junior hurling A title in 1999 and a county intermediate hurling title in 2001. A quiet, unassuming and popular captain, equally good between the posts in hurling as well as football, he led by example in semi-final when he stopped a penalty.



JOHN KELLY A member of Thurles/Rahealty/Fennellys club, John commenced refereeing in 1990. He has refereed at every county final level. He has also refereed at schools, inter-firms and colleges levels. John is married to Paula and has three daughters, Ciara, Rachel and Lillian and lives in Ballinure, Thurles.

John comes from Castledermot, Co. Kildare and has played for Kildare at all levels. He also played for the Tipperary Senior Football Team, managed by the late William Robinson, losing in three Munster Finals. He cannot understand why some G.A.A. players give referees verbal abuse and a hard time when refereeing a game.

For him the biggest problem refereeing is the tackle in football. Also, picking the ball off the ground.

He got involved in refereeing in an accidental way. No referee turned up for a match he went to see so he took the whistle and started from there.



He enjoys rugby, having played for Thurles for fifteen years and he referees rugby matches in the winter to keep fit.

PADDY RUSSELL Paddy's home club is Emly and he started refereeing back in 1976. He has refereed in all grades in schools, inter-firms, club, inter-county, etc. The one rule he would like to see changed is the pick-up.

The funniest moment during his refereeing career when he looks back is the Charlie Redmond incident in the 1995 All-Ireland.

He got involved in refereeing when he was asked by his club to attend a juvenile refereeing course. The rest is history.

According to him the best referees are those who never refereed a match of any kind, which is why he takes all their critical comments to heart.

Paddy's refereeing story, 'The Final Whistle' was launched recently and has been very well received.



Clonmel Óg (Yellow & Blue)

1

Keith Madigan

2

Colin O'Mahony

3

Conor Morrissey

4

Brian Gentles

5

Michael Condon

6

Noel Walsh

7

Christy Aylward

8

Shane Kearney

9

Johnny Cagney

10

Malcolm O'Connor

11

Robbie Hickey

12

Ian Purcell
(Captain)

13

Dwayne Burns

14

John Crotty

15

Jonathan Donoghue

16. Karl Kearney 17. Ivan McMenamin 18. Mark Gregory 19. Aidan Fox
20. Eoin Fallon 21. Graham Quinn 22. Ross Aylward 23. Darren Boland

Selectors: John Crotty, Tom Mansfield, Kieran Hogan & Johnny O'Connell

Physio: Sean Quirke. *Equipment & Kit:* Jim Cleary



Clonmel Óg Team

Back row (L to R) Eoin Fallon, Ivan McMenamin, Karl Kearney, Jonathan O'Donoghue, Shane Kearney, John Crotty, Johnny Cagney, Mark Gregory, Malcolm O'Connor, Michael Condon, Noel Walsh, Robbie Hickey. *Front row (L to R)* Ross Aylward, Colin O'Mahony, Conor Morrissey, Aidan Fox, Ian Purcell, Dwayne Byrne, Declan Rix, Brian Gentles, Darren Boland, Christopher Aylward, Keith Madigan, Paul Cagney.

Kilsheelan - Kilcash (Blue & Gold)

1
David Power

2
Noel Ryan

3
Jimmy Ryan

4
William Larkin

5
Martin Larkin

6
Tommy Ryan

7
Naoise O Cuinneagain

8
John Roche
(Captain)

9
Eoin Ryan

10
Pierce Larkin

11
Patrick Larkin

12
Ian Coughlan

13
Michael McHugh

14
Paul Denn

15
Edward Sweeney

16. Michael Dempsey 17. Keith Robinson 18. Damian McCarthy

19. Michael Halpin 20. Donncha Lonergan 21. Peter O'Connell

22. Jason Fogarty 23. Colm Sweeney 24. Niall Cloona 25. Keith O'Brien

26. John Noonan 27. Paul Kennedy

Manager: Tommy Lonergan Selectors: Michael Loughlin (Coach) & Jim Healy

Doctor: Kevin Kelly Physio: Johnny Grace



Kilsheelan/Kilcash Team

Front L to R: Michael Halpin, Ian Coughlan, Martin Larkin, Donnacha Lonergan, David Power, John Noonan, Edward Sweeney, Peter O'Connell, Niall Cloona, Colm Sweeney, Naoise O Cuinneagain, Michael Dempsey. Back L to R: John Roche, Paul Kennedy, Eoin Ryan, Tommy Ryan, Shane Prendergast, Adrian Walsh, Damien Mc Carthy, Keith Robinson, Niall Walsh, Noel Ryan, Pierce Larkin, Ross Larkin, Michael Mc Hugh and Keith O'Brien.



*Best wishes to Galtee Rovers
from*

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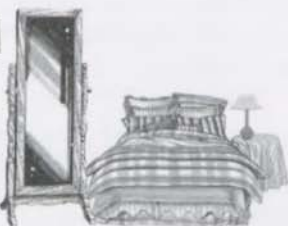
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Cahir Player Profiles

Michael Hickey, 17 years, 6', 12 st; South & county under-12 A 2003, South & county MF B 2008; played intercounty MF in 2007 and 2008

Eddie Kendrick, 17 years, 6' 1", 12 stone; under-12 South & County A 2003, South & County MF B 2008; intercounty MF 2008

Aaron Wall, 17 years, 5' 10", 10 st.; South & county under-12 A 2003, South & county MF B 2008.

Paul McEvoy, 18 years, 5' 10", 13 st 4; South & county under-14 2003, South & county MF B 2008; intercounty MF 2008

Gerard Hally, 19 years, 5' 11" 12 stone; South & county under-14 2003

Aidan Casey, 20 years, 6', 13 stone; South & county MF B, 2004.

Ronan Farrell, 20 years, 6' 3", 11 stone

Aidan Burke, 21 years, 5' 10", 13 stone; South & county MF B 2004, minor county league 2003; intercounty MF 2005, Munster VS B 2003-04

Eric Flannery, 21 years, 5' 10", 11 stone; South & county MF B 2004, minor county league 2003; AIV S B 20004, county SFL 2007

Keith Maguire, 22 years, 5' 9", 11 stone 6; South & county MF B 2004, minor county league 2003, county SFL 2007

Liam O'Gorman, 22 years, 6' 4", 14 stone 7; Munster League 2003, 2007, county MFL, South & county SF 2003; intercounty under-21F 2006

Benny Ryan, 23 years, 5' 11", 11 stone 4; county MFL 2001, 2003, county premier AFL 2007, Munster League 2006, intercounty under-21F 2006

Tom O'Gorman, 28 years, 5' 10", 12 stone; South & county under-14 1994, South JFC

2000, South SFC 2001, 2003, county SFC 2003, Munster League 2003, 2007, county league 2007, South & county under-21 B hurling 2000; intercounty under-21F

Paddy O'Flaherty, 25 years, 5' 8", 11 stone 7; South Sf 2001, 2003, county SF 2003, county premier A L 2007, Munster SFL 2003, 2007, South MF A 2000, South under-14 and under-16, county Peil na nÓg 1997, county under-21 B hurling 2000, South MH B, South under-14 A hurling. Intercounty all grades, Nenagh Co-Op under-16 hurling, Munster under-17 Comp. Rules 2000.

Noel O'Gorman, 25 years, 5' 10", 14 stone; South SF 2001, 2003, county SF 2003, county SFL, Munster Leagues, South MF 2000, South JF 2000.

Gavin Berry, 25 years, 5' 11", 12 stone; South & county SFC 2003, county league 2007, Munster league 2003, 2007

Robert Costigan, 26 years, 6' 2", 13 stone 3; South SF 2001, South & County SF 2003, county league 2007, Munster league 2003, 2007; intercounty under-21F, SF, McGrath Cup 2003, Tommy Murphy Cup 2006, Promotion NFL 2008

Brian Enright, 25 years, 6' 1", 13 stone; South under-14 1996, South MH & MF 2000, South & county under-21H 2000, Munster League 2003, 2007, South SFC 2001, 2003, county SFC 2003; intercounty All Grades football, Tommy Murphy Cup 2005, McGrath Cup 2003, Munster & All-I intermediate hurling 2000.

James McGrath, 26 years, 5' 4", 10 stone; South SFC 2001, 2003, South MFC, South JFC, County League 2007, Munster League 2003, 2007, county SFC 2003; intercounty under-21F & JF

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Cahir Player Profiles

Benny Hickey, 29 years, 6'3", 14 stone; county SFC 2003, South SFC 2001, 2003, South & county IFC, MF A, under-21 H B, South & county Under-12, 14, 16, county A under-14, South under-12 & 14 H; intercounty under-21, junior & senior football, McGrath Cup 2003, Tommy Murphy Cup 2005

Diarmuid Tarrant, 27 years, 6' 3", 15 stone;

Niall Morrison, 29, 6' 3", 14 stone 7; county league 2007, Munster league 2007, under-12, 14, 16 and county minor titles; intercounty junior football

Ciaran O'Flaherty, 30 years, 6', 12 stone 3; South & county SFC 2003, South SFC 2001, Munster league 2003, 2 county senior league. intercounty minor football.

James Hyland, 32 years, 6'2", 13 stone; county SFC 2003, 2 South SFC, 1 South & county IFC, 2 South IHC, Adult Co. F.L Premier & Div. 1, 2 Munstr League, South under-21 F A, South U21 H B, South MF B, Under-16 A South & county A football, under-14 South H

Mark Costigan, 30 years, 5' 11", 12 stone 7; South & county SF 2003

Padraig Hyland, 30 years, 6' 2", 13 7; South & county MF 1996, South & county IF 1998, South SF 2001, 2003, county SF 2003.

Gary Morrison, 32, 6', 14 stone 7; county SF 2003, South SF 2001, 2003, South & county IF 1998; intercounty JF, All-Ireland JF 1998

Paul Frazer, 33, 6', 13 stone: Many juvenile schievevements, county IF 1998, South SF 2001, 2003, county SF 2003, Munster league 2003, 2007, county league 2007.

Michael Tarrant, 35 years, 6' 4", 14 stone 7; county SF 2003, South SF 2001, 2003, County League 2007, Munster league 2003, 2007; intersoucntry junior and senior football.

Derek Davis, 28 years, 5' 11", 14 stone; won medals at all grades from under-12 to senior in football, won medals at all grades from under-12 to under-21 in hurling, Leinster medals with St. Kierans. under-16 Nenagh Co-Op.



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During the 1950s and 1960s, the most successful era of Cahir G. A. A. (known then as "Cahir Slashers"), there were many fine footballers in the club. However, one of the finest was Tom Walsh of Ballymacadam. Tom won many honours with the club, for whom, he usually played in the half-back line.

Tom was on the first juvenile team to win a football title in 1950, along with his brother Eamon. In 1953, Tom starred on the minor team that won the county for the first time. That year is best remembered for the four games it took to win the South final against Clonmel Commercials.



Tom's talent was recognised by the county minor selectors and he played in 1954 and again in 1955, at centre-back, when Tipperary won the Munster and were unlucky to lose to Dublin in the All-Ireland final.

Tom went on to win county junior football titles with Cahir in 1955 and 1958 and was a key figure in the Cahir team that won the club's first South senior title in 1959.

Tom was a regular on the Tipperary senior football team and had the distinction of playing centre-back for Munster in the Railway Cup in 1959. Tom continued to play for Cahir right up to the late 60s.

All Tom's brothers Eamon, Pat, Sean, Michael, Willie R. I. P., and James were integral parts of many Cahir football teams.

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Front Row: Padraig Hyland, Aidan Casey, Paddy O'Flaberty, Eddie Kendrick, Michael Hickey, James McGrath, Tom O'Gorman, Eric Flannery, Brian Enright, Keith Maguire.

Missing: Ger Hally, Benny Ryan, Benny Hickey, Ciaran O'Flaberty, Gary Morrison, Ronan Farrell, Aidan Burke, Derek Davis.

Cahir (Green & White)

1

Brian Enright

2

Paul Frazer

3

Padraig Hyland
(Captain)

4

Gerald Hally

5

James Hyland

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Robert Costigan

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Paddy O'Flaherty

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Liam O'Gorman

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Michael Tarrant

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James McGrath

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22. Eric Flannery 23. Tom O'Gorman 24. Michael Hickey
25. Gary Morrison 26. Keith Maguire 27. Gavin Berry
28. Ronan Farrell 29. Derek Davis 30. Eddie Kendrick

Selectors: Colm O'Flaherty (*Manager*), Alan O'Connor (*Trainer*),
Pat O'Brien, Ger Leahy

Medical: Susan Morrison, Chartered Physiotherapist

Club Officers: **Chairman:** Larry Molan; **Secretary:** Eddie Lonergan;
Treasurer: Ger O'Brien; **P. R. O.:** Jim Swords

Galtee Rovers (Red & White)

1

Cathal Moloney
(Captain)

2

Vincent Murphy

3

Mark Peters

4

Christopher Higgins

5

Pa Morrissey

6

John Morrissey

7

Adrian Grace

8

Colin Morrissey

9

Mark O'Brien

10

Pat Marnane

11

Denis Peters

12

Michael O'Connell

13

Tony Egan

14

Declan Peters

15

Shane Egan

16. Patrick Ryan 17. Paul McCarthy 18. Tony O'Brien
19. Kevin Bergin 20. Kieran Marnane 21. Andrew Morrissey
22. David Morrissey 23. David Byron 24. Padraig O'Halloran
25. Damien Ryan 26. Christopher Doyle 27. Stephen McGrath
28. Seamus Moloney 29. Edmond Grace

Manager – Willie Tarrant

Selectors – Philip Quirke & Johnny Halpin

Physio – Louise Carroll



Galtie Rovers

Back Row L to R; Tony Egan, Padraig O'Halloran, David Byron, Shane Egan, Paul McCarthy, Kieran Marnane, Mark O'Brien, Cathal Moloney, Denis Peters, Michael O'Connell, Tony O'Brien, Patrice Ryan, John Morrissey. Front L/R; Vincent Murphy, Adrian Grace, David Morrissey, Declan Peters, Christopher Higgins, Damien Ryan, Colin Morrissey, Pat Marnane, Pa Morrissey, Mark Peters, Andrew Morrissey, Kevin Bergin.

Vincent O'Donnell

1951 - 2002 - Galtee Rovers - St. Pegaun's

When JJ Kennedy published his excellent "West Tipperary GAA" in May 2001, the book included Football and Hurling Teams of the Millennium from the West Division. The football team featured 5 Galtee Rovers players including the great Larry Maher at centre Back, Sean McGovern at wing forward, a full forward line featuring Seamus McCarthy and Pad Joe O'Brien and the late great Vincent O'Donnell at midfield. To be selected in such a pivotal position was simply recognition of Vincent's ability to command his workspace and pluck balls from the sky with effortless ease while offering leadership and determination throughout the field.

Vincent O'Donnell hailed from Ballydrehid and from an early age he impressed all who saw him as a talented sportsman with a flair for football, hurling and athletics, particularly the long jump. As a juvenile he played on several Galtee Rovers teams nurtured and encouraged by John Moloney, his neighbour, Matt Nugent and a host of others. His greatest hour in that era was when the club won a County under 15 Rural Football title in 1965. Having lost the 1964 final to St. Joseph's Ferryhouse, Bansha made no mistake the following year, defeating Moyne-Templetuohy on the score 3-5 to 0-5. Apart from Vincent O'Donnell this team also included Seamie Grogan, Jimmy Ferris and Jim Gallagher who went on to senior success in the 70s.

In the late 60s Galtee Rovers assembled an excellent junior hurling team and again Vincent's all round ability and fearless commitment came to the fore. While still a minor he lined out at wing forward on the team that brought a West junior hurling championship to the club in 1969. This feat was repeated in 1971 when the D'Arcy brothers, Michael, Billy and Jim again lined out with O'Donnell on the winning team. In that same year O'Donnell featured on the Tipp senior football team who won division 2 of the National League, captained by Babs Keating.

Vincent O'Donnell's next recorded success with Galtee Rovers was in 1975 when the club won the West senior football final. This was the same year that our under 21 outfit brought West and county honours to Bansha and Kilmoyler. This under 21 success heralded the beginning of an incredible era in the club with 3 county senior football championships being won between 1976 and 1981. Amazingly, Galtee Rovers contested every county final in that 6 years and Vincent O'Donnell was a permanent fixture either at midfield or centre back on those teams. In 1976 Jimmy Ferris captained the side to victory in Semple Stadium when Seamus McCarthy and Paddy Morrissey proved unstoppable at midfield against Arravale Rovers. By this time Vincent O'Donnell was a permanent fixture on the Tipp team and he was presented with a Cidona Award for 1976. Provincial recognition was soon to follow and he featured on the Munster panel who defeated Ulster after a replay in the Railway Cup final of 1978. This was a team featuring Billy Morgan, John O Keeffe, Pat Spillane and Tim Kennelly.

After the pain of 3 defeats in successive years, we finally regained county honours against arch rivals, Loughmore in Fethard in 1980. Fittingly, on this occasion Vincent O'Donnell captained the side and he produced a powerful display of high fielding, while his ability to anticipate danger was second to none.

The following year Galtee Rovers set out to defend their hard-earned county title and eventually reached the final against Kilsheelan. This game was played in Clonmel and resulted in a comfortable Bansha win under the captaincy of full back, Michael Hickey. This was Vincent O'Donnell's last appearance in a final and once more he produced an impeccable display of fielding and distribution of the ball. Significantly we have had to wait 27 years for another tilt at the county title and we can only hope that the wait will have been worth it.

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Galtee Rovers Player Profiles

Cathal Moloney. Age; 30. Occupation; Building and Renovation Contractor

Honours; 7 West senior football, 1999, 00, 01, 02, 03, 04, 08. 2 West JHA, County JHA 1999 and County Intermediate hurling, 2001. 4 West Intermediate hurling, 2000, 01, 07, 08.

Christopher Higgins. Age; 25. Occupation; Self employed builder/ carpenter

Honours; West under 12, under 14, under 16 hurling. 2 West minor hurling, 2000-01, West under 21 and junior hurling. 2 West under 12 and under 14 football. West and county minor football 1998 and 5 under 21 football 2000-04. West and County junior football 07 and 4 senior football, 2000-02 and 08. Munster Colleges Football and hurling, 1996, St Ailbe's VS

Mark Peters. Age; 27. Occupation; Financial Adviser

Honours; West Senior Hurling, 2003, 3 West Intermediate hurling, 2 West and 1 Co. Junior hurling 1999, 1 Munster Intermediate Hurling, 2001, West and County under 12, 14, 16 and minor football, 4 West under 21 football, 6 West senior football titles, All-Ireland Colleges Football, Abbey CBS

Vinny Murphy. Age; 28. Occupation; Scaffolder

Honours; West senior hurling 2003, 4 West and 1 County Intermediate. hurling, 2001, West and County JHA, 1999, West under 21 and minor hurling, West and County titles in under 12, under 14 and minor football, 1992-98 1 West under 16 and 3 West under 21 football titles. 6 West senior football. 2 McGabhann Cup, 2 Munster senior Colleges football, 1 All-Ireland Colleges football Abbey CBS

Adrian Grace. Age; 21. Occupation; Apprentice Electrician

Honours; West under 16, minor and under 21 hurling. West under 16, minor and under 21 football titles. West and County junior B football 2007. West senior football 2008. Munster under 15 B football 2003 and Munster senior B football 2005, Abbey CBS.

John Morrissey. Age; 27. Occupation; Quantity Surveyor

Honours; West senior hurling, 2003, 4 West and 1 County Intermediate. hurling, 2001, West and County JHA, 1999, West under 21 and minor hurling, West and County titles in under 12, under 14 and minor football, 1992-98 1 West under 16 and 3 West under 21 football titles. 6 West senior football. 2 McGabhann Cup, 2 Munster senior Colleges football, 1 All-Ireland Colleges football Abbey CBS

Pa Morrissey. Age; 27. Occupation; Engineer

Honours; West senior hurling, 2003, 4 West Int. hurling and 1 County, 2001, West and County Junior Hurling, 1999, West under 21 A and B hurling, West minor B hurling, West and County under 12, Under 14 and minor football, West under 16 and under 21 football, 7 West senior football titles, 1999-08 Munster Intermediate hurling, 2002, 2 Dublin senior hurling championships UCD, 2005 and 06.

Colin Morrissey. Age; 28. Occupation; Solicitor

Honours; West senior hurling, 2003, 4 West 2000, 01, 07, 08, and 1 County Int. hurling, 2001, West and County Junior A hurling, 1999, West under 21 and minor hurling, West and County under 12, 14 and minor football, 92-98 West under 16 and under 21 football, 7 West senior football titles, Munster minor hurling 1997 and Munster and All Ireland intermediate hurling titles, 2000, Munster Intermediate 2002.

Mark O'Brien. Age; 23. Occupation; Labourer

Honours; West under 12, under 14, under 16, minor, under 21, intermediate, 2007, 08 and senior hurling 2003. West under 12, under 16, minor, under 21 and junior football titles, 2 County under 14 football and 3 West senior football titles. Primary game football and 2 Cumann na mBunscol Co. titles, Tankerstown N.S.

Patrick Marnane. Age; 23. Occupation; Electrician

Honours; West under 12, under 14, under 16, minor, under 21, 4 intermediate 2001, 02, 07, 08 and West senior hurling, 2003. County intermediate hurling, 2001, West under 12, under 16, minor and under 21 football titles. West and County under 14 football, 1999, 4 West senior football titles, Munster under 14 football, 1999, Munster junior and senior Colleges football, Munster V.S. senior hurling, 01, Colaiste Dun Iascaigh.

Denis Peters. Age; 26. Occupation; Factory Foreman

Honours; 7 West Senior football, 99-04 and 2008, 5 West under 21 football, west and County minor football, 1998 West and County under 12, 92, and under 14 football, 94. West under 12, under 14 and minor football. West senior hurling 2003, intermediate hurling 00, 01, 07, 08 County intermediate 2001 Junior B hurling 2000. Has represented Tipp in minor, under 21 and junior football.

Michael O'Connell. Age; 22. Occupation; Plumber

Honours; West under 12, under 14, under 16, minor Football 1997 to 2003. West under 21 football, 2002, 2003. West and County junior football 2007. West senior football, 2008.

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Tony Egan. Age; 21. Occupation; Mechanic

Honours; West under 12, under 14, under 16, minor and under 21 hurling. West under 12, under 14, under 16, minor and under 21 football. West senior football, 2008, West and County Junior B football 2007

Declan Peters. Age; 25. Occupation; Civil Engineer

Honours; West under 14, under 16 and minor hurling. West and County under 14 1996/97, and minor football titles, 1998, 3 West under 21 and 6 West senior football titles. Scottish and British All-Star football teams for 2006-7. County under 16 minor and under 21 appearances. Scottish Championship, Napier University.

Shane Egan. Age; 19. Occupation; Student

Honours; West under 12, under 16 and minor hurling. West under 12, under 14 and under 16 football. West and County Junior B football 2007. West senior football 2008. Munster Colleges B football 05 and 07, Abbey CBS.

Patrick Ryan. Age; 28. Occupation; Irish Defence Forces

Honours; West under 16 football, 1999, West minor Football, 2000, under 21, 2004. West and County Junior B football 2007, West senior football 2008.

Kevin Bergin. Age; 25. Occupation; Electrician

Honours; West under 12, under 14, under 16 and minor A hurling titles. West intermediate hurling 2001, 07, 08, and senior hurling, 2003. West under 12, under 14, minor and junior B football. County junior B football, 2007. West senior football 2004 and 08. County intermediate hurling, 2001 and under 14 football. South Tipp VS junior football, 1998, Colaiste Dun Iascaigh. County, Cumann na mBunscol Tankerstown N.S.

Tony O'Brien. Age; 22. Occupation; Train Driver

Honours; West under 12, under 14, under 16, minor and under 21 hurling titles. West intermediate hurling, 2007/08 West senior hurling 2003. West Under 12, under 14, under 16, minor and under 21 football. 2 West senior football titles, 2004, 08. Represented Tipp in under 15 and under 16 hurling. West Tipp under 16 hurling. County Cumann na mBunscol Thomastown N.S.

Kieran Marnane. Age; 21. Occupation; Painter and Decorator

Honours; West under 12, under 14, under 16, minor and under 21 hurling titles. West intermediate hurling, 2007, 08, County League 2007. West under 12, under 14, under 16 and minor football. West junior football, 2004 and senior football 2004, 08. Vocational Schools All-Ireland hurling 2004, Colaiste Dun Iascaigh.

Damien Ryan. Age; 20. Occupation; Student

Honours; West under 16, minor and under 21 hurling. West under 16, minor and under 21 football titles. West and County junior B football 2007. West senior football 2008. Munster under 15 B football 2003 and Munster senior B football 2005, Abbey CBS.

Andrew Morrissey. Age; 25.**Occupation; Blocklayer**

Honours; West under 12, under 16, minor hurling, West junior B hurling 2000, 4 West intermediate hurling, West senior hurling, 2003. West under 12 football, West and County under 14 and minor football. 5 West under 21 football, 2000-04, 6 West senior football. Munster minor hurling 2001 and under 21, 2004. Captained Abbey CBS to Munster and All-Ireland Colleges hurling, 2002. Munster SF panellist 06. Various league titles.

David Morrissey. Age; 23. Occupation; Technician

Honours; West under 12, under 14, under 16 and minor hurling. 3 West under 21 A hurling, West junior hurling and 3 intermediate hurling, 01, 07 and 08. West under 12, under 14, under 16 minor and under 21 football, (4). 6 West senior Football titles, 2000-04 and 08, 3 Munster minor hurling and 1 Munster under 21 hurling. Fitzgibbon Cup, 2005 and 07, LIT, All-Ireland Colleges hurling 2002, Abbey CBS, All-Ireland freshers hurling 2004.

Christopher Doyle. Age; 19. Occupation; Asst. Retail Manager

Honours; West intermediate hurling 07, 08. West and County Junior football 2007, Tipperary Vocational Schools Munster and All-Ireland titles 05/6 and 06/7. Munster senior Schools 06/7 St Ailbe's.

Padraig O'Halloran. Age; 28. Occupation; Leisure Manager

Honours; 5 West senior Football, West under 14, under 16, minor, under 21, junior and intermediate hurling.. County junior hurling A 1999 West and County under 12 A football 1992. Under 14 football 92-93, under 16 football, 1996, minor West and County 1998, 3 under 21 and 1 West Junior B.

Paul McCarthy. Age; 26. Occupation; Finance Officer

Honours; West under 21 hurling, 2003 West and County under 14 football 1996 West under 21 football 2001, 02, 03 Captain. 5 West senior Football 2001-04 and 08. Played county under 21 and minor football.

David Byron. Age; 25. Occupation; Carpenter

Honours; West senior hurling 2003, 7 West senior football, County Minor football, County Junior hurling and County intermediate hurling. West and County minor football, West under 12, under 14 and under 16 hurling and football. 4 West intermediate hurling championships. 2000-01-07-08.

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Loughmore - Castleiney

In keeping with the practice of the past number of years, the Tipperary county board, in conjunction with the Nationalist and the Templemore Arms, honour the county senior football champions of 1971, 1977, 1979 and 1983, Loughmore-Castleiney, at the county senior football final at Leahy Park, Cashel today. The members of the victorious panel will be given a reception at the Cashel King Cormac's clubrooms at 1.30 pm and will be guests of the county board at the final. At half time in the senior game they will be led on to the field by their captains, and introduced to the crowd. After the games they will be taken to Templemore Arms for dinner. Following the meal they will be made a presentation by the Nationalist. The occasion will be a special opportunity for the members of the teams to reminisce about their great exploits on the field of play so many years ago.

The Seventies Were Mighty for Loughmore-Castleiney

When the seventies dawned in Loughmore-Castleiney the record of the club in senior football was anything but impressive. Defeats had been their lot more than victories. Clubs from the parish had qualified for twelve county finals since the foundation of the G.A.A. but victory was recorded on only four occasions in 1913, 1940, 1946 and 1955. In fact following the victory over Arravale Rovers in the 1955 final, Loughmore-Castleiney lost four finals in a row. This record was to change dramatically in the seventies.

There wasn't much anticipation of this change in fortunes in the early part of the decade. In 1971 Loughmore-Castleiney were completely outclassed by Commercial's in the county semi-final. There was the consolation of winning the Mid against Moneygall. They didn't qualify for the semi-finals the following year and it took them a replay to beat Templemore in the separate Mid final. There was a major change in their performances in 1973.

They qualified for the county semi-finals, in which they defeated Moyle Rovers by 2-13 to 1-4. Their opponents in the county final, played at Cashel on October 21, were Ardfinnan. and they won their first final since 1955 by 2-10 to 0-7. Ardfinnan led by 0-5 to 0-3 at the interval. Halfway through the second half the sides were level at 0-7 each but in a dramatic finish Loughmore scored 2-3 to win easily. One of the stars of the winning side was Eddie Webster.

The team was Michael Maher, Eddie Stapleton, Eddie Webster (0-1), Tom Maher, Tom Hayes (capt.), Pat Stapleton, Martin Kiely, Sean Kearney (1-4), Tom Maher (L) (0-3), Tom Treacy, Gerry Stapleton, Martin Hynes, Jack Walsh, John Burke (1-1), Jim Healy (0-1). Subs: Johnny Brennan for Tom Treacy, John Treacy for Jack Walsh, Walsh for Martin Hynes. Referee: George Ryan (Lattin-Cullen).

Loughmore-Castleiney failed to make it to the county semi-final in 1974 and won the Mid final by virtue of a walkover from Templemore. In 1975 Loughmore qualified for the county semi-finals and defeated Ardfinnan by 3-11 to 1-5 at Cashel on August 10. Their opponents in the final were Kilruane MacDonaghs, who had caused



County Senior Football Champions 1973 - Loughmore-Castleiney

Back Row: Louis Maher, Tom Kiely, John Treacy, Paddy Stapleton, Neil Boyle, Tom Maher (Laha), Sean Kearney, Mick Maher, Martin Kiely, Eddie Webster, Gerry Stapleton, Johnsie Bourke, Pat Dwyer, Pat Kiely, Bobby Webster. **Front Row:** Mick Walsh, John Brennan, Michael Webster, Pat Healy, Jim Healy, Martin Hynes, Tom Maher, Tom Hayes (Capt), Tom Treacy, Eddie Stapleton, Jack Walsh, Sean Kiely, Martin Walsh, Pat Quinn, Sean Mockler.

an upset when they defeated Kilsheelan in the other semi-final. The game was played at Nenagh and the North representatives showed fitness, dedication, enthusiasm and an unparalleled win to win. Loughmore dominated the first half but Kilruane were tenacious after the interval and had two points to spare on a scoreline of 3-6 to 1-10 at the final whistle. It was the first time that Kilruane had played in a final and the first time in sixty years for a North club team to be victorious. Loughmore defeated Templemore by 0-8 to 2-1 in the Mid final.

Surprised in 1976

Loughmore-Castleiney were surprised again in 1976 when beaten by Arravale Rovers in the county semi-final by 0-8 to 1-3 at Cashel on August 8. They had the consolation of winning their twelfth Mid title when they defeated Templemore by 1-11 to 2-5.

Matters were to improve in 1977. Loughmore defeated Golden-Rockwell by 0-11 to 1-7 in the county semi-final at Cashel on September 11 and qualified for the final against Galtee Rovers. This game was played at Thurles on October 23 and resulted in a draw at 2-2 each. Heavy drizzle and a fresh breeze combined to make conditions extremely difficult. Galtee Rovers led by 2-2 to 2-1 at the interval but the sides could manage only one point in the second half.

Loughmore-Castleiney: Michael Maher, Eddie Stapleton, Pat Stapleton, Martin Kiely, Michael Maher, Eddie Webster, Mick Webster, Sean Kearney, Tom Kiely, Jim Maher (1-1), Gerry Stapleton, Jim Sweeney, Jim Healy, Tom McGrath (0-1), Michael Walsh (1-0). Subs: John Bourke for Gerry Stapleton. Referee: Billy Carroll (Clonmel)

The replay was at Cashel on November 19 and Loughmore won by 2-6 to 0-5. Leading by 0-4 to 0-3 at the interval, they weren't flattered by their seven-points winning margin. They were very well prepared and were going as well at the finish as they were in the opening minutes.

The team was as follows: Michael Maher, Eddie Stapleton, Pat Stapleton, Martin Kiely, Tom Treacy, Eddie Webster, Michael Webster, Michael Maher, Gerry Stapleton, Tom McGrath, Jim Sweeney, Tom Kiely, Jim Maher, Sean Kearney, Michael Walsh. Subs: Michael McGrath for Tom Treacy, Michael Maher for Tom Treacy, Michael Maher for Tom Kiely, Martin Hynes for Michael Walsh. Referee: Billy Carroll (St. Mary's).

Loughmore-Castleiney lost the 1978 semi-final by 2-13 to 1-10 to Fethard at Cashel on September 10. In the Mid championship Loughmore made it fourteen titles in a row when they defeated Templemore by 1-9 to 2-4 at Thurles on November 12.

Another Victory

Loughmore were back with a bang on 1979. They beat Kilruane-MacDonaghs by 3-14 to 2-8 in the county semi-final at Thurles on July 29. Their opponents in the final at Clonmel on August 26 were Galtee Rovers and they won by 2-11 to 1-9. They led by 1-8 to 0-4 at the interval but Galtee put on the pressure in the second half and came within two points of the winners. However, Loughmore got the decisive second goal which put the verdict beyond doubt.

Loughmore-Castleiney: Michael Maher, Sean Fogarty, Eddie Webster, Martin Kiely, Tom Ryan, Pat McGrath, Eamonn Brennan, Gerry Stapleton, Jim Sweeney, Tom McGrath, Sean Kearney, Tom Kiely, Jim Maher, John Treacy, Michael McGrath. Referee: Billy Carroll (Clonmel).

Loughmore-Castleiney qualified for the 1981 final when they defeated Commercials by 1-10 to 0-8, after leading by 0-5 to 0-3 at the interval, in the semi-final at Cashel on August 3. The final was played at Fethard on August 31 and Galtee Rovers were making their fifth successive appearance in the final, having won their first in 1977. Though the game was close the crowd got little to enthuse about. Loughmore had most of the possession in the first half but wasted much of it and were in front by only a point at the interval. About midway in the second half, Galtee took the initiative and went ahead. They resisted strong Loughmore pressure in the final minutes to win by 0-11 to 0-10. Loughmore had an easy victory in the Mid final when they trounced Moycarkey-Borris by 4-12 to 0-4 in the final on December 6.

In 1982 Loughmore qualified for the semi-final and played Commercials at Thurles on August 29 and the match ended in a draw at Loughmore 0-6 Commercials 1-3. Loughmore lost the replay at the same venue a week later by 0-8 to 0-6. Loughmore took the Mid title when they defeated Moycarkey-Borris by 1-8 to 3-0 at Templemore on November 28.

As a result of the decision of county convention in 1983 the system of running the county senior football championship reverted to the old one of two teams from each division playing quarter-finals. Loughmore defeated Arravale Rovers by 1-10 to 0-4 at Cashel on August 7 and qualified to play Kilsheelan in the semi-final. This game was played at Cashel on September 11 with victory going to Loughmore by 1-10 to 1-7. They led by 1-6 to 1-3 at the interval.

Sensational End to Final

There was a sensational ending to the final played at Cashel on October 8. Loughmore-Castleiney were trailing Fethard by seven points with four minutes to go and had all the looks of a beaten team. However, like Lazarus from the grave, they resurrected their act to score two goals and a point during the final period and grab a draw.

Loughmore-Castleiney: Jim Kiely, Sean Fogarty, Martin Kiely, Richard Stapleton, Tom Ryan, Michael Maher, Eamonn Brennan, Pat McGrath, Gerry Stapleton, Tom McGrath, Michael McGrath, Pat Treacy, Peter Brennan, John Treacy, Michael Walsh; Subs: Jim Gorman for Sean Fogarty. Referee: Paddy Russell (Emly).

Two weeks late the replay was at the same venue and Loughmore won by virtue of a Pat McGrath point from a free three minutes from time. Playing against the wind they were behind by the manageable margin of 0-5 to 1-1 at the interval. A couple of switches, that brought Martin Maher to centrefield and Pat McGrath to centreback, revitalised their challenge and never allowed Fethard to get a grip on the game. In the end they won by 0-8 to 1-4.

Loughmore-Castleiney: Jim Kiely, Tom Ryan, Martin Kiely, Sean Fogarty, Pat Treacy, Michael Maher, Eamonn Brennan, Gerry Stapleton, Tom McGrath, Michael McGrath, Pat McGrath, Jim Cormack, Peter Brennan, John Treacy, Michael Walsh. Subs: Frank McGrath for Jim Cormack, Tom Connolly for Pat Treacy, Jim Cormack for Gerry Stapleton. Referee: Paddy Russell (Emly).

Loughmore's busy year continued with the Munster Club championship. They beat Croom by 0-9 to 1-4 in the first round at Croom on November 6. Three weeks later they played the Clare champions, Doonbeg, at Holycross and the sides drew at 0-8 each. In the replay at Ennis on December 11 Loughmore were beaten by 1-7 to 1-3 in a game that went to extra time.

The Players Who Won the Four County Finals

The Captains:

Tom Hayes: Tom captained the 1973 team from right half back. A defender that gave little away and was an outstanding captain to the side.

Mick Maher: Mick was the goalkeeper in 73 and 77 and captained the 77 side to victory over Galtee Rovers in a replay.

Sean Kearney: Sean lifted the O'Dwyer Cup in Clonmel Sports field in 1979 after giving one of the finest performances seen for many years at the venue. Holder of railway Cups with Munster.

Tom Ryan: It was the turn of Tom Ryan playing at left corner back to captain the team to victory in 1983, defeating Fethard in a replay.

The Rest of the Panel:

At right full back in 1973 and 77 was Eddie Stapleton. Very dependable player who played Minor and U21 with the county.

At fullback was Eddie Webster in 73, 77 and 79. Played for Munster winning Railway Cup medals in 75 and 76. He was a regular with the county team for many years.

Tom Maher was at left corner back in 73. He proved a huge loss when missing for the Munster final v UCC. Paddy Stapleton was a towering figure at centre back in 73 and at full back in 77.

Martin Kiely was an outstanding wing back with great hands and lightening speed. He played in all 4 finals.

Tom Maher (Laha), despite carrying knee injuries

Tom was an outstanding figure at midfield in 73.

Tom Treacy was a tigerish player both in defence and

attack. Played on 73 and 77 teams.

Gerry Stapleton was a tower of strength be it at midfield or on to the forty. Played in all four finals.

Jimmy Sweeney played on the 77 and 79 teams, comfortable at midfield or centre forward.

Tom McGrath came onto the senior side in 1974 and went on to win County Finals in 77, 79, 83, 87 and 92. Tom still plays Junior Football.

Martin Hynes was a dashing wing forward who used his skills and superb fitness to great advantage.

Jack Walsh was a member of the 73, 77 and 79 teams. Jack was the coach of the Senior Hurling County Final winning side in 1988.

Johnsie Bourke played at full forward in 73. Great hands and terrific distributor of the ball in front of the goals.

Jim Healy scored a terrific point to level scores in the 73 final comeback. Always making sure the ball stayed in play at the end line.

Kevin Kelly played in the forward line in 1979.

Pat Quinn had a great year at midfield in 73 always keeping the ball moving.

Pat Kiely was a member of the 73 team. Played in Munster Club Final against UCC at corner back.

Tom Kiely was a very lively player be it at midfield or half forward.

John Treacy, holder of 6 County titles, the only club member to have done so. Has been club secretary for 25 years.

Pat Dwyer was a member of the 73 side. Very tight defender giving little away.

Johnny Brennan. Very strongly built forward with great pace, always headed straight for goals.

Michael Webster, tenacious wing back in 1977, always liked to push forward.

Sean Kiely played most of his games as goalkeeper with the footballers and hurlers.

Pat Healy was a member of the 73 side. He has been assistant secretary and PRO of the club for 25 years.

Martin Walsh played in positions in the forwards to great affect, very accurate place kicker and penalty taker.

Martin Meagher. Be it at fullback, centre back or midfield Martin was a most difficult opponent and great fielder of the ball. Played in goals in 1979.

James Meagher used his long kicking and dashing pace to huge effect in the forward line.

John Hackett, another player who manned the goalkeeping position in the club. Captained U21 side in 76.

Michael McGrath, an outstanding player in all forward positions has been the scorer of many goals of vital importance in a long career.

Seamus Fogarty, very tight corner back, his long dead ball kicking was a feature of his play.

Tom Connolly, a midfielder and forward. Always used the ball to the benefit of his team-mates.

Eamon Brennan, another outstanding player that gave great service to the club. Holder of 5 County Senior Football titles.

Jim Geehan, very sound corner back during a short career.

Pat McGrath came onto the senior team at centre back in 1979 as a minor. He went on to win every honour in the game including captain in 1987.

Richard Stapleton, very little passed this guy during a great spell with the club at corner back.

Peter Brennan played most of his career at full back. Was also very effective in the forwards with the big ball.

Pat Treacy, be it in the backs or forwards Pat was a wholehearted player throughout an outstanding career with the club. Was a Senior Football Selector this year with the club.

Stephen Maher gave great service to the club down the years in all grades.

Frankie McGrath played most of his football in the forward divisions. Great ball distribution was his big asset.

Timmy Connolly, a very effective defender giving little away with a fine delivery of the ball.

Pat Cahill played in defence and midfield, a most determined player at all times.

Joe Kiely was goalkeeper in 83. A great shot stopper, he held the position for many years winning a fourth title in 87.

Dick Egan, member of the 83 team who won many honours at underage with the club before departing to America for some years.

Pat Lynch, a very cute forward in his day. Pat got many vital scores for the club.

John Cormack, a newcomer to the team in 1983 John played at midfield or the forward line. Went on to take many further honours with the club.



Senior Football Co. Champions 1983 Loughmore-Castleiney

Back Row: Pat Cahill, John Treacy, Pat Lynch, Jim Geehan, Timmy Connolly, Joe Kiely, Gerry Stapleton, Martin Kiely, John Cormack, Seamus Fogarty, Martin Meagher, Pat Treacy. Front Row: Tom Connolly, Jim Healy, Martin Walsh, Michael Mc Grath, Peter Brennan, Tom Ryan (Capt) Eamonn Brennan, Pat Mc Grath, Tom Mc Grath, Frankie Mc Grath, Dick Egan.

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Back Row L to R: Sean Quinn, Billy Whelan, Eamonn McCarthy, Seamus McCarthy, Jimmy Ferris,
Eamonn Hickey, Conor Peters, Michael Hickey, Michael O'Connell, Hugh Kennedy.

Front: Seamus Grogan, Tim O'Dwyer, Michael McCarthy, Bill D'Arcy, Paddy Morrissey, Pat Bergin,
Vincent O'Donnell, Capt. Declan Hickey, Liam Bergin, Michael McCarthy, Michael Grace.

Missing from Photo: David Moloney, J.J. Hayes & Niall Fleming