

Co. Tipperary Senior Football Final
Match Programme
2011

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
Tiobraid Árann



CRAOBH CHLUICHÍ PEILE AN CHONTAE
County SFC Final

Moyle Rovers
v
Thomas MacDonaghs

Preceded by COUNTY MFC 'B' FINAL
Kildangan v Ballyporeen



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Fáilte

– Football Board Chairman

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the teams to Leahy Park, Cashel for today's county finals.

It has been a great year for Tipperary football, the highlight of which has been the magnificent performance of our minor footballers in winning an All-Ireland title, the first in the grade since 1934. I want to congratulate them on their achievements and the management team that looked after them. I hope the victory inspires more county success in the future.

Thomas MacDonaghs and Moyle Rovers have come through to battle out for county honours in today's senior final. I look forward to a stirring contest and wish each team well in their quest for the O'Dwyer Cup. In the minor B contest Ballyporeen and Kildangan play to become the first winners of a new trophy, dedicated to the memory of that great promoter and supporter of football, the late Hugh Kennedy of Tipperary Town. May the game be a fitting tribute to his memory.

I want to welcome all our supporters to today's finals and thank the Cashel King Cormac's Club for hosting them. I wish the referees and their officials the best of luck on the day.

Finally, I want to congratulate the Fethard teams of 1978 and 1984, who are being honoured today.

They brought glory to their club in the past and I wish them a most enjoyable and memory-filled day.

Nodlaig & Muiris



Tadhg Duggan Arravale Rovers,
a County Minor Football selector,
is pictured here visiting

Harry Greensmith

Harry played in the 1935
All Ireland MFC final where
Tipperary were beaten by Mayo.
His brother Andy captained the
1934 Tipperary Minor Football



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Best wishes to the four teams today
and congratulations to Fethard GAA club

Clár an Lae



12.10 Ballyporeen on to the field

12.12 Kildangan on to the field

12.30 **Throw-In for the County Minor (B) Football Final**

Ballyporeen v Kildangan Réiteoir: Tom Dawson (Eire Óg Anacarty)

1.00 Half-Time in Minor (B) Football Final
(Entertainment by the Dr Hurley Pipe Band Cashel)

1.10 Second half of Minor (B) Football Final

1.40 End of Minor (B) Football Final

1.50 Presentation of the Hugh Kennedy Cup to winning Captain
Followed by presentation of "Man of the Match Award"
Sponsored by John Quirke Jeweller Cahir

1.55 Presentation of the Fethard 1978 & 1984 County Champions

2.12 Moyle Rovers team on to the field

2.14 Thomas MacDonaghs team on to the field

2.25 Pre-Match Parade

2.28 Amhrán na Bhfiann

2.30 **Throw-In for the County Senior Football Final**

Moyle Rovers v Thomas MacDonaghs

Réiteoir: David Grogan (Aherlow)

3.00 Half Time of Senior Football Final
Presentation of the Tipperary All Ireland Minor Football Champions 2011
(Entertainment by the Dr Hurley Pipe Band Cashel)

3.10 Second half of the County Senior Football Final

3.40 End of the County Senior Football Final

3.50 Presentation of the O' Dwyer Cup to the winning captain,
followed by the presentation of the "Man of the Match."
Sponsored by John Quirke Jeweller Cahir

Liam England

from the Inane Rovers club in Roscrea has over 15-years of inter-county footballing experience behind him having played at all grades and age groups for Tipperary right through from minor to senior.

He started at midfield in Tipperary's last Munster senior football final appearance in 2002 when the premier county forced Cork to a replay. He was also on the senior panel in 2005 when Tipperary won the Tommy Murphy Cup, defeating Wexford in the final at Croke Park. At club level with Inane Rovers, he won a North Intermediate Football title in 1998 and has been part of the Thomas MacDonaghs set-up since day one and has 4 North SFC medals. In hurling with Roscrea, Liam won a North Senior Hurling medal in 2004.



THOMAS MacDONAGH'S
LIAM ENGLAND

Dan Hackett

from the Kildangan club has enjoyed a successful career on the playing fields in the blue and gold of his club and county.

At inter-county level, Dan was on the Tipp minor football panel in 1997 and in 2000 and 2001, he was on both the senior and under 21 panels.

At club level, Dan has provided great leadership and top class performances for his club over many years. In hurling, primarily at centre back, Dan has led from the front and helped them to County, Munster and All Ireland Intermediate honours in 2003-2004 before going onto play in 3 North Senior hurling finals, winning Kildangan's first divisional hurling title in 65-years.

In football, Dan has won 2 North SFC medals with Thomas MacDonaghs in 2007 & 2009 as well as 5 North IFC medals with Kildangan and was part of the Kildangan team that won the North and County Junior 'A' football championships recently.

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Profile Referees

Senior Football Final

David Grogan (Aherlow)

Began as a referee in 1993 and has refereed finals at all levels in football in the West Tipperary Division, including this year's West Senior Football Final between Arravale Rovers and Éire Óg. He has also taken charge of West Finals at almost all levels in hurling, including the 2007 West Senior Hurling Final between Clonoulty Rossmore and Knockavilla Kickhams.

He has refereed the County Minor, U21 'A' and two Intermediate Football Finals in the last three years and has also taken charge of County Hurling Finals at U21 'B' level.

He refereed in Dublin from 1996 to 2000 and officiated at the 1999 Dublin Junior 'A' Hurling Final and Replay. His umpires are Tom Leonard, John Joe Hanley, Martin Peters and Damien Peters.

He was called onto the Munster Referees Panel in January 2011 and this year took charge of two games – South Kerry versus Clare and Clare versus Waterford, in the Munster U-16 Football championship. He has also refereed Clare versus Limerick in the Munster U17 Football championship and a week ago was appointed to take charge of the Munster U17 Shield Final between Limerick and Waterford.

David is also heavily involved in the administrative side of his home club, Aherlow, acting as Treasurer from 1993 to 1996 and has been secretary of the club from 2001 to date.

He is married to Helen; he has three children, Dearbhla, Conor and Caoilinn and works in the Accounts Department of Coolmore Stud.



Minor Football B Final

Tom Dawson (Éire Óg)

Tom commenced referring in 2008 and has officiated at County Minor Hurling and Football Finals in 2009 and 2010 and also at the West Tipperary Junior Football Final in 2010. His Umpires are Donnacha Horan, P.J. McGrath, Adrian Crosse and Michael O'Dwyer.

He has been involved with his club Éire Óg for the last number of years and is currently Chairman of the Juvenile Club since 2006. He is a Batchelor of Agricultural Science and works for Rea Clarke and Associates in Tipperary Town. He is originally from the home of GAA – Longford. He is married to Lorraine.



Best of Luck to Moyle Rovers & Ballyporeen & Congratulations to Fethard GAA Club on their County Final Achievements

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FINE GAEL 



Hugh Kennedy

Arravale Rovers 1932 – 2007

Former Chairman of the Tipperary Football Board

Hugh Kennedy, who passed away four years ago, was one of nature's gentlemen. There was a palpable sense of grief at his passing and he will be missed by his family and many friends and admirers. He came from a proud Gaelic household and his father Andy, and uncle Seán in North Cork, were prominent in the struggle for Independence. He was a great Tipperaryman and had a passionate interest in Gaelic games and Handball; indeed he also found the time to be secretary of the County Handball Board. However he had an abiding interest in his club Arravale Rovers and the promotion of football in Tipperary. In later years he served as a selector and administrator with the Tipperary Football Board and had a long involvement in the GAA.

Hugh was born in Tipperary in 1932. His mother Christine Kavanagh was a niece of the famous 1889 All Ireland winning Bohercrowe Captain, Gill Kavanagh. He attended the old Monastery and later the New Monastery in Murgastly and finished his education in the Abbey CBS, where he was regarded as a star pupil. He went on to work in a successful family glove making business in Tipperary Town and later worked for South Tipperary County Council until he retired ten years ago.

He played at every grade for Arravale Rovers and was well known in the Division as an uncompromising full back. His playing days over he became involved in the coaching of Juveniles within the club and his transport exploits to and from games are legendary. During the early seventies his coaching work bore fruit when the Rovers won County Minor and U21 Football titles as well as a West SFC. However one of his proudest moments was seeing his beloved Arravale Rovers win their County Senior Football crown in 1985.

He served the club as joint secretary and later as treasurer where his expertise was put to



Pictured at Hugh Kennedy Cup presentation to Tipperary County Board
L-r: County Treasurer Eamon Buckley, Michael Power, County PRO Ger Ryan,
Joan Fogarty representing the Kennedy family, County Vice Chairman Sean Nugent,
County Secretary Tim Floyd, Football Board Chairman Noel Morris, Liam Kennedy
and Football Board Secretary Michael Power.

good use. Old Sean Treacy Park was sold in 1957 and the old Military Barracks was bought and developed into a playing field during his watch. Fundraising was undertaken and Hugh and others travelled the Country selling tickets for a car draw. The new Sean Treacy Park was opened on June 3rd 1962.

He was later best known at County and Provincial level for his involvement with Tipperary Football affairs. He became Chairman of the Minor Football Board in 1971 and introduced many well known coaches to Tipperary Minor football squads. He combined the role of Chairman and Minor selector for over twenty five years during which time the minor footballers won two Munster Championships and played in Croke Park in Centenary year. In 1983 The County Football Board was set up and he took over as Chairman of this Board until 1994.

He was a formidable adversary at Divisional and County Board meetings and conventions, with knowledgeable facts and passionate pleadings and arguments for what he felt was best for football in Tipperary. Sadly the Open Draw in Munster which he fought for has now been abandoned.

He always had respect for people and their sincerely held views and expected no less from others. He was forward looking and innovative beyond his time. He has with others left a legacy to Arravale Rovers and Tipperary which we are now rightly proud of and set high standards for those of us that are following in his footsteps.

The Kennedy family have presented the County MFC 'B' Cup to the County Board to commemorate his memory, and it is being presented, for the first time, following the final today. Indeed Hugh was a selector on the County Minor Football team the previous time Tipperary reached the All Ireland before the historic win of 2011.

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**McGrath's Bar Puckane would like to wish
Kildangan Minor Football Team the best of luck in
the Minor County Final and also the best of luck to
Thomas MacDonagh's in the Senior Final.**



BALLYPOREEN

1

Michael Sweeney

2

William English

3

Bobby Breedy

4

Seamus O'Callaghan

5

Eoin Morrissey

6

Pat Cole

7

Shane Lynch

8

Tommy Sweeney

9

John Martin (capt)

10

Fionnán O'Sullivan

11

Anthony Crotty

12

John Carey

13

Noel Vaughan

14

Neil Barrett

15

Jason Cahill

substitutes

17 Ben Macken

18 Michael Kearney

19 Ríain O'Callaghan

20 Aaron Macken

21 Seán O'Reilly



Back Row: Tom Macken (Selector), John O'Callaghan (Selector), Seán O'Reilly, Eoin Morrissey, Michael Kearney, Bobby Breedy, Fionnán O'Sullivan, John Martin, Michael Sweeney, John Carey, Tommy Sweeney, Seamus O'Callaghan, Ed O'Gorman (Selector).

Front Row: Maurice O'Callaghan (Selector), Anthony Crotty, Ben Macken, Aaron Macken, Ríain O'Callaghan, William English, Neill Barrett, Pat Cole, Shane Lynch, Noel Vaughan, Jason Cahill, Billy Macken (Manager).

KILDANGAN

1

Kieran Holland (capt)

2

Jim Minehan

3

Matthew Harty

4

Johnny Horan

5

Alan Flynn

6

Jack Loughnane

7

Tom McLoughlin

8

David Sweeney

9

Paul Flynn

10

Willie Connors

11

James Mulqueen

12

Cathal Hayes

13

Brian McGahey

14

Tadhg Gallagher

15

Sean Webb

substitutes

16 Paul McGrath

17 Darren Moran

18 Ben Banaghen

19 David Cauley

20 Eoin Maher

21 Tommy Mulqueen

Mentors: Eamon Kelly, Jim Gallagher, Tommy Connors, Liam Karl Flannery, Antony Sherlock



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Moyle Rovers Profiles

IAN BROWNE

Age: 24
Occupation: Garda
Position: Goalie
Honours: At Senior Level Ian has won 4 South Football Medal & 2 County Senior Football Medal. Ian has already won a South Intermediate Hurling medal this year.

DAVID CONWAY

Age: 26
Occupation: Chemical Engineer
Position: Defender
Honours: At Senior Level David has won 3 South Football Medals & 1 County Football Medal

RICHARD POWER

Age: 22
Occupation: Student
Position: Defender
Honours: At Senior Level Richard has won 3 South & 2 County Football Medal.

ALAN CAMPBELL

Age: 20
Occupation: Student
Position: Defender
Honours: At Senior Level Alan has won 1 South Football medal, Alan has already won a South U21 Football medal this year

SEAN KEATING

Age: 23
Occupation: Apprentice Electrician
Position: Defender
Honours: At Senior Level Sean has won 2 South & 1 County Football Medals.

NIALL FITZGERALD

Age: 30
Occupation: Garda
Position: Defender
Honours: At Senior Level Niall has won 3 South Football Medal & 3 County Football Medal

DARRAGH DWYER

Age: 19
Occupation: Student
Position: Defender
Honours: At Senior Level Darragh has won 1 South & County Football Medal. Darragh has already won a South U21 Football medal this year

MARTIN DUNNE

Age: 25
Occupation: Student
Position: Mid Fielder
Honours: At Senior Level Martin has won 4 South Football Medals & 2 County Football Medal

PETER ACHESON

Age: 21
Occupation: Student
Position: Mid-Fielder
Honours: Peter has won 2 South Senior Football medal and 1 county Senior Football Medal. Peter has already won a South U21 Football medal this year Peter was part of the Tipperary Senior Football Panel

PHILIP QUIRKE

Age: 17
Occupation: Student
Position: Forward
Honours: This is Philip's first year playing senior with the club. Philip was on the Tipperary Minor Football team that won Munster & All Ireland Final this year.

SEAN CAREY

Age: 21
Occupation: Apprentice Plumber
Position: Forward
Honours: At Senior Level Sean has won 3 South & 2 County Football Medal. Sean was part of the Senior Tipperary Hurling panel and also part of the Tipperary Senior Football Panel.



MOYLE ROVERS
NIALL FITZGERALD

PAUL SHANAHAN

Age: 27
Occupation: Working in Bulmer's
Position: Forward
Honours: At Senior Level Paul has won 4 South Football Medal & 2 County Football Medal

LIAM BOLAND

Age: 19
Occupation: Student
Position: Forward
Honours: At Senior Level Liam has won 1 South Football Medal.

JOHN SHANAHAN

Age: 30
Occupation: Builder
Position: Forward
Honours: At Senior Level John has won 4 South Senior Football Medals and 2 County Football Medal

BRIAN MULVIHILL

Age: 25
Occupation: Trainee Accountant
Position: Forward
Honours: At Senior Level Brian has won 4 South Football Medal & 2 County Football Medal. Brian is part of the Tipperary Senior Football Panel

CIARAN KENRICK

Age: 21
Occupation: Student
Position: Goalie
Honours: At Senior Level Ciaran has won 3 South Football Medals & 2 County Football Medal.

Moyle Rovers Profiles

SHANE HEFFERNAN

Age: 21

Occupation: Student

Position: Defender

Honours: At Senior Level Shane has won 1 South & County Senior Football Medal

LIAM CRONIN

Age 43

Occupation Engineer Technician

Liam is Married to Helen and they have 2 sons Keith & John and 2 Daughters Emma & Michelle

Honours: At Senior Level Liam has won 10 South Senior Football Medal and 7 County Football medal.

RONAN DESMOND

Age 28

Occupation: Aviation Technician but is currently working as an Apprentice Electrician

Position: Defender

Honours At Senior Level Ronan has won 4 South Football Medal & 2 County Football Medal

JACK LONERGAN

Age:20

Occupation: Student

Position: forward

Honour: At Seniors Level Jack has won 1 South Football Medal

SHANE FOLEY

Age: 20

Occupation: Student

Position: Forward

Honours: At Senior Level Shane has won 1 South Football Medal

DANIEL LYNE

Age: 24

Occupation: Chemical Engineer

Position: Defender

DARREN NOLAN

Age: 21

Occupation: Student

Position: Defender

Honours: At Senior Level Darren has won 2 South Football Medals & 1 County Football Medal

AARON KELLY

Age: 26

Occupation: Telecommunications

Position: Defender

Honours: At Senior level Aaron has won 2 South Football Medal and 1 County Football Medal

LIAM CAREY

Age: 19

Occupation: Student

Position: Forward

Honours: This is Liam first year on the Senior Football Panel

CATHAL QUIGLEY

Age: 18

Occupation: Student

Position: Defender

Honours: This is Cathal First year on the Senior Football Panel. Cathal was on the Tipperary Minor Football team that won Munster & All Ireland Final this year.

MARK MURRAY

Age: 35

Occupation: National Is Co-ordinator

Position: Forward

Mark is Married to Denise and they have 2 daughters, Mary & Roisin and 1 son, Liam

Honours: At Senior Level Declan has won 1 South Football medals & 1 County Football Medal.

DAVID McGRATH

Age: 21

Occupation: Student

Position: Defender

Honours: This is David's first year on the Senior Football Panel

DECLAN BROWNE

Age: 33

Occupation: Sales Rep for Clonmel Oil

Position: Forward

Declan is married to Niamh and they have a new baby daughter, Aoife

Honours: At Senior Level Declan has won 9 South Football medals & 7 County Football Medals.



Moyle Rovers Club Officers, Players and Team Management

Front L/R: Philly O'Dwyer, Jean O'Connor and Frank Burke. Back L/R: Tony Smith (manager), James Williams, David Conway, Ian Browne, Tony Lonergan and Michael Boland.

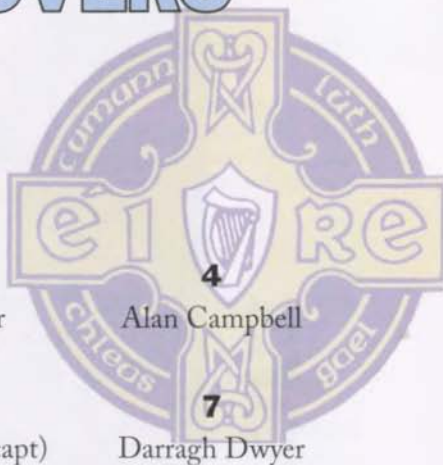
Moyle Rovers



Back Row: Liam Cronin, Martin Dunne, Niall Fitzgerald (capt), Ian Browne,
Sean Keating, Alan Campbell, David Conway, Richard Power.

Front row: Darragh Dwyer, David McGrath, Liam Boland, Declan Browne, Sean Carey, Brian Mulvihill, Paul Shanahan

MOYLE ROVERS



1

Ian Browne

2

David Conway

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Richard Power

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Alan Campbell

5

Sean Keating

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Niall Fitzgerald (capt)

7

Darragh Dwyer

8

Martin Dunne

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Peter Acheson

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Philip Quirke

11

Sean Carey

12

Paul Shanahan

13

Liam Boland

14

John Shanahan

15

Brian Mulvihill

substitutes

16 – Ciaran Kendrick

17 – Shane Heffernan

18 – Liam Cronin

19 – Ronan Desmond

20 – Jack Loneragan

21 – Shane Foley

22 – Daniel Lyne

23 – Darren Nolan

24 – Aaron Kelly,

25 – Liam Carey

26 – Cathal Quigley

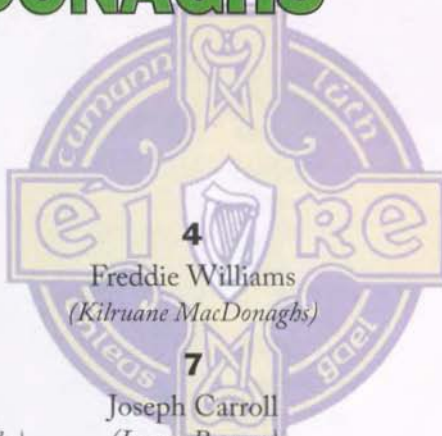
27 – Mark Murray

28 – David McGrath

29 – Declan Browne

MANAGER: Tony Smith **SELECTORS:** James Williams, Robbie Boland, Kevin Halley
PHYSIO: Neil Burke **MAOR USICE:** Tommy Brett

THOMAS MacDONAGHS



1

Jim McDonnell
(Inane Rovers)

2

Dan Hackett (joint-capt)
(Kildangan)

3

David Buckley
(Inane Rovers)

4

Freddie Williams
(Kilruane MacDonaghs)

5

Kevin Maher
(Lorrha)

6

Niall O'Meara
(Kilruane MacDonaghs)

7

Joseph Carroll
(Inane Rovers)

8

Stephen Murphy
(Kilruane MacDonaghs)

9

Liam England (joint capt)
(Inane Rovers)

10

Padraic O'Meara
(Shannon Rovers)

11

Alan Hannigan
(Shannon Rovers)

12

Joe Gallagher
(Kildangan)

13

Brian O'Meara
(Kilruane MacDonaghs)

14

Philip Austin
(Borrisokane)

15

Darragh Egan
(Kildangan)

substitutes

16 - Stephen Nevin (Shannon Rovers)

22 - George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers)

17 - Barry Cahalan (Shannon Rovers)

23 - Fergal Hayes (Kildangan)

18 - Tommy Connors (Kildangan)

24 - Paddy Heenan (Shannon Rovers)

19 - Shane Dooley (Borrisokane)

25 - Ray McLoughney (Kilruane MacDonaghs)

20 - Jack Feeney (Inane Rovers)

26 - Niall Murphy (Kilruane MacDonaghs)

21 - Ruairi Gleeson (Kildangan)

27 - Rory Whelan (Kildangan)

MANAGER: Chris Conway **TRAINER:** Paddy O'Flaherty
SELECTORS: Joe Hannigan, Pat Murphy, Eamonn Kelly, Jimmy Cunningham

Thomas MacDonaghs



Thomas MacDonaghs team that defeated J.K. Brackens in the County SFC Quarter Final

Back, l-r: Liam England, Paddy Heenan, Brian O'Meara, Fergal Hayes, Joseph Carroll, Freddie Williams, Jim McDonnell, Padraig O'Meara, Ruairi Gleeson, Rory Whelan, Stephen Nevin.

Front: Niall Murphy, Alan Hannigan, Philip Austin, Joe Gallagher, David Buckley, Kevin Maher, Dan Hackett, Stephen Murphy, Niall O'Meara, Barry Cahalan

Photo: Rose Mannion

Thomas MacDonaghs

For five-years now, Thomas MacDonaghs and Fr. John Kenyons have competed as divisional teams in the senior football championship.

In late 2006, the Tipperary County Board granted permission for the North division to enter two division teams in the county championship and you have to go back to 1998 for the last time a club from the North division competed in the premier footballing competition in the county.

In early 2007, the North Board divided the 18 football clubs in the region into two regions of nine with Thomas MacDonaghs being based in the lower region of the division to be made up of Lorrha, Shannon Rovers, Borrisokane, Knockshegowna, Kildangan, Kilruane McDonaghs, Toomevara, Moneygall and Inane Rovers.

The push to enter teams in the county senior championship came primarily after the likes of Tipperary current senior football panel members George Hannigan and Philip Austin forced their way into the senior panel in 2006 but playing their club football with junior clubs at the time, they needed an outlet to perform at a higher grade at club level from where they could improve their prospects of furthering themselves on the inter-county scene.

Based on a similar concept in both Kerry and Cork where junior and intermediate clubs in a division come together to form a senior team, the same occurred in North Tipperary with the creation of Thomas MacDonaghs and Fr. John Kenyons (Burgess, Nenagh Éire Óg, Portroe, Ballina, Ballinahinch, Newport, Silvermines, Templederry Kenyons and Borris-Ileigh).

While there was an element of surprise for many in McDonaghs semi-final victory over South champions Clonmel Commercial, it was a victory that the North Tipp side had been threatening against a big footballing scalp.

In their debut year in 2007, J.K. Brackens and Loughmore/Castleiney were defeated en route to the county semi-finals where they fell to Fethard. A year later, McDonaghs lost narrowly to Ardfinnan in the county championship and following a North final victory which saw them re-enter the county championship at the quarter final stage, McDonaghs lost by one-point to Galtee Rovers who went onto win the final.

For the divisional concept to succeed, it needs a bit of luck in terms of fixtures and timing in terms of club hurling fixtures which would allow players to become available and in 2009 this saw McDonaghs fail to field in the county series but re-entering through the North final, they lost a county quarter final to Aherlow who went on to lose a classic final to today's opponents Moyle Rovers.

Moyle Rovers knocked McDonaghs out of the county series in 2010 with Aherlow again proving to be the roadblock in the quarter finals, although McDonaghs did

Thomas MacDonaghs

bridge the gap considerably in terms of performance with the West Tipp side going onto win their first ever county title later in the year.

As mentioned earlier, the divisional teams are utterly dependant on the availability of players from club duty and despite McDonaghs not being able to field for the county series during the summer months, the early departures of sides like Kildangan, Kilruane McDonaghs, Roscrea and Shannon Rovers in particular from club hurling championships facilitated McDonaghs participation in the quarter-finals.

Added to the players mentioned already, you have the likes of Niall O'Meara, Stephen Murphy, Brian O'Meara, Darragh Egan and joint-captains Dan Hackett and Liam England who have also worn the blue and gold of their county with great distinction which only goes to prove that there are plenty of good footballers north of the Devil's Bit.

It can only be seen as another positive side in the growth of the game in the county at the moment to see a North Tipperary side play in the county senior football final for the first time since Kilruane McDonaghs success in 1975 and in time will hopefully lead to the improvement of the game at adult club level which would dilute the need for divisional teams in the future.



Thomas MacDonaghs Management Team

Left to right: Joe Hannigan, Dan Hackett (Joint Captain), Tommy Ryan and Pat Murphy.

Thomas MacDonaghs Profiles

PHILIP AUSTIN

Age: 24
Club: Borrisokane
Sporting Hero: 'Corrie' Hogan
Greatest Sporting Achievement: Co. Intermediate HC with Borrisokane in 2010
Sporting Ambition: Win a Co. Senior HC with Borrisokane

DAVID BUCKLEY

Age: 23
Club: Inane Rovers
Sporting Hero: Paul Galvin
Greatest Sporting Achievement: Representing Tipperary at inter-county level
Sporting Ambition: Winning todays County final

BARRY CAHALAN

Age: 23
Club: Shannon Rovers
Sporting Hero: Padraic O'Meara
Greatest Sporting Achievement: 2010 North Intermediate HC titles
Sporting Ambition: To win a Co. Intermediate HC with Shannon Rovers

JOSEPH CARROLL

Age: 20
Club: Inane Rovers
Sporting Hero: Conor Egan (Roscrea)
Sporting Achievement: Captained Tipperary to All Ireland Vocational Schools hurling title
Sporting Ambition: To win county senior titles in both hurling and football

Tommy Connors

Age: 31
Club: Kildangan
Sporting Hero: Tommy Dunne
Greatest Sporting Achievement:

Winning the All Ireland Intermediate Club Hurling title with Kildangan in 2004-2005

Sporting Ambition: Move into coaching at some point in the future

SHANE DOOLEY

Age: 18
Club: Borrisokane
Sporting Hero: Philip Austin
Greatest Sporting Achievement: Winning the All Ireland minor football title with Tipperary

DARRAGH EGAN

Age: 25
Club: Kildangan
Sporting Hero: Dan Hackett
Greatest Sporting Achievement: North Senior HC with Kildangan in 2008
Sporting Ambition: To win a County Senior HC with Kildangan

LIAM ENGLAND

Age: 32
Club: Inane Rovers
Sporting Hero: Maurice Fitzgerald
Greatest Sporting Achievement: to reach todays County final
Sporting Ambition: to win todays County final

JACK FEENEY

Age: 17
Club: Inane Rovers
Sporting Hero: Dan Carter
Greatest Sporting Achievement: U16 Munster football title with Tipperary
Sporting Ambition: To win the 2012 All Ireland minor football title with Tipperary

JOE GALLAGHER

Age: 21
Club: Kildangan
Sporting Hero: Ken McGrath

Greatest Sporting Achievement: North Senior HC with Kildangan in 2008
Sporting Ambition: to win County senior medals in both hurling and football

RUAIRÍ GLEESON

Age: 20
Club: Kildangan
Sporting Hero: Steven Gerrard
Greatest Sporting Achievement: North Senior HC in 2008 and All Ireland Club 7's with Kildangan in 2011
Sporting Ambition: to win a Co Senior HC with Kildangan

DAN HACKETT

Age: 31
Club: Kildangan
Sporting Hero: Denis Duane
Greatest Sporting Achievement: North Senior HC with Kildangan in 2008

ALAN HANNIGAN

Age: 21
Club: Shannon Rovers
Sporting Hero: Henry Shefflin
Greatest Sporting Achievement: Winning a North Intermediate HC title in 2010
Sporting Ambition: To win a Co. IHC with Shannon Rovers and a Co. Senior FC with Thomas MacDonaghs

GEORGE HANNIGAN

Age: 24
Club: Shannon Rovers
Sporting Hero: Declan Browne
Greatest Sporting Achievement: Successive promotions with Tipperary senior footballers and member of U17 Irish International Rules Team

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Sporting Ambition: To win Munster and All Ireland football titles with Tipperary

FERGAL HAYES

Age: 20
Club: Kildangan
Sporting Hero: Eamonn Corcoran
Greatest Sporting Achievement: North Senior HC title with Kildangan in 2008
Sporting Ambition: To win a Co. Senior HC with Kildangan

PADDY HEENAN

Age: 19
Club: Shannon Rovers
Sporting Hero: Colin Corkery
Greatest Sporting Achievement: North Intermediate HC and Co Minor 'B' hurling titles with Shannon Rovers

KEVIN MAHER

Age: 23
Club: Lorrha
Sporting Hero: John Leahy
Greatest Sporting Achievement: Ryan Cup hurling title with IT Tralee in 2011
Sporting Ambition: To play and win an All Ireland senior hurling title with Tipperary

JIM McDONNELL

Age: 29
Club: Inane Rovers
Sporting Hero: Eoin Kelly
Greatest Sporting Achievement: played League of Ireland soccer with Kilkenny City
Sporting Ambition: to win today's County final

RAY McLoughney

Age: 24
Club: Kilruane MacDonaghs

Sporting Hero: Andre Agassi
Greatest Sporting Achievement: Captaining Borrisokane Community College to the All Ireland Vocational Schools hurling title in 2005
Sporting Ambition: To win a Co. Senior HC with Kilruane MacDonaghs

NIALL MURPHY

Age: 20
Club: Kilruane MacDonaghs
Sporting Hero: Declan Browne
Greatest Sporting Achievement: Co Under 21 'A' Hurling title in 2010 and Minor 'A' in 2005
Sporting Ambition: to win today's County final

STEPHEN MURPHY

Age: 25
Club: Kilruane MacDonaghs
Sporting Hero: Mike Tyson
Greatest Sporting Achievement: Winning the Co U21 'A' Hurling title with Kilruane MacDonaghs in 2007
Sporting Ambition: to win a County Senior HC with Kilruane MacDonaghs

STEPHEN NEVIN

Age: 22
Club: Shannon Rovers
Sporting Hero: Shay Given
Greatest Sporting Achievement: North & Co. titles with Shannon Rovers
Sporting Ambition: Keep training and progress to win finals in the future

BRIAN O'MEARA

Age: 21
Club: Kilruane MacDonaghs
Sporting Hero: Dinny Hogan
Greatest Sporting Achievement: All Ireland senior and U21 hurling titles with Tipperary in 2010

Sporting Ambition: To play in an All Ireland senior hurling final

NIALL O'MEARA

Age: 18
Club: Kilruane MacDonaghs
Sporting Hero: Steven Gerrard
Greatest Sporting Achievement: Co U21 'A' hurling title with Kilruane MacDonaghs in 2010
Sporting Ambition: Not thinking past today's final

PADRAIC O'MEARA

Age: 19
Club: Shannon Rovers
Sporting Hero: Ryan Giggs
Greatest Sporting Achievement: Winning a North Intermediate HC and playing minor football for Tipp in 2010
Sporting Ambition: Winning today's County final

FREDDIE WILLIAMS

Age: 22
Club: Kilruane MacDonaghs
Sporting Hero: Philip Austin
Greatest Sporting Achievement: winning the Co. U21 'A' hurling title with Kilruane MacDonaghs in 2010
Sporting Ambition: to win a Co. Senior FC with MacDonaghs

RORY WHELAN

Age: 21
Club: Kildangan
Sporting Hero: Alan Quinlan
Greatest Sporting Achievement: North Senior HC with Kildangan in 2008
Sporting Ambition: to win Co. U21 'A' hurling title with Kildangan this year

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Senior Football - Moyle Rovers V Tomas McDonaghs

We are delighted to have the opportunity to honour
the achievements of our own club's heroes of 1978 and 1984
and we wish them and the club every success in the future.

FETHARD G.A.A. CLUB

FETHARD TEAMS OF THE PAST

*Fethard Senior Football Teams
of 1978 & 1984 are honoured today*

TODAY we honour two former county senior football championship winners, 1978 & 1984, from the Fethard club. It is part of the annual recognition given to victorious teams in football and hurling from the past, who are honoured on county final day. Today's event is sponsored by the County Board, the Nationalist newspaper and the Park Hotel, Clonmel and we would like to salute the achievements of these players, who brought glory to their club in 1978 and 1984.

PATHS TO FINALS

Twenty-four teams participated in the open draw senior football championship in 1978. Fethard qualified for the semi-final and defeated Loughmore-Castleiney by 2-13 to 1-10 at Cashel on September 10.

The final was played at Cashel on October 1 and Fethard bridged a twenty-one year gap when they defeated Galtee Rovers by 1-8 to 0-9. The sides were level, 1-3 to 0-6, at the interval but Fethard pulled ahead in the second half and eventually won by two points. George Ryan (Lattin-Cullen) refereed and the cup was presented by county board chairman, Hubie Hogan, to Sean Moloney, the only surviving member of Fethard's previous victorious side in 1957. The winners were defeated by Kilrush, 1-11 to 0-7, in the Munster Club championship four weeks later at Kilrush.

Fethard also won the south championship when they defeated Kilsheelan in the final at Clonmel on November 12. They won by 1-14 to 2-4 to take the title for the eighteenth time.

The open draw was gone by 1984 and the contestants in the county quarter-finals came from the divisions. Fethard won the south final at Kilsheelan when they defeated Commercials by 2-8 to 1-7.

Fethard defeated Templetuohy-Moyne by 2-11 to 1-4 in the quarter-final at Cashel on August 26. The semi-finals were played at Semple Stadium on September 30. Fethard had an easy passage to the final, when they overwhelmed St. Ruadhan's (a combination of Lorrha and Shannon Rovers) by 3-18 to 2-1.

The county final was a repeat of the south final and was played at Kilsheelan on October 21. Fethard had lost the two previous finals and came into the game with a determination to win. They led by 0-5 to 0-2 at the break and had three points to spare at the final whistle on a scoreline of 1-9 to 1-6. They defeated Claughaun by 1-10 to 1-6 in the first round of the Munster Club championship at Fethard a week later but lost to Castle Desmonds by 3-7 to 1-8 in the same venue on December 9.

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FETHARD PLAYERS OF 1978 & 1984

Gaelic football was played in the Fethard area before the GAA was founded. A team was formed in Fethard in 1887 with 10 teams taking part in the county senior football championship and Fethard were victorious at their first attempt. They went on to win 21 county titles and lead the roll of honour with that figure today. The 1978 victory was important as it marked the end of a 21 year drought since their previous victory in 1957. Even though the 1984 victory was 6 years later, 6 players were involved in both great days.

Michael Kendrick, was a very capable goalkeeper with 3 South titles between the posts. Michael is one of five sets of brothers being honoured here today.

Joe Allen, son of the famous Dick Allen, he played in the right full back position. He won many accolades for his long delivery and powerful kicking off the ground scoring from the 50 on many occasions.

Sean Moloney, a fearsome full back he is the only link between the 1978 and 1957 teams, he also played on the Tipperary County Minor Team in 1955 which were beaten in the All Ireland Final. Captain in 1978, he was fine leader on the field and a reliable and honest player who gave no quarter in line of battle.

Pakie Harrington in the other corner was known as a very difficult opponent with excellent skills for his position. He is one of three brothers been honoured here today.

Paddy Kendrick at tight half back was a tight marking opponent and an excellent reader of the game. He had an attacking ability which was ahead of his time. He is unique in this group as the only one to play on both the 1978 and 1984 teams in the same position.

John Keane, a garda based in Tullamore Co. Offaly, he was a centre half back with a great pair of hands under the dropping ball and represented his county with distinction. Later he played for his adopted Tullamore where he played senior football for many years.

Walty Moloney, another safe pair of hands, is brother of captain Sean. He was a very capable utility player that was equally adaptable as a forward.

Michael O'Riordan, a garda with Cork blood in his veins now living in Templemore, was a player of excellent quality and commitment. He played in 1978 at midfield and captained the 1984 team from full back. He represented the county in both football and hurling.

Sean Aylward, playing at midfield in 1978 complimented his partner with his fine runs at defences. He is a nephew of the evergreen Jimmy O'Shea.

Pierce Dillon, now living in Dublin, played at half forward and had an excellent year in 1978. He wore the county jersey with distinction in the same and was capable of opening defences at ease and finishing with a score.

Michael Downes, with Clare blood in his veins, played at centre forward in 1978. He had an excellent ability to take on defences and also featured as a sub in 1984.

Fr. Aby Kennedy, now based in Portlanna, was a powerhouse of a player at speed. He wore the county jersey with distinction and played at wing forward in 1978 and 1984. A name synonymous with the Fethard club he was recipient of the first Nationalist Footballer Award in 1978 for his outstanding displays during that year.

Noel Sharpe in the corner possessed the speed and accuracy you expect from a class forward with powerful displays of finishing the norm.

Davy Fitzgerald, a retired garda who has spent most of his life in Wexford, he was a great stalwart of the club who commenced his career with three County U21 Football Titles in 1966, 1967, 1968. He played with the County footballers for many years at full forward and was a most difficult opponent for any full back.

Joe Keane, now living in Monasterevin is one of two brothers on the 1978 team. With excellent football pedigree, he was regarded by many as the most stylish player of his era, and was renowned as a free taker. He also played at centre field in 1984.

Davy Morrissey, a great whole hearted player who came off the bench in 1978 and 1984 to help take both titles with his career spanning over 23 years as a player.

Davy Williams, a young player who when called upon never failed to show promise, particularly in the middle of the field.

Paschal Hanrahan, a garda now based in Mountmellick, he was an up and coming player in 1978. Featured at full forward in 1984 and was a very strong player on the field.

Jerry Harrington, brother of Pakie was around for U21F titles in 1967, 1968, played most of his football as a defender particularly right corner back.



Fethard 1978

Back (l-r): Kevin Ryan, Noel Sharpe, Davy Fitzgerald, John Keane, Michael Kenrick, AB Kennedy, Joe Allen, Michael Downes, Michael O'Riordan, Sean Aylward. Front (l-r): Paddy Kenrick, Pierce Dillon, Pakie Harrington, Sean Moloney (capt), Waltie Moloney, Pascal Hanrahan, Jerry Harrington, Joe Keane, Davy Morrissey. Sitting in front: Michael "Wacky" Healy, Paul Hayes (mascot) & Gerry Fogarty.

Jerry Fogarty, a very nippy corner forward when introduced in 1978.

Kevin Ryan, a young player and half forward of note when introduced. During 1978 he scored very important goals in the earlier rounds.

Anthony Colville now lives in London. Was the custodian of the Fethard goal in 1984 and also wore the county jersey with distinction.

Michael "Buddy" Fitzgerald started his Senior Football career in 1980 playing in goal and winning his first South Senior Football Title. But he is best remembered as a tenacious full back who played with passion and strength. He was a Nationalist Award Winner in 1991. Playing at corner back in 1984 he was one of the fastest players off the mark. Known as a great leader he later went on the Captain Fethard to success.

John Hackett now in Cork was on the 1984 Tipperary County Minor Football team. A tenacious hard working no nonsense corner back with speed to burn showed all the hallmarks of an excellent player.

Denis Burke was a player of ability that was recognised in 1970s when on three occasions he lined out at centre back for Munster winning a Railway Cup in 1972, also has Sigerson with UCD in 1968 and was rewarded with Nationalist Award in 1983. He was rewarded in Centenary Year with his only County Senior Football Title.

Dermot Hackett now in New York made half back his own. He had a simplistic approach that made it look easy but he commanded his position with authority. His ability was uncanny and always effective. Is brother of corner back John.

Brian Burke now living in Mitchelstown was born in America. He played at midfield on the 1984 Tipperary Minor team and went on to represent Ireland in Compromise International Rules in 1990. Widely acknowledged as the best all round footballer that ever came from Fethard. His prowess and ability were recognised early on when he



Fethard 1984

Back (l-r): Pakie Harrington, Liam Connolly, Tom Ryan, Davy Morrissey, Anthony Colville, Richie Hayes, Tommy Sheehan, Brian Burke, Michael "Buddy" Fitzgerald, Jimmy Shea (trainer). Front (l-r): Noel Sharpe, Dinny Burke, Michael "Wacky" Healy, Maurice Harrington, John Hackett, Michael O'Riordan (capt), Paddy Kenrick, Diarmuid Hackett, AB Kennedy, Joe Keane. Mascot: Fergus McCormack.

played for Tipperary in all grades of football. His dominance in fielding was a joy to behold and he played most of his career at midfield.

Maurice Harrington, the third of the Harrington brothers, was an honest hard hitting player who played the game fair & hard. In 1984 he lined out at centre forward.

Michael "Wacky" Healy was an excellent half or corner forward when used as a substitute in 1978, and by 1984 was a regular starter who had a great ability to win ball in the air and convert scores.

Richie Hayes a classy player with great speed his attribute. He played at corner forward during 1984.

Tommy Sheehan a footballer of class ability and a finish unequaled by many. One of Fethard's trio on the 1984 Tipperary Minor Football team beaten in that years All Ireland Final. He represented the club on all County Teams with distinction. Later went on to be valuable coach at all levels in the club.

Liam Connolly, now in Tramore, a nephew of the late Liam Connolly of Fethard fame. Played as half back substitute during the 1984 campaign with distinction.

Tom Ryan from a family steeped in football tradition was substitute goalie for the 1984 County Champions as well as the goalie for the junior team that lost County Final to Cashel the same year.

Jimmy O'Shea, selector of all Fethard Football Teams from 1966 to 1984 success and beyond.

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Gearóid Slattery, Niall O'Sullivan, Conor O'Sullivan, Dean Loneragan.

Front (l-r): Shane Dooley, Tom Kirwan, Dara Butler, Thomas O'Donoghue, John Martin, Liam McGrath, John McGrath, Jason Loneragan, Colin O'Riordan, Seamus Kennedy, Evan Comerford, John Meagher, Bill Maher, Eoin Donaghy, Alan O'Riordan, T.J. Ryan.

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