

South Tipperary Senior Football Final
Match Programme
1994

**COISTE THIOBRAD ÁRANN THEAS
PEIL SINNSEAR**

AN CLUICH CEANNAIS

NA TRACTALAI

v.

ÁRD FHIONÁN

--- 3.15 p.m. ---

Reiteoir : Padraig Ó Russeil

i gCill Sioláin 11 Mean Fomhair 1994

**Peil Soisir a
*Fíodh Ard***

v.

Béal Átha Luibe Caisleán Grás

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Today's Senior Football Final pairing of Clonmel Commercials and Ardfinnan in Kilsheelan is a case of history repeating itself. These sides met for the first time in a South S.F. Final at this venue 55 years ago; the game was played on the 11th November 1939 with Kilsheelan's Paddy Joe Sullivan as the referee. It took 3 games between the sides for winners to emerge, with Ardfinnan eventually capturing the title. Thus began a great rivalry between these two noted football strongholds. Today we renew that rivalry and memories come flooding back of great games between the sides in the 60s and 70s.

I extend good wishes to the teams taking part today, to the referees and their officials and I trust that the loyal patrons who support our games will be treated to a spectacle of good football and sportsmanship befitting the event.

Seán Ó Nuinseain,
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PADDY RUSSELL in charge of his first South Final has been a referee since 1975. He is generally regarded as the country's top football referee.



TONY ROCHE Carrick Swan takes charge of the Junior game today. Tony has been refereeing for a number of years now and is a great asset to the Board in the Carrick-on-Suir area. He plays in goal for Carrick Swan Inter Football side.

BUÍOCHAS

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Sat. 21/5	at Ardfinnan	Ballyporeen 3-11 Cahir 1-12	W. Barrett
Sun. 22/5	at Kilsheelan	Fethard 1-16 Grangemockler 1-13	T.J. Corby
Tue. 31.5	at Clonmel	Moyle Rovers 3-9 Fethard 0-11	B. White
"	at Kilsheelan	Grangemockler 2-11 Commercials 1-14	T. Loneragan
"	at Clogheen	Ardfinnan 0-16 Cahir 1-12	T.J. Corby
Fri. 10/6	at Clonmel	Moyle Rovers 3-8 Ardfinnan 0-9	T. Loneragan
Sun. 12/6	at Kilsheelan	Commercials 1-8 Fethard 0-10	W. Barrett
"	at Monroe	Grangemockler 0-14 Ballyporeen 2-7	J. Loneragan
Sun. 3/7	at Clonmel	Ardfinnan 0-13 Grangemockler 0-7	T.J. Corby
"	at Clogheen	(Moyle Rovers 1-14 Cahir 0-5	M. Kennedy
	" "	(Commercials 2-12 Ballyporeen 0-12	J. McCarthy
Fri. 8/7	at Cahir	Commercials 0-14 Ardfinnan 1-10	B. White
"	at Clonmel	Fethard 0-15 Cahir 2-4	M. Walsh
"	at Kilsheelan	Moyle Rovers 4-11 Grangemockler 1-12	T.J. Corby
Sun. 31/7	at Cahir	Ardfinnan 1-9 Ballyporeen 0-7	T. Loneragan
"	at Monroe	Cahir 1-6 Grangemockler 0-9	J. McCarthy
Sun. 7/8	at Cahir	(Ballyporeen 1-16 Moyle R. 3-7	M. Walsh
"	at Cahir	(Fethard 1-15 Ardfinnan 1-4	T. Loneragan
Sat. 13/8	at Marlfield	Fethard 2-11 Ballyporeen 0-7	W. Barrett

Semi-Finals

Sun. 21/8	at Kilsheelan	(Ardfinnan 2-8 Moyle R. 1-10	T. Loneragan
		(Commercials 1-12 Fethard 0-12	W. Barrett

FINAL

Sun. 11/9	at Kilsheelan	Commercials v Ardfinnan	P. Russell
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Ardfinnan appeared in 5 South S.F. Finals in a row from 1960 to 1964. They won 4 in a row in '61, '62, '63, '64 defeating in turn Commercials. Burncourt, Fethard and Commercials.

Clonmel Commercials was founded in 1932 as a Minor Football Club. It won its first championship, the South Minor title, in 1935 and its first Senior title in 1944.

Ardfinnan and Commercials first met in a South S.F. Final at Kilsheelan on the 11th November 1939. The game was refereed by Paddy Joe Sullivan of Kilsheelan. The game ended in a draw as did the replay. The second replay took place on the 31st March 1940 and Ardfinnan won on the score 1-3 to 0-1. Ardfinnan won on the score 1-3 to 0-1. Ardfinnan went on to win the Co. Final beating a West selection in Treacy Park, Tipperary by 1-3 to 1-1.

We have only two weeks left in which to correctly guess the weight of our curate Fr. Jim O'Donoghue.

Remember all proceeds of this venture will go towards improved shower facilities and re-roofing of the dressing rooms for the benefit of players.

Official weighing of Fr. Jim will be in P. O'Dwyer's Lounge Bar on Saturday 17th September. Hope to see you all there.

At half time today some of our U10 and U8 teams will be out there entertaining you. Please give them plenty of vocal support as playing in front of a big crowd is like a mini All-Ireland to them.

After the Senior match the Final of the U11 Blitz competition will take place. The U11s have been playing every weekend all summer long and today is a big day in their lives. Your support is appreciated.

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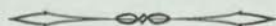
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Senior Football

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1908 Cloneen	1936 Arravale Rovers	1964 Ardfinnan
1909 Grangemockler	1937 Shamrocks	1965 Commercials
1910 O'Leary's (Tipp.)	1938 Fethard	1966 Commercials
1911 O'Leary's (Tipp.)	1939 Ardfinnan	1967 Commercials
1912 Bansha	1940 Shamrocks	1968 Ardfinnan
1913 Mullinahone	1941 Arravale Rovers	1969 Fethard
1914 Fethard	1942 Fethard	1970 Kilsheelan
1915 Bansha	1943 Fethard	1971 Commercials
1916 Mullinahone	1944 Commercials	1972 Commercials
1917 Fethard	1945 Mullinahone	1973 Ardfinnan
1918 Fethard	1946 Commercials	1974 Ardfinnan
1919 Mullinahone	1947 St. Patrick's	1975 Commercials
1920 none	1948 Commercials	1976 Fethard
1921 none	1949 Commercials	1977 Commercials
1922 none	1950 Fethard	1978 Fethard
1923 Fethard	1951 Ballingarry	1979 Fethard
1924 Fethard	1952 Old Bridge	1980 Fethard
1925 Fethard	1953 St. Patrick's	1981 Commercials
1926 Mullinahone	1954 Fethard	1982 Commercials
1927 Fethard	1955 Fethard	1983 Kilsheelan
1928 Fethard	1956 Commercials	1984 Fethard
1929 Mullinahone	1957 Fethard	1985 Fethard
1930 Kilsheelan	1958 Commercials	1986 Commercials
1931 Grangemockler	1959 Cahir Slashers	1987 Commercials
1932 Shamrocks	1960 Commercials	1988 Fethard
1933 Kilsheelan	1961 Ardfinnan	1989 Commercials
1934 Shamrocks	1962 Ardfinnan	1990 St. Pats/G'mockler
		1991 Moyle Rovers
		1992 Fethard
		1993 Fethard

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This evening at Cloneen
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Killenaule v Mullinahone

@ 6.00 p.m.

Great game assured.

DO YOU REMEMBER?



Clonmel Commercials, South senior football champions, 1958. Front row, l to r: John McNamara, Johnny Ryan, Timmy Ryan, Theo English, Sean Cleary, John O'Mahony, Johnny Kavanaugh, Frankie Dennehy, Sean Madigan. Back row, l to r: Con Fleming, R.I.P., John O'Shea, Timmy O'Dwyer, Eamon Gavigan, Billy Morris, Liam Boland, Mick Strappe, Frank Lafford, Frank Burke.



CHAMPIONS OF SOUTH TIPPERARY

The Ardfinnan senior footballers who defeated Thurles Crokes in the Tipperary county championship final.

Kneeling (from left): Ned Gorman (Committee), Alfie McDermott, John Byrne, John Lonergan (Captain), Petie Savage, Michael Byrne, Freddie Quinn, Patsy Savage, Luke Halley. Standing (from left): Patrick O'Brien (Committee), Stephen McCormack, John Keating, Dick Keating, Michael "Babs" Keating, Tony Finn, Michael Moore, Billy Moloney, John Walsh, Patsy Myles, Eamonn Ryan, John Cummins, (Chairman), Tom Mahoney.

WHEN LAST THEY MET IN A SOUTH S.F. FINAL

It is hard to believe that twenty years have elapsed since these two great rivals have met in a South S.F. Final.

On the 25th August 1974 Commercials and Ardfinnan battled it out for Football supremacy in the Division. The venue was Clonmel Sportsfield and the first half of the game was a low scoring affair. Ardfinnan led at half time 0-4 to 0-2 despite being without the services of Michael Babs Keating. The game ended in a welter of excitement as Ardfinnan led by 2-6 to 0-9. Commercials were awarded a penalty by Referee George Ryan. But Ritchie Boyle denied Commercials the goal they needed to level the game with a great save from Gene McGrath. There was no further scoring and Ardfinnan went on to retain their title.

ARDFINNAN TEAM

R. Boyle
J. Browne
P. Carroll
M. Prendergast
P. O'Mahoney
E. O'Gorman
P. O'Brien
J. Myles 0-1
P. Ryan
Patsy Savage 0-2
J. Cummins 0-3
C. Browne
M. O'Mahoney
P. Quirke 1-0
Pete Savage 1-0

COMMERCIALS TEAM

S. Fitzgerald
B. O'Callaghan
J. Harney
M. O'Connell
K. Lonergan
P. Somers
P. O'Donoghue 0-1
G. McGrath 0-4
T. J. Corby
M. Frieberg 0-2
P. O'Sullivan
J. O'Brien
P. O'Connell
B. O'Keeffe
T. Lonergan 0-2



ARDFINNAN COUNTY SENIOR CHAMPIONS, 1970

BÉAL ÁTHA LUIBE/ CAISLEÁN GRÁS

JUNIOR

Colours: Blue / Gold

	(1) John O'Donnell	
(2) Pat Whelan	(3) Gary Coffey	(4) John Lonergan
(5) Tony White	(6) John O'Gorman	(7) Derek Coffey
	(8) Paddy O'Neill	(9) Rody Doyle
(10) Pat Morrissey	(11) Pat Murphy	(12) Brian Reidy
(13) Eamon O'Gorman	(14) Pat Fitzgerald	(15) Wl. O'Donnell

Subs: (17) Ml. Hyland, (18) Eamon Condon, (19) Pat O'Brien, (20) Paudie O'Gorman, (21) John O'Gorman

Selectors: Paddy Morrissey, Pat Reidy, John Murphy, Tony Beary

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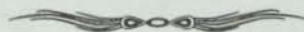
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JUNIOR

Colours: Blue / White

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(2) Donal Cummins	(3) Paul Hayes	(4) Kevin Coffey
(5) Kenny Hackett	(6) Damien Byrne	(7) Declan Maher
(8) Steven O'Donnell	(9) P. J. Ahearne	
(10) Shane Kenny	(11) Liam Ryan	(12) Kieran Kelly
(13) Kenneth Sheehan	(14) John Hurley	(15) Gerry Murphy
Subs: (16) Philly Prout, (17) John Neville, (18) Gerry Moran, (19) Liam Ryan, (20) Thomas Keane, (21) Brian Higgins, (22) Pat Walsh		

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NA TRACTALAÍ

SENIOR

Colours: Green / Gold

(1)

P. Ryan

(2)

B. Walsh

(3)

R. Forristal

(4)

M. O'Connell

(5)

J. Hall

(6)

L. Phelan

(7)

P. Lucey

(8)

A. Wall

(9)

F. O'Callaghan

(10)

Joe McNamara

(11)

C. McGrath

(12)

D. Lavin

(13)

D. Hickey

(14)

F. Kelly

(15)

E. Hewitt

Subs: S. McMahon, D. O'Shea, M. O'Mahony,
J. McNulty, S. Granville, J. Power,
D. O'Keeffe, G. McGrath

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ÁRD FHIONÁN

SENIOR

Colours: Maroon / White

(1)

Eamon Ryan

(2)

Eamon Ryan

(3)

Alan John Lonergan

(4)

Albert Keating

(5)

Christopher Ryan

(6)

Sean Maher

(7)

P. J. Lonergan

(8)

Gerry Ryan

(9)

Ger Walsh

(10)

Davy Ryan

(11)

Brendan Cummins

(12)

Joe Lambert

(13)

Ciaran Walsh

(14)

Anthony Power

(15)

Aidan Quirke

Fir Ionaïd: (16) Eamon O'Mahoney, (17) Gavin O'Mahoney, (18) Leslie Boyle,
(19) Cathal Hennessy, (20) Ger Condon, (21) Aidan Quinn, (22) Don Keating,
(23) Ml. English, (24) Eugene O'Mahoney

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ARDFINNAN

The village is back. Those words are reference to Ardfinnan, who for the first time in twenty years are back in the South Tipp Football Final. Ardfinnan has always been known as the Village and is made up of players from Ardfinnan, Grange and Ballybacon. For a village so steeped in football folklore twenty years is a long time to wait. In Ardfinnan football is a way of life and even though we were going through a drought at senior level, the club worked very hard at underage level in order to build up a good team at Senior level again. For us it is great to be back in the South Final. For some strange reason Ardfinnan seem to stir up more emotion when going well than most other teams. I suppose the closeness of supporters with the team creates this. We also seem to create a broader interest; during the glory days of the 1960s people would come in from outside counties to see South and County Finals. We also gave good value for money. So in a way Tipp football need Ardfinnan.

For me being part of the football scene came very easy as my father the late Jackie O'Mahoney was chairman all through the 1930 period when Ardfinnan won its first County title at Junior level in 1934 as well as Senior in 1935 - 1939. Ardfinnan won the Tipp Cup in 1944/45/58. Our only championship from 1939 to 1961 was Junior in 1954. Then along came the dream team of 1961/1974 period.

I think almost every member of 1961 team played inter-county at some level. Babs Keating won Minor - U21 - Senior in the one year with Ardfinnan. Those teams of that period won 5 County Championships and lost 6 Finals. We also won at U21 and Minor during 1961/74 period. If one incident stands out in my mind during those glorious years it has to be a jump for a high ball by John Keating, against Bansha Galtee Rovers. In the County Semi-final in 1962 at Clonmel, John jumped with Sean McGovern for a high ball and was a clear six foot above Sean. He held the ball and he got a great point. Never before or never after did I see a jump like that. Our present team is made up of young and seasoned players. Most of them have won County medals at underage but are now hoping for the breakthrough at senior level. I think this team is good enough to win. At least ten of the panel's fathers have County Senior medals. So tradition dies hard. The team is in the hands of very experienced people such as Pete Savage, Mike Leary, Freddie Quinn, Patsy Myles, John Cummings. Breda Lonergan is in charge of First Aid. Officers of the club at present are: Tom O'Mahoney (Chairman), Deirdre Myles, Fran Leary (Joint Treasurer), Paddy Noonan (Hon.Sec.).

We all wish the team the best of luck today.

Richie O'Mahoney

COMMERCIALS

Commercials are seeking their nineteenth South Senior Championship. It is now seven years since their last victory when they overcame Fethard at Cahir by 0.11 to 0.10.

The Clonmel Commercials last meeting in a South Final with today's opponents, Ardfinnan, was twenty years ago in 1974 and the game was played in Clonmel Sportsfield. Ardfinnan won the game 2-6 to 0-9. They also went on to win the County Final. We lined out as follows:

	Seamus Fitzgerald	
Brian O'Callaghan	Jimmy Harney	Mick O'Connell
Kieran Lonergan	Pat Somers	Paddy O'Donoghue
Gene McGrath		T. J. Corby
Michael Frieberg	Pat O'Sullivan	P. J. O'Brien
Paddy O'Connell	Brendan O'Keeffe	Noel Langan

With a nice blend of youth and experience and following on a fine win over Fethard in semi-final we are hopeful of victory. Nevertheless, we are cautious of an Ardfinnan team who are hungry for a win and a South title.

So far this year we are unbeaten and hope to keep this record intact on Sunday.

Best of luck to the Players and Selectors and hopefully we will see a cracking game with the Commercials shading victory.

BUÍOCHAS

The Kilsheelan G.A.A. Club would like to thank everyone who contributed to the making of this programme, especially Richie O'Mahoney, Mr. & Mrs. John McNamara, and Jim Holohan. To our sponsors we say a very sincere thank you and hope you will give them your support.

Eamon de Priondougás

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COMMERCIALS TEAM OF THE 90'S

S.F.C. FINAL CURTAIN RAISER

FETHARD FACE BALLYLOOBY/CASTLEGRACE IN CRUCIAL J.F.C. TIE

The curtain raiser to today's South Tipp S.F.C. final at Kilsheelan is a crucial J.F.C. A tie between Ballylooby/Castlegrace and Fethard at 2.00 p.m.

A draw will suffice for Ballylooby/Castlegrace to join Killenaule, Clonmel Og and Ardfinnan in the semi-finals but should Fethard prevail they could snatch the remaining place by defeating Davins in their final game.

The Table reads:

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Killenaule	6	6	-	-	12
Ballylooby/Castlegrace	5	3	1	1	7
Ballingarry	5	2	1	2	5
Fethard	4	2	-	2	4
Davins	5	2	-	3	4
Swans	6	1	-	5	2
Kilsheelan	5	1	-	4	2

Also to be played Ballingarry v Kilsheelan (10th Sept.)

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on Sunday*



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*Best of luck
to Ardfinnan*

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The Kilsheelan G.A.A. Club would like to welcome Jim Kehoe back from America who is on holidays in the area at the moment. Jim, one of the most gifted and popular dual players ever to have come out of South Tipp is seen here receiving Hurler of the Year award in 1982.



KILSHEELAN JUVENILES

Congratulations to Kilsheelan U12 Footballers on winning South U12 Football County Final. The summer of '94 will be long remembered for the marvellous entertainment provided by the youngsters. Who will ever forget the excitement and tension on the sideline, especially on the drawn final in Ardfinnan.

Pictured below is the group of girls and boys U12 who attended the week-long summer camp organized by John Burns with the assistance of his coaches.

Centre of picture, back row is Liam Stokes one of the five celebrities who attended each day displaying skills and giving advice.



THE LATE TOMMY O'KEEFFE

A TRIBUTE



It is appropriate as we gather here in Kilsheelan today for the Final of our premier football competition in the Division that we remember one of the supreme stylists of the game - the late Tommy O'Keeffe, R.I.P. - who passed to his eternal reward just recently.

Tommy was one of the greatest exponents of the art of Gaelic football that this Division has produced. He began his career in Kilsheelan in 1924 winning South and Co. Junior medals. His great skills earned him recognition by the Co. Selectors and in 1927 he began an Inter Co. career that was to last the best part of twenty years. He was a member of the Co. Football team which sensationally defeated Kerry in the Munster Championship Semi Final of 1928; the last time the Co. has done so and a member of the 1944 Co. team which defeated Cork at the same stage. In between he won two Co. S.F. medals with Kilsheelan, one with Clonmel Shamrocks and one in 1944 with Clonmel Commercials. He was also a regular on Munster teams of the 30s and, of course, won a Munster medal with Tipp in 1935. His great contribution to Tipperary Football was honoured by the United Sports Panel when he was awarded the Knocknagow Award for Sportsman of the Past and in 1979 the South Board honoured him yet again with the Footballer of the Past award for South Tipperary. Honours well deserved by a supreme stylist whose football talents were admired by friend and foe alike.

His dedication to physical fitness was an example to all in the latter years of his life and he was a familiar figure on his bike or walking on the roads of South Tipperary. His friendship and reminiscences of days gone by will be missed by many but his great contribution to Gaelic Games and to life in general will always be remembered.

Go nDeana Dia Trocaire Ar An Anam.



*Best wishes to the 2 Teams today - and -
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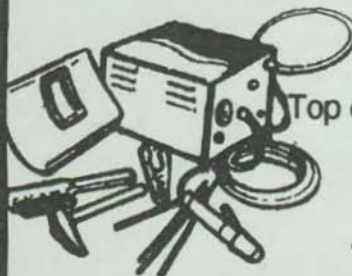
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SOME OF THE HISTORY OF FOOTBALL

So much for the history of athletics and hurling prior to the founding of the G.A.A. What light do chroniclers of the past shed on football in Ireland? Some hold that all present-day codes of football derived from the harpastum of the ancient Greeks and Romans. Morris Marples inclines to the view that football had its origins among the Celtic peoples; certainly the rough-and-ready game first known here and in England at the end of the Middle Ages seems to have been a development of *La Soule*, a game in which a large ball of leather stuffed with straw or hay was kicked and chased by opposing teams in Normandy and Brittany a thousand years ago. Others hold that football was as well known as hurling in Ireland and that the term *iomain* was applied to either game.

Native speakers in the Omeath Gaeltacht of Leinster, always a football stronghold, used *iomain* to designate football and *iomain le camain* for hurling; but some knowledgeable Gaelgeoiri stoutly maintain that *iomain* meant hurling and *iomain le crois* football. The fact remains that the first direct reference to football in Ireland does not occur until the 16th century when it was exempted from a ban on other non-military sports. In 1527 the Statutes of Galway ordered the citizens not to play with the shot or stone, but only to shoot with bows and to throw the dart or spear, "also at no tyme to use or occupy the hurlings of the litill ball with hockie sticks or staves, nor use no hands ball to play without the walls, but only the great footeball....". The game, like hurling and other athletic pastimes, had been prohibited, constantly and unavailingly, during the two previous centuries, as a hindrance to archery, lance-throwing, 'and other gentle games that appertain to arms'.

Though football of an elementary rough and tumble type seems to have continued through Tudor, Stuart and Cromwellian times, the next reference to the game is found in a poem by the North Leinster poet, Seumas Dall MacCuarta. In *Ioman na Boinne*, a twelve-verse Gaelic poem, he describes a football match played about 1670 at Fennor, on the south bank of the Boyne, not far from Slane. MacCuarta used the word *leanadh* for the playing pitch.

From the brief description given of the game it appears that snatching and carrying the ball were features of the play, with wrestling permitted. Victory went to the Boyne Valley team, their opponents being men from an adjoining district on the banks of the Nanny River. John Dunton, the English writer already quoted, travelled Ireland seven years later and in his letters had this to say: 'They (the Irish) do not often play at football, only in a small territory called Fingal near Dublin where the people use it much and trip and shoulder verie handsomely.

Redmond Murphy, an Omeath poet writing in Gaelic, described a football match in which his two sons played; twelve men from each of two rival parishes took part: the footballers trained beforehand, while wrestling, tripping, running with the ball and snatching it were features of the game. In Dublin itself about the same time, there were matches at Merrion Fields and on Oxmantown Green. During the seventeenth-forties a long-remembered football match was played on the ice-bound Liffey, frozen after a spell of heavy frost. Forty years later, according to the poems of Edward ('pleasant Ned') Lysaght, football was played every evening in College Park by the 'pensioners' and 'commoners' of Trinity.

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