

South Tipperary Senior Football Final
Match Programme
1996

Coiste Thiobrad Árann Theas



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Today's Senior Final is a repeat of last year's encounter. Moyle Rovers were the victors on that occasion and went on to emulate Commercials feat of 1994 by taking the County Crown and contesting the Munster Club final. Commercials will be striving to turn the tables on their more fancied opponents and with players of craft and experience could pose a serious challenge.

Moyle Rovers, however, are playing with the confidence of champions and will not relinquish their title without a battle royal. Whatever the outcome a cracking contest is in prospect and a satisfactory conclusion to what has been a fine championship.

The clash of Fethard and Kilsheelan in the Hearn's Hotel Intermediate Hurling Championship should set the tone for a great day's entertainment.

I extend good wishes to the teams taking part in today's games, to the referees and their officials and hope that our loyal patrons will enjoy a spectacle of great games and sportsmanship befitting the event.

**Sean O Nuinseain,
Cathaoirleach C.L.C.G.,
Tiobrad Arann Theas.**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

at Clonmel MHCA Ballybacon Grange Vs Swans 7.30 (P. J. Hassett)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 - CLONMEL ARMS HOTEL IFC

at Marfield Fr. Sheehys Vs Carrick Swans 7.30 (B. White)

at Kilsheelan Mullinahone Vs Commercials 7.30 (S. Roche)

at Monroe St. Patricks Vs Killenaule 7.30 (J. McCarthy)

Buiochas

The programme for today's games has been compiled by Kilsheelan G.A.A. Club. We thank the competing clubs for their assistance and also the advertisers, the programme would not be available without their financial assistance and we ask you to support them in every way.

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.

NA RÉITEOIRI



WILLIE BARRETT

WILLIE BARRETT (Ardfinnan)

The referee for today's Senior Final is Ardfinnan's Willie Barrett. Willie is one of the best known referees in the country, he has refereed at all levels including the 1994 All-Ireland Hurling Final. Willie has given outstanding service to his club and to the South Board and has served as Board Treasurer for a three year period.

Umpires

Richie Boyle, Michael Mahoney, Sean Barrett, Denis Whelan.

Linesmen:

Liam Barrett, Deerek Mahoney.

TONY ROCHE (Carrick Swan)

The referee for today's curtain raiser is Carrick Swan's Tony Roche. Tony has been making his mark on the refereeing scene in recent years and refereed last year's Intermediate Hurling Final. He plays in goal for Carrick Swans Intermediate Football side and is a member of the County Coaching Panel.

Umpires:

Jimmy Walsh, Martin Walsh, Seamus Walsh, Michael Collins.

Linesmen:

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

- at Cahir JHCB Moyle Rovers Vs Ballylooby Castlegrace 7.30 (T. Linehan)
- at Clonkeen JHCB Kilsheelan Vs Killenaule 7.30 (J. Harrington)
- at Carrick JHCB Ballyneale Vs Mullinahone 7.30 (T. Roche)

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Commercials South Champions 50 Years Ago

Commercials Add Championship To Cup Victories

Sundays match at Drangan

Commercials: 0-7 Mullinahone: 0-4

Clonmel Commercials are Senior Football Champions of South Tipperary. At Drangan on Sunday they gained the title they lost in 1944 by defeating the champions Mullinahone, in a good clean game. It was no easy victory for the challengers however, and from the kick-off Mullinahone set a pace which showed they were not prepared to give up their laurels without a dour struggle - and a dour struggle it was. On the turnover the Kickhams after a determined effort had gained a point lead, but it was not nearly enough to surpress the Clonmel men.

Despite a greasy ball the attendance at Drangan on Sunday were well treated with good football. Both teams have been keenly preparing for the decider and it is a high tribute to their sportsmanship that not a single unseemly incident marred the game.

The Commercials have made 1946 a red-letter year. This season they have won the Bradshaw Cup, the Tipperarymen's Cup and now after a hard passage to the final they have taken divisional honours. The big question is will they climax a year of achievement by winning the county football crown.

The weather was fine but severe cold made things uncomfortable for players and spectators alike. The pitch despite the rain was in reasonably good condition, but the heavy ball made really brilliant play impossible. If conditions generally had been better no doubt the 1946 South football final would have been a memorable game.

The first half-hour saw Mullinahone attacking constantly. From the kick-off they started to press Commercials but the Clonmel defense held well against the onslaught. In the latter quarter of this period the Kickhams kept up a constant barrage against the unyielding Commercials back-line. The Mullinahone forwards came down almost incessantly and it must be said they had more than their share of ill-luck on a number of occasions. Mick Cahill striking the upright twice. Had these fierce Mullinahone forages born fruit the outcome to Sundays game might have been different. The half time whistle saw Mullinahone leading with two points against the Commercials one.

The second half was the Commercials. Gradually they gained control and dominated play. Sean Cleary and Tommy O'Keeffe sharing the scoring honours. Mullinahone had not lost all their fire of the first period. O'Meara led a dangerous attack to endeavour to notch the goad that would save the game in the latter stages. He made a great effort but the Commercials defense were tenacious and only a minor resulted. The Clonmel men swiftly went over to the attack again and Sean Cleary clinched matters with a difficult point two minutes before full-time.

Mullinahone made a great effort to defend their title for another year. Their bad luck in the first half was a big set back but they were up against stiff opposition. The Clonmel team combined better than the Mullinahone team in the second period and it was the cohesion perhaps, linked with accurate place kicking of Tommy O'Keeffe that contributed to their victory. Generally the backs on both sides gave excellent displays and of the Mullinahone men in this department Bradshaw was outstanding. County goalman Jim Williams gave a usually sound performance but Mick Sullivan between the Mullinahone sticks put up a commendable display also Bill McMahon

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and W. Gavin impressed for Clonmel in the first half and Mick Cahill Mullinahone's inter-county star was in tip-top form at centre field. In the second period young Noel Stapleton the Commercial centre man took the honours. Griffin was noteworthy in the Commercial forward line and of course Sean Cleary's fast movements and Tommy O'Keeffe's accurate pointing were important winning factors.

CUP PRESENTED

After the game Mr. P. J. Kenny Carrick Vice Chairman of the South Division Board presented the Cup to Jim Williams, Commercial's Captain amidst great enthusiasm. He complimented both teams on their manly displays, not withstanding adverse weather conditions.

The Commercial team selected from the following:-

Jim Williams, Captain; Willie Quinn; Bill McMahon; Willie Gavin; Noel Stapleton; T. McCall; J. Murphy; S. Cleary; W. Noonan; D. Smyth; K. Burke; T. O'Keeffe; L. Walsh; M. Griffin; J. Moloney; T. Halpin; J. Kavanagh.

The Mullinahone line-out will be:-

M. O'Sullivan, goal; W. Scott; F. Bradshaw; E. Scott; T. Freeman; M. Quirke; W. Cahill; M. Cahill; M. Ryan; J. Maguire; J. O'Connell; J. Ryan; E. O'Meara; P. Quirke; W. Brett; L. Lonergan; J. Maher; M. Maher; M. Egan.

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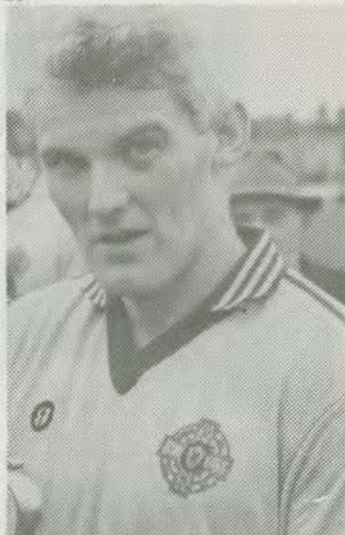
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PROFILE

JOHN OWENS - MOYLE ROVERS

Date of Birth: 6-1-1966.

Following the transfer of his family to Clonmel, for business reasons, in 1982, John joined the Moyle Rovers Club in 1983. Since that time his contribution to our club and to Tipperary football has been immense. He was a member of the Tipperary Minor Football Team beaten by Dublin in the All-Ireland Minor Football final in 1984. He also captained Slievenamon, a combination of Moyle Rovers and Grangemockler to win the County Minor Championship in 1984. He was again captain of Slievenamon who won the County Under 21 Championship in 1986.



John attended Maynooth College from 1984 to 1987 and played senior football during his years there.

He was Captain of the Tipperary Under 21 team narrowly defeated by Kerry in the re-played Munster Under 21 Football Championship in 1986. In the late 1980's John spent a period in New York. During that period he represented New York, beaten in a National League Final by Cork and he also won a New York Championship medal with Conemara Gaels in 1990. On his return to Ireland in 1991 he played Senior Football for Leitrim and won a Leitrim Senior Football Championship with Allen Gaels. Since his return to Tipperary he was a member of the Moyle Rovers team that won the South and County Championship in 1995.

John has represented Tipperary at Minor, Under 21, Junior and Senior levels. His contribution to Tipperary Football was recognised with a Cidona Award in 1986 and South Awards in 1984 and 1994.

John is again Captain this year, a tribute to his outstanding leadership qualities. The Moyle Rovers are fortunate indeed to have such an outstanding personality in its ranks.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

at Kilsheelan JHCB St. Marys Vs Carrick Davins 7.30 (S. Roche)
at By-Pass JHCB Marfield Vs Kickhams 7.30 (C. Aylward)
at Marfield JHCB Clonmel Og Vs Ballybacon Grange 7.30 (M. Kennedy)
at Monroe JHCB Fethard Vs St. Patricks 7.30 (C. Boland)
at Goatenbridge JHCB Skeheenarinka Vs Fr. Sheehys 7.30 (F. O'Leary)

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8 Damien Byrne	9 Michael Spillane	
10 Colin Allen	11 Michael Quinlivan	12 Thomas Keane
13 John Looby	14 David Flanagan	15 Michael McCormack

Subs.: 16 John Kelly; 17 Noel Barry; 18 Michael O'Riordan; 19 Karl Gahan; 20 Liam Treacy; 21 Jimmy Smyth.

KILSHEELAN

(Blue and Gold)

1 Liam Robinson		
2 Nicky Coughlan	3 Ml. Ryan	4 Paddy Nugent
5 Wm. Larkin	6 Sean Nugent	7 Dan O'Connor
8 Martin Larkin	9 Noel Ryan	
10 Patrick Larkin	11 Pat Hickey	12 Tony Walsh
13 Niall Cloona	14 Liam Corcoran	15 Joe Ryan

Subs.: 16 J. J. Keyes; 17 John Roche; 18 John Larkin; 19 Wm. Ryan; 20 Rd. McMahon; 21 L. Walsh; 22 Rd. Crotty; 23 Nigel Fogarty.

Fanaithe Na Maoilig

Colours: Sky Blue

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Eamonn Power

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Liam Cronin

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Paul Norris

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John McGrath

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Noel Wall

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Jimmy Dunne

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John Owens (Capt.)

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Declan Browne

11

Derry Foley

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Robbie Boland

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Paul Boland

14

Donal Foley

15

Seamus Delahunty

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David Lavin

8

Fergal O'Callaghan

9

Anthony Wall

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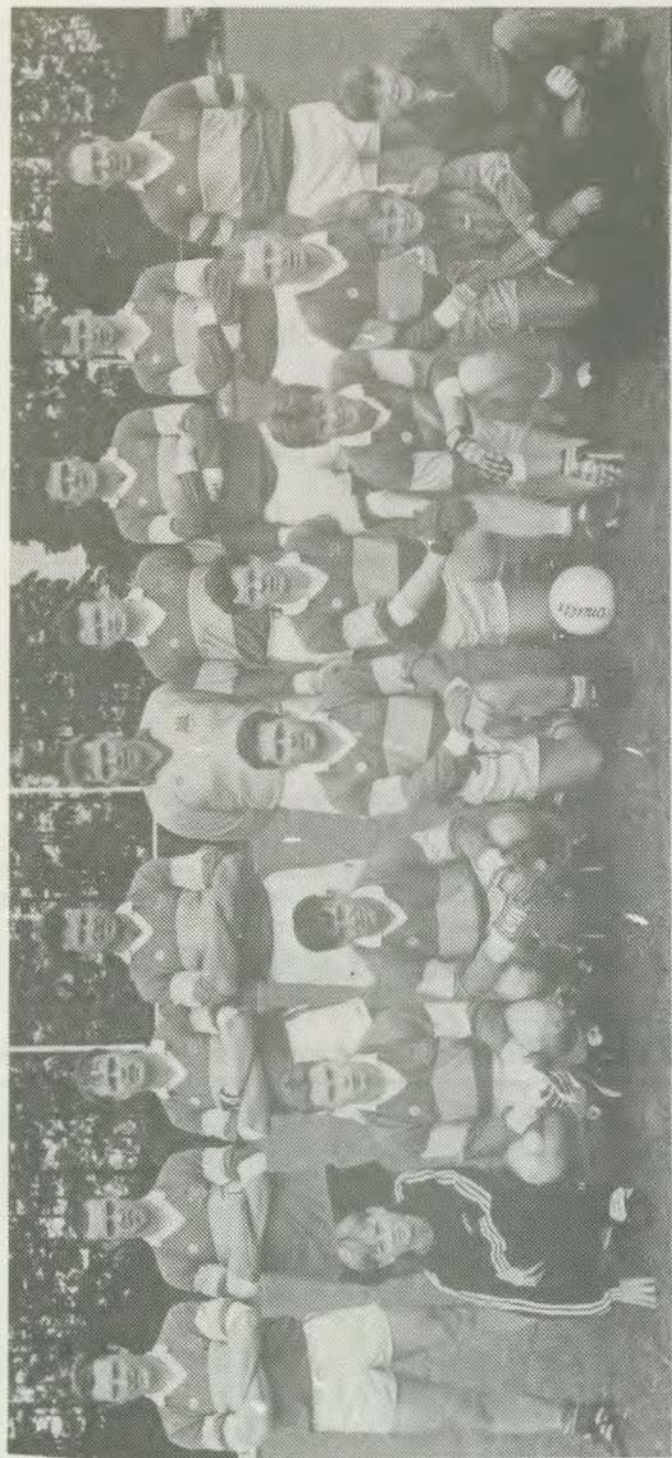
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Front, from left: Bernard Walsh, Paul Lucey, Johnny Harvey, Mark O'Connell, David Lavin, Joe McNamara.



MOYLE ROVERS

Back, from left: T. Hanrahan, P. O'Connor, R. Boland, G. Cahill, S. Delahunty, D. Foley, R. Boland, R. O'Connor, P. Brett, Donal Foley, Ml. McGrath, J. Kelly, P. Norris, G. Norris.
Front, from left: J. Dunne, J. Owens, J. McGrath, D. Browne, L. Cronin, N. Wall, E. Power, J. Williams, B. O'Dwyer, T. Maher.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

at Clonmel John Quirke Jewellers JHCA
Fr. Sheehys Vs Ballyneale 2.00 (S. Quirke)
Cahir Vs St. Patricks 3.15 (T. Lonergan)
at Ardfinnan Skeheenarinka Vs Marlfield 7.00 (W. Barrett)

WINNERS DOWN THE YEARS

Senior Football

1907 Grangemockler	1937 Shamrocks	1967 Commercials
1908 Cloneen	1938 Fethard	1968 Ardfinnan
1909 Grangemockler	1939 Ardfinnan	1969 Fethard
1910 O'Leary's (Tipp)	1940 Shamrocks	1970 Kilsheelan
1911 O'Leary's (Tipp)	1941 Arravale Rovers	1971 Commercials
1912 Bansha	1942 Fethard	1972 Commercials
1913 Mullinahone	1943 Fethard	1973 Ardfinnan
1914 Fethard	1944 Commercials	1974 Ardfinnan
1915 Bansha	1945 Mullinahone	1975 Commercials
1916 Mullinahone	1946 Commercials	1976 Fethard
1917 Fethard	1947 St. Patricks	1977 Commercials
1918 Fethard	1948 Commercials	1978 Fethard
1919 Mullinahone	1949 Commercials	1979 Fethard
1920 none	1950 Fethard	1980 Fethard
1921 none	1951 Ballygarry	1981 Commercials
1922 none	1952 Old Bridge	1982 Commercials
1923 Fethard	1953 St. Patricks	1983 Kilsheelan
1924 Fethard	1954 Fethard	1984 Fethard
1925 Fethard	1955 Fethard	1985 Fethard
1926 Mullinahone	1956 Commercials	1986 Commercials
1927 Fethard	1957 Fethard	1987 Commercials
1928 Fethard	1958 Commercials	1988 Fethard
1929 Mullinahone	1959 Cahir Slashers	1989 Commercials
1930 Kilsheelan	1960 Commercials	1990 St. Patricks, G'mockler
1931 Grangemockler	1961 Ardfinnan	1991 Moyle Rovers
1932 Shamrocks	1962 Ardfinnan	1992 Fethard
1933 Kilsheelan	1963 Ardfinnan	1993 Fethard
1934 Shamrocks	1964 Ardfinnan	1994 Commercials
1935 Ardfinnan	1965 Commercials	1995 Moyle Rovers
1936 Arravale Rovers	1966 Commercials	



Commercials Captain, Ger Deely, seen here with referee Tommy Lonergan and Ardfinnan Captain, Eamonn Ryan, before the semi-final clash in Kilsheelan.



Paddy Foley on behalf of Powerstown Meats presenting Seamus Norris, Club Chairman with a set of jerseys for the 1996 Championships

MOYLE ROVERS

Player of the Past

PADDY FOLEY

When past players are being discussed by club members the name of Paddy Foley readily springs to mind. Paddy was a powerful man with a strong personality, a talented footballer and a hurler of more than average ability.

He represented Tipperary in minor football in 1946/47 and in Junior and Senior football in 1950, partnering the great Mick Cahill at midfield in the Senior Championship V Cork. His first success was in 1946 with the Kilsheelan minor footballers in the South Championship. He later won a South Minor Football Championship with Fethard assisted by other club members.

Paddy then moved to Kildare to work for a period and this, coupled with a serious injury curtailed his playing career. On his return to Clonmel to set up his own business with his wife Mary, whose family too, has contributed greatly to the club.

Paddy resumed playing activity and with his late brother Dan was instrumental in putting the club back on a sound footing after a lapse of a few years. He was a valued member of the Club's County Junior Championship winning team in 1959 and once again injury put a premature end to his career.

He continued to be involved as a selector and the club's strong position today is due in no small way to Paddy Foley and his colleagues of that era. The strong Foley tradition lives on within the club. Paddy's sons Pat and Brendan donned the club colours with distinction. Pat served a term as Chairman and Brendan is involved as a selector and whose son Padraig is showing great promise at underage and together with his nephews Donal, Bill and Derry playing a major role in club affairs, long may it continue.

Paddy's generosity to the club must also be acknowledged. We are sure that today's final will renew memories of his games against Commercials in the past and we hope both himself and his wife Mary will enjoy the game.

Best of luck to All the Teams on Sunday
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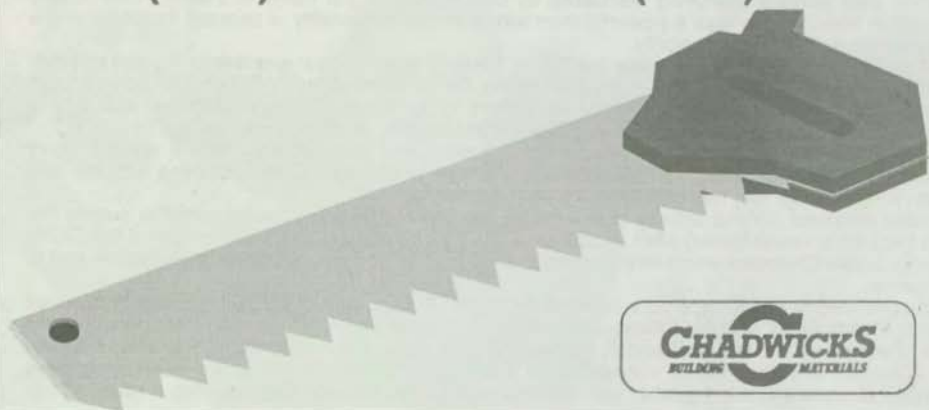
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Both teams had trained hard for this game and went all out to win. Great heights of football were reached in the game and it was characterised by a zeal and vigour which went to show that neither side entertained thoughts of defeat. The Graigue Pipe Band played the teams onto the field and Tommy Powell, referee, threw in the ball at 3 o'clock sharp.

Both back-lines were good. Kilsheelan had the advantage at centre field and their long drives rewarded many openings for their forwards. Moyle Rovers were weak up front and their inaccuracy lost them several important scores. Kilsheelan had an element of luck in the vital score that decided the match, a high kick from the wing deceived the goalie and dropped under the cross bar. Kilsheelan deserved to win but were flattered with the final score of 1-3 to 0-1 for Moyle Rovers.

Mick Dempsey was a sound goalie for Kilsheelan and Jimmy Lonergan, Johnny Hunt and Michael Morrissey protected him well. Tommy O'Keeffe was the pick of the forwards.

Moyle Rovers' Dick Lonergan and Paddy Hogan distinguished themselves in a resourceful defence. John McGrath played well at centre field while W. Lonergan, Bergin and E. Murphy tried hard up front.

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	at Monroe	Fethard	2-18	Kilsheelan	0-6	F. O'Leary
13-4-96	at Clonmel	Ballyporeen	0-11	Grangemockler	1-7	T. Lonergan
14-4-96	at Cahir	Commercials	1-10	Ardfinnan	2-7	B. White
20-4-96	at Monroe	Commercials	1-11	Kilsheelan	1-2	W. Barrett
21-4-96	at Clonmel	Moyle Rovers	2-8	Ballyporeen	0-4	T. Lonergan
	at Clonmel	Fethard	2-9	Ardfinnan	1-12	T. J. Corby
27-4-96	at Clonmel	Moyle Rovers	0-14	Ardfinnan	1-6	B. White
	at By Pass	Grangemockler	3-8	Kilsheelan	2-3	F. O'Leary
28-4-96	at Clogheen	Ballyporeen	2-12	Cahir	2-8	F. O'Brien
	at Kilsheelan	Commercials	2-6	Fethard	1-8	T. Lonergan
5-5-96	at Clogheen	Ardfinnan	1-12	Ballyporeen	0-4	B. White
	at By Pass	Moyle Rovers	1-12	Kilsheelan	0-5	S. Quirke
	at Monroe	Fethard	0-12	Cahir	0-4	T. Lonergan
6-5-96	at Kilsheelan	Grangemockler	1-12	Commercials	0-15	S. Roche
25-5-96	at Marlfield	Ballyporeen	1-10	Kilsheelan	0-10	P. J. Hassett
	at Clogheen	Ardfinnan	1-11	Cahir	0-7	T. J. Corby
26-5-96	at Kilsheelan	Grangemockler	0-12	Fethard	0-12	F. O'Leary
	at Kilsheelan	Moyle Rovers	4-20	Commercials	0-10	T. Lonergan
8-6-96	at Ardfinnan	Commercials	2-14	Ballyporeen	2-7	W. Barrett
	at By Pass	Cahir	2-7	Kilsheelan	1-7	S. Quirke
9-6-96	at Clonmel	Grangemockler	0-10	Ardfinnan	0-7	F. O'Leary
	at Clonmel	Moyle Rovers	2-11	Fethard	0-9	F. O'Leary
21-6-96	at Clonmel	Ardfinnan	0-13	Kilsheelan	0-5	T. J. Corby
	at Ardfinnan	Commercials	1-8	Cahir	2-5	B. White
23-6-96	at Clonmel	Moyle Rovers	4-8	Grangemockler	2-9	W. Barrett
	at Clonmel	Fethard	1-9	Ballyporeen	1-9	T. Lonergan
29-6-96	at Clonmel	Grangemockler	2-18	Cahir	0-5	T. Lonergan

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	PTS.
Moyle Rovers	7	7	-	-	14
Commercials	7	3	3	1	9
Ardfinnan	7	3	2	2	8
Grangemockler	7	3	2	2	8
Fethard	7	2	3	2	7
Ballyporeen	7	3	1	3	7
Cahir	7	1	1	5	3
Kilsheelan	7	-	-	7	-

SEMI-FINALS RESULTS

At Kilsheelan - Sunday, July 28th

Commercials 1-10 Ardfinnan 0-10 T. Lonergan
 Moyle Rovers 0-13 Grangemockler 0-3 W. Barrett

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He first played on the Tipperary senior championship team in 1943 when Cork took the Munster title in Fermoy by 1-7 to 1-4 and he was an ever present figure on the county lineout up to and including 1951.

He was honoured by the Munster selectors in 1945, 1946, 1949 and 1950 winning Railway Cup medals in 1946 and 1949.

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Also a noted athlete at national level, Sean Cleary went on to become a highly respected referee and was honoured with the Munster minor football final in 1953 and the senior final of 1956.

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