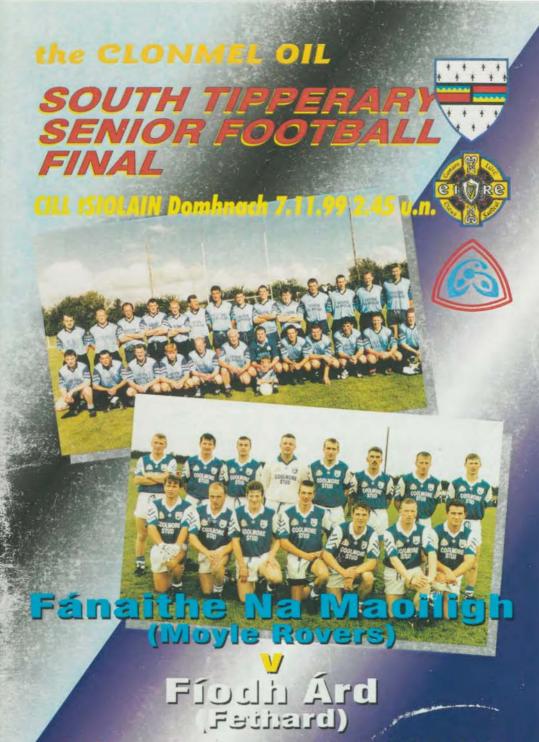
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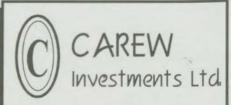
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It is indeed an honour and a privilege for me to welcome, on behalf of the Board, the Gaels of South Tipperary to Kilsheelan for the Clonmel Oil Senior Football final between Moyle Rovers and Fethard.

This clash of giants has been eagerly awaited since their county semi-final meeting. Both teams have players of exceptional ability who have graced the inter county scene with distinction. It promises to be an enthralling



encounter with football of the highest quality. I would like to express our sincere thanks to Clonmel Oil Co. for their generous sponsorship of this prestigious championship.

Killenaule and Swans get the proceedings underway in the Intermediate Football semifinal, a game that has the hallmarks of a gripping contest. The day is completed with a mini game organized by our youth officer, Brian Tyrell, when the juveniles of our division will display their undoubted talent. This game was most entertaining at our Senior Hurling final.

We wish Seamus Roche (Senior) and Tommie Lonergan (Inter) and their officers, the best of luck on this great occasion.

Finally, may I sincerely congratulate the Kilsheelan Club on the completion of their excellent new dressing rooms.

On behalf of the Board may I extend good wishes to the participating teams and officials and I earnestly hope that our loyal supporters of our national games will witness a spectacle of football that will bring pride and joy to all concerned.

Mise le meas,

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2.45

Clonmel Oil S.F.C. Final FÁNAITHE NA MAOILIGH -v- FÍODH ÁRD

Ceoltoiri An Lae - SEAN TREACY PIPE BAND

Na Réiteóiri

It is fitting that today's games in Kilsheelan will be handled by two referees from the local club.

One of the County's most experienced officials <u>Tommy</u> <u>Lonergan</u> will have charge of the EirCom IFC Semi-final. Tommy has officiated at all levels over a long number of years and is still in keen demand.



Tommy Lonergan

<u>Seamus Roche</u> who will have charge of the Clonmel Oil S.F. Final is a young official who in a few short years has come to be regarded as one of the country's most promising officials and he looks set to go to the top.



Seamus Roche

<u>Danny Cahill</u> from Ballyporeen one of a group of new referées introduced during the past year will be in charge of the Mini Game.

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MOYLE ROVERS ROAD TO GLORY

As we reflect on the successes of the present decade the question has often been asked as to what happened to make it come about. As we all know things just don't happen, they have to be made to happen.

A decision was made in 1976 to put in place a strong juvenile arm in our club which would form the foundation for future years. This was done and although the initial years were lean the breakthrough was made in 1982 when we recorded our first county Under 14 rural final. Although success was not our lot on that occasion this team contained at least eight who were eligible again for this grade in 1983.

Fr. Christy McElwee, a former Tipperary footballer, was approached to act as coach for 1983; he was delighted to accept and with some others plans were laid out for the 1983 campaign. This Under 14 team was never beaten during the 1983 campaign, they played 14 matches, won 12 and drew 2. The two draws were in the two county finals,



Moyle Rovers County and South Urban Rural and Rural U14 Football Champions 1983

Back row L/R: J. J. O'Donnell, R.I.P., T. O'Dwyer, J. Carey, J. O'Brien, P. Norris, K. O'Dwyer, M. McGrath, N. Darcy, F. Fennessy, J. Fennessy, P. Casey, L. Chawke.

Front row L/R: K. Bates, A. O'Dwyer, E. McCormack, P. McCarthy, B. Boland, J. McGrath (Cpt.), A. O'Byrne, N. Sibley, P. O'Connor, K. O'Connor, R. Boland, M. J. Browne, seated D. Bates, missing from photo P. Mulhall.

Urban/Rural-v-Durlas Og and Rural-v-Golden. We won the two replays making us county champions in both competitions. This was a truly wonderful team scoring 40 goals-108 points against 13 goals-22 points.

This team went on to win the County Under 16 championship in 1985 and in an amalgamation with Grangemockler many of the players from the Under 14 team won two County Minor and two County Under 21 titles.

The first big breakthrough at Senior level came in 1991 when we won our first ever South Senior Football title beating today's opponents Fethard in Kilsheelan. Nine of that 1983 Under 14 team went on to play Senior Championship games for the Moyle Rovers. Seven of that team are still on the Senior panel and four are lining out today.

The formation of a strong juvenile sector in my mind was the catalyst that set up the successes that are ongoing through to today. The juvenile arm of our club has gone from strength to strength in recent years and will hopefully form the foundation for a healthy Moyle Rovers club in the next millennium.

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- 4. Martin Harrigan
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- 6. Mark O'Halloran
- 7. Gerry Walsh
- 8. Benny Hahessy
- 9. James Walsh
- 10. Brian Barry
- 11. Kieran McGuire
- 12. Adrian Walshe
- 13. Alan P. Ryan
- 14. William Barrett
- 15. William Murphy
- 16. Willie Walshe
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- 19. Alan J. Ryan
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- 21. Barry Murphy
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- 18. Eddie O'Brien
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- 21. Michael Shelly
- 22. John Cooke

The Mini Game

MOYLE ROVERS

(Sky Blue)

- 1 Robert Ryan (Grangemockler)
- 2 Pat Mulcahy (Fr. Sheehy)
- 3 Enda McEnery (Mullinahone)
- 4 Kevin ??????? (Commercials)
- 5 Enda Grace (Moyle Rovers) Cpt.
- 6 Brian Sweeney (Newcastle)
- 7 Adam McSharry (St. Martins)
- 8 Robert Butler (Ballingarry)
- 9 Barry Cloona (Kilsheelan)
- 10 Padraig Fitzgerald (Ballyporeen)

FETHARD

(Blue & White)

- 1 Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Og)
- 2 Stephen Horgan (B'looby C.Gr.)
- 3 Tom O'Donnell (Cahir)
- 4 A. J. Cronin (Carrick Davins)
- 5 Liam Pollard (Ardfinnan)
- 6 Jon Fraher (Commercials)
- 7 Dermot Gleeson (St. Patricks)
- 8 Danny Hanlon (Carrick Swan)9 Daniel Doyle (Fethard) Capt.
- 10 Kevin Kennedy (Killenaule)

.Referee: Danny Cahill (Ballyporeen)



Fánaithe Na Maoiligh (Moyle Rovers)

1 Seamus Delahunty

2 3 4
Robbie Boland Liam Cronin (Cpt.) Kevin O'Connor

5 6 7
John McGrath Michael McGrath John Shanahan

8 9
Jimmy Dunne John Owens

James Williams Derry Foley Tommie Hewitt

13 14 15
Donal Foley Paul Boland Declan Browne

Subs: M. J. Browne (sub goalie); Padraig Foley; Nial Fitzgerald, Paul Norris, Ger McCarthy, John Kelly, Kevin Condon, Paul O'Connor, Noel Wall, Keith Delahunty, T. J. Wall.

Trainer: Donal Foley, Coach/Selector Jim Cahill, Selectors John Keating, Dick Looby

Front cover photo:

Moyle Rovers County Senior Football Champions 1999

Front row l/r: Paul Norris, Paul Boland, Noel Wall, James Williams, Liam Cronin, Cpt. John Owens, Seamus Delahunty, Robbie Boland, John McGrath, Donal Foley, Declan Browne, T. J. Wall.

Back row l/r: Michael Murphy, Keith Delahunty, Kevin O'Connor, John Kelly, Ger McCarthy, Tommie Hewitt, Derry Foley, Padraig Foley, John Shanahan, M. J. Browne, Michael McGrath, Niall Fitzgerald, Paul O'Connor, Jimmy Dunne.

Fíodh Árd (Fethard)



Paul Fitzgerald

2 3 4
Willie Morrissey Tom Anglim Philly Blake
5 6 7
Jimmy O'Meara Michael Quinlan Stephen O'Donnell

8 9 Michael Spillane Damien Byrne

Conor McCarthy Brian Burke Willie O'Meara

13 14 15

Martin Coen Shay Coen Tommy Sheehan (capt.)

Subs: 16. Ml. S. McCormack, 17. Martin Ryan, 18. Cian Maher,

19. Michael Ahearne, 20. Michael O'Riordan, 21. Aiden Fitzgerald,

22. Glen Burke, 23. Chris Coen, 24. John Paul Looby,

25. Eugene Walshe.

Front cover photo:

1997 County Senior Champions

Back row l/r: Willie O'Meara, Michael Ryan, Damien Byrne, Paul Fitzgerald, Brian Burke, Chris Coen, Miceal Spillane, Michael Quinlan.

Front row l/r: Michael Fitzgerald, Philly Blake, Willie Morrissey, Tommy Sheehan, Stephen O'Donoghue, Jimmy O'Meara, Martin Coen.

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What a year it has been to date in Fethard football; already having won U21(A) championship Minor (A) championship in Junior (A) semi-final and today we are contesting Senior going for our 26th title this century. Winning our first 1914 our 21st 1984 and our last title in 1997. In the nineties we are going for our 4th to equal Moyle Rovers, having been beaten by them when they won their 1st title in 1991. To date in the nineties we have contested four finals, losing just the one and we have only met today's opposition once in the finals of the nineties winning '92, '93 and '97.

Our path to the final started on 11.4.99 beating Commercials 1-14 to 2-6 on 25.4.99 we lost to Moyle Rovers 2-12 to 1-5 but on 15.5.99 we beat Ardfinnan 3-17 to 0-12 and we finished our campaign on 28.5.99 beating Cahir 3-10 to 1-4. In the semi-final we again met Commercials winning 0-14 to 0-10 on 27.7.99. The team is over 3 months awaiting the South Final. To all involved best of luck today "True Blue".

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MOYLE ROVERS - KEVIN O'CONNOR



Kevin first tasted championship success with Moyle Rovers, along with his brother Paul, when he was part of the Under 14 team that won the 2 County and 2 South Championships in 1983.

Further success followed for Kevin at U16 Minor and U21 winning South and County Championship medals. He won a South Junior Football medal when the club won the championship in 1989. After his display in that championship, it was only a matter of time before he would make the senior team. He played a vital role in the club's first senior success in 1991 when the South championship was won beating today's opposition, Fethard, who were then county champions of that year.

Kevin has been part of all Moyle Rovers successful teams in recent years and he is the current holder of 4 South and County Senior football championship medals, 4 South Junior hurling medals, South Junior football medal. In 1998 he played a major contribution to the club winning their first County Junior hurling championship. He also has 2 Clonmel Oil Senior football league medals, 1 Tipperaryman's Cup Medal. In 1998, which proved a very successful year for Kevin, he also won a County Junior Factory League medal. Kevin is a most versatile player having played in every position on the football field with his club.

No matter what happens he will always give 100 percent to his club both on and off the field of play. In his spare time he can be seen at Powerstown School or at Moyle Park coaching our young players. He has also been a member of the Tipperary Junior football team and the County Intermediate hurling side in recent times. Employed by Willamette Europe Ltd., Redmonstown, he is married to Brenda and has three sons, Eoin and twins Daragh and Aaron.



FETHARD - WILLIE O'MEARA



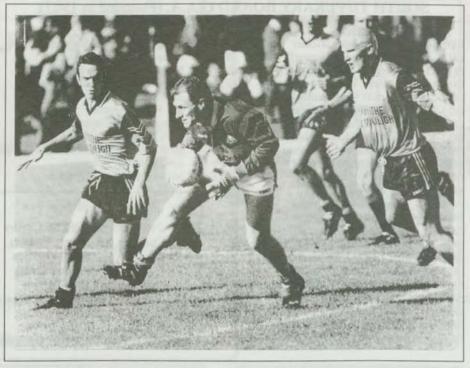
The gentleman of Fethard present day football. His skills and leadership has been a joy to watch since he first put a Fethard jersey on in the early seventies. Married to Bernadette (nee Houlihan), a noted camogie player with St. Rita's, they have 1 girl, Molly, "the apple of his eye". He won his first County Minor Medal in 1985 having in 1984 added a South Junior (A) football title. Again in U21 football he won the South and county title in 1987. His career as a player blossomed from '85 winning 5 South titles to date, '85, '88, '91, '93 and '97. Today aiming for his 6th Senior South title. He has also added to these four County Senior medals '88, '91, '93 and '97. Probably his finest

hour was when he captained Fethard in '93 to win South and County titles. He is probably Fethard's most versatile player, being as happy as a forward or as a back. He is noted by his fellow players as a very fair and honest player who always gives of his best. At No. 6 where he has spent most of his career he is always admired for his style, elegance and ability to read the game. On the ball he is most comfortable and displays excellent handling and distribution of the ball. In his early days he was a noted hurler playing in the forwards.

BUÍOCHAS

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Seán Ó Nuinseain Eagarthoir



Robbie Boland, Jimmy Dunne and John Owens, Moyle Rovers, in hot pursuit of Tommie Kelly, Commercials in the County Final, as referee Ger Hayes keeps a watchful eye on proceedings in the County final.



Jimmy McCarthy, Chairman, South Tipperary Bord na nOg presenting the "Bill Lafford Memorial Trophy" to John McGrath, Capt. after the U14 U/R Final -v- Swan at Kilsheelan, 1983.

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