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I would like to welcome all our patrons to Kilsheelan today for the Clonmel Oil Senior Football Final.

The pairing in today's final is unique, who would have predicted in the early stages of the championship that Fethard and Carrick Swan would meet in the final. Fethard of the great football tradition who hold the record of senior titles won in the Division and Carrick Swan who are appearing in their first South senior final. Carrick Swan have been making great strides in football in recent years at under age level and are now reaping the rewards. They are in this final on merit having achieved an outstanding victory over no less a side than Moyle Rovers in the semi final. What can one say about Fethard, they are never very far away from being titleholders in the Division and produce teams of a high standard year in year out. I look forward to a great days entertainment in today's final and wish all the players involved the very best of luck.

The curtain raiser for today's senior final is the Minor C football final between Ballyporeen and Newcastle. These are the players of the future and they have an opportunity today to perform before a bigger audience. They deserve all our support.

On this the day of our Football showpiece in the Division I wish to take the opportunity to congratulate our County Senior footballers on their magnificent victory in the Tommy Murphy Cup in Croke Park on Sunday last. Each and every one of the players involved done us proud on the day. They brought honour to Club and County and have given football a much-needed boost and an opportunity to build for the future.

I also wish to thank our sponsors Clonmel Oil for their continued support for our Senior Football championship and indeed for their support for football in general in the County and I ask our patrons to acknowledge that support in every way possible.

Finally I wish the best of luck to the referees and officials for today's games John Kelly from the Kickhams Rahely Club referees his first South Senior football Final and Paddy Ivors from the Ballingarry Club referees the Minor football C Final. I thank also the Kilsheelan Club for hosting the games and am confident and sure that the arrangements for the game will be top class.

Barra Ó Briain, Cathaoirleach

CLÁR AN LAE



12.00 M.F.C.C. Final

Ballyporeen v Newcastle

Referee: Paddy Ivors (Ballingarry)

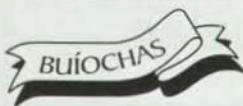
1.30 p.m. Clonmel Oil S.F.C. Final

Fethard v Carrick Swan

Referee: John Kelly (Rahely/Kickhams)

*Mini Games
of ten minutes
duration will
take place at the
interval in the
Senior Final*

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Carrick Swan*

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The Senior Football Final Preview

The destination of the O Shea Cup the coveted trophy presented to the Senior Football champions in South Tipperary will be decided in Kilsheelan today when the footballers of Fethard and Carrick Swan meet to decide where the title goes.

If tradition counts for anything then Fethard would seem to hold all the aces with twenty seven South senior titles to their credit and nineteen County titles behind them. Fethard has long been a stronghold of the game indeed from the very foundation of the G.A.A. Year after year the Club turns out teams of a high standard and they are rarely very far from the honours list.

Carrick Swan approach this game from a different angle altogether, they have never figured in a Divisional senior football final before and will be going for their first title at this level. This is not to say however that they have not a chance in today's game they have of course every chance of victory.

The Club in recent years have been turning out some fine minor and under 21 teams and had the honour of winning the U21 football A title in the current year beating no less a side than Moyle Rovers in the final. In the senior championship they had a great victory over a strong Killenaule side in a tough game played earlier in the Summer. The draw favoured them and they got a bye to the semi final where they were up against a Moyle Rovers whom many would have favoured to win the title. They were not overawed however by the calibre of the opposition and turned in an outstanding performance to claim victory in the closing stages of the game. Swan achieved senior status after success at Intermediate level winning South and County titles in 1999.

They turned out in senior ranks in the Millennium year and have retained that status since. They have some fine young players and a blend of experience as well with many players who are used to playing in finals in both hurling and football. One can be assured that Swan will give it everything today they have nothing to lose and Fethard's tradition wont bother them one bit.

Fethard's path to this final has also been through the front door with a comprehensive victory over Ardfinnan in the first round. Like Swan they got the bye to the semi final where they got into a lot of difficulty in progressing against a strong Grangemockler side who came very close to upsetting the odds. Fethard were lucky to come out of that encounter and will be very wary going into this final. They have a fine side who can play excellent football on their day and will fight hard to keep up the great tradition of their Club.

The scene is set then for a great final which should keep supporters and patrons alike on their toes until the final whistle.



CARRICK SWAN

[Black/White]

	1	
	Michael Walsh	
2	3	4
Aaron Harrigan	Jamie Sweetman	Noel O Donnell
5	6	7
Anthony O Donnell	Alan O Sullivan [capt]	Mark O Halloran
	8	9
	James Walsh	Alan Rockett
10	11	12
Alan J Ryan	Benny Hassey	Barry Murphy
13	14	15
Willie Murphy	Stephen Hahessy	Alan P. Ryan

Subs: 16. John Walsh 17. Brian Grace 18. Paul Coady 19. Keith Walsh
 20. Kieran Reid 21. M. Harrigan 22. Jim Bourke 23. Peter White
 Team Manager Seamus Walsh, Selectors Willie Walsh, Dick O Hanlon, Michael Walsh.

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NEWCASTLE

[Black/Amber]

	1	
	David Freaney	
	2	3
	Conor Devaney	Shane Hickey
4	5	6
Karl Ryan	Lorcan McCarra	Liam Devaney
	7	8
	Conor Grant	Jordan Corbett [Capt]
9	10	11
Will Condon	Tom Kennedy	Will Kennedy
	12	13
	Ger O Donnell	Andrew Fitzpatrick

Subs: 14. Cian Corbett 15. Caoimhin McGrath 16. Kevin O Donnell 17. Thomas Lonergan
 Team Mentors Barry Hickey, Emmett Prendergast, John Egan

**FETHARD***[Blue/White]*

	1	
	Paul Fitzgerald [capt]	
2	3	4
Alan Phelan	Michael Ahearne	Ian Kendrick
5	6	7
Willie Morrissey	Damien Byrne	Stephen O'Donnell
	8	9
	Aiden Fitzgerald	Tomas Keane
10	11	12
Carl Maher	Michael Dillon	John Paul Looby
13	14	15
Conor McCarthy	Brian Coen	Kenneth O'Donnell

Subs: 16. Thomas Gahan 17. Michael Carroll 18. Michael Spillane 19. Shane Walsh
 20. Brian Burke 21. Shane Aylward 22. Jamie McCormack 23. Darren O'Meara
 24. Glen Burke 25. James Smith 27. Martin Coen 28. Jason Nevin.

Team Manager Michael Fitzgerald, Selectors Tommy Sheehan, Denis Burke.

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BALLYPOREEN*[Red/Black]*

	1	
	Pat Ahearne	
2	3	
Sean Mc Grath	Jack English	
4	5	6
Davy O'Neill	Patrick Quinlan [Capt]	Thomas Martin
	7	8
	Sean Sweeney	Danny Hannon
9	10	11
Paudie Fitzgerald	Kenneth English	Harry English
	12	13
	Michael W. Hickey	Conor Sweeney

Subs: 14. Davy Farrell, 15. David Crotty, 16. Ml. O Gorman 17. Cormack Flannely
 18. Pat McCarthy 19. Kevin Crotty 20. Eanna Meaney 21. Simon Hickey
 22. Garry Brophy 23. Paul Quinlan 24. Robert Duggan

Team Mentors Sean Crotty, John Mc Grath, John O'Brien.

Paul Fitzgerald [Fethard] Captain

Age 28

Honours Achieved to Date

County level

Munster Minor Football 1995

Mc Grath Cup [Senior Football] 2003

Tommy Murphy Cup 2005

Club level

Under 21 A South Title 1993

Under 21 South B Hurling 1993 and 1997

South Senior Football Titles in 1997 and 2002

Co Senior Football Titles in 1997 and 2001

County Senior Football League Titles in 2001,2003,2004

South Intermediate Hurling in 2002



Achievements

Played at County level at Senior Football, Under 21, Minor and Junior.

Played in Munster Senior Football finals in 1997 and 2001 also in Munster Club League Final inaugural Year 1999.

Influences on Career: My Family, Willie O Meara, Brian Burke, Tommy Sheehan, MI [Buddy] Fitzgerald with whom I had the privilege to play.

Alan O Sullivan [Captain] Carrick Swan

Age 22

One of the Clubs outstanding Club players in Hurling and Football in recent years. Leads by example.

Playing for his Club since under 10

Has won honours at Club level in the South Division at U 12

Hurling, U 16 and U 21 Hurling.

Played Football with Carrick C.B.S and won County U 17 Title

Ambition would be to lead Carrick Swan to South and County Hurling and Football titles.



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*Wishes Fethard all the best in
today's Senior Final*

Na Reiteoiri

John Kelly from the Kickhams/Rahelty Club in Mid Tipperary referees today's senior final.

John has been officiating at all levels in the County and in his own Division for a number of years and is a highly experienced official. He referees his first South senior final today.



John Kelly

Paddy Ivors from the Ballingarry Club referees the minor football C Final. Paddy is one of the new referees in the Division and has had a busy year refereeing for the Senior and Juvenile Boards. He referees his first South Final today.



Paddy Ivors

Fethard's 28th Title

Fethard are going for their 28th South Title (1st in 1914) this Sunday having last won in 2002 in defeating Moyle Rovers on a score line Fethard 0-13 Moyle Rovers 0-8. With ten of that first

fifteen available and a lot of young talent coming through the number game on Sunday should be okay, but not having ever played Carrick Swan in a final they are an unknown quantity and will be very much respected for reaching this final with very impressive displays.

We will have to call on all our experience to be able to beat Carrick Swan in this final.

Lets hope our young boys will bring back the O Shea Cup to the Friary Town on Sunday evening and in so doing make it two Titles in 2000,s to add to the three in the nineties, the four in the eighties and the three in the seventies.



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