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Tipperary Senior Football Championship Final

ARDFINNAN V MOYLE ROVERS



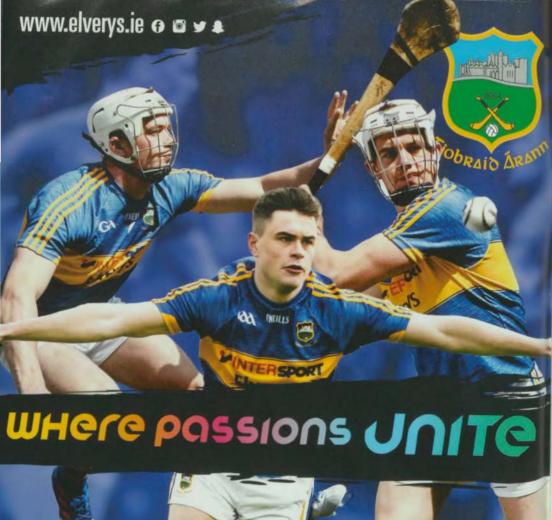
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## Fáilte ón gCathaoirleach Bord Peil

WOULD like to welcome everyone to Semple Stadium for our county Senior and Intermediate Football finals. A special welcome to the four competing clubs – Ardfinnan and Moyle Rovers in the Senior, Golden-Kilfeacle and Moyne-Templetuohy in the Intermediate.

Ardfinnan started their campaign with a heavy defeat in the first round, after which they reorganised, steadied the ship and have improved with each outing, beating Loughmore-Castleiney in the semi-final to claim their place in today's decider.

Moyle Rovers progressed steadily through the opening rounds on their way to meet Clonmel Commercials in the semi-final. With seconds remaining on the clock they trailed by a point, but their never say die attitude was rewarded with a goal to clinch a win and their place in the final.

Both teams will be hoping to build on their performance today and I expect that we will witness a keenly contested match in which either of the two teams could emerge victorious. The best of luck to Ardfinnan and Moyle Rovers in the Senior Final.

Our Intermediate finalists Golden-Kilfeacle and Moyne-Templetuohy have both notched up some impressive wins on their path to the final. The major prize of playing senior next year awaits the winner of this contest and I am sure this will provide additional motivation to both teams. The best of luck to Golden-Kilfeacle and Moyne-Templetuohy in the Intermediate final.

Our referees for today's finals are two very experienced men, Sean Everard for the Senior and Derek O'Mahoney for the Intermediate. I appeal to everyone to give them and their officials the respect they deserve. Officiating at our games is not an easy task and great credit is due to those who take up the whistle.

We are blessed in Tipperary to have Semple Stadium as a venue for our games. It adds to the magic of county final day and has all the facilities for the competing teams and their supporters to enjoy the occasion. My thanks to Semple Stadium Management Committee for their continuous work to provide us with this facility.

Today we celebrate the Fethard team who won the County Senior Football title in 1993 on the 25th anniversary of their win. Give them a warm welcome when they are presented on the field.

Finally, I wish to thank the loyal supporters of football in Tipperary for your attendance at games throughout the year and I hope you all have an entertaining and enjoyable day.

#### BARRA Ó BRIAIN

Cathaoirleach, Coiste Peil Thiobraid Árann



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12.27pm	Golden-Kilfeacle amach ar an páirc
12.30pm	Moyne-Templetuohy amach ar an páirc
12.45pm	Tús an chluiche
1.17pm	Leath-am
1.27pm	Tús an dara leath
2.00pm	Críoch an chluiche
2.10pm	Presentation of the <b>Barrett Cup</b> to the winning captain by Barra Ó Briain, Cathaoirleach, Coiste Péil an Chontae, followed by the presentation of the "Man of the Match" award (sponsored by John Quirke Jewellers, Cahir)
2.20pm	Presentation of the <b>Fethard – 1993 County Senior Football Championshi</b> winners
2.37pm	Ardfinnan amach ar an páirc
2.40pm	Moyle Rovers amach an an páirc
2.55pm	Pre-match parade led by the Moycarkey Borris Pipe Band
2.59pm	Amhrán an bhFiann
3.00pm	Tús an cluiche
3.33pm	Leath-am
3.43pm	Tús an dara leath
4.15pm	Críoch an chluiche
4.25pm	Presentation of the <b>O'Dwyer Cup</b> to the winning captain by Barra Ó Briain, Cathaoirleach, Coiste Péil an Chontae, followed by the presentation of the "Man of the Match" award (sponsored by John Quirke Jewellers, Cahir)

#### Fethard 1993 Senior Football Champions to be honoured

The Fethard 1993 County Senior Football Champions will be honoured between the Intermediate and Senior football finals today. Sponsored by the Tipperary County GAA Board, *The Nationalist* and the Brian Boru Bar and Restaurant, Cashel, the Fethard 1993 panel will be given a reception by the Tipperary County Board at the Dome, Semple Stadium at 12 noon. They will be introduced to the crowd between the games and entertained to dinner afterwards.



Left to right: Seamus J. King (Organising Committee), Michael Spillane, Pat Horan (Proprietor, Brian Boru, Cashel), Chris Coen, Mary Godfrey (Secretary, Fethard G.A.A. Club), Michael Ryan, P. J. Ahearne (Chairman, Fethard G.A.A. Club)

#### Senior Referee - SEAN EVERARD

MOYNE-TEMPLETUOHY clubman **Sean Everard** comes from a long line of distinguished GAA enthusiasts in his native parish and has represented the green and gold at all levels as a player. Of course the club has also produced some very fine referees and administrators down through the years too, and Sean has progressed to become one of the most respected knights of the whistle in the game, having started out in the game some time ago.

Refereeing the county senior football final is certainly a big deal for Sean, who has previously refereed county and divisional deciders at all levels. Sean and his team of officials are very well qualified to take charge of today's big game, having played football as well as hurling throughout a lengthy career, before taking up the whistle.

Sean is very highly respected in Mid Tipperary and took charge of the drawn Centenary Agri Mid senior hurling final between Loughmore-Castleiney and Thurles Sarsfields earlier in the season. However, his reputation as an official extends far beyond the mid division and even the county — Sean is regarded as a straight forward, direct, no nonsense official, who uses common sense in his application of the rule book.

We wish Sean the very best for this afternoon's big game and look forward to seeing him officiating at many a game in the years to come.

Standby Ref: Tom McGrath

Linesman: Tom Loughnane 4th Official: Mark Dunne

Umpires: Paddy Sweeney, Paul Kelly, Pat O'Connor, Eamonn Fogarty.

#### Intermediate Referee - DEREK O'MAHONEY

**O** NE MAN who is sure to be rushing back onto Semple Stadium after the Intermediate game has concluded is Ardfinnan official **Derek O'Mahoney** who takes charge of the curtain raiser here this afternoon. A very experienced official whose talents have been recognised outside of Tipperary as well as throughout the Premier County, Derek will be anxious to see his native Ardfinnan taking on Moyle Rovers in the senior decider, once he has showered and changed after the Intermediate game.



Derek has become one of the most well respected referees in the game and his ability to keep up with the game, and rule changes at all times, sets him apart from others. He places a lot of store on his own personal fitness and sees it as being essential to be able to get up and down the pitch with ease.

Derek brings with him a team of experienced officials and they are really looking forward to taking charge of the Intermediate final, having previously handled finals in all grades in Tipperary.

We wish Derek and his team well for this afternoons opener and for his officiating in future games as well.

Standby Ref: Sean Peters

Linesman: Cathal Boyle 4th Official: Seamus Delaney

Umpires: Paddy Noonan, Liam Barrett, Peter Macken, Stan Barlow.

### Buíochas

We hope you enjoy reading today's programme. It has been produced with the assistance of Tom Maher (Assistant County Secretary), Joe Bracken (County Board PRO) and John Currivan (Golden-Kilfeacle),

Mark Dunne (Moyne-Templetuohy), Aidan McNamara (Ardfinnan) and Jean O'Connor (Moyle Rovers). Many thanks to Seamus J. King, Jeddy Walsh, Liam Ó Donnchú, Andy Fogarty and Enda O'Sullivan for contributing articles. A special word of thanks to photographer Michael Boland for his photographs.

GER CORBETT, *Programme Editor* 

FRONT COVER – Jonathan Ryan (Ardfinnan) and Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers) photographed at the launch of the Tipperary Water Senior Football Championship Final.



## Long wait for title will end for today's victors By: ENDA O'SULLIVAN

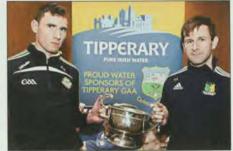
ODAY'S Intermediate football final between Moyne-Templetuohy and Golden-Kilfeacle promises to be an intriguing affair as the victor will end a long famine in their wait for success at this grade. Moyne-Templetuohy last won the championship in 1981 when Toddy Sweeney led his side to glory, while their opponents have had one year less to wait, as twelve months later, Liam Walsh captained the side that brought the Intermediate championship to the West.

Golden will be looking to their inter-county star Josh Keane to led them to the promised land. Keane, a regular on Liam Kearns' senior side, is a dynamic footballer full of running and endless energy and he has become one of the most exciting players in the country. Keane is also joined by Shane O'Connell on the Tipperary side.

A teak-tough defender O'Connell will be the leader of the Golden rear-guard, orchestrating their backs and making surging runs when the ball goes forward while they can also call upon the knowledge and experience of Tipperary senior selector Shane Stapleton who has made a name for himself as one of the top coaches in the country. However, they don't solely rely on their intercounty men, with players like Aidan O'Connell, Daithi Bargary, Ronan Hayes and Andy Byrnes all very capable footballers.

In the county semi-final, it was Shane O'Connell who led the way with two first-half goals, setting them up for a comfortable win over a highly fancied but ultimately disappointing Borrisokane outfit who fancied their chances after defeating Clonmel Commercials in the quarter-final.

Moyne-Templetuohy don't currently boast the senior inter-county stars that their opponents can but none-the-less have plenty of



Photographed at the launch of the Tipperary Water Intermediate Football Championship Final were the captains Ronan Hayes (Golden-Kilfeacle) (left) and Tomás Hassett (Moyne-Templetuohy).

players who donned the Blue and Gold. Conor Bowe was on the county Minor team in 2017, their captain Thomas Hassett played senior in the past for the Premier ,while the experienced Odhran Lloyd was part of the county Junior team four years ago.

The retirements of the Coughlan brothers, John and Hugh, was a huge blow to the club but they have coped very well since and were comfortable winners over Rockwell Rovers in the quarter-final before accounting for South side Grangemockler, with the aid of three second-half goals, in Boherlahan in the semi-final.

The prize of a return to senior football for the winners today is massive for two clubs that have contributed hugely to Tipperary football since its inception and we can expect a ferocious contest as a result. While Golden might be considered the favourites in many peoples' eyes they certainly won't have it all their own way against the men from the Mid and whoever comes out on top will have certainly earned their reward.

We wish referee Derek O'Mahoney, his team of officials and both clubs the very best of luck in what should be a pleasing game for the spectators.



HE Golden-Kilfeacle GAA club, which was formerly known as the Golden Fontenoys, is located in the parish of Golden and Kilfeacle and is one of the few clubs to have won West Senior football and hurling championships.

In the early years, Golden Hurling club (founded in 1885) and Kilfeacle Gaelic football club (founded in 1887) were two separate clubs. The two clubs amalgamated in 1946, resulting in today's vibrant senior and juvenile club, with over 300 members playing hurling and football from the age of six upwards.

Since its inception, much development work has taken place, particularly in recent years.

In 2005, the GAA club in conjunction with the local parish council, decided to build a new hall and new dressing rooms at the GAA grounds for the benefit of the entire community. Phase one was completed in 2009.

Phase two was completed in 2017 and resulted in two extra dressing rooms, a referee's room, a number of meetings rooms, two kitchens, a medical room, outside ladies/gents/disabled toilets, a reception area, new entrance/exit and boundary wall with railings.

In the intervening years between 2009 and 2017, the club also developed a juvenile pitch, erected a new hurling wall and laid a fully lit walking track around the fields.

Such development requires enormous fundraising and we are extremely indebted



to the people of the parish and to a team of dedicated volunteers for their loyal support to date.

The club runs a very successful weekly Lotto and Bingo and to all the members of the parish and the club who help in any way, we say a huge thank you. We also thank local businesses and many sponsors who have given us such great support over the years.

Our main hall, which has hosted Aslan, Wolf Tones and many Country and Western concerts has a seating capacity of 600 people and a standing capacity of 1000, while our main meeting room seats 150 and all are available to rent.

Football has been very kind to our club throughout the years.

Today's final sees us appearing in our second final in the last three years, losing by a single point to Fethard in 2016.

The path to the final has seen us taken a slightly different route with the introduction of the new format.

In round one, we overcame Carrick Swans,



Back row (I.-r.): Shane Webb, Ronan Hayes, Niall Heffernan, Niall Fogarty, Cian O'Connell, Shane O'Connell, Josh Keane, Sean Hayes, Aidan O'Connell, James McCarthy, Thomas Byrnes. Front row (I.-r): Jack Currivan, James O'Connell, Andy Byrnes, Derry Ormond, Shane Stapleton, Jonathan Wade, Sean O'Halloran, Killian Hayde, J.J. Byrnes, Daithí Bargary, John Colohan. Missing from photo: James Hayes.

in round two we had a narrow win over Rockwell Rovers and in the final game of the group, we beat Clonmel Óg.

With maximum points from our three games, we qualified to meet Moyle Rovers in the County quarter-final, a game we won by the bare minimum.

Borrisokane were our opponents in the County semi-final and our two first half goals proved vital to our win.

Today we will try to bridge a 36-year gap since last winning the County title in 1982 and we wish our players and management team all the very best of luck.



Golden-Kilfeacle Management Team (I.-r.): Paul Fogarty (Selector), Brian Leamy (Selector), Liam Tuohy (Manager), Mick O Sullivan (Coach), Michael Ormond (Selector).



6. JOHN COLOHAN	18. JAMES HAYES	20. J.J. BYRNES	22. JAMES O'CONNELL
S. Mac Uallacháin	S. Ó hAodha	S.S. Ó Broin	S. Ó Conaill
7. NIALL FOGARTY	19. ALEX RYAN	21. DERRY ORMOND	
N. Ó Fógartaigh	A. Ó Riain	D. Ó Rua	

#### ROGHNÓIRÍ

Manager: Liam Touhy Coach: Mick O'Sullivan

Selectors: Michael Ormonde, Brian Leamy, Paul Fogarty

Physio: James Maxwell

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- 17. DONNACHA DUNNE D. Ó Doinn
- 18. BRIAN KELLY B. Ó Ceallaigh
- 19. NIALL RUSSELL
- N. Ó Ruiséil
- 20. MARK RYAN
  - M. Ó Riain
- 21. JACK FOGARTY S. Ó Fógartaigh
- 22. TOSSY HAMMIL T. Ó hÁmaill
- 23. RONAN ELY
- R. Ely
- 24. CHRIS LALOR C. Ó Leathlobair
- 25. LIAM BUTLER L. de Buitléir
- 26. DAMIEN CANTWELL
  D. Contuol

Manager: Phil Bowe

Coach/Trainer: Denis Kelly Selector: Bill Morrissey

## A day of history beckons for Moyne-Templetuohy

A S throw in time approaches, a new sense of belief and hope rises within this Moyne-Templetuohy team hoping to reclaim their position as a Senior Football Club.

Many will remember the great team of 2005 who achieved such glory, with many of that winning team togging out today. 2005 Captain Joe Leahy still remains between the posts with Louis Everard, Cathal Ely, Niall Russell, Ronan Ely and Tom and John Hassett still all vital cogs to this team.

Positioned in the heartlands of the Mid Division, we are small rural club that has a very deep and proud tradition of Gaelic Games.

Having competed at Senior Football level for many years, we are now setting our eyes firmly on regaining our senior status. The clear work and progression of our football teams can also be seen as we compete in this year's County Junior B Football Final.

Our Juvenile Club, however, is the foundation stone to the club. The



tireless and selfless work being done here is now paying dividends with many of our current crop benefiting from terrific coaching down through the years.

We have enjoyed much success both on and off the field in recent years, most notably appearing in two County Minor Finals last year, with our Juveniles enjoying much success at both Mid and County level.

#### **CLUB GROUNDS**

Over the past few years, considerable work has been done in developing our facilities at our grounds in Templetuohy. Last year saw the opening of our Astro Turf playing surface located on our ball wall.

In more recent times work has focused on upgrading our floodlights. We are now the first club in the county with an LED Lighting system, which will see approximately a 50% reduction in energy

consumption over the year. The club is deeply grateful to all supporters and sponsors who contribute financially and support our teams yearly.

Our club like no others would not function if it was not for the countless volunteers who give of their time on a daily basis to promote our games within the parish. All these volunteers share a common goal, that is to see the GAA flourish amongst our young people and for each one of them to be the best they can be.

On this positive note I would like to wish all teams competing today the very best of luck. It is also a very special day for the Everard family, Templetuohy with Sean taking charge of the County Senior Football Final. A tremendous honour for Sean and his officials and we wish them all the very best of luck.

To our own team, I would like to wish our players and management team the very best of luck in their quest for glory. Maighean Teampeall na Tuaithe abú. Go n-éirí an t-ádh libh!

Mark Dunne Club PRO



Back row (I.-r.): John Hassett, Brian Kelly, Cathal Ely, Dinny Kelly, Bill Morrissey (Selector), Niall Russell, Robert Larkin, David Lowe, Thossie Hamill, Diarmuid Fogarty, Joe O'Grady, Eoin Ryan, Donnacha Dunne, Gearoid O'Connor, Conor Bowe, Denis Kelly (coach), Willie Fogarty (Chairman). Front row (I.-r.): John Coghlan, Tomás Hassett, Louis Everard, Sean Hayes, Damian Cantwell, Jason Bergin, Pierce Meade, Jack Fogarty, Tom Meade, Mark Ryan, Eoin Gorman, Chris Lawlor and Ronan Ely. Missing from photo: Joe Leahy (Captain), Odhran Lloyd.

PATH TO THE FINAL:				
Round 1 (April 22nd):  Moyne-Templetuohy 1-07	Moycarkey-Borris 0-08			
Round 2 (August 19th):  Moyne-Templetuohy2-12	Loughmore-Castleiney 1-09			
Round 3 (September 7th):  Moyne-Templetuohy1-10	Moyle Rovers 4-09			
Group 2 Play-off Round 2 (September 20th):  Moyne-Templetuohy0-09	Loughmore-Castleiney 0-09			
Group 2 Play-off Round 3 (September 23rd):  Moyne-Templetuohy1-09	Moyne Rovers 0-03			
Quarter-Final (October 6th):  Moyne-Templetuohy2-10	Rockwell Rovers0-08			
Semi-Final (October 13th):  Moyne-Templetuohy 3-11	Grangemockler-Ballyneale0-06			

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# The pain of three receiptions should drive Moyle

By: JEDDY WALSH 'The Nationalist', Clonmel



AFIRST-EVER County Senior Football Championship Final between Ardfinnan and Moyle Rovers is the showpiece of today's double bill at Semple Stadium, Thurles.

The last half dozen county senior titles have been shared between Clonmel Commercials and Loughmore/Castleiney and so for the first time since 2011 a name other than that of those two great clubs will be etched onto the O'Dwyer Cup this year.

At the beginning of the campaign, it would have been difficult to look beyond either Commercials or Loughmore as likely county champions for 2018 but if one had to look anywhere for a likely successor it would surely have been towards Moyle Rovers. There or there-about most years, the Monroe-based club have been beaten in three county finals over the last seven years, and have also fallen in a couple of semi-finals during that period. They have been good but just not good enough when it came to getting over the winning line in the crucial games.

On the other side today are Ardfinnan. At the beginning of the year few could have foreseen them being represented here today. Even the greatest optimists with maroon-tinted glasses could not have envisaged a place in the county decider after a 24points mauling to Commercials on Sunday, 22nd April. But believe it or not, as incredible



Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers) brushes past the challenge of Clonmel Commercials Seamus Kennedy in the semi-final. (Photo: Michael Boland)

as it seems, six months later 'The Village' are in Semple Stadium, deservedly so and in with a real shout of success.

Unbeaten throughout 2018 in competitive fare, Moyle Rovers will start as favourites today to bridge the gap to their last title in 2009. Wins over Arravale Rovers, Upperchurch/Drombane and Galtee Rovers saw them top Group 2. In their quarter-final they took some time to get the better of last year's runners-up Killenaule. In their semifinal they took all the time they could wish for – five minutes of added time – to overcome champions Clonmel Commercials when Sean Carey goaled at the death. It was a Hail Mary and a Houdini Act all in one.

Ardfinnan opened up their Group 4 campaign with that humbling hammering to the

# nt county final defeats Rovers to victory



Ardfinnan's Colin O'Shaughnessy about to gain possession of the football as he is challenged by Loughmore-Castleiney's Liam McGrath.

(Photo: Michael Boland)

reigning champions. Having regularly fought off relegation over recent years, it looked as if a similar fate would be their lot also in 2018.

A decision was made to send for John Evans to take over the reins and Ardfinnan haven't looked back – or been beaten – since. Hard-fought wins over Éire Óg Annacarty and Aherlow Gaels then followed to secure an unlikely place in the quarter-finals. In the last eight they impressively kicked 22 points in dismissing Ballyporeen. Even allowing for that showing, few would have given them a prayer for the semi-final against the mighty Loughmore/Castleiney. Here, in perhaps one of the biggest shocks in

Tipp football in a decade, Ardfinnan stunned Loughmore by 0-9 to 0-8 at Holycross. Their dream was still alive.

The bookmakers make Moyle Rovers favourites at 4/11 and even allowing for Ardfinnan's heroics of late, it is difficult to look beyond the Powerstown/Lisronagh side. The potential is there with numerous players with recent senior county experience, captain Alan Campbell, Luke Boland, Liam Boland, Sean Carey, David McGrath, Diarmuid Foley and Ciarán Kenrick, plus another half dozen or so with Tipp experience at under-21 and minor. Manager Niall Fitzgerald certainly has the talent at his disposal to go all the way if the mindset is right on the day.

What Ardfinnan lack in county experience – Colm O'Shaughnessy being the only real regular in recent years – they make up for in spades when it comes to commitment and dedication and a do-or-die attitude once the maroon jersey is pulled on. Led by captain Jonathan Ryan, Ardfinnan have been hitting form over the last couple of months with some great displays from the likes of Gerry Cronin, Billy Hewitt, Dylan Nugent, Michael Barlow, Brian Lonergan, Sean Nagle, Daniel O'Regan, Michael O'Sullivan and others. And they won't be reading anyone else's script for today's match-up as they attempt to capture a first title since 2005.

But the nod today goes to Moyle Rovers who will be driven by the hurt of three recent county final defeats. That driving force won't allow them leave Semple Stadium today without silverware.

ÄRDFHIONÄIN

Dathanna: Marún agus Bán







**Eoin Walsh** E. Breathnach

Jonathan Ryan S. Ó Riain (Capt.)

Michael O'Sullivan M. Ó Súilleabháin







Darragh O'Leary D. Ó Laoire

Colm O'Shaughnessy C. Ó Seachnasaigh

**Gavin Whelan** G. Ó Faoláin

**Gerry Cronin** G. Ó Cróinín

Sean Nagle S. de Nógla

**Dylan Nugent** 



**Billy Hewitt** B. Húighéid

D. Mag Uinseannáin

A. Ó Longargáin

Michael Barlow M. Barlow

Daniel O'Regan D. Ó Riagáin

Colin O'Gorman C. Ó Gormáin

16. MARK KELLY

M. Ó Ceallaigh

19. PAUL KENNEDY P. Ó Cinnéide

S. Ó Cofaigh

D. Ó Slatara

24. ÓISÍN RYAN

Ó Ó Rigin

25. DARRAGH O'BRIEN D. O Brigin

28. CRAIG CARRIGAN C. O Corragáin

17. BRIAN LONERGAN B. Ó Longargáin 18. JAMES O'MAHONEY 20. ROBERT CONDON P. O Condún 21. JASON COFFEY

23. JOHN CONDON S. Ó Condún

22. DARREN SLATTERY

26. JAMES CONDON S. Ó Condún 27. EVAN BARRETT F. Ó Bairéid

29. AIDAN SAVAGE A. Sabhaois 30. DARRAGH BOYLE D. Ó Booill

S. Ó Mathúna ROGHNÓIRÍ

Manager: John Evans

Selectors: Martin Doyle, Christopher Ryan, Eamon Ryan Physio: Paula Kearns



## Moyle Rovers

Dathanna: Gorm agus Dubhgorm



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Paddy Morrissey
P. O Muireasa

Alan Campbell

A. Mac Cathmhaoil (Capt.

Morgan Irwin M. Ó hEireamhóin

5.





David McGrath
D. Mac Craith

Ross Mulcahy R. Ó Maolchathaigh Luke Boland L. Ó Beolláin

Bishard Day

Richard Power R. de Paor

Peter Acheson P. Acheson

Dara Ryan

D. Ó Riain

Stephen Quirke

Sean Carey S. Ó Ciara

13.

Liam Boland

14.

Shane Foley S. Ó Foghlú 15.

Danny Owens D. Ó hEoghain

16. TADHG FITZGERALD
T. Mac Gearailt

19. DIARMUID FOLEY D. Ó Foghlú 22. BEN OWENS B. Ó hEoghain 25. JACK LONERGAN S. Ó Longargáin 28. BRIAN GLEESON B. Ó Gliasáin

17. JACK HARNEY
S. Ó hAthairne

18. DARRAGH DWYER

20. AIDAN McGRATH A. Moc Craith 21. RIAIN QUIGLEY

R. O Coigligh

23. CRAIG CONDON C. Ó Condún 24. DANNY LYNE

D. O Laighin

C. Mac Conchra

27. LUKE FOGARTY
L. Ó Fögartaigh

26. CIAN CROWE

29. TOMMY MORRISSEY

I. Ó Muireasa

D. Ó Dubhuir
ROGHNÓIRÍ

Manager: Niall Fitzgerald Trainer: Matthew Norris
Selectors: Paul Boland, David Conway, Liam Cronin, Sean McKeown Physio: Neil Burke

#### ÁRDFHIONÁIN



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RDFINNAN is very proud of its history in the GAA right from when the GAA was founded in 1884. There were games played on the green between local teams until in 1910 the GAA club was founded. The club played senior in 1917 and 1918 but due to the War of Independence there was very little football played in the period between 1919 and 1922. Ardfinnan reached their first South Final in 1927.

In 1934 Ardfinnan won the South Divisional title and went on to become County Juniors champions that year, and went on to win the County Senior titles in 1935 and 1939, while they lost the final in 1937.

The 1960s will be remembered in history as Ardfinnan's GAA club's golden era. During this period Ardfinnan won the county Senior title three times 1962, '63, '64, the South senior title five times, including the famous four in-a-row from 1961 to '64 and then 1968 and numerous underage titles. Players who played football at this time are still spokne of today in what was a famous era for the club. Players like the great Babs Keating, the Savages, Pete and Patsy, the Keating brothers Dick and John, Stephen McCormack, Alfie McDermott, John James Lonergan to name but a few.

Following the South and County Senior title wins in 1974, the club failed to win any senior grade until in 1987 the U21's won the south (B) title. From 1987 to 2001 the Club won a lot of South titles at Minor A and B and U21 A and B. County titles were won in Minor B in 2001, U21B in 1992 and U21A in 1994.



In the early 1980's the club made a remarkable decision to purchase their own GAA grounds and in 1983 the decision was made to purchase 6.5 acres of land on the Clonmel Road. Work commenced in late 1984 and in May 1988 the club's new GAA grounds were officially opened by County Chairman Mr. Noel Morris.

In 2005, the Club bridged a 31-year gap to regain the County Senior title. Unfortunately, that was 13 years ago.

The current Senior team have many players who were part of teams that won a County Minor A title in 2009 along with a County U21 B also in 2009 and a U21 A County title in 2013.

The last few years have been difficult for all rural Clubs and Ardfinnan is no different.

The economic down turn all but wiped out local jobs. It's been difficult to keep players playing at home. With this in mind Ardfinnan GAA Club started a 5-year development play to improve our facilities. This year is the 4 year of the plan and in September we opened our new All-Weather pitch. The last stage of the plan is to provide an indoor training facility.

Ardfinnan Senior teams have struggled in



Back row (I.-r.): Oisin Ryan, Robert Condon, Aidan Savage, Mark Kelly, Daniel O'Regan, Sean Nagle, Michael Goonan, Darragh O'Leary, Aaron Lonergan, Gavin Whelan, Jonathan Ryan (Capt) Gerry Gronin, Eoin Walsh, Paul Kennedy, John Condon. Front row (I.-r.): Darren Slattery, Jason Coffey, James O'Mahoney, Evan Barrett, Dylan Nugent, Darragh O'Brien, Billy Hewitt, Michael O'Sullivan, Michael Barlow, Colm O'Shaughnessy, Colin O'Gorman, Brian Lonergan.

the last few years and after a big loss to Commercials in April this year, the Club made a decision to get someone with a reputation to come on board. Pete Savage asked John Evans would he take on the job. John knowing Pete doesn't take no well, said he would come on board for a few weeks and try get us over the next two group games. Well Ardfinnan GAA Club are indebted to John Evans for not alone getting us over the two group games but bringing us to a County Final. Best of luck today.

#### PATH TO THE FINAL

22/04/18:

Commercials 3-22, Ardfinnan 0-7

19/07/18:

Éire Óg 0-9, Ardfinnan 1-8

09/09/18:

Aherlow 2-5, Ardfinnan 2-9 30/09/18:

Ballyporeen 0-9, Ardfinnan 0-22

14/10/18: Loughmore 0-8, Ardfinnan 0-9

Ardfinnan Management Team (I.-r.): Martin Doyle (Selector), John Evans (Manager), Eamon Ryan (Selector), Christopher Ryan (Selector).





OYLE ROVERS GAA Club was founded in 1928. In the early years the club depended on local farmers for the use of fields for training. The club mostly used the facilities of St Joseph's school, Ferryhouse and are very appreciative to them for their assistance over the years.

Since the 1980's major development has taken place, such as purchasing of the fields, erection of sports hall, flood lights erected on training field, erection of new entrance and car parking facilities and refurbishment of gym

At present there are five clubs running from Moyle Park – Moyle Rovers Senior Club, Moyle Rovers Juvenile club, Moyle Rovers Ladies Football Club, Moyle Rovers Tennis Club, Moyle Rovers Camogie. The Monroe Sports Centre is also running all year round.

The Club won its first South Senior Football title in 1991, and from 1995 to 2000 we enjoyed the most successful years ever – winning five South and County titles – winning our last County title in 2009.

2007 was an extremely momentous year for our club. Our Junior hurlers won our first ever Munster title and continued all the way to the All-Ireland final in Croke Park. Unfortunately on the day, the Kilkenny's Conahy Shamrocks were the better team but it was a proud day for our club to

see the sky blue and navy of Moyle Rovers in Croke Park.

In 2011 our U14's made history, winning the All-Ireland Féile Peil Tournament. Five players from this panel are on today's panel. These players continue to make history for our club. In 2014 they won the Club's first County Minor 'A' hurling title and a lot of these players continued on their winning ways with the U21 hurling panel, who went on to win the club's first County U21 'B' hurling title.

In 2015 our club had the great unique honour of Tipperary Minor captains of both the Hurling and Football team. Stephen Quirke captained the Minor hurlers and Danny Owens captained the football team. 2016 was also a fantastic years with Peter Acheson, captain of the Senior Football team, leading them to the first All-Ireland Football semi-final in 81 years, along with club team mates Alan Campbell, Martin Dunne and Ciaran Kenrick.

With Declan Browne the first Tipperary Footballer to receive an All-Star, it was fantastic news to see club mate Peter Acheson nominated for an All-Star Award along with four of his team mates.

The Club would like to thank all the people who give of their time voluntarily to help out in so many ways in the day to day running of the club. Thanks also to all the people who support the



club throughout the year. We are grateful to our loyal supporters who attend our games with pride in our community.

Finally, thank you to our club sponsor Mulcahy Construction. The support from Joe and his family is greatly appreciated.

#### **CLUB OFFICERS**

Chairman: John Owens
Secretary: Jean O'Connor
Treasurer: Frank Burke

#### PATH TO THE FINAL

Round 1 – 22/04/18

Moyle Rovers 1-14 Round 2 – 18/08/18

Moyle Rovers 3-9

Round 3 – 08/09/18 Moyle Rovers 3-13

Quarter-Final – 21/09/18

Moyle Rovers 3-13 Semi-Final – 14/10/18

Moyle Rovers 2-7

Arravale Rovers 1-8

Upperchurch-Drombane 1-5

Galtee Rovers-St Peacaun 1-3

Killenaule 1-9

Clonmel Commercials 0-11



Moyle Rovers
Management Team
(I.-r.): Paul Boland
(Selector), David Conway
(Selector), Niall
Fitzgerald (Manager),
Matthew Norris (Trainer),
Liam Cronin (Selector).
Missing from photo is
Sean McKeown
(Selector).

### Nominations sought for

## Tipperary Sports Awards

HE Tipperary United Sports Panel is seeking nominations for the Annerville Awards, which the panel presents each year to the Tipperary amateur Sports Stars of the Year.

The panel welcomes nominations for outstanding sporting achievements since the beginning of this year. Sports stars from these sports were honoured last year: Angling, Athletics. Basketball. Camogie, Cricket, Gaelic Football, Handball, Hockey, Hurling, Ladies Football, Pitch & Putt, Powerlifting, Rowing, Rugby, Sailing, Soccer, Sports Executive and Tennis.

Nominations may be sent to any member of the panel as soon as possible. The recently-elected chairman is Muiris Walsh, Clonmel. The secretary is Seamus J. King, Boherclough, Cashel and the treasurer is Ken Conway, Clonmel.

Committee – Liam Ó Donnchu, Thurles; Johnny O'Loughlin, Eamonn Wynne, Richie Blanche, Davy Hallinan, Connie Carroll and Tommy Looby (all Clonmel), and Seamus McCarthy (Bansha).



Donie Nealon – the 2017 Knocknagow Award winner – with United Sports Panel Chairman Muiris Walsh.

Last year's winners included Tipperary hurling captain Padraic Maher, Tipperary Gaelic footballer Brian Fox, Ladies footballer Aisling McCarthy and camogie star Amy Kennedy.

You are also invited to nominate a recipient for the Lifetime Achievement Award. This award celebrates an individual who has shown a consistent lifetime commitment to their chosen sport in County Tipperary. Recent recipients of this award include Jim

Kennedy (Clonmel) and Eileen Boland (Moyle Rovers).

The Knocknagow Award, which each year is presented to an outstanding sportsperson of the past, was presented last year to legendary GAA figure Donie Nealon.

The winners will be announced in early December and the awards, which are sponsored by Bulmers, will be presented at the Panel's annual function at the Clonmel Park Hotel on Saturday, January 26.



By: ANDY FOGARTY, PRO Friends of Tipperary Football



T WAS another busy and very successful year for the Friends of Tipperary Football. The Friends of Tipperary Football main objective is to raise funds to support the huge costs involved in the preparation of all Tipperary inter-county football teams i.e. Senior, U20 and Minor. Also the funds raised go to supporting the Development Squads in the county, which is very important in ensuring we can compete at the top level going forward.

Again this year we raised funds through the Membership of the Friends of Tipperary Football and the Annual Golf Classic.

#### MEMBERSHIP OF THE FRIENDS OF TIPPERARY FOOTBALL

The Membership of the Friends of Tipperary Football was €20 to join again this year and it offered some very good prizes. The prizes were:

- · Two All-Ireland Final Football Tickets
- · Two All-Ireland Final Hurling Tickets
- Two Tickets for each Tipperary Senior Football Championship matches
- · Two All-Ireland Club Final Tickets
- Two National Football League Tickets for each Tipperary League match.

Plus, all members received an exclusive car sticker.

By joining the Membership every member played their part in helping all Tipperary football teams to continue to compete at the highest level. We appreciate and thank everyone who joined this year's Membership and thanks also to everyone who sold Membership tickets. Congratulations to all our winners.

#### ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

The Annual Golf Classic, sponsored again this year by Mr Mister Menswear, was held at Thurles Golf Club on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th May 2018.

This year's event was the most successful yet with 116 teams taking part. There was a great atmosphere over the two days with some great golf. We extend our sincere thanks to all our sponsors, to everyone who kindly purchased a tee box and all the participants who made this such an enjoyable and successful Golf Classic.

Our thanks to the Friends of Tipperary Football committee who put in huge amount of work into organising the event and we especially thank Martin O'Dwyer for the amount of time and effort he put in to ensure that this was our most successful Golf Classic yet. We also thank Thurles Golf Club for their hospitality and of course our sincere thanks and gratitude to our main sponsor, Mr Mister Menswear, Cahir, Cashel and Mitchelstown.

#### The winners were:

First place: IPM Environment Solutions (Willie Power, Paul Ryan, Bryan Fitzgerald, Harry Green)

Ladies First place: Cahir Ladies (Trish Moran, Rosemary Maher, Noreen Hally, Pauline Mulcahy)

Women's Nearest the Pin: Anna Stapleton Men's Nearest the Pin: Pat Irwin Women's Longest Drive: Orla McKevitt Men's Longest Drive: Ben Cunningham Raffle: Panasonic Large Screen TV, Enda Heenan (Borrisokane)

Meal Voucher: Joe Treacy (Cashel)
Meal Voucher: John Egan (Loughmore).

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William Power (centre) of IPM Environment Solutions accepts the first place prize from Martin O'Dwyer (right).

Also in the picture is Michael Power, Chairman of the Friends of Tipperary Football.

### Membership of the Friends of Tipperary Football - 2018/2019

T TODAY'S County Final the 2018-2019 Membership of the Friends of Tipperary Football tickets are available to purchase. Membership tickets are still only €20 to join and again you are in with a chance of winning tickets to next year's All-Ireland Hurling and Football Finals, the All-Ireland Club Finals, to each Tipperary Senior Football Championship match and to each of Tipperary League matches in the National Football League. Members of the Friends of Tipperary Football will be on hand if you wish to avail of the opportunity today to join the Membership.

#### REUNION FOR SOME OF OUR PAST TEAMS

Tipperary Football Committee officially launched their Three Year Strategic Plan for the future of the game in the Premier County. The Plan was launched in Nenagh on Saturday, 25th August and also in Clonmel on Saturday, 8th September 2018.

At the Nenagh launch we also had the reunion of the 1998 All-Ireland winning Junior football team on the twentieth anniversary of their success.

The Clonmel launch also served as a re-

union of the Tipperary senior football teams of 1993, '94 and '98, who all reached Munster Senior Football finals.

The Tipperary Football Committee and the Friends of Tipperary Football joined forces to honour all the teams on both nights.

#### THANKS

Finally our sincere thanks to everyone who supported our fundraising activities during the year. Your ongoing support is much appreciated.

Míle Buíochas.

# Fethard

### - secure their nineteenth County Senior title in 1993

By: SEAMUS J. KING



senior football final at Holycross on October 17, 1993, when they defeated Loughmore-Castleiney by 0-13 to 1-4. Writing an account of the game in the 1994 Tipperary G.A.A. Yearbook, club secretary and P.R.O. Denis Hannon stated it 'was one of the best football finals of recent years. Fast, open, tough, physical but always entertaining football. It kept the large crowd enthralled.'

Fethard's successful journey to county honours commenced in the South championship, which attracted seven affiliations, Ballyporeen, Grangemockler, Commercials, Moyle Rovers, Cahir, Ardfinnan and Fethard. The semi-final pairings were Fethard v Ballyporeen and Commercials v Moyle Rovers. Fethard came through by 0-15 to 1-6, while Commercials accounted for Moyle Rovers on a 3-15 to 2-8 scoreline.

The final was played at Cahir on one of the hottest days of the year. Fethard were without the services of Michael 'Buddy' Fitgerald and Tommy Sheehan. Commercials led by 0-7 to 0-5 at the interval, but the introduction of Sheehan in the second half



Fethard captain Willie O'Meara receiving the Cup from Hugh Kennedy (Football Board Chairman) after victory in the 1993 final.

revitalised Fethard and his all-important goal was instrumental in giving his side their 25th South title on a scorline of 1-10 to 0-9.

#### **QUARTER-FINALS**

In the first of the quarter-finals, played at Drombane on September 4, Cashel King Cormacs snatched a late draw from favourites, Nenagh. They made no mistake in the replay at the same venue on September 19, winning by 1-12 to 0-10, after leading by 0-6 to 0-5 at the interval.

The remaining quarter-finals were played on the weekend of September 11/12. Fethard had no problem defeating Oliver Plunkett's (Moyne-Templetuohy/Gortnahoe-Glengoole) by 3-12 to 2-4 at Littleton on September 11.

On the following day, Loughmore-Castleiney defeated Commercials by 1-7 to 0-5 at Cashel, while Arravale Rovers defeated St. Brendan's (Kildangan/Shannon Rovers) by 1-14 to 2-2 at Borrisoleigh.

#### SEMI-FINALS

The county semi-finals were played at Holycross on a very wet October 3. In the Loughnore-Castleiney versus Cashel King Cormacs clash, two goals at the start of the last quarter by the Mid men, reduced the closing minutes to a formality.

Loughmore-Castleiney led by 1-3 to 0-4 at the interval, despite playing against the breeze, and although Cashel King Cormacs played well in the second half, their opponents were superior and deserved their 3-9 to 1-7 margin of victory.

In the second semi-final, Fethard gave a classy performance to outplay Arravale Rovers. Fethard led by 1-4 to 0-1 at half-time, and were in front by 0-13 to 0-5 at the final whistle.

#### THE FINAL

The final at Holycross on October 17 was an exciting encounter, even though Fethard had six points to spare at the final whistle. The winners dominated the first half and led by 0-8 to 0-2 at the interval, despite playing against the breeze. But Loughmore reshuffled their team and put in a muchimproved performance in the second half. There was only a goal between the sides at the start of the final quarter, and an upset



was on the cards, but a goal opportunity missed by Loughmore-Castleiney, plus a rally by Fethard, ensured that the latter went on to victory by 0-13 to 1-4.

The dominance of Fethard in the first half was due mainly to the midfield brilliance of Shay Ryan and Brian Burke, who sent a great supply of ball into the forwards. Immediately after half-time, Chris Coen made it 0-9 to 0-2, but this was to prove their last score for nearly fifteen minutes. Loughmore-Castleiney, true to their tradition and reputation, never gave up and cut the lead to manageable proportions with a good goal, followed by two points.

The game was still anybody's for the taking when 'Buddy' Fitzgerald was introduced. Much to the delight of the Fethard supporters, he gave the team a vital injection of spirit. Shay Coen made a tremendous save and from the clearance centre-forward Michael O'Riordan scored a



Back row (I.-r.): Michael Quinlan, Michael Riordan, Michael Ryan, Michael Spillane, Shay Ryan, Shay Coen, Brian Burke, Phil Blake. Front row (I.-r.): Tommie Sheehan, Jim O'Meara, Willie O'Meara (Capt), Willie Morrissey, Chris Coen, Martin Ryan, Martin Coen.

vital point that was to change the course of the game.

Shay Ryan broke away and scored a point to give Fethard a four-point lead. In the last five minutes Fethard got on top again and points from Roibeard Broderick, and Tommy Sheehan with the final kick of the game scored Fethard's 13th and final point.

Captain Willie O'Meara, who played a captain's part all through, accepted the cup from county football chairman, Hugh Kennedy, on behalf of a young and determined Fethard panel.

The 'homecoming' of the team later in the evening was tremendous. The parish priest and community council welcomed the team home and the players were paraded through the town.

Various people gave speeches and

trainer, Dinny Burke, and a selector, Danny Kane, broke into song.

The 1993 county champions were as follows: Shay Coen, Martin Ryan, Michael Ryan, Philly Blake, Michael Quinlan, Willie O'Meara (capt.), Willie Morrissey, Brian Burke (0-2), Shay Ryan (0-1), Tommy Sheehan (0-2), Michael Riordan (0-2), Michael Spillane, Martin Coen (0-3), Chris Coen (0-2), Jimmy O'Meara. Subs: Roibeard Broderick (0-1) for Martin Coen, Michael Fitzgerald for Martin Ryan. Also: Liam Connolly, John Hackett, Danny Tobin, Brendan Brett, Dermot Hackett, Tom Ryan, Kenny Hackett.

Selectors: Dinny Burke (Trainer), Danny Kane, Jimmy O'Shea, Pat Sheehan.

Club Officers 1993: Chairman – Micheal McCormaic; Secretary and P.R.O. – Denis Hannon; Treasurer – Seamus Hackett.

## FETHARD PLAYER 1993

#### SHAY COEN

Came on the scene in 1991 at centre forward. Best remembered for his two goals – Fethard versus Dr Crokes in the Munster Club semi-final played in Killarney – as a noted footballer that always went straight instead of around his opponent. In 1993 he played in goal.

#### MICHAEL RYAN

A very solid committed player who made right corner back his own in 1988 and 1991 and was equally as effective in hurling. Started at full back in 1993.

#### PHILLY BLAKE

Was in his playing career a very good corner back, using his speed and ability to win ball and then became an effective attacking forward. Played corner back in 1993.

#### MICHAEL QUINLAN

A great centre back at Minor in 1989 and also with the U21s. He came into his own in 1993, playing at wing back. He was a hard working no nonsense player.

#### WILLIE O'MEARA (Capt.)

The pivot and backbone in 1988 and 1991, commanding the centre back position. One of the best that ever played for Fethard, he was very intelligent with every ball. He was captain in 1993.

#### WILLIE MORRISSEY

One of the best players at half back to ever wear a Fethard jersey with one of his highlights being the wirning of Munster and All-Ireland junior football



tmedals 1998. He also won five senior county medals.

#### **BRIAN BURKE** (Capt. 1988)

Classed as the best all-round footballer ever to play with Fethard. He represented the club and county for many years. Also Compromise Rules for Ireland in Australia in 1990. He also has five county senior football titles.

#### SHAY RYAN

A player of great attacking ability from right half back in 1988 and 1991. His scoring ability was second to none on his runs forward into attacking positions. Centre field in 1993.

#### TOMMY SHEEHAN

On the 1984 Tipperary county Minor team beaten in All-Ireland final. Represented the club on all county teams with distinction and played wing forward in 1988, 1991 and 1993.

#### MICHAEL O'RIORDAN

In 1988 and 1991 he played at full forward. He had ad a style of his own that was very effective in winning a ball, combining very well with his fellow players. Played at centre forward in 1993.

#### MARTIN COEN

Came on the scene with the 1989 Minor success. He proved over the year 1991 to be a huge find, when he ended the year top scorer on 21 points. Played corner forward in 1993.

#### CHRIS COEN

Started his football career in winning a county Minor medal in 1985 and played with the county in all grades, winning his first county Senior medal in 1991 in the midfield position He played full forward in 1993.

#### JIMMY O'MEARA

Brother of the captain, Jimmy served the Club as an excellent corner forward. Brought on to the panel after the 1993 U21AFootball South success. He was the versatility player that did many a job cutting off the ball from the opposition.

#### JOHN HACKETT

On the 1984 Tipperary county Minor team. He was a tenacious hard working, no nonsense corner back in 1988. Sub in 1993.

#### LIAM CONNOLLY

Liam played half back, a position he made his own in 1988 and 1991. A sub in 1993.

#### **DERMOT HACKETT**

Made corner back his own with his approach that looked so easy. His ability was uncanny and always effective. Sub in 1993.

#### RUBAIRD BRODERICK

He came on the scene in 1991 as a sub goalkeeper. However, he was later known as an outfield player – particularly up front as a forward. He came on as a sub in 1993.

#### **DONNY TOBIN**

Displaying excellent performances at U21 level in 1992 and 1993 at corner back, winning South title in 1993. Earned his place on the bench.

#### **BRENDAN BRETT**

From his performance in the 1993 season, winning South U21 A title earned his place on the panel. A very reliable scorer over the years from play or frees.

#### KENNY HACKETT

Younger brother of John and Dermot, came to the fore from the U21 A South Championship of 1993 to earn his place on the bench.

#### MICHAEL (BUDDY) FITZGERALD

His career spanned from 1978 to 2001. Made his Senior debut at 16 in goal in 1978 and was a stalwart at full back for many years. He also played for many years with the County. Although injured in 1993, he came on as a sub in the final with great effect.

#### TOM RYAN

He was the person who manned between the posts for Fethard at every football level – i.e Minor, U21 and Senior through the late eighties into the 1990's.

#### MARTIN RYAN

A younger brother of Tom Ryan. Came of age in 1993 with superb games at full back on the U21 final success and was drafted onto the Senior panel,

#### MICHAEL SPILLANE:

A player who wore the County jersey with pride and distinction. He contributed significantly to the club's success in 1991. He performed with great effect at corner forward on the 1993 team.

## Annual Memorabilia Fair

Sunday, November 25th 2018

12 noon - 4.00pm

Thurles Sarsfields Social Centre

(beside Semple Stadium)

HIS G.A.A. Memorabilia Fair will give you a chance to browse and search a large selection of match programmes, club histories, hurling, football, camogie and handball publications as well as other

G.A.A. material in the pleasant and spacious surroundings of the Thurles Sarsfields G.A.A. Centre, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.

Collectors and sellers are cordially invited to



attend this event, where it is hoped they will find plenty of material to interest them.

Stands will be available for renting and anybody so interested should contact the organisers before November 20th.

Admission will be €3 with accompanied children free. The venue will have disabled access, bar facilities and teas and coffees. It is located within a five minute walk from Thurles Railway Station.





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- All persons entering this ground are admitted only subject to the following Rules (which are designated to protect the Health and Safety of all entrants to the ground). Entry to the ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all of these Rules.
- The management reserves the right of admission.
- The instructions of the stewards must be obeyed at all times.
- All persons entering the ground agree to be searched by a member of the Garda Siochána.
- Every person (including infants) entering the ground must have a ticket.
- 6. The following are not permitted:
- 6.1 Entry upon the pitch or engaging in conduct that causes or is likely to cause injury or harm to, or otherwise interferes with, disrupts, hinders, or distracts a person playing in, refereeing or otherwise having a role in a match at this ground.
- 6.2 Any unauthorised contact with the boundary wall surrounding the pitch or incursion on to the pitch. Any such unauthorised contact or incursion constitutes a trespass to property.
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- 6.6 Behaving in an offensive or indecent
- 6.7 Bringing of alcohol into the ground.
- 6.8 Bringing into the ground of fireworks, smoke canisters, bottles, glasses, cans, flags, banners, poles, distress signals, laser pointers and similar articles or containers, including anything which could or might be used as a weapon.
- 6.9 Excessive noise such as that from use of radio sets, air horns, vuvuzelas or other appliances and behaviour likely to cause confusion or nuisance of any kind including foul or abusive language.
- If a person commits a trespass, reasonable force may be used to prevent, restrain or terminate any trespass.
- 8. Where a person is in breach of any of these rules, or where the management believes that a person constitutes a source of danger to others, or to the ground, such person may be refused entry or ejected from the ground, and reasonable force may be used for that purpose.

#### **Safety and General Information**

Supporters are asked to respect the fact that they are entering and leaving the stadium through residential areas.

#### **Safety Notice**

In the interests of safety, patrons will not be allowed to enter the playing area after the games.

The policy to prohibit such encroachment in the future has been taken to avoid injuries and possible fatality and has been taken on the advice and promptings of the safety authorities, namely the Gardai, Fire Brigade and the HSE.

The full co-operation of supporters is requested to avoid serious injury and to ensure that games can be enjoyed without resource to fencing or avoidable obstructions to seeing action from all vantage points.

Together we can ensure that the Stáid Semple experience is both enjoyable and safe, particularly for the young and vulnerable.

#### **Smoking Policy**

Stáid Semple operates a No Smoking policy except in designated areas of the ground.



#### **Medical Assistance**

First Aid Centres are located at the four corner of the pitch and at the centre on both sides. Should you require assistance please enquire which is the nearest to you from a member of An Garda Siochána or official steward.

#### Lost Children

Lost children should be brought to Stewards at the Centre of the Pitch on either side.







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