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• TOM CUSACK CUP

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A black and white photograph of a Gaelic football player in action. The player is wearing a helmet and a jersey with 'DIRE' visible. He is holding a hurley (stick) and has just struck a ball, which is suspended in the air. Several other hands and hurleys are visible in the background, suggesting a competitive game.

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BA MHAITH LIOM fáilte a chuir roimh gach éinne go dtí Bcluiché ceannais peile Thiobraid Árann.

On behalf of Tipperary County Board, it gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to all our football finals this weekend. It is indeed a festival of football with four finals being played this weekend. During the course of the championship, we have had many great games and we hope that the finals continue in that trend. One of the benefits of the split season is that all our championships conclude at the same time bringing great interest and excitement to our finals.

I wish all the competing teams and their managers the best of luck today. Best wishes to our four referees in the finals and we thank them and all their colleagues for their dedication in officiating at our games.

I want to thank our championship sponsors FBD for their continued support.

Finally, I hope you the spectators enjoy our finals and that our games reflect all that is best in Tipperary football.

SEOSAMH Ó CINNÉIDE
Cathaoirleach Chontae Thiobráid Árann

BELOW – John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) solos away with the ball as Moyle Rovers' Danny Owens moves in to challenge during the semi-final.



Conall Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials) gets in his kick as Paddy Cadell (JK Brackens) dives in to block during the semi-final.

[Photos: Michael Boland]

• SATURDAY, 20th November 2021

FBD Insurance **Tom Cusack Cup** Final

Sean Treacy Park

1.30pm

[Extra time if necessary]

AHERLOW v ROCKWELL ROVERS

Referee: SEAN LONERGAN

FBD Insurance County Junior A Football Championship Final

Kilcommon

2.00pm

[Extra time if necessary]

BALLINA v KNOCKAVILLA/DONASKEIGH KICKHAMS

Referee: SEAN EVERARD

• SUNDAY, 21st November 2021

FBD Insurance **County Intermediate Football Championship** Finals

Semple Stadium

12.30pm

[Extra time if necessary]

DROM & INCH v GRANGEMOCKLER/BALLYNEALE

Referee: DAVID GROGAN

Presentation of the Barrett Cup to the winning Captain by Ferghal Mac Dónaill, Leas Cathaoirleach Coiste Péil an Chontae, followed by the presentation of the “Man of the Match Award” (Sponsored by John Quirke Jewellers, Cahir)

FBD Insurance **County Senior Football Championship** Final

Semple Stadium

2.30pm

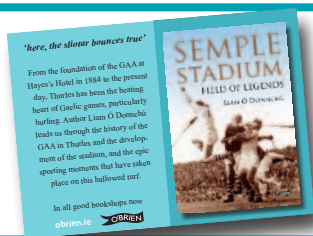
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CLONMEL COMMERCIALS v LOUGHMORE/CASTLEINEY

Referee: Derek O'Mahoney

Presentation of the O'Dwyer Cup to the winning Captain by Conchúr Ó Dubhuir, Cathaoirleach Coiste Péil an Chontae, followed by the presentation of the “Man of the Match Award” (Sponsored by John Quirke Jewellers, Cahir)

ALL GAMES FINISH ON THE DAY



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Buíochas

We hope you enjoy reading today's programme. It has been produced with the assistance of Tim Floyd (County Secretary) and Tom Maher (Assistant County Secretary) and the officials of Aherlow, Rockwell Rovers, Clonmel Commercial, Loughmore/Castleiney, Drom & Inch, Grangemockler/Ballyneale, Ballina and Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams. Many thanks to Anthony Shelley, Tim Handly and Liam Ó Donnchú for articles. A special thanks to photographer Michael Boland.

GER CORBETT (Programme Editor)

Fáilte ón gCathaoirleach

Bord Peil



THIS IS the biggest weekend in the Tipperary Football calendar with county finals taking place across four adult championship competitions. These are huge games for all the players, mentors and supporters of the eight teams involved and on behalf of the Tipperary Football committee I wish all involved the very best of luck.

In the senior final, we have a repeat of the 2020 pairing – a game which served up a superb footballing contest with all the best of Tipperary football on show. Down through the decades, contests between Clonmel Commercial and Loughmore-Castleiney have always been tight and lively affairs and I've no doubt this year's clash will be one to remember. Commercial have been setting the standards over the last few years and continue the proud tradition of footballing excellence in South Tipperary. For the Mid men, it's another big weekend, following on from their exciting clash in the drawn hurling final. Loughmore-Castleiney continue to prove to all, that with the right approach and a willingness to allow both games to flourish, both hurling and football can exist successfully side-by-side. More importantly, it shows that an approach whereby players are encouraged to develop their skills at both codes, gives individuals increased opportunities to shine and enjoy more of what being a member of the GAA has to offer.

In the intermediate competition to date, Drom & Inch have shown that by the shadows of the Devil's Bit dwells some serious footballing talent and with having exited the hurling competition, the opportunity to focus on the big ball has reaped dividends. Some lessons there for competition structures for future years perhaps? Grangemockler-Ballyneale have been making great strides at underage level in the last few years and today represents an opportunity to return to senior status. I can only imagine what this would mean to this proud and historic club and if they prevail this weekend you can expect to witness a huge outpouring of emotion from all connected to the birthplace of Michael Hogan.

The Tom Cusack Cup sees the 2020 promoted Rockwell Rovers chase senior honours against an experienced Aherlow side, well used to playing on big days such as these. After being drawn in a tough group in the county stages of the senior championship, Rockwell have performed really well to get to this point and a win here would represent major progress for the New Inn outfit. A difficult game to call and an interesting clash in store.

The Junior A decider pits North against West. Ballina, having won county honours at the U21 grade earlier this year, have a wealth of footballing talent across all ages and continue to make progress with the big ball. It will take a strong team to deny them victory, but Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams may well be just that. They have a strong football tradition and will certainly give it all in pursuit of victory.

Best of luck to all involved.

CONOR O'DWYER
Chairman, Tipperary Football Committee

“Walk on air against y

By: ANTHONY SHELLEY (Tipperary Football Board PRO)

AS WE look forward to today's FBD Insurance Senior Football Final between Clonmel Commercials and Loughmore-Castleiney, Seamus Heaney's poem "The Gravel Walks" springs to mind.

It's a poem about hard work – wheeling barrows of gravel – and there's no doubt that hard work will be the name of the game today. There is no easy way to win a county final. You have to roll up your sleeves and put the hard work in. But of course hard work isn't enough, so at some stage in the match one of these teams will have to take a risk and be prepared to, as Seamus Heaney advised in that famous line that is now the epitaph on his headstone, "Walk on air against your better judgement".

Today's protagonists are entirely predictable with the county's undisputed dominant force in one corner and their arch nemesis in the other. In fact, in the 60 county finals played since 1961, one of either Clonmel Commercials or Loughmore-Castleiney have appeared in 41 of those deciders. Surprisingly though, in those 60 years, this is only the fifth time they meet each other in the final. The score stands at two each.



Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials) fends off the challenge of David O'Shea (JK Brackens) during the semi-final.

(Photo: Michael Boland)

If you look a bit deeper into the history, since the first county final was played in 1886, this will be the 31st appearance of both sides in the final. Commercials have won 19 of their previous 30 finals while Loughmore-Castleiney have won 14.

After moonwalking their way through the championship, Clonmel Commercials were given both a character and footballing examination against JK Brackens in the county semi-final. They passed the character examination with honours but would have been disappointed with their footballing mark. In many ways that's probably the ideal preparation for a county final. They won the game, they showed character and are still left with a bit to work on, which guards against complacency.

Commercials are beginning to dominate here in Tipperary and if they were to add another title this weekend, making it three on the bounce, it would be a massive achievement for their club.

Loughmore-Castleiney came through on the other side of the draw and no doubt they have had the hardest path to the final. They survived a scare against Kilsheelan-Kilcash in the quarter-final but put in an improved performance in the semi-final, where they had to look deep inside themselves to find their famous "never say die" reserves, to beat Moyle Rovers with the last play of the game.

Having already beaten two of the so called "Big 5" en-route to today's final (they also drew with JK Brackens in the group stages), if Loughmore-Castleiney were to collect the O'Dwyer Cup at 4pm today, nobody could say they won a "soft county" (if such a concept even exists).

I normally cite turnovers as an important factor in winning any game and indeed the team that wins the turnover count will win the game 82% of the time. While turnovers will play an important role again today, I feel that the team that can transition from defence to attack the quickest, is the team that will give themselves the best chance of coming out on top.

The Clonmel Commercials attack is littered with

your better judgement”

star names and marking them makes minding mice at a crossroads seem like an easy task. After his wonder goal in last year’s county final, Michael Quinlivan will obviously be the one all Loughmore-Castleiney defenders will be keeping an eye on. But it’s full forward Sean O’Connor who has “blossomed” into a player this year and his 6:15 in the championship so far is an impressive tally in just four matches. Then when you throw in players like Seamus Kennedy, Ross Peters, Jason Lonergan, the Kennedy brothers, Colman, Jack and Conal, plus arguably their player of the year so far, Kevin Fahey, then you can immediately see the task facing Loughmore-Castleiney.

Whether it’s winning primary possession or turning over Loughmore-Castleiney, attacking at pace, either on foot or by foot, is absolutely essential if Clonmel Commercials are to win today. They were spooked by the JK Brackens sweeper system in the semi-final and their transition was slow and ponderous, too often going sideways instead of forward. I have no doubt this is an area that Charlie McGeever and his cabinet will have addressed over the past two weeks and the wide open spaces of Tom Semple’s Field should help in this regard. If Othey get this aspect of their play right, then they

will be hard to beat.

Of course, Loughmore-Castleiney are not short of quality players themselves. Liam McGrath and Conor Ryan are rightly ranked amongst the best forwards in the county, while Liam Treacy can field and score with the best of them. John Meagher is a colossus in defence and is aided and abetted by the likes of Tommy Maher, Lorcan Egan and John Ryan who week-in and week-out do unpaid and un-pensionable work. But it’s the McGrath brothers who make this team tick. Although he is on the Tipperary hurling team, I have long believed that John McGrath is one of the best footballers in Tipperary but if you concentrate too much on stopping John, then his brothers Noel and Brian are capable of doing the damage.

I have watched Loughmore-Castleiney in nearly all their games this year and they have improved with every game. In the group stage against JK Brackens they were like a Munster rugby team. When they got possession, they put it up the jumper and slowly worked it to the scoring zone, where they relied on Conor Ryan frees. Since then, their transition from defence to attack has improved beyond measure, so much so, that they are now creating a scoring opportunity with nearly every attack.

So who will win?

Both teams will arrive in Semple Stadium with a simple but essential check-list.

- Go as hard as you can for as long as you can
- Win your own kick-out
- Keep possession
- Turnover opposition possession
- Shoot from the scoring zone.

Normally I’m not shy about offering my thoughts as hostages to fortune but when you have two teams of the quality of Clonmel Commercials and Loughmore-Castleiney, who are so evenly matched that they will both tick off every item on the above checklist, then this is a game that may well be won by the team that’s prepared to take a risk and “walk on air against your better judgement”.



Loughmore-Castleiney’s Lorcan Egan endeavours to dispossess Dara Ryan (Moyle Rovers) during the semi-final.
(Photo: Michael Boland)

Aherlow



Dathanna: Glas agus Ór

1
Jack Whelton
S. Ó hUallacháin

2
Danny Cunningham
D. Mac Cuinneagáin

3
Sean Mullins
S. Ó Maoláin

4
Thomas O'Donoghue
T. Ó Donnchú

5
Tadhg Carew
T. Carrún

6
Laurence Coskeran
L. Ó Coscracháin

7
Stephan Moloney
S. Ó Maolomhnaigh

8
Mark Russell
M. Ó Ruiséil

9
Seamus Grogan
S. Ó Gruagáin

10
Ed O'Meara
E. Ó Meára

11
Diarmuid Looby
D. Ó Lubaigh

12
Ben Carey
B. Ó Ciara

13
Darren Neville
D. Ó Nia

14
Barry Grogan
B. Ó Gruagáin

15
Cathal Dillon
C. Ó Diolún

16. MARK O'SHEA M. Ó Sé	19. JOHN HENNESSY snr S. Ó hAonasa	22. SEAN LANDERS S. de Londras	25. JOHN HENNESSY jnr S. Ó hAonasa	28. KEVIN KINNANE C. Ó Coinneáin
17. SHANE RUSSELL S. Ó Ruiséil	20. MARK HANLEY M. Ó hÁinle	23. SEAN KIELY S. Ó Cadhla	26. GRAHAM BURKE G. de Búrca	29. SHANE CAREW S. Carrún
18. THOMAS HANLEY T. Ó hÁinle	21. RAY HENNESSY R. Ó hAonasa	24. MICHAEL ELLIOT M. Uileagáid	27. KEVIN FRANKS C. Franks	30. GORDON PETERS G. Mac Pheadair

ROGHNÓIRÍ

Manager: Pat Galvin Selectors: Paddy O'Shea, David Hennessy, Joss O'Brien, Seanie Peters
Physio: Pearse Foley Team Doctor: Ciaran McDonald



Rockwell Rovers

Dathanna: Gorm agus Bán



16. **SHANE NOLAN**
S. Ó Nualláin

17. **DIAMAID LONERGAN**
D. Longargáin

18. **KYLE BURKE**
C. de Búrca

19. **JOHN BURKE**
S. de Búrca

20. **MICKY BARRON**
M. Barún

21. **TOM DOWNEY**
T. Ó Dúnaigh

22. **WILLIE FLYNN**
L. Ó Floinn

23. **PATRICK HICKEY**
P. Ó hÍc

24. **DIARMUID O'BRIEN**
D. Ó Briain

ROGHNÓIRÍ

Manager: Stephen Quirke Selectors: Dermot O'Brien, Tommy Flynn, Jerry Ryan

Coach: Pdraig O'Connor



Thank you to all those who have donated to the Loughmore-Castleiney Training Fund 2021. Below is a list of Donors as of the 15/11/2021. Please note the updated list will be on the Club's website and will be updated frequently.

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SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

	Winners	Titles	Winning Years
1	Fethard	21	1887, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1927, 1928, 1938, 1942, 1954, 1957, 1978, 1984, 1988, 1991, 1993, 1997, 2001
2	Clonmel Commercials	19	1944, 1948, 1956, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1982, 1986, 1989, 1990, 1994, 2002, 2012, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2020
3	Loughmore-Castleiney	14	1914, 1940, 1946, 1955, 1973, 1977, 1979, 1983, 1987, 1992, 2004, 2013, 2014, 2016
4	Grangemockler/Ballyneale	8	1890, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1909, 1931
	Clonmel Shamrocks	8	1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1933, 1934, 1937
	Ardfinnan	8	1935, 1939, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1970, 1974, 2005
	Moyle Rovers	8	1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2007, 2009, 2018
5	Arravale Rovers	6	1894, 1895, 1896, 1899, 1941, 1985
	Galtee Rovers	6	1949, 1950, 1976, 1980, 1981, 2008
6	Mullinahone	5	1912, 1913, 1916, 1926, 1929
7	Kilsheelan/Kilcash	4	1930, 1932, 1968, 1972
8	St. Flannan's (North Selection)	3	1958, 1959, 1961
9	Bohercrowe	2	1888, 1889
	Nenagh	2	1911, 1915
	Templemore	2	1925, 1936
	Army 10th Battalion Templemore	2	1943, 1945
	St Patrick's	2	1947, 1953
	Aherlow	2	2006, 2010
10	Tipperary Town	1	1902
	Cloheen	1	1908
	Tipperary O'Leary's	1	1910
	Castleiney	1	1914
	Old Bridge	1	1952
	Thurles Crokes	1	1960
	Ballingarry	1	1951
	Kilruane McDonagh's	1	1975
	Cahir	1	2003
	Thomas McDonagh's	1	2011

~ Meet the Match Officials ~

SENIOR

Derek O'Mahoney

Derek, a member of the Ardfinnan GAA Club, is married to Margaret and they have two children, Emer and Darren.

He started refereeing in 2003. This is Derek's fifth time to referee a Senior County Final, his first being in 2009. He has refereed County finals at all levels. He has been on the inter-county panel since 2009 and the championship panel since 2015. Derek refereed the 2021 All-Ireland Minor Final between Meath and Tyrone; the Leinster final in November 2020 between Dublin and Meath in Croke Park on the 100th anniversary of Bloody Sunday; the 2020 Sigerson Cup Final between DCU and Carlow IT; the 2019 All-Ireland U-20 final between Cork and Dublin. He refereed this year's quarter-final between Commercials and Uppercurch. Derek last refereed Commercials v Loughmore in the 2019 semi-final in boherlahan, which Commercials won after extra time.

Officials – *Standby Ref:* Seanie Peters; *Linesman:* Martin Doyle; *4th Official:* Tom Loughnane; *Umpires:* Peter Mackin, Stan Barlow, Liam Barrett, Even Barrett.



INTERMEDIATE

David Grogan

Officials – *Standby Ref:* Paddy Russell; *Linesman:* John O'Grady, *Umpires:* Tom Leonard, James Ryan, Damian Peters, John Joe Hanly.



INTERMEDIATE

Sean Lonergan

Sean refereed the County Senior Football replay 2014; the Munster U21 in 2016/2018/2020; the All-Ireland Junior Club final 2020; National League Div 3 final 2021; Munster Senior Club final 2017; Munster Minor Football final 2019; County Senior Football final 2019; Munster Intermediate Club final 2015; Munster Junior Club final 2016.

Officials – *Umpires:* John Lonergan, Paul O'Connor, Stephen Aylward, Paddy McMeel.

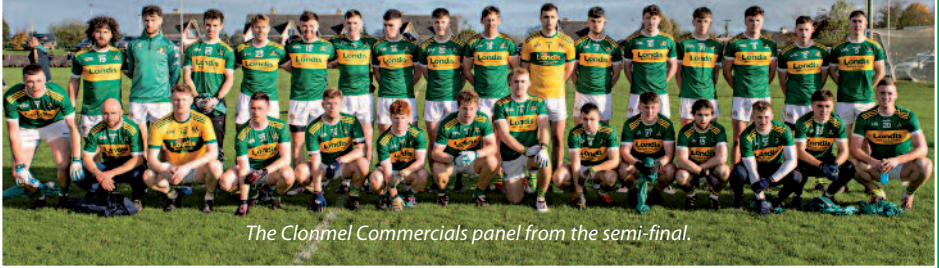


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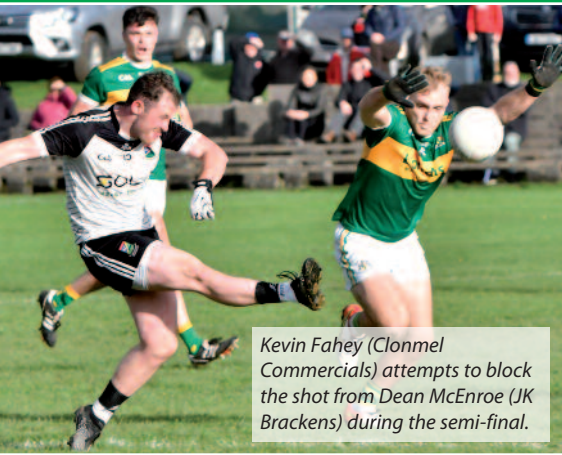
Sean Everard

Officials – *Standby Ref:* Tom McGrath; *Linesman:* Paddy Kenny; *Umpires:* Pat O'Connor, Paddy Sweeney, Ed Burke, Cathal O'Sullivan.

Clonmel Commercials



The Clonmel Commercials panel from the semi-final.



Kevin Fahey (Clonmel Commercials) attempts to block the shot from Dean McEnroe (JK Brackens) during the semi-final.



JAMIE PETERS
(Clonmel Commercials Captain)



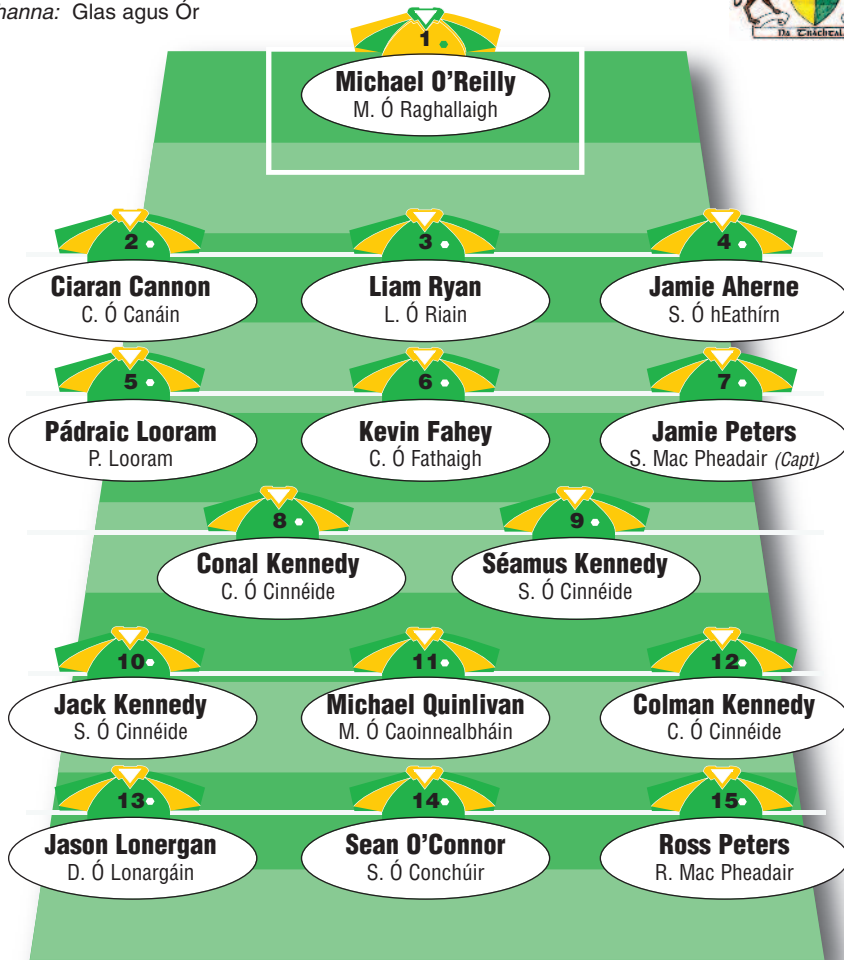
Clonmel Commercials Management Team – Philip Ryan, D.J. O'Dwyer (Coach), Ricky Ronayne (Selector), Charlie McGeever (Manager), Tom Ó Ceallaigh (Selector), Martin Quinlivan (Selector).

[Photos: Michael Boland]

Clonmel Commercials



Dathanna: Glas agus Ór



16. NIALL KELLY N. Ó Ceallaigh	19. DONAL LYNCH D. Ó Loingsigh	22. PETER McGARRY P. Mag Fhearaigh	25. CATHAL MCGEEVER C. Mag Iomhair	28. TADHG CONDON T. Condún
17. MICHAEL MURPHY M. Ó Murchú	20. IAN FAHEY I. Ó Fathaigh	23. SHANE POWER S. de Paor	26. EOIN McCARTHY E. Mac Carthaigh	29. JAMES MORRIS S. Ó Muiris
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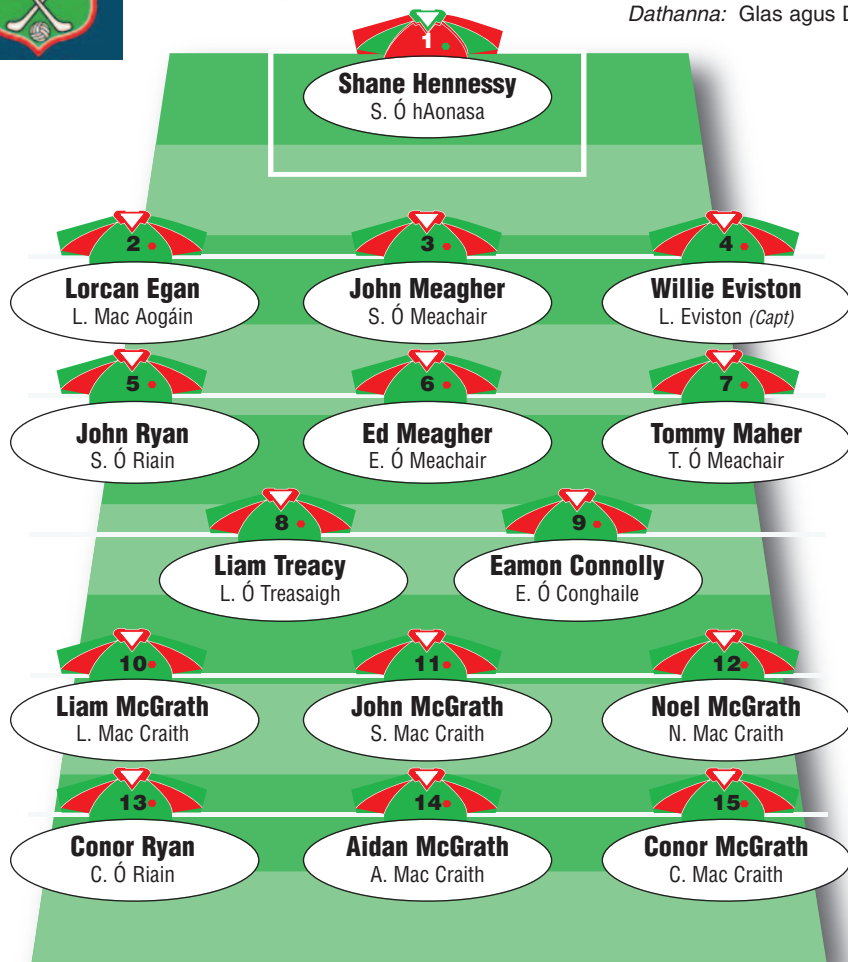
ROGHNÓIRÍ

Manager: Charlie McGeever *Selectors:* Tom Ó Ceallaigh, Martin Quinlivan, Ricky Ronayne
Coach: D.J. O'Dwyer *Physio:* Kevin Shelly *Medic:* Paula Kearns *Kitman:* Dan McMenamin



Loughmore-Castleiney

Dathanna: Glas agus Dearg



16. RICHARD MAHER R. Ó Meachair	19. CIARAN McGRATH C. Mac Craith	22. TOMÁS McGRATH T. Mac Craith	25. CIARAN CONNOLLY C. Ó Conghaile	28. DARAGH McCAHEY D. Mac Eochaidh
17. EVAN SWEENEY E. Mac Suibhne	20. JOEY HENNESSY S. Ó hAonasa	23. ANTONY RYAN A. Ó Riain	26. ED CONNOLLY E. Ó Conghaile	29. MICHEÁL McGRATH M. Mac Craith
18. BRIAN McGRATH B. Mac Craith	21. CIAN HENNESSY C. Ó hAonasa	24. CIARAN McCORMACK C. Mac Cormaic	27. HENRY MAHER A. Ó Meachair	30. MARK BUTLER M. de Builleir

ROGHNÓIRÍ

Manager: Frankie McGrath Selectors: Maureen Connolly, Eugene Stapleton, Taffy McGrath Physio: Cathy Doran
Coaches: Eamon Sweeney, Mick Dempsey S&C: Murtagh Brennan, Martin O'Connell Kit Man: Dick Egan



*Best wishes to Loughmore-Castleiney
in both County finals
from Michael and Staff*



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PATH TO FINAL

beat Killenale	2-10 to 0-11
drew with JK Brackens	0-10 to 0-10
beat Rockwell Rovers	2-10 to 0-09
beat Kilsheelan Kilcash	0-09 to 1-05
beat Moyle Rovers	1-08 to 1-07



WILLIE EVISTON
(Loughmore-Castleiney Captain)

SCORERS – Conor Ryan 1-25; John McGrath 2-03; Liam Treacy 0-05; Evan Sweeney 0-04; Joey and Cian Hennessy 1-00 each; Conor and Liam McGrath 0-02 each; Eamon Connolly, Tommy Maher, Lorcan Egan, Noel, Aidan and Brian McGrath 0-01 each.



Loughmore-Castleiney Management Team – Back row: Eugene Stapleton (Selector), Mick Dempsey (Coach), Taffy McGrath (Selector). Front row: Maureen Connolly (Selector), Eamon Sweeney (Coach), Frankie McGrath (Manager).

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INTERMEDIATE FINAL PREVIEW

CAN LAST YEAR'S FINALISTS TAKE ONE EXTRA STEP TO SENIOR GRADE THIS YEAR?

By: ANTHONY SHELLEY (Tipperary Football Board PRO)

TODAY'S opening number is the FBD Insurance County Intermediate Football Final, where we should see a contrast in styles between an experienced, steady as you go Drom-Inch side and a young swashbuckling Grangemockler-Ballyneale team.

At the start of this year, many experts and even some non-experts considered Drom-Inch as dark horses to win the Intermediate Football Championship. As soon as their hurling commitments finished, they were rightly upgraded to very very bright horses indeed.

Having lost the opening game of the championship to Galtee Rovers, they re-grouped to record comfortable victories of Cashel King Cormacs and Fr Sheehy's scoring 4-26 in those two games.

When the standard increased in the county quarter-final, they weren't found wanting and accounted for a very good Golden/Kilfeacle side on a day when the weather was so bad that even the frogs decided to stay indoors.

But it was the manner of their semi-final win over Fethard which was the most impressive. Just like in the quarter-final, they were out of the blocks early and took control of the game from the start, building up a six points to one lead at half-time. It was a lead they never looked like relinquishing as they game-managed the second half expertly and eventually ran out comfortable winners on a score-line of 0-10 to 0-5.

After that win, much was made of the size and physicality of this Drom-Inch team. While some of that commentary has merit, it would be rather unfair to put their progress in this year's championship simply down to them being a big strong team. They have some wonderful footballers within their ranks with Emmet Moloney, David Butler, Colm Kinnane and Jimmy Mullen all having played football for Tipperary at various levels over the last few years. Tipperary hurling captain Seamus Callinan, returned to their side for the semi-final to give a calm and assured display while up front, free taker David Collins continues to show opposition teams that crime doesn't pay.

Today marks the 101st anniversary of the death of Grangemockler's most famous son, Michael Hogan,

who was murdered by crown forces in Croke Park on Bloody Sunday. Given the significance of the date, no doubt there will be a haze of goodwill surrounding this Grangemockler/Ballyneale team, but as we all know, the Gods that govern Gaelic Football don't often get sentimental and if they are to win today they will have to earn it.

Last year's beaten finalists entered this year's championship as pre-tournament favourites and so far they have lived up to that billing. In the group stages they were drawn in what many considered to be a three team group of death but they comfortably accounted for Clonmel Óg in the first game before overcoming a strong Mullinahone side to top the group.

Clonoulty-Rossmore proved no match for them in the quarter-final where they ran out 4-15 to 1-5 winners, but it was their semi-final performance against Galtee Rovers/St Pecaun that has many people believing this team has finally come of age.

I have made no secret of the fact that, in my view, this young Grangemockler/Ballyneale team are probably the most exciting team to watch in Tipperary football at the moment and you would expect players like John Lyons, Mikey Lyons, Leon Kennedy, Jamie Walsh, Mark O'Meara, Sean Daly and Manus McFadden to revel in the wide open spaces of Semple Stadium today.

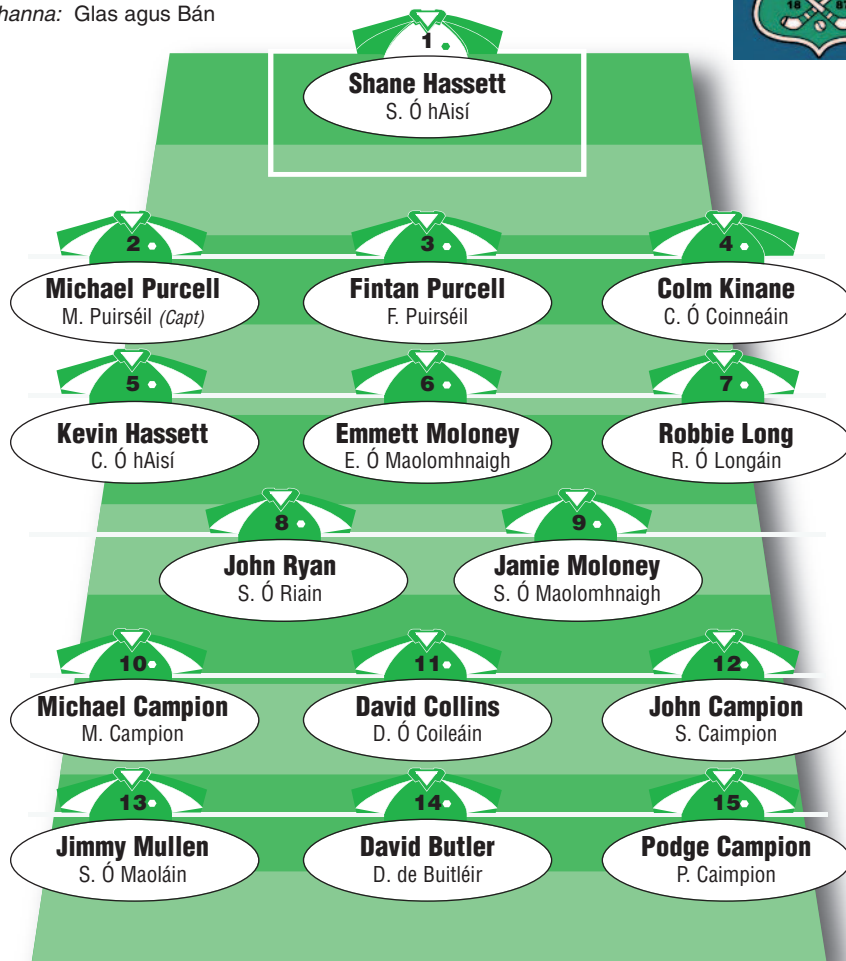
But it's the contrast in styles makes this game really hard to call. It may well come down to the team that can score the most goals and the weather on the day could play a huge part in deciding that. A fine day should help Grangemockler-Ballyneale's fast slick passing game as the ball is more likely to stick, meaning they can avoid having to fight for the second ball against a physically stronger team. A wet day might suit Drom-Inch as they can use their strength to win primary possession and such is their ability that they could have Grangemockler men chasing shadows for long periods of the game.

A wise man would wait until Sunday morning and consult the weather glass before making a prediction on this game but nobody has ever considered me a wise man and at the time of writing, that most unreliable of forecasters, the weather app on my iPhone, is telling me that Sunday will be a fine day, so I'm calling this one in favour of Grangemockler-Ballyneale.

Drom & Inch



Dathanna: Glas agus Bán



17. **DARRAGH KENNEDY**
D. Ó Cinnéide
18. **SEAMUS CALLANAN**
S. Ó Callanáin
19. **JAMIE BERGIN**
S. Ó Beirgin

20. **ANDY MULLEN**
A. Ó Maoláin
21. **JACK LILLIS**
S. Laighléis
22. **EOIN COLLINS**
E. Ó Coileáin

23. **PAUL BERGIN**
P. Ó Beirgin
24. **TONY CAHILL**
T. Ó Cathail
25. **MICHAEL CONNORS**
M. Ó Conchúir

26. **STEPHEN NOLAN**
S. Ó Nualláin
27. **LIAM RYAN**
L. Ó Riain

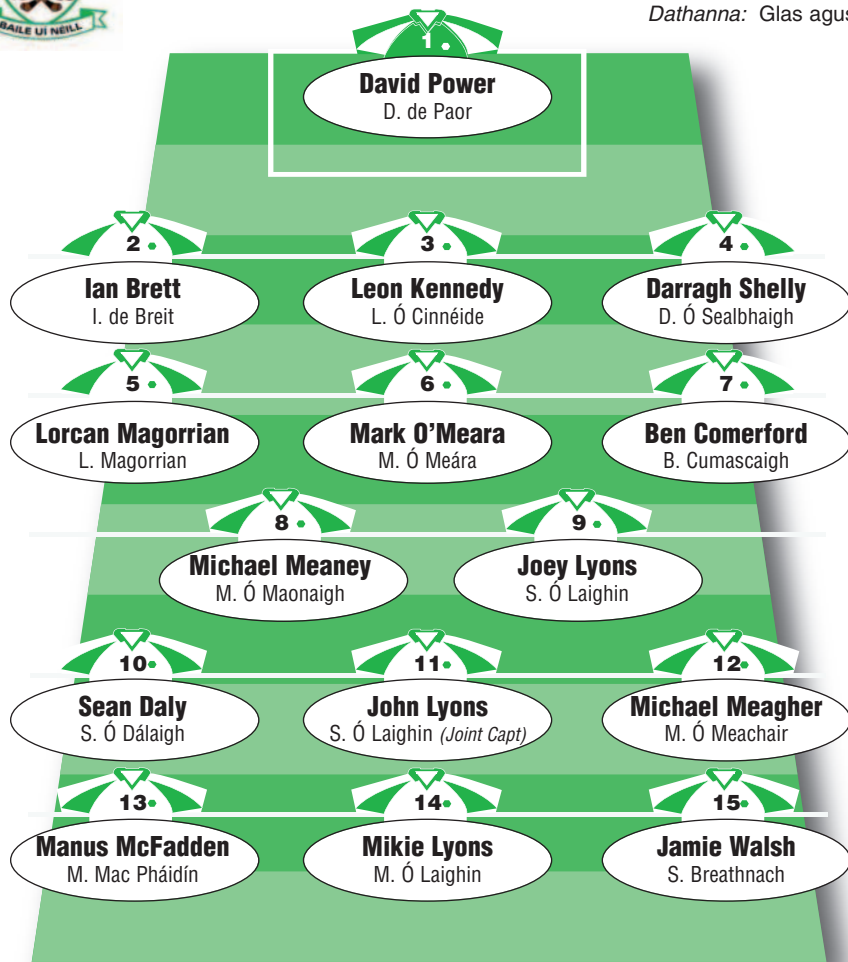
ROGHNÓIRÍ

Manager: Micheál Butler Selectors: Jerome Ryan, Eamonn O'Doherty, Jamie Bergin
Physio: Sean Nolan Kit Man: Cathal Flynn



Grangemockler/Ballyneale

Dathanna: Glas agus Bán



16. ANDREW BOLGER A. Ó Bolgair	19. TOM BRETT T. de Breit	22. CONOR HAHESSY C. Ó hAitheasa	25. EIMHIN HANRAHAN E. Ó hAnracháin	28. CONOR MURPHY C. Ó Murchú
17. COLIN O'SHEA C. Ó Sé	20. THOMAS DINEEN T. Ó Duinnín	23. JAMES DALY S. Ó Dálaigh	26. JACK LYONS S. Ó Laighin	29. JACK WALSH S. Breathnach
18. JACK O'HANLON S. Ó hAnluain <i>(Joint Capt.)</i>	21. PAUDIE O'SHEA P. Ó Sé	24. KEANE O'SHEA C. Ó Sé	27. THOMAS PARLE T. Pearail	

ROGHNÓIRÍ

Manager: Liam Walsh Selectors: Gerry Ryan, P.J. Lanigan, Jim O'Meara Coach: Christopher Ryan
 Physio: Claire Cummins-Cawley Kit Person: Bea Cahill Ball Carriers: Sean O'Meara, Callum McFadden

INTERMEDIATE PATHS TO THE FINAL

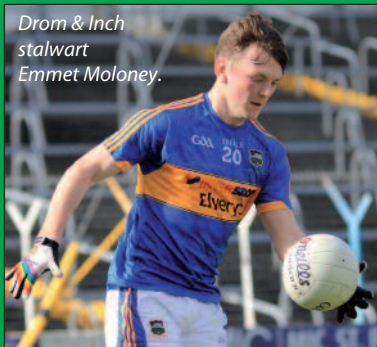
DROM & INCH

04/09/2021	Drom & Inch	1-8	Galtee Rovers	1-15
19/09/2021	Drom & Inch	2-21	Cashel King Cormacs	0-4
03/10/2021	Drom & Inch	2-15	Fr Sheedys	1-9
24/10/2021	Drom & Inch	1-9	Golden Kilfeacle	1-8
06/11/2021	Drom & Inch	0-10	Fethard	0-5

GRANGEMOCKLER/BALLYNEALE

05/09/2021	Grangemockler/Ballyneale	1-12	Mullinahone	1-8
11/09/2021	Grangemockler/Ballyneale	1-15	Clonmel Óg	2-7
24/10/2021	Grangemockler/Ballyneale	4-14	Clonoulty/Rossmore	1-5
06/11/2021	Grangemockler/Ballyneale	3-11	Galtee Rovers	1-7

Drom & Inch stalwart Emmet Moloney.



Jamie Walsh (Grangemockler/Ballyneale) gathers the football ahead of Galtee Rovers' Sean Gubbins during the semi-final.

[Photo: Michael Boland]



INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

	Winners	Titles	Winning Years
1	Mullinahone	3	2000, 2006, 2011
	Moyne-Templetoohy	3	1981, 2005, 2018
	Moycarkey-Borris	3	1980, 2012, 2019
2	Carrick Swans	2	1999, 2009
	Grangemockler/Ballyneale	2	1991, 2003
	Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams	2	1196, 2002
	Nenagh Eire Og	2	1988, 1997
	Cahir	2	1979, 1998
	Ballyporeen	2	1992, 2013
	Drom-Inch	2	1975, 2014
	Rockwell Rovers	2	1987, 2020
3	Kilsheelan-Kilcash	1	2010
	Clonmel Óg	1	2008
	Arravale Rovers	1	2007
	Killenaule	1	2004

	Winners	Titles	Winning Years
	Eire Óg Annacarty	1	2001
	Aherlow	1	1995
	Borrisokane	1	1994
	J. K. Bracken's	1	1993
	Cappawhite	1	1990
	Lattin-Cullen	1	1989
	Clonoulty-Rossmore	1	1986
	Newport	1	1985
	Fr. Sheehy's	1	1984
	Emly	1	1983
	Golden-Kilfeacle	1	1982
	Cashel King Cormacs	1	1976
	Multeen Rovers	1	1974
	Upperchurch-Drombane	1	2015
	Fethard	1	2016
	Kildangan	1	2017

EXTRA PANEL MEMBERS

Also on the BALLINA panel – (31) Brian Hurley, (32) Robbie Breen, (33) Des Morgan, (34) Marc Loughran, (35) Eoghan Dalton, (36) Paddy O'Donovan, (37) Conor Power.



Annual Memorabilia Fair



Sunday, December 5, 2021 (12-4 pm)

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(Entry-Gate beside Teagasc-Opposite Greyhound Stadium)

This 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 **The Dome, Semple Stadium, 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.

Sales positions, free of charge may be booked in advance by contacting the organisers before December 4th.

Admission for all will be €5, with accompanied children free. The venue will have disabled access, facilities for teas and coffees etc. It is located within a five minute walk from Thurles Railway Station.

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Remembering Michael Hogan



The inscription on the statue reads – “To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of Michael Hogan (Aughavaneen) who was shot dead in Croke Park by British Forces while playing football for Tipperary, November 21st, 1920, Bloody Sunday. 1898-1920. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.”

LEFT – Tipperary footballer Michael Hogan was one of 14 killed on Bloody Sunday on November 21st 1920. His resting place is at Grangemockler graveyard.

Betty Sheehan admires the statue of Michael Hogan at Grangemockler village. [Photos: Bridget Delaney]

Ballina



Dathanna: Gorm agus Bán



16. OISÍN CONACUR O. Ó Conacur	19. TOM LEE T. Ó Laoi	22. BILL MOLLOY B. Ó Maolmhuidh	25. WILLIE CONNORS L. Ó Conchúir	28. EOIN SHEEHY E. Mac Sithigh
17. DANIEL TIGHE D. Mac Taidhg	20. EOGHAN POWER E. de Paor	23. PHELIM O'HAGAN P. Ó hÁgáin	26. JACK BRADY S.Ó Brádaigh	29. KIAN DONNELLY C. Ó Donnaille
18. JAMES HANLEY S. Ó hÁinle	21. HARRY BYRNE A. Ó Broin	24. AIDAN HANLY A. Ó hÁinle	27. TOM O'MEARA T. Ó Meára	30. BRIAN CONNOLLY B. Ó Conghaile

ROGHNÓIRÍ

Manager: Kevin Byrne Selectors: Tom Meskell, Martin Neary

Physio: David Tighe



Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams

Dathanna: Dubh agus Ómra



17. PAUDIE O'CARROLL P. Ó Cearúill	20. CONOR O'MAHONY C. Ó Mathúna	23. CONOR BUTLER C. de Buitléir	26. GER O'DWYER G. Ó Dubhuir
18. SHANE MORRISSEY S. Ó Muireasa	21. PAUL O'DWYER P. Ó Dubhuir	24. BEN RYAN B. Ó Riain	27. CATHAL DUGGAN C. Ó Duagáin
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ROGHNÓIRÍ

Manager: Tommy Landers Selectors: Paddy Fitzgerald, Fergal Horgan, Martin Daly, Aidan Butler
Coach: Tommy Landers Medic: Gráinne Manton

Bloody Sunday remembered at Lár na Páirce and on County Final Day

NOVEMBER 21st 1920 was one of the darkest days of the War of Independence. This November to coincide with the 101st anniversary, we recall that awful day when 14 people including two children and Tipperary captain Michael Hogan were killed by British forces.

Tipperary GAA Bloody Sunday Commemoration Committee have been involved in a number of remembrance events to honour the memory of the Bloody Sunday team. The Committee, in collaboration with the Heritage Office of Tipperary County Council, have produced a collection of pop up stands that hopefully will feature at future events to inform and recall the memory of that day.

Come along and see the stands on display during November at Lár na Páirce on Slievenamon Road in Thurles. The stands are also on display today in the Dome on County final day.

These stands act as another way to honour the memory of the players and officials from Tipperary Bloody Sunday team. The stands were recently featured at the launch night of the Michael Hogan Festival of Football, which was sponsored by the Friends of Tipperary football.



Seamus McCarthy, chair of the Tipperary GAA Bloody Sunday Commemoration Committee with Tipperary Footballer Brian Fox and the pop-up stands.



Members of the Tipperary GAA Bloody Sunday Commemoration Committee with the Friends of Tipperary Football.

*Best of luck to Loughmore/Castleiney
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