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- 12.43pm** **Ballina** amach ar an Páirc
- 12.45pm** **CJ Kickhams Mullinahone** amach ar an Páirc
- 1.00pm** Tús an cluiche
FBD Insurance **Intermediate Football Championship Final**
BALLINA v CJ KICKHAMS MULLINAHONE
- 1.32pm** Leath-am
- 1.42pm** Tús an dara leath
- 2.15pm** Críoch an chluiche
- 2.25pm** Presentation of the **Barrett Cup** to the winning captain by Conchúr Ó Dubhuir, Cathaoirleach Coiste Peil an Chontae, followed by the presentation of the “Man of the Match” award (sponsored by John Quirke Jewellers, Cahir)
- 2.35pm** Presentation of the **Moyle Rovers Senior County Football** winning teams from 1995-’96.
- 2.53pm** **Clonmel Commercials** amach ar an Páirc
- 2.55pm** **Upperchurch/Drombane** amach ar an Páirc
- 3.09pm** Pre-match Parade led by the Sean Treacy Pipe Band
- 3.15pm** Tús an cluiche
FBD Insurance **Senior Football Championship Final**
CLONMEL COMMERCIALS v UPPERCHURCH/DROMBANE
- 3.47pm** Leath-am
- 3.57pm** Tús an dara leath
- 4.30pm** Críoch an chluiche
- 4.40pm** Presentation of the **O’Dwyer Cup** to the winning captain by Conchúr Ó Dubhuir, Cathaoirleach Coiste Peil an Chontae, followed by the presentation of the “Man of the Match” award (sponsored by John Quirke Jewellers, Cahir)

Buíochas Today’s programme has been produced with the assistance of Tom Maher (Assistant County Secretary), Jonathan Cullen (Tipperary PRO) and the secretaries of Ballina, CJ Kickhams Mullinahone, Clonmel Commercials and Upperchurch/Drombane. Many thanks to Anthony Shelley for his match previews, S.J. King, Jean O’Connor and Liam Ó Donnchú for their articles. Mile buíochas to Michael Boland for his excellent photographs throughout the season. GER CORBETT (Programme Editor)



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Wexford teams
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Templemore*

Fáilte ón gCathaoirleach

BA MHAITH liom fáilte a chur roimh gach einne inniu go Stáid Sempie FBD go Cluichí Ceannais Peile an Chontae.

It gives me great pleasure as Chairman of Tipperary County Board to welcome the teams, mentors and spectators to FBD Sempie Stadium to our Senior and Intermediate Football finals.

The teams that have reached the finals are here on merit and it is interesting to note that the teams for both finals were in the same group in the league rounds of the Championship. This proves that the system we have for running the championship allows the best teams to get to the final.

The pairing for the Senior Final is unique as one of the aristocrats of the game Clonmel Commercial face first time finalists Upperchurch/Drombane. Commercial might be a lot of peoples favourite, but Upperchurch/Drombane have shown a lot of heart and desire in their games to date and are very capable of causing an upset in today's final.

In the Intermediate Final, Ballina, last year's Junior A Champions, are up against CJ Kickhams Mullinahone who have been very impressive in their campaign to date. When the sides met in the league rounds, Mullinahone had a convincing victory but I expect a very close contested final here today.

Today, we welcome Moyle Rovers to Sempie Stadium as we honour their achievement at winning their first County Final in 1995 and also their victory in 1996. We hope that the team, mentors and club officials enjoy their day at the County Final.

We wish to express our gratitude to FBD Insurance for their continued support of our Club Championships in Tipperary and I welcome all their representatives to today's final.

We wish the referees in today's finals the very best of luck. On behalf of the County Board, I thank them and all the referees who officiated at our games during the year.

Finally, I wish the teams in both finals the very best of luck and hope that all who attend today's final have an enjoyable day in FBD Sempie Stadium.

Beir bua ar Thiobraid Árann.

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Cathaoirleach, Coiste Chontae Thiobraid Árann



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Fáilte ón gCathaoirleach



THIS IS the biggest weekend in the Tipperary Football calendar with county finals taking place across three adult championship competitions. These are huge games for all the players, mentors and supporters of the six clubs 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 novel pairing, with Upperchurch/Drombane making their first ever appearance at this stage of the competition. Their advancement on the football front, whilst drawing attention in recent weeks, has been ongoing for a number of decades. The foundations for this year's progress were laid many years ago, when a conscious effort was made to encourage equal participation in both codes across all age grades in the club. In the opposing corner we have in Clonmel Commercials one of the traditional powerhouses of Tipperary football. They continue to set the highest of standards for all others to match and maintain the proud tradition of footballing excellence in South Tipperary.

The Intermediate competition also throws up an interesting contrast, with both clubs coming from opposite ends of the county – both in terms of geographical location and football heritage. In the early years of the GAA in Tipperary, Mullinahone were a traditional football stronghold, but who's successes in recent years have been predominately on the hurling fields. Ballina on the other hand, would have been considered a hurling area by most, but who's determination to give both codes a chance has paid dividends. They have won a number of football titles in recent years including in the 'A' grade and despite having being just promoted from Junior ranks, their presence at this stage of the Intermediate competition will come as a surprise to very few.

The Tom Cusack Cup sees the 2021 winners again in the final. Having been promoted to senior ranks at the end of the 2020 season Rockwell Rovers have more than held their own and this game provides the opportunity to further add to their footballing credentials. Facing them are an undoubtedly talented Killenaule outfit, a team that only a few years ago contested a senior final. A very interesting game in store.

Finally a word of thanks to all involved in organising and promoting football competitions at all grades across the county in 2022. That list includes officials at club, divisional and county level, referees, competition sponsors, local media and my colleagues on the football committee.

CONOR O'DWYER

Chairman, Tipperary Football Committee

A FASCINATING GA

THOSE OF YOU familiar with John B. Keane's play *Sive* will recall the traveller Pats Boccock banging his blackthorn stick against the ground as he told his son Carthalawn to "give it your best, your almighty best". In the dressing rooms beneath the Old Stand this afternoon, there is little doubt that Upperchurch-Drombane manager Eoin Shortt and Clonmel Commercials manager Tommy Morrissey, will be channelling their inner Pats Boccock and exhorting their players to go out and "give it your best your almighty best". Both men are shrewd enough to know that anything less won't get the job done.

For many people Upperchurch-Drombane are the surprise package in this year's championship but if you drill a little bit deeper then the surprise is not really a surprise at all. They have made it to the quarter-final stage of the championship in three of the last four years and it was only a matter of time before this talented group of players would progress further.

But of course, this generation of Upperchurch-Drombane players didn't invent football in the parish. Club stalwarts like Pat Phelan, the late Packie Ryan and the late Pakie Phelan were always passionate about promoting football.

Whether they are watching from the stand or looking down from above, there is no doubt a lot of Upperchurch-Drombane people will be bursting with pride as they watch D'Church march behind the Moycarkey Pipe Band today. As an aside, it has been some year in the Phelan household. It was Pat's grandson, Paddy who floated in "that free" in the dying seconds of the All Ireland Minor Hurling Final this year. Carlsberg don't do perfect GAA years but if they did . . .

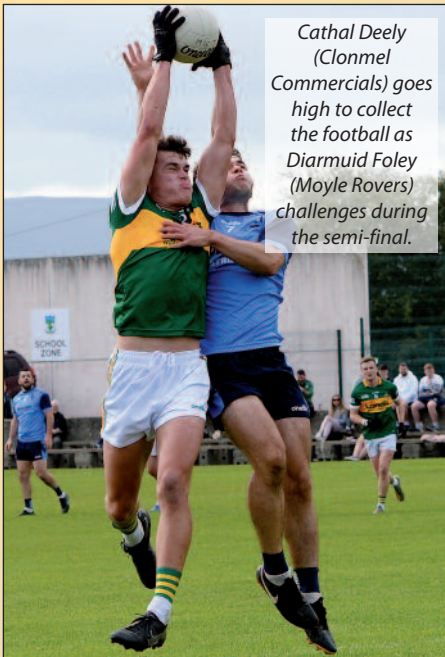
My first encounter with Upperchurch-Drombane footballers was back in the mid 80's when we played games of backs v forwards in the small narrow school field beside Templemore CBS as it was known back then. When the teams were being picked, I was praying that I wouldn't be put marking former Tipperary hurling manager, Mick Ryan. That man was so competitive, he would turn a communion breakfast into an eating competition. When he called "Mick's ball", he shouted it with such authority and urgency that I felt it was only right to let him have it. It was the safer option!

Tipperary Football Chairman, Conor O'Dwyer was also on that team and was probably a classier footballer who in his own way every bit as competitive as Mick (although he didn't sing "In The Ghetto" on the bus home from matches as good as Mick).

Throw in lads from that generation like Paudie Bourke, a wing forward who could actually score, Seamie Griffin, Pat Carey, Donal Carey, the two Tom Ryan's (Glown and Cooga), Nippy Casey and Red Gerry who were all very capable footballers and you will soon see that Upperchurch-Drombane always produced decent players.

What this current team have done though is they have raised the standards to a new level. Much has been rightly made of their commitment and fitness but in my opinion not enough has been made of their footballing ability. They really do have some wonderfully talented footballers.

Every team needs flagship players and Paul and Luke Shanahan are Eoin Shortt's talismen.



Cathal Deely (Clonmel Commercials) goes high to collect the football as Diarmuid Foley (Moyle Rovers) challenges during the semi-final.

Anthony Shelley (PRO The Friends of Tipperary Football)

GAME IN PROSPECT

Between them they have contributed almost 80% of the Upperchurch-Drombane scores in this years championship. Of course they have the roof over their heads provided for them by players like Jack Butler, Gavin and Keith Ryan, Loughlin Ryan, goalkeeper James Griffin and not forgetting county man Dean Carew, who all go about there job with such efficiency and determination that the Shanahan brothers can just go out and play.

A hallmark of the Upperchurch game this year has been their ability to win dirty ball and then retain it. When they get it they generally don't give it back to you too easily. They arrive in todays FBD County Senior Football Final on the back of two outstanding performances against J.K.Brackens and last year's champions Loughmore-Castleiney. There really was a lot to admire about the way they went about their business in both those games. However, if they are to be successful in the wide open spaces of Semple Stadium, I feel they will have to transition the ball quicker from back to front and kick-pass more often than they have done to date. Despite putting up a spirited performance against Clonmel Commercials in the group stages, they still lost that game 2:11 to 0:09, so to come with the same tactics and approach will not suffice. What was it Albert Einstein said? "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results.

Clonmel Commercials are kings of the turnover and the stats tell us the team that wins the turnover count wins the game 82% of the time. If Upperchurch-Drombane dilly-dally between the two 45m lines then they will be punished. Commercials scored 1-07 from turnover ball against Moyle Rovers in the semi-final. It's an impressive but not a surprising return from a team who are going for their third county final win in four years.

Commercials are a team littered with household names, many of them aiming for a club record sixth county medal and marking them makes minding mice at a crossroads seem like an easy task. Jason Lonergan has been on fire in this championship and is a player that Upperchurch-Drombane will have to keep a special eye on. Full forward Sean O'Connor has scored 2-21 in the championship which is an impressive tally in just five matches. Add into the mix players like Kevin



Willie Eviston and Tommy Maher (Loughmore/Castleiney) attempt to stop the progress of Luke Shanahan (Upperchurch/Drombane) during the semi-final.

[Photos: Michael Boland]

Fahey, Jamie Peters, Michael Quinlivan and anyone with the surname Kennedy and you can immediately see the task facing Upperchurch-Drombane.

This is a Clonmel Commercials team who tick a lot of boxes. Every single one of them is comfortable on the ball and physically they are an imposing side. They are also a battle hardened and mentally strong team who know how to dig out games.

If they have a weakness, it is that they often don't play to their maximum capacity for the full hour. In this year's championship they have started all their games slowly before blitzing teams in the second half. If they want to be crowded county champions at 5pm this evening, they will have to manage their game better and aim for a more consistent performance over the 60 minutes.

Commercials will be well aware of the challenge that faces them today. The warning shots were fired at them in the group stages and they will know that their movement both on and off the ball that day wasn't good enough. They go into todays game as worthy favourites but will also know that most of the county will be shouting for their opponents. That's the nature of the beast in GAA. Nobody ever roots for the townies.

A fascinating game is in store between two teams with contrasting styles. The best advice I can offer supporters attending todays game is to sit back and enjoy two teams giving it their best, their almighty best!

Meet the Match Officials

SEAN LONERGAN

Senior Final Referee

(MOYLE ROVERS)

S EAN 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 finals 2019; Munster Intermediate Club final 2015; Munster Junior Club final 2016, County Intermediate Final 2021.

Officials – Linesmen: Derek O'Mahoney (Standby Ref)

David Grogan

4th Official: Pat O'Mahoney

Umpires: John Lonergan

Keith Delahunty

Paul O'Connor

Stephen Aylward



SEAN EVERARD

Intermediate Final Referee

(MOYNE/TEMPLETUOHY)

S EANIE began his refereeing career 12 years ago in 2010 and today referees his fifth adult County Football decider, having previously officiated at Minor, U-21, Junior and Senior. He was also the man in the middle for the Seamus Ó Riain and County Junior A Hurling deciders. A proud Mid man, he has refereed many Mid Senior Hurling and Football finals.

His wish is to encourage players who have recently retired to take up refereeing and continue their involvement in the Association.

Seanie would like to wish both Ballina and CJ Kickhams Mullinahone players, mentors, club officers and supporters all the best and he looks forward to a great contest.

Officials – Linesmen: Joe Leahy (Standby Ref)

Jonathan Cullen

4th Official: Mark Dunne

Umpires: Paddy Sweeney

Jerry Quinn

Eddie Bourke

Conor Bowe



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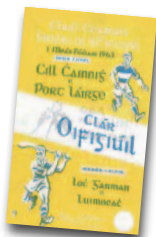


INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

	Winners	Titles	Winning Years
1	Mullinahone	3	2000, 2006, 2011
	Moyne-Templeouhy	3	1981, 2005, 2018
	Moycarkey-Borris	3	1980, 2012, 2019
	Drom-Inch	3	1975, 2014, 2021
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
	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

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PREVIEW - INTERMEDIATE FINAL

by Anthony Shelley (PRO The Friends of Tipperary Football)

THEATRE BUFFS will tell you that the opening number in any musical sets the mood and tone for the show. Today's opening number is the FBD Insurance County Intermediate Football Final between CJK Mullinahone and Ballina. This could prove to be the game of the weekend and will set the mood and tone for a great afternoon of football in Tom Semple's Field.

If CJK Mullinahone are to land their fourth intermediate title this afternoon, they will have to match the desire which Ballina carry into the game as they go in search of their first Intermediate championship. When these two sides met in the group stages back on the 13th August it was CJK Mullinahone who ran out comfortable 2-10 to 0-08 winners. However, many experts and indeed many non-experts believe that since that match, CJK Mullinahone's performances have remained consistent but Ballina have improved beyond all recognition and that today's game will be a much tighter affair.

Before a ball was kicked in this year's FBD Intermediate Football Championship, I can't have been the only one who believed that Grangemockler-Ballyneale and Galtee Rovers were the two favourites for county honours but both those clubs have been knocked out of the competition in emphatic style by Ballina. It can't be coincidence that their upturn in form coincided with the return from injury of Tipperary football star, Steven O'Brien. However, Ballina are not just reliant on Steven. Far from it. Tom Lee, James Hanley, Conor Power along with Ben and Dara King would be additions to any team in the county and if county star Teddy Doyle is available for selection that would be an obvious bonus.

The last two years has been quite a journey for Kevin Byrne's team. County Junior Champions and beaten Munster finalists in 2021 when they had the services of three Kiladangan players available to them. This year one couldn't help but wonder how they would navigate the higher grade of intermediate football especially without the help of their

neighbours. We needn't have wondered at all. They navigated their way through this year's championship with such skill that Ferdinand Magellan would approve.

Their opposition today, CJK Mullinahone have arguably been the most consistent team in the championship to date. They have moonwalked their way through the competition averaging 18 points per game and conceding an average of just 9. They may not have been as impressive in their semi-final win over Golden-Kilfeacle but semi-finals are about winning not performance and that game may just have provided them with the challenge they needed to set them up nicely for today's final.

Their half back line of Conor Shelley, Sean Curran and Conor O'Brien provide both a stout defence and solid launching pad for their attacks. Up front Kevin Walzer is still a relatively young man in terms of the real world but he has been doing the business for CJK Mullinahone for a good number of years now and he continues to impress while county senior football players Martin Keogh and Mikey O'Shea do exactly what it says on the tin. If Ballina are to hold any chance today you feel they will have to curb the scoring threats of O'Shea and Waltzer.

This is a game between two sides with very similar styles of play. Both like to build slowly and transfer the ball by hand more than by foot. Discipline will be an important factor as both sides have free takers who will prove that crime doesn't pay. I see the middle third of the field becoming the real battle ground. The team that can win the dirty ball in this area, transition it to attack the quickest and maybe take the odd chance of delivering quick ball by foot could well be the team climbing the steps of the new stand to collect the Barrett Cup when referee Sean Everard signals full stop.

I spoke with a friend of mine last night from Moyne, a village that never reared a fool. He had a slight preference for Ballina while I had a slight preference for Mullinahone. Neither of us ruled out extra time.



Ballina



Back row (l.-r.): Michael Grace, Teddy Doyle, Jerry O'Brien, Ben King, Braoin Cleary, Jack O'Mahony, James Hanley, Steven O'Brien, Eoin Slattery, Conor Maguire, George Kealy, Bill Molloy, Tom Lee, Finn Looney, Michael Breen, Brian Connolly, Dermot Cunningham, Jack Brady. Front row (l.-r.): Josh Egan, Cathal O'Donnell, Terry O'Halloran, Matthew Power, Paddy O'Donovan, Daniel Tighe, Dara King, Conor Power, Sam Loughran, David Grace, Eoghan Power, Kian Donnelly.

BALLINA PLAYER PROFILES

Jerry O'Brien	37	Electrical Contractor	Matthew Power	20	Student
Paddy O'Donovan	25	Primary School Teacher	Harry Byrne	22	Teacher
Josh Egan	20	Student in Health and Leisure ITT	Finn Looney	21	Student
Terry O'Halloran	24	Carpenter/Farmer	Bill Molloy	28	Self Employed/Accountant
Conor Power	21	Student	Kian Donnelly	19	Student
James Hanley	22	Student	Eoin Slattery	25	Primary School Teacher
Sam Loughran	20	Supply Chain Assistant	David Kelly	24	Physiotherapist
Michael Breen	28	Teacher	Teddy Doyle	30	Garda
Conor Maguire	26	Teacher	Cathal O'Donnell	19	Student
Bernard King	25	Apprentice Solicitor	Daniel Tighe	19	Student LIT
Eoghan Power	22	Student	Eoin Sheehy	36	Financial Services Manager
David Grace	20	Student Teacher	Des Morgan	44	Auctioneer and Financial Advisor
Jack O'Mahoney	23	Client Services Investment Representative	Brian Connolly	24	Project Engineer
Steven O'Brien	27	Financial Planning Advisor	George Kealy	22	Mechanical Design Engineer
Tom Lee	37	Teacher	Jack Brady	25	Secondary School Teacher
Michael Grace	23	Apprentice Carpenter	Braoin Cleary	18	Student
Dara King	20	Student/Barman	Eoghan Dalton		
			Dermot Cunningham	46	Bio Pharma Specialist



Ballina Management team: Dermot Cunningham, Robert Ryan, Tom Meskell, Kevin Byrne.

Photos: Michael Boland)

Ballina's path to the final

Ballina	0-11
Moyneltempleduohy	0-3
Ballina	0-8
CJ Kickhams Mullinahone	2-10
Ballina	2-12
Galtee Rovers/St. Pecaun	0-9
Ballina	2-10
Grangemockler/Ballyneale	0-12

Also on the Ballina panel:

- (31) George Kealy, (32) Jack Brady,
(33) Dermot Cunningham,
(34) Braoin Cleary, (35) Eoghan Dalton.

CJ Kickhams Mullinahone



Back row (l.-r.): Paul Curran, Micheál Dunne, Danny Dunne, Martin Kehoe, Conor O'Brien, Daire O'Brien, Éanna Ryan, Mikey O'Shea, John O'Grady, Conor Whelan, Eoin O'Dwyer, Steven Hickey. Front row (l.-r.): Alan Curran, Riain O'Halloran, Cillian White, Michael Cody, Enda Keane, Sean Curran, Jack Shelly, Kevin Walzer, Graham Horan, James Cody. Missing from photo: Alen Walsh, Shane Morris. [Photos: Michael Boland]

CJ KICKHAMS MULLINAHONE PLAYER PROFILES

Graham Horan	25	Welder	Eanna Ryan	21	Student – Primary School Teaching
Michael Cody (Capt.)	23	Physiotherapist	Alen Walsh	33	Butcher
Cillian White	21	Student – Construction	Jack Shelly	27	Recruitment Consultant
Daire O'Brien	20	Student – Dairy Business	Alan Curran	36	Deputy Principal Secondary School
Colin Shelly	23	Garda	Michael Dunne	25	Farmer
Sean Curran	31	Primary School Teacher	Paul Curran	40	Primary School Teacher
Conor O'Brien	18	Student – Business Studies			& Performance Coach
Enda Keane	24	Electrician	Conor Whelan	21	Hurley Maker
Martin Kehoe	21	Student - Business Studies			– Conor Whelan Hurleys
Danny Dunne	19	Apprentice Electrician	James Cody	18	Student – Food Science
Mikey O'Shea	20	Apprentice Carpenter	Steven Hickey	19	General Operative
Riain O'Halloran	18	Student – Arts			Mullinahone Co-Op
Kevin Walzer	33	National Account Manager	Shane Morris	21	Maintenance Fitter
		–Sofina foods Ltd	John O'Grady	26	Pre School – Driver
Eoin O'Dwyer	18	Apprentice Electrician	Liam Fennelly	24	Farmer



LEFT:
Michael Cody
(CJ Kickhams
Mullinahone
Captain)



RESULTS AND SCORERS

Mullinahone 2-10, Ballina 0-08

Scorers: Seán Curran 0-2, Martin Kehoe 0-1, Jack Shelly 0-1, Mikey O'Shea 0-3, Kevin Walzer 2-2, Micheál Dunne 0-1.

Mullinahone 3-13, Moyné/Templetuohy 0-07

Mullinahone 5-15, Loughmore/Castleiney 1-5

Mullinahone 0-12, Golden/Kilfeacle 1-5

Scorers: Daire O'Brien 0-1, Colin Shelly 0-1, Mikey O'Shea 0-3, Kevin Walzer 0-3, Eanna Ryan 0-3, Riain O'Halloran 0-1.

LEFT:

CJ Kickhams Mullinahone Management team: Joe O'Meara, Sean O'Reagan, Edwin O'Meara, Gerard Maher, Paul Quirke.

Ballina



Dathanna: Gorm agus Bán



16. MICHAEL GRACE M. de Grás	19. HARRY BYRNE H. Ó Broin	22. KIAN DONNELLY C. Ó Donnaille	25. TEDDY DOYLE T. Ó Dúghaill	28. EOIN SHEEHY E. Ó Sioda
17. DARA KING D. Ó Cionga	20. FINN LOONEY F. Luanaigh	23. EOIN SLATTERY E. Ó Slatara	26. CATHAL O'DONNELL C. Ó Dónaill	29. DES MORGAN D. Ó Muireagáin
18. MATTHEW POWER M. de Paor	21. BILL MOLLOY B. Ó Maolmhuaidh	24. DAVID KELLY D. Ó Ceallaigh	27. DANIEL TIGHE D. Mac Taidhg	30. BRIAN CONNOLLY B. Ó Conghaile

ROGHNÓIRÍ

Manager: Kevin Byrne

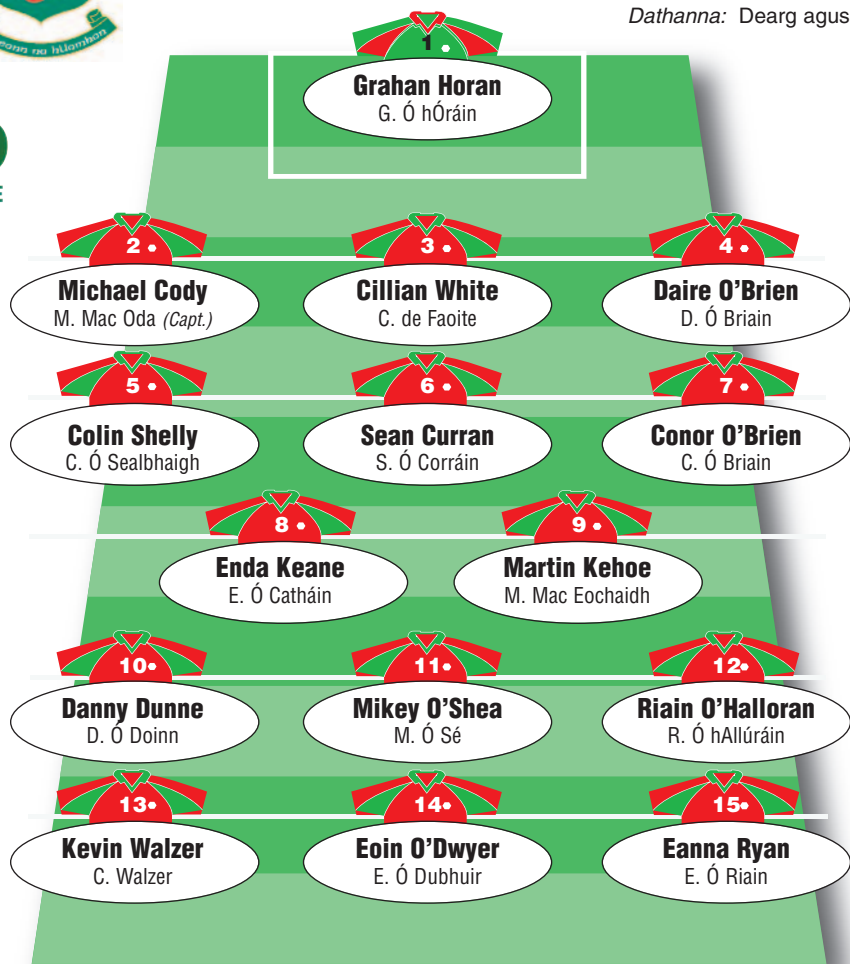
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16. ALEN WALSH A. Breathnach	19. MICHAEL DUNNE M. Ó Doinn	22. JAMES CODY S. Mac Oda	25. JOHN O'GRADY S. Ó Gráda
17. JACK SHELLEY S. Ó Sealbhaigh	20. PAUL CURRAN P. Ó Corráin	23. STEVEN HICKEY S. Ó hÍcí	26. LIAM FENNELLY L. Ó Fionnalaigh
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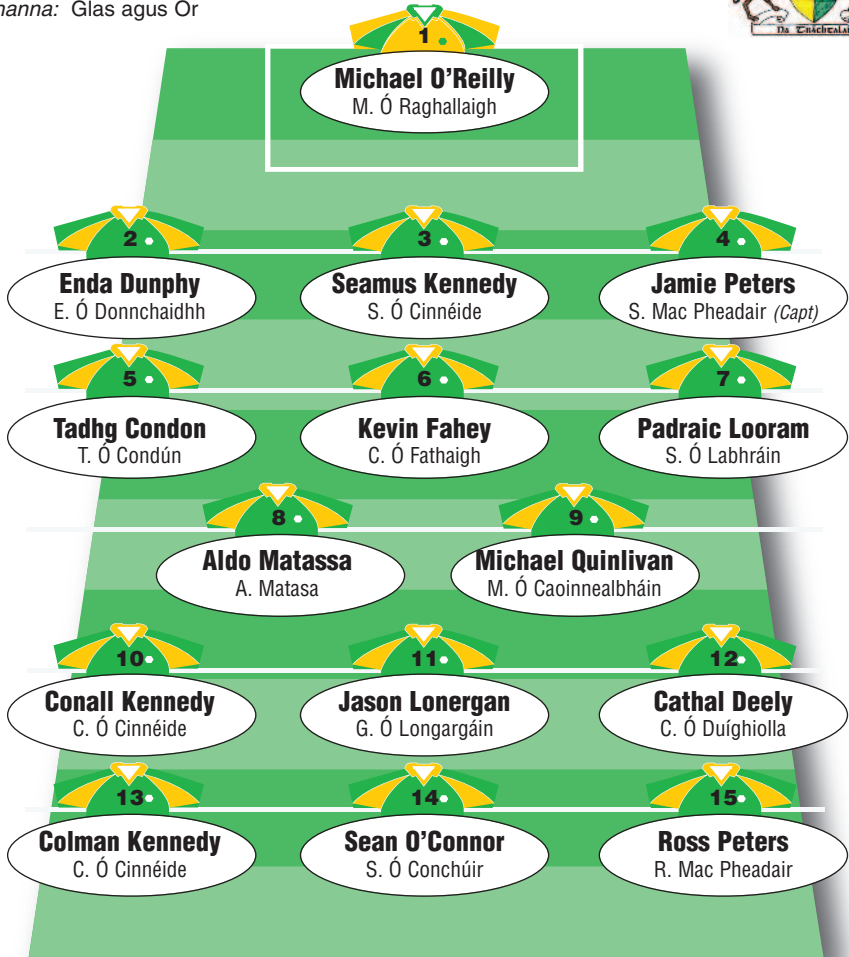
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Manager: Paul Quirke Coach: Sean O'Regan Selector: Edwin O'Meara
S&C: Diarmaid Carr Physio: Gerard Maher Doctor: Dr. óhn Gillman Kit Man: Joe O'Meara

Clonmel Commercials



Dathanna: Glas agus Ór



16. SHANE RYAN S. Ó Riain	19. JACK KENNEDY S. Ó Cinnéide	22. NIALL KELLY N. Ó Ceallaigh	25. CONOR DEELY C. Ó Duíghiolla	28. EOIN FITZGERALD E. Mac Gearailt
17. DONAL LYNCH D. Ó Loingsigh	20. CATHAL McGEEVER C. Mag Íomhair	23. PETER McGARRY P. Mag Fhearaigh	26. RORY O'DOWD R. Ó Dúda	29. CIARAN CANNON C. Ó Canáin
18. DECLAN NEE D. Ó Nía	21. CIAN SMITH C. Mac Gabhann	24. JAMES MORRIS S. Ó Muiris	27. ÓISÍN FORRISTAL O. Fuireastal	30. SHANE POWER S. de Paor

ROGHNÓIRÍ

Manager: Tommy Morrissey Selectors: Philly Ryan, Fergal O'Callaghan, Paul Fitzgerald S&C: Martin Kennedy
Physio: Kevin Shelly Medic: Paula Kearns Kitmen: Dan McMenamin, Aidan Barry, Andy Pyke, Ronan Duffy



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Dathanna: Dubh agus Ómra

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INSURANCE

1. James Griffin
S. Ó Griffin

2. Ger Grant
G. Grant

3. Matt Ryan
M. Ó Riain

4. Ailbe O'Donoghue
A. Ó Donnchú (*Capt.*)

5. Dean Carew
D. Carrún

6. Gavin Ryan
G. Ó Riain

7. Michael Lavery
M. Ó Labhraí

8. Keith Ryan
C. Ó Riain

9. Jack Butler
S. de Buitléir

10. Aaron Ryan
A. Ó Riain

11. Paul Shanahan
P. Ó Seanacháin

12. Diarmaid Grant
D. Grant

13. Luke Shanahan
L. Ó Seanacháin

14. Niall Grant
N. Grant

15. Loughlin Ryan
L. Ó Riain

16. PAUL RYAN P. Ó Riain	19. CONOR FAHEY C. Ó Fathaigh	22. MIKEY GRIFFIN M. Ó Giofa	25. PAT RYAN P. Ó Riain	28. T.J. BUTLER T.S. de Buitléir
17. COLM RYAN C. Ó Riain	20. PADRAIG GREENE P. Ó hUaine	23. SEAN RYAN S. Ó Riain	26. JOHN RYAN (J) S. Ó Riain	29. ÓISÍN TREACY O. Ó Treasaigh
18. PATRICK CLANCY P. Mac Lannchaidh	21. RONAN GLEESON R. Ó Glasáin	24. EANNA RYAN E. Ó Riain	27. A.J. SHANAHAN A.S. Ó Seanacháin	30. JAMES BARRY S. de Barra

ROGHNÓIRÍ

Management: Andy Kinane, Owen Shortt, Seamus Griffin Coach: Owen Shortt S&C: Cathal O'Neill
Physio: John Flaherty Medic: Liam Noonan Stats: Catheriona Shortt



Back row (l.-r.): Cian Smith, Oisín Forristal, Colman Kennedy, Cathal Deely, Sean O'Connor, Michael Quinlivan, Pádraic Lóoram, Aldo Matassa, Michael O'Reilly, Enda Dunphy, Conor Deely, Seamus Kennedy, James Morris, Cathal McGeever, Niall Kelly, Front row (l.-r.): Conall Kennedy, Kevin Fahey, Shane Power, Declan Nee, Peter McGarry, Donal Lynch, Tadhg Condon, Jason Lonergan, Jamie Peters, Ross Peters, Shane Ryan, Rory O'Dowd, Ciaran Cannon.

THE famous green and gold of Clonmel Commercials come to Thurles today in search of their 20th county title and their 5th in eight years.

Affiliated to the GAA in 1934, the club's first taste of county success came in the form of a minor title in 1935. A County Junior title followed in 1940, before the club's first Senior title in 1944. The 60's were a golden age for the club, winning three county titles in a row in 1965, 1966 and 1967. The captain on all three teams was Brian O'Callaghan.

Titles followed in the 70s and 80s, with the late great John McNamara the brains behind many of those successes. The club's two county titles of the 90's came in 1990 and 1994. On both these occasions Commercials were beaten in the Munster Senior Club Final. 1994 was the club's fourth appearance in the provincial final where they were beaten by Castlehaven.

In 2015 after winning their third County title of the new century, Commercials reached their first Munster Senior Club Championship final since 1994 after a 1-13 to 0-3 win against Milltown Malbay in the semi-final. On 29 November 2015, Commercials managed by Charlie McGeever won their first Munster Senior Club title after defeating Nemo Rangers in the final in Mallow. Trailing by two points in the second minute of injury time, Michael Quinlivan scored with a low shot to the net to win the game by one point on a scoreline of 1-07 to 0-09.

Titles 17, 18 and 19 were added in 2017, 2019 and 2020 and if they were to win no 20 today it would see them just one win behind near neighbours Fethard on the role of honour. Clonmel Commercials reached their sixth Munster Club Final in 2019 but on this occasion they were comprehensively defeated by Nemo Rangers 0-15 to 0-6.

A vibrant juvenile club underpins much of this success with teams from U6 level coached by many of the great volunteers in the club. We're looking forward to the colour and atmosphere our young stars of the future bring to this great occasion today.

The lady's club has grown at all levels over the last few years and has also seen success, winning Junior and Intermediate titles at County level in the last decade and this year the Seniors have a Munster B semi-final to look forward to after a last-minute victory over Fermoy in the Munster quarter-final last weekend.

From all at Clonmel Commercials, we wish Manager Tommy Morrissey, Captain Jamie Peters and all the team and backroom staff the best of luck in the quest for title No 20 today against Upperchurch/Drombane.

Na Tráchtáilaithe Abú!

Also on the Clonmel Commercials panel today:

(31) Kian O'Reilly (32) Eoin McCarthy

CLOMEL COMMERCIALS PROFILES

Aldo Matassa	31	Physio	Kevin Fahey	27	Business Owner, Pro Recovery
Cathal Deely	20	Student	Kian O'Reilly	18	Student
Cathal McGeever	28	Engineer	Michael O'Reilly	25	Secondary School Teacher
Cian Smith	18	Student	Michael Quinlivan	29	Associate Director – Corporate Finance
Ciaran Cannon	29	Primary School Teacher	Niall Kelly	39	Mechanical Engineer
Colman Kennedy	28	Commercial Lead/ Performance Marketing	Oisín Forristal	18	Student
Conall Kennedy	23	Student	Padraic Looram	27	Accountant
Conor Deely	22	Student	Peter McGarry	19	Student
Declan Nee	19	Electrician	Rory O'Dowd	19	Student
Donal Lynch	31	Dept. of Finance	Ross Peters	25	Business Owner, Pro Recovery
Enda Dunphy	21	Carpenter	Seamus Kennedy	29	Financial Advisor
Eoin Fitzgerald	29	Primary School Teacher	Sean O'Connor	21	Student
Eoin McCarthy	20	Student	Shane Ryan	18	Student
Jack Kennedy	25	Tax Associate at Deloitte	Shane Power	30	Sales Strategy & Ops Senior Associate
James Morris	19	Student	Tadhg Condon	20	Student
Jamie Peters	30	Social Care Manager			
Jason Lonergan	28	Senior Project Engineer at Dornan Eng. Ltd.			

Six in the mix

- Eight of today's Clonmel Commercials panel are going in search of a club record sixth county senior football medal.
- Donal Lynch, Seamus Kennedy, Jamie Peters, Colman Kennedy, Michael Quinlivan, Jason Lonergan Kevin Fahy and Niall Kelly.



Top Scorers

Sean O'Connor – 2-21
Jack Kennedy – 2-11
Jason Lonergan – 0-16

Clonmel Commercials Path to Final

Clonmel Commercials 1-14
Killenaule..... 0-09

Clonmel Commercials 2-11
Clonmel Commercials 0-09

Clonmel Commercials2-22
Cahir..... 0-12

Clonmel Commercials 0-21
Arravale Rovers 1-02

Clonmel Commercials 1-14
Moyle Rovers 0-09

BELOW – *Commercials Commercial management: Eoin Stapleton, Andy Pyke, Martin Kennedy, Fergal O'Callaghan, Tommy Morrissey (Manager), Paul Fitzgerald, Ronan Duffy, Philly Ryan.*

[Photos: Michael Boland]





Upperchurch/Drombane



Back row (l.-r.): Mikey Griffin, Conor Fahey, Ailbe O'Dónoghue (Capt.), Matt Ryan, Dean Carew, James Griffin, Gavin Ryan, Diarmuid Grant, Keith Ryan, Paul Shanahan, Ronan Gleeson, Sean Ryan. Front row (l.-r.): Paudie Greene, Aaron Ryan, Luke Shanahan, Mikey Lavery, Loughlin Ryan, Niall Gant, Jack Butler, Gerard Grant, Pat Ryan, Patrick Clancy, Pat Shortt.

THERE'S a great buzz among the people in the parish of Upperchurch/Drombane at the moment with all of our teams involved in the final stages of the county championships in both hurling and football.

Today our Senior Footballers will play in their first County Senior Football Final after defeating reigning champions Loughmore/Castleiney in our first appearance in a semi-final. The road to this final began when we won the County Junior A Football title in 2002. This was the club's first time to win an adult football county title.

We have gone on to win several titles at Minor B and Under-21 B since then and we were promoted to Senior Football after winning the Intermediate Football Championship in 2015. There has been steady progress in the Senior Football ranks since promotion, culminating this year in our first appearance on County Final Day. We have some very skilful and talented footballers in our club that all supporters will get to see here today. Best of luck to our players, management team and support staff in your quest to make more history for the club today.

Away from the playing field the club has made huge progress in improving the facilities of Upperchurch/Drombane GAA for everyone in the last few years. We have

installed an AstroTurf, Walkway and Floodlights on the pitch, but the club isn't stopping there. This year we have embarked on our most ambitious project to date with the agreement to purchase 12.6 acres of land adjacent to the clubhouse. This will allow us to develop a second playing pitch and a training pitch to meet the increasing demand. To finance this ambitious plan, we have taken the bold step to be the first Tipperary Club to Raffle a brand-new John Deere Tractor or €100,000 cash. Tickets cost just €50, and they can be purchased online at www.winanewjohndeere.ie.



Mike Griffin
(U/D Chairman)

Finally, a big thank you to all our sponsors, supporters, coaches and committee. Your hard work and support over many years has helped the club reach this final today. This year the team has brought us on a fantastic journey to reach our maiden Senior Football County Final. Everyone associated with Upperchurch/Drombane GAA Club are proud of our achievements this year and with your continued support and hard work more historic days are just around the corner. Upperchurch-Drombane Abú.

UPPERCHURCH-DROMBANE PLAYER PROFILES

James Griffin	19	Student
Ger Grant	27	Student
Matt Ryan	34	Plumber
Ailbe O'Donoghue	30	I.T Technician
Dean Carew	24	Carpenter
Gavin Ryan	26	Teacher
Michael Lavery	23	Carpenter
Keith Ryan	21	Student
Jack Butler	25	Sales Rep
Aaron Ryan	23	Teacher
Paul Shanahan	27	Manufacturing Engineer
Diarmaid Grant	29	Technical Sales Rep
Luke Shanahan	19	Student
Niall Grant	25	Quantity Surveyor
Loughlin Ryan	25	Farmer

Paul Ryan	30	Procurement Manager
Colm Ryan	32	Truck Driver
Patrick Clancy	21	Student
Conor Fahey	23	Electrical Estimator
Padraig Greene	31	Civil Engineer
Ronan Gleeson	26	Teacher
Mikey Griffin	18	Student
Sean Ryan	18	Student
Eanna Ryan	22	Student
Pat Ryan	19	Student
John Ryan (J)	28	Pharmacist
A.J. Shanahan	20	Student
T.J. Butler	24	Carpenter
Oisín Treacy	19	Student
James Barry	32	Senior Project Lead

A Family affair for Upperchurch/Drombane team:

1. James and Mikey Griffin are brothers.
2. Ger and Niall Grant are brothers.
3. Gavin and Keith Ryan are brothers.
4. Paul and Luke Shanahan are brothers.
5. Sean and Eanna Ryan are brothers.
6. Loughlin Ryan and Pat Ryan are brothers.
7. Jack and T.J. Bother are brothers.

Other relationships on the team:

1. Brothers Niall and Ger Grant are first cousins with Diarmuid Grant and Colm Ryan
2. Diarmuid Grant and Paudie Greene are first cousins.
3. Brothers Gavin and Keith Ryan are first cousins of Aaron Ryan, and also Paul and Luke Shanahan.
4. Colm Ryan is Uncle to Sean and Eanna Ryan.

TOP SCORERS

Paul Shanahan	3-22
Luke Shanahan.....	1-17
Conor Fahey.....	1-02

Upperchurch-Drombane Path to Final

Upperchurch/Drombane	1-12
Cahir	1-08
Upperchurch/Drombane	0-09
Clonmel Commercials	2-11
Upperchurch/Drombane	1-12
Killenaule	0-09
Upperchurch/Drombane	1-11
JK Brackens	0-10
Upperchurch/Drombane	1-12
Loughmore/Castleiney	1-11



Upperchurch/Drombane management: Andy Kinane, Seamus Griffin, Owen Shortt

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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, 2021
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	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
	Moyne/Templetuohy	1	1949
	Old Bridge	1	1952
	Thurles Crokes	1	1960
	Ballingarry	1	1951
	Kilruane MacDonagh's	1	1975
	Cahir	1	2003
	Thomas McDonagh's	1	2011

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MOYLE ROVERS

County Senior Football Champions 1995 & 1996

By: SEAMUS J. KING



MOYLE ROVERS club won the County Senior Football Championships of 1995 & 1996 and they are being honoured today under the 25-year practice at Semple Stadium for their achievement, a little belatedly because of Covid.

It was an historic period for Moyle Rovers, a rural club based in the parish of Powerstown/Lisronagh sandwiched between Clonmel and Fethard. While the parish was actively involved in the G.A.A. since its foundation, the present club was founded in 1928 and had its first major

success when winning the county junior championship in 1959.

The significance of the victory in 1995 was summed up by Tony Lonergan in the 1996 Yearbook: *"On Sunday, September 24th, history was made at Cahir when Moyle Rovers captured its first county senior football title by defeating near neighbours and great rivals, Clonmel Commercial, by 3-13 to 0-12. As the final whistle sounded scenes of unrestrained joy were witnessed as players and spectators massed together to celebrate the famous day for our club and parish. To try and describe these precious moments is difficult, in one's mind was a sense of pride and delight mixed with a certain sadness that so many who had worked so hard to make this day happen were not with us to*



Back row (l.-r.): Ger Cahill, Brian Boland, Jimmy Dunne, Paul O'Connor, Paul Norris, Donal Foley, Seamus Delahunty, Derry Foley, Kevin O'Connor, Keith Delahunty, Tom Hanrahan, Brendan O'Dwyer, John Kelly. Front row (l.-r.): Michael J. Browne, Ger McCarthy, Eamonn Power, John McGrath, Declan Browne, Robbie Boland, John Owens (Capt.), James Williams, Liam Cronin, Noel Wall, Seamus Norris. Inset: Michael McGrath, Paul Boland.



Derry Foley in possession of the ball supported by Donal Foley.

witness and be part of this momentous occasion, having passed to their eternal reward."

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The county championship had eight teams, two from each of the divisions. Nenagh Eire Óg and Borrisokane represented the North, Loughmore Castleiney and St. Kevin's the Mid, Golden-Kilfeacle and Lattin-Cullen the West and Clonmel Commercials and Moyle Rovers from the South.

Of all of the divisional championships, the South was the most competitive and produced many exciting games. Eight teams participated, Ardfinnan, Ballyporeen, Cahir, Commercials, Fethard, Grangemocklers, Kilsheelan and Moyle Rovers, with Commercials, Fethard, Grangemockler and Moyle Rovers gaining their places in the last four. Commercials and Moyle Rovers qualified for the final with victories over Fethard and Grangemockler respectively.

The South final was played at Ardfinnan and proved disappointingly one-sided as Moyle Rovers gained their second title in the grade, winning convincingly by 2-12 to 1-7. The winners were inspired by 'Man of the Match', Derry Foley, and Commercials were unable to match their tireless running, chasing and sheer hard work.

The big question now was could Moyle Rovers make history and gain their first county senior football crown!

The South teams were drawn against the North in the county quarter-finals but the withdrawal of Nenagh Eire Óg and Borrisokane from the championship gave free passage to Commercials and Moyle Rovers respectively. In the other quarter-finals Loughmore-Castleiney defeated Golden-Kilfeacle by 0-8 to 0-5 at Drombane, and Nicky English inspired Lattin-Cullen to a 1-16 to 1-8 victory

over St. Kevin's at New Inn, both games played on August 11.

Both South teams came through in the semi-finals. At Boherlahan on September 2, Moyle Rovers defeated Loughmore-Castleiney in a gripping contest, that might have gone either way. Loughmore looked good at half-time, leading by 2-3 to 0-5 against the breeze. However, it was Moyle Rovers who took over in the second half and drew level with twelve minutes remaining. During the final period they scored two points to Loughmore's one and won by 1-12 to 2-8.

In the second game, played at New Inn on the same evening, Commercials defeated a dogged Lattin-Cullen side by 0-12 to 0-9, after leading by 0-7 to 0-3 at the interval.

THE FINAL

Moyle Rovers went into the final at Cahir on September 24 as slight underdogs, even though they had defeated their opponents convincingly in the South final. Nobody would have forecast the comprehensiveness of their win. In fact their three-goal victory would have been greater but for the brilliance of Philly Ryan in the Commercials goals. Three goals in the first half gave the winners a commanding margin of 3-6 to 0-6

at the interval, and Commercials could make no impression on the lead in the second half. In the end the Moyle Rovers margin of victory was 3-12 to 0-12.

Tom Lonergan describes the scene after the final whistle: *"Then great scenes of jubilation and emotion unfolded, as players and mentors were mobbed by excited supporters and as football chairman Sean Mockler presented the O'Dwyer Cup to captain, Liam Cronin, the long wait was over and the fans celebrated in style. Derry Foley was awarded the 'Man of the Match'. The fifteen players that started and finished this county final were all heroes in their own way, the players on the bench too had made their contribution on the run up to the final, and last but not least the three selectors, trainer and back-up team, whose trojan efforts helped to secure this victory. We compliment one and all on this magnificent achievement."*

Moyle Rovers: 1 Declan Browne, 2 Eamon Power, 3 Liam Cronin (Capt.), 4 Noel Wall, 5 Kevin O'Connor, 6 Michael McGrath, 7 John McGrath, 8 John Owens, 9 Jimmy Dunne, 10 James William, 11 Derry Foley, 12 Seamus Delahunty, 13 Robbie Boland, 14 Paul Boland, 15 Donal Foley.

Subs: 16 Tony Maher, 17 Paul O'Connor, 18 Brendan O'Dwyer, 19 Paul Norris, 20 Seamus Norris, 21 M.J. Browne, 22 John Kelly, 23 Ger Cahill, 24 Pat Brett, 25 Martin Griffin, 26 Tom Hanrahan.

Selectors: Jim Cahill, John Keating, Dick Looby.
Trainer: Donal Foley.

MUNSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

In their first Munster Club championship, Moyle Rovers lost the Munster final. They defeated Waterford champions, Rathcormack, in the first round by 1-13 to 1-8 in Waterford on October 22. They followed up with a victory over Clare champions, Doonbeg in the semi-final, by 1-9 to 0-8 at Ardfinnan on November 5. However, they were badly beaten by Laune Rangers, 3-19 to 2-4, in the Munster final at Páirc Ui Rinn on November 11.



Moyle Rovers players minding their goalmouth – Noel Wall, Declan Browne, Michael McGrath.

Moyle Rovers Make it two-in-a-row in 1996

THE SOUTH senior football championship again proved the most competitive of the divisional contests with the same eight teams as in 1995 competing. There were many outstanding games at the league stage before Commercials defeated Ardfinnan and holders, Moyle Rovers, ousted Grangemockler in the semi-finals, to set up another Commercials-Moyle Rovers decider.

This game was played at Kilsheelan on August 4. Commercials were behind at the break by 1-7 to 1-5 and were in with a chance, but they could add only two points to their tally in the second period during which the superior level of fitness of Moyle Rovers told and they well deserved their 2-11 to 1-7 victory.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Because there were no teams from the North, there were only two county quarter-finals. The South were drawn against the Mid, with the West teams getting byes to the semi-finals. The quarter-finals took place on August 24. Moyle Rovers defeated J. K. Brackens very convincingly on a scoreline of 3-19 to 0-3. In the second game Commercials had to fight all the way to beat Loughmore-



Moyle Rovers' Derry Foley launches another attack.

Castleiney by 1-10 to 0-11.

The semi-finals were played at New Inn on September 7. John Owens, with an individual tally of 1-5, led the Moyle Rovers rout of Golden-Kilfeacle by 5-18 to 0-3. In the second game Commercial's were flattered by their 2-11 to 1-5 victory over Lattin-Cullen. Leading by 1-5 to 1-3 at the break, they were helped greatly by an outstanding display by goalkeeper, Martin Quinlivan.

MARATHON FINAL

The county final was a marathon encounter taking three games and almost four hours of football before the championship was concluded. A repeat of the 1995 final, it was played at Ardfinnan, hosting the final for the first time, on October 6. In the first game Commercial's almost reversed the previous year's result but had to be content with a draw, Moyle Rovers 0-9 Commercial's 1-6. The replay, a week later, failed to separate them again, even with extra time. The result was Moyle Rovers 1-10 Commercial's 0-13. There was a lot of tension between the sides in this game and it boiled over only four minutes after the start. Punches were thrown with abandon and involved all but five or six players. As a result referee, Paddy Russell, sent off one player and this was to be followed by three more dismissals in the course of the game.

The second replay was on October 28 and

Moyle Rovers came through, but only after extra time. They deserved their victory on a very stormy day, on which they shot twenty-four wides to Commercial's eight. At half-time the ultimate winners led by 0-2 to 0-1, and the sides were locked at 0-4 each at full time. Moyle Rovers led by 0-10 to 0-5 at the interval in extra time and a Jim Williams goal a couple of minutes from time, clinched the issue for the champions on a scoreline of 1-12 to 0-9.

The O'Dwyer Cup was presented to the Moyle Rovers captain, John Owens, by Football Board chairman, Sean Mockler. In the course of his acceptance speech he dedicated the win to 'Mr. Moyle Rovers', Mick McCarthy, who was unable to attend the game. He said that Mick epitomised the spirit of the club and often kept the club going during the less successful times.

There was a great feeling of relief for Moyle Rovers team and supporters when victory was eventually achieved. It had been a long campaign, seven games in the league stage of the South championship, a semi-final and final, followed for five games in a county championship, a total of fourteen games in all! Has to be a record!

Moyle Rovers: Seamus Delahunty, John McGrath, Paul Norris, Eamon Power, Noel Wall, Liam Cronin, Kevin O'Connor, Jimmy Dunne (0-2), John Owens (Capt.), Donal Foley (0-1), Derry Foley (0-2), Robbie Boland, Jim Williams (1-1), Declan Browne (0-5), Keith Delahunty (0-1). **Subs:** John Kelly for Kevin O'Connor, Brendan O'Dwyer for Declan Browne, Paul O'Connor for Keith Delahunty. Also: Ger Cahill, Tom Hanrahan, Ger McCarthy, Paul Boland, Michael McGrath.

Referee: Paddy Russell (Emly).

MUNSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The marathon county final didn't help Moyle Rovers in the Munster club championship. They played Waterford champions, Rathcormack, in the first round at Dungarvan on November 3, and failed narrowly by a point. The Waterford champions led by 1-4 to 0-4 at half-time, and were in front by a point, 1-9 to 1-8, at the end. Declan Browne scored 1-5 of Moyle Rovers total.

MOYLE ROVERS *Player Profiles* 1995 & 1996

CRONIN, Liam (*Captain 1995*)

Liam Cronin was an outstanding full back and leader on the field. His ability to read the game and be first to the ball was second to none. Liams passion, commitment and discipline proved to be inspirational during '95 and '96. An ever present in all Club activities to this day.

BROWNE, Declan

At the tender age of 17, Declan was Culbaire in 1995, pulling off numerous magnificent saves throughout the year. In 1996 Declan became a scoring machine in the full forward line, earning massive respect for the outstanding skills he displayed. It is amazing how he displayed such poise and composure at such an early age. Totally committed and dedicated to Moyle Rovers he became a role model for so many Moyle Rovers juveniles.

POWER, Eamon

Eamon was one of the elder statesmen of the team holding down the right corner back position throughout '95 and '96. A tough, no nonsense corner back who gave everything to his club and team mates. Scored a tremendous goal in the Munster Club Final in 1995.

WALL, Noel

Noel owned the left corner back position during '95 and '96, demonstrating amazing pace and discipline in the tackle. Seldom beaten by his marker, he contributed numerous scores throughout the two seasons. Bravery, commitment and tenacity were the hallmarks of this top class corner back.

O'CONNOR, Kevin

Kevin was a very effective wing back, who proved very difficult to pass and often was the launch pad for attacks from the back line. A strong fielder and tight marker, Kevin was part of a settled half back line who could read and adapt to threats from the opposition. Kevin along with his brother Paul hail from a family that are steeped in all Moyle Rovers activities

McGRATH, Michael

Michael was a colossus at center back, controlling his area and protecting his full back line. Michaels positional sense and ability to read the game was top class. An exceptionally hard worker, Michael could always be depended upon to give 100% in training and every match no matter whether it was a challenge or Championship.

McGRATH, John

John Fabie McGrath is Michaels older brother and the current Manager of the Moyle Rovers Senior team. An outstanding wing back who loved to attack and contribute on the score board. Extremely passionate and committed, he demonstrated top class pace, bravery and commitment.

OWENS, John (*Captain 1996*)

John was a powerhouse at midfield and gave excellent displays throughout '95 and '96. John could be relied upon to come up with scores when needed. Exceptionally brave, hard working and strong on the ball, John provided leadership to those around him. Captain in 1996, he lead Moyle Rovers through some titanic struggles with our neighbours Clonmel Commercial and was awarded man of the match trophy.

DUNNE, Jimmy

Jimmy was one of the finest fielders to have graced Tipperary football fields. His insatiable work rate proved to be an inspiration to his team mates. A player of the highest integrity, Jimmy showed example through his extremely high levels of commitment, bravery and discipline. His goal in the 19'95 County final will be recalled for many years in Moyle Rovers.

WILLIAMS, James

James speedy Gonzales was blessed with blinding pace. One of the young guns in the squad, James belied his youth with many outstanding performances. Scoring a goal in the '95 South Final and 2-1 in the '95 Co Final, James signalled the arrival of a very serious forward. An ever present in the Moyle Rovers attack, James woked very hard to get into space and make himself available for the pass. James is the current Secretary of the Tipperary Football Board.

FOLEY, Derry

When leadership was needed Derry Foley was always to the forefront. Magificent fielder, powerful stride and accurate finisher, Derry was awarded Man of the match trophy in the 1995 Co Final. In 1996 Derry demonstrated the art of inch perfect deliveries to the inside forward line reading exactly what Donal and Declan were likely to do.

DELAHUNTY, Seamus

Dela could be relied upon to adapt to any role / position on the field. He gave accomplished performances in goal, midfield, wing and centre forward in '95 and '96. An inspirational display in the Co Semi final in 1995 was instrumental in Moyle Rovers pipping Loughmore/Castleiney. An excellent fielder, displaying courage and the highest level of commitment throughout all his performances for Moyle Rovers.

BOLAND, Robbie

Robbie was a very hard working and stylish forward whose pace and tenacity played a huge part in Moyle Rovers success. Robbie did trojan unselfish running, creating space for Moyle Rovers attacks and closing down the opposition when in possession. A never give up attitude was evident when Robbie donned the Moyle Rovers jersey.

BOLAND, Paul

Paul demonstrated huge courage and will to win every time he represented his Club. A very strong left leg, he contributed many the fine score. Paul made sure no defender got an easy passage out to start an attack by pure hard work and perseverance.

FOLEY, Donal

Donal was an exceptional team trainer and knew how to get the best out of the teams of '95 and '96. A magnificent leader on the field, he demonstrated a massive work ethic and desire to win the ball. Conjured up some magnificent scores and always used the ball to best advantage of Moyle Rovers.

O'CONNOR, Paul

Paul played in numerous positions during the '95 and '96 championships. He made some excellent saves in the goalies position and also contributed to the scoreboard when selected in the forward line.

NORRIS, Paul

Paul gave some excellent performances at full and centre back. He was outstanding during the 1996 series of Finals against Commercials. Strong under the high ball and adept at getting the hand in to knock away balls that favoured his opponent. Brother of Seamus, Paul was teak tough and worked very hard at defending and starting counter attacks.

BROWNE, M.J.

Michael John was a top class forward who contributed handsomely to the score board. Possessing great vision he had the ability to create opportunities and split defences with long range accurate passes.

O'DWYER, Brendan (RIP)

Brendan is represented here today by his brother Aidan. Brendan was an exceptional young talent and we remember his sad passing here today. Brendan represented his County along with Declan Browne at Minor level winning a Munster title in 1995. Brendan made some excellent contributions at wing back in '95 and '96 on our Senior teams, displaying tremendous pace and skill. May he RIP.

DELAHUNTY, Keith

Keith returned to the 1996 panel after a sojourn in the UK. Keith worked very hard to earn himself a place on a settled team and made a great impact in the 1996 final at corner forward.

KELLY, John

John was a tireless and fearless worker, possessing good hands and a magnificent work ethic. Came off the bench in the final 1996 encounter and played his part in eventually overcoming Commercials.

CAHILL, Gerard

Ger was another one of our young guns, a very stylish and athletic player, displaying a willingness to learn and work on his game. Another man who contributed handsomely in the '96 Final.

NORRIS, Seamus

Seamus was Club Chairman in '95 and '96 and was a very hard working member of the panel in both years. Displaying a no nonsense approach, he could be relied upon to give 100% when called into action. His leadership as Club Chairman was a major influence on the teams performance on and off the field of play.

A team is only as strong as its bench and Moyle Rovers were very fortunate to have some young men who worked tirelessly to keep pressure on their team mates to get a starting jersey.

MAHER, Tony

Tony is a man that has shown more loyalty to Moyle Rovers than most. An extremely good shot stopper and his very accurate kick outs made him a very valuable asset to Moyle Rovers.

BOLAND, Brian

Brian was another young man in our squad who trained very hard and could always be relied upon to defend in a very strong and disciplined manner. Brian's mother Eileen is a Moyle Rovers legend. She like her son can be very proud of their contribution to Moyle Rovers success.

BRETT, Pat

Pat was a 'horse of a man' in many ways. Very strong, skilful and athletic, feared nothing and was extremely disciplined.

GRIFFIN, Martin

Martin was another young man who had all the attributes of a top class player. Martin had a great work ethic and his discipline was exemplary.

MCCARTHY, Ger

Last but NOT least, Ger McCarthy a son of the great Moyle Rovers stalwart Paddy McCarthy. AND nephew of Mr Moyle Rovers the late great Mick McCarthy RIP and nephew of Club Secretary in '95 and '96, Jimmy McCarthy RIP. Ger was a very young man who followed in his families footsteps – totally committed to Moyle Rovers, fearless and very skilful. In keeping with family tradition Ger is the current Chairman of Moyle Rovers Juvenile Club.

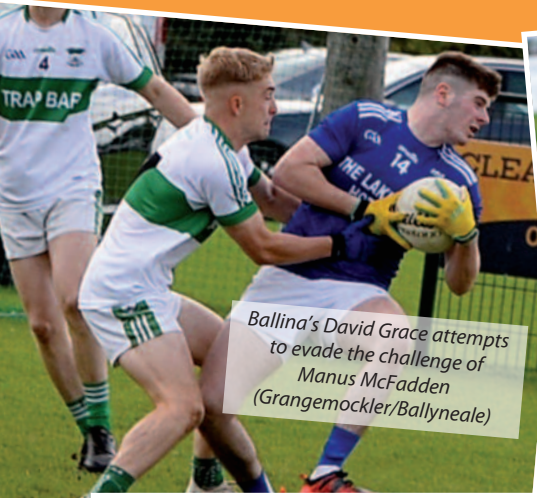
MANAGEMENT TEAM

Jim Cahill (Manager), John Keating (Selector), Dick Looby (Selector), Liam Kelly (Physio), Frank Burke (Logistics), Pat O'Connor (Kitman), Michael Wall (First aid).

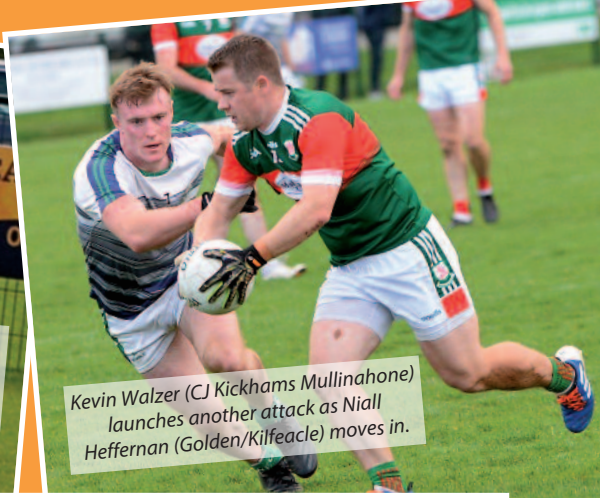
CLUB OFFICERS

Current Officers – *Chairman:* Tommy Campbell, *Secretary:* Jean O'Connor.

Officers 1995 and 1996 – Seamus Norris (Chairman and team member), Jimmy McCarthy RIP (Secretary).



Ballina's David Grace attempts to evade the challenge of Manus McFadden (Grangemockler/Ballyneale)

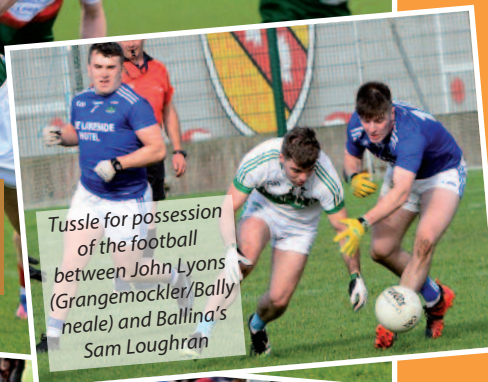


Kevin Walzer (CJ Kickhams Mullinahone) launches another attack as Niall Heffernan (Golden/Kilfeacle) moves in.



"Head to head" between Eoghan Ryan (Golden/Kilfeacle) and Jack Shelly (CJ Kickhams Mullinahone)

Action from the semi-finals
[Photos: MICHAEL BOLAND]



Tussle for possession of the football between John Lyons (Grangemockler/Ballyneale) and Ballina's Sam Loughran



Ballina's Paddy O'Donovan hold onto the ball as he is tackled by Mikey Lyons (Grangemockler/Ballyneale)



Golden/Kilfeacle's Daithi Bargary moves in to challenge Martin Kehoe (CJ Mullinahone)

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3. The instructions of the stewards must be obeyed at all times.
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5. Every person (including infants) entering the ground must have a ticket.
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 - 6.4 Throwing of objects onto the pitch.
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 - 6.7 Bringing of alcohol into the ground.
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