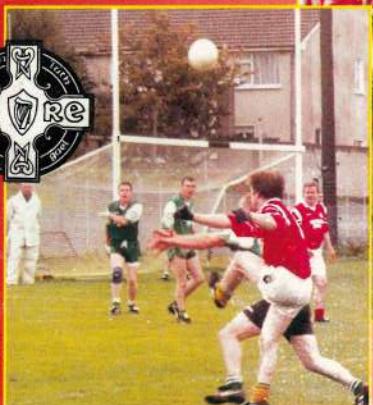
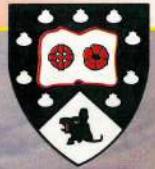


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- 1.48 i.n. Ballisodare team takes the field.
- 1.50 i.n. St. Mary's team take the field.
- 2.00 i.n. Junior Final commences.
- 3.15 i.n. Presentation of the Junior Cup to the winning captain by Seosamh Ó Cuineáin, Chairman of Sligo Co. Board. The Presentation will be made at the Dressing Rooms.
- 3.250 i.n. Traditional Entertainment. Music & Song.
- 3.40 i.n. Bunninadden team takes the field.
- 3.42 i.n. Coolera / Strandhill team takes the field.
- 3.50 i.n. Parade Starts.
- 3.57 i.n. Amhrán na bhFiann.
- 4.00 i.n. Senior Final commences.
- 5.15 i.n. Presentation of Owen B. Hunt Cup to the winning Captain by Seosamh Ó Cuineáin, Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Shligigh. The Presentation will take place in front of the stand.

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Final Facts

N.C.F. Sligo Dairies Craobh Peile Shinsir an Chontae

Bun an Fheadáin v. Cúl Iora / An Leathros
(Glas & Bán) (Dearg & Bán)
4.00 i.n.

Réiteoir: Tomás Breathnach (Naomh Micheál)
Linesmen: Marty Duffy & Edward Neary
Umpires: Joe Taaffe, Robert Taaffe,
Colm Casserley, Michael Burns.

Craobh Peile Shóisir an Chontae

Naomh Mhuire v. Baile Easa Dara.
(Dearg & Dubh) (Dearg & Bán)
2.00 i.n.

Réiteoir: Seamus Mac Lochlainn (Machaire Eabha)
Linesmen: Paddy Hennessy & Damien McGovern
Umpires: Paul Healy, Bernie Healy,
Eddie Watters, Pádraic O'Connor

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Focal Ó Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Shligigh

Cuirim fior chaoin fáilte roimh gach éinne anseo inniu agus go háirithe cuirim fáilte ar leith roimh na foirne atá ag imirt sa cluichí ceannais.

On behalf of Sligo County Board I welcome you all here to Markeivicz Park today for the N.C.F. Sligo Dairies Senior Football Championship Final and the Junior Final.

County Final day is a special day for the G.A.A. in the county and today's final brings together the novel pairing of Bunninadden and Coolera / Strandhill. Both clubs have a long and proud tradition going back to the cradle days of the Association.

I hope that the junior teams, Ballisodare and St. Mary's will provide us with a very entertaining day's football. The emergence of new teams in the final can only be good for the game in the county. I am looking forward to two excellent games of football.

I wish to thank all our match officials today, local press and radio for their coverage of our games throughout the year and a special word of thanks to all our sponsors. Their support throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

Seosamh Ó Cuineáin
Cathaoirleach,
Coiste Chontae Shligigh.



Focal ón Rúnaí Chontae

Is deas an rud é inniu go bhfuil dhá fhoireann 'nua' sa chluiche cheannais sinsir. Sílim fhéin go mbeidh cluiche den scóth againn.

County Final day is always a special day. It heralds the end of the playing season for another year and of course this is a special year, being the last of the old millennium and the first of a new one - depending on which way you look at it.

With all due respect to the fine clubs who have dominated the SFC in recent years, it is refreshing to see two 'new faces' in the Senior Final. However both Bunninadden and Coolera / Strandhill represent proud traditions which go back to the very beginning of the G.A.A. in County Sligo. I wish both clubs and their supporters well and regardless of which team wins, I am sure today will be a precursor of successful times to come for both clubs.

I also extend best wishes to the clubs involved in the Junior Final, Ballisodare and St. Mary's.

Tá súil agam go mbainfidh gach duine sult agus taitneamh as na cluichí inniu.

Tomás Mac Giolla Chadhain
Rúnaí.



Na Réiteoirí

SENIOR FINAL

Tomás Breathnach

(Thomas Walsh) St. Michael's.

Thomas, who is affectionately known as 'Whitey' throughout the county, is a self employed painter. He is married to Angela and they have four children, Thomas Jnr., Grace, Avril and Ryan. A native of Ballygawley, he is an active member of the St. Michael's club. As a player, he won an Intermediate championship medal with Shamrock Gaels in 1989. He has been refereeing for over twenty years and he was in charge of the 1979 county minor final between St. Farnan's and Castleconnor. He has refereed games in all grades in the county and last year he refereed the Webb Cup semi-final between Galway and Donegal. This is his first county senior final and he is both delighted and honoured to be chosen to take charge of the first final of the New Millennium.



Umpires: Joe Taaffe, Robert Taaffe,
Colm Casserley, Michael Burns.

Linesmen: Marty Duffy and Edward Neary

JUNIOR FINAL

Séamas Mac Lochlainn

(Jimmy McLoughlin) Maugherow



Jimmy is a native of Maugherow where he lives. He played football with the club and he won a Kiernan Cup medal and a Junior championship medal in 1991. He is an experienced referee. He has taken charge of Connacht minor league and Webb Cup games as well as this year's Junior 'B' final between Easkey and Curry. Jimmy, who is employed with Statoil Oil Co., is married to Catherine and they have six children, Tara, Sórcha, Niall, Jamie, Alan and Aaron.

Umpires: Paul Healy, Bernie Healy,
Eddie Watters, Pádraic O'Connor.

Linesmen: Paddy Hennessy and Damien McGovern.

A Celebration of Past and Present

By Leo Gray, Sports Editor, Sligo Champion.

In this, the first county senior championship final of the Millennium, it seems entirely appropriate that the occasion should reverberate with echoes of the past.

Bunninadden, who last won the coveted title in 1891, and Coolera/Strandhill, who haven't won the Champion's crown since 1907, have emerged from the mists of history to give us a truly unique final pairing.

In many ways, today's novel final is as much a celebration of the past as it is a testimony to the current well-being of the respective clubs. For it is not stretching the point too far to suggest that neither Bunninadden nor Coolera would be in such a strong and healthy position today if it wasn't for the selfless, inspirational work of the unsung heroes of past generations.

Over the last one hundred years or so, it must have been difficult for both clubs to keep the show on the road without the tonic of a senior county title to sustain them. Yet not only have two of the oldest clubs in the county managed to survive, they have earned for themselves glowing reputations as efficient, dedicated and loyal units of the G.A.A. in the county.

The people who quietly worked in the background, lining pitches, washing jerseys, coaching youngsters, providing transport, digging deep into their pockets in the days before corporate sponsorship became the norm to provide financial assistance to the clubs. These are the heroes for whom today is very special.

I am sure here are many families in both Bunninadden and Coolera/Strandhill who will take a special pride in this year's final and for whom the occasion will revive very special memories of years gone by.

Working on the preview of the match over the past week, I've been thinking of my former colleague at the Sligo Champion, the late Gerry McMorrow, a great Coolera man, and of Seán Kilfeather, G.A.A. correspondent on the Irish Times, who has travelled the world covering major sporting events but who is never slow to remind all and sundry of his Coolea roots.

In saluting the players of today's teams who have re-written the history books of their respective clubs, it is only right that the trojan efforts of past generations should be remembered on this special occasion.

Yes, this year's county final is dripping with nostalgia but that shouldn't, of course, diminish the achievement of the current teams in reaching the decider. They deserve their hour of glory and are generous enough in spirit to appreciate that, because of the unique nature of the final pairing, they have to share it with stars, personalities and characters of the past.

The pity is that only one team will lift the Owen B.Hunt Cup this year. But then again isn't it the pursuit of the ultimate prize, the ecstasy of the victor and the agony of the vanquished which makes sport so compelling?

Good luck to both teams. The match has the potential to be one of the all-time classics. Enjoy it.

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Good luck to both teams

A Word From The Chairmen

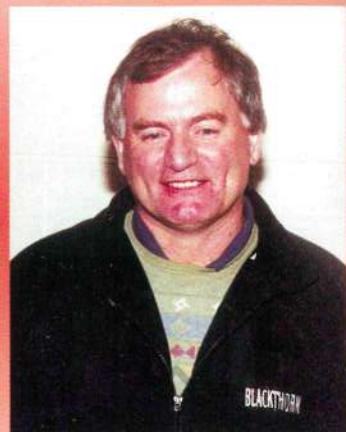
Joe Gildea (Coolera - Strandhill)

On behalf of Coolera/Strandhill G.A.A. Club I would like to welcome you all to the first senior football final of the New Millennium. Today is a great day for our club as it is our first appearance in a final since 1946. I would like to congratulate Bunninadden on reaching the final also and I extend best wishes to both teams and I look forward to a good, competitive, sporting contest.

I would like to thank our manager Declan McCabe and team selectors Michael Harte and John McPartland Snr. for their great work in preparing our team and I would also like to congratulate our players for the dedication they have displayed.

My thanks to our main sponsor N.C.F. Sligo Dairies for their financial support and thanks also to all our other sponsors who have given so generously throughout the year.

A special word of thanks to our loyal supporters and let us hope that this evening we will be celebrating our first senior championship success since 1907.



Joe Gildea.

Christopher Marren (Bunninadden)



It is a great honour for me to be Chairman of Bunninadden G.A.A. Club for the past two years.. I would like to extend my best wishes to both teams and look forward to a good sporting game of football. I welcome especially our success starved loyal supporters from near and far. I know how much it would mean to them to bring 'OWEN B' back to Bunninadden. To our joint managers James Kearins and Richard Brennan and John Spellman our selector and every member of the panel of players for their tremendous dedication in getting us to our first senior final since 1891. To 'Gallagher Motors' our main sponsors, a sincere thank you. Finally I would like to thank my club officers for their tremendous dedication to our club over the years in promoting our games.

Christopher Marren

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GROUP 'A'

Eastern Harps	1-13	Tubbercurry	1-10
Drumcliffe/Rosses Point	2- 6	Tubbercurry	0- 7
Eastern Harps	2-15	Drumcliffe/Rosses Point	1- 8

GROUP 'B'

Geevagh	1 - 7	Cloonacool	0- 3
St. Mary's	4 -16	Cloonacool	0- 4
St. Mary's	0- 15	Geevagh	1 - 6

GROUP 'C'

Bunninadden	3 - 8	Castleconnor	1- 4
Coolera/Strandhill	0 - 9	Bunninadden	0- 6
Coolera/Strandhill	0-18	Castleconnor	1- 8

GROUP 'D'

Easkey	2- 6	Tourlestrane	0- 9
Tourlestrane	0-16	Curry	2- 8
Easkey	2- 7	Curry	0-11

Quarter Finals

Bunninadden	3 - 8	Easkey	0- 8
Eastern Harps	4-18	Geevagh	1- 3
Coolera/Strandhill	3 -11	Tourlestrane	0- 9
St. Mary's	0 -13	Drumcliffe/Rosses Point	0-13
Re-play			
St. Mary's	2 -13	Drumcliffe/Rosses Point	0 -6

Semi-Finals

Bunninadden	1-11	St. Mary's	1-10
Eastern Harps	1- 8	Coolera/Strandhill	1- 8
Re-play			
Coolera/Strandhill	0 -6	Eastern Harps	0 -4

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The St. Mary's Players

Name: Brian Collery
Age: 18. **Height:** 6'-2" **Weight:** 12st.7lbs.
Occupation: Student
Favourite Position: Goalkeeper. **Medals Won:** U-16. **Favourite Player:** Declan O'Keffe.

Name: Hubert Gilvarry
Age: 40. **Height:** 6'.1" **Weight:** 14st.
Occupation: Garda. **Favourite Position:** Full back. **Medals Won:** 4 senior, 3 junior, 1 Connacht Club C'ship. **Favourite Player:** John O'Keffe

Name: Darragh Lynch
Age: 25. **Height:** 6'-2" **Weight:** 12st.7lbs.
Occupation: Machine Operator. **Favourite Position:** Full back. **Medals Won:** U-16.
Favourite Player: Jack O'Shea

Name: Johnny Martin
Age: 25. **Height:** 6' **Weight:** 11st.
Occupation: Factory worker. **Favourite Position:** Full back. **Medals Won:** U-16, Junior.
Favourite Player: Maurice Fitzgerald.

Name: Kieran Walsh
Age: 20. **Height:** 5'-10" **Weight:** 11st.
Occupation: Student. **Favourite Position:** Right Half Back. **Medals Won:** U-16.
Favourite Player: Mark Breheny..

Name: Michael Coll
Age: 32. **Height:** 5'-11" **Weight:** 14st.5lbs.
Occupation: Engineer. **Favourite Position:** Centre half back. **Medals Won:** 1 senior c'ship.
Favourite Player: Trevor Giles.

Name: Ronan O'Grady
Age: 17. **Height:** 6'-0" **Weight:** 11st..
Occupation: Student. **Favourite Position:** Lft half back. **Medals Won:** U-16.
Favourite Player: Conor O'Grady.

Name: Brendan Gilligan
Age: 32. **Height:** 6'-0" **Weight:** 12st.6lbs..
Occupation: Actor. **Favourite Position:** Midfield
Medals Won: 1 x U-16, 1 minor, 1 x U-21, 3 junior, 1 senior league.
Favourite Player: Tommy Breheny.

Name: Tommy Breheny
Age: 32. **Height:** 6'-0" **Weight:** 14st..
Occupation: Auctioneer & Financial Services
Favourite Position: Cente back. **Medals Won:** 2 x U-16, 3 minor, 2 x U-21, 4 senior, 1 senior league, 1 Connacht Coll.
Favourite Player: Benny Gilligan

Name: Glenn Monaghan
Age: 22. **Height:** 5'.10" **Weight:** 11st..
Occupation: Investment Official.
Favourite Position: Half forward. **Medals Won:** U-16, Junior. **Favourite Player:** Pádraig Joyce.

Name: John Kent
Age: 42. **Height:** 5'-10" **Weight:** 11st.
Occupation: Sports Shop owner. **Favourite Position:** Half forward. **Medals Won:** All under-age, junior, senior. **Favourite Player:** Ogie Moran.

Name: Michael Bree
Age: 20. **Height:** 6'-1" **Weight:** 12st.
Occupation: Student. **Favourite Position:** Midfield. **Medals Won:** U-16 & Minor.e
Favourite Player: John Kent.

Name: Liam Curley
Age: 32. **Height:** 6'-2" **Weight:** 14st.
Occupation: Manufacturing. **Favourite Position:** Midfield. **Medals Won:** U-16.
Favourite Player: Joe Cooney.

Name: Paul Newton
Age: 35. **Height:** 6'-5" **Weight:** 16st.4lbs.
Occupation: Regional Manager. **Favourite Position:** Full forward. **Medals Won:** 1 minor, 1 junior, 1 intermediate, 1 senior. **Favourite Player:** Joe Brolly..

Name: Gerry Coleman
Age: 30. **Height:** 5'-9" **Weight:** 13st..
Occupation: Nurse. **Favourite Position:** Midfield.
Medals Won: Mayo junior, Dublin junior, colleges.
Favourite Player: Michael Coll.

Name: Ronan McCabe
Age: 19. **Height:** 6'-0" **Weight:** 11st..
Occupation: I.T. Consultant. **Favourite Position:** Half back. **Medals Won:** U-12, U-14, U-16.
Favourite Player: Maurice Fitzgerald.

Name: Damien Lynch
Age: 35. **Height:** 5'-8" **Weight:** 12st..
Occupation: Publican.
Favourite Position: Half forward. **Medals Won:** U-16, U-18, junior, senior.
Favourite Player: 'Skins' Hannon.

Name: Frank Stallard
Age: 19. **Height:** 5'-9" **Weight:** 9st.7lbs.
Occupation: Student.
Favourite Position: Defender.
Medals Won: U-16.
Favourite Player: Benny Gilligan.

Name: Aaron Cawley
Age: 19. **Height:** 5'10" **Weight:** 10st.
Occupation: Student. **Favourite Position:** Half forward. **Medals Won:** Under-age.
Favourite Player: John Kent.

Name: Gerry Connolly
Age: 36. **Height:** 6'-0" **Weight:** 12st.
Occupation: Sales Rep. **Favourite Position:** Half back. **Medals Won:** U-16, minor, junior, senior.
Favourite Player: Harry Keegan.

Name: Vincent Lang
Age: 25. **Height:** 5'.10" **Weight:** 12 st.
Occupation: Teacher. **Favourite Position:** Half forward. **Medals Won:** Junior.
Favourite Player: Maurice Fitzgerald.

Name: John Lynch
Age: 37. **Height:** 5'.9" **Weight:** 12st.6lbs.
Occupation: Office Manager. **Favourite Position:** Half forward. **Medals Won:** U-16, U-18, junior, senior. **Favourite Player:** Alan Blanc.

Name: Michael Garrett
Age: 21. **Height:** 6'-1" **Weight:** 12st.7 lbs.
Occupation: Student. **Favourite Position:** Every position. **Medals Won:** U-16, U-18, Connacht Colleges' 1st. year. **Favourite Player:** Joe Broily.

Name: Damien Henry
Age: 31. **Height:** 5'-7" **Weight:** 10st.7lbs.
Occupation: Civil Engineer. **Favourite Position:** Forward. **Medals Won:** None.
Favourite Player: Mikey Sheehy.

Name: Pauric Oates
Age: 32. **Height:** 5'-11" **Weight:** 14st.
Occupation: Insurance Broker. **Favourite Position:** Management. **Medals Won:** 1 x U-16, 2 x U-18, 2 x U-21, 3 junior, 1 Connacht Colleges, 1 senior league. **Favourite Player:** Paudí Ó Sé.

Name: Adrian Flynn
Age: 31. **Height:** 5'-9" **Weight:** 11st.
Occupation: Garda. **Favourite Position:** Left corner forward. **Medals Won:** Intermediate with Buncrana. **Favourite Player:** Pádraig Joyce..

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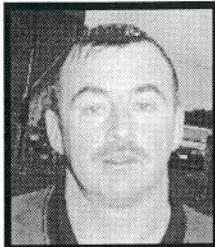
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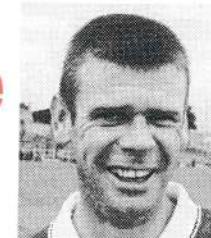
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(Tonnaphubble)

Also in panel

Pauric Oates

P. Ó Coirc
(Hazelwood)

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- (20) Karl Hannon
C. Ó hAnnáin
(Stonehall)
- (20) Brendan Hogge
B. Ó hAogáin
(Ballisodare)
- (21) David Conlon
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- (23) Damien Conon
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(Coney)
- (24) Mark Jackson
(M. Mac Siacais)
(Woodbrook Heights)

Also in panel:

- Liam McCann
L. Mac Canna
(Woodbrook Heights)
- Gavin Mullen
G. Ó Maoláí
(Knockbeg)

Roghnoiri:
Declan McGoldrick,
Manager

The Ballisodare Players

Name: Alan Jackson
Age: 17. **Height:** 5'-11" **Weight:** 11st.7lbs.
Occupation: Storeman
Favourite Position: Midfield. **Medals Won:** None
Favourite Player: Michael Donnellan.

Name: Colm McIntyre
Age: 30. **Height:** 6' **Weight:** 14st.7lbs.
Occupation: Teacher. **Favourite Position:** Full back. **Medals Won:** None.
Favourite Player: Joe Brophy.

Name: Daniel Smyth
Age: 20. **Height:** 5'-11" **Weight:** 12st.7lbs.
Occupation: Student. **Favourite Position:** Backs
Medals Won: Dublin U-21 c'ship, Leinster Freshers, Benson Cup. **Favourite Player:** Eoin Liston.

Name: Raymond Jackson
Age: 21. **Height:** 5'.11" **Weight:** 12st..
Occupation: Blocklayer. **Favourite Position:** Corner back. **Medals Won:** Benson Cup, U-12, U-14, U-16. **Favourite Player:** Paul Hannon.

Name: Martin Bradley
Age: 34. **Height:** 5'-8" **Weight:** 12st.
Occupation: Farmer. **Favourite Position:** Right Half Back. **Medals Won:** U-12 in 1978.
Favourite Player: Tomás Ó Sé

Name: Michael Conway
Age: 30. **Height:** 6'-0" **Weight:** 12 st..
Occupation: Engineer. **Favourite Position:** Half back. **Medals Won:** Under-age medals with Coolera. **Favourite Player:** Henry Downey.

Name: Paul Hannon
Age: 30. **Height:** 5'-8" **Weight:** 11st..
Occupation: Student. **Favourite Position:** Half back. **Medals Won:** U-16 'C', Benson Cup, Hastings Cup. **Favourite Player:** Ray Jackson.

Name: Rory Barrins
Age: 324. **Height:** 6'-2" **Weight:** 13st..
Occupation: Student. **Favourite Position:** Midfield. **Medals Won:** None. **Favourite Player:** Willie McCreery.

Name: Dessie Benson
Age: 25. **Height:** 6'-2" **Weight:** 13st..
Occupation: E.S.B. Linesman. **Favourite Position:** Midfield. **Medals Won:** Under-age with Owenmore Gaels. **Favourite Player:** Brian Stynes.

Name: Anthony Fallon
Age: 24. **Height:** 6'.1" **Weight:** 12 st..
Occupation: Barman. **Favourite Position:** Midfield. **Medals Won:** Under-age with Owenmore Gaels. **Favourite Player:** Jack O'Shea.

Name: Pádraig Mullen
Age: 35. **Height:** 6'-1" **Weight:** 16st..
Occupation: Builder. **Favourite Position:** Forward. **Medals Won:** 3 senior c'ship, 2 Inter. league, 2 Benson Cup. **Favourite Player:** 'Ogie' Moran.

Name: Joey Nevin
Age: 24. **Height:** 5'-8" **Weight:** 11st.
Occupation: FÁS. **Favourite Position:** Forward. **Medals Won:** All-Ireland Freshers, junior c'hip, Kildare Voc.Schools. **Fav. Player:** Matt Connor.

Name: Kevin Conlon
Age: 17. **Height:** 5'-9" **Weight:** 12st..
Occupation: Student. **Favourite Position:** Full forward. **Medals Won:** U-14, Benson Cup. **Favourite Player:** Derek Savage.

Name: Thomas Dooner
Age: 28. **Height:** 6'-0" **Weight:** 16st.
Occupation: Garda. **Favourite Position:** Forward. **Medals Won:** Under-age with Owenmore Gaels. **Favourite Player:** Dessie Farrell.

Name: Thomas Weir
Age: 24. **Height:** 5'-10" **Weight:** 12st..
Occupation: Civil Servant. **Favourite Position:** Corner forward. **Medals Won:** Cumann na mBunscol 1990. **Favourite Player:** Derek Savage.

Name: Gavin Mullen
Age: 33. **Height:** 5'-9" **Weight:** 12 st..
Occupation: Driver. **Favourite Position:** Forward. **Medals Won:** None. **Favourite Player:** John Egan.

Name: David Conlon
Age: 19. **Height:** 6'-2" **Weight:** 14st.7lbs.
Occupation: Sales Rep. **Favourite Position:** Forward. **Medals Won:** Benson Cup. **Favourite Player:** Anthony Tohill.

Name: Justin Corrigan
Age: 23. **Height:** 5'-10" **Weight:** 14st.
Occupation: Concrete Technician. **Favourite Position:** Half forward. **Medals Won:** Benson Cup. **Favourite Player:** Anthony Tohill.

Name: Nigel O'Connell
Age: 34. **Height:** 5'-9" **Weight:** 14st.
Occupation: Publican. **Favourite Position:** Corner forward. **Medals Won:** 2 U-21, 1 minor, 1 senior c'ship, Connacht minor league, **Favourite Player:** Mikey Sheehy.

Name: Mark Jackson
Age: 21. **Height:** 5'-9" **Weight:** 13st.
Occupation: Student. **Favourite Position:** Half back. **Medals Won:** Benson Cup, U-16 c'ship, Hastings Cup. **Favourite Player:** Jimmy Keaveney

Name: Conor Fitzpatrick
Age: 20. **Height:** 5'-11" **Weight:** 11st.
Occupation: Student. **Favourite Position:** Back. **Medals Won:** Benson Cup, Harte Cup, John Kent Cup. **Favourite Player:** Joey Nevin / Keith Hayes.

Name: Justin Corrigan
Age: 23. **Height:** 5'-10" **Weight:** 14 st..
Occupation: Concrete Technician. **Favourite Position:** Half forward. **Medals Won:** Benson Cup, U-15 with Owenmore Gaels. **Favourite Player:** Anthony Tohill.

Name: Liam McCann
Age: 16. **Height:** 6'-1" **Weight:** 12st..
Occupation: Student.
Favourite Position: Backs. **Medals Won:** U-14 c'ship, Benson Cup.
Favourite Player: Maurice Fitzgerald.

Name: Damien Conlon
Age: 23. **Height:** 5'-11" **Weight:** 12st.7lbs.
Occupation: Student.
Favourite Position: Forward. **Medals Won:** Benson Cup. **Favourite Player:** Ja Fallon.

Name: Damien Fallon
Age: 19. **Height:** 6'-1" **Weight:** 10st.5lbs.
Occupation: Sales person. **Favourite Position:** Corner forward. **Medals Won:** Benson Cup.
Favourite Player: Joey Nevin.

Manager:
Declan McGoldrick.

Friends of Sligo Football in Dublin

Best wishes to both teams in today's game. As both teams have been so closely matched over the past few seasons it is impossible to predict the outcome. It should be competitive however. It is very encouraging to see this 'novel' pairing in today's final. It is a good sign of the emerging strength of club football in the county that new faces can appear on county final day. Best of luck to whichever team wins in the forthcoming Connacht Club Championship.

The Friends of Sligo Football in Dublin will be hosting the John McDwyer play "Lovely Leitrim" in Belvedere College, 6 Great Denmark St., Dublin 1 on Thursday, 16th. November 2000. The setting may be borrowed from our neighbours, but this promises to be a fantastic night out for Sligo people based in the capital. This will be the second play by McDwyer to be hosted by Friends of Sligo Football. Back in January a large Sligo audience enjoyed the popular Riverstown playwright's fine production of "You'll Never Walk Alone". Another excellent play, a very talented all Sligo cast, plus the opportunity to meet old friends promises to make this night another one not to be missed. Tickets are available from Vincent Brett (086-8114095) or from Coolera's Orla McTernan (086-8047104).

Finally best wishes to Peter Ford and his management team and to the Sligo Senior panel for the forthcoming league campaign. While we would love to see Peter and T.J. repeat their Summerhill adventure and bring us to an All-Ireland, what we hope for over the winter campaign is that Sligo football can continue to compete with and beat the 'established' teams. The players are there to do it and be assured that the supporters will be doing their bit too.

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A group of former Coolera players who starred for the club in the 1940's & '50's L. to R. Mick Begley, Pádraic Curran, Bobby Milne, Patrick 'Mixer' Carty, Val Harte, Michael Harte, Brendan Carty.

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Bunninadden 1891

Bunninadden's only senior title was won on Sunday, May 3rd. 1891 in Phillips' Field, Collooney, when Bunninadden Emmets defeated Strandhill by 0-5 to 0-2.

In that era football teams were 17 a-side. Most of the training was done by moonlight as there was no time (due to hard work) to do it by day. At half time every player was given a glass of poitín. Poitín and horse embrocation was used as a rub for injuries also. There was no physio in them times.

Mark Gormley, a member of that team was great grandfather to the present Gormleys. Pat Coen, who hailed from Doocastle, was great grandfather of Paul Kerins, vice-captain of today's team. Andrew Doyle was grandfather of Mick Marren, the former Bunninadden player and county player of the 1960's. Paddy Coen, Doocastle, grandson of Pat Coen holds the only surviving medal from that time.

The Team

Andrew Marren (Capt.)

John Gildea,

John Wynne,

Pat Leonard,

Tom Leonard,

John Davis,

Mick Preston,

Ned Healy,

Mick Davey,

Mick Marren,

Andrew Doyle,

Farrel Scully,

Charlie Gallagher,

Dean Cawley,

Pat Coen ('Long Pat'),

Mark Gormley,

Gerry Roddy,

John O'Dowd,

Tom Keenan,

Noel McGettrick.

Final of 1891 ~ Gaelic Athletic Association Championship Match in Collooney

Bunninadden Emmets 0 - 5, Strandhill 0 - 2
(Report: Sligo Champion,
Saturday, 9th. May 1891)

On Sunday last the final match of football for the silver medals presented by the County Committee of the Gaelic Athletic Association of the championship of the County Sligo was played in Collooney under the most favourable circumstances.

The field, kindly given by Mr. Phillips, was thronged with spectators who assembled in hundreds from the surrounding districts, also from Sligo, Ballymote, Riverstown etc. and in justice to the Collooneymen it is only right to mention that on account of the very large number eager to witness the final game for the medals, and also to admire the sturdy men of both teams, one of which is the victor of North Sligo and the other of South - they can hardly be blamed for the crowding of the sideline on a few occasions.

Mr. James A. Flanagan, County Secretary, whose impartiality and honesty of intention cannot be questioned, was selected by the County Committee to act as referee, and his decisions throughout the progress of play gave the most entire satisfaction to both teams. He made an admirable arrangement before the commencement of play, and that was in appointing two members of the County Committee,

Messrs Higgins and Bree one at each goal post to take a note of each goal and point scored. The Strandhill men won the toss and, strange as it may appear, they chose the side from which they were playing at the most disadvantage. Looking at both teams as they clasped hands in the centre of the field, it would indeed be hard to find a better body of men. The Strandhill men were the bigger, but the Bunninadden men looked hardier and could, as they proved during the following hour endure and make a splendid fight.

During the first half hour Bunninadden scored two points and twice the ball was brought past the Bunninadden goals by Kilfeather but each time he was met by Wynne who brought it back to the Strandhill territory. During the second half hour Strandhill scored 2 points and Bunninadden scored 3. The field umpire of the Strandhill team claimed that one of their points was a goal but the member of the County Committee placed by the referee at the goals for such emergencies gave it as a point. The referee's decision was Bunninadden 5 points, Strandhill 2. The Strandhill men appealed against the decision, claiming that one of their points was a goal.

Good luck to Bunninadden G.A.A. Club in the Senior County Final



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Best wishes to the Bunninadden Team and Club

Coolera's Only Senior Title 1907

A rising from a series of objections and counter-objections involving Gurteen and Killavil in the South Division, the county final of 1907 was delayed until November 30th. 1908. An immense crowd assembled in Coleman's Field, Dromard for the first ever meeting of Coolera and Easkey with local Gael, Matt Clarke, as referee. Coolera supporters turned out in great numbers, some travelling by foot, others on horseback but the majority by brake or long car.

As was customary then the game was late in starting and when it got underway the North-Sligo champions opened briskly and Andy Kilfeather, one of the stars of the game, sent over an early point. Easkey gradually found their feet and led by 0-2 to 0-1 at half time. Coolera drew level after twelve minutes but it was not until a few minutes from the end, with the shades of night falling fast, that Pat Carty got through for the only goal of the game and the winning score. Scenes of great excitement greeted the sounding of the final whistle - Coolera had won their first senior title. "The cheers of the victorious team and their supporters must have been heard on the top of Knocknarea", commented the Sligo Champion correspondent, who went on to describe the game as "one of the best contested matches ever seen in Tireragh."

Coolera (S.F. Champions 1907 / 1908)

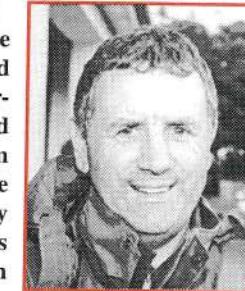
Pat Carty (Breeogue) Capt.; Paddy Harte, Breeogue; Andy Kilfeather, Sligo; Paddy Hunt, Breeogue; Jim Mannion, Carrowkeel; Frank McLynn, Sligo; John Devaney, Kilmacowen; Mick Sweeney, Cartronbree; Paddy Gilgan, Streamstown; John Gilgan, Streamstown; Luke White, Streamstown; John Conway, Kilmacowen; Patrick Keighron, Beanfield; Eddie Gorevan, Carrowmore; John Nevin, Tobernaveen.

Subs: Jimmy Gilmor, Pat Roddy, Tom Nevin and Pat Keville.

The Managers

Declan McCabe (Coolera/Strandhill)

Declan is a native of Monaghan. He was a member of the Killeean club with whom he won Intermediate and junior championship medals. He played senior inter-county football for Monaghan from 1966 -'77. He moved to Leitrim and was player manager of the Cloone team that won the 1980 county senior championship for the first time since 1952. Declan scored 2-9 in the county final. When he moved to Sligo he played with St. Mary's and was involved in the training of the team with Jim Nestor. He was manager of the Bunninadden team from 1995 to '98. He took over as manager of Coolera/Strandhill in 1999. Declan is Financial Accounts Manager with Éircom in the Western Region.



James Kearins & Richard Brennan (Bunninadden)

James Kearins

James, a garda sergeant based in Ballymote, played senior inter-county football for Sligo from 1974 to 1987. He was corner forward on the Sligo team that won the Connacht title in 1975. He won four senior championship medals with St. Patrick's in 1973, '74, '88 and '89. He was manager of the St. Patrick's team from 1985 to 1988. He won an intermediate championship medal with Ballymote in 1996. He took over as joint manager of Bunninadden with Richard Brennan in 1999.



Richard Brennan

Richard, who is an agricultural contractor, has been involved with Bunninadden G.A.A. club at management level since 1991, first at intermediate level and then senior level; also St. Nathy's in which he won 2 county U-21 titles. Then as manager of Bunninadden on its own he won two intermediate league titles and last year

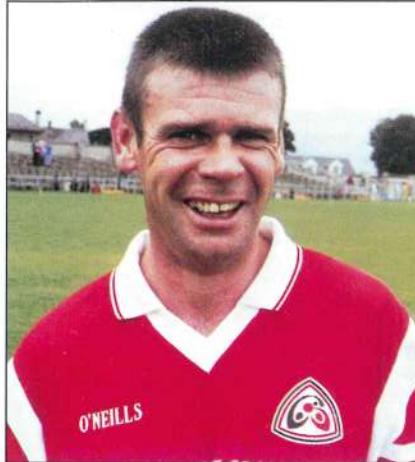
the senior league title. It gives Richard great satisfaction to see his club in its first county senior championship since 1891.



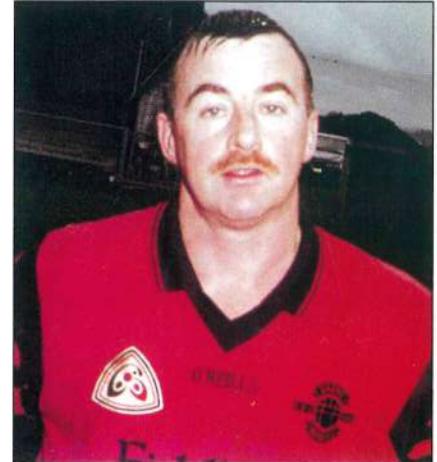
Ballisodare Junior Team: Back row (l. to r.): Thomas Dooner, Rory Barrins, Pádraic Mullen, Dessie Benson, Anthony Fallon, Colm McIntyre, Daniel Smith, Thomas Weir. Front row (l. to r.): Kevin Conlon, Ray Jackson, Joey Nevin, Martin Bradley (Capt.), Alan Jackson, Michael Conway, Paul Hannon.



St. Mary's Junior Team: Back row (l. to r.): Liam Curley, Paul Newton, Michael Coll, Tommie Breheny, Daragh Lynch, Brian Collery, Hubert Gilvary. Front row (l. to r.): Gerry Coleman, Glen Monaghan, Frank Stallard, John Kent (Capt.), Ronan O'Grady, Kieran Walsh, Brendan Gilligan. Michael Bee is missing from photo.



**Ballisodare Captain
Martin Bradley**



**St. Mary's Captain
John Kent**



**Ballisodare Manager
Declan McGoldrick**

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**St. Mary's
Managers
Pádraic Oates &
Gerry Connolly**



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The Bunninadden Players

Name: Michael Finn
Age: 32. **Height:** 5'-11" **Weight:** 13st.
Occupation: Toolmaker.
Favourite Position: Goalkeeper.
Medals Won: 2 intermediate league, 1 senior league, 1 Pick 'n Choose medal.
Favourite Player: Trevor Giles.

Name: Stephen Roddy
Age: 23. **Height:** 6' **Weight:** 13st.
Occupation: Sales Clerk, Brooks Hanley.
Favourite Position: Corner back.
Medals Won: Connacht Colleges U-14 C'ship, 1 senior league. **Favourite Player:** Pádraig Joyce.

Name: Francie O'Dowd
Age: 32. **Height:** 5'-11" **Weight:** 13st.
Occupation: N.C.F. Employee.
Favourite Position: Centre half back.
Medals Won: 1 senior league, Pick 'n Choose league, U-15 winners.
Favourite Player: Conor O'Grady

Name: Shane Gormley
Age: 18. **Height:** 6' **Weight:** 12st..
Occupation: Student.
Favourite Position: Full back.
Medals Won: U-12 co. championship, 1 senior league, Junior colleges.
Favourite Player: Pádraig Joyce.

Name: John O'Flaherty
Age: 29. **Height:** 5'-9" **Weight:** 11st.
Occupation: Civil engineer.
Favourite Position: Right Half Back. **Medals Won:** U-21 county, 2 Trench Cup, Connacht Juvenile C'ship, intermediate league, Pick 'n Choose league, 1 senior league.
Favourite Player: Maurice Fitzgerald.

Name: Kieran Brett
Age: 27. **Height:** 6'-1" **Weight:** 14st..
Occupation: Bank official.
Favourite Position: Centre forward.
Medals Won: 2 Co. U-21, 2 intermediate league, 1 senior league. **Favourite Player:** Míl Donnellan.

Name: William Gormley
Age: 25. **Height:** 6'-2" **Weight:** 14st..
Occupation: Computer Technician.
Favourite Position: Centre forward.
Medals Won: All-Ireland Colleges, 2 U-21 c'ships, 2 intermediate league, 1 senior league.
Favourite Player: Kevin Barrins.

Name: Pádraig Doohan
Age: 25. **Height:** 6' **Weight:** 12st..
Occupation: Technician.
Favourite Position: Midfield.
Medals Won: 3 Connacht, 1 All-Ireland Colleges, 2 Co. U-21, 1 senior league, 1 Connacht junior.
Favourite Player: Maurice Fitzgerald.

Name: Mark Gormley
Age: 21. **Height:** 6'-3" **Weight:** 12st.7lbs.
Occupation: Student.
Favourite Position: Mid-field.
Medals Won: 1 senior league, 2 Connacht schools, Pick 'n Choose, Connacht junior,
Favourite Player: Paul Taylor

Name: Derek Gormley
Age: 24. **Height:** 6'-3" **Weight:** 14 st.
Occupation: Student.
Favourite Position: Forwards.
Medals Won: U-21 c'ship, 1 All-Ireland, 1 senior league. **Favourite Player:** Pádraig Joyce

Name: Liam Óg Gormley
Age: 20. **Height:** 5'-8" **Weight:** 10st.7lbs.
Occupation: Student.
Favourite Position: Right Half Forward..
Medals Won: U-16 Fr. Manning Cup, 1 senior league, 1 intermediate league, minor 'B' c'ship.
Favourite Player: Pádraig Joyce.

Name: Paul Kerins
Age: 25. **Height:** 5'-9" **Weight:** 12st.7lbs.
Occupation: Civil engineer.
Favourite Position: Wing Forward. **Medals Won:** 3 Connacht, 1 All-Ireland (Benada Abbey), 2 co. U-21., 1 senior league.
Favourite Player: Maurice Fitzgerald.

Name: Aidan Killoran
Age: 23. **Height:** 5'-9" **Weight:** 11st..
Occupation: Project engineer.
Favourite Position: Corner forward.
Medals Won: 1 senior league, Pick 'n Choose, 1 U-18 county, intermediate league, U-21 c'ship.
Favourite Player: Oisín McConvile.

Name: Fergal O'Flaherty
Age: 24. **Height:** 6'-2" **Weight:** 13st..
Occupation: Secondary teacher.
Favourite Position: Full forward..
Medals Won: All-Ireland colleges, 5 Connacht Colleges, 2 Co. U-21 medals, 1 senior league.
Favourite Player: Pádraig Joyce.

Name: Emmet Gilhooley
Age: 18. **Height:** 6' **Weight:** 12st.
Occupation: Student. **Favourite Position:** Centre forward. **Medals Won:** 3 Connacht Colleges, league & c'ship, U-15 Wickham Cup, 1 All-Ireland R-up. **Favourite Player:** Mike Frank Russell.

Name: David Killoran
Age: 21. **Height:** 5'-8" **Weight:** 12st.
Occupation: Blocklayer. **Favourite Position:** Wing forward. **Medals Won:** 1 senior league, Pick 'n Choose, U-21 c'ship, U-18 c'ship.
Favourite Player: Trevor Giles.

Name: Joe Reynolds
Age: 31. **Height:** 6' **Weight:** 14st.
Occupation: Tool setter. **Favourite Position:** Wing back. **Medals Won:** 1 senior league, 2 intermediate leagues. **Favourite Player:** Ja Fallon.

Name: David Flannery
Age: 18. **Height:** 6' **Weight:** 13st..
Occupation: Roofer. **Favourite Position:** Centre back. **Medals Won:** U-16 league, Minor c'ship, 3 Connacht colleges. **Favourite Player:** Pádraig Joyce.

Name: Keelan McManus
Age: 17. **Height:** 6' **Weight:** 11st.
Occupation: Student. **Favourite Position:** Centre forward. **Medals Won:** U-12 co. c'ship, U-16 league & c'ship. **Favourite Player:** Trevor Giles.

Name: Barry Gilhooley
Age: 19. **Height:** 5'-10" **Weight:** 11st..
Occupation: Sudent. **Favourite Position:** Corner forward. **Medals Won:** 1 senior league, Pick 'n Choose. **Favourite Player:** Derek Savage.

Name: Jason Roddy
Age: 17. **Height:** 5'-11" **Weight:** 12st..
Occupation: Apprentice toolmaker.
Favourite Position: Full back. **Medals Won:** U-12 and U-16 c'ship and league winners. **Favourite Player:** Anthony Tohill.

Name: Seán Durcan
Age: 28. **Height:** 5'-7" **Weight:** 11 st..
Occupation: Security. **Favourite Position:** Full back. **Medals Won:** U-21 with St. Nathy's, 3 league medals. **Favourite Player:** Mickey Linden & Donal Spellman.

Name: Ross McManus
Age: 18. **Height:** 5'-8" **Weight:** 10st.7lbs.
Occupation: Student. **Favourite Position:** Centre forward. **Medals Won:** 2 U-12 county medals
Favourite Player: Eamon O'Hara.

Name: Joseph Scanlon
Age: 30. **Height:** 5'-9" **Weight:** 12st.7lbs.
Occupation: Garda. **Favourite Position:** Left half back. **Medals Won:** 1 senior league, 1 intermediate league, 1 Pick 'n Choose. **Favourite Player:** Seamus Moynihan.

Name: Stephen McHugh
Age: 19. **Height:** 5'-6" **Weight:** 8st.7lbs.
Occupation: Student. **Favourite Position:** Corner forward. **Medals Won:** U-12 & U-16 league and c'ship, U-16 Connacht Colleges, U-15 Wickham Cup. **Favourite Player:** Michael Donnellan.

Name: Donal Spellman
Age: 27. **Height:** 6'-2" **Weight:** 13st.7lbs.
Occupation: Civil Servant.
Favourite Position: Anywhere. **Medals Won:** 1 senior league, Pick 'n Choose, 2 intermediate league. **Favourite Player:** Michael Donnellan.

Name: James McDonagh
Age: 34. **Height:** 6'-1" **Weight:** 14st.7lbs.
Occupation: Priest. **Favourite Position:** Full back. **Medals Won:** Connacht minor league, 2 intermediate league, 1 senior league.
Favourite Player: Pádraig Doohan.

Name: John Killoran
Age: 19. **Height:** 5'-11" **Weight:** 11st.
Occupation: Student. **Favourite Position:** Corner forward. **Medals Won:** 1 senior league, Minor c'ship, Pick 'n Choose.
Favourite Player: Maurice Fitzgerald.

Name: Kevin Frain
Age: 28. **Height:** 6'-2" **Weight:** 14st.4lbs.
Occupation: Lorry driver.
Favourite Position: Full forward.
Medals Won: 1 senior league, Pick 'n Choose, 1 minor league.
Favourite Player: Maurice Fitzgerald.

Name: Kenneth Kearins
Age: 16. **Height:** 5'-10" **Weight:** 10st..
Occupation: Student.
Favourite Position: Midfield.
Medals Won: U-12 league & c'ship, U-16 league & c'ship '99, U-16 league & c'ship '00.
Favourite Player: Eamon O'Hara.

Name: Brendan Flannery
Age: 17. **Height:** 6' **Weight:** 12st..
Occupation: Student.
Favourite Position: Backs
Medals Won: U-12 league & c'ship, Connacht Schools senior c'ship. '99,
Favourite Player: Seán Óg de Paor.

Bunninadden's Captain Fergal O'Flaherty

Date of Birth: 28th. June 1976
Marital Status: Single
Occupation: Secondary Teacher
Car: Volkswagen Golf
Favourite T.V. Programme: "Reeling in the Years".
Favourite Food: Italian
Honours Won: All-Ireland Colleges' medal, 5 Connacht Colleges' medals, 2 county U-21 medals, 1 senior league medal.

Player I most admire: Pádraig Joyce.
Childhood hero: Jack O'Shea.
Most Difficult Opponent: Con O'Meara.
Favourite Grounds: Kilcoyne Park, Tubbercurry.
Best Sligo Player I have seen: James Kearins
Other Sports Played: Golf.
Biggest Achievement: Filling in this profile.
Advice to young players: Play every game like its your last.



Bunninadden



Fergal O'Flaherty
Captain

Bun an Fheadáin

Dathanna: Glas is Bán

1
MICHAEL FINN
M. Ó Finn
(Old Rock)

2 STEPHEN RODDY **3** FRANCIS O'DOWD **4** SHANE GORMLEY
S. Ó Rodaigh P. Ó Dúda S. Ó Garmaille
(Everlawn) (Bunninadden) (Ballyfahy)

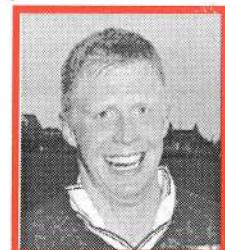
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S. Ó Flaitheartaigh C. de Breit L. Ó Garmaille
(Knockalass) (Killavil) (Doobeg)

8 PÁDRAIG DOOHAN **9** MARK GORMLEY
P. Ó Duacháin M. Ó Garmaille
(Doocastle) (Doobeg)

10 DEREK GORMLEY **11** LIAM ÓG GORMLEY **12** PAUL KERINS
D. Ó Garmaille L. Óg Ó Garmaille P. Ó Ciaráin
(Doobeg) (Ballyfahy) (Doocastle)

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Shane O'Neill,
Captain

Cúl Iora/An Leathros

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A. Ó Cá尔thaigh
(Scardenmore)

2 GAVIN FOLEY **3** NEIL CAREW **4** TOMMIE CRONIN
G. Ó Foghlú N. Ó Carún T. Ó Crónín
(Strandhill) (Strandhill) (Strandhill)

5 TONY WATTERS **6** BARRY DOYLE **7** SHANE O'NEILL
A. Ó Tuairisc B. Ó Dúghaill S. Ó Néill (Capt.)
(Carrowdough) (Carrowkeel) (Tully)

8 KIERAN QUINN **9** TERRY McMAHON
C. Ó Coinn T. Mac Mathúna
(Seafield) (Scardenmore)

10 KAROL O'NEILL **11** JOHN McPARTLAND **12** LIAM HEALY
C. Ó Néill S. Mac Parthaláin L. Ó hÉilí
(Tully) (Strandhill) (Grange East)

13 PAUL HEGARTY **14** STEPHEN CARTY **15** KARL GILLIGAN
P. Ó hÉigeartaigh S. Ó Cá尔thaigh C. Ó Giollagáin
(Lecarrow) (Scardenmore) (Graigue)

	Cúll	Cúilíní	Seacháí	45m	Saor Ciceanna
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Fir Ionaid	
(G.)	James Curran S. Ó Corraín (Tully)
(16)	Damien Gilligan D. Ó Giollagáin (Cartonbree)
(17)	Ultan Goodwin U. Mac Gualric (Kilmacowen)
(19)	Kevin Cooney C. Ó Cuanaigh (Templenabrée)
(20)	Paul Cartys P. Ó Cá尔thaigh (Scardenmore)
(21)	Mark Howley M. Ó hUallagh (Strandhill)
(22)	James Joyce S. Seoighe (Strandhill)
(23)	Mickey Curran M. Ó Corraín (Tully)
(24)	John Fitzpatrick S. Mac Giolla Phádraig (Lissawully)

Other Panel Members	
Colm Mullen	(Drinaghan)
Raymond Doyle	(Carrowkeel)
Neil Kenny	(Knocknahur South)
Cyril Connolly	(Strandhill)
Glen Kilfeather	(Breeogue)
Michael Savage	(Breeogue)
Rory O'Donnell	(Scardenmore)
Roghnoibrí:	Declan McCabe, Manager John McPartland, Sr. Michael Harte.

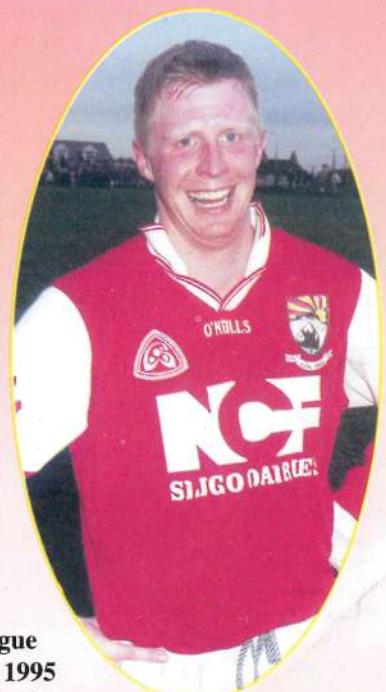
Coolera - Stranshill



Back Row (l. to r.): John McPartland, Kieran Quinn, Stephen Carty, Aidan Carty, Barry Doyle, Tony Watters, Terry McMahon. . Front Row (l. to r.): Gavin Foley, Karl Gilligan, Neil Carew, Paul Hegarty, Shane O'Neill (Capt.), Tommie Cronin, Karol O'Neill, Liam Healy.

Coolera's Captain

Shane O'Neill



- Date of Birth:** 21st. June 1977
Marital Status: Single
Occupation: Student
Car: BMW Z3
Favourite T.V. Programme:

Favourite Food: Has to be the Simpsons for a good laugh.
Seafood, steak & chips.

Honours Won: U-12, U-14, U-16 county medals.
Intermediate League & Championship 1995
All-Ireland Intermediate League 2000 with Sligo I.T.
Neil Carew, how does he keep so tanned?
Ex -Carlow full back Derek Wynne for his sheer size.

Player I most admire: Galway's Derek Savage has scored a few on me in the past.
Childhood hero: Markievicz Park, when I'm fit.
Most Difficult Opponent:

Favourite Grounds: Paul Taylor & Con O'Meara for their scoring abilities.
Best Sligo Player I have seen: Golf.

Other Sports Played: Captaining Coolera to the 2000 County Final
Biggest Achievement:
Advice to young players: Practice all the skills of the game as often as possible. Never give up on the pitch, a game isn't over until the final whistle. Always have total belief in your own ability. Enjoy everything about the game as much as you can.

Meet the Coolera Players

Name: Aidan 'Scoop' Carty
Age: 26. **Height:** 6'. **Weight:** 12st.7lbs.
Occupation: N.C.F. Sligo Dairies.
Favourite Position: Goalkeeper.
Medals Won: Intermediate c'ship & league, 1995, U-21 North Division 1995.
Favourite Player: Ciarán Whelan (Dublin)

Name: Barry Doyle
Age: 21. **Height:** 6' **Weight:** 13st. 7lbs.
Occupation: Garda.
Favourite Position: Half back. **Medals Won:** U-12, U-14, U-16 Connacht Colleges' league, Pick 'n Choose. **Favourite Player:** Damien Gilligan.

Name: Neil Carew
Age: 25. **Height:** 5'-10" **Weight:** 13st.
Occupation: Insurance Official.
Favourite Position: Centre half back. **Medals Won:** Fr. Manning Cup (U-16), Intermediate league & c'ship, Pick 'n Choose. **Favourite Player:** Captain Fantastic Shane (Red Fellow) O'Neill

Name: Tommie Cronin
Age: 21. **Height:** 5'-8" **Weight:** 11st.2lbs.
Occupation: Chemistry Technician.
Favourite Position: Corner back.
Medals Won: Connacht Schools senior league, U-15 9-a-side '94. Played for Co. U-16 in '74, U-18 in '96. **Favourite Player:** Pádraig Joyce.

Name: Gavin Foley
Age: 25. **Height:** 5'-9" **Weight:** 13st.7lbs.
Occupation: Civil engineer.
Favourite Position: Left Half Back.
Medals Won: Intermediate league & C'ship, Pick 'n Choose league.
Favourite Player: Neil Carew.

Name: Tony Watters
Age: 19. **Height:** 5'-11" **Weight:** 12st..
Occupation: Student.
Favourite Position: Wing back.
Medals Won: Senior & U-14 Connacht winner with Summerhill.
Favourite Player: I have not got one.

Name: James Joyce
Age: 24. **Height:** 6' **Weight:** 12st..
Occupation: Software Engineer.
Favourite Position: Half back.
Medals Won: Co. U-12, U-14, U-16; All-Ireland Féile U-14
Favourite Player: Neil Carew.

Name: Shane O'Neill
Age: 24. **Height:** 5'-10" **Weight:** 12st..
Occupation: Student.
Favourite Position: Half back. **Medals Won:** U-12, U-14, U-16, U-14 Féile, intermediate league & C'ship, All-Ireland Intermediate with Sligo I.T.
Favourite Player: Brian Stynes

Name: Stephen Carty
Age: 24. **Height:** 6' **Weight:** 13st..
Occupation: Engineer. **Favourite Position:** Mid-field. **Medals Won:** U-12, U-14, U-16, U-14 Féile na nÓg, Intermediate league & c'ship.
Favourite Player: Shay Walsh.

Name: Kieran Quinn
Age: 20. **Height:** 6'-3" **Weight:** 12st..
Occupation: Student.
Favourite Position: Midfield.
Medals Won: 1999 Sydney SFL champions, U-16 Co. c'ship.
Favourite Player: Duncán Ó Fergusáin

Name: Karol O'Neill
Age: 19. **Height:** 5'-9" **Weight:** 11st.7lbs.
Occupation: Student.
Favourite Position: Gach áit.
Medals Won: Numerous. Played in county grade.
Favourite Player: Shane O'Neill (the brother)..

Name: Terry McMahon
Age: 28. **Height:** 6'-1" **Weight:** Too much!
Occupation: Garda.
Favourite Position: Mid-field. **Medals Won:** 2 Co. intermediate '89 & '95. Co. U-16, All-Ireland Colleges' Trench Cup.
Favourite Player: Teddy McCarthy.

Name: Liam Healy
Age: 24. **Height:** 5'-11" **Weight:** 13 st..
Occupation: N.C.F. employee.
Favourite Position: Centre half forward..
Medals Won: Intermediate championship 1995.
Favourite Player: Michael Donnellan.

Name: Karl Gilligan
Age: 22. **Height:** 5'-11" **Weight:** 13st.5lb.
Occupation: Post Graduate Student.
Favourite Position: Corner forward..
Medals Won: U-12, U-14, U-16 co.; U-14 All-Ireland Féile 1990; Fr. Manning Cup 1994.
Favourite Player: Barney Rock.

Name: John McPartland
Age: 22. **Height:** 6'-1" **Weight:** 13st.7lbs.
Occupation: Student. **Favourite Position:** Full forward. **Medals Won:** U-12, U-13, U-14, U-16, U-17 & U-21 with Club; Hastings Cup U-21; Connacht Junior medal, U-14 All-Ireland Féile '90. **Favourite Player:** Peter Canavan.

Name: Paul Hegarty
Age: 17. **Height:** 5'-8" **Weight:** 9st.7lbs.
Occupation: Student. **Favourite Position:** Half / Corner forward. **Medals Won:** Pick 'n Choose senior league, U-16 'B' c'ship, U-16 'C' c'ship.
Favourite Player: Neil Carew.

Name: James Curran
Age: 19. **Height:** 6' **Weight:** 12st.7lbs.
Occupation: Student.
Favourite Position: Goalkeeper. **Medals Won:** U-12 Co. c'ship, Connacht 'B' C'ship with Summerhill, First Year C'ship.
Favourite Player: Kieran McGeeney.

Name: Kevin Cooney
Age: 17. **Height:** 6'-2" **Weight:** 11st.7lbs.
Occupation: Student.
Favourite Position: Midfield.. **Medals Won:** U-9 All City League, U-10 Connacht Community Games, U-16 Co. c'ship.
Favourite Player: Boo O'Reilly.

Name: Mark Howley
Age: 18. **Height:** 5'-10" **Weight:** 12 st..
Occupation: Stiefel Labs. Operative.. **Favourite Position:** Right half forward. **Medals Won:** 2 Connacht medals, Voc. Schools All-Ireland. league, **Favourite Player:** Oisín McConville..

Name: John Fitzpatrick
Age: 18. **Height:** 5'-10" **Weight:** 11st..
Occupation: Student.
Favourite Position: Left half forward. **Medals Won:** U-12 C'ship, U-16 'C' C', U-16 'B' league.
Favourite Player: Jarlath Fallon.

Name: Damian Gilligan
Age: 34. **Height:** 5'-11" **Weight:** 12st.9lbs.
Occupation: Farmer.
Favourite Position: Centre half back.
Medals Won: U-12, U-14 & U-16 Co. C'ships, Dublin Colleges' League '84. Connacht Minor league '84, Meath U-21 Co. C'ship, Meath Senior league (Both with Navan O'Mahony's), Sligo Intermediate league & C'ship '89, Intermediate league & C'ship '95, Pick 'n Choose league 2000.
Favourite Player: Gerry McEntee (Meath).

Name: Raymond Doyle
Age: 17. **Height:** 5'-11" **Weight:** 11st..
Occupation: Student. **Favourite Position:** Half back. **Medals Won:** U-9, U-10, U-11, U-12, U-14, U-16. c'ships.
Favourite Player: Mike Frank Russell.

Name: Paul Carty
Age: 22. **Height:** 5'-11" **Weight:** 12st.7lbs.
Occupation: Electrician. **Favourite Position:** Half back. **Medals Won:** ---
Favourite Player: Séan Ó dePaor.

Name: Colm Mullen
Age: 19. **Height:** 5'-10" **Weight:** 11st..
Occupation: Student.
Favourite Position: Corner forward.. **Medals Won:** Co. U-12 C'ship, Connacht 1st. Year Title with Summerhill.
Favourite Player: Pádraig Joyce.

Name: Neil Kenny
Age: 19. **Height:** 5'-9" **Weight:** 10st.
Occupation: Student. **Favourite Position:** Right half back. **Medals Won:** U-12 Co. C'ship, U-16 "c", U-16 'B'.
Favourite Player: Glen Kilfeather.

Name: Michael Curran
Age: 29. **Height:** 5'-9" **Weight:** 13 st.
Occupation: Gunne Property Consultant.
Favourite Position: Half forward. **Medals Won:** U-12 C'ship, intermediate league & c'ship.
Favourite Player: Niall Finnegan.

Name: Cyril Connolly
Age: 20. **Height:** 5'-8" **Weight:** 11st.7lbs.
Occupation: Student (Computer Systems).
Favourite Position: Centre half back.
Medals Won: ---
Favourite Player: Martin Brennan.

Name: Ultan Goodwin
Age: 18. **Height:** 5'-10" **Weight:** 10 st..
Occupation: Student.
Favourite Position: Wing back
Medals Won: U-10 Community Games, U-16 Co. league.
Favourite Player: Brian Stynes.

Other Panel Members.
Glen Kilfeather, Rory O'Donnell.
Michael Savage.

Pat Hunt

A Bunninadden Legend

Club Person of the Century

Pat Hunt has reached legendary status in Bunninadden and the surrounding area. He has the unbelievable record of having played for Bunninadden G.A.A. club in the 1940's, 1950's, 1960's, 1970's and 1980's winning County Junior titles in 1953, 1963, 1973 and 1979. Many still remember his outstanding displays for Sligo in the 1960's particularly against Galway in Tuam in 1960. He still has a lot to Offer and can be regularly seen giving a master class to the youngsters of the area on the finer arts of Gaelic Football at half time during the present Bunninadden team's games.



Bunninadden's Millennium Award winner, Pat Hunt, pictured with Co. Board Chairman, Mr. Joe Queenan, and Mr. Vincent Nally, M.D. of Brooks Hanley, Sligo.



The Bunninadden team: Senior League Champions, 1999



Co. Councillors, Margaret Gormley(Bunninadden) and Tony McLoughlin (Coolera) who will be on opposite sides today.



Richard Brennan, Joint Manager of the Bunninadden team, receiving the Clubman of the Year Award 1999 from Mickey Moran.

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The Heritage That Is Coolera's by Seán Kilfeather ('Irish Times')

It is no unique thing that people will always feel drawn to the place from which they sprung. Goldsmith had this in mind when he wrote:

*"And as the hare, whom horn and hounds pursue,
Pants to the place from which at first she flew;
I still had thoughts my long vexations past,
Here to return and die at home at last."*

It is surely strange that the man who wrote those lines should lie beneath a marble slab in Westminster Cathedral. Not, indeed, that many Coolera people are likely to share his fate, or want to. Those of us privileged to have Coolera as a birthplace will be content with a quiet spot within sight of what another exiled poet, Louis McNiece, described as the navel of Ireland - Maeve's Cairn.

My own earliest memories of my Coolera heritage seem to involve some deft needle-work being done by my sister Mary embroidering the club's name on running vests for the Coolera cross-country team. It seems a pity in retrospect that athletics has dropped out of the Coolera curriculum for it was very strong in the Forties and early Fifties when the Nelsons, the Harters, the Martyns and others were prominent. Boxing also had its place, and camogie too is gone.

Who in Coolera today would think of setting out for an All-Ireland final on Raleigh all-steel bikes on a Saturday evening? Well Bobby Nelson and Philpott Curran did and succeeded; sleeping in hay barns on the way, stealing an occasional turnip to stave off hunger and thinking very little of such minor irritants as punctures in such far-flung places as Collooney or darkest Boyle and returning without making a big fuss about it. What a pity nobody had told them about Mount Everest!

Indeed my own first visit to Croke Park remains vivid although over forty years have passed. It was the occasion on which both All-Ireland semi-finals were drawn and then replayed on the same day. On my first

trip therefore I saw the giants of my youth from Mayo, Kerry, Dublin and Cavan. Men like Séan Flanagan and Paddy Prendergast and Pádraig Carney and Tom Langan; men like Kevin Heffernan, Danno Mahony, 'Snitchie' Ferguson, Ollie Freaney; like Jerome O'Shea, Paudí Sheehy, Tadhg Lyne or Johnny Culloty or Victor Sherlock, Mick Higgins and Tony Tighe.

On that trip, if memory serves me right, we had the almost sinful comfort of Vincent Harte's Ford Prefect with a mere six of us to share the vast amount of space. Such luxury!

But there are earlier memories too of the smell of the freshly wet lime in Josie Scanlon's field; is my memory playing me tricks or did I see a match in a field behind Bobby Feeney's house later John Keogh's in Drinaghan?

Certainly I saw football played in Tom Harte's field in Barnasragh and memory will never fade of endless evenings in Dowd's Field in Drinaghan and Cartys Field opposite Séan Bree's in Kilmacowen. There was a time too of course when Roly Carter's field hard by Knocknarea School was our haven. Ted Browne was also our host on numerous occasions as was Bobbie Milne.

None of these of course have had the permanence of Peter Cooney's Field, at least for people of my time and age group. Since then I have met many Petey Cooneys throughout the country. People of almost fanatical dedication to the cause of the local parish. That such people exist still is part of the miracle of rural Ireland where, even amid the ugly urban spread, there are pockets of fierce loyalty and service to the old ideals.

I have seen many Coolera's too in my time since I left it. Yet, the pull remains for that one place. It cannot be for the satisfaction of seeing a gleaming club-house and a sideboard groaning under the weight of sparkling silver. It must be something else less tangible perhaps but surely far more valuable.

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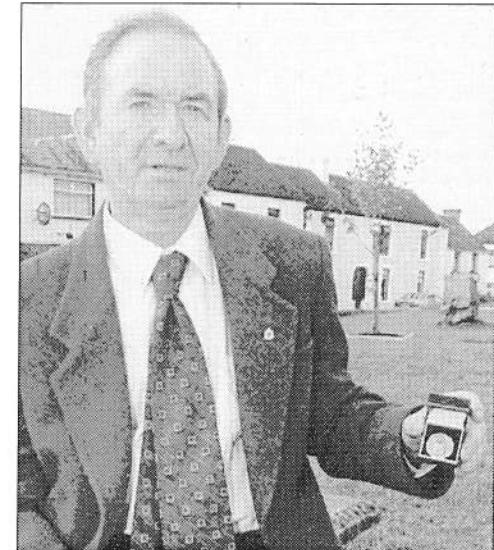
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Two members of the first Bunninadden team to win the county championship in 1891. Team captain, Andrew Marren is on the left.



Paddy Coen, Doocastle, proudly displaying the county championship medal won by his grandfather, 'Long' Pat Coen in 1891.

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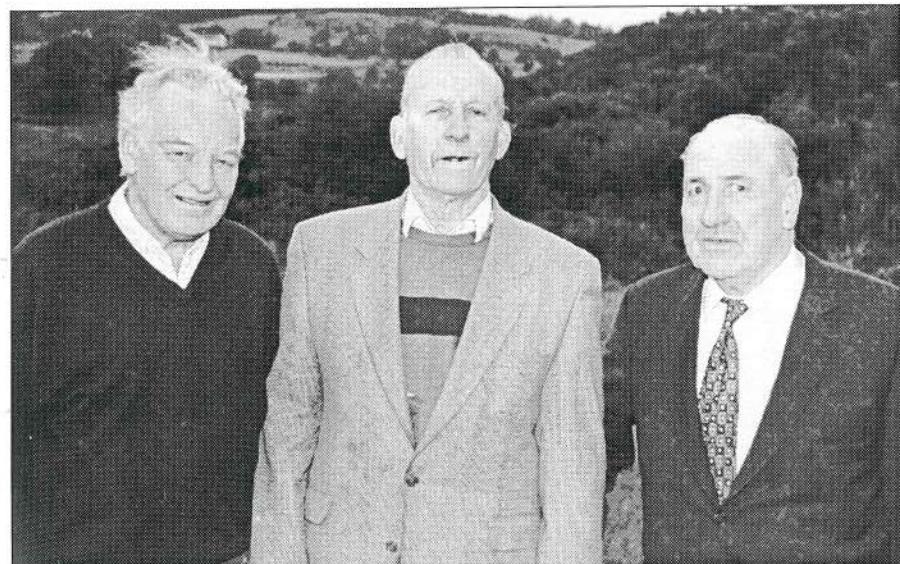
1946: Coolera's Last Final Appearance

The S.F.C. of 1946 was delayed owing to the late harvesting operations. When it eventually got under way in November, Coolera repeated their earlier league success over Easkey and then took on reigning county champions, Skreen, at Collooney. In keeping with previous meetings between the sides this developed into a sparkling game of fast and closely contested exchanges. A first half goal by Lambert gave Coolera a tonic start and a lead that they never relinquished, winning by 1-2 to 0-4. And so another meeting with Tubbercurry at Collooney on December 8th.

More so than any other occasion of the past, Coolera supporters were confident that this was to be their year and that the championship crown would follow the league success to the Knocknarea countryside. The game lived up to the pre-match expectations of the big crowd that converged on Quigley's Field that December afternoon. Described as "one of the best finals ever played in the county", Coolera, "a strong and very balanced side" had the better of the opening exchanges but a very resolute Tubbercurry defence, spearheaded by Mulholland, only allowed Coolera a one point lead, 0-2 to 0-1, at half time. Aided by a strengthening breeze in the second half, Tubbercurry pressed almost continuously but without results until defensive slips late in the game allowed Brennan through for two goals in quick succession, scores that decided the destination of the title for another year. Final score, Tubbercurry 2-3, Coolera ... 0-3.

Coolera S.F.C. v. Tubbercurry (1946):

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L.to R. Val Harte, Pádraic Curran and Mick Begley who played in the 1946 final against Tubbercurry.

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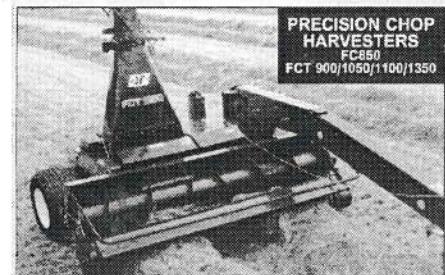
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'Washing the Jerseys'

by Liam Maloney

HAS Donal O'Neill ever washed a set of jerseys? Has he ever swept a dressing-room floor following a training session? He might have.

In O'Neill's position, as head of the GPA (Gaelic Players Association), such chores must seem light years away. Irrelevant, almost.

As he bids to ensure that his members command a share of the obvious revenue which Gaelic Games generate, washing a set of jerseys doesn't dominate the agenda.

For the moment, though, the G.A.A. maintains an amateur stance. The era of professionalism, whilst hovering in the distance, won't be reality just yet.

While it's accepted that being a high profile inter-county player can lead to certain rewards, i.e. 'Jobs for the Boys' - G.A.A. players aren't paid a salary for playing. Managers, meanwhile, command 'expenses'. Without knowing the true figures, it's to be expected that thousands of pounds are involved.

Getting back to the real issue. Who really cleans the dressing-room?

Ordinary people. Your neighbour, maybe.

In the world of club football, it's different. Getting paid for playing; endorsements; sponsorship - everything Donal O'Neill might aspire to - are for another time. Another place.

Take today's County Final for example. Coolera-Strandhill and Bunninadden, clubs with distinctive and proud traditions, will battle for the Senior Championship title.

'Pride of the Parish' - a much abused phrase, but the only one that is suitable. When a club reaches a County Final, everyone in that parish is entitled to bask in the build-up, the day of the game, and the aftermath.

Remember one group of people, though. Members of the club. Their diligent work, which is often unseen and usually taken for granted.

Making sure that the grass is cut; the dressing rooms tidy; the jerseys washed. In some clubs, these individuals have been 'helping out' for decades.

Witness to fluctuating fortunes. The year the club won a Championship. The year they lost a final.

Players, too, would have been observed. From cheeky teenagers, to the ones who could have played alongside Mickey Kearins (or the ones that did), to the reliable servants who featured on various panels, under different managers.

Our friend has seen them all. For these club members, success or defeat in today's fixture won't change anything.

Next week, when the doors have to be painted, repairs made to the umpires' flags, or raffle tickets flogged for the fund-raiser, our club member will deliver. As always, and without complaint.

And, when the G.A.A. embraces the idea of professionalism - the first group to be paid are not the players. But our friends, found in every club in Ireland, doing the everyday work. Like washing the jerseys.

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Snippets

Coolera/Strandhill

This is the Coolera/Strandhill Club's 7th. occasion to qualify for a Senior Championship Final since its foundation in 1886. The others were 1891; 1907 - '08; 1917; 1938; 1939 and 1946.

Stephen Scanlon, who is still hale and hearty, played on the county team that won the 1935 Junior All-Ireland title. He was also a member of the Coolera teams that competed in the 1938, 1939 and 1946 County Finals and also of the victorious league teams of 1939, 1942 and 1946.

Three brothers lined out for Coolera in the 1946 Co. Final, namely Val, Gerry (R.I.P.) and Fonsi Harte of Cloverhill.

Michael Harte, Assistant Team Manager, is the only direct link with the winning team side of 1907 - '08. He is a grandson of Paddy Hunt of Brecooge one of the stars of the side.

This is the first Coolera side which is composed entirely of 'natives' of the Parish to compete in a senior final since 1891.

Among the famous county footballers to play with Coolera teams in the past were John Joe Lavin, Nace O'Dowd, John Feely, Paddy Best, Seán Fallon, Seán Tansey & Brendan McCauley (Sligo); Peter Laffey & George Ormsby (Mayo); Kieran O'Keeffe (Cavan); Bill Hassey & Michael McEnroe (Westmeath); Bill Clinton (Offaly) and Michael McTernan (Leitrim).

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Coolera ~ The Founding Fathers by John C. McTernan

It is reasonable to assume that Sunday, 3rd. January, 1886, was a typical winter's day, wild and grey. Benbulben had a light covering of snow and a cold north-westerly wind howled around the cairn-topped and cone-shaped Knocknarea. In the distance the rumble of the Coragh d'Tonn at Aughris Head was clearly audible in the otherwise stillness of the January day. This was the setting as a dozen or so young men gathered at the Schoolhouse at Knocknarea to form a branch of the Gaelic Athletic Association.

The G.A.A. had been founded in Thurles towards the end of 1884 and branches of the Association quickly sprang up in every corner of the land. By the close of 1885 clubs had been established in Ballintogher, Ballisodare, Carraroe and Sligo town. The patriotic idealism and parochial pride so much in evidence in neighbouring parishes stirred the young men of Coolera into action. On that historic January day 114 years ago they became part of a great national movement and the torch set alight then has never been quenched but has passed on from generation to generation for over a hundred years.

The first G.A.A. club in Coolera was known as Knocknarea with the following officers. Patrick McHugh (Chairman), Martin Conway (Secretary) and John Nevin (Treasurer). The committee consisted of John Bree, Bernard Kelly, Michael Scanlon, William Gilmor, Michael Harte and Daniel McHugh. John Hunt and John McHugh were appointed captains, with Michael Foley and John McGloin as referees. Membership increased steadily in the weeks that followed and they assembled on Sunday afternoons for training and practice

matches between teams selected by the appointed captains.

The club's first Annual General Meeting took place on September 12th, 1886. There was a good attendance, nearly all of the members answering the roll call. The Treasurer's Account revealed a substantial credit balance, which was no small achievement considering that a set of jerseys and a football had already been purchased and paid for out of members' subscriptions. The only change in officers was the election of Daniel Bree as Vice-Chairman. The new committee consisted of Michael Scanlon, Bernard Kelly, Daniel McHugh, James Fallon, Michael Harte and Thomas Devaney. Both John Hunt and John McHugh were re-appointed football captains. The club's Fife and Drum Band played a selection of martial airs in the course of the afternoon and, in the words of P.R.O., James McGloin, "The enthusiasm of all concerned gave warrant of the club becoming a very successful one." James McGloin subsequently became a member of the County Committee on its formation in December 1887.

First Competitive Game

Knocknarea paid its first affiliation fee of 2/6 in January 1888 and with seventeen other clubs entered for the first county championship. They were drawn against Ballintogher and the game was scheduled for Sligo on March 4th. with P.A. McHugh, chairman of the County Board as referee.

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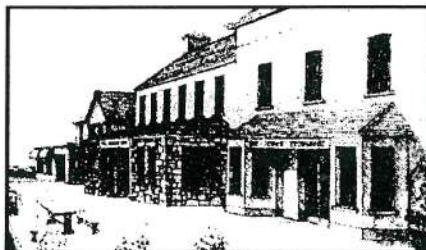
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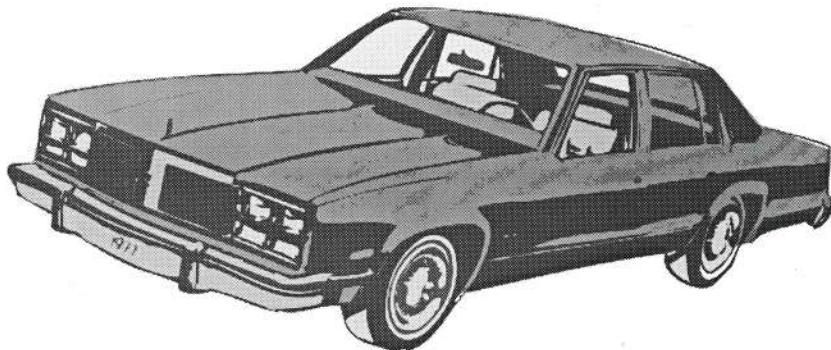
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COOLERA-STRANDHILL : COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1987.

James Joyce (Capt.) with cup after Coolera had defeated Curry in the U-12 final of 1987. How many of today's senior players can you pick out of the photo?



COOLERA-STRANDHILL : INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONS 1995.

Back Row (l. to r.): John McPartland, Seán Fenton, Tomás Cullinan, Kieran Shannon, Vinnie Harte, Terry McMahon, Stephen Carty, Shane O'Neill, John Gilroy, Austin Gilligan, Brendan Carty. **Front Row** (l. to r.): James Joyce, Peter Colleran, Niall Carew, Damien Gilligan (Capt.), John McPartland, Cathal Martyn. In front: Colm Scanlon, Adrian McPartland.

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Bunninadden

The Bunninadden Emmets Club was founded in 1886 by Andrew Marren and John O'Dowd. John O'Dowd was a nationalist MP for South Sligo.

Kilaville "John Dillons" was founded in 1889. Doocastle Defenders was founded in 1905.

Bunninadden won the County Junior Title in 1953 when they beat Curry in the final. It was the first county title since 1891. John P. Brennan was the trainer.

Pat Hunt and Gerry McManus, past members of the Bunninadden Club, won a senior championship with Mullinabreena in 1958.

Peter Brennan, grand-father of Fergal & John O'Flaherty of the present team, was a member of the Sligo team that won the All-Ireland Junior title in 1935.

Gerry McManus won an All-Ireland Colleges' medal with St. Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen, in 1958.

Seamus Durkin, Mick Marren and Gerry McManus played on the same Sligo team in the 1960's.

Pádraig McLoughlin was a member of the Sligo minor team that reached the All-Ireland Final in 1968.

Peter James Brennan, a native of Bunninadden, played both in goals and full forward on Connacht Railway Cup teams. He was a member of the last Connacht team to win the Railway Cup in 1969.

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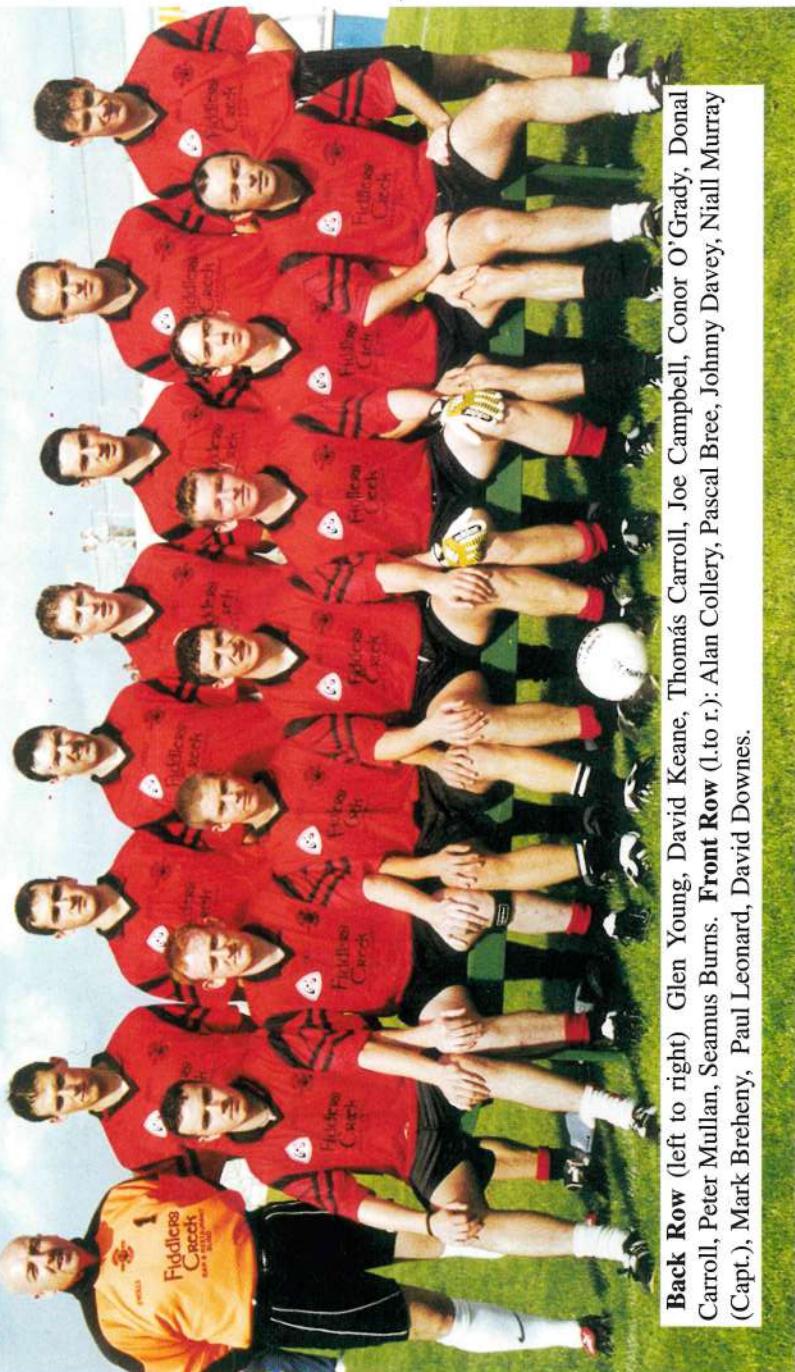
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St. Mary's - Beaten Semi-Finalists



Back Row (left to right): Glen Young, David Keane, Thomas Carroll, Joe Campbell, Conor O'Grady, Donal Carroll, Peter Mullan, Seamus Burns. **Front Row (l. to r.)**: Alan Collyer, Pascal Bree, Johnny Davey, Niall Murray (Capt.), Mark Breheny, Paul Leonard, David Downes.

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