

Aughawillan Senior County Champions 2014

Achadh Mhaoláin Abú!

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AUGHAWILLAN HAVE bridged a twenty year gap, taken a moment in history and realised a dream that has never been far from the thoughts of the many dedicated followers in Aughawillan GAA Club. Stimulation was not necessary after 20 years in the making, for it was in 1994 that Aughawillan last took part in the Senior County Championship Final. However, for the team of twenty seven young men, their average age only 21, it was with steadfast determination, raw energy and a hard work ethic that Aughawillan have come out the successful Senior County Champions of 2014.

Aughawillan were drawn in a group that will always be remembered for its name: the "Group of Death". Never a club to shoulder fear, the Aughawillan men saw it as an opportunity, playing Manorhamilton, St Marys and Melvin Gaels in the

early stages of the Championship allowed them to measure themselves against the very best in Leirim.

In the build up to the County Final excitement and anticipation was evident on the faces of young and old, as family members and supporters placed flags, banners and bunting on every conceivable pole, painted cars and gates and arrived in their throngs down to the Club the Friday evening before the game to support the lads, and show their appreciation for the hard work these fine young men have put in all year.

The day of the County Final, Páirc Seán MacDiarmada was a spectacular sea of blue and gold, where hope, desire, heart and tradition were all realised for the Aughawillan Club. It was a deserved win for Aughawillan where the "Willies" dominated the field for forty minutes of the game, displayed dedicated, spirited and

■ *Back Row:* Kieran O'Haire, Fionnbarr Quinn, Pearce Dolan, Ronan Maxwell, Fergal McTague, Niall Beirne, Colin Maguire, Niall Doonan, Kevin McTague, John Gilheany, Gary Plunkett, Ciaran Gilheany, Gary Deane & Ryan Creamer.

Front Row: Mark Plunkett, Stephen Gilheany, Declan McGovern, Sean Quinn, Sean Flanagan, Noel Plunkett, Sean Fox, Morgan Quinn, Michael Quinn, Rory McTague, Eadan Dolan & Gerard McGovern.

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talented play, and ultimately the scores that would win the game for Aughawillan: Aughawillan 1-13 to St Mary's 1-10.

Gary Plunkett was deemed Man of the Match. And so I give you our heroes, the Aughawillan 2014 Senior County Champions!