

THE
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of Boston

1961 - 2000



IN 1961, THE CONNEMARA GAELS FOOTBALL CLUB OF BOSTON WAS FOUNDED. THE OFFICERS OF THE GAELS THAT FIRST YEAR WERE PAT LYDON, PAT FOLAN, RICHIE HYNES, COLM CONNOLLY AND ANDY CONNOLLY. THE SIXTIES WERE BUILDING YEARS FOR THE GAELS, THEY PLAYED GALWAY, CORK, HARTFORD, AND SPRINGFIELD, THEY ALSO GAINED EXPERIENCE & RESPECT. IN THE FALL OF 1972 THE GAELS WON THE TOM CURRAN CUP AND WENT ON TO BE CROWNED THE NEW ENGLAND SENIOR LEAGUE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS. THE YEAR THAT FOLLOWED WOULD BRING MORE GOOD FORTUNE TO THE CONNEMARA GAELS. IN 1973 THE GAELS WOULD AGAIN WIN THE TOM CURRAN CUP, BE CROWNED THE NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONS FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, AND IN ONE OF THE BEST GAMES PLAYED IN BOSTON TO THAT DATE DEFEATED A FORMIDABLE DETROIT TEAM TO BE CROWNED NORTH AMERICAN SENIOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONS. THIS WAS ONE OF THE PEAK MOMENTS IN THE GAELS HISTORY TO THAT POINT. THE YEARS THAT FOLLOWED BROUGHT MORE GLORY TO THE GAELS. IN 1974 & 1975 & 1980 THEY WON THE TOM CURRAN CUP, AND WERE ALSO NEW ENGLAND JUNIOR CHAMPS 1974 & 1975. THE GAELS CONTINUED TO BE A DOMINANT FACTOR IN THE 80'S, INCLUDING 1983 WHERE THEY LOST TO GALWAY IN A NEGAA SENIOR FINAL. THE MID 80'S THRU THE MID 90'S FOUND THE GAELS COMPETITIVE BUT NEVER ABLE TO WIN A FINAL, AND PLAYED THE ROLE OF THE SPOILERS THROUGH THIS TIME. UNTIL 1997 UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF GABRIEL MANNION & CO. BEAT THE ODDS AND THE 25 YEAR DROUGHT OF CHAMPIONSHIPS SURPRISED EVERYONE BUT THEMSELVES BY DEFEATING A FORMIDABLE MACANESPIE TEAM TO WIN THE NEW ENGLAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP. THE TEAM THEN WENT ON A TOUR OF GAMES IN IRELAND IN 1998, BUT AS IN ALL SPORTS 1998 ALSO BROUGHT SOME CRITICAL INJURIES TO KEY PERSONELL, AND THE GAELS PERFORMANCE SUFFERED AS A RESULT. THE NEGAA FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ITS HISTORY REGULATED THE CONNEMARA GAELS TO THE INTERMEDIATE DIVISION BECAUSE OF THEIR PERFORMANCE IN 1998. THE CONNEMARA GAELS TRUE TO FORM UNDER THE MANAGEMENT & GUIDANCE OF MARTIN KERR, STEPHEN KING & A HOST OF DEDICATED PLAYERS & SUPPORTERS SHOWN IN 1999 BY WINNING EVERY GAME ON THE FIELD OF PLAY IN THE NEGAA INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND WENT ON TO WIN THE NORTHAMERICAN INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP. THE CONNEMARA GAELS ARE NOW LOOKING FORWARD TO THE 2000 SEASON AS SENIOR COMPETITORS, AND MAYBE A REPEAT OF THE MAGIC OF 1997 SEASON AGAIN.

THE CONNEMARA GAELS FOOTBALL CLUB OF BOSTON SALUTE & REMEMBER ALL OF THE PLAYERS, MEMBERS & SUPPORTERS, PAST & PRESENT AND THANK THEM FOR THEIR SUPPORT NOW & FOREVER.



1973 NACB SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

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