

West Tipperary Senior Hurling Final
Match Programme
1979

**CUMANN LUTH-CHLEAS GAEL
TIOBRAD ARANN THAR**

SENIOR HURLING FINAL
Cappawhite v. Sean Treacys

at 3.0 p.m.

Referee—John Moloney.

**INTERMEDIATE HURLING
FINAL**

Solohead v. Golden

at 1.30 p.m.

Referee—Liam O'Dwyer.

**At Canon Hayes Memorial
Park, Bansha**

On Sunday, August 5th, 1979.

CANON HAYES PIPERS BAND WILL ATTEND.

Price of Programme: 15p.

WEST TIPPERARY S.H. CHAMPIONS.

1930—Clonoulty.	1955—Kickhams.
1931—Clonoulty.	1956—Kickhams.
1932—Clonoulty.	1957—St. Nicholas.
1933—Clonoulty.	1958—Kickhams.
1934—Cashel.	1959—Kickhams.
1935—Kickhams.	1960—Kickhams.
1936—Cashel.	1961—St. Vincent's.
1937—Cashel.	1962—Cappawhite.
1938—Kickhams.	1963—St. Patrick's.
1939—Cashel.	1964—Eire Og.
1940—Cashel.	1965—Cashel.
1941—Eire Og.	1966—Arravale Rovers.
1942—Eire Og.	1967—Eire Og.
1943—Eire Og.	1968—Sean Treacy's.
1944—Eire Og.	1969—Golden-Kilfeacle.
1945—Cashel.	1970—Arravale Rovers.
1946—Kickhams.	1971—Cashel King Cormacs.
1947—Kickhams.	1972—Golden.
1948—Cashel.	1973—Sean Treacy's.
1949—Kickhams.	1974—Sean Treacy's.
1950—Kickhams.	1975—Cashel King Cormacs.
1951—Clonoulty.	1976—Cashel King Cormacs.
1952—Kickhams.	1977—Sean Treacy's.
1953—Kickhams.	1978—Sean Treacy's.
1954—Kickhams.	

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(GEORGE RYAN).

West Tipperary Senior Hurling Final Day is with us once again. A day that is regarded as one of the highlights of the activities of the G.A.A. in West Tipperary.

Today's Final brings together last year's champions, Sean Treacy's, and last year's finalists, Cappawhite.

It is my privilege as West Board Chairman to congratulate these two teams on their achievements to date in this year's championship.

It is everybody's wish that today's final will, like the past, be played with skill, excitement and, above all, be played in the usual sporting manner that we here in West Tipperary are proud to be part of.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the Bansha Club for producing this programme and to thank them for the arrangements that goes with Senior Hurling Final Day in West Tipperary.

SEOIRSE O RIAIN, Cathaoirleach.

CAPPAWHITE.

Cappawhite, runners-up in last year's West S.H. Final, are no strangers to the big day. County honours first came to them in 1942, when hurlers like Tommy Treacy, "Rafferty" O'Neill, Bill O'Neill and Thomas Coughlan wore the singlet in their first county junior title. Back they came to take their second junior crown in 1948, but then they came on lean times and in the '50's Cappa sought help from Solohead and under the name of St. Nicholas's won the '57 senior crown. 1962 saw Cappa take the Under 15 County Championship, while in '61 they joined up with Eire Og under the name of St. Vincent's and took the Divisional title. Their junior side also won the championship that year. Joined with neighbours, Glengar, they were successful in '62, while '65 saw them take the under 21 and minor crowns. In 1977 Cappa joined with Eire Og and took the county under 21 crown. They also took the junior football crown that year. Last year they took the West minor hurling title (combined with Eire Og) and for the first time in the club's history they took the West senior football title. Cappa have at present a county star in Pat O'Neill and another prominent hurler in John Kelly, who played at full-back for Tipperary and Munster.

SEAN TREACYS

(Colours: Blue and Saffron)

Phil Berkery

John Quigley Christy O'Dwyer (Capt.) Paddy Ryan

Gerry O'Toole Phil Ryan Pat Carey

Pat Quigley Philip Ryan

Frank Berkery Dinny Ryan J. J. Ryan

John Carey Donie Carey P. J. Caplis

Subs:—(16) Tommy Ryan, (17) Liam Ryan, (18) Tom Berkery, (19) Jim Nolan, (20) Billy Berkery, (21) Mattie Carey, (22) Pat McMahan, (23) Bertie Keane, (24) Sean Allis.

CAPPAWHITE

(Colours: White with Blue Collars)

Des O'Neill

Michael Coughlan John Kelly (Capt.) Michael Ryan

Brendan Hennessy Martin McDermott John Ryan

Eamonn Ryan Donal Cullen

Eddie Carroll Paddy O'Neill Austin Buckley

Pat McDermott Pat O'Neill Sean Crosse

Subs:—(16) John O'Neill, (17) Tim Crosse, (18) Ml. Shea, (19) Seamus Fitzgerald, (20) Dan Ryan, (21) Ml. McDermott, (22) B. O'Neill, (23) C. Ryan.

SOLOHEAD

Matty Ryan

Jimmy Ryan (C) M. Kennedy Mick Ryan

Philip Doherty Niko Reardon Noel Ryan

Jim Hourigan Thomas Hanley

Sean Riordan Ian Quirke T. I. Riordan

Seamie Keeffe (Capt.) John Ryan (S) T. J. Riordan

Subs:—(16) Butch Dwyer, (17) Davy Ryan (C), (18) Larry Crowe, (19) Pat Cummins, (20) D. Crowe, (21) Pat Culbert, (22) P. J. Burns, Mike Lonergan.

GOLDEN

Tom McCormack

Christy Ryan John Ryan Tom O'Donnell

Eamon O'Donnell Liam Walsh John Cooney

Ned O'Donnell Liam Harding

Owen Ryan Liam Sullivan Davey Hallissey

Michael Ryan Michael O'Donnell Pat Ryan

Subs:—(16) Pádraig Ryan, (17) Johnny Luby, (18) Philip Bargery, (19) P. J. Collins, (20) Eddie Hayde, (21) John English, (22) Con Cash.

GALTEE ROVERS THROUGH THE AGES.

(By Paudie McCarthy)

The Galtee Rovers Club have a long and illustrious past dating from the pioneering days of 1885, when it first affiliated to the County Board. As with most clubs, the history of the early days is somewhat sketchy. However, there is evidence to suggest that football was the predominant game in Bansha from the beginning. This tradition has been nurtured and successfully carried on in the present century.

Although the men in scarlet entered the county championship for the first time in 1899, and made a South Final appearance in 1904, their efforts were not attended by success until 1912, when from an entry of 12 teams they won the South Senior Football Championship led by Jack Kennedy. They repeated the performance in 1915 and were finalists again in 1916, '17 and '19, after which the team began to disintegrate as a major championship contender.

The 'twenties saw a resurgence of hurling interest in the parish, with Kilmoyler blazing the trail in 1923 by winning the South Senior Hurling Championship under the captaincy of Ned Crowley. The Bansha boys, while preoccupied with football, also hurled with some success. The feats of the time are recalled in verse by Dan Bresnan in his poem, "The Bansha Hurlers Lament," in which he sadly remembers the depletion of the parish hurling team by the ghost of emigration which stalked the countryside at the time. Prior to the 1927 South Tipp. Junior Final nearly half of the team was lost to the emigrant ship. Unable to best this great handicap they failed to Killenaule's fine team, who took the title after a great season's endeavour on their own part. Incidentally, Dan Bresnan was Galtee Rovers long-serving treasurer, who served with distinction for 27 years.

While football honours eluded the team through the 'thirties, the post-war era more than compensated when the club won football championships with clockwork regularity, beginning the excellent run in 1946 by winning the County Junior Championship. This victory sprung the team to senior status in 1947, when after some good wins they went under to Drangan-Cloneen by three points in the County Final. The dizzy heights were reached on 16th April, 1950, when the Galtees, captained by Larry Maher, won the 1949 County Senior title by defeating Templetoohy in Clonmel. The performance was repeated the following season in Thurles after a hard fought game against the same opposition. Jim O'Connor brought home the cup that day. Ballingarry came good in 1951 and surprised the Rovers by three points in the decider. The 1952 final was a non-event. Old Bridge were awarded the title when the Bansha boys withdrew.

From 1947 to 1954 this great team won the West Tipp. senior title on seven occasions, including six in a row from the inaugural year of the Hennessy Cup in 1949.

After this fine combination faded from the scene a valley period inevitably occurred until the 1960's, when in '62 and '63 the West title once again returned to the Village. From this time onwards juvenile competition flourished. Galtee Rovers, under the guidance of the enthusiasm of John Moloney, won the County Juvenile Championship in 1965. This young team was to form the nucleus of the senior champion team of 1974.

For generations the club, like most of its counterparts in other parishes, had no permanent home. This situation was never satisfactory from many viewpoints, so when the Glebe property came on the market in 1971 the long term prospects were debated at great length, and in the midst of great excitement and enthusiasm the enterprising committee made the decision to purchase. The reaction from the parishioners was gratifying and their wholehearted support was reflected in their generous response to the house to house collection which was taken up.

The purchase price was £7,000. In addition, a similar figure was spent on the development of the pitch and spectator enclosures, together with the conversion of the Glebe House to suit the needs of the club. To the rear of the house tennis courts have been laid and are fully utilised. Development is still going on under the guiding hand of John Moloney, whose eye for excellence is reflected in the work already achieved to date. Very Rev. John Canon Hayes, Founder of Muintir na Tire, would surely have approved of the work being carried out in the best traditions of his organisation.

During the past few years it would have been reasonable to assume that playing activity by the club would have been somewhat curtailed by the ground development programme. However, the contrary is the case as the present decade has proved to be one of the most successful periods in the club's history.

The senior team have appeared in six successive West Finals since 1978, winning on three occasions, the 1976 title being the club's 12th since the war, putting it way ahead in the honours list. That year also saw the return of the County Senior Championship when Jimmy Ferris accepted the trophy amid scenes of great jubilation. Hopes are high that the performance will be repeated in the current season, the team having already beaten Cappawhite and Fethard in the West and County Championships, thus avenging last year's defeats.

Regardless of its championship aspirations the Galtee Rovers are determined to finish the season on a high note as preparations are well under way for its first American Tour, due to depart on 12th October next. Success for this venture will close a decade of unprecedented growth and herald the 1980's in a fitting manner.

GALTEE ROVERS/ST. PECAUN'S G.A.A. CLUB.

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SEAN TREACYS

They were not long in West Division Hurling when they made their presence felt by capturing the Number 2 Junior Hurling Championship. This title they again won in '63. 1966 was their greatest break through, for they won the Number 1 Junior Title that year. Early in '67 they took their one and only County Title to date, beating Kildangan in the Final. That victory ushered them into Senior Status and in '67 they went out in the Semi-Final to Eire Og.

In '68 they defeated Eire Og to win the S.H. Final for the first time. '69 saw them win their third Number 2 Hurling title and they also took the Under 21 crown that year.

'70, '71 and '72 were lean years for them, with no titles coming their way, only narrow misses.

In '73 they were back to win the S.H. when they defeated Eire Og in the final. 1974 saw them back again when they beat Golden in Dun-drum.

In '75 and going for three in a row, they were stopped by Cashel in the final. They have won Number 2 Junior Championships in '75 and '77 (won senior also in '77) and in last year's S.F. they defeated today's opponents—Cappawhite.

The team is coached by Donie Nealon and the club have their own developed field at Kilcommon Cross, where they are in the process of building dressing rooms.

They have noted players in Pat Quigley, who as well as having played for Tipperary has played for Dublin and Leinster; Dinny Ryan, who was a star Tipperary player and John Carey.

CLUB OFFICERS.

Chairman, Mick Caplis; Secretary, Matthew Ryan; Treasurer, T. J. Caplis.