

West Tipperary Senior Hurling Final

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Our Division has a proud tradition and the Divisional Senior Hurling Final is but part of it. Cappawhite and Kickhams are both hurling strongholds and their attention to and successes at Juvenile and underage level is now once again bearing fruit for them. That they have not met in a Divisional decider for over twenty years should also add to the attractiveness of the decider.

Finally, I thank the clubs, players and my fellow officers, present and past, for their great contribution to the well being of games in this Division over the past fifty years.

I look forward to the continued commitment and loyalty of all in the Division as we face into our second century of service and dedication to the ideals of the founders.

**Breandan O Riain, Cathaoirleach
Coiste Thiob. Arann Thiar.**

ARRAVALLE ROVERS G.A.A. CLUB

ADDRESS OF CLUB CHAIRMAN

On behalf of the Arravale Rovers Club, I extend a cead mile failte to all today. We welcome Cappawhite and Knockavilla/Kickhams, todays finalists, and we are sure we will see a match worthy of the occasion.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow club members for their hard work and loyalty in ensuring that our grounds are in perfect condition for todays game. I would like you the supporters to enjoy yourselves and please obey the stewards at all times.

Sean O'Neill, Cathaoirleach.



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by
J. J. Kennedy



The West Division is the youngest of the four having been formed in 1930; the North Board was formed in 1901 and the South and Mid Boards in 1907. Since its formation the following County titles have come to the West Division;

- One Senior Hurling Title — Eire Og (1943).
- Six Senior Football Titles—Galtee Rovers (1949, '50, '76, '80, '81), Arravale Rovers (1941).
- Five Minor Hurling Titles—Cashel K.C. (1974, '75, '80), Cappawhite (1965), Clonoulty/Rossmore (1981).
- Eight Minor Football Titles—Arravale Rovers (1959, '66, '72, '80), Emly/Lattin (1982, '83), Cashel K.C. (1974), St. Patricks Solohead/Lattin (1963), Note—Arravale Rovers won County Titles in 1934 and 1939 while competing in the South Division.
- Seven Junior Hurling Titles—Solohead (1938, '59), Cappawhite (1942, '48), Cashel K.C. (1953), Sean Treacys (1966), Eire Og (1977).
- Eleven Junior Football Titles—Rockwell Rovers (1947, '63), Emly (1938, '68), Galtee Rovers (1946), Clonoulty/Rossmore (1969), Multeen Rovers (1974), Cashel K.C. (1976), Cappawhite (1977), Golden/Kilfeacle (1979), Kickhams (1981).
- Three U/21 Football Titles—Arravale Rovers (1972), Galtee Rovers (1975), Emly/Lattin (1982).
- Two Intermediate Football Titles— Golden/Kilfeacle (1982), Emly (1983).
- No Intermediate Hurling Title has yet been won by a West team.

In 1930, 25 teams entered for the three West championships then run, namely Senior Hurling, Junior Hurling and Junior Football.

In 1984, 120 teams affiliated for 20 competitions run by the West Tipp Board.

Total gate receipts in 1930 were £202 14s. 11d.

Total gate receipts in 1983 were £21,192.6p

First West Tipp champions were:- Senior Hurling, Clonoulty/Rossmore; Junior Hurling, Cappa/Donohill; Junior Football, Knockavilla/Rossmore.

Knickers or breeches ! In 1931 Newport affiliated in West Tipp and were defeated in the Senior Hurling final by Clonoulty/Rossmore. The Northerners objected, part of the objection being that the Clonoulty goalie, D.B. English, wore breeches rather than togs. At Couny Board, Killenaule's Bob Hall asked; "on this issue of togs what I would like to know is where does knickers end and breeches begin." The objection failed.

In 1934, Eire Og/Anacarty won the County Senior Hurling final by defeating Moycarkey, but did you know that they never played a County semi-final. Killenaule, their semi-final opponents refused to play on the appointed date because of the suspension of some of their players in the South and as a result the County Board gave Eire Og a bye to the final.

1938 was an important year for the West. Emly brought the first County title to the new division when they took the Junior Football crown by defeating Castleiney in October 1939. Solohead added the 1938 Junior Hurling title when in April 1940 they defeated Thurles Kickhams at the third attempt. An interesting fact in Solohead's victory was that it was Cappawhite who won the County semi-final by defeating Killenaule. Cappa' had been nominated to represent the division, but after winning the County semi-final they lost the divisional final to Solohead and so the latter went forward to the County final.

In the 1932 Inter-divisional Minor Hurling championship the West played the South four times. The first game ended in a draw, 3-1 each. The West won the replay, 3-0 to 2-2, but South objected and a replay was ordered. The South won the second replay by 8-2 to 3-0 and then West objected resulting in a further replay. In a preview to the fourth meeting of the sides, a Tipperary Star reporter stated—"we are reliably informed that unlike Tennyson's Brook, this game will not go on forever". Alas for the West, the Southerners won the fourth game by 10-7 to 4-1.

Stop thief ! The 1932 West J.H. final had a controversial ending. Nearing the end, Donaskeigh were leading Cashel by 5-1 to 3-2 when the ball went out of play and failed to return. The referee, Clonoulty's Jim Browne, claimed that it was picked up by a Cashel supporter and a replacement arrived from Dargan's in Cashel the local team had gone home. After much debate and a Cashel objection Donaskeigh were awarded the title.

A club from Monatogher (townsland near Limerick Junction) affiliated Junior teams in both codes in the West Tipp championships in the 1930's.

Clonpet (between Tipp town and Kilross won West Tipp J.F. titles in 1932 and 1934.

The trophy for the West Tipp S.H.C. is the O'Dwyer Cup. It was presented to the West in 1940 by the late Rev. Fr. J.J. Meagher, Chairman of the County Board and was first won by Cashel. The cup commemorated the late Bill Dwyer (S), Knockavilla, the first Chairman of the West Board.

Only five Tipperary goalies have won more than one All-Ireland Senior Hurling medal, including Kickhams' Donal O'Brien (1961 and 1962), and Arravale Rovers' John O'Donoghue (1964 and 1965).

Who were Ringside Rovers ? In researching the history of West Tipperary G.A.A. some puzzling names have surfaced which remain something of a mystery. For example a team called Ringside Rovers affiliated in Junior Hurling in 1932 and 1933. In 1932 they were defeated by Anacarty and the press reports states "that Ryan, Corbett, Dwyer and Gorman were best for them. In 1933 they were defeated by Arravale Rovers. Also in the press report of the inaugural meeting of the West Board in 1930, a club called Park Rovers is listed with L. Ryan, M. Ryan and P. Corbett as delegates. If you can answer these questions or provide any information about the West Division, contact either J. J. Kennedy or Jerry Ring, the former at Clonaspoe, Dundrum, (062) 71429, and the latter at Station Road, Tipperary (062) 52360.

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ARRAVALA ROVERS — EARLY DAYS

The earliest mention so far uncovered of Arravale Rovers as a club affiliated to the G.A.A. occurs in Canon Fogarty's book "Tipperary's G.A.A. Story". In chapter three, he refers to a football game between "Rock Crackers" from Cashel and Arravale Rovers.

On May Day, 1887, a major tournament was organised in Tipperary by Pat McGrath and James Wyse. In fields kindly lent by James Ryan of Bohercrowe, ten football games and one hurling were played.

There were, around the turn of the century, four Gaelic Football Clubs catering for young men around Tipp; Bohercrowe, Rosanna, Commercials and Arravale Rovers. Later, Clonpet and John O'Leary's were affiliated to the G.A.A. also.

Bohercrowe won the All-Ireland Football championship in 1889, but after the Parnell split in 1891, many Bohercrowe players joined Arravale Rovers. In 1894, Rovers won the County Championship and they completed the three-in-a-row by winning in 1895 and 1896.

The 1895 Arravale Rovers team went on to win the All-Ireland Football Final beating Navan O'Mahoney's by one point. This game was the first All-Ireland Final to be played at what is now Croke Park. Then it was called Jones' Road.

In 1899, Rovers also won the County championship.

Four All-Ireland Football finals were played in Tipperary Town, at "The Sportsfield" not far from Sean Treacy Park:-

April 8th, 1900 — Dublin 2-8, Waterford 0-4 July 23rd, 1905 — Kerry 1-4, Kildare 1-3
July 5th, 1903 — Dublin 1-2, Cork 0-4 July 5th, 1908, — Dublin 0-6, Cork 0-2

The man responsible for G.A.A. affairs in Tipperary at this stage was Pat McGrath. Between 1904 and 1931, he was elected each year as Secretary of the Munster Council. In 1909, Pat McGrath was voted Treasurer of the Tipperary County Board. He died in 1931 and Canon Fogarty described him as "the uncrowned king of Munster Gaeldom".

Before the founding of the West Board in 1931, G.A.A. affairs in West Tipp were largely run by the Tipperary District League, based in Tipperary Town. Tom Rogers and J.J. Woods of Arravale Rovers were Chairman and Secretary in this League. Teams were affiliated from Solohead, Bansha, Ballycarron, Donaskeigh, Knockavilla, Donohill, Golden, Kilmoyler, Limerick Junction, Lattin, Knockcarron, Civic Guard and Arravale Rovers. All league meetings were held at Bank Place, Tipperary.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS WON BY ARRAVALA ROVERS

Senior Football — 1894, 1895, 1896, 1899, 1941.

Minor — 1934, 1939, 1959, 1966, 1972, 1980.

Under 21 — 1972

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TODAYS FINALISTS — CAPPAWHITE



CAPPAWHITE G.A.A. CLUB

Cappawhite G.A.A. Club was founded in 1886. The early years of activity were confined to football. In 1910, Cappa were defeated in the Mid. S.F. final by Borrisoleigh, who went on to County honours.

The first taste of success was achieved in 1913 when Cappa won the South Junior Hurling Championship, defeating old rivals Holyford.

With the founding of the West Board in 1930, at the Golden Vale Hall, Cappawhite finished its search for a Division. George Furlong represented the club at that historic meeting. A combination from Cappa and Donohill won the first ever West Tipp Junior Hurling title in 1930. Pat Furlong was a member of the Junior County team that figured in the Triple Crown success of 1930.

The '40's were golden for the club, with Cappa capturing the County Junior titles in 1942 and '48. This was the era of the late great Willie Barry who won an All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship medal with Tipp in 1937.

In 1957, Cappa united with Solohead to form St. Nicholas Senior Hurling team and they had a notable West final victory over Kickhams, who were going for their eight West crown in succession. The club's Juniors captured the Divisional title to make '57 a golden one.

Another glorious era of caman wielding by the Cappa men and youth was heralded by the advent of Fr. James Power as curate in Cappawhite. In 1961, united with Annacarty under the name of St. Vincent's, the Cappa men brought the West Senior title back to the combo. The Junior title was also captured the same year.

Under Fr. Power's expert tuition the Cappa Juveniles had a great spell in 1961 and '62 winning West and County titles in Hurling and a West Football crown also. Three years later these youths matured to bring a County Minor Hurling victory to the parish. In 1965 the County U/21 Championship was taken.

The seventies were very successful for Cappawhite, e.g., 1977 two Counties were recorded U/21 Hurling in combo with Eire Og and Junior football.

After three epic games with Galtee Rovers, Cappa won the West Senior Football final by 0-7 to 0-5. That same year Cappa captured three other West's; Minor and U/21 Hurling and Junior Hurling.

In 1983, Cappa broke the barren spell of the Senior Hurlers, when the West Senior Hurling Championship was brought home. And now, 1984 is here and the lads from "the lovely village" are but one step from their second success at Senior level. Can Cappa do it! The question will be answered today.

CAPPAWHITE

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> 1 Dan O'Neill </div>		
2 Simon Ryan	3 Mike Buckley	4 John O'Neill
5 An. Other	6 Brendan Hennessy	7 Anthony O'Neill
8 Martin McDermott		9 An. Other
10 Austin Buckley	11 Conor Ryan (capt.)	12 Ger Ryan
13 Eugene Maguire	14 Ger O'Neill	15 Pat O'Neill

Fir Ionaid: Noel Buckley, Dan Ryan, Dick Quirke, Deasun Hennessy, Eamonn Ryan, Mike Ryan, Lar Cleary, Michael Ryan, Sean Hennessy, John Ryan.

Réiteoir



Today's referee, George Ryan, from the Lattin/Cullen Club, is a man who has served the G.A.A. well as a player, administrator and referee. A farmer, married with one son, George started refereeing in 1973 and since then has refereed in all grades of hurling and football at Munster Council level. His impressive refereeing record includes the following:-

1979—All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final.
 1979—All-Ireland Senior Hurling (B) Final.
 1979 & 1981—Munster Senior Hurling Finals.
 1982—National Hurling League Final
 1982—All-Ireland Senior Club Final (hurling).
 1978—Railway Cup Final (hurling).
 1978—All-Ireland Minor Hurling S. Final
 1978—Oireachtas Hurling Final.

1983—Railway Cup.
 1984 National Hurling League Final
 3 County Senior Hurling Finals
 4 County Senior Football Finals
 1 County U/21 Hurling Final.
 1 County Minor Hurling Final
 2 County Junior Hurling Finals
 West Senior Hurling Final 1976

1980 All-Ireland Vocational Schools Hurling Final
 3 Dr. Harty Cup Finals (Munster Colleges' Senior Hurling)

George, who is a very active County Board member, is a former Chairman of the West Tipperary G.A.A. Board.



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KNOCKAVILLA/KICKHAMS

<div>1 John Farrell</div>		
2 Paudie Slattery	3 Jimmy Hayes	4 Donal Kennedy
5 John Slattery	6 Dominic Hayes (capt.)	7 Donal Morrissey
	8 Bill Hayes	9 Paddy Hayes
10 Eamonn Browne	11 Martin McGrath	12 Walter Carroll
13 Tony Doherty	14 Nicky Greene	15 Ger Morrissey

Fir Ionaid: Christy Ryan, Gerry Couhlan, Tony Farrell, Danny O'Brien, Danny Morrissey, Roger Kennedy, Sean Alley, John Keane, Sean O'Brien, Michael Breen.

WHERE THE TITLES HAVE GONE IN 52 YEARS

Annacarty	7	41, 42, 43, 44, 64, 67, 81.
Clonoulty	5	30, 31, 32, 33, 51.
Kickhams	14	35, 38, 46, 47, 49, 50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60.
Cashel	12	34, 36, 37, 39, 40, 45, 48, 65, 71, 75, 76, 80.
Golden/Kil'cle	2	69, 72.
Arravale Rvs.	2	66, 70.
Sean Treacys	6	73, 74, 77, 78, 79, 82.
St. Nicholas	1	57.
St. Vincents	1	61.
Cappa/Slengar	1	62.
St. Patricks.	1	63.
Cappawhite	1	83.



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TODAYS FINALISTS — KNOCKAVILLA KICKHAMS



KNOCKAVILLA-DONASKEIGH KICKHAM CLUB

The Kickham Club with its headquarters at Dundrum is centrally located at the heart of the West Division and has played a prominent role in G.A.A. affairs in West Tipperary.

In 1931 and '32 separate teams from Knockavilla and Donaskeigh won West Junior Hurling titles. United in 1946, Knockavilla and Donaskeigh began the clubs golden era by winning the West Senior Championship. By 1960, fourteen titles were won when West Senior Hurling was dominated by Kickhams.

A number of players associated with those memorable years wore the County singlet; Donal O'Brien won Senior All-Irelands as Tipp's custodian in 1961 and '62 and was best known for this reason.

After the peak of the fifties, came the valley which the club today is trying to emerge from, in their quest for a first title in 24 years. The U/21 grade provided the only solace in the sixties; west titles were won in 1966 and '67 and the latter year was capped by a memorable County final success—the first in any grade to come to the parish.

The 70's and 80's saw the emergence of the Juveniles of the parish as the major force in West Tipperary. Last year the U/12 Hurlers won the clubs first Juvenile County title. In 1981 the Junior Footballers won the clubs first County Football crown.

The West Tipp Board was founded in Dundrum and significantly the local club has had a central position in its existence ever since. During the '60's the club provided the three main officers of the Board in the persons of; Chairman Jack O'Dwyer (S), Secretary Jimmy Hennessy and Treasurer Jerry O'Dwyer. Willie O'Dwyer of Donaskeigh was Treasurer up to 1960.

Whatever the outcome today, Kickhams have a proud past and with underage success, the future looks bright also. John Farrell, Martin McGrath, Dominic and Bill Hayes, Donal Morrissey and Walter Carroll of today's team have all donned the County singlet.

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*Kickhams Captain
Dominic Hayes
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*Cappa Captain
Conor Ryan
with Ref. J. Moloney*



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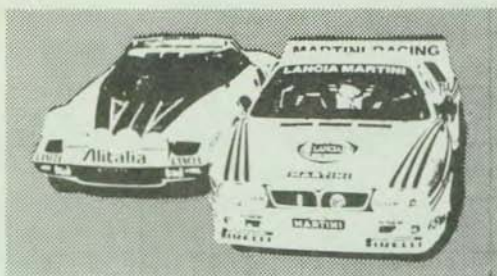
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On 21/3/'59, the Abbey C.B.S. defeated St. Flannan's of Ennis in a marvellous Harty Cup, Munster Senior Hurling Colleges final. This amazing feat for such a small school, competing against the might of Cork's North Monastery, Limerick's Sexton St. C.B.S. and of course famed St. Flannan's, is well worth recalling on this, the 25th anniversary of that great achievement.

Trainer of the team was Rev. Br. Wm. O'Donnell. A Kerryman, Br. O'Donnell motivated his team from the early weeks of September, 1958 until the title was brought to Tipperary Town in the following March.

Ennis C.B.S. were overcome in the first round after a rip-roaring second half at Limerick's Gaelic Grounds, on a very wet October afternoon. The final score was Abbey C.B.S. 6-3, Ennis C.B.S. 2-6; nine scores to eight.

In the second round, Sexton St. C.B.S. of Limerick, led the Abbey boys by 8 points at the break, but Fonsie Condon, Abbey captain, inspired his fellow forwards in the second half and between them 5-3 were scored, without a reply from the Limerick team. The final score was Abbey C.B.S. 7-7, Limerick C.B.S. 4-3.

Harty Cup fever began to grip the school and town now that the team had reached the Munster semi-final. Training continued all during the Christmas holidays and the team were in great fettle for their tilt with Mount Sion on 1/3/'59. The Waterford City boys had knocked out Thurles C.B.S. and had to be respected, but they proved no match for the Abbey, and the final margin of 14 points between the teams reflected the superiority of the locals.

The final was fixed for 21st march at Limerick's Gaelic Grounds, and with St. Flannan's of Ennis going for their third success in a row, a great game was expected. We were not to be disappointed.

Flannan's led at half time by 1-3 to 0-5 and a titanic struggle developed in the second half. With just minutes remaining Fonsie Condon once more stamped his authority on the proceedings. Flannan's were ahead by two points when he found the net to give the Tipp boys the lead. Pete O'Dwyer's final point put the icing on the cake.

Tipperary Town was the place to be when the Harty Cup was brought to the Kickham Monument by the team and Rev. Br. O'Donnell.

HARTY FINAL TEAM: John O'Donoghue (goal), W. Greene, P. Griffin, C. O'Dwyer, Ml. McCormack, M. Cleary, S. O'Donoghue, J. Blake, S. O'Reilly, L. Ryan, F. Condon (capt.), A. Hueston, P. O'Dwyer, B. Sullivan, M. Kirby.



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