

West Tipperary Senior Hurling Final

Match Programme

1994

Cumann Lúthcleas Gael - Coiste Thiobraid Árann Thiar

Cluichí Ceannais Iomána



Iarthar Tiobraid Árann

Páirc Ciocaim-Dúndroma 14ú Lá Lunasa - 1994



SENIOR FINAL - 3.00

Reiteoir - Con O'Sullivan

Caiseal Rí Cormaic V Cluain Ultaigh-Rosmór

MINOR FINAL - 1.45

Reiteoir - Nicholas Lonergan

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Its an honour and privilege for me An Cathaoirleach of Coiste Thiobraid Árann Thiar to welcome you all to this our 65th West S.H.C. final. Both Cashel and Clonoulty-Rossmore have brought a County senior title to the Division in recent times and have supplied players of distinction to our county senior hurling team also. I wish both clubs success in their quest for county honours in 1994.

Kickhams, the host club, contest the M.H.C. "A" final against Clonoulty Rossmore. Kickhams have had much success in this grade lately but Clonoulty/Rossmore are on a roll at underage level so this game should provide us with an intriguing pipe opener this afternoon.

West final day is a very special occasion for the Division. I thank the clubs, mentors, players and our loyal supporters who make this day the success it always has been. I thank our advertisers also and they too deserve our support.

Best wishes to all our referees and their officials and thanks to the Kickhams club for their facilities today.

Pol O'Neill, Cathaoirleach.

WELCOME FROM KICKHAMS

The club is delighted to be hosting today's clash of old rivals Cashel and Clonoulty/Rossmore. We look forward to a great afternoons hurling and wish both teams the best and may hurling be the winner. Our minors are also involved in today's hurling final and the best of luck to them.

I would like to thank the West Board officials and especially Seamus King, J.J. Kennedy, Jerry Ring and all our contributors and advertisers who have made it possible to produce this lovely programme.



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This year marks the end of a long association between the Christian Brothers and Cashel, and association that goes back 125 years to 1869. During that period, and particularly in this century, the C.B.S. and hurling have been synonymous.

However, it wasn't until relatively modern times, that hurling success came. The first victory came in 1948 in the Rice Cup competition for under-14's. It was to be repeated the following year. In 1959 there was a breakthrough in the Croke Cup, a competition for under-16's.

The Fitzgerald Cup for under-17's was won for the first time in 1972. At this time there was a top quality team in the school and the team might have won the Blue Riband of post-primary schools hurling, the Harty Cup, but they were beaten by Farrenferis. A further attempt in 1984 also ended in failure. The first All-Ireland success was achieved in 1980 when the school won the All-Ireland "B" Final.

These successes don't tell the full story of the tremendous work done by the Brothers in promoting hurling. Everyone attending the school got an opportunity to play the game. The place was a veritable nursery of hurling and provided a steady stream of players to the Cashel King Cormac's and to the school's catchment area that extended into Golden, New Inn, Clonoulty, Knockavilla and Boherlahan. The decline in the Brothers' involvement in the last few years and their departure from the scene this year has left a major void in hurling training in the parish. This void hasn't yet been filled satisfactorily and until it is the future of the game in the parish will be at risk.

In mentioning the contribution of the Brothers to the growth and development of hurling in Cashel and the surrounding area a number of names deserve special mention. Pride of place must go to Brother Noonan, who arrived here in 1962 and devoted himself unstintingly to the promotion of hurling. All the present crop of Cashel players owe him an enormous debt. Others whose contribution was significant include Br. Malone and Br. O'Grady, who won a senior divisional hurling medal while he was based in Cashel.

Handball was also promoted with enthusiasm and enjoyed considerable success. In 1978 Jimmy O'Neill and John J. Murphy became All-Ireland under-18 College champions and John O'Neill and John O'Donoghue won under-15. There was further success involving Jimmy O'Neill, John Scannell and Richard Fahey in 1980.

Probably the greatest tribute to the Brothers' contribution to hurling can be seen in the number of players from the school who were part of the revival of Tipperary hurling in the eighties. The names of the Bonnars, John Kennedy, Declan Ryan, Joe Hayes and John Leamy spring to mind. A fine crop of players and a fitting tribute to the work of the C.B.S. for hurling.



Br. Noonan presenting the Man's Shop Trophy to John Ryan after winning the under-14 Town League in 1989.



Abbey C.B.S. - Last official function for Brothers Brother Tom Horgan (right) presents Sports Star Award jointly to Pat Roche, Pallasgreen who played Minor Hurling with Limerick in 1994 and Kieran Greene, Arravale Rvs. On left is Michael Ryan, Principal, in background is Paddy Kelly.

DO YOU REMEMBER 10 YEARS AGO ?



Clonoulty/Rossmore U-16 Hurling County Champions 1984



Cashel U-12 Hurlers West Runners-up 1985

TODAY'S MINOR TEAMS

Cluain Ultaigh / Rosmor

1. Brian Lyons

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 2. Michael Carroll | 3. John Heffernan | 4. Conor O'Dwyer |
| 5. Michael Heffernan | 6. Michael Wade | 7. Michael Maher |
| 8. Gerry Ryan 9. Michael Coen | | |
| 10. Michael Kennedy | 11. Kevin Lanigan - Ryan | 12. William Ryan |
| 13. Paddy O'Brien | 14. James Ryan (H) | 15. Tony Ryan |

Subs.: 16. Kevin Morrissey, 17. Diarmuid Brennan.

Cumann Ciocaim

1. Adrian Crosse

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| 2. Fergal Morrissey | 3. Fergal Heaney | 4. Paddy O'Dwyer |
| 5. Dermot Crosse | 6. Brian Horgan | 7. Eoin Morrissey |
| 8. Aidan Murphy 9. Michael O'Brien | | |
| 10. John McGrath | 11. Ger Farrell | 12. John O'Brien |
| 13. Stephen Ryan | 14. Eamon Browne | 15. Fergal Horgan |

Subs.: 16. Justin Cranley, 17. Darren Kennedy, 18. Paul Ryan,
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THE LAST SENIOR FINAL IN DUNDRUM

The last senior final to be played in this venue was on July 27th, 1986 and the headline in the following week's 'Tipperary Star' read *ANNACARTY TRIUMPH IN DING-DONG TUSSLE*. Their victims were Golden-Kilfeacle.

The pairing did not seem likely at the beginning of the championship. Cappawhite as defending champions were the favourites, with Cashel K.C. a close second. ClonoultyRossmore were the most hopeful of the outsiders but, upsets were to be the order of the year. Sean Treacy's shocked Cashel. Eire Og did likewise to Cappawhite and then Golden-Kilfeacle downed the Treacys. In that manner a novel pairing made their appearance in the West final.

The newness of the pairing swelled the attendance at Kickham

Park but instead of an open, fast, classy hurling game, they were to witness a tough, close and not very spectacular contest. The referee was George Ryan of Lattin and, in the course of the hour, he sent a player from each side to the line.

Golden got off to a flying start and had four points on the board before Eire Og had mounted a serious attack. But the trend altered and by halftime Eire Og led by six points, 2-4 to 0-4. Midway through the second half Golden had reduced the lead to a point and, for the remainder of the time, it was a ding-dong struggle with Eire Og doing enough to hold out by two points in a scoreline of 2-9 to 1-10.

Eire Og had to line out without Kevin Fox, who had a broken knee-cap. Winning their first title since 1981 their stars were John Quinn, Pat Fox and Tom O'Rourke. Others to impress were Martin Quinn, Jacko Breen, Michael Ryan and Anthony Crosse. Best for Golden were John Currivan, John Cooney, Owen Ryan, Ned O'Donnell and Tony Cooney.

West Chairman, Mick Maguire, presented the O'Dwyer Cup to Eire Og captain, Tom Gleeson.

Eire Og: T. O'Rourke, L. White, J. Hanly, T. Gleeson, J. Breen, P. Fox, L. O'Dwyer, M. Quinn, M. Ryan, B. Burke, Matt Ryan, S. Fox, J. Quinn, S. Hanly, A. Crosse.

Golden-Kilfeacle: B. Leamy, D. Crosse, J. Ryan, J. Currivan, E. O'Donnell, N. Fogarty, J. Cooney, N. O'Donnell, O. Ryan, L. O'Sullivan, F. Ryan, D. Fogarty, T. Cooney, J. Luby, T. Leamy. Subs.: J. Wade for J. Ryan, M. Fogarty for J. Luby.



*Look back to 1986 SHC Final in Dundrum - Eire Og v. Golden
Tom Gleeson with cup and Captain
Kevin Fox on crutches.*

SAMMY RYAN

As we gather for today's West Senior Hurling Final let us remember the passing of one of our Association's most sincere and genuine Gaels, Sammy Ryan.

It was on Thursday 23rd June as he prepared to start the second half of the U-16 'A' Football semi-final replay between Cashel K.C. and Aherlow when Sammy was taken so suddenly and without warning from us. His passing has left a void at juvenile level in West Tipperary that will never be filled.

Sammy's contribution to West Tipperary was tremendous. He has refereed at every age level from U-12 to Senior, indeed it can be assumed that every player taking part in today's finals would have come into contact with Sammy at some stage of their sporting career.

Sammy will be remembered most for his great interest and work at juvenile level. His interest and encouragement for all juveniles was unbelievable. He served as West Bord na nÓg Chairman from 1988 to 1990 and was a member of County Bord na nÓg.

His life was the G.A.A. and he lived it seven days a week, 52 weeks a year. While some of us relaxed when the playing fields closed over the winter months, Sammy was still on the move attending schools competitions and Scór events.

His work for Bord na nÓg on Tipperary Mid West Radio was invaluable, as he gathered information from all corners of the county to relay to us every Saturday morning without fail. Sammy also served as a Divisional and County u-14 hurling selector helping to bring the Tony Forristal Tournament (All-Ireland U-14 title) back to the Premier County last year.

Our Sympathy is extended to his daughter Catriona, who was always at his side, his relatives and close friends. His happy and honest attitude to sport and life will be an abiding lesson to us all. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a Anam.

Seosamh Ó Duibhir,

Runai Bord na nÓg, Tiobraid Árann Thiar.



PHOTO TAKEN IN JULY 1988

(L.r.): Liam Quirke - former Chairman of Bord na nÓg and referee.,
Paddy Lonergan, Referee,
Sammy Ryan (RIP)- former Chairman of Bord na nÓg and Referee.

CASHEL KING CORMACS SENIOR HURLING TEAM 1994



Back (l.r.): Joe Minogue, Liam Barron, T.J. Connolly, Raymie Ryan, Ger O'Dwyer, Sean Slattery, Kevin O'Sullivan, Sean Morrissey, Michael Minogue, Pat O'Donoghue, Donal Ryan, Barry Moloney.

Front (l.r.): Sean O'Donoghue, Seamus Morrissey, Michael Perdue, Conal Bonnar, Ailbe Bonnar, Colm Bonnar, Willie Fitzelle, Joe O'Leary, Sean Barron, Declan McGrath, Michael Butler.

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3. Pat O'Donoghue

4. Michael Perdue

5. Joe O'Leary

6. Colm Bonnar

7. Seamus O'Donoghue

8. Sean O'Donoghue

9. Willie Fitzelle

10. Sean Morrissey

11. T. J. Connolly

12. Raymie Ryan

13. Conal Bonnar

14. Ailbe Bonnar

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19. Sean Barron, 20. Michael Minogue, 21. Joe Minogue, 22. Donal Ryan,
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6. Aidan Butler

7. T. J. Ryan

8. Kevin Ryan

9. Joe Hayes

10. Maurice Quirke

11. Declan Ryan

12. Michael Heffernan

13. Kenny Ryan

14. Dan Quirke

15. Michael Hughes

Subs.: 16. Paddy Burke, 17. Michael Ryan, 18. Liam Coen,
19. Michael Brennan, 20. John Kennedy, 21. Paul O'Dwyer,
22. Seamus Coffey, 23. Joe Wade, 24. Richard Martin.

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Michael Hughes, Maurice Quirke, Aidan Butler, Paul O'Dwyer, Richard Martin.
(Front (l.r.):- Seamus Coffey, Michael Ryan, Liam Coen, Michael Heffernan, Paddy Burke, Dan Quirke, Phil Shanahan, T.J. Ryan,
Alan O'Dwyer, Tim Shanahan, Kevin Ryan.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

- END OF AN EIRE OG ERA

by J. J. Kennedy

They hardly realised it at the time but fifty years ago, the year 1944, marked the end of the most illustrious era in the history of the Eire Og club. In '44 the county champions of '43 completed a four-in-a-row sequence in the West but it was to be their last divisional title for twenty years.

After the dizzy heights of the 1943 triumph 1944 began shakily for the Annacarty men. They lost the divisional league final to Kickhams and went on to suffer a shock first round championship defeat by Solohead. J.J. Woods refereed the game in Tipperary which the Solohead men won by 3-2 to 3-0 on July 9th.

Controversy followed. Eire Og objected over encroachment of the pitch, the Board ordered a replay and a peeved Solohead withdrew from the championship. The county champions were reinstated rather luckily and they went on to play Donaskeigh, who were then separate from Kickhams. That game was played at Donaskeigh with Eire Og winning by 4-3 to 2-4 to qualify for a final clash with Cashel K.C.

The final was played at Dundrum on September 24th with Timmy Hammersley refereeing. There was a reported attendance of over 3,000 to witness Eire Og's fourth West title in-a-row. Eire Og were led at half time on the score 1-4 to 3-0 for Cashel but with the wind in their backs in the second half Eire Og took over and ran out easy winners by 7-5 to 3-1. Eire Og fielded the same team that day as that which had defeated Moycarkey in the county final the previous year. They surrendered their county crown however to Kilruane who beat them in the county semi-final by 3-5 to 1-4. Kilruane later lost the county final controversially to Thurles Sarsfields.

Thus ended Eire Og's greatest era. They lost the next three West finals in-a-row and it wasn't until 1964 that they again won the West.

Eire Og team of 1944: Jimmy O'Donnell, Johnny Ryan (W), Jim Hanly, Jack Dee, George Ryan, Phil Ryan (C), Tom Ryan (C), Tom Burke, Bill O'Donnell, Jerry Ryan, Denis Condon, Michael Ryan (C), Jack Cooney, Tom Joy, Jerry Ryan (W)

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*At the final in 1992
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Jim Slattery,
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*Mick Maguire,
County Chairman
with the
Ryan family,
Clonoulty.
Declan with the
O'Dwyer Cup,
Tom Ryan and
Kenny Ryan.*



*(left): John Kennedy
Clonoulty/Rossmore
Coach and now Co.
S.H. selector.*



*(right): Dave Carew
President of the
West Board -
supporting Clonoulty
at the 1992
West Final.*

TODAYS REFEREES



(l.r.): - P. Russell (last year's final referee); M. Collins, Connie O'Sullivan (today's Senior Referee); G. Ryan (ref. for final in Dundrum 1986); N. Lonergan (today's Minor Referee); P. Maher, T. Hennessy (RIP).

Connie's umpires today are Jim Ryan, John O'Connell, Seamus Doyle and Denis Delaney.

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COMING OF AGE

Probably the oldest and definitely the most experienced member of either panel in today's senior final is Joe Minogue. This is his twenty-first year in senior championship hurling, having made his debut against Lattin-Cullen in the 1974 Open Draw County Championship. Joe was at corner-back beside Peter O'Sullivan, who was making a return after an accident. In goal was Tommy Grogan and others on that lineout were Jack Darmody, Angus Ryan, Derry O'Connor, Patsy O'Connor and Brother O'Grady.

There's a lot of water under the bridge since then and many hurling hours. His record is impressive by any standards and his spoils of victory include 34 west championship medals in all grades. Early promise was revealed by a tally of four West minor medals and two county in 1974 and 1975. During that same period he won the whole gamut of medals in the C.B.S., Rice, Croke, two Fitzgeralds and Kinane. The county minor selectors recognised his talent in 1974 and '75 as did the under-21 mentors in 1977 and 1978. In the latter year he won a Munster medal on a team captained by a blood-stained Pat Fitzell, and was beaten in a replayed All-Ireland by Galway.

Having graduated to club senior rank in 1974 he won successive west senior medals in 1975 and '76 and a third in 1980. The most disappointing years in his career followed up to 1988. Every year the possibility of another medal became more remote. And then, the good years came again. Another west medal was won in that year and was followed by two more in 1990 and 1991. The latter year was capped by the most elusive county medal and there was further cream on the success cake with a Munster Club Championship medal. There was disappointment in 1992 but success returned in 1993 to bring his tally of senior medals to seven. He is hoping for success today to create a new record for a member of Cashel King Cormacs and surpass that held by Mickey Murphy since 1948.

Joe, who has played full-back, corner-back and full-forward or corner-forward during his career, has also been skillful with the big ball. He played county minor football in 1975 and under-21 in 1978. He won a county junior football medal in 1976 and he has one west football championship and two O'Donoghue Cup medals to his credit. Other honours won by this prolific sportsman include an All-Ireland inter-firm medal and eight Crosco Cups.

In spite of his length of service Joe's enthusiasm has remained undimmed. He appears to be gripped by some demon that drives him to train with greater commitment and prepare himself with greater diligence than most of his fellow players. He continues to be an example to all and if he is called into service today he will show the same wholehearted endeavour he has shown for over twenty years.



Joe Minogue was a member of the victorious 1980 team.

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T.J. RYAN - CLONOLTY'S LONGEST SERVER

by J.J. Kennedy

Players come and go but only the best endure. T.J. Ryan has seen both extremes of Clonoulty hurling from the famine days of the seventies to the rich harvest of '89; today he may still be just 33 but he togs off as Clonoulty's elder statesman. He's been around and survived.

And he's unnecessarily coy about such longevity immediately wishing that Peter Hayes were playing so that he could doff this veteran badge and, better still, avoid this profile. He was born too soon to be part of the Joe Hayes/John Kennedy juvenile achievements culminating in a county minor in 1981. Instead he's merely got a pair of West U-16 medals from '75 and '76. His minor years were fruitless although the Clonoulty upswing had started before he moved far into his twenties and there was a pair of U-21 West medals from '81 and '82. The late seventies were depressed years for Clonoulty. The club was regraded to junior in 1978 just as T.J. was coming onto the side as a seventeen year old. The intermediate grade began in 1979 and that's where Clonoulty languished for the next few barren years. He readily recalls the perennial intermediate defeats by Golden and Solohead, then monopolising the grade in the West.

1981 heralded a brave step by Clonoulty who turned their backs on the hopeless hurling of intermediate and launched on a senior path that reached its pinnacle in '89. T.J. has played a central role in the drama since then. A Croscos Cup medal in '85, beating Cashel, was a major step; other Croscos followed in '88, '89, '91 and '92. There were plenty of disappointments too, losing to Cappawhite in '87 being an especially hurtful one, but '89 brought revenge at Emly and then that day in Thurles made it all worthwhile. A county title at the first attempt was a remarkable achievement for Clonoulty and for T.J. there was a sound midfield display and captaincy of the side ensuring immortality in Clonoulty's hurling folklore.

The follow-up to their first county title in over one hundred years hasn't exactly been easy for Clonoulty. Players have slipped away for various reasons but T.J. remains, a link with both the great and bad days. 1992 brought a second West senior medal and today he seeks a third. There are football awards too on the Ryan sideboard including county junior and intermediate medals - he captained Tipperary junior footballers in 1987 when they lost to Cork.

He'll probably be wing back today. The Dundrum based butcher has spent most of his career ranging between midfield, half forward and half back. He may not have the elegance of a John Kennedy or the power of a Declan Ryan but in his own way he's done more hurling for Clonoulty than either of them. And even if Clonoulty lose today one suspects that this career has a few more years left, at least.



T.J. Ryan who also captained Tipperary Junior Footballers receives the West IFC Trophy from John Treacy, Vice-Chairman of the West Board after the final in Dundrum in October 1986. Also in picture Joe Hayes and Pat Hayes and a youthful Kevin Ryan and referee Timmy Hennessy (RIP)

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Kickhams (14): '35, '38, '46, '47, '49, '50, '52, '53, '54, '55, '56, '58, '59, '60.

Eire Og (8): '41, '42, '43, '44, '64, '67, '81, '86.

Clonoulty (7): '30, '31, '32, '33, '51, '89, '92.

Sean Treacys (7): '68, '73, '74, '77, '78, '79, '82.

Cappawhite (5): '62, '83, '84, '85, '87.

Arravale Rovers (2): '66, '70.

Golden/Kilfeacle (2): '69, '72.

St. Nicholas (1): '57
(Cappa/Glengar/Sologhead).

St. Vincents (1): '61.
(Eire Óg/Cappawhite)

St. Patrick's (1): '63.
(Lattin/Sologhead)

MINOR HURLING "A"

Cashel K.C. (20): '31, '40, '49, '52, '56, '59, '60, '61, '64, '71, '72, '73, '74, '75, '76, '80, '87, '88, '89, '92.

Kickhams (12): '43, '44, '45, '46, '47, '51, '55, '79, '84, '90, '91, '93.

Cappawhite/Eire Og (7): '37, '38, '39 (all as Brian Boru's), '57, '62, '77, '78.

Clonoulty/Rossmore (6): '69, '70, '81, '82, '85, '86.

Cappawhite (4): '34, '35, '65, '66.

Golden/Kilfeacle (4): '36, '48
(both as Fontenoys), '67, '68.

Arravale Rovers (2): '33, '58.

Lattin/Emly (2): '54, '83.

Solohead (2): '50, '53.

Solohead/Lattin (1): '63.

Holyford/Glengar (1): '32.

Sean Treacys (1): '42
(H'yford/G'gar/Kilcommon).

Invincibles (1): '41
(Kickhams/Golden).

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