

West Tipperary Senior Hurling Final  
Match Programme  
1995

Cumann Lúthcleas Gael-Coiste Thiobraid Árann Thiar

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As Cathaoirleach of Coiste Thiobraid Árann Thiar, I should like to extend a sincere welcome to all our patrons to the 1995 West Senior Hurling Final, the premier event in the calendar of the sporting events in the Division. In particular, I should like to welcome the players from Cashel King Cormac's and Kickhams and congratulate them on qualifying for today's event through a system which was novel and different to former years.

Cashel will be attempting to achieve today something that has eluded the club in the past, a three-in-a-row of Senior titles. In the past two years they have defeated Kickhams and Clonoulty/Rossmore at this stage and will be striving with might and main this afternoon to write a new chapter in the history of the club.

Standing in the way of such success will be a determined Kickham side which is still trying to regain the glory days of the forties and fifties, when they were kingpins in this Division. That past greatness has eluded the club since 1960 and the great promise of underage achievement, over the past decade and more, still awaits Senior fulfilment.

The curtain-raiser to the main event is a refixture in the Junior Hurling "A" Championship between Clonoulty/Rossmore and Sean Treacy's. It should whet our appetites for the main course. The weather has been so marvellous and ground conditions so perfect for the game this summer there is no reason why we shouldn't expect a fast, exciting afternoon of hurling.

Many people have been responsible for the organisation of today's final. I should like to extend the thanks of the Board to Gerry Ring and J.J. Kennedy for the production of the programme, to the Cappawhite Club for the preparation of the venue, to Eamon Buckley and Willie O'Grady for ticket-selling and gate-checking and to Richard Barry and his officials for the control of the game.

May we all enjoy the spectacle of the world's oldest and greatest game played well.

**Seamus Mac an Rí**

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A special welcome to all our supporters and teams. We wish all the teams well in their efforts to bring honour to their clubs. Cashel and Kickhams last met here in 1988, the first west Final to be hosted by the Club. Today, the same teams again meet in the second west

S.H.C. final hosted by Cappawhite - surely a bit of history.

I hope you enjoy your short visit to "Lovely Cappawhite".

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## OBITUARIES

**Cappawhite lost two notable Gaels during the year with the deaths of John Buckley in May and Michael Barry in July.**



**JOHN BUCKLEY**, a native of Moyvane, Co. Kerry, where he won a County Minor Football medal with North Kerry in 1949, was Treasurer of Cappawhite Recreation Centre Committee, which was responsible for developing the G.A.A. grounds, from its formation in 1974 until its management was transferred to the club in 1983. He served as Club Chairman in 1979 and 1980 and was Secretary from 1988 to 1990. He was a selector of successful football teams which won the 1977 County Junior Championship, 1988 West Senior Championship and the 1990 County Intermediate Championship.



**MICHAEL BARRY** was a member of the 1942 Junior Hurling team which won the Club's first County title. His brothers, Willie and Pakie, were also members of this team. He also played on the team which won the 1948 County Junior Championship, and was Captain of the Tipperary Junior team for the 1949 Munster Championship. Mickie also Captained the Waterford Senior Hurling team in the 1945 Munster Championship and he was responsible for the change in the Cappawhite colours from blue and white bands to the white and blue of Waterford.

**Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-amanacha**

## Junior Hurling "A"

### Clonoulty / Rossmore

1. John Heffernan
2. Pat Fogarty
3. Rody Ahearne
4. John Barry
5. James Ryan (W)
6. Philip Quirke
7. Mitchell Heffernan
8. Martin Coffey
9. John Fitzpatrick
10. Michael Ryan (W)
11. Liam Coen
12. John Ryan
13. Tomas Barry
14. Paul Dwyer
15. Seamus Lacey
16. Ollie Quinn
17. Nollaig Heffernan
18. T. J. Maher
19. Ian Ryan
20. James Ryan (H)
21. Tom Ryan (L)
22. Pat Ryan (B)
23. Richard Martin



### Sean Treacys

1. Seamus Butler
2. Michael Hickey
3. Val Kennedy
4. Brendan Carr
5. Nicholas Carroll
6. Pat Phelan
7. Francis Carr
8. John Butler
9. Seamus Costello
10. Phillip O'Connell
11. Michael Hanley
12. Michael O'Brien
13. John McCormack
14. Vincent Carr
15. Liam Nolan
16. Kevin Ryan
17. Tom Phelan
18. John Hickey
19. John Carey
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21. Jim Caplis
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23. John Ryan

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# Kickhams 14 West Champion Teams 1935-'60

*(Compiled from local press reports by J.J. Kennedy)*

**1935:** John Joe Lysaght (capt.), Chas. Crosse, Tommy Crosse, James Ryan (S), J. Hogan, S. Guilfoyle, James Ryan (C), Tommy Ryan (P), T. Moloney, D. Ryan, T. Duggan, Jeremiah Murray, James Ryan (G), J. O'Dwyer, Mickey Heffernan.

**1938:** J. J. Lysaght, P. Ryan, M. Heffernan, T. Ryan, M. Browne, J. Ryan, P. Brophy, M. McCarthy, J. Murray, D. Ryan, J. Ryan, M. Ferncombe, C. Crosse, S. Guilfoyle, P. Browne.

**1946:** T. Nagle, P. Morrissey, T. Kinane, J. Dwyer, W. Hanly, P. Furlong, J. Conway, S. Dwyer, M. Ryan, M. Ryan, M. McCarthy, T. Crosse, P. Browne, J. Crosse, P. O'Brien.

*(Note: Team that lost Co. Semi-Final to Sarsfields)*

**1947:** P. Cussen, T. Kinane, T. Crosse, P. Morrissey, W. Hanly, P. Furlong, J. Cooney, M. Ryan, S. O'Dwyer, J. Ryan, M. McCarthy, M. Ryan, J. Holmes, P. Browne, J. Farrell.

**1949:** P. Cussen (goal), J. O'Dwyer, J.J. McCormack, R. English, P. Morrissey, P. Furlong (capt.) P. Ryan, J. Farrell, Dinny McCormack, J. Ryan, S. O'Dwyer, Jas Farrell, J. Hennessy, M. McCarthy, J. Maher.

*(Note: Team that beat Cashel in West Semi-Final)*

**1950:** B. O'Dwyer, M. Ryan, J. O'Dwyer, R. English, P. Morrissey, L. Fryday, T. Ryan, J. Farrell, D. McCormack, J. Ryan, M. Maher, M. Wade, J. Hennessy, J. J. McCormack, S. O'Dwyer.

*(Note: Team that lost Co. Semi to Carrick Swans)*

**1952:** P. Hennessy (goal) L. O'Dwyer, J.J. McCormack, T. McCormack, M. Ryan, M. Wade, T. Ryan, D. McCormack, J. Farrell, Jim Farrell, J. Hennessy, P. Morrissey, J. Dwyer, M. Flanagan, M. Ryan.

**1953:** P. Hennessy (goal), L. Dwyer, J. McCormack, T. McCormack, J. Ryan, J.J. McCormack, M. Wade, D. McCormack, J. Farrell, P. O'Dwyer, J. Hennessy, James Farrell, C. Cleary, M. Franklin, M. Ryan.

**1954:** P. Hennessy (goal), J. McCormack, L. Dwyer, T. McCormack, M. Ryan, J.J. McCormack, M. Wade, J. Farrell, D. McCormack, James Farrell, C. Cleary, M. Kennedy, D. Browne, J. Hennessy, P. Cleary.

**1955:** P. Hennessy, S. Dwyer, J. McCormack, T. McCormack, M. Ryan, L. Dwyer, J. Lonergan, D. McCormack (capt.), J. Farrell, W. Hayes, J. Hennessy, Jim Farrell, D. Browne, D. Ryan, P. Cleary.

**1956:** P. Hennessy, L. Dwyer, J.J. McCormack, M. Ryan, E. Purcell, B. Hayes, J. Lonergan, D. McCormack, J. Farrell, C. Cleary, J. Hennessy (capt.), James Farrell, P. Cleary, John Farrell, C. Cleary.

**1959:** B. O'Dwyer, T. McCormack, J. McCormack, M. Ryan, M. Cleary, W. Hayes, E. Purcell, D. McCormack, S. Regan, J. Hennessy, D. Browne, J.J. McCormack, P. Cleary, John Farrell, C. Cleary.

**1959:** D. O'Brien, M. Ryan, N. O'Dwyer, J. Butler, M. Cleary, W. Hayes, E. Purcell, J. Mulhooly, J. Maher, P. O'Dwyer, E. Bishop, J. Hennessy, P. Cleary, J. Farrell, D. Browne.

**1960:** D. O'Brien, T. McCormack, Niall O'Dwyer, Con Cash, P. Ryan, B. Hayes, J. Butler, J. Mulhooly, D. McCormack, E. Purcell, J. Farrell, S. O'Regan, M. Cleary, J.J. McCormack, P. Cleary.

## PAUDIE SLATTERY CAPTAINS KICKHAMS

*by J. J. Kennedy*

It will probably surprise many people to hear that Kickhams' captain today, Paudie Slattery, the oldest, longest-serving member of the team, is just 31 years of age. In 1981 he was part of the Kickham team that won a West Junior Hurling Championship, playing on a full back line that included present team trainer, Jerry Cahill; he then graduated to the Senior ranks and has been pretty well a permanent fixture on Kickhams sides since - all of which, in the public mind, tends to make him older than he actually is.

In his 14th Senior season, the big prize of a West Championship still remains elusive. In its absence there must have been three Crosco Cup medals collected in 1982, '93 and '95, and, of course, West and County Intermediate Hurling medals from 1992. At school in Cashel C.B.S. he was part of the panel that won an all Ireland "B" title in 1980 and the year after he collected a Fitzgerald Cup medal.

But he stands out as a survivor in a club that has had a large turn-over of players through the years. Today he plays his 4th West Final; he's the only survivor from the final team of 1984 (Tony Farrell was a sub that day) and he's one of just a handful who were there in 1988. But he gets encouragement from the fact that the present team is holding together much better with just a few changes today from the 1993 final line-up.

As a defender he may not be the speediest around but he's always sticky, forceful in the tussle and can make life very uncomfortable for opponents seeking easy pickings. He'll drive forward today too, for Kickhams will earnestly hope for a win but won't be too despondent if they lose. He points out the youth on the side noting that apart from himself, Tony Farrell and Sean Bradshaw, the remainder of the team ranges from mid-twenties downwards. As if to emphasise the point he notes that he's the only married man among a team of young bachelors.

## CASHEL CAPTAIN PAT O'DONOGHUE

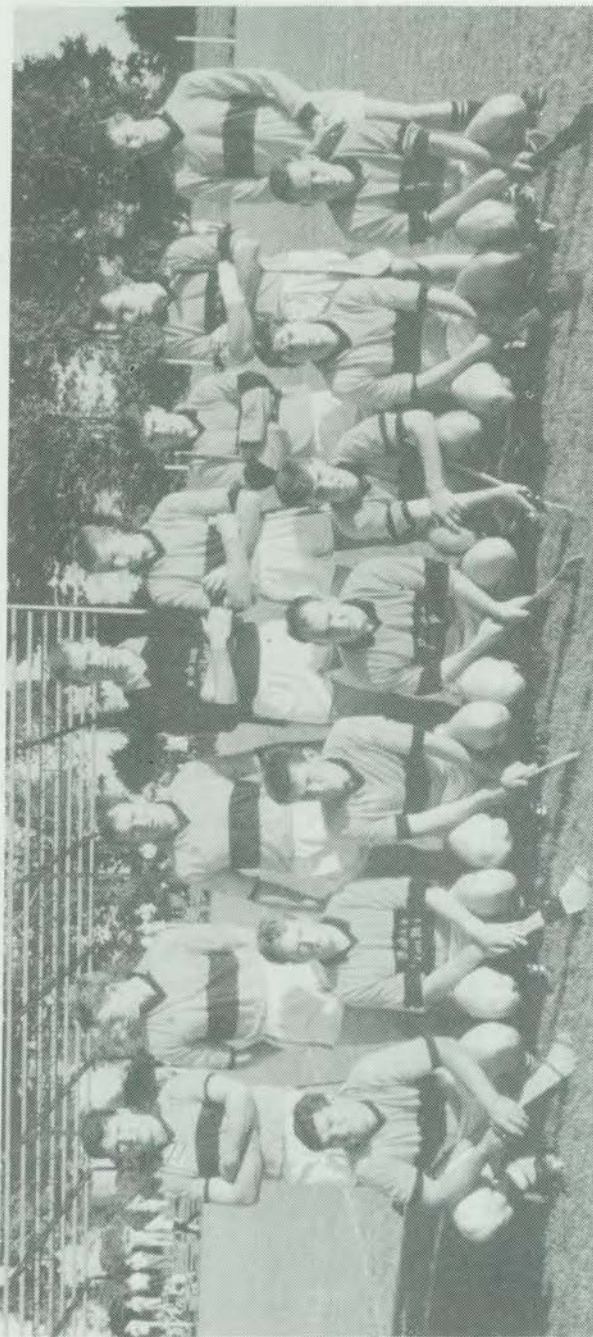
*by S. J. King*

Strong, consistent and a formidable opponent Cashel captain, Pat O'Donoghue, has given sterling service to Cashel King Cormacs over many years. Equally adept at hurling and football his achievements include Divisional medals in both games at under 12, under 14 and under 16 levels. He has also got under 14 and under 16 County Hurling medals to his credit. His outstanding talent was recognised in 1983 when he won the club Minor Player of the Year Award and recognised farther afield when he was chosen on the County Minor side which won the Munster Final the same year. This was followed up by Munster and All-Ireland under 21 honours in 1985.

Early drafted into the club Senior panel he won the first of his five Senior Divisional medals in 1988. He was on the successful Cashel side that won its first County Senior title in 1991 and went on to win a Munster club medal. Among his other achievements are two New York Championships, two Carlow Elevens medals and a West Senior Football medal in 1991.

This impressive list of achievements is a just recognition of a series of consistent, talented performances. His sporting prowess hasn't been confined to the G.A.A. field but has also found expression in rugby, soccer and golf. His favourite position is fullback and the player he admires most is Michael Coleman of Galway. A technical representative with the Guinness Group, Pat enjoys T.V., the cinema and socialising.

## Kickhams



(Back l.r.): Vincent Kelly, Jimmy Farrell, Paudie Slattery (capt.), Sean Bradshaw, Kevin Farrell, Ger Butler,  
John McCormack, Tony Farrell,  
(Front l.r.): Donal O'Brien, Declan Crosse, Aidan Slattery, Ger Crosse, Seamus Hennessy, Aidan Butler,  
Christopher Ryan.

# KICKHAMS

1. Sean Bradshaw

2. Paudie Slattery (capt).

3. Jimmy Farrell

4. Ger Crosse

5. Seamus Hennessy

6. Kevin Farrell

7. Barry Ryan

8. John McCormack

9. Christopher Ryan

10. Aidan Butler

11. Donal O'Brien

12. Michael O'Brien

13. Ger Butler

14. Tony Farrell

15. Vincent Kelly

Subs.: 15. John o'Brien, 17. Aidan Slattery, 18. Declan Crosse,

19. Brian Horgan, 20. Paul Morrissey 21. Martin Browne,

22. Vincent Bradshaw, 23.. Clive Morrissey, 24. Johnny Butler,

25 Ger Farrell, 26. Aidan Heaney, 27. Pat Ryan,

28. Diarmuid Crosse, 29. Oliver Ryan, 30. Tom Ryan

Selectors: Paddy Hayes, John Butler, Jerry Cahill .

Coach: Phil Lowry



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Richard Barry sta  
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*Paudie Slattery*



# CASHEL KING CORMACS

1. Kevin O'Sullivan

2. Liam Baron

3. Pat O'Donoghue (capt.)

4. Michael Perdue

5. Joe O'Leary

6. Sean O'Donoghue

7. Conal Bonnar

8. Colm Bonnar

9. Willie Fitzelle

10. Timmy Moloney.

11. James O'Donoghue

12. Raymie Ryan

13. Michael Butler

14. John Ryan

15. T. J. Connolly

Subs.: 16. Ailbe Bonnar, 17. Sean Morrissey, 18. Donal Ryan  
19. Michael Monogue, 20. Barry Moloney 21. Sean Barron,  
22. Ronan O'Donoghue, 23. Sean Slattery, 24. Gerard O'Dwyer,  
25. Damian Fogarty, 26. Jimmy Hickey, 27. Noel Murphy.

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reen, Declan Sheehan,  
William Walsh

Selectors: Brendan Bonnar, John Darmody, Justin McCarthy  
(Team Coach)

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## Cashel King Cormacs



(Back l.r.): Raymie Ryan, Timmy Moloney, T. J. Connolly, John Ryan (B), Kevin O'Sullivan, Liam Barron, Seanie O'Donoghue, Pat O'Donoghue (capt.)

Front:- Willie Fitzelle, Jamesie O'Donoghue, Conal Bonnar, Joe O'Leary, Michael Perdue, Michael Butler, Colm Bonnar.

## Cashel King Cormacs Champion Teams - 1934-'94

**1934:** Michael Leamy (capt), Jack Gleeson, Mick McCarthy, Florrie McCarthy, Batt Hickey, Mick Burke, Davy Boland, Tom Griffin, Mick Murphy, Steve Morrissey, Ned Morrissey, Mick Ryan, Demms O'Brien, Tom Parsons, John Barrett.

**1936:** Davy Boland, Mick McCarthy, Flor McCarthy, Jack Doherty, Mick Murphy, Steve Morrissey, Ned Morrissey, Batt Hickey, Padun Maher, Tom Parsons, Dick O'Brien (capt.), John Barrett, Mick Leamy, Dan O'Brien, Michael Burke.

**1937:** Davy Boland, Flor McCarthy, Mick McCarthy, Pat Holmes, John Barrett, Steve Morrissey, Mick Murphy, Mick Ryan, Ned Morrissey, Padun Maher, Geoff Shea, Michael Burke (capt.), Michael Leamy, Denis O'Brien, Tom Parsons.

**1939:** Davy Boland, Flor McCarthy, Mick McCarthy, Denis O'Brien, Steve Morrissey (capt.), Ned Morrissey, Padun Maher, Mick Murphy, Mick Ryan, Michael Burke, John Barrett, Mick Leamy, John Maher, Mick Browne, Jack Cullen

**1940:** Davy Boland, Willie Moynihan, Mick McCarthy, Pat Holmes, John Barret, Steve Morrissey, Mick Hackett, Eddie Morrissey, Mick Murphy (capt.), Padun Maher, Michael Burke, John Maher, Geoff O'Shea, Denis O'Brien, Dick Ryan.

**1948:** Pat O'Brien, Mick Devitt, Jackie Corcoran, Ed. Marnane, Mick Murphy, Jim Devitt (capt.), Donal Ryan, Sean Dunne, Batt Hickey, Dick Ryan, Bill O'Keeffe, Pat Devitt, M. Hackett, Patrick darcy, Jim Hickey.

**1965:** Peter O'Sullivan, Ned Marshall, Paddy O'Sullivan, Larry Harding, Jack Darmody, Dinny Ivors, Mick O'Sullivan, Angus Ryan, Conor Davitt, Ned Loneragan, Dick Ivors, Derry O'Connor (capt.), Jim O'Sullivan, Tommy Barron, Patsy O'Connor.

**1971:** Peter O'Sullivan (capt.), Conor Davitt, Paddy O'Sullivan, Willie O'Gorman, Denis Leamy, Jack Darmody, Pat O'Donoghue, Ned Flynn, Aengus Ryan, Patsy O'Connor, Ned Tierney, Billy O'Brien, Mick O'Sullivan, Ned Marshall, Tommy Barron.

**1975:** Tony Smith, Gerry Mulligan, Paddy O'Sullivan, Joe Minogue, Jack Darmody, Pat Fitzell, Michael O'Dwyer, Angus Ryan (capt.), John Grogan, Patsy O'Connor, John O'Connor, Bro. O'Grady, Derry O'Connor, Ned Flynn, Billy O'Brien.

**1976:** Tony Smith, Gerry Mulligan, Paddy O'Sullivan, Joe Minogue, M.J. O'Dwyer, Jack Darmody, Jerome White, Pat Fitzell, Angus Ryan, John Grogan, Derry O'Connor, Tommy Grogan, Peter Fitzell, Patsy O'Connor (capt.), Bro. O'Grady.

**1980:** Peter O'Sullivan, Gerry Mulligan, Stephen O'Brien (capt.), Joe Minogue, Cormac Bonnar, Jack Darmody, Pat Fitzell, Jerome Whyte, Brendan Bonnar, Michael Byrne, John Joe Morrissey, Peter Fitzell, Eddie Ryan, Patsy O'Connor, J.J. Murphy.

**1988:** Raymie Ryan, Tony Slattery (capt.), Pat O'Donoghue, Joe Minogue, Liam Devitt, Colm Bonnar, Tommy Fitzgerald, Pat. Fitzell, Conal Bonnar, Cormac Bonnar, Michael Perdue, Sean Slattery, John Ryan B. Jimmy Ryan,

**1990:** John Ryan (B), T. J. Connolly, Pat O'Donoghue, Joe Minogue, Conal Bonnar, Pat Fitzelle, Tony Slattery, Colm Bonnar, Willie Fitzell, Raymie Ryan, Cormac Bonnar (capt.), Ailbe Bonnar, James O'Donoghue, Sean Slattery, Tommy Grogan.

**1991:** John Ryan (B), Tony Slattery, Pat O'Donoghue, Joe Minogue, Raymie Ryan, Pat Fitzell, Conal Bonnar, Colm Bonnar (capt.), Willie Fitzell, Ailbe Bonnar, T. J. Connolly, James O'Donoghue, John Grogan, Cormac Bonnar, Tommy Grogan.

**1993:** John Ryan (B), Donal Ryan, Pat O'Donoghue, Michael Perdue, Sean O'Donoghue, T. J. Connolly, Raymie Ryan, Willie Fitzell (capt.), Colm Bonnar, Conal Bonnar, Ailbe Bonnar, Joe O'Leary, Joe Minogue, Cormac Bonnar, Michael Butler.

**1994:** Kevin O'Sullivan, Liam Barron, Pat O'Donoghue, Michael Perdue, Conal Bonnar, Colm Bonnar (capt.), Seamus Morrissey, Sean O'Donoghue, Willie Fitzell, Ailbe Bonnar, T. J. Connolly, Raymie Ryan, Cormac Bonnar, John Ryan (B), Joe O'Leary.

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## 1988 Recalled . . . Cashel Bridge Eight Year Gap

### Cashel K.C. 1-12 - Kickhams 1-4

After a lapse of eight years, Cashel King Cormacs are back as west Tipp Senior Hurling Champions taking their thirteenth title by a comfortable enough eight points at windy Cappawhite on Sunday last. And so Kickhams who defended bravely but lacked the attacking flair to upset the favourites must wait another year, at least, for the long awaited return to past glory.

The game attracted another fine crowd to the West to Cappawhite's attractive and well-prepared venue. The blustery crossfield wind didn't help the hurling although the Minors who followed the Senior game showed their elders a thing or two about mastering such conditions. The game itself was of modest quality, always though and competitive with some patches of crisp hurling intermixed with faulty striking.

Cashel, with the fillip of a second minute goal to swell their sails, always led although never quite closing the door to a Kickhams' rally. The low scoring indicated a mixture of defensive dominance and attacking poverty. Cashel, without showing any spectacular form, deservedly won because unlike Kickhams they made better use of limited opportunities.

Cashel led 1-2 to 0-5 at half time.

Going through the Cashel team from goal to forwards, I'd rate Joe Minogue, Colm Bonnar, Pa Fitzell and Conal Bonnar as the pick. Pa and Colm would vie for the individual man-of-the match rating, Colm probably having the greater overall impact but Pa contributing a huge amount throughout as well. And the younger Bonnar is one to watch with as much potential as any of the older brothers.

Apart from the above the most impressive back-up troops were, I thought, Tommy Fitzgerald, Willie Fitzell, Sean Slattery, Cormac Bonnar and Jimmy Ryan.

What of Kickhams? Well, they were outsiders and when chances and half chances didn't fall favourably they were going to be in trouble. Still they showed sound defensive character in not letting Cashel waltz clear for a facile win.

Jimmy and Paddy Hayes impressed at the heart of the defence; Paudie and John Slattery and Johnny Butler weren't far behind. Seamus Furlong and Johnny Doherty got as good a midfield return as could be expected against the Fitzell pair. John O'Dwyer did some of the best hurling at wing back. But the attack disappointed. Walter Carroll promised most.

Scorers for Cashel K.C.: Jimmy Ryan 1-1; Sean Slattery, Conal Bonnar and Pa Fitzell 0-3 each; Cormac Bonnar and Michael Perdue 0-1 each.

Scorers for Kickhams: Walter Carroll 1-2, M. Butler and P. Kearins 0-1 each.

Cashel K.C.: Raymie Ryan, Tony Slattery (capt.) Pat O'Donoghue, Joe Minogue, Liam Devitt, Colm Bonnar, Tommy Fitzgerald, Pat Fitzell, Willie Fitzell, Conal Bonnar, Cormac Bonnar, Michael Perdue, Sean Slattery, John Ryan, Jimmy Ryan. Sub: Peter Fitzell for Michael Perdue.

Kickhams: Sean Bradshaw; John Slattery, Jimmy Hayes, Paudie Slattery, Johnny Butler, Paddy Hayes, Sean Alley, Johnny Doherty, Seamus Furlong, Walter Carroll, John O'Dwyer, Tony Farrell, Patrick Kerins, Jerry Morrissey, Martin McGrath. Subs: Dominic Hayes for Sean Alley, Dermot Keating for Patrick Kerins, and Mickey Butler for Jerry Morrissey.

Ref.: Paddy Russell, Emly.

*(Edited from The Nationalist report)*

## **Eddie Ryan (1962 - 1992)** *by Seamus King*

West Final Day is an appropriate time to remember a young man who made a significant contribution to the sporting life of Cashel and who infected all around him with his great joie de vivre.

Playing in the 1980 West Senior final against Sean Treacy's at Dundrum, Eddie Ryan ensured victory for Cashel King Cormac's by scoring the insurance point in the dying minutes of extra time in the replay. Still only eighteen years of age he played an important role in bringing a County Minor title to the club the same year. It was the culmination of a successful underage career in hurling and football which saw Eddie win under 12 and under 14 titles, at Divisional and County levels, between 1972 and 1975. He was to continue playing at under 21 and Senior levels in the early eighties but probably never realised the promise of his earlier years.

Part of the reason was his departure from Cashel to study Agriculture Science in U.C.D. During his first year he played on the college team and also showed his prowess as a sprinter by winning the 100 metres in the college sports. However, of a relaxed nature and more interested in the craic and the joy of living, training began to take second place in his life and the hurler or footballer he might have been never got the chance to develop.

As well as G.A.A., rugby played an important part in his life. From the age of about sixteen he played with Cashel, either at scrum-half or first-centre, and in the course of time won the Garryowen and Mansergh Cup with the club.

A further interest was the Cashel Gun Club. For him November 1 was a sacrosanct day when everything else had to play second fiddle to a day's shooting. This aspect of his life is remembered lovingly every year on the first day of the shooting season by Tom Hayes, who places a pheasant's feather on his grave.

By your friends you shall be remembered. Eddie had a lot of them, both in Cashel, where he never lost touch with the local scene and whereto he regularly returned to watch and support the local teams, and in his job as Agricultural Adviser with Bayer (Ireland) Ltd. Last year his friends in Bayer contributed in order to establish a fitting memorial to his name. They had a trophy specially sculpted, which they presented to West Board na nÓg and which replaced the Caiseal Rí Chormaic Cup for the divisional under 14 "B" Hurling Championship. The money outstanding after the commissioning of the trophy was presented to Cashel Bord na nÓg for the promotion of youth activity in the town.

It was a fitting way to remember Eddie Ryan, who had such a successful career as a young player with Cashel. The trophy was presented to Bord na nÓg last year and the first winners were Lattin-Cullen. The second name to be inscribed on the trophy is that of Eddie's own club, Caiseal Rí Chormaic, who succeeded in beating Éire Óg in the final last Sunday night. It was the club's first victory in the competition since 1983. a sign of the decline in underage success in the town since the glory days of the seventies when Eddie was in his prime.

## *Eddie Ryan Perpetual Trophy*



*Chairman West Bord na nÓg Dennis Ryan presenting the U-14 West Tipp  
"Eddie Ryan Perpetual Trophy" to Oisín Ryan, Captain Cashel King  
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## CAPPAWHITE FAIR FESTIVAL

Cappawhite G.A.A. Finance Committee have been fund raising over the past few years in order to further develop our G.A.A. grounds. As part of that campaign we organise an annual festival which to date has been hugely successful and entertaining. In our short existence ( 3 years) we have achieved wide acclaim and notoriety from our many critics and the National media who have placed our festival on a par with the greater festivals of Ireland. Hence we have received many invitations to perform our now famous Street Theatre at many other different events in the country, the latest is an invitation to a festival in Yonkers Stadium in New York on September next. This invitation has been extended to us through Tipp Mid-West Radio and both parties will be travelling together to this festival in New York.

This festival, called "Day in the Bog '95", is expected to attract more than 50,00 people over the two days of the 16th and 17th of September and the Cappawhite Street Theatre Group has been given star billing on all advertising posters on display both in Ireland and in New York.

A major Tipperary Exhibition will be mounted by our group at this festival in an effort to market County Tipperary, to bring back tourists and encourage entrepreneurs to invest in business in County Tipperary.

Our Committee were pleased to give employment to 4 students during the summer as part of the very useful Summer Student Jobs Scheme.

Among the many organisations and people our Street Theatre Group would like to thank for helping them on their mission are Tipperary S.R. County Council, West Tipperary G.A.A. Board and of course our own Cappawhite G.A.A. Club and the people of Cappawhite and surrounding parishes. We also send a sincere thanks to all our sponsors over the past few years.

Yours Sincerely,  
LIAM ARMSHAW, Chairperson.



*Cappawhite Faction Fighters hold the spectators spellbound*

## **PHIL LOWRY COACHES KICKHAMS**

*by J. J. Kennedy*

In their quest to end a thirty-five year famine that stretches back to their last West title in 1960, Kickhams this year called in the services of experienced coach Phil Lowry.

Phil, from the well-known Holycross family, is a brother of high-profile Minister for Transport, Energy and Communications, Michael Lowry, and himself entered local politics recently on North Tipperary County Council.

But it's as hurler, selector, coach and referee that Phil is widely known and respected in G.A.A. circles.

His own playing career with Holycross spanned about fifteen years but while Phil was an ever-dependable stalwart of the club in that time, it was mostly an unprofitable spell for the famed Mid Tipp club. There was a County Junior title in 1974 and a pair of County Junior Football medals but there was little Senior return for all the effort.

In fact Phil can be deemed downright unlucky to have missed out on Holycross's most recent return to glory. He came on in the 1989 County final which they lost to Clonoulty but had to be satisfied with the job of sideline selector on their moment of triumph in 1990 against Cashel K.C.

When the County Board introduced the County Coaching Scheme some years back Phil was one of the first four coaches and he's been in the scheme since, travelling to schools and clubs promoting hurling among the young.

Phil will also be familiar as referee after many years in the role and indeed boasts an All-Ireland referees' seven-a-side hurling medal. Whatever the outcome today, Phil's first year with Kickhams has already brought advancement winning the Crosco Cup and reaching another West Final.

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