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2000

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As Chairman of the West Tipperary Board of the Gaelic Athletic Association it's a special honour and privilege for me to extend a céad míle fáilte to all Gaels to Golden sportsfield for the showpiece of our year, the 71st Senior Hurling Final.

Our divisional decider is always special, and this year it's extra special because it's the first of our New Millennium and it brings together two teams that have made such a huge contribution to the success of our games in this division and outside in both hurling and football.



Knockavilla Kickhams, a club that achieved so much in the old millennium with 16 senior hurling titles and two in the last three years, are a very experienced team and with many players of inter-county experience are a formidable side.

Cappawhite can also feel proud of their many achievements with 1 county and 6 divisional titles and many players that have done our county proud and with a beautiful blend of youth, experience and skill, are sure to give their best for the little village.

May the best team win and hurling always be the winner.

In Paddy Russell we have one of the best referees in the country, we welcome you and your officials.

We thank the Golden club for hosting our decider and compliment you on the beautiful green sod of this unique pitch, so well kept and expertly prepared by a great committee.

I make an appeal to all players. Have you joined the GAA Voluntary Insurance Scheme, if no, do so, you owe it to yourself, your families and your club.

We welcome our sponsors Tipperary Co-Op who are also sponsors of the 'Man of the Match' award.

We thank you for your generosity and your interest in our games and wish you continued success.

We are indebted to many people for their contribution to this great occasion, our gate checkers, our stewards, the Gardai, the Red Cross, and a special thanks to everyone who helped in any way to put this fine programme together, I compliment you.

On behalf of the West Board to each and everyone a safe and enjoyable afternoon.

DONNCHA Ó RIAIN,
Cathaoirleach Coiste Thiobraid Árann Thiar

Fáilte Ón gCathaoirleach

Cuirim fiór-chaoin fáilte roimh gach éinne chuig cluiche ceannais iomána an iarthair anseo i Gabhailín inniú. Tá súil agam go mbeidh cluiche breá spóirtiúil againn agus go mbainfidh ár bpatrúin sult as.

It gives me great pleasure to extend a céad míle fáilte to the four teams, their mentors and supporters to Golden for the biggest day in West Tipperary's calendar. We hope for sporting and entertaining matches and hope you will enjoy the occasion.



Many thanks to Coiste Thiobraid Árann Thiar for allowing us the honour of hosting this year's final, the first in the new millennium. Thanks also to all our advertisers and to Jerry Ring and J.J. Kennedy for their work in compiling and editing this programme. We ask for your co-operation with the stewards in the smooth running of the day's activities. May the ancient game of hurling be the winner on the day.

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KICKHAM'S 17th OR CAPPWHITE'S 6th ?

by J.J. Kennedy

The West Tipp roll of honour is topped by Cashel K.C. on eighteen titles with Kickhams in close attendance on sixteen. Cappawhite lag somewhat behind on five, but they were late starters in the race. In fact Kickhams had fourteen of their wins tucked away before Cappa' got off the blocks with their first in 1962. You could put a more encouraging spin in the record for Cappa' by showing that in the past forty years they've won their five titles while Kickhams managed a mere three in the same period.

But whether Kickhams harvest their 17th today or Cappa' their 6th will hardly occupy the minds of the players whose total focus will be on the present. Cappawhite have three players, Pa O'Neill, 'Briekey' O'Neill and Ger Ryan (Bawn) who are each today seeking their 5th West medal. The bulk of the Kickham side are bidding for their third, after wins in '97 and last year, so there is no shortage of experience on either team in this first West final of the new Millennium.

It was a close encounter when the sides met three years ago in Cashel - Kickhams winning by 0-19 to 2-10. Today the teams seem stronger as both clubs have emerged from the shadow of Clonoulty and Cashel K.C. who dominated West hurling for most of the nineties. Kickhams endorsed their arrival last year by taking a second title in three years but Cappa' have been advancing too as their county U/21 win last January readily verifies.

Kickhams today will rely on experience and balance to propel them towards another West championship. Goalie, Sean Bradshaw, is the elder statesman of the side, his career finding a second wind when Fergal Horgan took the emigrant route to England. He'll hope his defence gives him an easy passage today. One former defender, gamekeeper turned poacher, is Brian Horgan who has been adapting with relish to an attacking role.

Inevitably Cappawhite will look to Eugene O'Neill for inspiration. His career since the glorious minor win of 1996 has wobbled here and there but this year he returned to prominence, regaining the trust of Nicky English and his colleagues. His scoring exploits in earlier rounds highlight his importance to Cappawhite.

But the Cappa mission today is hardly a one-man show. Thomas Costello has shown himself to be a defender of quality and with Shane McDermott they'll hope to quell the Kickhams attack. Then that fireball forward, Paddy Julian, will seek out holes in the Kickham rearguard as he did so elusively against Clonoulty in the semi-final.

Kickhams, as the team who's been there and done that in recent years, will generally be the fancy. But the favourites tag is always an uncomfortable badge to wear and Cappawhite will gladly don the mantle of underdogs. It should be a fine contest and whether Kickhams make it 17 titles or Cappawhite get their 6th, here's hoping for a quality game and a strong showing by both in the county series.

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THOUGHTS ON THE LAST MILLENNIUM

by Seamus J. King

In this Millennium Year it is common to imagine what life was like at the start of the last Millennium. *U.S. News & World Report* devoted an issue to it last August. According to the magazine the best roads in Europe at that time were several centuries old, the neglected relics of the Roman Empire. Most routes were so bad that the well-to-do chose to travel by horseback. Only the poor and sick bumped along in wagons. Perhaps nineteen of every twenty people lived in villages, typically surrounded by forests replete with wolves, bears and outlaws. The outside world was everything beyond the village fence, and local dialects often could not be understood by people residing only a few miles away. Generations of villagers lived their thirty or forty years unaware of important events elsewhere: floods, wars, and deaths of popes, kings and emperors. Few ever saw a single thing that was both significant and novel.

It's fanciful to imagine what the G.A.A. division of west Tipperary was like in the year 1,000. In place of Bru Boru the man himself, Brian, was residing in Cashel. None of the existing structures on the Rock was in existence then. Probably a timber palisade protected the place with Brian's soldiers occasionally lobbing rocks down on the heads of attacking stonethrowers from Dundrum, Golden and other places.

We have no record of hurling at the time even though there's a long record of the game going back to the Battle of Moytura in 1272BC. Maybe Brian's men practised occasionally. Of course when the Danes came along hurling wouldn't have been much good. That crowd concentrated their carpentry skills on making fine boats with elongated necks at the bow and stern and using them to raid Irish monasteries for their Derrynaflan chalices. I wonder if Brian had a hurley beside his kneeler when Brodir invaded his tent, could he have warded off the blow?

One of the major obstacles to playing hurling one thousand years ago was to find a decent open space like the Golden field. The place was covered with trees and, even when they were cut down, they grew quickly again. In the light of that information I find it difficult to imagine Setanta hurling his way to Armagh. It must have been along some path, more than likely called a great road in the literature of the period. And, if it were made by a cow, bothar, it was more than likely crooked as well. Had he the skill of the Cork bowlers who are able to play around the bends? And, if he hit a bad shot and it landed in the bushes how could he survive against all the dangers listed in the first paragraph? Maybe the killing of Culain's hound was symbolic of all the wild animals he had to slay along the way?

But, hurling was played. We read that Rosa Faili (anything to Ui I wonder?), the son and heir of Cathaoir, the semi-legendary king of Leinster, presented a gift of fifty camain and balls to his brother Criomhthann. Whether any of them was made like Pat Fitzell makes them we don't know. Many were of brass, silver and even gold. At an earlier stage a player, who was unable to speak got such a belt

of a caman on the shin bone during a match that he started to speak! Ever after he was known as Labhraidh, 'the speaker'. I wonder if the former chairman of the county board is descended from him?

The importance of hurling can be gleaned from the way the Brehon Laws legislated for the game. To strike a player a deliberate blow of the hurley was a crime punishable by law. If he were struck it was important to prove that a real hurling match was in progress. Otherwise any serious injury arising out of an internecine feud or faction could be attributed to a hurling match which in fact had not taken place. Did this involve a referee's report? It seems as if the legislators were as wary of fraudulent claims from other codes as present day officials are under the Players' Accident Scheme!.

It was also an offence to knock down a wall or fence, or any portion thereof, and not replace it. There were plenty of dry stone walls and the knocking of walls was a serious matter as it allowed small animals and fowl to wander. You still have young lads, and older lads also, breaking down fences in the pursuit of the sliothar.

So, if the game wasn't very well organised, and there was to be no west final for 930 years, it appears as if hurling were alive and well. One hopes it will still be there at the end of this Millennium but one expects they will have more to go on then than we have now.

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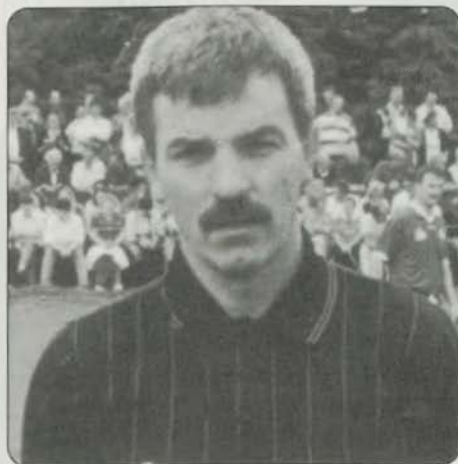
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Armagh/Kilkenny - 11/2

Kildare/Kilkenny - 11/2

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Kildare / Offaly - 12



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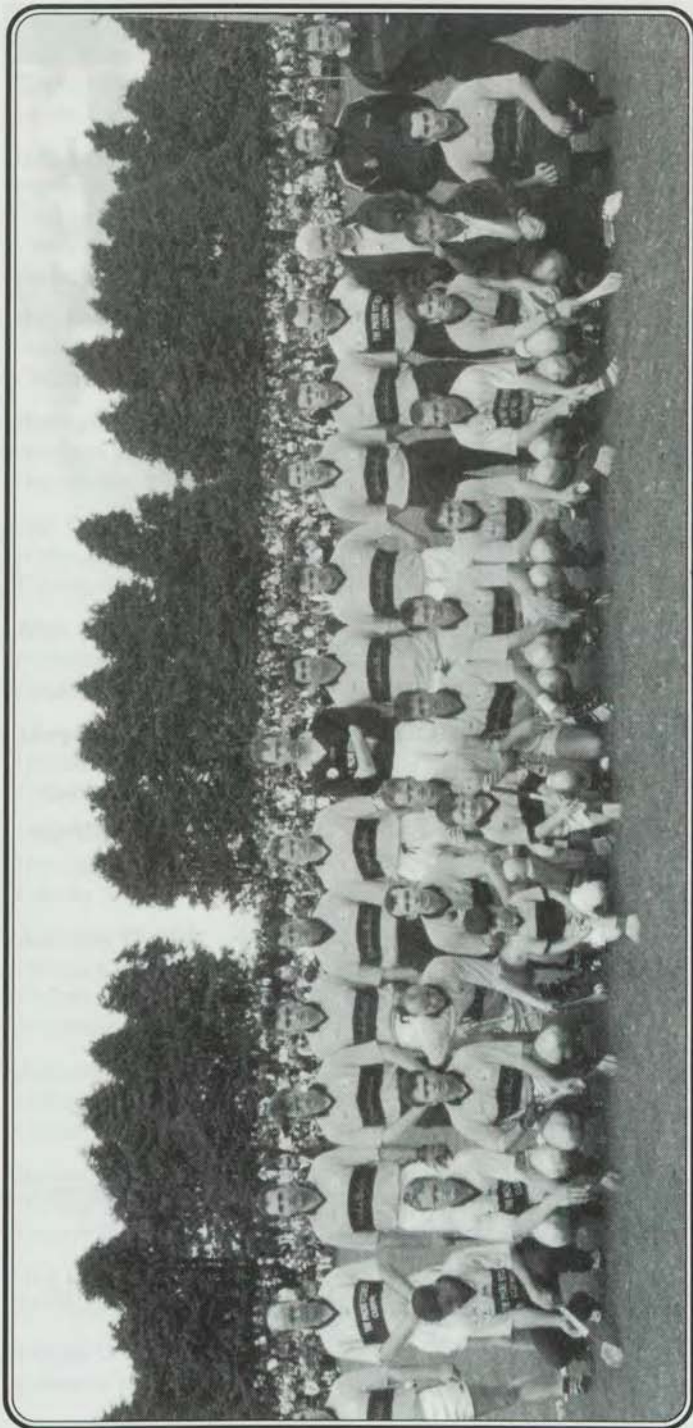
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(Back):- Sean Ryan, Declan Crosse, Ger Butler, Ger Crosse, John McCormack, (Padraig Slattery, Daniel Kennedy, mascots), Kevin Farrell, Brian Horgan, Aidan Slattery, Michael O'Brien, Johnny Butler, Owen Morrissey, Donal Kennedy (Trainer), Aidan Butler.

KICKHAMS - PLAYER PROFILES

Sean Bradshaw - Age 35, Height 6-4, Weight 13st., Occupation - Accountant.
Honours won: West titles - 2S.H., S.F., 2 Crosco Cup, U/21H., I.J. F. & H.
County titles - I.H. & F. Represented Tipperary at Junior Football & I.H.

Jimmy Farrell - Age 27, Height 6-0, Weight 13st., Occupation - Farmer
Honours won: West titles - 2S.H., S.F., 2 Crosco Cup, O'Donoghue Cup, 3 M.H.
County titles - I.H. & I.F.

Kevin Farrell - Age 28, Height 6-1, Weight 12st., Occupation - Farmer
Honours won: West titles - 2S.H., S.F., 2 Crosco Cup, M.H., O'Donoghue Cup.
County titles - I.H., I.F., J.F.

Derek Breen - Age 19, Height 6-0, Weight 12-4., Occupation - Student.
Honours won: West titles - J.A.H. 1998, M.H & F. 1999., S.H. 1999.
Represented Tipperary at M.F. 1998 & 1999.
County titles - I.F.

Aidan Slattery - Age 27, Height 5-8, Weight 12st., Occupation - Farmer
Honours won: West titles - 2 S.H., 2 Crosco Cup, U/21H., 3 M.H.
County titles - U/21 H. (capt.)

Fergal Heney - Age 22, Height 6-1, Weight 13st., Occupation - Factory Worker.
Honours won: West titles - S.H. 1997 & 1999, 2 M.H.,
County titles -
Provincial titles - M.H. 1996, U/21, 1999.
All-Ireland titles - M.H. 1996, N.H.L. 1999.
Represented Tipperary at M.H., U/21H and S.H.

Damian McGrath - Age 19, Height 5-10, Weight 11st., Occupation Appren. Electrician.
Honours won: West titles - J'A'H 1998, M. H. & F. 1999, S.H. 1999.
County titles -
Provincial titles M.H. 1999. Represented Tipperary at M.H.

John McCormack - Age 28, Height 6-0, Weight 12-7., Occupation - Butcher.
Honours won: West titles - 2S.H., S.F., 2 Crosco Cup, O'Donoghue Cup.
County titles - I.H., I.F., U/21 F 'B'. Represented Tipperary at S.H.

Eoin Morrissey - Age 20, Height 5-9, Weight 11-7, Occupation - Student.
Honours won: West titles - 2S.H., S.F., O'Donoghue Cup, M.H.
Represented Tipperary at M.F., U/21 F.
Member of UCC panel for last 2 years.

Michael O'Brien - Age 26, Height 5-8, Weight 12st., Occupation - Farm Management.
Honours won: West titles - 2S.H., S.F., 4 M.H., 2 Crosco Cup, O'Donoghue Cup.
County titles - I.H., I.F., U/21 H.

Vincent Kelly (Capt.) - Age 28, Height 5-9, Weight 12-7, Occupation - Coilte Worker.
Honours won: West Titles - 2 S.H., S.F., 2 Crosco Cups, O'Donoghue Cup.
County titles - I.H., I.F., J.F., U/21F 'B'
Represented Tipperary at M.H.

Donie O'Brien - Age 26, Height 6-0, Weight 17st., Occupation - Farm Management.
Honours won: West titles - 2S.H., S.F., J.'A' H.
County titles - I.H., J.F., U/21 F 'B'. Won Co. U/21H title in Waterford, J.H. title in Laois. Captained Rockwell College All-Ireland winning team.

Brian Horgan - Age 24, Height 6-1, Weight 12-7., Occupation - Greenkeeper.
Honours won: West titles - 2 S.H., S.F., U/21H., 3 M.H., 2 Crosco Cup.
County titles - I.F., J.F., U/21H.
Provincial titles: M.H., U/21H.
All-Ireland titles: U-21H (Capt.), N.H.L.

Ger Butler - Age 28, Height 5-7, Weight 12st., Occupation - Electrical Contractor.
Honours won: West titles - 2 S.H., S.F., I.H., I.F., 2 Croosco Cup.
County titles - J.F., U/21 F. 'B'. Represented Tipperary at M.H., J.F. and S.F.

Richard Horgan - Age 19, Height 6-0, Weight 11st., Occupation - Greenkeeper
Honours won: West titles - S.H., S.F., J.'A'H., M.H., M.F., O'Donoghue Cup.
Represented Tipperary at M.F.

Ger Crosse - Age 30, Height 5-11, Weight 13-3., Occupation - Accountant.
Honours won: West title - 2 S.H., S.F., I.H., I.F., 2 Crosco Cup, O'Donoghue Cup.
County titles - I.H., I.F., U/21F 'B', J.F.

Alan Horgan - Age 17, Height 5-8, weight 10st., Occupation - Landscaper.
Honours won: West titles - M.H., M.F., S.H.
County title - with Cashel Community School. Represented Tipperary at U/16 and M.H.

Tony Farrell - Age 35, Height 6-0, Weight 11-7, Occupation - Farmer.
Honours won: West titles - 2 S.H., S.F., 2 Crosco Cup, O'Donoghue Cup.
County titles - I.H., I.F., J.F.

Paul Morrissey - Age 25, Height 5-10, Weight 12-7., Occupation - Computer Engineer.
Honours won: West titles - S.H., S.F., I.H., I.F.,
County titles I.H., I.F. Represented Tipperary at M.H. and S.H.

Anthony Qualter - Age 31, Height 6-1, Weight 14-7., Occupation - Factory Worker.
Honours won: West titles - S.H., S.F., O'Donoghue Cup, I.H.,
County titles - I.H. Waterford S.F. title. Fitzgibbon Cup winner.
Represented Waterford at S.H.

Johnny Butler - Age 28, Height 6-0, Weight 12st., Occupation - Farmer.
Honours won: West titles - 2 S.H., S.F., J.'A'H., 2 Crosco Cup, O'Donoghue Cup.
County titles - I.H., I.F. Represented Tipperary at J.F.

Declan Crosse - Age 28, Height 5-11, Weight 12st., Occupation - Engineer.
Honours won: West titles - 2 S.H., J.'A'H., I.H.
County title - I.H. Winner of Dean Ryan Cup & Fitzgibbon Cup medals.

Joe Breen - Age 20, Height 5-8, Weight 11-7, Occupation - Student.
Member of Tralee's Institute of Technology Fitzgibbon Cup team.

Fergal O'Brien - Age 19, Height 5-8, Weight 13-7.
Honours won: West titles - M.H., M.F., J.'A'H.

KICKHAMS



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Ger Ryan (B)

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u/21 'B', H. & F., u/21 'A' H and J.H. 'B'.

Eoin O'Keeffe - Age 23, Height 5-11, Weight 13st. Occupation - Industrial Steel erector.
Honours won: West Titles - u/16 H. & F., M.H., M.F. 'B', u/21 H. & F.

Thomas Costello - Age 21, Height 6ft., Weight 11-6, Occupation - Family Business.
Honours won: West Titles - u/12, u/14 and u/16 H. u/16 F 'B'. M.H. and M.F. 'B'. u/21 H.
County titles - u/21 H. County Feile u/14 F.
Munster titles - M.H. and u/21H.
All-Ireland - M.H.

Anthony O'Neill - Age 40, Height 5-9, Weight 12-10, Occupation - Machine Operator.
Honours won: West titles - u/14 H. M.H. & F., u/21 H. & F. 4 S.H. I.F.
County titles - S.H. & I.F.

Brian O'Neill - Age 23, Height 5-7, Weight 9-7, Occupation - Machine Operator.
Honours won: West Titles - u/12, u/14 and u/16 H. U/16 'B' F., M.H., M.F. 'B'. U/21 H
u/21 'B' F. J.H. 'B'.

Shane McDermott - Age 21, Height 6-3, Weight 12st. Occupation - Student.
Honours won: West Titles - u/12F. u/14H., u/14 F., u/16 H. M.H. and M.F. u/21 H and F.
J.H. 'B'.
County titles - County Feile, u/14 F., u/21 H (capt. Tipp u/21 H. v. Waterford 2000).

Ger Ryan (B) - Age 35, Height 6-2, Weight 13-7. Occupation - Cabinet Maker.
Honours won: West titles - 4 S.H. and I.F. (captain).
County titles - S.H. and I.F.

Eugene O'Neill - Age 22, Height 5-10, Weight 12-7, Occupation - Roofing Contractor.
Honours won: West titles - U/14 and u/16H. and u/16 F.M.H. and M.F., u/21 H. & F.
County titles - U/21H, u/14 F. F, County Feile.
Munster titles - M.H. and U/21 H.
All-Ireland - M.H. Colleges 'B' with Doon CBS.
Other titles - South East League with Tipperary.

Cian Creedon - Age 18, Height 5-10, Weight 11st.
Honours won: West titles - U/14 H., u/16H. and u/21 H.
County titles - U/21 H.

Paddy Julian - Age 21, Height 5-7, Weight 10st. Occupation - student.
Honours won: West titles - U/12 F., u/14 H & F., u/16 H., M.F., M.H., U/21 H. & F., J.H. 'B'.
County titles - U/21 H.

Pat O'Neill - Age 23, Height 5-11, Weight 11st.
Honours won: West titles - U/14 H. M.H., U/21 H & F., County minor 1995.

Franny Quinn - Age 29, Height 6-1, Weight 13st.
Honours won: west titles U/16 H., M.F., S.H., I.F.
County titles - I.F.

Sean Ryan - Age 21, Height 5-9, Weight 11st., Occupation - student.
Honours won: West titles - U/14 h & F., U/16H & F., U/21 H.
County titles - U/21 H. County Feile, U/14 F.
Munster titles - M.H. All-Ireland - M.H. Fitzgibbon Cup with UCC in 1998.

Pa O'Neill - Age 38, Height 5-10, Weight 10st.
Honours won: West titles - 4 S.H., I.F.
County titles - S.H. and I.F.
Munster titles - S.H. (Captain of Tipp in 1988) Also N.H.L.

Johnny Ryan (P) - Age 20, Height 5-9, Weight 11st. Occupation - student.
Honours won: West titles U/12 H., U/14 H., M.H. & F., U/21 H., J.H. 'B'.
County titles - U/21 H.

Ritchie Barry - Age 20, Height 5-7, Weight 11st.
Honours won - West titles - U/12H, U/16 H, U/21 H.
County titles - U/21 H.

Leonard Fitzgerald - Age 25, Height 5-10, Weight 11st. Occupation - Lab. Technician
Honours won: West titles - U/12H (captain)
All Ireland Colleges Junior medal with Limerick RTC. Inter-firm with Ranbaxy.

Johnny Ryan (A) - Age 27, Height 6ft., Weight 12st. Occupation - Civil Engineer.
Honours won: West titles - U/12H and U/16 H. J.H. 'B'
All-Ireland Junior medals with Limerick RTC.

Martin Ryan (B) - Age 25, Height 5-9, Weight 13-7. Occupation - Farmer.
Honours won: West titles - U/21 'B' H.
All Ireland Agricultural Colleges H. & F. with Rockwell College.

Seanie O'Neill - Age 31, Height 5-8, Weight 11st.
Honours won: West titles - U/12H., u/14H., M.F., J.H., I.F.
County titles - I.F.

Damien O'Neill - Age 20. Height 5-8. Weight 13st.
Honours won: West titles - U/14H & F., u/16H., u/21H.
County titles - U/21H.

Stevie Grisewood - Age 21, Height 5-6, Weight 10st.
Honours won: West titles - U/14H & F., u/16 H., M.H., u/21H.
County titles - County Feile and U/21H.

John Hickey - Age 29, Height 6-1, Weight 14-7
Honours won: West titles - U/16H.

Finbar O'Neill - Age 19, Height 5-8, Weight 12st.
Honours won: West titles - U/16H, U/21H.
County titles - U/21H.

William O'Neill - Age 20, Height 5-9, Weight 13st.
Honours won: West titles - U/12H.,u/16H., and u/21 H.
County titles - U/21H.

Gary Quinlan - Age 26, Height 5-10, Weight 12-7.
Honours won: West titles - J.H.



CAPPAWHITE S.H. TEAM

(front):- Leonard Fitzgerald, Eugene O'Neill, Brian O'Neill, Paddy Julian, Declan Costelloe, Martin Ryan, Shane McDermott, Francis Quinn, Seanie O'Neill, William O'Neill.

(Back):- John Hickey, Anthony O'Neill, Sean Ryan, Pa O'Neill, Owen O'Keeffe, Cian Creedon, Thomas Costelloe, Pat O'Neill, Ger Ryan (B), Damien O'Neill, John Ryan (A), Johnny Tierney, Finbarr O'Neill.

West Tipp S.H. Roll of Honour

Cashel K.C. (18): 1934, '36, '37, '39, '40, '45, '48, '65, '71, '75, '76, '80, '88, '90, '91, '93, '94, '95.

Kickhams (16): 1935, '38, '46, '47, '49, '50, '52, '53, '54, '55, '56, '58, '59, '60, '97, '99.

Clonoulty/Rossmore (9): 1930, '31, '32, '33, '51, '89, '92, '96, '98.

Eire Óg (8): 1941, '42, '43, '44, '64, '67, '81, '86.

Sean Treacys (7): 1968, '73, '74, '77, '78, '79, '82.

Cappawhite (5): 1962, '83, '84, '85, '87.

Golden/Kilfeacle (2): 1969, '72.

Arravale Rovers (2): 1966, '70.

St. Nicholas' (Cappa/Glengar/Solohead) (1): 1957.

St. Vincent's (Cappa/Eire Óg) (1): 1961.

St. Patrick's (Lattin/Solohead) (1): 1963.

West Tipp I.H. Roll of Honour

Arravale Rovers (6): 1986, '88, '89, '91, '93, '97.

Golden/Kilfeacle (4): 1980, '82, '90, '95.

Solohead (3): 1979, '81, '87.

Lattin Cullen (3): 1983, '96, '99.

Emly (2): 1984, '85.

Kickhams (1): 1992.

Eire Óg (1): 1994.

Aherlow (1): 1998.

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Group taken at the re-opening of Golden/Kilfeacle GAA ground following renovation work in 1960.

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(Second l.r.): - Jimmy Hennessy, Senator William Ryan, Morty O'Connell, Jimmy O'Donnell (Club Chairman), Willie O'Donnell and Dan Luby.

(Third l.r.): - Andy Strich, Bill Hayes, Canon O'Rahilly, P.P., Drangan, Sean Ó Duibhir, Canon Hogan, P.P., Killenaule; Rev. Thomas Hogan, Lisvernane,

(Fourth l.r.): - Paddy O'Donnell, James O'Donnell (jnr), Michael Mac Carthaigh, Mick Frawley, Ted Landers, Jerry O'Dwyer, Jack Fogarty, Mick Fogarty, Fr. Paul White, C.S.Sp., Rockwell; Anthony Doherty and Fr. James White, C.S.Sp., Rockwel

Opposing mentors adamant in pursuing similar ambitions

by Leonard Fitzgerald

Knockavilla Kickhams have experienced this stage in the championship on numerous occasions before. Unbelievably it's their fifth final appearance in eight seasons, however it wasn't until '97 that they reproduced a winning formation and ironically at Cappawhite's expense. Since then it's been difficult to dislodge them from their perch, although this season's championship outings have been lacklustre, without the venomous killer instinct that had been compulsory to the black and amber performance. In Autumn 1998, Kickhams suffered a drubbing at the hands of Toomevara in the County semi-final. Their wounded hearts thereafter were in need of healing. 1999 was a new beginning, time to regroup, a fresh start required and a new face installed.

After the departure of Joe McGrath, Donnacha O'Donnell was next in line, repairing the wounds of the previous season was first on the agenda before rebuilding their spirits to claim a second title in a three year spell. O'Donnell, still only in his late twenties, is a native of Mallow but now resides in Nenagh. It's now his second term at the helm with no defeat in the division since his arrival. A graduate from Waterford I.T., the Ballyfin based P.E. instructor concentrates on a physical training procedure and focuses on attaining the maximum performance out of players at the right time with high levels of fitness. Being punctual for each training night and applying a disciplined approach during each session is essential in his books.

He easily establishes control during each drill and all the players respect his actions. It's an important statistic and has paid dividends thus far. Apart from Kickhams, he also coached the Senior Inter-County footballers for a spell and training Boherlahan/Dualla to County honours in 1996 was a major breakthrough on his part. Manager Donal Kennedy and Paudie Slattery make up the selection committee. Successive titles is strongly on their minds but the final execution is far from concluded.

And so it has come to pass for Cappawhite, the historically inconceivable could today become a breathtaking reality. For a club steeped in hurling tradition, a personal tragedy of thirteen years isn't easily accepted. After losing West finals of 1989, '91 and '97 this outing is a now-or-nothing for some of the seasoned campaigners. Defeat today would be difficult to recover from, but thankfully it's not considered in this context. One man, an outsider with plenty of inside information has these players mentally tuned for the heat of championship battle. Pat Heffernan possesses more clubs than Tiger Woods, freely smokes cigars with a certain swagger of a wealthy business executive and has the ability to inject self-belief into players reminiscent of the Ger Loughnane mode. A combination that has inevitably taken the white and blue to a divisional show-

down this afternoon. A school teacher in Kilfinane, the thirty year old former Blackrock clubman won a Dr. Harty Cup medal with St. Flannan's in the late eighties, progressed to UCC where he successfully captained the college to Fitzgibbon Cup glory in 1991 at Corrigan Park, Belfast against UCD. As a Limerick minor he gained little reward and suffered heartache at U/21 level losing four Munster finals in succession.

A senior panelist with Limerick since 1991, Pat began to show promise as a right corner forward before moving to No. 14 in 1993. A holder of a provincial senior hurling medal, in 1994 against Clare at Semple Stadium, but no All-Ireland medal to complete the collection. Injury forced him out of the game in his late twenties but his love for hurling carried him into coaching. After much deliberation and a two year term with Golden/Kilfeacle, Pat gave his full services to Cappawhite for the present season. Limerick junior side, Mungret, and newly promoted senior debutantes Murroe/Boher were also grateful for his assistance, but his impact at Cappawhite has been fruitful. Cappa now enter the final on the back of two solid championship displays. Pat Heffernan can take credit for their exploits but victory today is most important. His technique is simple, all training drills are performed on a hurling basis with the result, perfection in first-touch and sharpness. And now we await with heightened expectancy another divisional final showpiece with a crowning glory for someone to savour.

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Aherlow 1-8 Golden/Kilfeacle 0-9

Sergeant Pepper's - U/14 'B' Football
Kickhams 4-10 Rockwell 0-4

Whelan Sports - U/14 'C' Football
Emly 3-10 Solohead 2-2

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Arravale Rvs. 3-5 Cashel K.C. 2-7

Quirke Jewellers, Cahir - U/16 'B' Football
Rockwell Rvs. 1-12 Clonoulty/R. 3-5

Cashel Credit Union - U/16 'C' Football
Cappawhite 2-6 Kickhams 2-2

Coca Cola - Féile na Péil
Aherlow 1-7 Galtee Rvs. 2-3

U/12 Football Shield
Lattin/Cullen 0-4 Solohead 0-1

Gleeson Concrete - U/12 'A' Hurling
Arravale Rvs. 2-4 Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-5

Tipperary Co-Op - U/12 'B' Hurling
Aherlow 2-5 Cappawhite 0-1

Noel Browne Bus Hire - U/12 'C' Hurling
Eire Óg 4-0 Rockwell Rvs. 1-3

Kelly Soft Drinks - U/14 'A' Hurling
Kickhams 3-7 Clonoulty/Rossmore 0-6

- U/14 'B' Hurling
Golden/Kilfeacle 2-9 Cappawhite 1-4

Seamus Hanly Tyre Centre - U/14 'C' Hurling
Sean Treacys Emly

Coca Cola - Féile na nGael U/14 Hurling
Kickhams 5-6 Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-4

Tipperary Credit Union U/16 'A';

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competitions are well under way and set for final in early September

KICKHAMS S.H. TEAM 1984



(Front l.r.): Donal Morrissey, Sean Alley, John Hennessy, Seanie Brien, Dominic Hayes, John Farrell, Donal Kennedy, Martin McGrath, Eamon Browne, John Slattery.

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(Front l.r):- Ger Ryan, Dan Ryan, Eugene Maguire, Pa O'Neill, Mike Buckley, Martin McDermott, Brendan Hennessy, Ger O'Neill, John Ryan (P).

(Back l.r):- Eoin Hennessy, Philip Ryan, Conor Ryan, John O'Neill, Simon Ryan (L), Danny O'Neill, Noel Buckley, Anthony O'Neill, Austin Buckley.

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THE 1984 WEST FINAL



Excitement around the Kickhams goal in Sean Treacy Park at the final in 1984. Donal Kennedy (present coach) and Eugene Maguire (present selector) clash while Tom Fryday watches on. Fr. Jim Egan keeps an eye on proceedings also - has he changed sides?

Roger Kennedy marks the Cappawhite boys on the left. Umpires John Slattery and Brendan Lohan are eagle-eyed, while John Farrell has all the angles covered.

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If the GAA were a personality or a Person?

by Ruadhan King

The GAA can't really stand individually as it is made up of such a variety of human characteristics that no one person could be said to embody all of them. For a very long time Gaa, as he is commonly known as, was a traditional old guy, ancient and wise, yet constantly evolving with new friends and new fans, surviving in the popularity stakes purely because, if the truth were known, there wasn't much else in the line of entertainment to challenge him.

Gaa was a friendly sort of fellow in whom most people had more than a passing interest. In fact, many were hysterically passionate about him and his work. He touched every parish in the country and was the cause of more than one argument over the years, with a plentiful spilling of blood, sweat, tears and beer.

He never changed much. He was always conscious of his past yet so nostalgic that he wouldn't be looking to progress himself in life. The thing was though, he didn't need to progress very much as most people were happy with what he did. Like the musician torn between the desire to stretch his limits and experiment with new material, and the necessity to give the fans what they like, which was just more of the same.

Gaa survived many tough eras and periods in his lifetime, going through traumatic events such as wars (you'll never guess what he was at when World War II broke out!), foot and mouth disease, economic depressions, bitter winters and colder summers, savage criticism and constant poverty, or at least that's what he'd like us to think! He outlived bobbysox, flower power, bellbottoms, orange-spotted shirts, the image conscious eighties and the singing of Frank Patterson.

But then about ten years ago Gaa started to have a look around the place and saw that, in the words of Bob Dylan, *'The times they are a changin'*. He knew that he couldn't expect people to just turn up every year to worship at his table. There was now serious competition to his popularity for the first time in over one hundred years. There were invaders from England, America, Australia and elsewhere who were trying to woo people, and doing a damn fine job of it.

Cazart! What was a man supposed to do? Well, he did what politicians, Hollywood movie stars and other vain people did - he went for a makeover. And, I'm not talking about a wash and blow dry and an angle grinder to the fingernails: I'm talking about an one hundred and eighty degree head to toe transformation.

Out with the old and in with the new, Gone were the dirty jacket, the woollen cap, the pipe, the hard boots, the heavy jumper, the unkempt hair, the flask of tea and the ham sandwiches. In came the Ecco shoes, the Camel lights, the isotonic lucosade, the N.Y. Yankees baseball cap, the Tommy Hilfiger jacket, the mobile phone, the weighty wallet - this was a man for the nineties, no, he was a man for the naughties. My God, for the first time in his life, he even became a big hit with the girls. His clothes were peppered with sponsorship deals, yet he tried not to lose sight of those that had been with him for the previous century.

Has he succeeded? The figures can't lie and the man seems to be more popular now than at any time in the past. Can he keep it up? There's no reason not. Gaa is now a man consumed with the future while not forgetting the past, but even the present seems to cause him less and less distraction. He's now a role player, the jocular uncle who can relate to the common man, the hard-nosed businessman who can make the deals, the flirt who knows that people can never resist his charms. He can still break your heart, dry your throat, buckle your knees and spin your head. Some people say he's sold out, some say he's lost touch with tradition, some say he's moving with the times. Most just can't live without him. He's an interesting fellow, that's for sure.

A LOOK BACK



**At the Tipperary Sports Stars Awards for 1983 in Clonmel,
Nicklaus English with members of the Lattin/Cullen club.**

(Back l.r.): John Slattery (Treasurer), Sean Crowe (supporter), Eamonn Buckley (Secretary), Jimmy Hannon (Chairman), Michael Maguire, George Ryan, Donie English (father of Nicklaus).

(Front l.r.): Mrs. M. Slattery, Mrs. M. English (mother of Nicklaus), Nicklaus English, Mrs. A. Crowe, Mrs. C. Ryan, Miss M. Cooke.



The late Bill Hayes and Board Secretary Jerry Ring in 1984



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