

West Tipperary Senior Hurling Final

Match Programme

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Tipperary Co-Op SuperValu

West Tipp Senior Hurling Championship Final

Clonoulty/Rossmore

v.

Eire Óg / Golden

at Dundrum

Referee: Seán Bradshaw

on Sunday, 22nd August, 2004 at 6.30 p.m.



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On behalf of Coiste Thiobraid Árann Thiar I extend a cead míle fáilte to everyone here at the match. We hope to have an enjoyable sporting game and you can contribute to this fare by obeying the stewards and making sure you and your children keep a safe distance from the field of play during the game.



This is the showpiece of our hurling year. The teams have prepared well. Clonoulty/Rossmore are no strangers to this stage, however, its a first for the combo Eire Óg/Golden. It is all of forty-one years since the last "combo", St. Patrick's, won the West.

I wish to pay tribute to our sponsors - Tipperary Co-op SuperValu. Their loyalty and support for G.A.A. activities in West Tipperary and beyond is well known. We thank Seán Murray and his Board for their interest in our games. I wish Noel Horgan, who recently gave up his position as Chief Executive, many happy years of retirement, and also I wish his successor Tim Dullea every success in the years to come.

I wish Seán Bradshaw and his officials well in refereeing his first West Final in Senior Hurling today.

I thank the Clubs who made this day possible and the Kickhams club for their excellent arrangements at their re-vamped venue. Finally, a word of thanks to Secretary Jerry Ring and all who contributed to the programme.

Liam Ó Riain,

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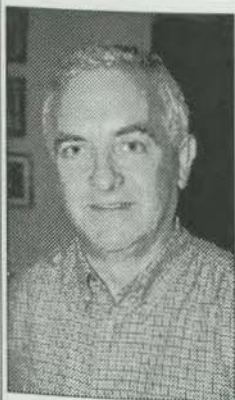
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I wish to join with the Board Chairman in welcoming the teams, officials and supporters to Dundrum today for the biggest day in West Tipperary's calendar.

Many thanks to our club members for their time and help in having our grounds and surrounds in excellent condition. We hope that you enjoy the improved facilities. We thank our advertisers for their sponsorship and the West Board for giving our club the honour of hosting the West Final.

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Novel Final in the West.

by J.J. Kennedy

A novel Tipperary Co-Op West senior hurling final brings three clubs to Dundrum in quest of glory on Sunday evening next. For Clonoulty/Rossmore it's a familiar visit, but for the combined intermediate forces of Golden and Annacarty it's a bid for a first ever. Clonoulty chase their 11th title in the grade - their last being in 2002 - and they'll be slight favourites to succeed.

Interestingly it's forty-one years since a combination side contested the West decider. In 1963 Lattin/Cullen and Solohead combined under the banner St. Patrick's to take the honours at the expense of another combination, Suir Rovers, a coalition made up of players from Golden and Galtee Rvs. That was during an era of combinations in the West.

Since then combination sides have fared poorly in the division with individual club loyalty very often an obstacle to team spirit. It's against that background that Eire Og and Golden, both recently relegated from senior ranks, decided to try their luck in combination in the present championship. Their season began badly when they looked dispirited in their opening match and were easy prey to reigning champions, Galtee Rvs. In the losers' section, however, they reformed to claw their way back into contention.

They emerged from the losers' group with an extraordinary win over Cappawhite. In the second half particularly they demolished their opponents to qualify for a semi-final date with Cashel K.C. Their progress continued in the semi

with the King Cormacs being out-scored by four points, 0-19 to 1-12.

Clonoulty's passage to the final has been more direct. After an undistinguished run in the county league they outplayed old rivals Kickhams in an opening bout. But it was surely in the semi-final that they made their strongest statement when ousting the reigning champions, Galtee Rvs., on a 2-12 to 0-15 score line. That victory was achieved without former county panellist, Aidan Butler, and present county minor, James Heffernan, the former on holiday and the latter injured. For this final Butler returns, though Heffernan's readiness remains uncertain.

As individual clubs, both Golden and Eire Og have contested recent West finals. In 1999 the Annacarty club lost heavily to Kickhams, while the previous year it was Golden's turn to lose narrowly to Clonoulty. Interestingly the clubs last clashed in a final in 1986 when Eire Og prevailed by 2-9 to 1-10; it was the club's last West final win. Golden have two West titles to their credit, their breakthrough year being 1969 before they followed up with another win in 1972.

Few people doubt the merits of individual players on the combo' side - it's the overall team cohesion that remains more questionable. Mark Bargary is a dependable goalie behind a defence in which Kevin McCarthy and Liam Mooney provide the backbone with Conor O'Brien adjusting impressively to duty on the wing. The Fogarty brothers from Golden, Brian and Aidan, play midfield; their father Joe was a key man in the Golden wins of 1969 and 1972.

David Fogarty, son of Jim and nephew of Munster chairman, Sean, leads the attack from the 'forty'. They'll also look to players like Ronan O'Brien, John Quinn, Shane Stapleton and county minor, Jim 'Bob' McCarthy, to find gaps in the Clonoulty rearguard.

For Clonoulty it has been a season in which they've reshaped their side out of necessity. The evergreen Andrew Fryday in goal remains a valuable link with the glory days of the past. Michael Heffernan has this year adapted very successfully to the full back role with David Kennedy now firmly established as a quality centre back. Con O'Keeffe has been defending impressively too.

In the semi-final the Kearneys, Liam and Stephen, were on midfield duty with Conor Ryan (C) playing a pivotal role at centre forward. County panellist John Devane was full forward that day with young Fiachra O'Keeffe in the corner. In previous games Aidan Butler played cen-

tre forward and his return on Sunday now presents them with a selection problem.

An interesting link between the sides is the fact that Eire Og's Kevin Fox coaches the Clonoulty side while his brother Pat is involved with the combination. The former Allstar manages the Eire Og intermediates while Limerick's Pat Heffernan does the coaching for the "combo".

The sheer novelty of the pairing brings its own appeal and should entice a large crowd to Dundrum on Sunday evening. It's new territory for the combination and represents a rare opportunity for the players to collect West championship medals. Clonoulty's established track record, however, at this level will make them the favourites in most assessments of the outcome.

Kickhams' Sean Bradshaw, one of the division's most promising referees, takes charge of his first final.

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20/06	Dundrum		B Galtee Rvs.	2-15	Eire Og/Gol	1-07	W. Barrett
3/07	Emly	Los A v C	C Cappawhite	4-06	A Kickhams	2-09	B. White
11/07	Cashel	Win A v Los B	B Eire Óg /Gold	1-19	Cappawhite	1-05	S. Roche
30/07	Dundrum	Semi A v B	Clonoulty/R.	2-12	Galtee Rvs.	0-15	J. McDonnell
1/08	Cappawhite	Semi C v D	Eire Óg/Golden	0-19	Cashel	1-12	N. Cosgrave
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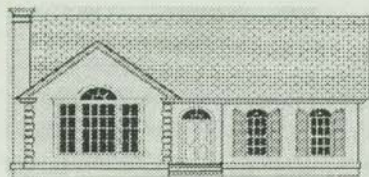
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Player Profiles - Clonoulty/Rossmore

MAURICE QUIRKE

Captain

Maurice is a long serving member of the Clonoulty/Rossmore GAA club. He started hurling for the club in 1980, played his first senior hurling game against Eire Og/Annacurthy in 1990, this is his fifteenth year playing senior hurling for the club. He captained the Junior football team to West and County honours in 2000. He has won u/12, u/14 west, u/16 west & county 1984, west minor in 89, u/21 west 88, 89, 90, 91. He has 4 west senior medals and 1 county senior medal in 1997, he has also won all Ireland colleges medal in 1990 and an all Ireland Interfirms football medal with Dairygold in 1996. Married to Aisling they live in Thurles and have 4 children, Caoimhe, Cian, Colin and Cormac. (there is sure to be plenty of hurling in that house in years to come). Maurice works for Dairygold Co-Op in Mitchelstown.



Andrew Friday: Goalie, 40, farmer, married to Kathy, 4 children. Under 14 County Final; 2 Minor West, 1 County; 4 West U21, 5 West Senior; 2 Senior County, 3 Football County Finals.

Con O'Keeffe: Lisheen Mines. Defender. 1 Minor West final; 1 Minor County final; 1 Senior West Medal '02.

John Heffernan: Farmer. Defender. U16 West F; U18 West; U21 West '95 '96; Junior F. West & Co. 2000; Senior H. West '96, '98 '02; Schools Munster Voc. 1991.

David Kennedy: 20, student. Defender. U12 'A' West H. 1992, '94; U21/Minor 'A' West 1999, 2000; Co. Junior 'A' 2000; Munster Minor Championship 2001, '02; McGabhann football titles 2000, '01, '02; Munster F. titles 2000, '02; Munster Colleges H. titles 1998, '99, '00. Keane Cup 2000. Minor U21 2003, '04. West Senior H. '02; West Minor H. '02.

Michael Heffernan: Farmer. Defender. West M.H. '96; County M.H. '96. West U21 H '95, '96; West Senior '96, '98, '02;

County Senior '97.

Liam Devane: 17, student. Defender. Feile U14. U16 West Football. Minor West H. '02. White Cup (schools).

Aidan Butler: 30. Farmer. Defender. West U21; West Senior '92, '96, '98, '02, County '97. Munster and All Ireland U21; Senior Munster and All Ireland.

Trevor Dwyer: Employed by Road Marking Company. Defender. Mid S.H. - Thurles Sarsfields; Mid Junior title with Thurles Fennellys. Minor H. '02 & Senior West '02.

James Heffernan. 17, student. U12 and U16 West finals; Feile; U16 West football; West Minor Hurling final. Dean Ryan Cup (schools); Member of County Minor panel; Fitzgerald Cup medal; Garda Cup medal.

Brian Ryan: 19, student. Defender. County Vocational Schools 2000, U 14, U 16, West titles. West Minor '02. West Senior '02.

Tadhg Ryan: 17, student. Defender. U12 H. West; U16 West Hurling & Football; Fitzgerald Cup & Croke Cup (schools); West Minor H. '02, Garda Cup.

Seanie O'Dwyer: 20, Stone Mason. Defender. 3 Minor H. County Medals; 1 U16 County Hurling medal.

Jason Forrestal: 17, student. Defender. U12 H. West; Feile U14; U16 West Hurling & Football; Minor West Football.

Joey O'Keeffe: 16, student. Defender. U12 & U16 Football & Hurling.

Stephen Kearney: 17, student. Midfield. U16 West Football; All Ireland Voc. School; Feile; Minor West Final.

Kevin Ryan: 35, married to Breda, Company Director. Midfield. U 16 West/Co. 1984; U18 West 1985 '86; U21 West 1988, '89; Senior West 1987, '92, '96, '98, '02; County S.H. title 1989, '97, All Ireland 'B' colleges 1993; Junior F. County final 2000.

Liam Kearney: Welder. Minor 'A' West final; 2 Senior West finals; U21 'A' West final; U14 'A' West final; Minor 'A' County final.

Paddy O'Brien: 26, Sales Manager. Forward. West U16, County U16, West Minor H. '96; County M.H. '96; West U21 1995 '96; West Senior Hurling '02.

Conor Ryan: 25, Electrical Supervisor, Forward. U12 'A' West Final; U14 'A' West Final; Minor West & Co. Final Medals 1996; U21 West Medal; West Senior Hurling Medal 2002.

John Devane: 22, student. Forward. U12 'A' West medals 1991, '92, '94; U14 'A' West medals; U16, U21 'A' West medals; Fitzgerald Cup; Croke Cup Schools; West & Co. Junior 'A' Football; Fitzgibbon Cup medal with U.L 2001/'02. U21 Munster '03.

Fiachra O'Keeffe: 18, student. Forward. Dean Ryan Schools. Minor West H. Medal, Feile U14.

Tom Butler: 23, farmer. Forward. U18 'A' West Final; U21 West Final; Senior West Hurling medal '02.

Alan Kennedy. 24, Bank Official. Forward. Has won West titles at all levels U12, U14, U16, Minor, U21 and Senior. County titles at U16, Minor and Senior. Played at Co. Minor and U21 level. Won schools Munster titles at football and hurling.

Paddy Sadlier: 20, Block layer. Forward. U12 West; Minor West Hurling Medal. Junior football West and County.

Conor Devane: 24, Computer operator. Forward. West H. final medals at U12, U14 and U16; West U21, Minor West and County. Junior football both West and County.

Timothy Hammersley: 17, student. Sub goalie. U12 West hurling; U16 West hurling; U16 football; Minor hurling; Fitzgerald Cup.

T.J. Maher: Metal fabricator. Forward. Minor West final; U21 West final, Senior West final '02.

Ned Dwyer: 31, stud hand. Forward. Minor football Co. final; U16 hurling Co. final; Senior County final medal '96.

Daithi Maher: 20, Carpenter. Forward. Feile; Rice Cup (schools); West Minor Hurling final medal '02; West Senior Medal '02.

Richard Martin: Fas worker, 4 West S.H. medals, 2 County S.H medals '89, '97; Longest serving member on panel.

Club Chairman Michael (Shiner) Heffernan

Shiner has served the Clonoulty/Rossmore GAA club as a player, mentor and is currently the club Chairman. He had really good career as a player winning U/14 west and county honours in 1977, west and county in 1981, U/21 west 81, 82 & 84. He joined the senior panel in 1981 and since then has won west senior titles in 1989, 92, 96 and 98 and two county senior titles in 1989 & 1997 and also got the man of the match award in the 97 county final. He played his last senior game for the club in 2000.



Shiner has also been involved as a mentor with the minors in the 90s winning 2 west titles and 1 county title in 1996. He was a selector with the junior football team that won west and county titles in 2000 and managed the senior hurling team that won the west title in 2002. He would always say that he got great enjoyment from the club but he has given back a huge amount of his time and energy to the GAA, living in Two Mile Borris he continues to give 100% commitment to his native Clonoulty/Rossmore.

Behind every good man there is always a good woman involved and Shiner is no different, he is married to Mary and they have two boys Niall and Mark.

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Profile on Past Player Michael Ryan (C)

Michael Ryan (C) or Mickey the Castle as he is better known locally is one of the sole survivors of the famous Eire Óg team that won the County Senior Hurling Final in 1943. He was born in 1920 at Ballysheedy next to the O'Dwyer's of Kilnamanagh stronghold, Ballysheedy Castle. One of a family of nine, he attended Anacarty N.S. where his teacher for one year was the newly appointed principal, William (Bill) O'Donnell from Golden. Under Bill's tutelage Mickey began his hurling career winning some school's matches. He then moved on to Cappawhite Vocational school. The Eire Óg club as we know it today was officially formed in 1936 and Mickey was on their Minor team. In 1937 and 1938 Eire Óg joined forces with Cappawhite in Minor Hurling and were called Brian Borus. Mickey won two West Minor Hurling medals with them. In 1937 he also won a West Junior Hurling medal when Eire Óg defeated Solohead in the final. From 1941 to 1944 he won four West Senior Hurling medals and the enviable county medal in 1943 plus two Crosco Cup medals in 1944 and 1946. Eire Óg also contested the County Final of 1941 but were beaten by Boherlahan on the scoreline 2-02 to 0-06. 1942 saw them beaten in the County Semi-Final by Killenale. In the 1943 West Final Eire 6g beat Cappawhite and Moycarkey/ Borris in the County Final on October 3rd. in

Thurles Sportsfield. Mickey played at left half-forward and was joined by his oldest brother Tom, the captain of the team, playing at left half-back and his youngest brother Philly (who won medals with both Tipperary and Dublin) playing at centre-back. A verse from a song penned at the time goes like this:

*We had Phil and Tom the Castle,
Bill Donnell and Tom Burke
With Georgie Ryan and Jerry are the boys
that did the work
Not forgetting John and Jerry Whip,
Jack Cooney and Tom Joy
And also Mick the Castle,
sure they made the leather fly
Sure we can't leave out Jim Donnell,
Jim Hanly and Jack Dee
Not forgetting Denis Condon,
they made the ball go free.*

Eire Óg's years of glory came to an end after capturing the West Final of 1944. Mickey moved on to pastures new in July 1945 when he married Mary Joe O'Dwyer and moved a few miles up the road to Mohera where he still resides today.

Mickey hung up his boots in 1949 to concentrate on farming and family life. He reared a family of four boys and two girls, Patsy (Mohera), Philly (Dublin), Thomas (Dublin), Anne (Cork), Mai (Doon), and Gerard (Anacarty).



Mickey and Kitty are the only surviving members of his family. His father Philly died in March 1943 thus missing out on his sons' County Final success. When Tom died in 1986 the following verse was written:

*Big Tom was captain of the team
Playing centre-back was Phil
And Michael in the forward line
Showed courage, speed and skill.*

Mickey's great hurling skill did not shine forth in any of his children and only today are some of his feats being emulated by his two grandsons, Gearoid and Liam who play underage for Eire 6g. One of Mickey's finest hours was seeing Gearoid receive a county medal in 2001 in U/12 B Football, though hurling is his first love. Still playing U/14, Gearoid has won six West medals and one County medal, and Liam at U/12 has one West medal. Both boys like their grandfather play in the forward line. Gearoid represented Eire Óg on this year's U/14 West Hurling team.

Mickey is still hale and hearty at eighty-four and attends many a hurling match yet and would be delighted to see Eire Óg win the West Senior Hurling title as part of the combo with Golden.

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 (Middle row): Philly Ryan (C), Tom Joy, Michael Ryan (C), Johnny Ryan (W)
 (Front row): George Ryan, Jerry Ryan, Jim Hanly, Tom Ryan (C), Jack Dee.

Snippets

Eire Óg's first West Senior Hurling Title was achieved against Golden in 1941 by a mere point 4-04 to 3-06. Playing for Golden that day was Anacarty School principal Bill O'Donnell. In 1943 he transferred to Eire Óg, winning a West and County title with them.

Clonoulty's trainer Kevin Fox is the goalie for the Eire Óg Junior "B" Hurling Team on which his son Brian is a substitute also.

This is a novel final as Eire 6g have never played against Clonoulty in a West Senior Hurling Final and Golden played them in 1998, with Clonoulty winning by four points 0-12 to 0-08

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West & County

Intermediate Hurling.

Crosco Cup, West Senior Football.

Munster Minor Hurling & Football.



Vincent Ryan (corner-back), 32, 5ft.9ins.,

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Numerous West Underage Medals.

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West and County I.H., I.F., J.F.

Conor O'Brien (wing-back), 19, 5ft.11ins.,

13st., Student. Underage Medals. West I.H.

West Minor "B" Hurling. West U/21 "A" and

"B" Hurling. West and County I.F.

2 Munster Minor Hurling Medals

U/21 Munster Hurling Medal

Munster and All-Ireland Senior Hurling

Colleges B. Fitzgibbon Cup With Waterford

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Damian O'Brien (wing-forward), 23,

5ft.10ins., 12st.7lbs., Secondary Teacher

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West U/21 "B" Football

West U/21 "A" and "B" Hurling

All-Ireland J.F.C

Munster and All-Ireland Senior Football

Colleges B

Ronan O'Brien (corner-forward), 21,

5ft.8ins., 11st., Student.

Numerous West Underage Medals. West I.H.

West and County I.F., M.F. "B".

West Minor "B" Hurling

West U/21 "A" and "B" Hurling

Munster U/21 Hurling Medal

John Quinn (corner-forward), 40, 6ft. lin.,

13st.7lbs., married to Liz, 2 children,

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2 West Senior Hurling Medals.

West and County I.H., I.F., J.F.

2 All-Ireland Senior Hurling B - London

2 London S.H.C.

Donnacha Horan (sub-goalie), 32, 5ft.6ins.,

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West and County I.H., I.F., J.F.

Daniel Hogan, 18, 5ft.8ins., 10st.7lbs.,

Student. Underage West Medals

West U/21 "A" and "B" Hurling

Ollie Kelly, 29, 6ft., 13st, married to

Margaret, Secondary Teacher.

Underage West Medals

West I.H. West and County I.F., J.F.

Brian Ryan, 22, 5ft.10ins., 11st., Electrician.

Underage West Medals

West I.H. West and County M.F. "B", I.F.

West Minor "B" Hurling

West U/21 "A" and "B" Hurling

Munster and All-Ireland Colleges Senior

Football B

Richard Leahy, 23, 5ft.10ins. 12st., Student.

Underage West Medals

West and County M.F. "B", I.F.

West Minor "B" Hurling

West U/21 "A" and "B" Hurling

Munster and All-Ireland Colleges Senior

Football B. Munster M.H. Medal

Philip McLoughlin, 24, 5ft. 11ins., 11st.,

Carpenter.

Underage West Medals

West and County J.F.

Munster Colleges Senior Hurling "B" Medal

Anthony Crosse, 37, 6ft.2ins., 14st.7lbs.,

Financial Advisor.

Numerous West Underage Medals

1 West Senior Hurling Medal

Crosco Cup, West and County I.H., I.F., J.F.

Munster M.F.C., S.H.C., National Hurling

League.

Patrick Ivors: 18, 12st., Student.
West Minor Hurling, West u/21 Hurling & Football. Crosco Cup; Dean Ryan Cup, Cashel Community School. 2 McGowan Cups, 2 Senior Football with Cashel Community School.

MI. Harding: 17, 11½ st., Student.
West Minor Hurling; West u/21 Hurling & Football. Crosco Cup. Dean Ryan Cup, Cashel Community School. McGowan Cup, Senior Football with Cashel Community School. Arrabawn Cup Medal.

Richard Walsh: 23, 12st. 6lbs., Engineer.
West Minor Hurling & Football
West & Co. u/21 Hurling, Crosco Cup.

Gerard Fogarty: 23, 12st. Civil Engineer
West Minor Hurling & Football.
West u/21 Football.
West & Co. u/21 Hurling, Crosco Cup.

John Colohan: 22, 13st. Carpenter.
West Minor Hurling.
West u/21 Hurling & Football, Crosco Cup.

Michael Stapleton: 26, 11½ st. Accountant
West Minor Hurling & Football.
West & Co. u/21 Hurling, West u/21 Football.
Crosco Cup.

Stuart Beattie: 32, 13½ st., Garda
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West u/21 Hurling & Football,
West Senior Football, Crosco Cup.

James Tierney: 25, 13st., Garda
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West & Co. u/21 Hurling.
West u/21 Football. Crosco Cup.
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Shane Stapleton: Corner Forward, 23, 11st.
P.E. Teacher
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West u/21 Football. Crosco Cup.

David Fogarty (Daithi): 37, 13½ st.,
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4 West Senior Football, O'Donoghue Cup;
West & Co. Intermediate Hurling,
Munster Minor Hurling,

Munster Colleges,
Munster & All-Ireland Intermediate Hurling.

Aidan Fogarty: Midfield, 25, 10½ st.,
Horse Trainer
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West & Co. u/21 Hurling & Football
Munster Minor Hurling, Crosco Cup.

Brian Fogarty: Midfield, 29, 10½ st.,
Publican
West Minor Hurling & Football
West & Co. u/21 Hurling & Football
West Senior Football, O'Donoghue Cup
West & Co. Intermediate Hurling.

James McCarthy (Jim Bob): Wing forward
18, 12½ st., Student.
West Minor Hurling
West u/21 Hurling & Football, Crosco Cup
Munster Minor Hurling, Arrabawn Cup medal
Dean Ryan Cup, Cashel Community School
3 McGowan Cup medals, Cashel Community School.

Mark Bargary: Goalkeeper, 24, 12st.
Civil Engineer.
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Crosco Cup.

Paul Fogarty: Corner back, 21, 10½ st.,
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Kevin McCarthy: Fullback, 24, 13st.,
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Eire Óg Senior Hurling team - August 1984



Golden/Kilfeacle U/21 Hurling team - October 1984

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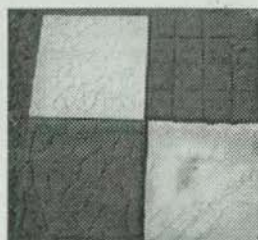
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By Eileen Ryan

Recent History

Eire Óg last contested a West Senior Hurling Final in 1999, losing to neighbours Kickhams. After poor showings in the 2000 and 2001 Senior Hurling campaigns, Eire Óg faced relegation matches, escaping in 2000, only to come unstuck in 2001, being beaten by both Carrick Swans and Silvermines by the merest of margins. Co-incidentally it was Silvermines whom Eire Óg beat in the Intermediate Hurling County Final of 1994 to be elevated to senior status.

Since the turn of the millennium the club has won three county titles in football, u/12 B, Junior and Intermediate in 2001. Last year Eire Óg contested the West Senior Football Final, going down to Galtee Rovers. Winning their first ever West U/21 A Hurling title in 2001 gave the club great hope for the future and most of the players involved feature in today's Senior Final as it was Clonoulty whom Eire Óg beat.

The club is at present undergoing a major new pitch development on which work has just commenced.

Eire Óg's last success in Senior Hurling was achieved in 1986 when they beat their partners of today, Golden, in the final played in Dundrum on July 27th on the scoreline 2-09 to 1-10.

Playing for Eire Óg at comer forward that day was John Quinn who caused havoc for the Golden defence. As the "Daddy" of today's combo team, given the chance, he could wreak havoc on the Clonoulty defence. John was also a substitute on the winning Eire Óg team of 1981, when they beat Cappawhite in the West Final.

Eire Óg's manager today, Pat Fox also played in 1986 as did substitute Anthony Crosse. Not playing for Eire Óg on final day in 1986, due to injury was Kevin Fox who today trains rivals Clonoulty.

So today's final pits the craftiness of one Fox against another Fox. "May the cleverest Fox win".

ACHIEVEMENTS

County Championships

Senior Hurling: 1943
Junior Hurling: 1977
Intermediate Hurling: 1994
U/21 Hurling (with Cappa): 1977
Intermediate Hurling League: 2002
Intermediate Football: 2001
Junior Football: 1974, 1983, 1993, 2001
Minor "B" Football: 1998

West Championships

Senior Hurling:

1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1964, 1967, 1981, 1986, 1961 (with Cappa)

Crosco Cup:

1943, 1946, 1971, 1972, 1980, 1984

Intermediate Hurling: 1994, 2002

Junior Hurling No. 1:

1937, 1960, 1962, 1976, 1977

Junior Hurling No. 2: 1966, 1972, 2001

Minor Hurling (with Cappa):

1937, 1938, 1939, 1957, 1962, 1977, 1978

Minor "B" Hurling: 1998

U/21 Hurling:

1962 (with Cappa), 1972 and 1973 (with Clonoulty), 1977, 1978 and 1980 (with Cappa), 1999, 2000, 2003.

U/21 "A" Hurling: 2001

Intermediate Football:

1988, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001.

Junior Football:

1962, 1964, 1974, 1983, 1993, 2000, 2001.

U/21 Football: 1981 (with Cappa), 1998

Minor "B" Football:

1986 (with Solohead), 1998.

Senior Football O'Donoghue Cup:

2000, beat Kickhams and it was the last match refereed by John Moloney.

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Secretary: Kathleen Ryan

Committee:

Patsy Furlong, Tom English, Kevin Fox, Vinny Ryan, Seamus Hanly, Oilie Kelly, Michael Devlin, Seamus O'Brien, Shane Hennessy.

UNDERAGE NEWS

Following a lot of lean years at juvenile level, the great commitment and hard work finally paid off when Eire Óg won their first ever county juvenile title in U/12 "B" Football and contested the county Final in U/12 "B" Hurling in 2001. A number of titles have been won since in all juvenile grades in both hurling and football and a few weeks ago the U/12 hurlers went down to Clonoulty in the U/12 "A" West Final.

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Changing Times for Clonoulty / Rossmore

The vicissitudes of sport are, perhaps, what make it such a compelling part of many people's lives. Clonoulty/Rossmore, like so many other clubs, has experienced the highs and the lows in the last ten years. From Co. Champions in 1997 and beaten finalists the following year, the club was on the brink of relegation to Intermediate status just last year. Our narrow escape at the expense of an unfortunate MoycarkyBorris brought a mixture of relief and foreboding in equal measure. We had retained our Senior status but what did the future hold?

Declan Ryan had been the talisman for so many of our achievements in the past and 2004 dawned with the realisation that the three time All-Star had donned the green and gold for the final time in the relegation final of 2003. Not many would have forecast earlier this year that the club would reach a West final without his influence but such is sport.

In the seven short years since 1997 our Senior team has been radically altered. Long-serving goalkeeper, Andrew Fryday, is the only player in today's final who survives in the same position as 1997. Full back, Noel Keane went on to win three Cork championships with Blackrock and is now retired from Senior hurling. Comer back, Micheal Ryan has not figured to date in this year's championship due to injury while the other comer back, Fr Peter Brennan, has retired and has recently been 'transferred' to New Inn. Former Inter-County star, John Kennedy, retired after the 1997 final while centre back, Aidan Butler, has been drafted to the half forwards. Michael Heffeman has been switched from the

wing to full back. Of the 1997 midfield duo, Kevin Ryan featured as a sub in our first round clash with Kickhams while Kevin Lanigan-Ryan has not played with the club for the last two seasons. Only Maurice Quirke of the 1997 forwards remains and captains the team today. Michael Brennan was forced into premature retirement through injury and Michael 'Bonny' Kennedy is in the U.S.A. James Ryan (H) has not hurled this year due to injury and Michael 'Shiner' Heffeman, man of the match in the 1997 final, is now chairman of the club!

It is interesting to note that five of today's first fifteen were members of the team that won the Co. Minor hurling final of 1996, Michael Heffeman, Con O'Keeffe, Liam Keamey, Conor Ryan and Alan Kennedy. Players of an even younger vintage have also graduated to the Senior team with David Kennedy and John Devane now key members of the side. Indeed, the club is proud to list John's name among those who have worn the blue and gold at Senior level in the years since 1987. He was also a key member of the Tipperary U-21 team which defeated Setanta and his fellow Cork warriors in last year's Munster final. Only last week, David Kennedy followed in his footsteps when Tipp again put the Rebel U-21s to the sword in Semple Stadium.

Current Co. Minor, James Heffeman, has also featured at wing back in this year's Senior championship against Kickhams, though unavailable for the semi-final through injury. Brian Ryan, Liam Devane, Stephen Keamey and Fiachra O'Keeffe are debutantes in Senior hurling this year, Stephen having won an All

Ireland Vocational Schools' medal at centre field for Tipperary in their win over Offaly at the end of April.

It is heartening to see the progress being made by the younger players on the team. It is difficult to believe that only five years ago James Heffernan captained our U-12s to victory in a West final and is now playing in a Senior final! Three of today's players will have played in the West Minor hurling final on Tuesday last and three will have received their Leaving Cert. results on Wednesday. What a week!

Juvenile Scene

The club decided to re-structure its Juvenile affairs in 1999 with the old system of a Juvenile Manager being replaced by an elected committee which meets regularly to oversee all aspects of the Juvenile club. This system is working well and should be retained. While

success, in terms of championships won, has not been overwhelming, all age groups from U-8s to U-16s are being well catered for and have a full programme of activities from the month of February until late September. We have been fortunate with the calibre of officers and mentors who have been involved at Juvenile level down the years and this has continued in recent times. We are proud of the attitude and discipline of our Juvenile teams and constantly strive for the highest standards.

This year we won the U-12 West Hurling championship for the third time in a row and added County honours last year to the delight of all concerned. This must augur well for the future of the club. While victories are sweet what is probably more important is to make every effort with all teams and to be competitive in all grades as far as is possible. We



John Devane

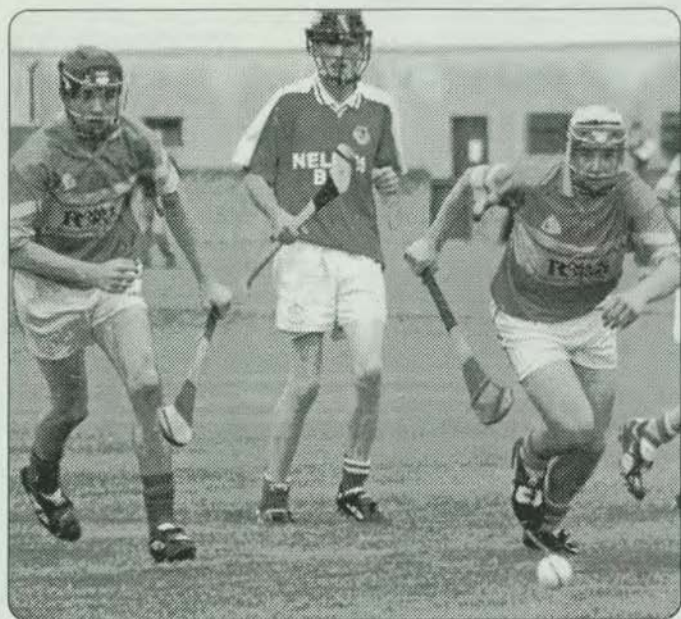


David Kennedy

wish our U-12s the best of luck in their Co. semi final against Burgess tomorrow night in Templemore and hopefully many of today's supporters will turn out again to cheer the heroes of tomorrow! Our U-14s won the West Feile na nGael final in May and were unlucky to be defeated in the Co. semi final by 2 points by the eventual Co. champions Kiladangan. This team has qualified for the West semi final in hurling which will be played next week. Again, we wish them well. Our U-16s won the West "B" Football final recently and put up a great battle in the Co. semi final only to be agonisingly defeated by Portroe by a single point. This was a remarkable achievement as 7 of the team are still U-14. We wish them luck in the West hurling championship.

Club Development

The club purchased a second field five years ago and has recently bought a further half acre to enable it to eventually have two full size playing fields. This is essential in modern times with so much activity at all levels from juvenile upwards and with our Camogie club going from strength to strength. Paying for this additional land and developing it will cost a considerable sum of money. In addition our facilities in general need to be upgraded to modern standards to provide comfort for players and patrons alike. Financing these developments will pose a major challenge in the coming years but, with the goodwill of our supporters, we are confident that this challenge can be met. We appeal to all those with the interest of the club at heart to assist where possible in the fund-raising efforts that will be required.



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40 Years Ago

The senior hurling championship of 1963 once again attracted a number of junior combinations. Rosegreen and Rockwell Rvs. teamed up together to form St. Mary's, Lattin-Cullen and Solohead formed St. Patrick's and Golden and Bansha made up Suir Rovers.

There were seven affiliations for the championships with the following draw pairings; St. Mary's v. Kickhams;

St. Patrick's v. Eire Og;

Suir Rovers v. Cappawhite;

Clonoulty/R a bye.

The first round winners were Kickhams (5-4 to 2-7).

St Patrick's (5-12 to 4-3)

and Cappawhite (3-11 to 0-1).

The latter pair were through to the semi-finals and Kickhams joined them when they defeated Clonoulty/Rossmore by a single point 3-7 to 4-3, in the second round. The fourth semi-finalist came from the losers' group and here Eire Og put out St. Mary's (3-5 to 1-10) before being eliminated themselves by Suir Rovers. It took three games to separate this pair. At the first attempt they drew Eire Og 4-4, Suir Rovers 3-7. The replay also ended even, Eire Og 4-5, Suir Rovers 3-8, and no extra time was played because the game was late starting and the referee, Philip Ryan, Boherlahan, was unable to stay on for the extra period. The third meeting was equally tight but Sean McGovern tapped over the winning point from a free, Suir Rovers 2-12, Eire Og 4-5.

The first of the semi-finals was played at Golden on July 14th where St. Patrick's had a four point win over Cappawhite, 2-9 to 2-5. The winners led 1-4 to 1-2 at half time and the local press report described the result as a sensation.

The second semi-final was played at Sean Treacy Park on August 8th and those three games with Eire Og stood to Suir Rovers as they dismissed Kickhams comprehensively,

4-10 to 3-3. Kickhams led 2-2 to 2-1 at half time but clearly ran out of steam in the second period.

The final was staged at Golden on August 25th and refereed by Jim Devitt. It was a misty day that produced slippery conditions for the players and the hurling suffered as a consequence. St Patrick's led at half time by 3-2 to 0-3 and were good value for an end margin of 5-3 to 1-7. Jim Devitt sent four players off during the game. Paddy Verdon (St. Patrick's) and Michael Ryan (Suir Rovers) were each suspended for two months while B. Leahy (St. Patrick's) and D. Hickey (Suir Rovers) got one month terms. Afterwards Board chairman, Sean O'Dwyer, presented the O'Dwyer Cup to the winning captain, Jim Hassett.

In the county quarter final, played at Cashel, Mid runners-up, Moycarkey, were too good for the West champions, winning 6-5 to 4-2.

The Last Combo team which the West 1963 - St. Patrick's (Solohead/Lattin):

Jimmy Hannon, Joe Condon, Jackie Hannon, Thady Byrnes, Mick Maguire, Tommy Breen, Paddy Verdon, Jim Hassett and Billy Finnan; George Ryan, Con Aherne, Fonsie Condon, Jimmy Fahy, J. 'Yank' Crowe, John Condon, Subs: B. Leahy for J. Crowe.

(Team taken from Star report on West final)

The Eire Og team which won the West 1964: M. O'Mahony, J. Corbett, C. Walsh, J. Hogan, T.J. Ryan, T. Tuohy, S. Ryan, D.J. Gleeson, J. O'Brien, P. Ryan, L. O'Neill, J. Cummins, H. Cummins, M. Gleeson, B. Corbett, Subs: P. Hennessy for P. Ryan; W. Ryan for T. Tuohy

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