West Tipperary Senior Hurling Final Match Programme 2007

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West Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship Final

CLONOULTY/ROSSMORE v KICKHAMS

at Leahy Park, Cashel, Sunday 15th July 2007 at 3:00 p.m. Referee: David Grogan (Aherlow)



Preceded by Tipperary Co-Op Supervalu J.H.C. A Emly v Solohead at 1:15 p.m. Referee: Richie Barry (Cappawhite)











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Cuirim fáilte freisin roimh a lucht tacaíochta chuig cluiche ceannais cramh shinsir iománaíochta an larthair 2007.

I wish to welcome everybody to Leahy park, Cashel for the West senior hurling final of 2007. I am delighted that it is being hosted by my own club, Cashel King Cormacs. I wish



to thank the chairman of the club, Joe O'Leary, and his committee for making their excellent facilities available to the West board. It has taken five matches to bring us to the final, in what has been a good championship to date. I wish both teams the best of luck and I look forward to a good game of hurling. I would like to thank, most sincerely, the sponsors of our West Senior Hurling Championship,

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Thanks also to my fellow board officers, in particular secretary, Jerry Ring, and treasurer, Eamon Buckley for their efforts in organizing the day. A special thanks to Seamus King, President of Cashel King Cormac's, for producing the program for today's final.

Welcome from Cashel King Cormac's Chairman

On behalf of the Cashel King Cormac's I should like to welcome the teams and their supporters to today's final. It is a great honour to be hosting such a prestigious game and I hope that the arrangements will be to everyone's liking. I should like to thank field caretaker, Eddie Lonergan, for his efforts to get the field into perfect order. He was helped by members of Cashel Group Sports CES and I should like to thank them also for their work. Thanks also to Seamus King for his work on the program. He has been producing programs at this venue since the early eighties and I expect today's will be up to his usual high standards. In thanking him I should also like to thank all our advertisers and encourage you to support them.

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New Chairman of the West Board

Mattie Finnerty was elected chairman of the West Board of the G.A.A. at the division's 78th annual convention at Kearney's Castle Hotel, Cashel at the end of last year. He was elected unanimously as the board's sixteenth chairman in succession to Billy Ryan of Kickhams.

A native of Tuam, Co. Galway, Mattie has resided at Cashel since 1976 and he is the second member of the Cashel King Cormac's club to be so honoured. The previous member to hold the position was Seamus King, who was chairman for the years 1995-1997.

In the course of his acceptance speech the new chairman, who was proposed for the position by club chairman, Ger Slattery, and seconded by Kickhams chairman, Seamus O'Dwyer, spoke of the great honour of being elected to the position. He was particularly pleased to be elected at a convention hosted by his own club.

In the course of his remarks he highlighted to need for clubs and divisions to have a greater say in the running of our affairs. The division should have a greater input in the way our games were organized. In the course of club visitations in which he was involved recently, the mantra of greater independence for the club was heard again and again. These voices should be heard and given a greater say in decision making. He also spoke of the rights of players and the need for them to be able to plan their lives during the summer, rather than being the victims of arbitrary decisions on fixtures by the county games administration committee.

He was concerned at the fall off in the numbers attending our games, which he attributed to fixing games at wrong times as well as having too long a period between games. He also admitted that people were spoiled for choice these days and that, in latter years particularly, our games in the division were not sufficiently attractive to people from outside. There was also the problem of failing to promote and publicise our games sufficiently. He hoped to bring back new life into old competitions like the Crosco and O'Donoghue Cups.

He commented on the burden of insurance premiums on clubs, remarking that the division had paid premiums during 2006 twice as great as the figure for claims. He mused about the possibility of having the equivalent of a 'no claims bonus' for clubs.

Mattie Finnerty has been associated with the promotion of games since he arrived in Cashel over thirty years ago. He was intensively involved in the management of teams in the old C.B.S., helping the school to two All-Ireland B senior hurling titles in 1980 and 1982, as well as winning many other honours, including a Rice Cup. For fifteen years he has been secretary of Cashel King Cormac's, making it one of the best run clubs in the division.

A teacher by profession, Mattie has been prominent in the Association of Secondary Teachers, serving on committees at local and national level.

He brings a wealth of experience to the job as chairman, having served as a Fianna Fáil member of Cashel Urban District Council for fifteen years, and having been chairman on two occasions. Married to Rosie, who is also from Co. Galway, the couple reside at Cashel.

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Mike Ring	John Purcell	Sean Hennessey
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Adrian Hennessey		Donal Condon
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Mike Burke	Pat Buckley	Joey Lonergan
13	14	15
Eoin Buckley	James Purcell	Eddie Hanley

Subs: 16 Robert Lonergan, 17 Declan McEniry, 18 Paddy Connors, 19 Pa Hennessey, 20 Ally Sheehy, 21 James Ryan, 22 Paul Creamer, 23 William Hennessey, 24 Stephen Lonergan, 25 David Byrnes.

Solohead (Red & Green)

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	David Kennedy	
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Kevin Ryan	Philip O'Doherty	Jerry Dee
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Colm Riordan		Niall O'Callaghan
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Noel Kennedy	Shane Ryan	Brian Hartnett
13	14	15
Jamie Ryan	Aidan Riordan	Patrick Russell

Subs: 16 Jonathon Ryan, 17 John Kilmartin, 18 Danny Ryan, 19 Christopher O'Connor, 20 Paul Ryan, 21 Alan Kiely, 22 James Kiely, 23 Eamon Bargary, 24 Peter O'Hora, 25 Declan Burns, 26 Michael Cagney.

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Referee Profile - David Grogan

David Grogan of Aherlow referees his first West senior hurling final today. An experienced referee, he has been taking charge of games since 1994 when he commenced his career with juvenile games. He quickly progressed and took charge of the county junior football final in 1996. In the same year he moved to Dublin and was domiciled there until 2000. He continued refereeing, taking charge of games at senior football and hurling level, as well as the county junior A hurling final of 1999. Returning to Tipperary he took charge of minor C county hurling finals in 2001 and 2003, as well as an under-21 C final in 2004. During these years he also refereed numerous hurling and football games in the West Division. Married to Helen and living in Aherlow, the couple have two children, and David works in accounts at Coolmore.



Kickhams Captain Profile - Daniel Breen

Daniel Breen of Knockavilla is captain of Kickhams today. This is fourth year on the senior panel. He is a skillful and tenacious player who gives no quarter and asks none in return. Aged twenty-five years, he came through the successful Kickhams juvenile ranks of the mid-90s. In 1999 Daniel and his teammates won a West minor hurling and football double. He was centreforward in last year's West senior hurling final against today's opposition, and played an important part in Kickhams success on the day. Daniel is a master farrier, whose skills are highly regarded by all who know him in the equine industry. He is joined on the team today by three of his first cousins, Nigel Hayes, and the Breen brothers, Derek and Paul.

Daniel is wished will today, as is every member of the Kickhams panel, and it is expected they will all do the parish of Knockavilla-Donaskeigh proud at Leahy Park today.



Clonoulty/Rossmore Captain Profile -John Devane

Age: 24, Height; 6' 1, Weight: 13 ½ stone, Occupation: Financial Adviser. Sporting Achievements: West U12 A, U14, U16, Minor and U21, west senior 2002, West and county junior a football 2000, Tony Forristal, Munster U21 hurling, Fitzgibbon Cup with University of Limerick, Player of the Tournament in the Fitzgibbon Cup, All Ireland Inter firms with Bank of Ireland, 2 New York championship titles.

Sporting Heroes: Eamon Corcoran, Richard Martin.

Other sports interested in: Golf, Gaelic Football, Womens beach volleyball

Influences on your career: Family, Club, Nicky English
Best sports book read: Lance Armstrong "Every Second Counts".

Favourite holiday destination: New York

Favourite Food: Bacon & Cabbage

Sporting Motto: Train as you play and G'out and go wrong!



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S.H. Final Preview

by J. J. Kennedy

With the domestic hurling championship on the back burner in most divisions, the West avails of a window of opportunity this Sunday to be the first of the four to stage its showpiece. Leahy Park, Cashel, hosts the 78th divisional final where reigning champions, Kickhams, face Clonoulty\Rossmore in a repeat of last year's showdown. Kickhams chase a record-equalling 18th title while Clonoulty bid for their 11th.

Contrary to perception these clubs have met rarely in West deciders. True, it is their third meeting this decade with Clonoulty shading the issue in '02 and Kickhams gaining ample revenge twelve months ago. But their previous meetings were in the fifties with Kickhams scoring four wins over their neighbours in '52, '53, '54 and '59 – the latter against Rossmore alone. Those results followed a famous win by Clonoulty in '51. In total the parishes have met seven times in West finals with Kickhams holding a five-two advantage.

It has been a low-key West championship so far with both semi-finals going to replays. Cashel K.C. came close to unseating Kickhams when the teams met initially. It ended 0-10 apiece before the Dundrum club finished strongly in the replay to edge home on a

3-11 to 3-8 score line. Clonoulty for their part pulled off a major win over Cappawhite in their opening bout (1-17 to 0-16) before needing two outings to dismiss newly-promoted Eire Og. A late comeback by Annacarty foiled Clonoulty in the initial outing – it ended Clonoulty 1-15 to Eire Og's 2-12. In the replay, however, it was Clonoulty who showed the smarter form at Dundrum, winning in the end by 1-15 to 1-7.

While the clubs have met infrequently in West finals nonetheless the rivalry between them is part of the fabric of West Tipp hurling. As neighbours that rivalry is particularly intense and it has produced some of the most stirring clashes in West Tipperary in recent times. Sunday promises to be no different.

Clonoulty have made it to the final despite some background difficulties posed by retirements and defections. It's generally accepted that their half back line of James Heffernan, John Devane and Liam Devane has been the powerhouse of their progress this year. Ex-county man, John Devane, has been in exceptional form and is sure to present Kickhams with some difficulties on Sunday.

At midfield Tom Butler has been a key component too, regularly pitching in with two or three longrange points. In attack the key player has been Timmy Hammersley. He's their top scorer, notching an average of nine points per game so far, an impact that earned him promotion to the Tipperary u-21 panel following their divisional semi-final win over Eire Og.

That semi-final win by Clonoulty also saw the return from retirement of Aidan Butler, so long a lynchpin of their defence but this time taking on an attacking role. If not starting on Sunday he's sure to play some part during the game. Their goalie, Declan O'Dwyer, is back in action for Clonoulty too after being injured in the drawn game with Eire Og. His replacement, Diarmuid Cullen, did very well when called upon.

For their part Kickhams also welcome back a few players who missed their semi-final win over Cashel K.C. Brian Horgan was a major loss that day as was John McCormack, two long-serving stalwarts of the team. Their return should boost the team's prospect of putting titles back-to-back, something the club hasn't done since the fifties.

Overall the team contains a mixture of youth and experience. Michael Heelan did well at centre back both days against Cashel K.C. while Damien McGrath always has the potential to be a match winner. With Brian Horgan returning, presumably to the half back line, the selectors again face a decision on

where to locate Damien McGrath and whether or not to move him forward to the attack. Vinny Kelly at centre field is another one of the experienced players in the side, this time going for his fourth divisional medal.

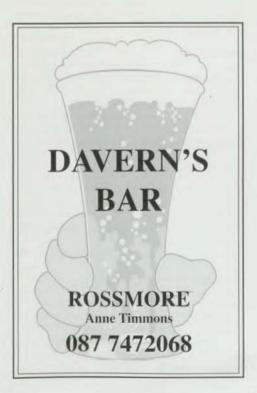
In attack the Horgan brothers, Richard and Alan, dominated the scoring in their win over Cashel and will again carry the club's hopes on Sunday. Centre forward Daniel Breen acquitted himself admirably against Ryan O'Dwyer, but again faces a tough assignment on Sunday when he lines up beside John Devane. That tussle could have a significant bearing on the eventual outcome.

In their build-up to the final the teams were restricted to challenge games with Clonoulty facing Portroe and Boherlahan while Kickhams looked to Limerick and games with Ahane and Doon. Ultimately, though, it all comes down to form next Sunday and which team craves this title most.

Last year Clonoulty went in as favourites and were caught by Kickhams who produced one of their finest displays in many years. It was a defeat which hurt Clonoulty and now twelve months later there's a chance to atone. On past record there's usually little between the sides as both respond to the age old rivalry and produce something special for the occasion.

As reigning champions Kickhams will probably be burdened with slight favouritism, though most recognise that any tie between these two is a fifty\fifty affair down to the whims of the day. Either way it promises to be a contest to lift the profile of the division, a profile that has been in decline in recent years.

The game at Cashel has a 3pm starting time and will be preceded by a junior hurling championship tie between Emly and Solohead.



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Profiles of Clonoulty Rossmore Senior Team

Diarmuid Cullen

Age 19
Height 6' 1"
Weight 11st 2lbs
Occupation Electrician
Honours: West u-12, u-16, 2 minor
A + 1 minor B, 2 West u-21 H, Croke Cup,
captained West Tipp u-16 H. to
Munster honours

Declan O'Dwyer

Age 24
Height 6' 2"
Weight 13 ½ st
Occupation Garda
Achievements: 1 West senior,1 West u-21
A hurling, 1 minor hurling,2 West u-12 H

Kevin Horan

Age 21 Height 5' 8" Weight 11 st Occupation Farmer Honours 2 west u-21 hurling, 1 minor hurling, minor b football, Garda Cup

John Heffernan

Age 29
Height 6'
Weight 14st
Occupation: farmer
Honours: 2 west senior 98+02, West + county
junior football 2000, 2 West u-21 hurling,1
Crosco cup, Munster Vocational Schools 1991

Joey O'Keeffe

Age 19 Height 5'8" Weight 12 ½ st Occupation: student Honours 2 u-21A H., 2 minor A H., u-16 H., u-16 B. football, u-12 H

James Heffernan

Age 20 Height 6 Weight 13 1/2 st Occupation: student Honours 2 West u-21A H., 3 minor A H., u-16 H., u-14 Feile, u-12 H., Tony Forristal, played minor hurling with Tipp.

Liam Devane

Age 20
Height 6'
Weight 13 st
Occupation: student
Honours: 2 West u-21A H.,1 minor A hurling,
Munster u-15 schools, Arrabawn Co-op with Tipp.,
Munster divisional u-16

Conor Ryan

Age 28
Height 6' 3"
Weight 15 st
Occupation: electrical contractor
Honours: West senior 98+02, West u-21 1995/96,
West + county minor 1996, county u-16 football,
married to Claire.

Tom Butler

Age 25
Height 6'
Weight 14 st
Occupation: Farm Manager
Honours: 1 West senior, 1 u-21A H.,2 minor H.,
2 u-16, 2 u-14, 2 u-12

Micheal Coen

Age 30
Height 5' 8"
Weight 11 st
Occupation: Tipperary Glass employee
Honours: 1 county senior, 2 West senior, 2 u-21 H.,
1 West u-21 B football, 2 All-Britain intermediate
hurling with John Mitchels, Birmingham.

Paudie White
Age 19
Height 5, 10"
Weight 11st 8 lbs
Occupation: carpenter
Honours: 1 u-21 H., 2 minor A H., 1 u-16 H., 2 u-16 B football, 1 u-12, 3 All-Ireland racquet ball.

James Ryan H

Age 29
Height 6'2"
Weight 13st 12 lbs
Occupation: sales marketing manager
Honours: county senior 1997, 3 West senior H., 2
West u-21 H., West + county minor 1996,
numerous underage.

Aidan Butler

Age 32 Height 6'3" Weight 13 1/2 st Occupation: farmer

Honours: All-Ireland senior 2001, Munster senior ' 01, Munster + All-Ireland u-21 hurling 1995, county senior hurling 1997, west senior 92, 96, 98, 02, married to Helen.

John O'Keeffe

Age 18 Height 5'10" Weight 12 1/2 st. Occupation: student Honours: All-Ireland minor hurling 2006 (wingback), 2 West u-21 H., 2 u-18A, u-16 H., u-12 H., Munster u-16 H.

Fiachra O'Keeffe

Age 21 Height 5'6" Weight 10 st Occupation: student Honours: 2 West u-21 H., 1 minor B hurling, Dean Ryan with Cashel Community School

Timmy Hammersley

Age 19 Height 6' Weight 12st Occupation: student WIT Honours: Freshers All-Ireland with WIT. 2 u-21 H., 3 minor H., Fitzgerald + Croke Cup with Thurles C.B.S., u -12 West, Feile.

Michael Heffernan

Age :29

Height 6'2" Weight 14 st Occupation: farmer Honours: county senior 1997, West senior 96, 98,02, West u-21 95/96, West + county minor 1996, West + county junior football '00, county u-16 football and numerous underage titles.

Conor Devane

Married to Siobhan

Age 26 Height 6'1" Weight 13 1/2 st Occupation: IT Consultant Honours: West u-21 H., West + county minor 1996, West + county junior football '00, numerous underage titles.

Anthony Kearney

Age 19 Height 5' 10" Weight 11 st Occupation: student

Honours: 2 u-21A H., 2 minor A H., 2 u-16A H, 1 u-12A H.

Brian Ryan

Age 22 Height 5'8" Weight 13 st Occupation: carpenter Honours: All-Ireland Colleges with WIT, West senior 02, 2 u-21 H.,1 u-18H

Jason Forristal

Age 20 Height 5' 10" Weight 11st 12lbs Occupation: student

Honours: 2 u-21A H., 2 minor A H., + 1 minor B H, u-16A H., u-12 A H., 3 Munster football titles .

Conn O'Keeffe

Age 27 Height 5' 8" Weight 13st Occupation: miner Honours: West senior 02, West u-21 H, West + county minor 1996, county u-16 football and numerous underage titles. Married to Norma.

Patrick Ryan

Age 19 Height 6' Weight 12 st

Occupation: Rossmore Engineering employee Honours: 2 u-21A H., 2 minor H., u-16 H., u-12 H.

Ned O'Dwyer

Age 34 Height 5'8" Weight 12 1/2 st Occupation: stud hand

Honours: county senior hurling with Boherlahan in 1996 and county u-21 football

Kenny Ryan

Age 35 Height 6' Weight 14 1/2 st Occupation: carpenter

Honours: 2 West senior, 1 u-21 H., 2 West minor, played county minor + under-21 football with Tipp.

Richard Martin

FAS employee

2 county senior hurling medals, 4 West senior medals, longest serving member of the panel.

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Front Row: (L/R) James Heffernan, Joey O Keeffe, John Devane, John O Keeffe, Jason Forestal, Fiachra O Keeffe, Kevin Horan, Paudie White, Brian Ryan, Ned Dwyer, Michael Heffernan.

Clonoulty/Rossmore

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Paul Breen	Daniel Breen (Capt)	Paul O'Dwyer
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Alan Horgan	Richard Horgan	Damien McGrath

Subs: 16 Fergal O'Brien, 17 Aidan Butler, 18 Patrick O'Brien,
19 John McCormack, 20 Jason Loughman, 21 John O'Brien,
22 David Shanahan, 23 James Shanahan, 24 Fergal Horgan,
25 Joe Shanahan, 26 P.J. Collins, 27 Noel O'Brien, 28 Peter Comerford, 29 Eamonn
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Butler, 35 Thomas Keane, 36 Stephen Buckley, 37 Kevin Farrell, 38 John Ivers

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Hayes, Patrick Ryan, Vinny Kelly, Brian Horgan, Seanie O Brien (selector) James Shanahan, Eamon Browne, John Ivers (selector), Front Row: (L/R) John McCormack, Fergal O Brien, MI Shanahan, Damien McGrath, Richard Horgan, MI Heelan, Padraig

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Profiles of Kickhams Senior Team

John McCormack, Donaskeigh

Age 35 - Garda

Honours - 3 West senior Hurling, 1 West Senior football, 2 county Intermediate football, 4 West Intermediate Football, 1 NHL Medal 1996.

Paul O Dwyer, Dundrum

Age 21 - Student.

Honours - West U12, U14, U16, Minor and Senior Hurling County U14 A Hurling, College - Dean Ryan, Fitzgerald, Croke and Cusack. Arrrabawn Co-Op., Ryan Cup with Mary Immaculate College.

Nigel Hayes, Lisloran

Age 21 - Plasterer.

Honours - West U12, U14, U16, Minor and Senior Hurling County U14a Hurling, Dean Ryan with Cashel Community School.

James Shanahan, Ballintemple Age 22- Ulster Bank official. Honours - West U16, Minor and Senior.

Richard Horgan, Knockavilla

Age 26 - Roadliner

West U12H &F, West U14H&F, U16H&F, Minor Hurling & Football & County Peil Na nOg. 2West Senior Hurling & Football. Fitzgerald cup with Cashel Community school. Tony Forristal & Nenagh Co-Op medals with Tipperary.

Patrick Ryan, Knockavilla

Age 22 - Apprentice Carpenter Honours- 2 West Minor, 1 West Senior, Intermediate Football, 1 Dean Ryan with Cashel Community School. Munster Minor hurling with Tipperary

Damien McGrath, Knockavilla

Age 26 - Electrician Honours - Various Underage Medals, Minor A H & F, 2 West Senior Hurling. 1 County Intermediate Football, Nenagh Co-op & Munster Minor Hurling with Tipperary.

Alan Horgan , Knockavilla

Age 25 - Roadliner

Honours - Various underage medals, Minor Hurling & Football, 2 West Senior Hurling Medals and 1 County Intermediate football,

Padraig Hayes, Garrane

Age 20 - Student

Honours - U12, U14, U16 and Minor A West Hurling County U14A Hurling. Various school medals & 1 West Senior Hurling.

Brian Horgan, Kilbreedy

Age 31 - Golf Course Greenkeeper Honours- U12, U14, U16, Minor(3), U21(2) and 3 West Senior medals, 1 West senior football, 4 west intermediate football & 2 county intermediate football titles. 1 county minor football and 1 county U21 hurling. 1 Munster minor football 1993 and 1 U21 Munster and All Ireland hurling 1995 as captain. NHL medal 1999 Also Rice Cup with Cashel Community School and various Crosco and O Donoghue cup medals.

Tommy Comerford, Dundrum

Age 20 - Bank Official

Honours- West- U12, U14(2), U16, Minor, Senior&

County U14A Hurling, U16 Munster interdivisional, Croke & Fitzgerald with Cashel Community school.

Michael Heelan, Dundrum,

Age 20 - Apprentice Electrician Honours U12, U14, U16, Minor, Senior and Crosco medals. County U14A hurling. Croke, Fitzgerald & Dean Ryan medals with Cashel Community school and captain of Tipperarys Tony Forristals winning team 2002.

Daniel Breen, Knockavilla

Age 25 - Farrier Captain of Kickhams 2007.

Honours U12 Hurling & Football, U14 Hurling & Football, U16 Hurling & Football..

Derek Breen, Dundrum

Age 26 - Sales Rep Coca Cola Honours 2West Senior Hurling, 1 West Senior Football, 1 County Intermediate Football, 1 Crosco & O Donoghue Cup. West minor hurling & football. Ryan Cup colleges hurling with Tipperary Institute and various underage medals.

Paul Breen , Dundrum

Age 24 - Golf Course Greenkeeper Honours - West minor hurling & football & West Senior Hurling, County Intermediate football, Crosco cup & various underage medals.

Patrick O'Brien, Blackbridge

Age 17 - Student.

Various underage medals with club and schools. Munster Minor Hurling 2007.

Sean Keogh, Gurtussa

Age 18 - Student

Various underage medals with club and school.

Joe Shanahan, Ballintemple

Age 32 - Lorry Driver

Honours- West U12, U14, U16, Minor & U21, 2 Junior & 1 Senior County Minor Football & U21 Hurling.

Michael Shanahan, Ballintemple

Age 21 - Student

Honours - West U12, U14, U 16, Minor and Senior, U14 A Hurling County, Various schools medals, Junior A West Hurling.

David Shanahan, Ballintemple

Age 25 - Carpenter

Honours - various underage medals, Minor Hurling and Football, Senior Hurling, Two Intermediate Football and one Junior A Hurling.

Jason Loughman, Garryduff

Age 19 - Apprentice Carpenter

Honours - U12, U14, U16, Minor West, various schools medals, Senior Hurling.

Fergal Horgan, Knockavilla

Age 28 - Machine Driver

Honours - U12, U14, U16, Minor, U21 and Senior Hurling West. County U21 Hurling, 2 Munster Minor and One All Ireland Minor Hurling. Munster Intermediate Hurling, All U14 and U16 with Tipperary. County Feile na Gael Skills Champion 1993. County Senior Hurling with London.

Rory O'Dwyer, Kilmore

Age 19 - Apprentice Carpenter

Honours - U12 A and U14A and U16 A West Hurling, U14 B West Football, County U14 Hurling. Primary Schools County Hurling.

P.J. Collins, Knockavilla

Age 31 - Roadmarking

Honours - various underage medals, 3 Junior B West Hurling, 1 Crosco and 1 West Senior Hurling.

John Ivors, Dundrum

Age 34 - Garda

Honours: 1 County Intermediate Football, 1 Mid Senior Football, Two Intermediate Mid Hurling.

Vincent Kelly, Ballygriffin

Age 34 - Coillte Employee

Honours: County Intermediate Hurling and Football Titles, County U21 Hurling, West Senior Hurling and Senior Football. Various underage titles. Represented County at Minor Hurling. O Donoghue Cup.

Aidan Butler, Cappamurra

Age 32 - Civil Servant

Honours - Two West Senior Hurling Titles, Two Crosco Cups, County U21 Hurling, County Intermediate Football, represented County at Minor and U21. Intermediate and Senior Football. Various underage titles.

Peter Comerford, Dundrum

Age 24 - Vet.

Honours: West minor hurling & West Senior Hurling. Crosco cup & various underage medals.

Fergal O'Brien, Cappamurra

Age 26 - Blocklayer

West Intermediate Football - various underage titles.

Conor Horan, Bishopswood

Age 20 - Student

West U12, U14, U16 and Minor medals. County Under 14 title.

Thomas Keane, Knockavilla

Age 21 - Roadliner

Honours - West U12, U14, U16, Minor Senior Hurling, County U14 A Hurling.

John O'Brien, Knockavilla

Age 30 - Butcher

County Vocational School, 3 West Minor Titles, County I.H & I.F. titles County U 21 hurling title. West S.H. & S.F. titles, various underage titles.

Harry Horgan, Clareen

Age 23 - Apprentice Plumber - various underage titles.

Kevin Farrell, Grantstown

Age 35 - Farmer

County I. H., I.F., J.F., titles, West S.H. and West S.F., West M.H. title, Crosco. Various underage titles. Represented County at football, O'Donoghue Cup.

Noel O'Brien, Grene Park

Age 25 - Blocklayer

County Intermediate Football, West Junior and Senior Hurling.

Eamon Browne, Knockavilla

Age 30 - Office Manager

West titles U12, U14 and minor A. Junior A Hurling, Intermediate football and Senior Hurling.

Stephen Buckley, Knockavilla

Age 18 - Student - various west under age medals

Gerry Horgan, Clareen

Age 18 - Student Various west under age medals

Ger Butler, Cappamurra

Age 35 - Electrician

County I.H. & I.F. titles, County J.F., County U21 B Football, West S.H & S. F. Represented county at Minor hurling, junior and senior football. Crosco cup. O Donoghue Cup.

Clonoulty Rossmore Juvenile Club

We look forward today to a great match between local rivals Clonoulty Rossmore and Knockavilla Kichams. There is something special about winning a West final for both of these clubs and therefore a lot of hard work and training has gone into preparation for the match. Like all clubs the initial preparation starts at juvenile level and in Clonoulty Rossmore our club has gone from strength to strength over the

last number of years.

In 2006 we contested all juvenile West finals in both hurling and football winning four titles together with a West title in Peil Feile .In 2007 the under-14 team has already won Peil and Feile .The club structure ranges from U8 toU16 and we are lucky to have many willing men and women to train and give their free time to our children .Our younger children are catered for by the little league which is run in June every year and the final is a big occasion when the winning captain is presented with the Paddy Maher Perpetual trophy. Summer camp is also a big occasion and this has been run for the last number of years by Francis Kearney aided by older players from the parish .Our three schools, Clonoulty N.S. Rossmore N.S. and Ballagh N.S. do their share in promoting our national games in the parish and we are lucky to have Tom Ryan Ballymore as coach in all our schools together with the teachers. Juveniles Conor Hammersley, Nicky Cullen and Paul Hayes were involved with the winning Rice Cup team with Thurles CBS.

Many girls play underage in the parish and we are proud that the following are representing the camogie club on Tipperary teams, Cait Devane u16 and u18, Clodagh Quirke u14, Sarah Fryday u14

with both Clodagh Quirke and Amy Quinn on the Primary Game team .

Congratulations to John O'Neill on representing the club on the county minor team and best of luck to Declan Ryan manager of the team .Also best of luck to John O'Keeffe and Timothy Hammersley who

are on the Tipperary u-21 panel.

The club would sincerely like to acknowledge the role of Fr. James Fogarty P.P. and Fr. Jimmy O'Donnell in promoting gaelic games in the parish .The club also acknowledges the great work being undertaken presently by the senior club in the development of the GAA grounds in Clonoulty . Best of luck to our senior team today from all in the juvenile club .

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Jack Gleeson - An Extraordinary Memory

When one talks to Jack Gleeson about hurling one is humbled by the breadth of his knowledge. He can name the actual team that started for Tipperary in the 1991 All-Ireland, the team that played for Limerick in the 1934 All-Ireland, the lineout for Waterford in the 1959 All-Ireland, or any other team for that matter, and he can tell you the names of the three Cork players who won twenty-one senior All-Irelands between them.

A man with an extraordinary memory of matters G.A.A., indeed, and even more so when one realises that Jack was eighty-six years old last Sunday. In fact he doesn't look a bit of it, moving agilely about the house, trimming hedges and ditches not only for himself, but for neighbours as well, and as fresh faced as a much younger man. And, he has a fine looking crop of potatoes growing the garden, just waiting to be dug!

He's still living in the house in which he was born, at Moyaliffe, Ballycahill, an important border area, between the parishes of Holycross-Ballycahill and Clonoulty-Rossmore, between the Mid and West G.A.A. divisions, and between the North and South Ridings of Tipperary. His land straddles the border also.

This border location is reflected in his hurling history. He went to school in Cloneyharp where his teacher was the famous Tim Gleeson of Thurles Blues fame. He went on to Templemore C.B.S. for secondary school, staying with an aunt in the town until he did his Leaving Certificate. After that he served some time in a garage, went to work in Dwans for a while and eventually ended up in the Sugar Factory, where he worked for thirty-five years.

He didn't play underage hurling as he was living at Templemore during those years, where the game was football. His first team was Holycross-Ballycahill and his first success was a county junior championship with them in 1941, when he was twenty years of age. There's a blurred photograph of most of the team in the Holycross-Ballycahill G.A.A. history and the team includes such notables as Dinny O'Gorman and Dan Mackey.

Promoted to senior ranks the following year, Holycross-Ballycahill hadn't much success until 1947, when they defeated the great Thurles Sarsfields team to take their first divisional senior title. According to the report of the game, Jack Gleeson gave a 'sparkling display' in goal. The winners were defeated by Carrick Swans in the county semi-final.

Jack wasn't involved the following year when Holycross-Ballycahill went all the way to win their first county senior final. He had a blood-poisoned hand and was out of commission.

The following year he came to play with Clonoulty-Rossmore. According to himself he wasn't transferred but simply started playing with his new team. Maybe Clonoulty-Rossmore were looking for a goal-keeper because he played in that position when beaten by Kickhams in 1950.

Success came in 1951 when Clonoulty defeated the kingpins of senior hurling in the West Division at the time, Kickhams, in the final at Cashel's new sportsfield, with Tony Brennan starring, by 3-2 to 0-3. It was the club's first West senior title since they completed four-in-a-row in 1933. Clonoulty upset to county champions, Borrisoleigh, in the county semi-final but the bubble burst in the final when Jack's old team Holycross, defeated them by 5-15 to 1-4. In the same year he won a Munster final with the Sugar Factory team.

Jack continued to play without success until 1954, when the parish split into two teams, Clonoulty and Rossmore. Playing with the former they were beaten by a Rossmore side that included four of his cousins.

Jack was already following the fortunes of Tipperary and other inter-county sides before the end of his playing days arrived. He cycled to Cork in 1942 and 1946 to see Tipperary defeated by Cork and Limerick respectively. He also cycled to Dublin in 1942 – it took him ten hours – to see Cork win one of their four-in-a-row.

From these journeys he got to know a lot of players and teams. He first saw Phil Purcell play against Cork at Thurles in 1931 and regards him as one of Ireland's greatest hurlers. He reckons the best game he ever saw was the 1947 All-Ireland final in which Kilkenny defeated Cork by 0-14 to 2-7: 'It was a show to the world!'. The best club game was between Ahane and Sarsfields at Newport sometime in the early forties. He believes that John Doyle was the best player he saw in a long life.

All the memories of those years have been firmly etched in a photographic memory. He has never really forgotten anything and the names of players and teams trip lightly from his tongue. He has known a large number of top intercounty players, including the famous Christy Ring, and has revelled in talking to them about games and incidences in their playing careers.

Almost as impressive is a giant scrapbook compiled by his brother, Matthew, and himself with information on G.A.A. personalities and teams going back to the late forties. It could be called the Book of Moyaliffe and will take on similar historical significance to the Annals of the Four Masters in the course of time, containing as it does so much information on hurlers and footballers from all the counties of Ireland for over half-a-century. Both Matthew and Jack deserve our thanks for the collection.

Thurles Sugar Factory team - Munster Champions 1951



Back row, left to right: T. Ryan, D. Loughnane, E. Leahy, L. Keane, M. McElgun, M. Maher, P. Ferncombe, C. Keane.

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Jimmy Hennessy - A Kickhams Man and More

With Jimmy Hennessy approaching his 82nd birthday, he can look back to a distinguished G.A.A. career not only with his native club of Kickhams, but in the broader world of divisional and county service.

At the present he holds the honorary position of Life President of the West Board, a position held by very few and conferred by the board on those who have given distinguished service. It was conferred on Jimmy as long ago as 1980 in recognition of a life of service that included eleven years as secretary between 1960-1970, three years officially, and thirteen years unofficially, as treasurer from 1960-1973, and forty-six years to date – he is still a member – of the finance committee. As well he was a divisional member of the county board for twenty-three years between 1960-1983, when there were only four representatives from the divisions.

At the county level he gave many years service as a selector, commencing in 1964 at under-21 level. He had the honour of helping to select the team to win the first All-Ireland in the grade, and he remained as a selector for 1965 and 1966. He was a junior and senior selector in 1967 and continued as a senior selector until 1973. He has good memories of the All-Ireland win in 1971, believes we should never have lost to Limerick in 1973, and was the sole selector-manager of the team that made the dream trip to San Francisco in March 1972. He came back as senior selector in 1975 for one year, in 1979 for the same period, and his last year was 1985, when Tipperary reached the nadir of their fortunes with defeat by Clare in the championship at Ennis.

Jimmy's long association with the G.A.A. commenced in 1936 when as a ten and a half year old he played juvenile, under-15, for the first of five years with the Kickhams. He was also to play minor for five years, winning two West medals. He played with the Invincibles in 1941, when three of them went to Golden after Donaskeigh failed to pick any Knockavilla players. He graduated to senior ranks and played at a time when Kickhams were invincible, winning ten and losing two divisional titles in twelve years. He played at full-forward or centre-forward and had to mark Tony Brennan in many of these finals. He captained the team in 1956.

He started school in Bishopswood where the habit of writing with the left hand, regarded as sinister in those days, was beaten out of him. Afterwards he went to the Abbey School in Tipperary and was about to commence his Leaving Certificate year when he got a job in Tierney's grocery and hardware shop at Dundrum, having been told there was more money there than going to school. He remained there until 1962, when he opened up his own shop, which he ran until he sold out in 1998.

As well as the G.A.A. Jimmy's great interest was greyhounds, getting his first dog, Dundrum Maiden, before he was eleven years old. His father had kept dogs and had the favourite, Light Mutton, for the Oaks in 1937, but the dog died the Friday before the race. He swore never to keep a dog again, but Jimmy took up where he left off. He had a number of great dogs during his life such as Come on Lucy, Radical Prince, Supplement and Deep Decision.

He used to go dog racing four to five nights a week but has lost all interest now, and never goes to the track. His attention has turned to horses and he has an interest in a couple with his brother, Paddy, Kneeland Lass and Cumask Lass.

Jimmy married Teresa Lane from Brosna, Co. Kerry in 1964. She had come to work as a book-keeper in O'Dwyer's, Dundrum a couple of years previously. They had one son, Donal, who lives in Yonkers, New York. Sadly, Teresa passed away just two years ago in 2005 and her departure has left a huge vacuum in Jimmy's life. It is only partly filled by continued interest in the fortunes or Tipperary and Kickhams hurling and he will be at Leahy Parktoday to cheer on his club to another divisional victory.

Player of the Past - T.J Ryan, Clonoulty-Rossmore

The name of T.J Ryan is synonymous with the green and gold of Clonoulty-Rossmore. T.J has given a sterling service to the club both as a player and a selector.

As a juvenile he won West u16 titles in 1976 and 1977, and West u21 hurling titles followed in 1981 and 1982.

In 1985, Clonoulty won the county junior football title. The following year T.J trained and captained Clonoulty to West and county honours at intermediate level. As a result of this victory he captained Tipperary intermediate footballers in the Munster Championship of 1987.

On the playing pitch the highlight of T.J's career was captaining Clonoulty-Rossmore to the county senior hurling title in 1989. T.J played a starring role in midfield in the West and county series, and he was a major factor in the West titles that were won in 1989, 1992, and 1996.

Off the field, T.J has played a major role in many of Clonoulty's successes on the field of play. He was a selector on the minor team of 1981, which brought the first minor county title to the parish. He trained Clonoulty Rossmore to 4 West u21 titles, and was also a selector on the junior football team that won the county title in 2000.

In 1997 he was manager of the senior team, along with Joe Hammersley as selector and Kevin Fox as coach, which helped Clonoulty Rossmore, win their 3rd county senior hurling title when they defeated Mullinahone in a thrilling county final. This was a major honour to add to his already excellent C.V.

T.J is currently a selector with Clonoulty's u14, who have already won the Feile hurling and football double. He was also a selector with Liam Kearney in Clonoulty's u12A county title win in 2004.

T.J is married to Ann and they have 4 children Chloe, Aaron, Eva and Courtney. He runs a successful victualler, deli and bakery business in Dundrum.

Pat Fogarty PRO

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Camogie Blitz

On Monday the 6th of August, Knockavilla Donaskeigh camogie club will hold their second annual Moira Cahill Camogie Blitz in Dundrum. The resounding success of last year's inaugural blitz gave the organisers no choice but to expand the blitz to include all the teams that have expressed interest in taking part this year.

The blitz, which promises to be even bigger and better than last year's event, hosts teams from over ten clubs from Tipperary and further afield, including local teams Clonoulty and Annacarty, and teams such as Coolderry from Offaly and Ahane from Limerick. Nearly every club is bringing at least two teams to enter the different competitions, which cater for all age groups from under twelve to junior.

The blitz, which begins at 12 noon, commences with a parade of the under 12 teams through the village lead by the Cashel Pipe Band, starting at the scout centre and finishing at the hurling field. This promises to be a colourful affair as each club proudly displays their colours. Once the teams have reached the field, as they say, let the games begin.

The day will start with the under twelve competition with three matches being held at the same time on the fields. Matches will run running continuously throughout the day so no matter what time you venture up to the field you are guaranteed a host of exciting matches.

The highlight of the day will be the final of the junior competition after which the winners will be presented with a perpetual trophy by the Cahill family. Moira was involved with the club for many years playing the role of both secretary and treasurer. She can also be credited with the revival of the junior camogie team in the parish, as through sheer determination she convinced girls to once more take to the hurling field. Sadly Moira passed away in December 2006. Her legacy however will live on for years to come in Knockavilla Donaskeigh Camogie club.

Throughout the day there will some inter county players and members of the Munster council present to show their support for this blitz, which aims to promote camogie in the locality and throughout the county raising it to the status enjoyed by our hurlers. So if you are looking for something to do on a bank holiday Monday when everywhere is closed, or just seek an enjoyable day's entertainment please join us at the hurling pitch on Monday August the 6th for some truly entertaining games and heart stopping finishes.

If you have any enquiries about the blitz please phone Kieran Slattery at 087 6802000/ 087 9561645.

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