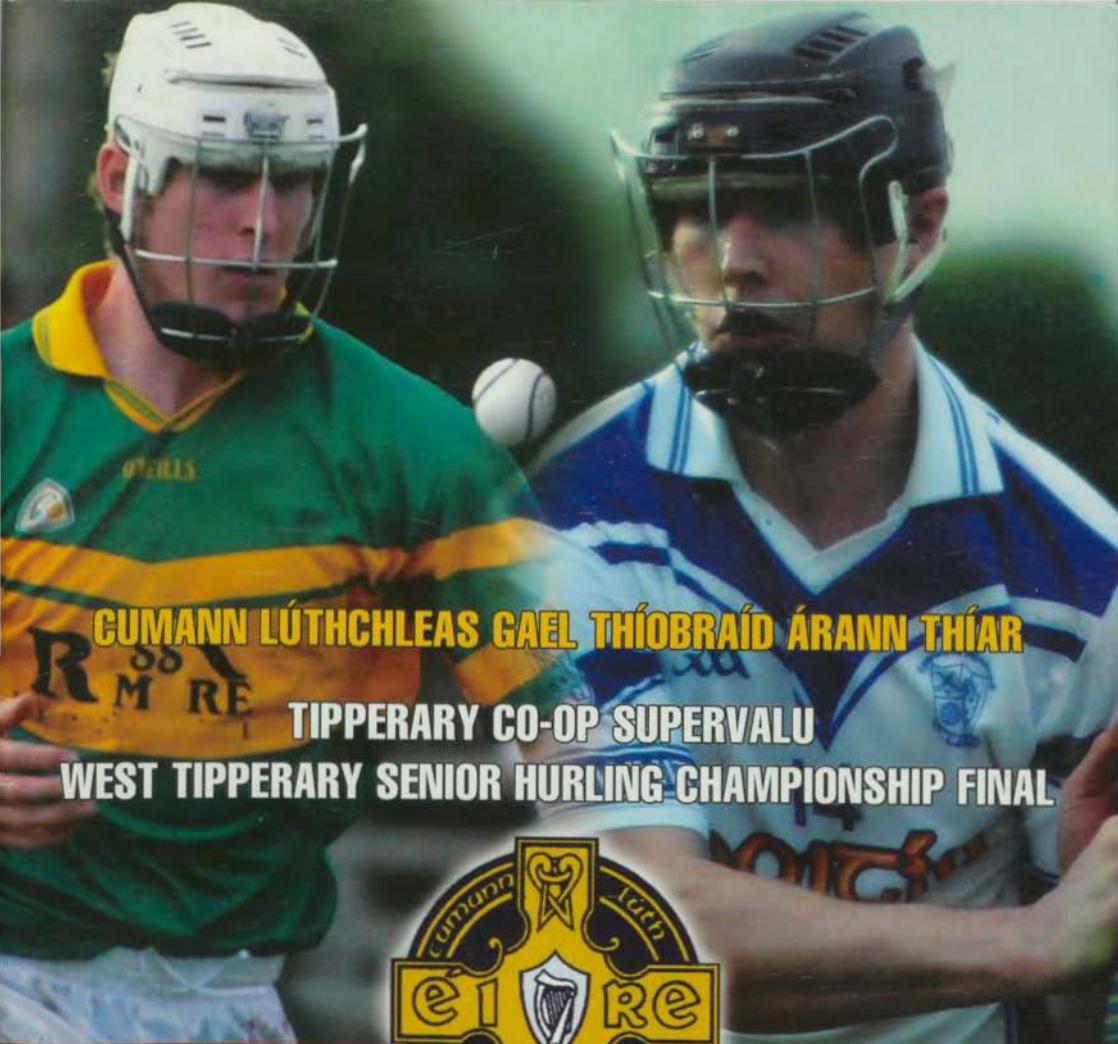


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Tá súil agam go mbeidh tráthnóna iontach, taitneamhach ag gach uile dhuine.

I wish to welcome everybody to Golden this Sunday evening for the West senior hurling final of 2009. A particular welcome to both teams – Clonoulty-Rossmore, who are trying to win the title for the third year in a row and their thirteenth overall, and Cappawhite, who are endeavouring to win their first title since 2005 and their ninth overall.

I wish to thank Golden-Kilfeacle Club, in particular the chairman, Sean O'Halloran, secretary, John Curran, and the committee members for making their excellent facilities available to the West Board as the stage for our showpiece final. Today's is the 23rd West senior hurling final to be played at Golden since 1930.

I wish the best of luck to the referee of today's final, Sean Bradshaw of the Kickhams Club. This will be his second time to take charge of our senior final, having previously refereed the 2004 decider between Eire Óg/Golden and Clonoulty-Rossmore at Dundrum.

This is the second year that the senior hurling

championship has been organised under the new format. Once again it has been an outstanding success, taking 17 games to get to the decider today.

I would like to thank most sincerely the sponsors of our senior hurling championship, Tipperary Co-Op Super Valu. I do appreciate their continued sponsorship in what are difficult economic times for us all.

Thanks also to my fellow-board officers, in particular our secretary, Jerry Ring, and our new treasurer, Sean Bradshaw, the members of the divisional Competition Controls Committee and our Gate Checkers for their efforts in organising this day.

Many thanks to Seamus King, P.R.O. of the West Board for producing another excellent program for today's final in co-operation with the Golden-Kilfeacle club and the officers of the competing clubs. I would like to use the occasion to thank all who advertised in the program and all our sponsors and supporters.

In this the 125th Anniversary of the Gaelic Athletic Association we look forward to an enjoyable 80th West senior hurling final and hope that it will leave us with exciting memories to entertain us for years to come.



Matty Finnerty

A Word of Welcome from Golden-Kilfeacle Chairman

Cuirim fáilte roimh gach éinne chuig cluiche ceannais iomana an Iarthair anseo i Gabháilín inniu.

I would like to welcome both teams, mentors and supporters to Golden on West final day.

Both Cappawhite and Clonoulty-Rossmore have proved in the league stage of this championship that they are indeed the two strongest teams in the division. Both have been playing good open hurling all year and we can look forward to a great game today.

Divisional success in a club gives a great lift to a parish and county success by a club gives a lift to the whole division. I hope that whatever team is successful today will go all the way to achieving county honours. In fact I would like to take this opportunity to wish all four West teams still in the Dan Breen Cup the very best in the county championship.

I want to thank Coiste Thiobraid Árann Thiar for giving us the honour of hosting this year's final, the most prestigious event in the G.A.A. year in the division. I also wish to thank all the members of the Golden-Kilfeacle club who have helped in the preparation of the field, all those who have advertised in the program, West Board P.R.O. Seamus King and all who have helped in the compilation of the program.

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LEAGUE/CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

DATE	VENUE	TEAM/SCORE	TEAM/SCORE	REFEREE
18/04	ST Park	Kickhams 2-18	Golden-Kilfeacle 3-6	John Ryan (B)
19/04	New Inn	Cappawhite 3-17	Cashel King Cormac's 2-9	John O'Brien
26/06	Dundrum	Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-15	Eire Óg 0-16	Noel Cosgrove
25/04	Golden	Clonoulty-Rossmore 0-18	Kickhams 2-9	Joe Cahill
26/04	ST Park	Golden-Kilfeacle 2-9	Cashel King Cormac's 0-3	Paddy Russell
26/04	ST Park	Cappawhite 0-17	Eire Óg 1-7	David Grogan
09/05	Bansha	Cappawhite 2-18	Golden-Kilfeacle 2-8	John Ryan (B)
09/05	Bansha	Eire Óg 2-15	Kickhams 1-15	Ritchie Barry
10/05	Golden	Clonoulty-Rossmore 2-24	Cashel King Cormac's 0-11	Sean Bradshaw
16/05	Golden	Kickhams 4-10	Cashel King Cormac's 2-14	David Grogan
17/05	Cashel	Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-15	Cappawhite 1-12	John Ryan (B)
17/07	Cappawhite	Golden-Kilfeacle 1-17	Eire Óg 1-11	John Cleary
12/06	ST Park	Eire Óg 1-14	Cashel King Cormac's 2-9	Tom McGrath
28/06	Cashel	Kickhams 1-14	Cappawhite 0-13	Paddy Russell
05/07	Cappawhite	Clonoulty-Rossmore 0-8	Golden-Kilfeacle 0-7	Phil Ryan

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DREW	LOST	FOR	AGAINST	SC.DIFF	POINTS	POSITION
Clonoulty-R	5	5	0	0	04-80	03-55	+ 28	10	1
Kickhams	5	3	0	2	10-66	07-66	+ 9	6	2
Cappawhite	5	3	0	2	06-77	07-53	+ 21	6	3
Golden-Kilf	5	2	0	3	08-47	05-58	- 2	4	4
Eire Óg	5	2	0	3	05-63	05-73	- 10	4	5
Cashel K.C.	5	0	0	5	06-46	12-74	- 46	0	6

SEMI-FINALS: 26/07 Cashel, Cappawhite 3-15, Kickhams 1-14, John Ryan (Bob)
26/07 Cashel, Clonoulty-Rossmore 2-16, Golden Kilfeacle 0-11, John Ryan (B)

FINAL: 23/08 Golden, Cappawhite v Clonoulty-Rossmore, Sean Bradshaw

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West Senior Hurling Finals 1930-2008

Year	Winners	Runners-up	Venue	Date	Referee
1930	Clonoulty 4-1	Solohead 1-1	Golden	29/06/30	Mick Dargan (Cashel)
1931	Clonoulty 5-3	Newport 3-4	Cashel	04/10/31	John Hennessy, (Emly)
1932	Clonoulty 6-2	Donohill/Cappa 3-2	Ballydine	10/07/32	Willie O'Dwyer (Kickhams)
1933	Clonoulty 3-4	Donohill/Cappa 2-2	Tipperary	27/08/33	J.J. Woods (Tipperary)
1934	Cashel 2-5	Clonoulty 0-1	Knockavilla	15/07/34	James Ryan (Hollyford)
1935	Kickhams 7-4	Donohill 4-1	Donaskeigh	25/08/35	John Hennessy (Emly)
1936	Cashel 6-2	Golden 4-1	Clonoulty	30/08/36	John Hennessy (Emly)
1937	Cashel 2-4	Clonoulty 1-1	Golden	18/07/37	Willie O'Dwyer (Kickhams)
1938	Kickhams 3-3	Eire Óg 1-1	Cashel	13/11/38	Michael Burke (Cashel)
1939	Cashel 4-3	Solohead 3-1	Golden	06/08/39	J.J. Woods (Tipperary)
1940	Cashel 5-1	Clonoulty 3-3	Dundrum	25/08/40	Bill O'Donnell (Golden)
1941	Eire Óg 4-4	Golden 3-6	Tipperary	19/10/41	John Hennessy (Emly)
1942	Eire Óg 8-3	Galtee Rvs 3-0	Tipperary	30/08/42	J.J. Woods (Tipperary)
1943	Eire Óg 8-1	Cappawhite 3-2	Dundrum	15/08/43	J.J. Woods (Tipperary)
1944	Eire Óg 7-5	Cashel 3-1	Dundrum	24/09/44	T. Hammersley (Clonoulty)
1945	Cashel 4-5	Eire Óg 1-3	Cashel	07/09/45	T. Hammersley (Clonoulty)
1946	Kickhams 5-3	Eire Óg 4-2	Golden	20/10/46	T. Hammersley (Clonoulty)
1947	Kickhams 5-3	Eire Óg 2-3	Golden	17/08/47	C. O'Brien (Tipperary)
1948	Cashel 3-6	Kickhams 3-4	Golden	05/08/48	Bill O'Donnell (Golden)
1949	Kickhams 5-9	Golden/K 4-2	Clonoulty	11/09/49	T. Hammersley (Clonoulty)
1950	Kickhams 2-5	Cashel 2-0	Tipperary	17/09/50	L. Quinn (Bansha)
1951	Clonoulty 3-2	Kickhams 0-3	Cashel	16/09/51	Bill O'Donnell (Golden)
1952	Kickhams 4-7	Clonoulty 3-4	Clonoulty	17/08/52	Tom Semple (Thurles)
1953	Kickhams 2-7	Clonoulty 0-4	Cashel	16/08/53	Tom Semple (Thurles)
1954	Kickhams 2-8	Clonoulty 0-2	Cashel	25/07/54	Mick Coady (Cashel)
1955	Kickhams 7-3	Cashel 5-7	Golden	11/09/55	John Currihan (Golden)
1956	Kickhams 6-5	Golden K 2-3	Cashel	26/08/56	T. Hammersley (Clonoulty)
1957	St. Nicholas 5-8	Cashel 3-6	Dundrum	18/08/57	Paddy Fraser (Tipperary)
1958	Kickhams 8-8	Golden K 2-2	Cashel	03/08/58	Jim Stapleton (Solohead)
1959	Kickhams 3-5	Rossmore 2-7	Cashel	02/08/59	Jim Devitt (Cashel)
1960	Kickhams 2-8	Solohead 1-6	Golden	24/07/60	Tom Foran (Carrick)
1961	St. Vincents 4-7	Solohead 1-7	Cashel	06/08/61	Tommy Landers (Golden)
1962	Cappawhite 1-4	Kickhams 1-4	Golden	09/09/62	Philip Ryan (Boherlahan)
Replay	Cappawhite 5-8	Kickhams 2-1	Golden	16/09/62	Philip Ryan (Boherlahan)
1963	St. Patrick's 5-3	Suir Rovers 1-7	Golden	25/08/63	Jim Devitt (Cashel)
1964	Eire Óg 2-7	Cappawhite 1-8	Cashel	23/08/64	John Moloney (Galtee Rovers)
1965	Cashel 2-19	Eire Óg 5-3	Golden	15/08/65	John Moloney (Galtee Rovers)
1966	Arravale R 2-4	Golden K 0-8	Dundrum	07/08/66	John Moloney (Galtee Rovers)
1967	Eire Óg 5-4	Arravale R 2-7	Clonoulty	10/09/67	John Moloney (Galtee Rovers)
1968	Sean Treacy's 5-6	Eire Óg 5-4	Dundrum	25/08/68	Billy Sweeney (Moyné)
1969	Golden K 1-13	Arravale R 2-7	Tipperary	31/08/69	Sean O'Meara (Lorrha)

West Senior Hurling Finals 1930-2008

Year	Winners	Runners-up	Venue	Date	Referee
1970	Arravale R 1-13	Golden K 1-6	Golden	30/08/70	M. Ryan (Mitchelstown)
1971	Cashel 5-9	Lattin-Cullen 1-5	Golden	03/10/71	L. Walsh (Golden)
1972	Golden K 5-8	Cashel 2-6	Dundrum	01/10/72	Paddy Verdon (Solohead)
1973	Sean Treacy's 1-8	Eire Óg 0-8	Cashel	04/11/73	Bill Hayes (Pallasgreen)
1974	Sean Treacy's 4-10	Golden K 0-6	Dundrum	20/10/74	Jimmy Collins (Clonmel)
1975	Cashel 0-18	Sean Treacy's 0-13	Clonoulty	31/08/75	John Moloney (Galtee Rovers)
1976	Cashel 2-9	Cappawhite 2-5	Emly	19/09/76	George Ryan (Lattin-Cullen)
1977	Sean Treacy's 4-14	Kickhams 0-9	Golden	21/08/77	George Ryan (Lattin-Cullen)
1978	Sean Treacy's 3-13	Cappawhite 3-3	Tipperary	06/08/78	Billy Carroll (Clonmel)
1979	Sean Treacy's 3-16	Cappawhite 2-9	Bansha	05/08/79	John Moloney (Galtee Rovers)
1980	Cashel 0-15	Sean Treacy's 0-15	Dundrum	03/08/80	Willie Morrissey (Kickhams)
Replay	Cashel 2-13	Sean Treacy's 2-11	Dundrum	31/08/80	Willie Morrissey (Kickhams)
1981	Eire Óg 0-14	Cappawhite 0-7	Clonoulty	09/08/81	Sammy Ryan (Golden)
1982	Sean Treacy's 1-15	Eire Óg 1-12	Emly	25/07/82	Paddy Lonergan (Galtee Rovers)
1983	Cappawhite 4-10	Cashel 1-6	Golden	21/08/83	Liam O'Dwyer (Eire Óg)
1984	Cappawhite 2-18	Kickhams 3-7	Tipperary	26/08/84	George Ryan (Lattin-Cullen)
1985	Cappawhite 1-10	Cashel 0-9	Bansha	28/08/85	Paddy Lonergan (Galtee Rovers)
1986	Eire Óg 2-9	Golden K 1-10	Dundrum	27/08/86	George Ryan (Lattin-Cullen)
1987	Cappawhite 4-15	Clonoulty R 3-10	Cashel	13/08/87	Aengus Ryan (Cashel)
1988	Cashel 1-12	Kickham 1-4	Cappawhite	24/08/88	Paddy Russell (Emly)
1989	Clonoulty R 3-20	Cappawhite 4-6	Emly	20/08/89	John Moloney (Galtee Rovers)
1990	Cashel 2-11	Clonoulty R 0-15	Golden	12/08/90	Paddy Russell (Emly)
1991	Cashel 0-12	Cappawhite 0-8	Clonoulty	22/09/91	John Kennedy (Clonoulty)
1992	Clonoulty R 2-15	Cashel 1-11	Bansha	26/07/92	Paddy Lonergan (Galtee Rovers)
1993	Cashel 2-15	Kickhams 1-12	Tipperary	29/08/93	Paddy Russell (Emly)
1994	Cashel 1-16	Clonoulty R 2-13	Dundrum	14/08/94	Connie O'Sullivan (Arravale R)
Replay	Cashel 2-12	Clonoulty R 1-8	Dundrum	30/10/94	Connie O'Sullivan (Arravale R)
1995	Cashel 2-11	Kickhams 0-10	Cappawhite	27/08/95	Richie Barry (Cappawhite)
1996	Clonoulty R 2-13	Cashel 0-6	New Inn	18/08/96	Eamonn Browne (Kickhams)
1997	Kickhams 0-19	Cappawhite 2-10	Cashel	21/09/97	John Ryan (Cashel)
1998	Clonoulty R 0-12	Golden K 0-8	Emly	06/09/98	Richie Barry (Cappawhite)
1999	Kickhams 2-21	Eire Óg 0-7	Clonoulty	15/08/99	Paddy Russell (Emly)
2000	Cappawhite 3-17	Kickhams 1-13	Golden	20/08/00	Paddy Russell (Emly)
2001	Cappawhite 1-11	Kickhams 1-8	Cashel	07/10/01	Francis Kearney (Clonoulty)
2002	Clonoulty R 2-12	Kickhams 2-11	Golden	29/09/02	Seamus Roche (Kilsheelan)
2003	Galtee Rovers 0-11	Kickhams 1-8	Tipperary	07/09/03	Willie Clohessy (Drom Inch)
Replay	Galtee Rovers 2-15	Kickhams 1-11	Golden	13/09/03	Tom Ryan (Kildangan)
2004	Eire Óg/GK 2-12	Clonoulty R 1-14	Dundrum	22/08/04	Sean Bradshaw (Kickhams)
2005	Cappawhite 2-20	Cashel 1-10	Golden	07/08/05	Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan)
2006	Kickhams 1-14	Clonoulty R 0-12	Golden	09/07/06	John Ryan (Cashel)
2007	Clonoulty R 1-18	Kickhams 0-11	Cashel	15/07/07	David Grogan (Aherlow)
2008	Clonoulty R. 1-13	Eire Óg 0-9	Dundrum	31/08/08	Phil Ryan (Kickhams)

Memories from Previous Finals

ON the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the G.A.A. it is appropriate to look back at some of the finals that Cappawhite and Clonoulty-Rossmore won in the past.

Clonoulty got away to a fine start in the first years of the division, winning the first four finals. Cashel's Mick Dargan, refereed the first final against Solohead and described it as 'one of the cleanest and manliest games played for years.'

Clonoulty weren't successful again until 1951. They caused two upsets that year, beating Kickhams in the West final, when Tony Brennan received the cup, and Borrisoleigh in the county semi-final. Unfortunately they were walloped by Holycross-Ballycahill in the county final by 5-15 to 1-4. They had to wait until 1989 for revenge.

Cappawhite made their first entry to the winner's enclosure in 1962. Their opponents were Kickhams, the kingpins of the era, and the match ended in a draw, but they made no mistake in the replay, winning by 5-8 to 2-1, having led by 3-7 to nil at half-time. County goalie, Donal O'Brien, saw his line breached five times that day.

Cappawhite came with a great run in the eighties, winning four titles in five years between 1983-87, when they went on to take the county. One of these victories was in the Centenary final, which ended in controversy when referee, George Ryan, alleged he was assaulted by Kickhams supporters following his sending off of Dominic Hayes near the end of the game. Following the hearing of the case, Hayes was suspended for two months and two of the supporters for twelve months each. The club was fined £200.

The 1987 final at Cashel will be remembered for 'Cappawhite's Amazing Comeback'. Cappa went from nine points down at half-time to an eight-point win in a truly dazzling second-half performance.

Clonoulty enjoyed their time in the sun

with four titles between 1989 and 1998. The 1989 victory was particularly sweet as it was their first since 1951 and it also led to their first county final win since 1888. T. J. Ryan had the honour of receiving the cup. The 1992 victory at Bansha was equally sweet. Their opponents, Cashel King Cormac's, came to the game as county and Munster Club champions and were seeking three in a row. Clonoulty were no respecters of persons on the day and, in a turbo-charged performance, routed Cashel. Declan Ryan took home the O'Dwyer Cup that day.

Clonoulty proved a thorn in Cashel's side again in 1996 when, in a windswept New Inn, they proved too good for the opposition and won by thirteen points in a most disappointing final. The New Inn field, which was officially opened by G.A.A. President, Jack Boothman, the previous year, was hosting its first senior hurling decider. There was another wet and windy day for the 1998 final at Emly when Andrew Fryday accepted the cup from fellow-club man and board chairman, Denis Ryan.

Cappawhite came back to win the Millennium final and make it a double in 2001. In the first of these Eugene O'Neill was the inspiring captain and also took man-of-the-match award. In 2001 at Cashel, Cappa were 2 points down with ten minutes to go but scored 1-3 to Kickhams' single point to win in atrocious conditions. Cappawhite had their last victory in 2005 when they easily defeated Cashel at Golden. It was exciting for the first twenty minutes when Cashel were in with a shout but it became one-way traffic after that.

Clonoulty have won three finals in the new Millennium. They beat Kickhams by a point in 2002, lost to Eire Óg/Golden in 2004 and to Kickhams in 2006, but came back to win the last two finals, against Kickhams in 2007 and Eire Óg in 2008.

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A resurgent Cappa look to secure a 9th Title

By Lenny Fitzgerald

WHEN Clonoulty-Rossmore last toppled Cappa in a West senior final back in 1989, the '87 county champions had little to shout about in the aftermath. However one of their few shining lights on view that day was midfielder Austin Buckley! A double under-21 All-Ireland medal winner in '80 & '81, he gained his reputation during Cappa's resurgence in the '80s. A serious eye injury within a year cut his career short preventing him from playing the game he loved. In time, he promised to return in some capacity.

With the dissolution of the existing management process at the turn of this year, Austin's name was sought out by the players. He had hinted in the past that he would have aspirations of one day taking the role of manager when the time was right. Once ratified, straight away he chased those whom he wanted that would fit his backroom team. Ger O'Neill had been a favourite of the players for inclusion back in autumn. One of the best in the business in his playing days, Ger had all the tricks, an excellent stickman that played for the Premier County at all grades with distinction. His coaching credentials are also of the highest standard so once he came on board, his input was welcomed & his insight into the game never questioned.

Simon Ryan (L) was an ideal candidate, again a county medal winner at midfield from the '87 squad. A quiet unassuming individual who has adopted a calming influence towards the players! He might not be as vocal in the dressing room but his advice to players individually in enhancing their levels of performance and capabilities has the desired effect.

Austin then began putting the foundations in place almost immediately. Before he even gathered the proposed panel together for the first time on a bitter cold Sunday morning on Jan 11th, he had already mapped out a month's training in advance and received the consent from the players of their commitment for the season ahead.

He recognised the need for change. Cappa had hurlers in abundance and he knew that he wanted his players to be physically fitter than ever before. His idea was focused on the need to build up their upper body strength, for them to be able to take a hit in a high-intensity atmosphere and not be put off the ball easily in contact. Austin acquired the services of physical fitness coach Dave Moriarity on the advice of Dr Liam Hennessy. He had a brief involvement back in 1998 when

Cappa went through a transition period. Having coached numerous groups, including the physical conditioning of the Limerick seniors that contested the '07 All-Ireland final, he was adamant that his second coming would prove more beneficial.

Arriving back after an 11 year absence wasn't as straight forward. He was about to sign on the dotted line to lend his services to Drom & Inch, but having seen the facilities available, witnessed the structures in place and analysed all the permutations, his path was altered with a last gasp u-turn. Louis Fitzgerald continued his sponsorship with the Club for another term as Cappa prepared meticulously for another tilt at the championship.

Just like the previous year, they emerged victorious in their opening three fixtures with wins over Cashel, Golden-Kilfeakle & Eire Og. The back room staff rotated the formation placing some players in different positions in an effort to find the right blend. Some areas profited while others were reinstated back to their more familiar surroundings. Cappa lost the remaining two games but qualification had already been secured.

Kickhams had dealt Cappa a reality check in the group stages that effectively moulded the team for an immediate reprisal in the semi-final. Shane McDermott was a tower of strength at number six while Eugene O' Neill was pulling the strings in attack. His fitness levels have clearly peaked this term and his presence alone in front of goal is a cause for concern to any opposition. Cappa overturned Kickhams 3-15 to 1-14 that day but a first West final appearance since 2005 won't suffice.

Austin was at close proximity in the West final meeting with Clonoulty-Rossmore back in '89 in a one-sided affair. Little did he know that his playing days were numbered thereafter and that he wouldn't get his chance to mend the damage of that fateful afternoon in Emly!

Ironically both sides lock horns today in a divisional final for the first time in two decades and Austin may yet have his red letter day. For this bunch, he knows this is their biggest test yet. Their illustrious opponents are aiming to complete a trio of titles not accomplished by the same since the thirties, while Cappa are hoping to once again return to the summit of West Tipperary hurling which would inevitably give them only a second title over the current holders. These wholehearted duels between the sides back in the eighties might well be rekindled this evening!

PLAYER OF THE PAST

CONOR RYAN (H) Cappawhite

WHEN Cappawhite crossed the divide and brought the coveted Dan Breen Cup back to West Tipperary after 44 years of heartache, in that unforgettable '87 campaign, it opened the door for others such as Clonoulty-Rossmore & Cashel KC to follow in their footsteps. In that era, Cappa's style of hurling had attracted a wide audience in the division and beyond. The defenders were a closely knit bunch & gave little away. However their most potent weapon was the extent of the artillery in attack. Five of the regular first choice forwards were born match winners, but the one remaining jigsaw piece that completed the set was Conor Ryan (H) at number eleven.

He was the missing link, the game-breaker that galvanised the team as a unit. When Conor contested an aerial delivery, the break-down almost always resulted in a quick-fire score finished by one of his fellow team-mates. Conor was witness to that unforgettable afternoon in Thurles on November 1st. "That day seemed to go on for ever, throngs of people descended onto the pitch, the like that I hadn't seen before". That night, the square was full; people came from everywhere just to see the homecoming of which I suppose was a huge occasion not only for the club but also for West Tipperary".

Seven years previously, Conor was earning his strips in the underage ranks. In 1980, Cappa were joined with Eire Og and together they carved out a West under-21 hurling title in the process. A year later his strength and presence saw him positioned at centre back v Eire Og in the West senior final. "Losing that day was difficult to take particularly because we were put to the sword of our near neighbours. It was my first final and I learned a lot from that defeat that made me appreciate the big days later on".

It was a young Cappa team at that time, but the seeds sown were slowly blossoming for future pastures. That season, he picked up a West under-21 football winner operating at midfield for good measure. In the summer of '83, Conor was given the captaincy and was shifted into the centre forward berth. On West final day, Cashel came to collect the cup, but Cappa took the spoils easing to a 4-10 to 1-06 win with Conor at the heart of everything, making multiple scores for the forwards around him.

In '84 & '85, Cappa again contested the West final showpiece and twice Conor was presented with the Willie O'Dwyer Cup. The good times were

By Lenny Fitzgerald

CONOR RYAN
on Co. Final day, 1987



given a wake-up call in '86 at the semi final stage before their subsequent arrival the following year. After an easy path to the final, Clonoulty-Rossmore blitzed their defence, leading 3-07 to 1-04 at the half hour mark. In the dressing room, the players made a stance. Conor was ready to explode, shrugging his shoulders with frustration, instructed all on their roots, where they came from, what they stood for, making the hair stand on the back of their necks. It definitely struck a nerve as the next thirty minutes was played like their lives depended on it, turning a nine point deficit into an eight point victory.

That autumn he was enlisted onto the Tipp senior set-up, captaining them during the Oireachtas competition lining out with club mates Ger Ryan (B), Ger O' Neill, Austin Buckley & Pa O' Neill in the semi-final loss v Wexford and he also played a number of games during the '87/'88 National League campaign.

Due to his work commitments, he moved to Cork bringing his skills & influence to the St Finbarrs Club. He soon settled into the role of full-back and tasted sweet success in the Cork county senior hurling championship, the club's last breakthrough placing him into an elite group that have won senior club championship medals in different counties.

Cappa suffered a barren spell without a West title before finally reaping reward v Kickhams in August 2000. As the players returned to the dressing room after the presentation, Conor congratulated each panel member on the part they played. He could visualise his own playing days through them.

Married to Kirsty, he is now based in Cashel, just a stone throw away from home and has five children, Aoife, Owen, Shane, Cormac & Saoirse. After giving so much to the game he loved, one thing is for sure he will always be held in high regard within these hurling boundaries. A steely built centre forward is a rarity in these times. Conor no doubt has left a lasting legacy that others have failed to master.

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Age 24

Height 5'11"

Weight 13 stone

Honours 1 West U-12 B Hurling, 1 West U-12 B Football, 1 West U-14 B Hurling, 1 West U-14 B Football, 1 West U-16 C Football, 1 County U-16 C Football, 1 West Senior Hurling, 3 Crosco Cup Senior Hurling, 1 West U-21 B Hurling, 1 West Junior A' Football, 1 County Junior Football 2008, 2 County Junior Football League

GEORGE KELLY

Age 25

Height 5'9"

Weight 12 stone

Occupation Michael Lynch Excavations

Honours 1 West Junior A' Hurling, 3 Crosco Cups 1 West U-12 Hurling, Cappa Long Puck.

ROSS DUNNE

Age 23

Height 5'9"

Honours 3 Crosco 1 West Senior Hurling, 2 West U-21 Hurling Club Young hurler of the year in '02, 3 West Junior A' Football County Junior A' Football

TOMAS COSTELLO

Age 30

Occupation Family Business

Honours West Minor & U-21 A' Hurling County U-21 Hurling (Captain), West U-21 B' Hurling 3 West Senior Medals 3 West Junior A' Football & County Junior Football Tipperary Munster Minor, U-21 & Senior Medals All-Ireland Minor & Senior Medals National League.

GERARD RYAN (P)

Age 25

Height 5'9"

Weight 12 stone 7lbs

Honours 1 West u16 C FC, 1 County u16 C FC, 1 West u21 A Hurling, 1 County u21 A Hurling, 2 West SHC 3 Crosco Cup SH, 1 West JHC A, 3 West JFC 2008, 1 County JFC 2008, 2 County Junior Football League

MICHAEL P BUCKLEY

Age 22

Height 6'3"

Weight 14 stone

Honours West U-16 Hurling & Football 2 U-21 Hurling 1 Minor Football 1 West Junior A' Hurling & Football 2 Crosco Medals 2 County League Football

SHANE McDERMOTT

Age 29

Honours West Titles- Minor Hurling, Minor Football, 2 U-21 A' Hurling Junior Hurling & 3 Senior Hurling Medals 3 Junior A' Football County- U-21 A' Hurling & Junior A' Football County- Captained Tipp u-21's 2000 Tipp Senior Football 2002

DENIS KELLY

Age 26

Height 5'10"

Weight 12 stone 7lbs

Honours 3 West Senior medals 3 Crosco Cup, 1 JHC A, 3 West JFC A, 2 County JFL, 1 County Junior Football A

TOM TREACY

Age 20

Height 6'

Honours 1 West U-21 Hurling 1 West & County Junior Football 1 Crosco Cup 1 County Football League 1 Munster & All-Ireland Minor with Tipperary in '07 1 County U-16 & County Minor with Doon

MICHAEL O'NEILL

Age 21

Honours 1 West Junior Hurling in '06, 2 West U-21 hurling (captain in '08) 1 West & County Junior A' Football 2 Crosco Cup

ALAN O'NEILL

Age 27

Occupation Carpenter & Roofing Contractor

Honours West U-21 Hurling & 2 West Senior Hurling medals 3 Crosco 3 West Junior A' Football (captain in '06) & 1 County Junior A' Football 1 County U-21 Hurling Munster U-21 medal with Tipperary

GERRY O'NEILL

Age 19

Height 5'11"

Honours 2 Crosco Medals West Junior A' Hurling 2 West U-21 Hurling 1 West Minor Hurling West U-16 Hurling & Football West U-14 Hurling Young Club player of the year in '04.

DONNAGH HEFFERNAN

Age 19

Height 6'2"

Weight 12 stone

Honours 2 West U-12, 1 West U-14 B' 1 U-16 B' 1 Garda Shield 2 West Minor Hurling in '07 & '08 1 West U-21 Hurling in '08 2 County Vocational & 1 Munster Vocational Schools with St Ailbe's

JIM CARR

Age 20

Height 5'9"

Honours 1 Crosco 1 West Junior & County Junior Football 1 U-21 Hurling 1 Minor Hurling 2 U-16 Hurling 1 U-16 Football

EUGENE O'NEILL

Age 31

Occupation Roofing Contractor
Honours West Minor Hurling, West Minor Football 3 West U-21 Hurling 3 West Senior Hurling 3 Croscro, County U-21 Hurling Munster Minor, U-21 & Senior Medals with Tipperary All-Ireland minor & Senior medals with Tipperary, 2 National Leagues All-Ireland Colleges with Doon CBS 1 All-Ireland U-16 with Tipp. Young Hurler of the year in '06

PAUL FITZGERALD

Age 21

Occupation Student
Honours Club 1 West Senior Hurling medal, 2 West U-21 medals 2 West Junior Football 1 County Junior Football County 1 Munster Minor & 1 All-Ireland Minor 2006

MATTHEW KENNEDY

Age 28

Honours West & County U-21 Hurling 2 West Senior Hurling 3 West Junior Football & County Junior Football titles 3 Croscro Cup 2 County Football Leagues

JOHN RYAN (P)

Age 29

Height 5'10"
Weight 12 stone 8lbs
Honours 1 u-21 A County Hurling, 3 West SH, 3 Croscro Cup SH, 2 West JHC, 2 West U-21 A HC, 2 West MHC, 1 Fitzgibbon Cup (UL), 1 All Ireland Higher Education League (UL), 1 Munster U18 HC Corn Padraig (Doon CBS), 1 County JFC 2 County JFL, 3 West JFC, 1 West MFC (B), 1 County U18 Schools FC (Doon CBS)

PADDY JULIAN

Age 29

Occupation Physiotherapist
Honours West Titles—Minor Hurling Minor Football West Junior Hurling West U-21 & County U-21 Hurling 3 West Senior Hurling Medals

CIARAN RYAN (P)

Age 23

Height 5'11"
Weight 11st 7lbs
Honours 1 West u12 B Hurling 1 West u12 B Football, 1 West u14 B Hurling, 1 West u14 B Football, 1 West u16 C Football, 1 County u16 C Football, 1 West SHC, 3 Croscro Cup, 1 West u21 B Hurling, 1 West JHC A, 3 West JFC A, 1 County JFC A, 2 County JFL

PAT O'NEILL

Age 32

Honours West Minor Hurling & Football West U-21 'B' Hurling & Football West U-21 'A' Hurling 3 West Senior Hurling titles County Minor Hurler 1995 3 Croscro Cup, 3 West Junior Football & County Junior Football

JAMES BRADSHAW

Age 24

Height 5'11"
Honours County U-14, U-16, Minor & U-21 Titles with Doon Croscro Cup, West Junior 'A' & County Junior 'A' Football with Cappawhite

SEANIE RYAN

Age 30

Occupation Teacher
Honours West Minor Hurling & Football West U-21 'B' Hurling & 2 West U-21 'A' Hurling 3 West Senior Hurling 3 West Junior 'A' Football 1 County U-21 Hurling & County Junior 'A' Football 1 Munster Minor & All-Ireland Minor with Tipperary in '06 2 Fitzgibbon Cup with UCC & All-Ireland Colleges with Doon CBS in '95

MICHAEL R. BUCKLEY

Age 21

Height 5'11"
Honours Munster Kinane Cup with Doon CBS West U-16 Hurling & Football 2 West U-21 Hurling

CIAN CREEDON

Age 27

Honours West & County U-21 Hurling 3 West Senior Hurling 3 West Junior 'A' Football 1 County Junior 'A' Football 3 Croscro Cup 2 County Football Leagues

BRIAN O'NEILL

Age 32

Honours West Minor Hurling & Football West U-21 'B' Hurling & U-21 'A' Hurling 3 West Senior Hurling 1 West Junior Hurling 'A' Captain in '06 & 1 West Junior 'B' Hurling 2 West Junior 'A' Football

DECLAN COSTELLO

Age 32

Honours West Minor Hurling & Football West U-21 'B' Hurling & U-21 'A' Hurling 3 West Senior Hurling 3 West Junior 'A' Football & 1 County Junior 'A' Football 3 Croscro Cup 2 County Football League

DANIEL KELLY

Age 24

Height 6'11"
Weight 14 stone
Honours 1 West u12 B Hurling, 1 West u12 B Football, 1 West u14 B Hurling, 1 West u14 B Football, 1 West u16 C Football, 1 County U16 C Football, 1 West SHC, 3 Croscro Cup SH, 1 West U21 B Hurling, 1 West JHC A, 3 West JFC A, 1 County Junior Football A, 2 County Junior League

NOEL RYAN

Age 18

Honours 3 West Minor Hurling 1 West U-21 Hurling in '08 & 1 West U-14 Hurling 1 County Minor Football League 1 U-18 County Schools 2 Kinnane Cup 1 Croscro

STEVIE GRISEWOOD

Age 31

Honours West Minor Hurling & Football 1 West U-21 'B' Hurling & 2 West U-21 'A' Hurling County U-21 Hurling 3 West Senior Medals 3 West Junior Football (captain in '03) 1 County Junior 'A' Football

MATTHEW RYAN (W)

Age 21

Honours 1 West U-16 Hurling (captain in '05) 2 West U-21 Hurling in '06 & '09 1 West Junior Hurling in '06

TIMMY CRANLEY

Age 22

Honours West U-21 Hurling in '08 1 Croscro Cup in '08 1 West Junior 'A' Hurling in '06 1 West & County Junior 'A' Football in '08

WILLIAM O'NEILL

Age 29

Honours West U-21 Hurling & County U-21 Hurling in '99 3 West Senior Hurling in 2000, '01 & (corner back) in '05 1 West Junior Hurling in '06.

MARK HAYES

Age 30

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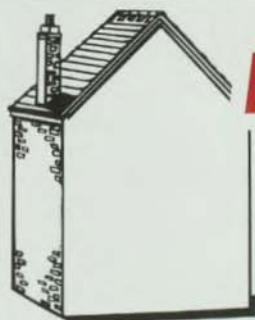
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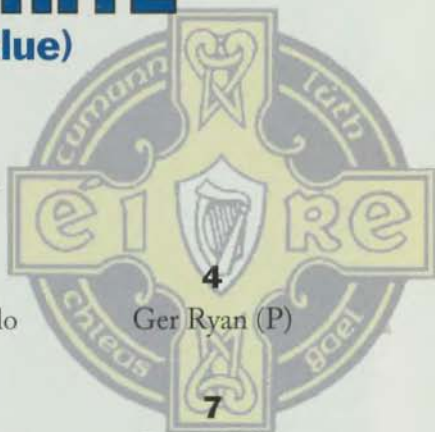
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JOEY O'KEEFFE

Age 21
Height 5'9"
Weight 12½ st
Occupation salesman
Position defender
Honours 2 West Senior hurling, Co. Senior hurling league, 3 u21 a h, 2 Minor a h, u16 h, u16 b football, u12 h

JOHN DEVANE

Age 26
Height 6'1"
Weight 13½ st
Occupation Financial Advisor
Position defender
Honours West U12 A, U14, U16, Minor and U21, 3 West Senior hurling, West and County Junior A football 2000, Co. Senior league '09, Tony Forristal, Munster U21 hurling, Fitzgibbon Cup with University of Limerick, All-Ireland Inter firms with Bank of Ireland, 2 New York championship titles

KEVIN HORAN

Age 23
Height 5'8"
Weight 11 st
Occupation Farmer
Position defender
Honours 2 West Senior h, Co. Senior hurling league, 3 West u21 h, 1 Minor h, Minor b football, garda cup

JOHN O'KEEFFE

Age 20
Height 5'10"
Weight 12½ st
Occupation student
Position defender
Honours All Ireland Minor hurling 2006 (wingback), West Senior '07+'08, Co. league '09, 3 West u21 h, 2 u18a h, u16 h, u12 h, Munster u16 h, played U21 hurling with Tipp this year

PADRAIG HEFFERNAN

Age 18
Height 6'2"
Weight 13 st
Occupation Student
Position defender
Honours 3 u12A H West, u12 h, County, 2 u16a h, 2 u16 F, 1 feile, Munster Colleges with Cashel CC, U16 Supporters club, 1 u18a h, West Senior '08, played Minor with Tipperary this year

LIAM DEVANE

Age 22
Height 6'
Weight 13½ st
Occupation Trainee acCountant
Position defender
Honours 2 West Senior, Co. Senior league '09, 3 West u21 a h, 1 Minor A hurling, Munster u15 schools, Arrabawn Co-op with Tipp, Munster divisional u16

CONOR RYAN

Age 30
Height 6'3"
Weight 15 st
Occupation electrical Contractor
Position midfielder
Honours West Senior 98,02,07,08, Co. league '09, West u21 1995/96, West + County Minor 1996, County u16 football, married to Claire

SEAN O'CONNOR

Age 19
Height 5'10"
Weight 12 st
Occupation Student
Position midfielder
Honours u12 ah, u16ah, 2 Minor a h, u21 a h, u14 + u16 f, 1 West Senior, Co. league '09

TOM BUTLER

Age 28
Height 6'
Weight 14 st
Occupation Farmer
Position forward
Honours 3 West Senior hurling, Co. Senior league '09, 1 u21 a h, 2 Minor h, 2 u16 h, 2 u14 h, 2 u12 h

TIMMY HAMMERSLEY

Age 21
Height 6'
Weight 12st
Occupation student WIT
Position forward
Honours Freshers All Ireland with WIT, 2 West Senior, Co. Senior league '09, 3 u21 h, 3 Minor h, Fitzgerald & Croke Cup with Thurles CBS, u12 West Feile, selected at corner forward on the 3rd level Colleges All Star team '09

THOMAS BUTLER

Age 18
Height 6'4"
Weight 14½ st
Occupation Student
Position forward
Honours 3 u12A H West, u12 h, County, 2 u16a h, 2 u16 F, 2 U18 H, u16 F, 2 feile, U16 supporters club, West Senior '08, Tipp Minor '08 & '09

FIACHRA O'KEEFFE

Age 23
Height 5'6"
Weight 10 st
Occupation Student
Position forward
Honours 2 West Senior hurling, Co. league '09, 2 West u21 h, 1 Minor b hurling, Dean Ryan with Cashel Comm. School

JOHN O'NEILL

Age 19
Height 5'9"
Weight 11 st
Occupation Student
Position forward
Honours u12ah, 2 u16a h, U14f b, U16f b, 3 U18 a h, 3 U21a h, Tony Forristal, U16 Supporters club, Munster & All Ireland Minor '07, West Senior '08, Co. league '09, Munster and All Ireland Senior Colleges with Thurles CBS '09, played U21 hurling with Tipp this year

PAUDIE WHITE

Age 21
Height 5' 10"
Weight 12st
Occupation carpenter
Position forward
Honours 2 West Senior, Co. Senior league '09, 2 u21 h, 2 Minor a h, 1 u16 h, 2 u16 b football, 1 u12 H, 3 All Ireland racquet ball

DIARMUID CULLEN

Age 21
Height 6' 11"
Weight 11st 2lbs
Occupation Electrician
Position goalkeeper
Honours : West U12, U16, 2 Minor A & 1 Minor B, 3 West U21 H, 2 West Senior hurling, Croke Cup, captained West Tipp U16 H to Munster honours

MICHAEL (BONNY) KENNEDY

Age 31
Height 5' 7"
Weight 14 st
Occupation Carpenter
Position forward
Honours West u12h, u14h, u16h, u16f W & Co. West & Co. Minor h '96, u21 h, Co. Senior hurling '97, Munster & All Ireland hurling '96, Munster u21 h '99, New York Senior hurling championship '04 & New York player of the year '05

MICHEAL COEN

Age 32
Height 5' 8"
Weight 11 st
Occupation Student
Position midfielder
Honours 1 County Senior, 3 West Senior, 2 u21 h, 1 West u21 b football, West & Co. Junior football, 2 All Britain intermediate hurling with John Mitchels Birmingham

ANTHONY KEARNEY

Age 21
Height 5' 10"
Weight 11 st
Occupation Student
Position defender
Honours 2 West Senior, Co. Senior league '09, 3 u21 a h, 2 Minor a h, 2 u16a h, 1 u12a

JAMES HEFFERNAN

Age 22
Height 6'
Weight 13½ st
Occupation Student
Position defender
Honours 2 West Senior, Co. Senior league '09, 3 West u21 a h, 3 Minor a h, u16 h, u14 feile, u12 h, Tony Forristal, played Minor hurling with Tipp, Munster U21 H '08

JOHN HEFFERNAN

Age 31
Height 6'
Weight 14st
Occupation farmer
Position defender
Honours: 4 West Senior '98,'02,'07,'08, Co. Senior league '09, West & County Junior football 2000, 2 West u21 hurling, 1 cros Co Cup, Munster vocational schools 1991

PATRICK RYAN

Age 21
Height 6'
Weight 12 st
Occupation Rossmore Engineering employee
Position forward
Honours 2 West Senior, Co. Senior league '09, 3 u21 a h, 2 Minor h, u16 h, u12 h

BRIAN RYAN

Age 24
Height 5' 8"
Weight 12½ st
Occupation carpenter
Position defender
Honours All Ireland Colleges with WIT, 3 West Senior, Co. Senior league '09, 2 u 21 h, 1 u18

MARTIN SADLIER

Age 16
Height 6ft
Weight 12st
Occupation student
Position forward
Honours : 3 West u12h, 2 Co. u12 h, 2 West feile, 1 West u14 h, 2 West u16 h, 1 West Minor, Munster and All Ireland Colleges with Thurles C.B.S. '09

PADDY SADLIER

Age 25
Height 6' 2"
Weight 17st
Occupation blocklayer
Position forward
Honours :numerous under Age West titles, West & Co. Junior football, Co. Senior league '09

MICHAEL HEFFERNAN

Age :31
Height 6'2"
Weight 14 st
Occupation farmer
Position forward
Honours :County Senior 1997, West Senior 96/98,'02,'07, West u 21 95/'96, West & County Minor 1996, West & County Junior football '00, cros Co Cup, County u 16 football and numerous underage titles, married to Siobhan

DONNACHA RYAN

Age :19
Height 5' 7"
Weight 10½ st
Occupation Student
Position defender
Honours: u12 h, u14 h, 2 u16 h, 2 Minor, 1 u16 f, 2 u21 h,

ANDREW QUIRKE

Age :19
Height 5' 11"
Weight 13 st
Occupation Student
Position defender
Honours : u12 h, West Feile, 2 u16 h, u 16 f, 2 Minor h,u 21 h '07

JASON FORRISTAL

Age 22
Height 5' 10"
Weight 11st 12lbs
Occupation Student
Position forward
Honours 2 West Senior, Co. league '09, 3 u21 a h, 2 Minor a h & 1 Minor b h, u16a h, u12 a h, 3 Munster football titles.

CONOR DEVANE

Age 27
Height 6'1"
Weight 13½ st
Occupation IT Consultant
Position forward
Honours : 2 West Senior, Co. league '09, West u 21 h, West & County Minor 1996, West & County Junior football '00, numerous underage titles

DAVY WHITE

Age 19
Height 6' 3"
Weight 12½st
Occupation Student
Position defender
Honours 2 u21 h, 2 Minor a h, 1 u16 h, 2 u16 b football, 1 u12 h

RICHARD MARTIN

Occupation Fas employee
Honours 2 County Senior hurling medals, 6 West Senior medals, longest serving member of the panel

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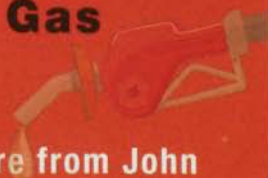
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Gunning For Three In A Row

When Clonoulty-Rossmore last beat Cappawhite in a West final 20 years ago, they went on to secure their first county senior hurling title in 101 years. While some may see this as a good omen, county final ambitions will be the very last thing on the champions' mind this evening as they aim to secure a third west title in as many years.

It's never easy to win a final and it is even more difficult to retain your title, but to win three in a row would be an unprecedented achievement for what remains a relatively young side.

While youth is on their side, it would be stretching it a little to say that they are inexperienced as the starting fifteen will all have tasted championship action at one stage or another last year.

Goalkeeper Declan O'Dwyer was named club captain this year, an honour richly deserved for his many fine performances between the posts over the years. Declan, still only 26, is looking forward to leading out his charges this evening and expects a "mighty battle" from the boys in white and blue.

As well as a new captain, a new management team was put in place this year with TJ Ryan (Rody), Conor Gleeson and Michéal Ryan (Whip) forming the triumvirate charged with bringing continued success to the parish.

Interestingly, TJ was captain when Clonoulty last beat Cappa in the 1989 west final. He will be hoping for a repeat performance from his charges today but is very wary of the threat posed to his team's title ambitions.

Clonoulty-Rossmore, despite some excellent individual performances, have failed to set the championship alight this year. They have, however, got into the habit of grinding out wins while playing badly.

Playing badly won't be an option this evening, and they will have to put in a confident and committed seventy-minute shift to stop a very hungry Cappa side from dethroning them. Success brings expectation and after the highs of the last few years, questions remain as to whether or not they can replicate the heady days of '07 and '08.

Tipperary senior panellist John Devane will be expected to lead the line at the back while Timmy Hammersley's form on the forty may play a huge part in the eventual outcome. In reality, the whole fifteen will have to play out of their skins in what we hope will be a boost to the profile of West hurling.

Last weekend's All-Ireland semi final winning Tipperary team was conspicuous by the absence of any player from the west. Today will be a showcase for several players from our proud division to show their intentions for at least next year's panel.

Clonoulty-Rossmore will be slight favourites this evening, but in truth there is little to separate the two teams when they are on form. Expectations are growing in both parishes with Cappa chasing their ninth title and Clonoulty-Rossmore their thirteenth. Cloud nine or lucky thirteen? We should know before the bells ring eight!

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PLAYER OF THE PAST

JOHN KENNEDY Clonoulty-Rossmore

By William Ryan (K)

As we sat down in his kitchen, John Kennedy spoke of his delight that his grandson Dylan would be wearing the green and gold in an U12 championship game later that evening. He was visibly proud to see a fifth generation of Kennedys playing the ancient game, another to follow in the footsteps of his grand-uncle Will Kennedy who lined out for Clonoulty as part of the historic 1888 county final winning team.

The Kennedys, like so many families in the parish, are steeped in the traditions of the GAA. It was no surprise then that John took to the camán as his parents and men like Jim Hennessey and Dick Purcell influenced and guided the young man.

He was eleven before he got his first start for Clonoulty as the initial competition for juveniles in the early 1950s was under 15. It wasn't too long before he tasted success with a west final victory against Arravale Rovers in 1957. John recalls lining out alongside the likes of Donie O'Dwyer (Cooper), Connie Ryan, Joe Gould and Jimmy Garrett.

He was already establishing himself as a fine centre-back for the club so it was no surprise that he was picked for the Tipperary minors in 1960. Playing corner back on a team that featured John O'Donoghue and 'Babs' Keating, John won a Munster title before being beaten by Kilkenny in an All-Ireland final.

Winning a Munster minor title was no small achievement but with John Doyle and Tony Brennan as role-models, John had plenty of inspiration to carry out his skills on the field of play.

John was now also playing U21 and senior for the club, but despite playing alongside men such as Stan Ryan, Dinny Maher and Sean Breen, he was unlucky not to achieve any senior divisional honours at that time.

He was 21 when he went to work as a milkman in Dublin in 1963. The highlight of his career



John Kennedy holding on to the cup after victory in the Munster minor final in 1960, with John O'Donoghue on his right and Billy Greene on his left, both from Arravale Rovers. There were eight players in all from the West on that panel. As well as the three mentioned there was Christy O'Dwyer (Arravale Rovers), Dan O'Neill (Cappawhite), Michael Ryan (Golden-Killieacle), Albert McGovern (Cashel King Cormac's) and John Cummins (Eire Óg). All, bar Dan O'Neill, were on the All-Ireland final team, beaten by Kilkenny.

was winning a Dublin senior county final with Young Irelands in 1965. Interestingly, he played alongside Tommy Dwyer of Rossmore on a team that featured "a lot of Tipp men and Gardaí".

He returned to Tipperary in 1966 and won a Mid senior hurling final with Holycross before returning "home" to Clonoulty in 1968. He was back farming in Miltown and on the field of play he won a Crosco Cup in 1969, his first major honour with Clonoulty as a senior player.

Clonoulty/Rossmore went back junior in the early 1970s, and John won a junior 2 west final in 1973. He captained the team to victory that day. The following year, he had a junior 1 west final medal in his pocket.

He played junior at various grades for several more years before eventually retiring in the early 1980s. His work was far from over, however. While still playing, he was very active in the juvenile club and guided the U16 to back to back titles in 1975/76. In 1977, John was an integral part of the management team that led the U14s to a

historic county final.

John was also chairman of the club between 1975 and 78, a position he again held in 1997 when Clonoulty last won a county final. He was treasurer of the club for several years and also managed the senior hurling team to west final success in 1992 alongside Paddy Kenny and Francis Kearney.

As if his career was not long and varied enough, John started to referee for the west board and gave sterling service for over ten years, referring the 1991 west senior hurling final between Cashel and Cappawhite in his own parish.

To this day, John remains a dedicated and committed club member. He is on the Lotto and Field Development Committees and this year formed part of the junior B management set up.

Married to Peggie, John has five children and eight grandchildren. He anticipates a close encounter today but is backing the Clonoulty/Rossmore men to win an historic three in a row in Golden.



Bridging a 53 year gap

Stanley Ryan won a Harty Cup medal in 1956 with Thurles CBS.

The cup wasn't won again until 2009 when Clonoulty was again represented by Martin Sadlier, John O'Neill and Kieran Hammersley.

Martin and John are on the Clonoulty senior panel today.

Left to right: Martin Sadlier, John O' Neill, Stanley Ryan and Kieran Hammersley.

CLONOULTY ROSSMORE GAA CLUB



*From left: Michael Heffernan, club chairman, Paddy Bourke, club secretary,
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DESSIE RYAN
Cappawhite captain

CAPPAWHITE captain, Dessie Ryan (P), is 24 years of age, stands at 5' 11" and weighs thirteen stone. His honours include 1 West under-12 B hurling, 1 West under-12 B football, 1 West under-14 B hurling, 1 West under-14 B football, 1 West under-16 C football, 1 county under-16 C football, 1 West senior hurling, 3 Crosco Cup senior hurling, 1 West under-21 B hurling, 1 West junior 'A' hurling, 3 West junior 'A' football, 1 county junior football 2008, 2 county junior football league medals.

Dessie's first year on the senior panel back in '05 resulted in fruitful campaign culminating in an impressive win over Cashel KC. Since then he captured a place on the team the following year & has featured as a regular on the team ever since. A nephew to former players Dan, Johnny & Mike Ryan (P), Dessie is also a trainer/selector with the Cappa minor hurlers who are preparing for the West final v Golden Kilfeakle.

For Dessie the greatest player in his estimation is Eugene O'Neill and the 'Budge'! And his greatest hurling memory is when Eugene came on in the 2001 championship against Wexford and scored 2-1. Another good memory is when the Cappa minors won the West last year.

Spain is his favourite destination for holidays. Roy Keane's book was the best sports book he read and, although he has little interest in being marooned on a desert island, if he did find himself stuck there, he couldn't imagine a better partner than Jessica Alba!



DECLAN O'DWYER
Clonoulty Rossmore captain

CLONOULTY-ROSSMORE captain, Declan O'Dwyer, is twenty-six years of age and stands 6' 2" tall. He is fourteen and a half stone in weight and is a Garda by occupation.

His list of sporting achievements is impressive and includes 3 West senior medals, 1 under-21 A medal, a minor A medal, 2 West under-12 A medals and a county league, premier division 2009.

His other sporting interests are golf and rugby.

The strongest influences on his career include his family, Andrew Fryday and Naill Patterson of Antrim. His best hurling memory is winning the under-12 West hurling title in 1994. Outside of playing his best memory is the county senior hurling semi-final and final of 1997.

The greatest player he has seen is Declan Ryan. The best sports book he has read is Trevor Brennan's 'Heart and Soul'.

His favourite holiday destination is Las Vegas and his favourite food is Spagetti Bolognese. If he were marooned on a desert island he would like to have Megan Fox there, and a speedboat when he got sick of her.

The best career advice he would give is to always take on board the advice you get from your trainers.

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SEAN BRADSHAW Referee

The referee for today's final is Kickhams man, Sean Bradshaw. It's his second final, having been in charge when Eire Óg/Golden defeated Clonoulty-Rossmore in the 2004 decider.

Before he took up refereeing in 2000, Sean had a long and distinguished record as a player with his club serving as senior goalkeeper from 1987 until he finished with the West final in 2001, playing in six finals in all, winning two medals. He had been displaced by county minor star, Fergal Horgan, in 1997 and 1998, but returned in 1999 to success in the final of that year.

He won West medals at under-12 and under-14, and he played full-back for Cashed CBS, when the school, under the management of current board chairman, Mattie Finnerty, won the All-Ireland Colleges B final in 1982. He won an under-21 medal in 1986.

He played for two years on the junior side before making the senior ranks and there was so little success initially that the club decided to regrade to intermediate and Sean was goal-minder when they won the county title in 1992.

The return to senior ranks didn't bring any success, Divisional finals were lost to Cashed in 1993 and 1995 and, when the big breakthrough came in 1997, Sean had been displaced in goals.

He also experienced success in football, winning a county junior medal in 1992 and an intermediate medal in 1996.

Sean also has three Croscup Cup medals in his collection from 1993, 1995 and 1999. The 1993 win was special for him because he captained the side that defeated Clonoulty by 1-10 to 0-4 in the final at Cappawhite.

Sean has served his club well, stepping aside gracefully when others arrived on the scene, but always willing to step back into the breach when the need arose. He has also served as club treasurer and team selector, and continues as club treasurer, in spite of being elected West Board treasurer at the end of 2008. Quiet, shy and unassuming, some might describe him as imperturbable in charge of the whistle, he has been an exemplary sportsman over the years.

During his years refereeing he has refereed at all levels in the division, as well as refereeing at senior level in the Mid and the North. He was in charge of the North senior final in 2005 and a Mid intermediate final. He has also refereed two minor A hurling finals and one minor B final.

Sean lives in Knockavilla and works as an accounting technician with Michael Gill and Co. at Caherconlish. His umpires for today's game are Willie Morrissey, Christy Ryan, Vincent Bradshaw and Liam Quirke. John Ryan (B) (Cashel KC) is the replacement referee for today's game. The second linesman is David Grogan (Aherlow).



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by William Ryan (K)

CLG Cluain Ultaigh/Rosmór is marking the 125th anniversary of the founding of the GAA with the publication of a booklet to celebrate the role that the organisation has played in our parish throughout the years.

It aims to give readers a snapshot of GAA related activities in the area from the 1880s to modern times, and there is sure to be something in the publication that will pique the interest of every home in the parish.

Our committee has been working diligently over the past few months collecting photographs, compiling reports, carrying out interviews and trawling through newspaper archives to help produce what will be a treasured keepsake for many both at home and abroad.

We envisage that this project will spark interest in our club history throughout the wider community. The committee is hopeful that the club will want to produce a detailed and definitive club history over the next few years – always a major undertaking.

None of this will be possible, however, without the help of people in the parish who have helped make that history. So rack your brains to the past and be ready for a call or knock on the door over the next few months or years looking for information about your family or local area.

We are also on the lookout for any memorabilia that we can put on display in our new clubhouse. Please contact any committee member if you have anything you would like to share with the community.

The booklet will be ready for distribution to every home in the parish in late September/

October. Clonoulty/Rossmore has received tremendous support from all parishioners on many levels over the years so as a small token of our appreciation, the initial booklet will be free with additional copies available for a small cost.

Keep your eyes peeled on your post-box for your copy coming soon!



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