

West Tipperary Senior Hurling Final
Match Programme
1983

Cummann Luth — Chleas Gael
Tíobrad Arann Thiar



SENIOR HURLING FINAL

CAPPAWHITE V CASHEL KING CORMACS

Time 3.00

Referee L. O'Dwyer

Intermediate Hurling

ROSEGREN V ARRAVALE ROVERS

Time 1.30

At Golden on Sunday August 21st 1983.

Luach 30p

Address of West Board Chairman

(Brendan Ryan)

On behalf of Coiste Tiobrad Arann Thiar, I welcome you to Golden, for our 1983 Senior Hurling Final, and hope we will witness a sporting and first class final.

I welcome in a special way our two teams Cappawhite and Cashel and wish them good luck in to-days game.

To our referee Liam O'Dwyer and his officials I offer them our thanks and hope their task to-day is a pleasant one.

On your behalf may I congratulate the Golden Kilfeacle Club for their wonderful arrangements.

*Brendan O Riain,
Cathaoirleach.*

Golden Kilfeacle G.A.A. Club.

On behalf of the above club I extend a cead mile failte to all of you to-day. We welcome Cappawhite and Cashel especially and we are sure this will be a glorious match.

I would like to thank my fellow club members for their hard work and loyalty and finally I would like to ask you - the supporters to enjoy yourselves - cheer your teams but please obey the stewards.

*Thank You
Seamus O Domhnaile,
Gabhailin Cillfiacra.*

Paths to the Final

Cappawhite V Eire Og Annacarthy.

The best match in West Tipperary so far. Cappa won by a few points in a match that contained everything. Man to man marking – glorious points – hard knocks given and taken – and above all a small lot of devilment (not dirty play). The introduction of Martin MacDermott was the winning move.

Semi-Final – Cappa V Clonoulty.

This match was a "slaughter of the innocent" as Cappa annihilated Clonoulty. They got some delightful scores and Austin Buckley was supreme.

Suming up their two championship games.

1. They mixed it with Eire Og.
2. They hurled Clonoulty out of it.

If they combine both – Result – Brilliant. Cashel V Golden. Cashel won by 5 points but were far from impressive. But then you must realise Golden always raise their game against King Cormacs. Backs for Cashel were shakey and only for Tommy Grogan's unerring accuracy – Cashel could have been in trouble. Cashel V Traceys. A draw the first day and won by 8 points in replay. Again in both matches they have failed to convince the outside supporters.

Suming up:

1. Bad against Golden.
2. Not really impressive against Tracey.

But – The unquestionable talent is still around.

Where the Titles have gone in 52 years

Annacarthy	7	41, 42, 43, 44, 64, 67, 81.
Clonoulty	5	30, 31, 32, 33, 51.
Kickhams	14	35, 38, 46, 47, 49, 50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60
Cashel	12	34, 36, 37, 39, 40, 45, 48, 65, 71, 75, 76, 80.
Golden /		
Kilfeacle	2	69, 72.
Arravale /		
Rovers	2	66, 70.
Sean Traceys	6	73, 74, 77, 78, 79, 82.
St. Nicholas	1	57.
St. Vincents	1	61.
Cappawhite/		
Slengar	1	62.
St. Patricks	1	63.

CASHEL KING CORMACS

President	M. Ryan.	Selectors	M. Murphy.
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Secretary	Carol Cregan.		P. Donaghue.
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P.R.O.	S. King		

Cashel King Cormacs success in West Tipperary dates back to the beginning of the West Board. In fact in 1930 the Cashel Club won the first ever Minor Hurling Final in the West. In 1931 and 1932 they were beaten in the West Junior Finals by Knockavilla and Donaskeigh respectively but in 1933 they finally captured the Junior Title.

In 1934 as Seniors they won their first Senior Title. In '36 and '37 further titles followed and in the latter year Cashel K.C. played in their first ever County Final. In the final they were beaten by Moycarkey. Between 1934 and 1948 Cashel won in all seven Senior West Titles. This was the glorious era.

After this they had to wait for seventeen years for their next West Title in 1965. In the 1970's they won titles in '71, '75 and '76. Many of today's Cashel team have figured prominently on the under-age teams from Cashel in recent years. In fact eight members of the team were part of Cashels great under age group. This group of players who won U.12, U.14, U.16 and Minor County Titles in both codes are now fulfilling the promise of their youth. Speaking of this great under age record bring to mind the late MI; (Monto) Carrie who worked so hard in the interest of our youth. Our thanks also for the patronage of the Irish Christian Brothers. They are the unsung heroes of the G.A.A. not only in Cashel but throughout the Nation.

It's a fact that Willie Ryan is their longest serving supporter and wherever the king Cormacs are discussed you can be sure that Willie Ryan's name will be mentioned.

Pat Fitzelle, who played corner forward on the Cashel C.B.S. team in the Harty cup final of '73 (Along with John Grogan, Jerry Mulligan and M. Byrns) has now blossomed into being the finest back man in Munster Senior Hurling, on his day there is no better player.

M. Murphy, Coach to Cashel, is a great judge of hurling. He has won County Senior, minor and Junior hurling titles and all Irelands. He played with Theo English on many occasion and thinks he is "a horse of a man". Watching Cashel the other night, they are fit and Mick is quite confident of victory.

CAPPAWHITE

Life Presidents	Fr Pat O'Neill, John Tracey, John P. Ryan, Fr Dermott O'Neill, Fr Egan C.C. and M.O'Brien.
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Cappawhite who were runners-up to Sean Treacys in the divisional deciders of '78 and '79 and '81 against Eire Og are no strangers to the big day. In fact initially when the division was founded in 1930 Cappa teamed up with Donohill to take the first ever West junior hurling title.

County honours first came to Cappawhite in 1942 when hurlers like Tommy Treacy, "Rafferty" O'Neill, Bill O'Neill and Thomas Coughlan wore the sinlet in their first junior county title. Back they came to take their second crown in 1948,

In the '50's Cappa sought help from Solohead and under the name St. Nicholas's won the 1957 senior crown. 1962 saw Cappa take the u/15 county championship while in 1961 they joined up with Eire Og under the name St. Vincents and took the divisional senior title. The junior side also took the championship that year. With some help from neighbours Glengar they won the senior hurling title in 1962, while '65 saw them take u/21 and Minor county crowns. In 1977 Cappa Joined with Eire Og and won the county u/21 crown. They also took the junior county football title that same year. In 1977 & 1978 while again the two clubs combined together and won West minor hurling titles, and in the latter year Cappa took their first ever senior divisional football crown.

In recent years Cappawhite have been continually frustrated in senior hurling but this year sees a major breakthrough with great victories over Eire Og and Clonoulty, they will no doubt be hoping to crown such success to-day with a divisional title.

Theo English, Perfect gentleman coach to Cappawhite, has instilled confidence into Cappa. He is confident that Cappa will reign supreme. He has given great years to Tipperary, best centre of all, winner of aa Irelands, Munster titles, Oireachtas etc. To Theo and Mick many thanks for the proud memories.

INTERVIEW WITH MacDERMOTT

- Luby* Martin, how many finals have you played in ?
Mac This is my fifth final. I'm tired of losing !
Luby What do you think of Cashel and where are their strong points
Mac I think Cashel are good and really strong on half back line and mid field.
Luby Do you think a voodoo hangs over Cappa as regards West Finals
Mac No; not at all. It's really "Lady Luck" that does not smile kindly on us.
Luby I suppose this has been your best year so far, why is this ?
Mac Well: No 1 Our own field is completed.
No 2 All home based players.
No 3 Theo English is "going to town" on us.
Luby What about the return of Pat O'Connor for Cashel ?
Mac He is a cute player and could well be the player to watch in forward line.
Luby Where do you see this game being won or lost ?
Mac Our half forward line will have to be able to come off at least 50/50 with Cashel's half back line.
Luby Martin, has the Crosco Cup game against Cashel any bearing at all on today's game ?
Mac No, I wouldn't think so because we are really preparing ourselves for the championship. You must also remember John Gragan had a great game that night and he is doubtful for today's game. I would like to extend get well wishes to John.
Luby Thanks Martin and best of luck.

THE TWO LEADING FORWARDS.

Tommy Grogan of Cashel is their leading forward, a stylish player who is deadly accurate. Minor and u/21 all Irelands with Tipp. and 3 Senior Hurling medals with the King Cormacs. Watch his actions to-day, his speed off the mark, his unerring accuracy and above all, his ball control. Must be on the verge of County Honours.

Austin Buckley of Cappa is 23. A very fast moving and skilful forward, he has contributed a tremendous amount to Cappa in recent years. His game against Clonoulty lacked nothing for I came away convinced that evening "Here is the best forward in Tipperary hurling" Just watch this man in action to-day.

INTERVIEW WITH P. O'CONNOR

- Luby* Well Patsy. Welcome back.
Patsy Thanks I Missed the game all right.
Luby You look fairly fit now. Have you trained hard ?
Patsy Yes, I've been training twice a week and 3 - 4 miles per day.
Luby Do you look forward to playing Cappa ?
Patsy Yes. Cappa are a grand team to play against - very fit and always going.
Luby What do you think of Cappa this year ?
Patsy Well they must be good. You don't beat Eire Og too easily and just look at what they did to Conoulty.
Luby Where do you think Cappa are Strongest ?
Patsy Well I suppose their strength is in their speed and overall ability to hurl - they always have 15 hurlers.
Luby I'll put it another way, where is their weakness ?
Patsy That's a hard one but if I were to tell you that, Wouldn't they beat us (a laugh).
Luby You have beaten Cappawhite before in a West Final and also this year in the Crosco. Surely you must be favourites ?
Patsy It's still only 50/50. A break of a ball and if Cappa win We'll be the first to congratulate them.
Luby Would you say that going for the 13th title rather than going for the first one offers a big incentive to either team ?
Patsy Of course we are going all out for this one but Cappa must have a tremendous appetite for that first one.
Luby Thanks Patsy and best of luck.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Eire Og Annacarthy are the only west team to win a County Senior Hurling Final - 1943.
That Clonoulty are the only west team to win a Mid Final - 1927.
That in a fifteen year period 46-60 Kickham won 12 titles.
That Cashels leanest period stretches 16 years 49-64 inclusive.
That Cashel K.G. have 12 titles to date.
That Clonoulty, Eire Óg and Kickham have all won 4 in a row.
That Golden won their first Senior Hurling Final in 1969 and Second one on 1972.
Their first County Junior Football in '79 and Intermediate in '82.
Kickham are the only five timers of the Senior Hurling.
Senator Wm. Ryan, Kilfeacle West Board Chairman 1976-'78.
Mortimer O'Connell, Mantlehill, Treasurer '77-'79.
T.F. Hogan was our delegat at the Inagural meeting of the West Board in Dundrum in 1930.

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PRESIDENTS: Fr. O'Dwyer & Fr. O'Gorman. CHAIRMAN: J. O'Donnell.
TREASURER: M. O'Connell. SECRETARY: J. Ryan. P.R.O.: M. Forgarty.
ASST. CHAIRMAN: Con Cash, J. Forgarty.

When I wanted to write a bit of history I had not far to go — sat into my car and down the road to my ould friend The Chairman — J. O'Donnell. He remembers days and dates the very same as you would tell me that to-day is August 21st 1983.

The Golden Club played in the South Junior Hurling Final of 1929 — and before this date were active in many games in the South. Its a fact that we could have won a South Title only a "thistle" got in Busty Mahers way — they, the players also paid 1s-6d to Jim Curry to travel to the match — those were the days. In 1930 — (formation of west board) they were beaten in Semi-Final of Junior Championship. In 1932 they won the minor title with players who were in the vicinity of minor age. Its a fact that Ger Luby played minor at the age of 20 and when asked about his hairy legs - reply was "Plenty of Presto." In 1935 Parish Rule came in and we beat Cashel in a tremendous game in Boher-trime. In 36 we won the minor championship with a grand young team — the chairman — John Blake etc. — John was as good to drink a 'Point' then as he is now, ah those were the days — (The tea arrives and we'd have a good laugh).

We won the Junior Football in 1938 against Cappawhite — poor ould Tommy Treacy was knocked out for Cappawhite. We joined — some part of the Kickhams and won a title in 41 under the strange name — "The Invincibles". We beat Glengar in 43 — Junior Final and our next victory was 10 years later — we beat sologhead in the West Junior Final.

The Juvenile won three county titles in 53, 54 and 55 — but rather than signify a glourious era it did not provide the fruit for a tremendous harvest. 61 was a good year — County Final of Junior Football beaten by Inare Rovers on a "ferocious wet day". We reached a county minor and U/21 hurling final in the 60s but our first west title was won in 69 against Arravale Rovers — a glorious day. Three years later we beat Cashel King Cormacs. We won numerous Intermediate Hurling and Football titles in the 70s but 79 was our greatest year - we won our first county title in senior competition with the junior footballer. I'll never forget that day — our sole selector J. O'Donnell never missed any one of the 33 training sessions organised by T. Rafferty. Quote from "Divot" "The second fittest team he ever saw in a county title". Led by L. Walsh we won the County Intermediate Football in 82 and now we are seniors. We also won a senior football title (with Rockwell) in 80 against Cashel.

82 was a great year also for our "Scor" team who reached the

All Ireland Final and were unlucky. This was a great sketch "The 2.45 at the Junction" and most people were of the opinion that we won.

Our juvenils — D. Halliseys - are in the county final U/14 this year and they deserve our support.

I went into the field on Wednesday night last and I was amazed to see all the workers there — Morty — O'Donnells — Cash — Ryans etc. It was marvellous and the pitch to-day is a credit to them.

I finished at J. O'Donnells house at 12 o'clock on Wednesday night with one promise — "I'll be back P.G. for all the history because this is the folklore — it has to be recorded and every club has the same.

Thanks Jimmy.

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Hurling in all its splendour

It is not very often that Cappawhite and Cashel meet in a West Senior Hurling Final — but when that occasion arises it is one that should not be missed. These two teams seem to be born with Caman's in their hands. They both have the players who possess the talent to provide us with a skilful and intriguing tussle for supremacy.

There was a match a few years ago in Thurles between Cork and Tipperary and the following account was written by "John D. Hickey" (R.I.P.). "Hurling in all its splendour — Hurling in all its grandeur — Hurling that are thought lost — was redeemed in one glorious hours play in Semple Stadium yesterday" — Let us hope that our local correspondent — J.J. Kennedy — has the pleasureable task of writing something on the same lines about to-days Final.

Cappa have a team of talent — of stickmen — and of beautiful hurlers — on their day — they are a joy to watch. Its strange to relate that they have never won a West Final on their own (of course this has been disputed and argued many times) but to-day is their chance to put things right. If they can combine their undoubted skill with "the will to win" then the glittering prize could well be on its way to Cappa this evening.

Cashel have a team of unquestionable talent — beautiful hurlers and grand ball players. They have won the title on many occasions but the appetite is still there for another crack at the Cup. If Cashel can get all cyclinders firing — their big guns dominate the occasion then they must look forward to winning.

11 Years Ago.

72 was the year — Dundrum the venue and opponents Golden Kilfeacle against Cashel King Cormacs. I was a garsun then playing at wing forwarded on P. O'Donoghue (R.I.P.) a hurling gentleman. That was the day when the Fontenoy's Rose to new heights. Willie Blake had a marvellous game between the posts, Cash at full back was Rock-Solid — a cute player — flanked by C. Ryan and M. Ryan. John Stapleton and Jimmy O'Donnell were the two wing backs and the prince of centre backs commanded the middle — Liam Walsh, Michael Fogarty and Joe Fogarty — were our midfield pairings and this was where our strength lay. Ned O'Donnell, Sullivan and "the scribe" were on the half line — Sulley was deadly accurate. Jack Walsh, John Ryan (P) and L. Horan were the three inside men — John scoring three goals. The match was tough and hard and we have the feeling that our day again is not too far away.

Our minors are coming good — (2 of them on the Panel to-day for the all Ireland Semi-final) and with plenty of games in the next year or so they will hold their heads high in any company.

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DO YOU REMEMBER ?

The great Clonoulty teams of the 30's - ah yes - this was a great team, but they tell me that the Cashel Team of the late 30's was as good as any team in the country - with Ml. Bourke, Flor Carty etc. It was redkoned that they could give the County team of that time a great game. The Eire Og team of the 40's were a dominant force with Philly Ryan (C), M. O'Donnell R.I.P., Jim Hanley R.I.P., Tom Joye etc. They defeated Moycarley to mark a historic win. I Suppose the Kickham team of the 50's were really a hand luck team, Borrisileigh Sarsfields were in a golden era and they say that given any other decade Kickham would have won a County title. I remember the 60's - especially '69 - when Golden won their first title with Fogarty, Cash, Donnels and Walsh in full cry. That was a fine team. The 70's marked the arrival of the Traceys, a fine band of boys. Lets hope the 80's has something in store - especially for Cappawhite - and mostly for the County.

Hal Roche was once asked what would he like to do and his answer was: "I would like to join the Artane Boys Band because they never seem to grow old!

Q. Have Cashel a "Mickey Bourke" or Cappa a "Willie Barry or Eire Og a "Philly Ryan (C) or Kickhams a "Billy Hayes" or Golden a "Dan Luby" or "Willie Donnell" ? Why Not ? Has Hurling changed ? or were these great players ?

MOST COMMON WORDS USED IN THE GAME

"Ah Ref" "C'mon Ref" "Heh Ref" "Mark your man" "go back"
"Come out to the ball" "Pull" "get stuck in" "Have ye anyone else"
"Well done" "take that" "How much time is left" "Pass the ball"
"Stay inside" "Where's the Bottle" "a Hurley" "Mark up" "Delaying time" "use the timber" "take your score" "My ball" "Leave it off" "Plenty of room out there for it" "Get rid of it" "take him off" "let fly". - Just listen to all this today it's part and parcel of the G.A.A. game.

Breda Grogan

Breda has a marvellous sketch book going back to 68. - No match missed and I am grateful to Breda for the use of some articles. I have never seen the likes of the sketches - chippings etc.

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Referee

Liam O'Dwyer — Eire ag Annecarthy — has given many years of loyal service to the game. A quite spoken man — Liam has a thorough knowledge of the rules. This is his biggest honour to date and the fact that Cashel play Cappawhite will make his task less demanding. He knows both teams well — and their style of hurling — and I am sure the players will provide us — and Liam with a ball playing game.

Please leave the Golden grounds the same way as you would like to find your own homes. We thank you for supporting us to-day by your attendance — We thank J.J. Kennedy for his contributions to the Nationalist each week — no easy task.

Our club lost a great Gael and club man during the year — please remember John Currihan R.I.P.

Finally I would like to thank all those who helped me with the programme — If you have enjoyed it — thats good. If we have wronged or offended anyone — apologies are on the way.

Best of luck to both teams and I hope ————— win.

John Luby.

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OPINIONS OF THE EXPERTS

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| John Kelly | "A great chance but Pat O'Connor is the Key Player". |
| J. O'Donnell | (Golden). " I think Cashel will win, should be a thriller". |
| P. O'Donoghue | (Cashel) "I think we'll win. They are playing well but Cappa are always good". |
| Tommy Grogan | (Cashel) "It's our toughest match to date. I expect it will be "go - go" all the time and I would not like to commit myself to a result." |
| Morty Connell | (Golden) "I would say Cashel, they seem to have the big guns" |
| Martin Quirke | (Cashel) "Although we like playing Cappa, we always find it hard to beat them. Cappa are fit and fast but I'll just shade the verdict to Cashel. |

By the way we welcome back Jim Fogarty — Golden Coach — from the land of the 50p Pint.