







Cluichí Ceannais Peile na hÉireann

Páirc an Chrócaigh 18 Meán Fómhair 1994

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And its first Secretary would usely have welcomed the new A AII we're proud to be corporate amongst the first to the new and it you're amongst the first to me of its seats, congratulations.

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Cluichí Ceannais Peile na hÉireann Mionúir

Ciarraí v. Gaillimh

1.30 i.n. Réiteoir: Pat Casserly (lar Mhí)

Sinsir

An Dún v. Baile Átha Cliath

3.30 i.n. Réiteoir: Tommy Sugrue (Ciarraí)





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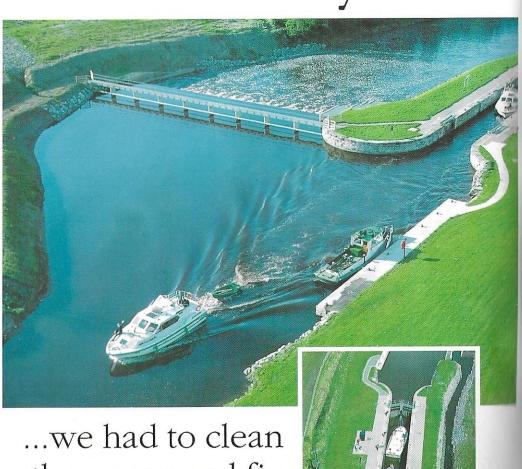
CHUMANN LUTHCHLEAS GAEL



Our Cover: "Reaching for the Stars" – Paul Downey's painting celebrates the skill and determination of Down and Dublin.

From Paul Downey's current exhibition (until October 1st) at the Frank Lewis Gallery, Killarney,

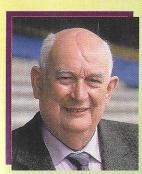
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Over the last thirty years or so, two of the great glamour teams of the G.A.A. have been Down and Dublin. These teams were adorned with some of the legendary names in football blending into cohesive units with a fusion of skill, grace and commitment. They thrilled countless thousands with consistent exhibitions of athleticism in the quest for Sam and they wrote new chapters in the evolution of the game.

It is no wonder therefore that today's Final has aroused so much interest, has captured the imagination of so many and is guaranteed to have an unprecedented audience at home and abroad. I wish both teams well and I am looking forward to a game which will bear proud testimony to the tradition of Down and Dublin.

The Minor Final brings together the Kingdom and the Tribesmen, counties who have left that footprints in the chronicle of the G.A.A.. By their standards, both counties have been applied in the standards, both counties have been updencing lean times in Senior Football but, what I have already seen of these two the sleeping giants that are Galway and may be awakening. This is a big and may be awakening. This is a big and mailly trying occasion for the lads in the same Irrespective of the outcome, I had they will savour the memories and being central to one of the greatest

have outstanding natural men have outstanding natural mention and the fortunate their commitment

and the perfection of their skills and I have no doubt that in doing so many will develop as stars of the future.

The New Stand, which is not due for completion until the early summer of 1995, is in use for the first time for a Football Final. The edifice we see before us is still very basic, but represents massive construction achieved in less than a year. It is our ambition that, where practical, the Croke Park of the future will not be fenced in and the benefit to supporters in this context is obvious. I would ask our loyal followers therefore to co-operate with us, not to attempt to encroach on the pitch while games are in progress and to ensure that we can create a Stadium environment and a crowd behaviour culture that will continue to be unique and the envy of the western world. The decision in regard to fencing is ultimately in your hands.

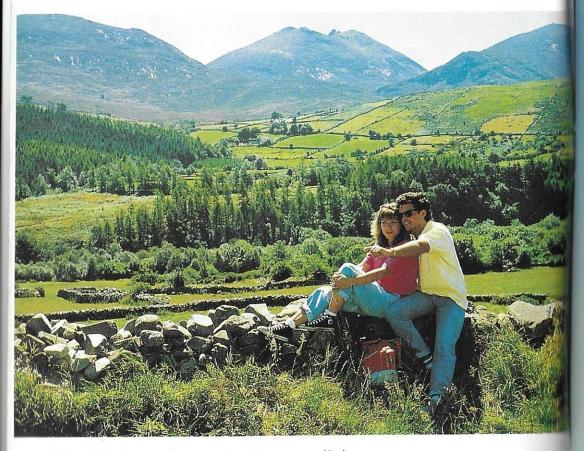
As we conclude our championship season, I would like to thank all the teams that participated, our supporters and the various media that bring our games so graphically to so many. I would like to reserve a special thanks for our sponsors, the Bank of Ireland. Like the G.A.A., the Bank permeates every strand of Irish society, is represented in every area of the country and has a long tradition serving our people. I look forward to many more years of continued relationship.

Míle buíochas daoibh go léir.

Sean Boothway.

Seán Boothman, Uachtarán C.L.G.

Come on, Down.



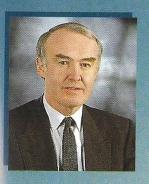
We wish Down the very best of luck on this great occasion. Back in the homes of Mourne, Strangford and the Ards, we're behind an outstanding team

all the way.

This is Down at its finest. Why not come on up and enjoy the beauty and the welcome of St. Patrick's Country for yourself?



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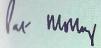


Is mór an onóir do Bhanc na h-Éireann baint a bheith acu le Cluiche Ceannais Peile Sinsir na hÉireann – an ocáid sportiúil is mó sa tír.

Gaelic football has a long and noble tradition in Irish society, fostering sporting prowess and community pride. Through our own branch network we too play an integral part in Irish community life and this sponsorship gives us the opportunity to further strengthen our relationship with the GAA at all levels.

For many years we have enjoyed our involvement with the GAA through the All Stars. Through our sponsorship of the All Ireland Football Championship we hope to further foster the development of Gaelic Games.

Gan amhras feicfimíd inniú cluiche breá, bríomhar idir Áth Cliath agus An Dún.



PAT MOLLOY, Group Chief Executive, Bank of Ireland

The Artane Boys Band & Senior Band Music Programme

gramme One at 1.00 pm

Emerald Pride My Irish Molly

Arr. L. Palmer Arr. J. Lynch

Wrap the Green Flag A.J. Potter

ramme Two at 2.50 pm



The Artane Boys Band salute the Dublin supporters on the Hill with Molly Malone.

The Senior Band salute the Down supporters at the Canal End with The Star of the County Down

Programme Three at 2.58 pm

Salute to the Christian Brothers on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the death of Venerable Edmund Ignatius Rice. This piece of music, composed by Joe Lynch, has been commissioned by the GAA.

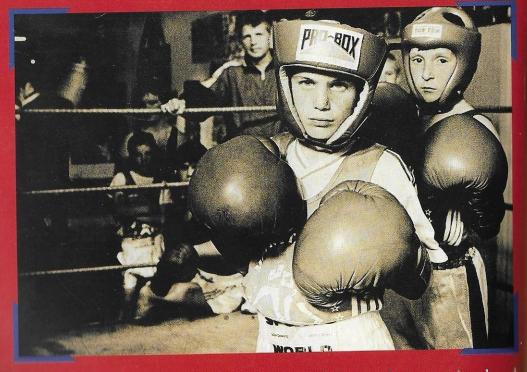
Programme Four at 4.06 pm

Let There Be Peace

Both Bands and Frank Patterson, soloist, with: The Mountains of Mourne The Star of the County Down Molly Malone The Rare Auld Times

You could be forgiven for walking by Mount Tallant Boxing Club and not knowing just how significant its place is in Irish sport. For one of the country's most respected amateur boxing clubs Mount Tallant keeps a low profile. In recent years, however, under the guidance of Mick Dowling, it has produced some of Ireland's most promising Olympic prospects.

Not everything funded by The National Lottery is on a large scale. Last year over £26 million went to Youth, Sport & Recreation. Some projects were big undertakings, like the new National Basketball Arena in Tallaght. Many more were on a much smaller scale. (But with big futures, like Mount Tallant.)



Each time any one of the National Lottery's games is played a portion of the money goes towards projects like these contributed on your behalf. If you play we'd just like to say thank you.

Clár an Lae

1.27 i.n.:	Arrival of Úachtarán C.L.G. Jack Boothman agus a bhean; Éirleamh C.L.G. An Dr. Diarmuid Ó Clúmháin, Ardeaspag
	Caiseal agus Imleach.
1.30 i.n.:	Craobh Mhionúir Peile na hÉireann

	Ciarraí v Gaillimh
n.:	GAA/INTO Exhibition Games
n ·	End of Minor Football Final

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2.45 i.n.:	Presentation of the Minor Trophy by An Dr. Diarmuid Ó Clúmháin

2.50 i.n.:	Artane Boys and the Artane Senior Bands' Recital
2.58 i.n.:	Tribute to the Christian Brothers by the Artane Band

3.02 i.n.: Kerry Jubilee Team 1969 and 1970 introduced by Mick Dun
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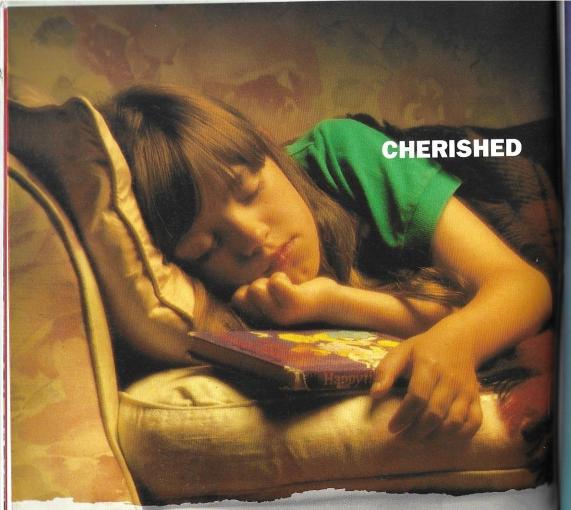


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3.12 i.n.:	Foireann Átha Cliath amuigh ar an bPáirc
3.14 i.n.:	Foireann An Dún amuigh ar an bPáirc
3.18 i.n.:	Arrival of Úachtarán na hÉireann
3.23 i.n.:	Parade begins
3.28 i.n.:	Amhrán na bhFiann
3.30 i.n.:	Craobh Shinsir Peile na hÉireann
	Baile Átha Cliath v An Dún
4.07 i.n.:	Musical Entertainment — Artane Bands
4.50 i.n.:	Senior Game ends
4.55 i.n.:	Presentation of the Sam Maguire Trophy to the winning
	Captain by Úachtarán C.L.G. Jack Boothman

Amhrán na bhFiann

Sinne Fianna Fáil,
Atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn,
Buíon dár slua
Thar toinn do ráinig chugainn
Faoi mhóid bheith saor,
Sean-tír ár sinsear feasta
Ní fhágfar faoin tíorán ná faoin tráill.
Anocht a théam sa bhearna baoil
Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil
Le gunna scréach faoi lámhach na bpiléar,
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Na Réiteoirí



Pat Casserly (An Iarmhi)

A native of Longford now living in Westmeath, Casserly had charge of the Leinster minor final between Dublin and Wexford in July.

A referee of seven years experience, he has had control of many games at club and inter-county level. The man in the middle at the Eire Og (Carlow)-Erin's Isle (Dublin) Leinster club final last December, Pat's recent assignments included the Offaly-Wicklow draw and replay and the Meath-Wexford clash in the 1994 Leinster championship.

A member of the St. Loman's club, Casserly is a former intercounty footballer with Longford.

Linesmens

P. McEnaney (Muineacháin)

S. Ó Caoimh (Corcaigh)

Umpires:

T. Barton (St. Lomans)

L. Irwin (St. Lomans)

T. Robinson (St. Lomans) J.J. Brady (St. Lomans)

lommy Sugrue (Ciarraí)

Is a tribute to Sugrue's consisally high standard of refereeing a lengthy period that he makes his fourth appearance at All-Ireland senior final level.

He took charge of his first Sam Maguire Cup tie in 1988 when Mouth and Cork played a draw. Morue refereed the replay and was the man-in-the-middle when Donegal had that history-making win over Dublin two years ago. The Kerry official had charge of the Duny Down Ulster senior champimuliin first round tie at Newry in 1991 and officiated at the meeting of the same counties last May at

Sugrue was in action at Croke Park as recently as the novel Dublin-Leitrim semi-final last month. He is associated with the St. Patrick's club, Blennerville, and has also refereed All-Ireland games in grades other than senior.

Tinesment

P. Russell (Tiobraid Árann) STANDBY REFEREE

B. White (Loch Garman)

Umpires

M. Sugrue (St. Patricks)

G. Lenihan (St. Patricks)

P. Breen (St. Patricks)

M. Brosnan (St. Patricks)



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Welcome to the New Stand

It will be obvious to all patrons that the new stand is still under construction and that the work is progressing right through our major games season. This phase of the project is scheduled for completion in April/May 1995, when we will have an increase of approximately 11,000 seats over the number available at present. The pitch will be moved towards the new stand in gradual phases commencing next year, but it will not be fully re-aligned until the whole reconstruction is completed.

We would like to apologise to you for the basic condition of the facilities, at this stage, but we tell our patrons would prefer to have the use of the facility even in its present state.

With your co-operation and with your support we will continue the work and we hope you will agree that we are aiming to provide a new standard of excellence in spectator facilities.



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Medica

Upper Hogan Medical
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rear of Press Box.
Lewer Hogan/Nally —
Ledger Hogan/Nally —
Ledger Hogan/Nally —
Legger Ho

New Stand — Medical

Centre — Doctor on duty, rear of Section 301.
Treatment and Cardiac
Ambulance — rear of Stand.
Pitch — St. John Ambulance
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Stand and on pitch outside
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Stewart in front of Nally
Stand.
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Lost Children

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Canal Terrace — Medical
Centre.

Hill Terrace — Medical Centre

New Stand — Medical

Centre — rear of Section 301. Treatment and Cardiac Ambulance — rear of Stand.

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Football.

Girls' Football

Team U

Down — Red and Black. Pitch: Defending Hogan Stand — Canal End.

- Caroline Brennan, Cogher, Co. Mayo.
- 2. Emer Guckian, Drumsna, Co. Leitrim.
- Maria Mahoney, Ardmore, Co. Waterford.
- Donna Letters, Clady, Co. Antrim.
- Serena King, Rathdowney, Co. Laois.
- 6. Carol O'Connell, Carlanstown, Co. Meath.
- 7. Michelle O'Donnell, Crusheen, Co. Clare
- 8. Jennifer Scanlan, Athea. Co. Limerick.
- 9. Linda Staunton, Ballyglass, Co. Mayo.
- 10. Lisa Crowley, Ballybofey, Co. Donegal.

Manager: Denis Coleman

Girls' Football

Team V

Dublin — Sky Blue and Navy. Pitch: Defending Cusack Stand — Canal End.

- Anita Hyland, Lanesboro, Co. Longford.
- 2. Linda Donnelly, Collumbrone, Co. Tyrone.
- 3. Eimear Murphy, Walterstown, Co. Westmeath.
- 4. Sarah Donovan, Ballyboden, Dublin 16.
- 5. Serena Gardiner, Cootehill, Co. Cavan.
- 6. Vicky Fisher, Laural Lodge, Dublin 15.
- 7. Niamh Kindlon, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan.
- 8. Nicola Clegg, Cootehill, Co. Cavan
- 9. Caroline Breen, Beaufort, Co. Kerry.
- 10. Sarah Doran, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.

Manager: **Neasa** Ní Laoire

Boys' Football

Team W

Down — Red and Black. Pitch: Defending Cusack Stand — Hill 16 End.

- 1. Shane Duffy, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan.
- Shane Canning, Mohill, Co. Leitrim
- 3. John Reilly, Dring, Co. Longford.
- Stephen McDermott, Ballybofey, Co. Donegal
- 5. Thomas Doogan, Glasson, Co. Westmeath.
- 6. Ciarán Reilly, Edenderry, Co. Offaly.
- 7. Emmet Killeen, Tuam, Co. Galway.
- 8. Christopher Gardiner, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan.
- 9. Jim Goodwin, Tramore, Co. Waterford.
- 10. Paddy Smith, Carrickboy, Co. Cavan.

Manager: Terry McGinty

Boys' Football

Team X

Dublin — Sky Blue and Navy. Pitch: Defending Hogan Stand — Hill 16 End.

- 1. Darren Griffin, Shannon, Co. Clare.
- 2. Seán McBride, Draperstown, Co. Derry.
- 3. Paudie McCarthy, Ardagh, Co. Limerick.
- 4. Anthony McCormack, Clondalkin, Dublin 22.
- 5. Patrick Kelly, Shrule, Co. Galway
- 6. Michael Walsh, Rosslare Harbour, Co. Wexford.
- 7. Matthew Cullen, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.
- 8. Dara Mulhall, Stradbally, Co. Laois.
- 9. Billy Murphy, Ladysbridge, Co. Cork.
- 10. David Ward, Black's Road, Co. Antrim

Manager: Aodán Mac Suibhne

A LITTLE PIECE OF HISTORY

Although it was a long time ago, I remember it like it was yesterday. We were all getting togged-out for an important championship match when word came around that O'Buachalla, the County selector, had been spotted at the gate.

The whole atmosphere changed, the lads went quiet, it was as if everyone was working out their own game plan, looking for a way to shine.

Well he was out there all right, sitting away from the crowd on a small wooden bench, his collar turned up and his cap pulled firmly down. I expected him to have a clipboard or something, at least a pen and paper. He just sat there, I'll always remember this, with a bar of Cadbury's Chocolate, breaking off squares and popping them into his mouth.

It was a great game, both teams played their hearts out and as you can imagine there were a few spirited individual performances as well.

Anyway, it was a close match, there were only two points in it at the end, unfortunately they didn't belong to us. As the final whistle blew, all eyes turned to the bench where he was sitting, but he was done he hadn't even waited for the final score.

Three days later O'Buachalla sent word that he wanted me to try out for the County team and the rest, as they say, is history.

The funny thing is, every time I see a bar the Chadbury's Chocolate I think of O'Buachalla and the that I got my first big break.



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Mini-Sevens: Big day in the life of the participants

by JERRY GROGAN

Early on the morning of the Hurling final, President Jack Boothman joined the participants in the mini-sevens as they dined in Clonliffe College. He mingled, pilfered their chips, posed for photographs and told them it was the most important part of his day's schedule.

Jack Boothman is very conscious of the value of the mini-sevens as a promotion and particularly enjoys "the uninhibited expression of skills from the children". He describes the

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scheme as "one of the delightful components that is now part of our major occasions" and he is delighted that the scheme provides a "forum for represntatives of our boys and girls nationally to be part of the great high profile days".

Association PRO Danny Lynch shares these views and speaks of the mini-sevens as an "innovative concept" and he is particularly pleased that "the emphasis throughout is on participation and skill rather than winning".

Today's participating counties have been well represented in this year's scheme and the children's views are interesting. Young Gerard McCargo from Ardglass, Co. Down describes his participation as "a great day for me and for my family. My Dad played for Antrim and I would love to follow in his footsteps.". His father Gerard was "extremely proud and very pleased with the way we were treated on the day".

Jamie Maher from St. Joseph's School,
Terenure, Dublin was captivated by the experience. For him "marching out behind the
Artane Boys' Band and scoring two points"
were the highlights of his participation.
Coincidentally, his father James was also actively involved as a player, having been a member of the Crumlin All-Ireland club championship winning panel in 1978/9 and an All-Ireland winner with the Dublin over-40 team last year. "It was a very proud moment for me when Jamie took the field. I think this scheme is a major promotion for our games at a time when it was never more necessary."

The final word belongs to 12 year old Emma O'Hare from Newry. Although she participates in girls' football this year, she is quite a camogie star back home, playing for U-12, U-14 and U-16 teams with her club. Emma confessed to being nervous as she marched out: "I soon forgot the crowd and the noise. I really enjoyed it. It was the highlight of my life."

An Chaoí Dheiridh Ag Foireann Seo Átha Cliath?

Athar ann a cheap go raibh peileadóirí Átha Cliath chun craobh na hÉireann a bhaint i 1992. An bhliain roimhe sin tháinig réalta nua aduaidh, An Dún, chun críoch a chur le iarracht athbheochana Chiarraí agus an ceann is fearr a fháil ar An Mhí sa chluiche ceannais. Níor chreid lucht leanta na gcluichí Gaelacha go raibh ré nua tagtha agus go mbeadh foirne Uladh i mbarr an chairn ar feadh i bhfad. Mar is eol chloígh Na Conallaigh na 'Dubs' chun a gcéad chraobh arlamh a bhaint i '92 agus bhí an chuma ar an scéal go raibh an deis imithe go deo ó fhoireann Átha Cliath lámh a thall ar Chorn Mhig Uidhir.

Ach don tríú bhain as a théile táid tar éis an ceann is fearr a fháil ar An Mhí i graobhchomortas Laighean agus anois táid ar ais sa thraobhchluiche in aghaidh ar fhoireann a thosaigh an

Agus cad faoi fir na Móirne?
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Mí aon amhras ann gur ghlac
Mí aon amhras ann gur ghlac
Mí aon amhras a feacht na
Mí aon 192 tar éis éacht na
Mí aon aoimhe sin. An t-aon
Mí aoimhe sin. An t-aon
Mí a bhí ann dóibh ná gur
Mí a bhí ann dóibh ná gur
Mí a bhí ann dóibh na gur
Mí a bhí ann dóibh na hÉireann
Mí a bhí a bhí an lug ar

foireann gan iomrá ar bith orthu, Doire Cholmcille, go dtí a gcarn aoiligh féin agus a rinne scrios orthu! An t-aon sólás a bhí ann arís dóibh ná gur bhain Doire a gcéad chraobh ariamh!

Ach níl a thuilleadh sóláis uathu. Séard atá uathu ná Corn Mhig Uidhir a thabhairt ar ais thar teorainn i '94 chun a chruthú nárbh aon rith searraigh é an éacht a rinne siad i '91. Tá na comharthaí ann, mar sin, go mbeidh lá mór oibre roimh Átha Cliath chun an chéad chraobh shinséar Uile-Éireann ó 1977 a bhreith ar ais go dtí an ard-chathair.

Agus conus mar a sheasann

an caighdéan comparáideach idir curaidh Laigean agus curaidh Uladh? Níl aon amhras faoi ach go raibh iomaire níos crua le treabhadh ag An Dún. Ar an gcéad dul síos bhí orthu taisteal fhad le cathair ársa Dhoire chun seaimpíní '93 a ionsaí ar a gcarn aoiligh siúd. Níl aon amhras faoi ach gurbé sin an cluiche ab' fhearr a himríodh i mbliana agus go raibh díoltas bainte ag fir Mhoirne. Ní nach ionadh chuaigh siad ar aghaidh chun craobh Uladh a bhreith leo. Ina dhiaidh sin bhí orthu curaidh na Muman, Corcaigh, a smachtú i sár-chluiche leathcheannais i bPáirc an Chrócaigh.

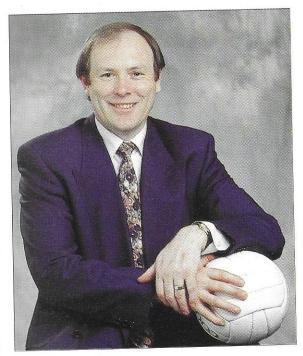
I dtaca le Baile Átha Cliath dhe bhí orthu Cill Dara a chloí i gcluiche leathcheannais Laighean; thug sé dhá iarracht orthu sin a dhéanamh agus is cinnte gur rinne an dara cluiche maitheas dóibh. In aghaidh 'an sean'namhaid', An Mhí, is baolach go raibh sé ádhmharach gur tugadh bronntanas chúil dóibh sa chluiche sin agus fós nach raibh ach cúilín le spáráil acu ag deireadh báire. Gan aon mhasla a thabhairt do Liatroim bhí sé soiléir nach raibh taithi na mórocáide acu agus nár chuir siad géarscrúdú ar pheileadóirí Átha Cliath sa chluiche leathcheannais faoi mar a chuir Corcaigh ar An Dún sa chluiche eile.

Má tá an mhian láidir go leor i bhfir na ngeansaí gorma d'fhéadfaidís an lámh in uachtar a fháil inniu. Tá foireann den chéad scoth ag An Dún; tá tosaigh atá in inmhe scóranna a ghnóthú ó gach ionad ar an bhfaiche; tá fir lárpáirce an-láidir acu agus tá na tacaigh tar éis na tosaigh is fearr sa tír a cheannsú le linn an chomortais reatha.

An bhfuil 'Na Dubs' in ann iad a smachtú? Níl tosaigh Átha Cliath chomh maith leo siúd aduaidh ach má éiríonn le Dessie Ó Fearaíl an casighdéan a bhí aige in aghaidh Liatroma a shroichint arís agus má bhíonn Vinny Ó Murchú agus Charlie Mac Réamoinn ag barr feabhais beidh scéal le hinsint. Beidh ard-chluiche againn agus, b'fhéidir. comhscór ag deireadh an lae!

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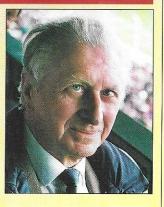
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For over a quarter-of-a-century I travelled the highways and by-ways of this fair land with Paddy Downey and, dammit, never once heard one word of criticism about the man. And that will stand as an extraordinary epitaph tomorrow when, sad to say, popular Paddy will depart the sporting scene — leaving the world to darkness and (God save us) to Peadar O'Brien and Donal Keenan.

It was bad enough that ne'er a word of criticism was heard; what galled even more was the praise lavished on the quiet-spoken, pipe-smoking West Cork man. It gushed from players and officials alike and with such constancy as to cause the confidence of us ordinary mortals to plummet or head for the outback with enough shoulder chips to open a takeaway.

Me? I headed for the peace and quiet of West Cork, where all one had to contend with were the musings of one Dave Guiney — yes, the same one — in the Evening Echo and his plugs for Clonakilty black pudding. For all that, Cork clannishness is notorious and there too they spoke of P.K. Downey with awe and wonderment.

It got even worse when Jimmy Barry Murphy, one of



Paddy Downey, of the Irish Times, who retires after today's All-Ireland Final.

the greatest dual performers the games have known, got into the act. That was when Jimmy, like Messrs. Downey and Guiney, a dyed-in-thewool Corkman, was quoted as saying (in that quiet Leeside brogue): "I like to read Paddy Downey's reports. He somehow captures the atmosphere of the occasion.".

MONUMENT

It got so that I drove all the way to Goleen to see if they had yet erected a monument to this paragon of newspaper virtuosity. It was, to be sure, hard to take, but still have I borne it with a patient shrug, for sufferance is the badge of all us scribes.

Yet, despite the fame and praise, Paddy remained the

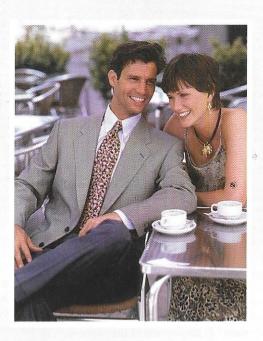
same self-effacing writer. whose splendid analysis and prose helped to keep earlymorning reading of newspapers the highlight of every day. In addition, such was his interest in sports, and in life generally, coupled with his great knowledge of same, that he was to prove a most entertaining fellow-traveller here at home and overseas as well.

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And while work always came first with Paddy, there were times when he was loath to leave the scene of activity and/or to dally on the homeward journey especially if there were some popular watering-holes along the way. That is, however, another story; meantime, one must journey back to Goleen to see if the omission of that missing monument has been repaired.

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Added incentives for minors

dded incentives are rarely required in All-Ireland finals — the lure of establishing A primacy in whatever grade or code is enough to call forth effort and commitment that is never less than total. But if an added incentive. however implausibly, was deemed necessary in today's minor final each band of contestants does not have to look for it. In the case of Kerry it is the leadership of the championship winners' list, that has for almost the entire existence of the under-18 grade, been a Kerry preserve. From 1932, when they won their second title, the Kingdom have ranged clear of allcomers apart from two brief periods when Dublin dislodged them, at the end of the nineteen-fifties and between 1984 and 1988. And now, after sharing the leadership with the Metropolitans for the past six years, despite the expanding challenge of the Rebel county, Kerry are poised to resume a position they have occupied with such distinction for so long.

For Galway it is history of a different dimension that beckons -and if the fifteen youths who wear the maroon and white today are casting about for omens that favour their cause, they do not have far to look. A fortnight ago their hurling colleagues made history, not in taking the title, but in beating Cork for the first time ever in minor hurling, after decades of failure. And if their record vis-a-vis Kerry is less than impressive — one win from four meetings — they will no doubt be comforted by the fact that their one success was in their only final confrontation to date. The incentive to complete the double must serve as a wonderful spur today even if no member of the squad has had any connection with the hurlers' triumph.

EXCLUSIVE

The minor double is one of the most exclusive achievements in gaelic games. After more than sixty years of intense competition only three counties — Tipperary, Dublin and Cork — have managed it, though the fact that the Premier county's football title in 1934 was awarded takes somewhat from their feat.

Apart from the trio already noted, only two counties have actually contested both minor deciders in the one year — Galway (1970) and Offaly (1989), but as Galway had already lost the hurling final the double wasn't in prospect when the footballers lined out against Kerry. With Offaly, the hurlers having overcome Clare, the incentive was there, but Derry's powerful squad mercilessly crushed their hopes.

It is twenty years since the double was last brought off — by Cork in 1974 — and eight since Cork lost both finals — the hurling to Offaly and the football to Galway. (That, incidentally, was Galway's fifth, and last, title).

Kerry with ten titles and Galway with five have been among the top counties for decades, and a meeting between these rivals in any grade of football has always had a special dimension.

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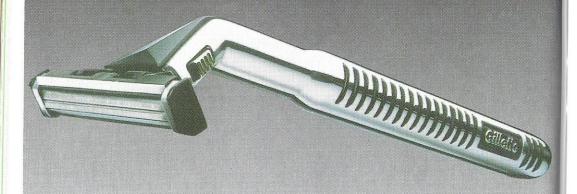
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A Sensational Six

The greatest number of goals scored by a team in an All-Ireland football final is six, and that distinction is shared by three counties in three different grades -Cork (senior, 1911), Dublin (junior, 1916) and Kerry (minor, 1962). Cork scored five of their six against Antrim in the second half of that one-sided final while Dublin had five on board before the half-way stage was reached in the replay with Limerick. What lends a special distinction to Kerry's feat is that all of their six majors against Mayo in '62 were recorded in the second half ... which is all the more remarkable considering they had trailed by 0-3 to 0-4 at the break. And, appropriately, the leader of this astonishing second-half blitz was the Kerry captain, John O'Mahony, who accounted for three of the goals.

Connections

There are many interesting family threads on today's Galway minor team. Michael Donnellan, whose father John and uncle Pat played in the three-in-a-row team of 1964-66, is a grandson of Mick, who won a S.F. medal with Galway in 1925. Mark Weldon is a son of Joe, captain of Galway's only All-Ireland U-21 football winning team of 1972. The two Meehans, Tomás and Declan, are sons of Michael, who was a member of the 1960 winning Galway minor panel. John

Concannon, the star of the semi-final win over Dublin, is a son of the late Sean, who played for Galway in 1963. Both are known in their native Milltown as Sean. Padraic Joyce, who captained St. Jarlath's to their 11th Hogan Cup success earlier this year is a nephew of former Galway great Billy Joyce. Richie Fahy and Aidan Donnellan, the captain, have elder brothers playing for the Galway senior football team of 1994, namely Gary Fahy and Michael Donnellan while Kevin Keane, the Galway full back, is son of M.J. Keane, who won an U-21 Football All-Ireland at midfield for Roscommon in 1966.

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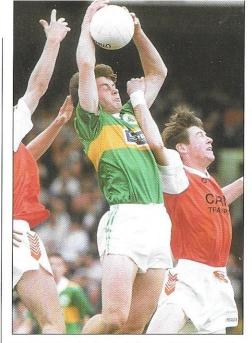
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High fielding by Denis O'Dwyer (Ciarraí) in the semi-final against Armagh's Ciarán Rafferty.

Previous **Meetings**

Despite the high championship profile maintained by Galway and Kerry in minor football over the years, it is surprising to note that their paths have crossed on only four occasions to date with the record reading three-one in the 'Kingdom's' favour. The details of these four (six including the 1970 and 1990 replays) meetings are:

1932 — Semi-final at Croke Park: Kerry 4-6; Galway

1938 — Semi-final at Mullingar: Kerry 3-9; Galway 1-4

3-1

2-5

1970 — Final at Páirc an Chrócaigh: Galway 1-8; Kerry

Replay:

Galway 1-11; Kerry 1-10

1990 — Semi-final at Páirc an Chrócaigh:

Kerry 0-12; Galway 1-9

Replay at Limerick:

Kerry 2-7; Galway 0-9

Last Titles ... Disappointing Returns

erry's tenth All-Ireland minor titile was won in 1988 when Dublin were overcome by 2-5 to 0-5 in the final. Six years should have brought the necessary maturity and advancement to many of this fine combination, but surprising to relate, when Kerry lined out against Cork in this year's Munster senior semi-final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, only three of the 1988 minor team were among the chosen fifteen — Peter O'Leary, Liam Flaherty and Pa Laide.

Kerry's last championship-winning minor team was: Peter O'Leary (Legion), Peter Lenehan (Finuge), Niall Savage (Kerins O'Rahilly), John B O'Brien
(Beaufort), Liam Flaherty
(Ballydonoghue), Vincent Knightly
(Annascaul), Sean Walsh
(St.Senans), Eamon Stack
(Moyvane), Fintan Ashe (Dingle),
Pa Laide (Austin Stacks), Danny
Cahill (Laune Rangers) captain,
Sean O'Sullivan (Sneem), Colm
Geaney (Dingle), David Farrell
(Annascaul), Billie O'Sullivan
(Laune Rangers).

Galway, likewise, have failed to progress to the expected senior stardom. Their fifth minor title was won at the expense of Cork in 1986, but eight years on there has been no appreciable dividend at senior level. Like Kerry, this year's senior squad included only three of the team that brought the West it's last under-18 crown — Tom Mannion, Kevin Walsh and Fergal O'Neill.

The team that beat Cork by 3-8 to 2-7 was — Adrian Brennan (St.

Michaels), Brian Silke (Corofin), Francis McWalter (Monivea Abbey), Ger O'Farrell (Salthill), Padraig Fallon (St. Brendans), Alan Mulholland (Salthill), Michael Tarpey (Corofin), John Joyce (Salthill) captain, Kevin Walsh (Killanin), Tomas Kilcommins (St. Brendans), Fergal O'Neill (Glenamaddy), Maurice McDonagh (Tuam Stars), Tom Mannion (Monivea Abbey), Peter Maher (Monivea Abbey), Tom Finnerty (Oughterard).

For both Kerry and Galway the present (senior) situation presents a startling and disappointing contrast to the previous experience of minor success, especially the Galway team of 1960 and the Kerry team of 1970 — even if the latter failed to take the honours that year. They more than made amends at senior level in the years that followed.

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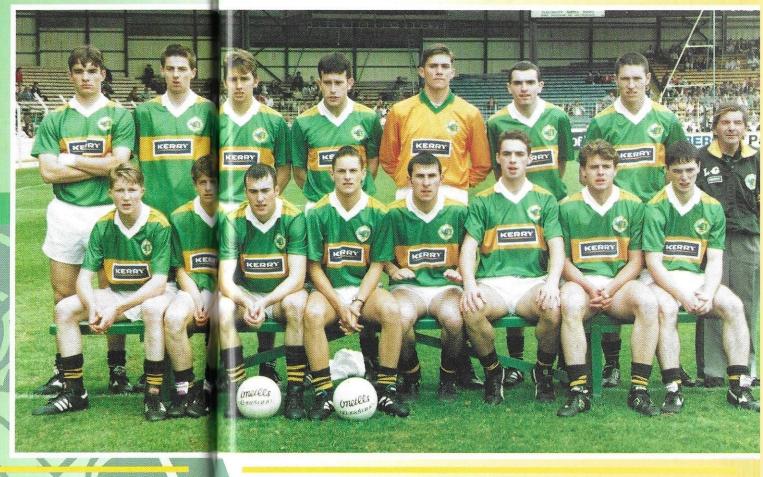
Captain Jack Ferriter

Back row

(l-r): Barry O'Shea, Gene O'Keeffe, Michael Foley, Sean O'Mahony, Brian Murphy, Liam Brosnan, Fergus O'Connor.

Front row

(I-r): Michael Frank Russell, Ciarán O'Driscoll, Jack Ferriter (captain), Jerry Lynch, James O'Shea, Charlie McCarthy, Denis O'Dwyer, Jerry Murphy.



Kerry minors moving well in drive to end a famine

Can Kerry keep the All-Ireland minor football title, won by Cork last year, in Munster? That is one of the many questions surrounding the first decider between the Kingdom and Galway since 1970, when the western county came out on top in a replay.

It is hard to credit that Kerry, with such a renowned football tradition, have not won the minor crown since 1988. However, their good form generally this season suggests that the Kingdom have a team capable of making a bold bid to end the famine.

They had good wins over Limerick and old

rivals Cork before having to work unexpectedly hard when seeing off the challenge of Clare by just three points.

After that close call, many felt that the Kerry boys, who are trained by former goalkeeping ace Charlie Neligan, would have to give best to an Armagh side that had displayed good form in the north.

However, the Kingdom lost no time in silencing their "knockers". They went two points adrift early on, but hit back with an excellent movement that was expertly finished by a fine goal by right half forward Mike Russell.

Both teams exchanged some good points after that until three minutes before the interval, Kerry delivered what was in effect the knock-out blow to Armagh's hopes.

BIG CHANCE

A splendid movement involving James O'Shea and Diarmuid Lynch gave left full forward Gerry Murphy his big chance and he responded by deftly sending to the northern net to earn the Munster champions a six points advantage at the break.

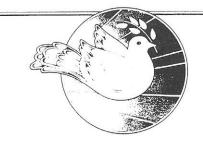
Kerry were in no mood to allow the final ticket slip away after that. They played good football again after the restart and, although Armagh kept plugging away, the southerners

maintained their grip on the exchanges to run out decisive winners by seven points.

This is a good all-round Kerry side with a particularly lively attack. Team captain Jack Ferriter and Gerry Murphy spearheaded a division that is inventive, incisive and will present plenty of problems for the western defence.

Midfield is strong and the back division, shrewdly marshalled by Fergus O'Connor and Barry O'Shea, is unlikely to allow the lively Galway attack much room to scheme scores.

This is a selection that is doing a good job in promoting the standard of up-and-coming talent in the Kingdom. A side that will not be easily foiled of emphasising the point further by bringing a second All-Ireland title of the year to Kerry, the county's juniors having beaten Galway in their final last month.



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How They Qualified

Kerry

Kerry are contesting an All-Ireland minor football final for the first time in four years. They lost their 1990 outing to Meath and won their last crown in 1988 at the expense of Dublin.

Kerry won their 30th provincial title in July since 1931. This is their record so far:

First Round, 6th May at Askeaton:

Kerry1-24; Limerick 1-6 Scorers: Leonard Burns 0-7, Gerry Murphy 0-5, Liam Brosnan 1-2, Jack Ferriter 0-4, Denis Dwyer 0-3, D. Carroll 0-3.

Semi-Final, 14th July at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Kerry3-14; Cork 2-7 Scorers: Jack Ferriter 2-3, James O'Shea 1-2, Liam Brosnan 0-4, Denis Dwyer 0-1, Gene O'Keefe 0-1, Gerry Lynch 0-1, Gerry Murphy 0-1, Pat O'Sullivan 0-1.

Munster Final, 24th July at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Kerry2-11; Clare 3-5 Scorers: James O'Shea 2-1, Jack Ferriter 0-4, Liam Brosnan 0-2, Mike Russell 0-2, Gerry Lynch 0-1, Gerry Murphy 0-1.

All-Ireland Semi-Final, 14th August at Croke Park: Kerry2-10; Armagh 0-9 Scorers: Gerry Murphy 1-1, Jack Ferriter 0-4, Mike Russell 1-0, Gerry Lynch 0-2, James O'Shea 0-1, Liam Brosnan 0-1, Leonard Burns 0-1.

Total Scored 8-59 (83);
Total Conceded 6-27 (45)
Scorers: Jack Ferriter 2-15,
James O'Shea 3-4, Liam
Brosnan 1-9, Gerry Murphy
1-8, Leonard Burns 0-8,
Mike Russell 1-2, Denis
Dwyer 0-4, Gerry Lynch 0-4,
D. Carroll 0-3, Gene O'Keefe
0-1, Pat O'Sullivan 0-1.

FERRITER DOUBLE

Jack Ferriter has a double to his credit in the scoring review. As well as heading the Kerry chart he holds the top spot for the individual score by a Kingdom player at 2-3 in the Páirc Uí Chaoimh encounter with Cork.

Galway...

Galway are appearing in their first All-Ireland minor football final since 1986 when they won their fifth title.

In July they won their second successive Connacht title and their 19th since 1932.

This is how Galway qualified:

Semi-Final, 3rd July at Carrick-on-Shannon: Galway 2-9; Roscommon 1-

Scorers: Derek Savage 1-3, Derek Reilly 1-2, John Concannon 0-2, Paraic Joyce 0-1, M Turner 0-1.

Connacht Final, 24th July at Hyde Park:

Galway2-11;Mayo 0-9 Scorers: Michael Donnellan 1-2, Derek Reilly 1-2, Derek Savage 0-3, Paul Clancy 0-1, Paraic Joyce 0-1, John Concannon 0-1, M. Turner 0-1.

All-Ireland Semi-Final, 21st August at Croke Park: Galway1-12;Dublin 0-12 Scorers: John Concannon 1-6, Paraic Joyce 0-3, Derek Savage 0-2, Kevin Keane 0-1. Total Scored5-32 (47);Total Conceded1-31 (34)

Scorers: John Concannon 1-9, Derek Savage 1-8, Derek Reilly 2-4, Paraic Joyce 0-5, Michael Donnellan 1-2, M. Turner 0-2, Kevin Keane 0-1, Paul Clancy 0-1.

TOPS AGAIN FOR
CONCANNON
As well as being leading
scorer overall, John
Concannon also earned
the top individual score
ranking with his
tour-de-force
last time
out
against
the Dubs

at 1-6.



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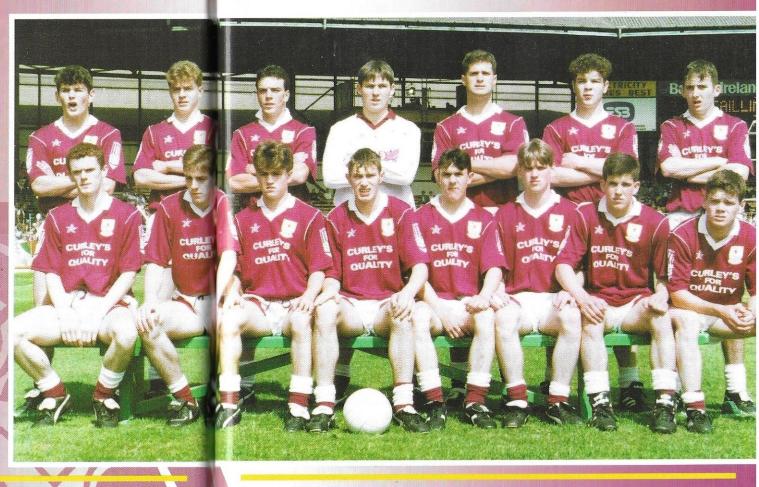
Captain Aidan Donnellan

Back row

(I-r): Thomas Meehan, Michael Donnellan, Padraic Joyce, Lloyd Kelly, Michael Higgins, John Divilly, John Concannon.

Front row

(l-r): Patrick Lambe, Kevin Keane, Derick Savage, Aidan Donnellan, John Lardner, Paul Clancy, Richard Fahy, Declan Meehan.



Galway minors chase a double on the double

Galway minor footballers will complete an historic double if they add the All-Ireland minor championship to the national crown won earlier this month by the under-18 hurlers. The county has yet to win the All-Ireland minor titles in hurling and football in the same year.

The westerners, like Down seniors, are defending an unbeaten record in national minor football deciders. Victory would give Galway a sixth title since 1952 and would complete another national titles double for the west. St. Jarlath's (Tuam) regained the All-Ireland College's senior championship last May after an interval of ten years.

Tomas Meehan, John Divilly, Declan Meehan, Padraig Joyce, Michael Higgins, Michael Donnellan, John Concannon and Derek Reilly, a substitute, and all All-Ireland medal winners with Jarlath's, were in action as Galway surprised many by seeing off a much yaunted Dublin outfit last time out.

In addition, Mark Waldron, who is also a link with the College's success, went in as a substitute for the injured Tomas Meehan after only eight minutes.

The game was a personal triumph for Concamon, who scored 1-6. He set Galway on their way after about eighteen minutes when he eluded the Dublin cover to expertly collect the only goal of the game.

The goal put the Connacht champions clear by two points. Although the Dubs came back well, Galway still went to the dressingroom 1-6 to 0-7 ahead.

DRIVING SEAT

Concannon did much to keep Galway in the driving seat after the restart. He scored three good points in the first fifteen minutes to put added pressure on the Dubs, who, however, continued to battle bravely. The Leinster champions rallied well and were just two points adrift as the game moved into injury time. Then up popped full back Kevin Keane to send over a splendid point and seal a well-merited win. The success, in fact, was more convincing than the 1-12 to 0-12 scoreline suggests.

Concannon was not Galway's only star. Derek

Reilly created a big impression after going in as a second half substitute. Michael Donnellan, son of John, who led Galway to the first of their three All-Ireland senior titles in 1964, 1965 and 1966 and played in all three finals, was a forceful leader of the attack.

Padraig Joyce in attack, half backs Divilly and Declan Meehan and Keane in the full back line were other giants in a well-drilled and smart-moving Galway outfit.

After that polished win over the Dubs, Galway are unlikely to be in the least over-awed by the big occasion. In that mood, they could well ensure that their All-Ireland title winning know-how, provided by the strong Colleges' framework and the all-round ability of the players in general, may add up to a further boost for Connacht football with another national crown.

Top **Scorers**

Although an All-Ireland minor medal would surely have been his preference, Dublin's Eamonn McLoughlin can gain some consolation from the fact that he is almost certain to be the top scorer in the 1994 minor championship. In his five games he notched an impressive 2-35 (41points), well ahead of his nearest rival Damien Mallon of Wexford with 3-18. The Dublin sharpshooter's average of 8.2 points per game is also the best on the list. However, Cavan's Damien Keaney did score nine points on his sole outing for Cavan in their first round defeat to Monaghan at Breffni Park.

Of today's protagonists, Jack Ferriter of Kerry is best placed with 2-15 and, although a fruitful afternoon (seven points or more) could see him take second place, a 21-point-salute to overtake McLoughlin seems unlikely.

The not so unlucky top 13 scorers for 1994 are:

	Total	Game	s Average
Eamonn McLoughlin (Dublin)	2-35	5	8.2
Damien Mallon (Wexford)	3-18	4	6.75
Jack Ferriter (Kerry)	2-15	4	5.25
Paul O'Hagan (Armagh)	0-19	6	3.16
I. Fitzgerald (Laois)	1-11	3	4.66
Barry Dougherty (Down)	4-2	3	4.66
N. Dolan (Westmeath)	1-10	2	6.5
David Wilson (Armagh)	1-10	6	2.16
James O'Shea (Kerry)	3-4	4	3.25
John Concannon (Galway)	1-9	3	4
Gerry Murphy (Kerry)	1-9	4	3
Liam Brosnan (Kerry)	1-9	4	3
John Lacey (Meath)	3-3	3	4

The Western Struggle

Today's minor final presents Galway with the opportunity of drawing level with their great traditional rivals Mayo on the championship winners list at six titles each. Since Mayo recorded Connacht's first under-18 success in 1935 there has been a see-saw battle between these counties. Mayo's first win stood alone until Galway won their first in 1952. A year later Mayo took their second title and Galway levelled with their 1960 win. Mayo again forged ahead when they won in 1966, but Galway's 1970 success made it three each. Again Mayo edged in front as they recorded their fourth title win in '71 and it took Galway five

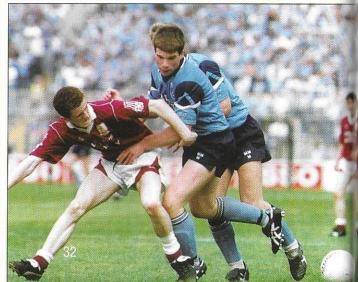
years to climb back to parity
— four titles each in 1976.

Then, for the first time, a two-title gap opened between the counties when Mayo won the honours in 1978 and 1985, but only twelve months after the latter title win, Galway pulled it back to one, in which position it has remained since then.

Another Galway incentive today?

Below:

The ball evades Michael Higgins (Gaillimh) and Dublin's Tomás Ó Donnacha in the semi-final.



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- (16) Michael Foley M. Ó Foahlú (Beaufort)
- (17) Mike F. Russell M. Ruiséil (Laune Rangers)
- (18) Leonard Burns L. Ó Broin (Sneem)
- (19) Eamon Fitzmaurice E. Mac Muiris (Lixnaw)
- (20) Mossie Mulvihill M. Ó Maoilmhichíl (Moyvane)
- (21) Ger Cremin G. Ó Croimín (Gneevequilla)
- (22) Mark Kelliher M. Ó Ceilleachair (St. Senan's)
- (23) Kieran O'Sullivan C. Ó Suilleabháin (Dromid Pearses)
- (24) Cormac O'Malley C. Ó Maille (Beaufort)

Roghnoírí

Charlie Nelligan (Desmonds) Derry Crowley (Glenflesk), Sean Walshe (Moyvale), Mickey Sheehy (Austin Stack's), Junior Murphy (St. Mary's).

BRYAN MURPHY B. Ó Murchú (Beaufort)

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15 **GERRY MURPHY** G. Ó Murchú (Rathmore)

Gaillimh

Dathanna: Marún is Bán



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(Dunmore McHales)

14 **IOHN CONCANNON** S. Ó Coinceannáin

(Milltown)

12 PADRAIC IOYCE P. Mac Seoighe (Killererin)

15 **DEREK REILLY** D. O Raghallaigh (Corofin)

Fir Ionaid

- (16) David Devanney D. Ó Duibheanna (Tuam Stars)
- (17) Mark Waldron M. de Bhaldraithe (Tuam Stars)
- (18) Eamon King E. Mac An Riogh (Clifden)
- (19) Tom Reilly T. Ó Raghallaigh (Corofin)
- (20) Michael Turner M. Ó Tuirnéir (Miltown)
- (21) Monty Heneghan M. Ó hÉanacháin (Headford)
- (22) Muarice Connaught M. Ó Coinneachtáin (Williamstown)
- (23) Pat Lambe P. Ó Láimhbe (Clonbur)
- (24) Kevin Comer C. Ó Cóiméir (Corofin)

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Offaly		Wicklow	0-5
		oril at Castletown	
Geoghegan:			
Westmeath	2-14;	Louth	2-5
		oril at Kilkenny:	
Dublin			0-7
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		Longford	1-8
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		May at Wexford:	
		Offaly	3-3
		May at Droichea	d Nua:
Dublin			1-7
		May at Carlow:	
		Westmeath	0-15
		May at Portlaoise	
Meath		Laois	0-10
Semi-Final —		nt Croke Park:	
Wexford			2-8
		at Croke Park:	
Dublin		Carlow	0-5
Replay — 17th	luly at (Croke Park:	
Wexford			3-5
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First Round —	- 15th Ma	ay at Armagh:	
Armagh	1-8:	Fermanagh	1-5
First Round —	- 22nd M	ay at Breffni Pa	rk:
Monaghan	1-8;	Cavan	0-10
First Round —	- 29th Ma	ny at Celtic Parl	K :
Down	2-10;	Derry	0-9
First Round —	- 5th June	e at Casement I	Park:
Donegal	1-14;	Antrim	0-7
Second Round	i — 12th	June at Omagh	:
Tyrone	0-10:	Armagh	0-10

Replay — 19	th June at	Armagh:	
Armagh	1-8;	Tyrone	0-10
Semi-Final —	- 26th June	e at Breffni Parl	k:
Armagh	1-15;	Donegal	0-8
Semi-Final —	- 3rd July a	at Casement Pa	rk:
Down	3-9;	Monaghan	0-15
Final — 17th	July at Cl	ones:	
Armagh	3-13;	Down	1-7

MUNSTER

First Round -	— 6th May	at Askeaton:	
Kerry	1-24;	Limerick	1-6
First Round -	— 11th Ma	y at Stradbally	:
Waterford	1-7;	Tipperary	0-6
Semi-Final —	- 14th July	at Páirc Uí Ch	aoimh:
Kerry	3-14;	Cork	2-7
Semi-Final —	- 15th July	at Ennis:	
Clare	2-7;	Waterford	. 1-7
Final — 24th	July at Pá	irc Uí Chaoiml	h:
Kerry	2-11;	Clare	3-5

CONNACHT

First Round —	21st Ma	y at Carrick-on-	
Shannon:			
Roscommon	3-7;	Leitrim	0-9
Semi-Final — 2	6th Jun	e at Castlebar:	
Mayo	1-8;	Sligo	0-9
Semi-Final — 3	rd July a	at Carrick-on-Sh	annon:
			1-10
Final — 24th Ju	ıly at Hy	yde Park:	
Galway	2-11;	Mayo	0-9

ALL-IRELAND

Semi-Final —	- 14th Aug	ust at Croke	Park:
Kerry	2-10;	Armagh	0-9
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Galway	1-12;	Dublin	0-12

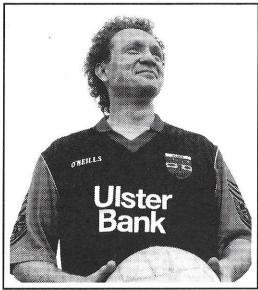
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Their Two Meetings

1963

Dublin 2-11; Down 0-7

....... The expected classic never materialised as a crowd of over seventy thousand saw Dublin give a power-packed display to which the Ulster champions had no answer. The early exchange of points gave little hint of the eventual Dublin dominance, though Down, even if they were under pressure as Dublin rushed forward repeatedly, stayed in touch until Brian McDonald's goal which, aided by a defender's deflection, put six points (1-5

to 0-2) between the sides at the

half-way stage.

Shortly after the restart, Down, although they had slipped a further point in arrears, staged a rally that brought them points by Joe Lennon and Sean O'Neill, but when another McDonald goal and points by Mickey Whelan and Simon Behan left it 2-9 to 0-4, realistically there was no way back for the embattled Mourne men. To their credit they fought on to raise flags by O'Neill, Jim McCartan and Paddy Doherty, but it was clearly in a lost cause.

Long before the end it was clear that it was Dublin's day.

Dublin scorers: B. McDonald 2-0, M. Whelan 0-6, D. Ferguson 0-2, J. Timmons 0-2, S. Behan 0-1.

Down scorers: S. O'Neill 0-3, P. Doherty 0-2, J. Lennon 0-1,

J. McCartan 0-1.

Dublin — Paschal Flynn, Leo Hickey, Lar Foley, Bill Casey, Des McKane, Paddy Holden, Mick Kissane, John Timmons, Des Foley, Brian McDonald, Micky Whelan, Gerry Davey, Noel Fox, Des Ferguson, Simon Behan.

Down — Patsy McAlinden, George Lavery, Leo Murphy, Pat Rice, Patsy O'Hagan, Dan McCartan, John Smith, Joe Lennon, Tony Hadden, Sean O'Neill, Jim McCartan, Paddy Doherty, Breen Morgan, Brian Johnstone, Val Kane. Subs — Jackie Fitzsimons for Johnstone, Kevin O'Neill for Kane, Jarlath Carey for Fitzsimons.

1978 Dublin 1-16; Down 0-8

This was a game that paraded far too many sins, and if Dublin contrived to produce what little constructive fare was on offer, they were also guilty of the greater number of indiscretions which saw them concede 33 frees in 70 minutes. Down's concession of frees — eleven in each half — made for a total that ensured that periods of flowing football were few and far between.

Considering the eventual outcome it was surprising that Down, thanks to Colm McAlarney and Liam Austin, controlled midfield for long stretches, but the territorial

superiority thus gained was never reflected on the scoreboard.

Down opened the scoring and 13 minutes had elapsed before Jimmy Keaveney notched Dublin's first point and even after the full-forward had slotted home the only goal of the game from an acute angle, Down were in touch, 1-3 to 0-4. By half-time, however, it was 1-7 to 0-4.

Dublin could afford to miss a penalty soon after the restart, a "feat" which Joe Byrne performed at the other end. After that the issue was decided as Dublin cruised home and into their fifth consecutive final.

Dublin scorers: J. Keaveney 1-6, B. Brogan 0-3, B. Doyle 0-2, J. McCarthy 0-2, A. O'Toole 0-1, P. O'Neill 0-1, G. O'Driscoll 0-1.

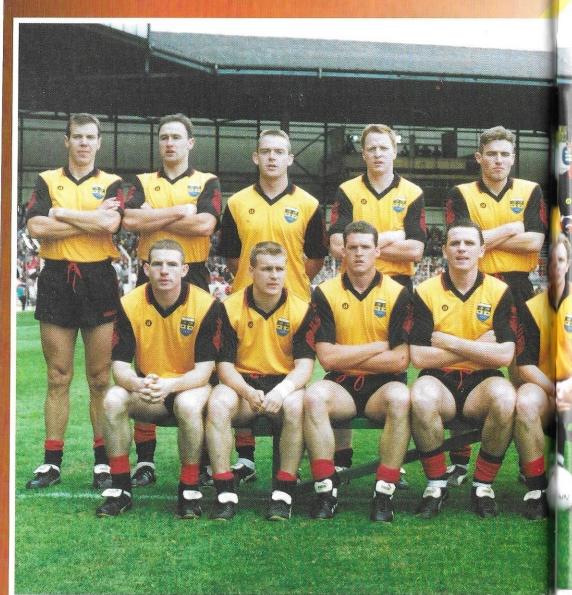
Down scorers: W. Walsh 0-5, C. McAlarney 0-2, L. Austin 0-

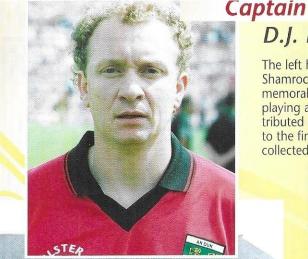
Dublin — Paddy Cullen, Gay O'Driscoll, Sean Doherty, Robbie Kelleher, Tommy Drumm, Kevin Moran, Pat O'Neill, Brian Mullins, Bernard Brogan, Anton O'Toole, Tony Hanahoe (captain), David Hickey, Bobby Doyle, Jimmy Keaveney, John McCarthy.

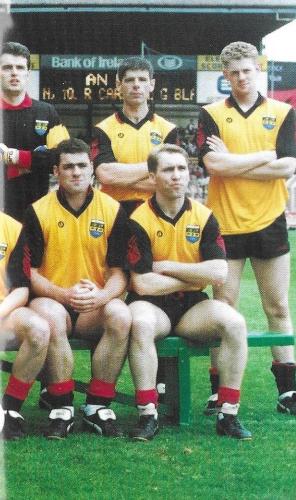
Down — Martin McCabe,
Tommy McGovern, Mark
Turley, Michael Sands, Cathal
Digney, Brendan Toner, Pat
Murtagh, Colm McAlarney
(captain), Liam Austin, Bill
Gardiner, Micky Cunningham,
Willie Walsh, Joe Byrne, Peter
Rooney, Jarlath Digney. Subs —
Pat O'Rourke for Jarlath
Digney, Pat Donnan
for McCabe, Eamon
Toner for
Murtagh.

An Dún

All-Ireland Senior Football Finalists 1994







D.J. Kane

The left half back from Newry Shamrocks is having a particularly memorable season. Not only have his playing and leadership qualities contributed in a big way to Down's return to the final, but he has also already collected three top awards.

> Last March he won a second Railway Cup medal in succession at No. 7 and his football in the Ulster final was such that he was awarded the Man-of-the-Match. The win over Tyrone also earned Kane his second provincial senior medal.

> A brother of Val, a former Down county footballer and county team trainer, D.J. is a brilliant graduate from Colleges and Universities championships and has experience as well as a team trainer.

He was at No. 7 when Down last won the Sam Maguire Cup and is 29.

Back row

(l-r): Eamon Burns, Conor Deegan, Paul Higgins, Barry Breen, Brian Burns, Neil Collins, Greg Blaney, Aidan Farrell.

Front row

(I-r): Ross Carr, James McCartan, Gary Mason, Michael Magill, D. J. Kane (captain), Gregory McCartan, Michael Linden.



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Down well armed for bid to retain unbeaten record

It will be a remarkable achievement by Down if they emerge from the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football final with an unbeaten record in five deciders. The current crop of players from the Mournes will be optimistic about their prospects of keeping in step with the men who proved too good for all comers in the deciders of 1960, 1961, 1968 and 1991.

This is the most experienced side to represent the county in a final since 1961. Neil Collins, Paul Higgins, Eamonn Burns, Barry Breen, D.J. Kane, Conor Deegan, Ross Carr, Greg Blaney, Michael Linden, Gary Mason and James McCartan, who helped to end the ambitions of Cork last month, all won All-Ireland senior medals three years ago.

Their title-winning knowhow is bound to prove a vital asset, especially against Dublin, who are so very much "at home" at headquarters. Their All-Ireland medalists are also in good form this season. The members of the side who are seeking to join the ranks of All-Ireland senior medal winners have also contribured greatly to the success story so far.

A further measure of Down's strength is the fact that they have a very strong panel.

Peter Withnell and John Kelly, who also won All-Ireland senior medals, have both made appearances this season.

GLORY TRAIL

Ciaran McCabe scored the late goal that set Down off on the glory trail with a first round win over defending All-Ireland champions Down at Celtic Park in May. That was a football classic, a match in which Linden also played an outsize part with a cracking display featured by six great points.

McCabe went into the Derry match as a substitute, lined out against Monaghan, but did not appear during the wins over Tyrone and Cork. He is a capable forward to have in reserve.

Down really scaled the heights in that win over

Derry. They negotiated their remaining hurdles in fine style without reaching the peak of the opening encounter.

Aidan Farrell struck a big blow for the younger members of the side as he set the scene for a semi-final win over Cork. He scored Down's solitary goal of the game and that would have been enough to have franked his name on the semi-final in a big way.

However, the young Rostrevor club man also showed up well in general play at full forward and scored two points as well as the goal for a first-class senior semi-final debut.

A rich vein of experience and youth, a good record in the championship so far, all round balance and flair are among the high qualities that now stamp Down as a combination well-equippedto maintain Down's unbeaten record in All-Ireland finals.

An Dún



7 NEIL COLLINS (Carryduff) 29 years old. 6'2". 14st.7lbs. Mechanical Engineer

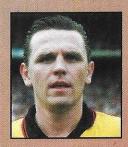


PAUL HIGGINS
(Ballymartin)
27 years old. 6'0". 13st.7lbs.
Plasterer



CAPTAIN

7 D.J. KANE(Shamrocks)
29 years old. 5'9". 12st.6lbs.
Teacher



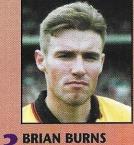
MICHAEL McGILL (Warrenpoint) 23 years old. 6'1". 13 st.7lbs. Entertainments Manager

EAMONN BURNS

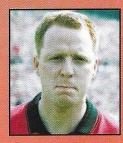
30 years old. 6'2". 14st.

(Bryansford)

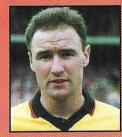
Teacher



3 BRIAN BURNS (Bryansford) 22 years old. 6'2". 15st. Student



6 BARRY BREEN
(Downpatrick)
27 years old. 6'2". 13st.
Student Teacher



9 CONOR DEEGAN (Downpatrick)
24 years old. 6'2". 13st.
Building Society Official

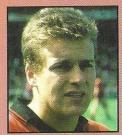
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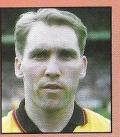
ROSS CARR
(Clonduff)
29 yrs. old. 5'11'/2", 12st.12lbs.
Publican



GREG BLANEY (Carryduff) 31 years old. 5'11". 13st.3lbs. Dentist



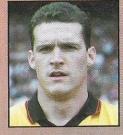
12 JAMES McCARTAN (Tullylish) 23 years old. 5'8". 12st.7lbs. Engineer



MICHAEL LINDEN
(Mayobridge)
30 years old. 5'10", 12st,10lbs.
Vehicle/Driving Examiner



AIDAN FARRELL (Rostrevor) 21 years old. 6'2". 13st. Student



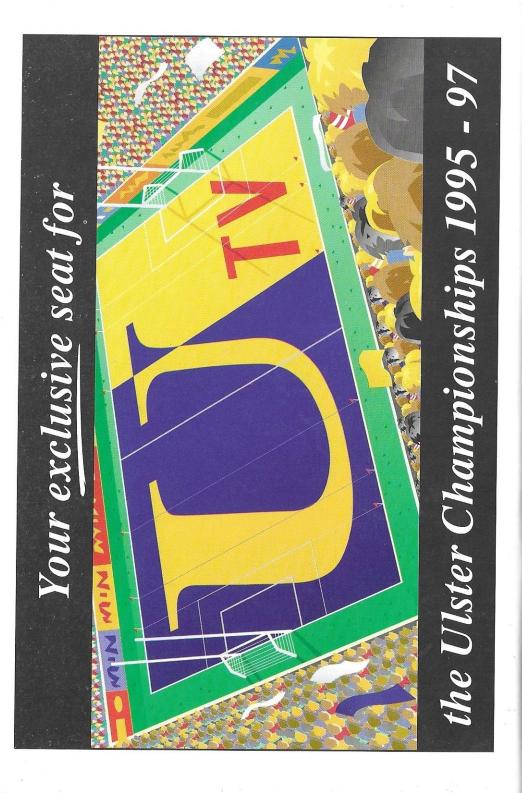
15 GARY MASON (Loughinisland)
27 years old. 5'11". 13st.
Building Manager

16. EAMONN CONNOLLY (WARRENPOINT)	23 YEARS OLD. 6'2".	13ST.	BANK OFFICIAL
17. GERARD COLGAN (AN RÍOCHT)	22 YEARS OLD. 6'3".	14ST.	STUDENT
18. GERARD DEEGAN (DOWNPATRICK)	22 YEARS OLD. 5'7".	12 ST.	STUDENT
19. PETER WITHNELL (DRUMANESS)	26 YEARS OLD. 6'0".	13ST.	JOINER
20. JOHN KELLY (CARRYDUFF)	27 YEARS OLD. 6'0".	13ST.	PHARMACIST
21. RICHARD STARKEY (DOWNPATRICK)	26 YEARS OLD. 6'0".	125T.7LBS.	MALE NURSE
22. CIARAN McCABE (CASTLEWELLAN)	23 YEARS OLD. 6'1".	11ST.	STUDENT
23. BARRY HYNES (DRUMGATH)	22 YEARS OLD. 5'81/2".	12ST. 6LBS.	STUDENT
24. RORY SHARVIN (KILCLIEF)	21 YEARS OLD. 6'2".	13ST.7LBS.	STUDENT

(Ballymartin)

GREGORY McCARTAN

23 years old. 6'2". 13st.10lbs.



PATHS TO THE FINAL

Dublin return after short break

Dublin return to the All-Ireland senior football finalafter only two years. They lost their 1992 outing to Donegal.

On the way to this Sam Maguire Cup tie the Dubs won their third Leinster senior title in succession and their 44th since 1891.

Dublin played all their games at Croke Park:

June 18 (Saturday):

Dublin 0-11; Kildare 0-11 Draw

Dublin scorers: C. Redmond 0-8, J. Sheedy, V. Murphy, D. Farrell 0-1 each.

July 2 (Saturday):

Dublin 1-14; Kildare 1-9 Replay

Dublin scorers: C. Redmond 1-4, J. Sheedy 0-2, M. Deegan 0-2, D. Farrell, B. Stynes, P. Bealin, N. Guiden, M. Galvin, P. Clarke 0-1 each.

July 10:

Dublin 1-15; Louth 1-8 Dublin scorers: C. Redmond 1-4, M. Galvin 0-5, D. Farrell 0-2, N. Guiden 0-2, P. Gilroy, B.

Stynes 0-1 each.

July 31:

Dublin 1-9; Meath 1-8 Dublin scorers: C. Redmond 1-

4, B. Stynes 0-2, D. Farrell, N. Guiden, P. Clarke 0-1 each.

All-Ireland Semi-Final, August 21:

Dublin 3-15; Leitrim 1-9 Dublin scorers: C. Redmond 1-6, D. Farrell 1-2, M. Galvin 1-1, V. Murphy, N. Guiden 0-2 each,

B. Stynes, P. Bealin 0-1 each. Dublin chalked up 6-64 (82 points) and had 4-45 (57 points) recorded against them.

Commanding Lead

Charlie Redmond has a commanding lead of 28 points on top of the Dublin scoring chart with 4-26 (38 points).

Mick Galvin and Dessie Farrell share second place on 1-7 each, and they are followed by Niall Guiden with 0-6.

Brian Stynes scored 0-5, Jack Sheedy and Vinny Murphy 0-3 each, and Paul Clarke, Mick Deegan, Paul Bealin with 0-2 apiece, and Pat Gilroy 0-1 completed the returns.

Top Individual Score

Redmond also dominates the Dublin chart as far as the top individual score is concerned. He hit 1-6, 0-3 from frees and a point from a "45", in the semi-final.

Down's second of the Nineties

This is Down's second All-Ireland senior football final appearance of the nineties. They won their fourth national crown on their last appearance in 1991 and last July regained the Ulster title after three years. They are Northern champions for the 12th time since 1959.

Down's record so far is: May 29 — Celtic Park: Down 1-14; Derry 1-12 Down scorers: M. Linden 0-6, Gregory McCartan 0-5, C. McCabe 1-0, James McCartan 0-2, A. Farrell 0-1. Down 0-14; Monaghan0-8
Down scorers: G. Mason 0-6,
M. Linden 0-3, Gregory
McCartan 0-2, James
McCartan, E. Burns, C. Deegan
0-1 each.
July 17 — Clones:
Down 1-17; Tyrone 1-11

June 19 — Armagh:

Down 1-17; Tyrone 1-11 Down scorers: R. Carr 1-4, G. Mason 0-5, M. Linden 0-3, Gregory McCartan 0-1, G. Blaney 0-1, E. Burns 0-1, D.J. Kane 0-1, P. Higgins 0-1.

All-Ireland Semi-Final

August 14 — Croke Park:
Down 1-13; Cork 0-11
Down scorers: G. Mason 0-6,
A. Farrell 1-2, Gregory
McCartan 0-2, C. Deegan 0-1,
M. Linden 0-1, R. Carr 0-1.
The Ulster champions
chalked up 3-58 (67 points)
and conceded 2-42 (48 points).

Mason Sets the Pace

Gary Mason sets the pace for Down with 0-17. Mickey Linden scored 0-13 and Gregory McCartan 0-10.

Ross Carr hit 1-5, the goal from a penalty in the Ulster final, Aidan Farrell 1-3 and Ciaran McCabe 1-0 after going in as a substitute against Derry in the first round.

James McCartan 0-3, Eamonn Burns 0-2, Conor Deegan 0-2 and Greg Blaney, Paul Higgins and D.J. Kane 0-1 each completed the Ulster champions returns.

Top Individual Score

The best individual score recorded by a Down player so far is 1-4 by Ross Carr in the Ulster final.



Fir Ionaid

(16) Eamon Connolly E. Ó Conahaile (Warrenpoint)

(17) Gerard Colgan G. Mac Colgáin (An Ríocht)

(18) Gerard Deegan G. Ó Duiginn (Downpatrick)

(19) Peter Withnell P. Withnell (Drumaness)

(20) John Kelly S. Ó Ceallaigh (Carryduff)

(21) Richard Starkey R. MacStarcaidh (Downpatrick)

(22) Ciarán McCabe C. MacCaba (Castlewellan)

(23) Barry Hynes B. Ó hEidhin (Drumgath)

(24) Rory Sharvin R. Ó Searbháin (Kilclief)

Roghnoirí: John Murphy Pat O'Hare, Danny Murphy. Manager:

Peter McGrath.

An Dún

Dathanna: Buí is Dubh



Baile Átha Cliath

Dathanna: Gorm is Dubhgorm

NEIL COLLINS N. Ó Coileáin

(Carryduff)

2 MICHAEL MAGILL M. Mac an Ghiolla

(Warrenpoint)

BRIAN BURNS B. Ó Broin (Bryansford)

PAUL HIGGINS P. Ó hUigínn (Ballymartin)

5 6 **EAMON BURNS** BARRY BREEN E. Ó Broin B. O Braoin (Bryansford) (Downpatrick)

(Ballymartin)

D. I. KANE D.S. Ó Catháin (Capt.) (Shamrocks)

8 **GREGORY McCARTAN CONOR DEEGAN** G. Mac Artain

C. Ó Duíginn

(Downpatrick)

10 ROSS CARR R. Ó Carra (Clonduff)

13

MICHAEL LINDEN

M. MacGiollaFhiondáin

(Mayobridge)

11 **GREG BLANEY** G. de Bléine (Carryduff)

IAMES McCARTAN S. MacArtain (Tullylish)

14 AIDAN FARRELL A. Ó Fearail (Rostrevor)

15 **GARY MASON** G. Masún (Loughlinisland)

12

JOHN O'LEARY S. O Laoire (Capt.) (O'Dwyer's)

DERMOT DEASY

D. Ó Deiseach

(Garda)

2 **PADDY MORAN** P. O Moráin (Whitehall-Colmcille)

5 PAUL CLARKE P. Ó Cléirigh (Whitehall-Colmcille)

6 **KEITH BARR** C. O Bairr (Erin's Isle)

7 MICK DEEGAN M. Ó Duíginn (Erin's Isle)

PAUL CURRAN

P. Ó Corráin

(Thomas Davis)

8 **BRIAN STYNES** B. Stéins

(Ballyboden St. Enda's)

IACK SHEEDY S. Ó Síoda (Garda)

9

10 PAT GILROY P. Mac Giolla Rua (St. Vincent's)

13 CHARLIE REDMOND C. Mac Réamainn (Erin's Isle)

U. Ó Murchú (Trinity Gaels)

11

VINNY MURPHY

14 **MICK GALVIN** M. Gealbháin (St. Oliver Plunkett's)

12 **NIALL GUIDEN** N. Ó Guidín

(Raheny)

15 **DESSIE FARRELL** D. Ó Fearail (Na Fianna)

Fir Ionaid

(16) Mick Pender M. Piondar (Kilmacud Crokes)

(17) Liam Walsh L. Breathnach (Thomas Davis)

(18) Ger Regan G. Ó Riagáin (St. Vincent's)

(19) Paul Bealin P. Ó Bealáin (St. Kevin's)

(20) Sean Cahill S. Ó Cathail (St. Patrick's)

(21) John Barr S. Ó Bairr (Erin's Isle) (22) Tom Carr

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(24) John Calvert S. Calvert (St. Vincent's)

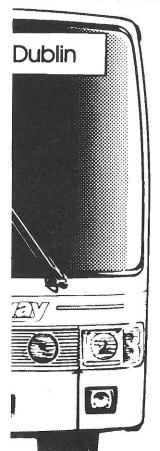
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First Round — 22nd May at Aughrim:	
Wicklow 0-12; Offaly	1-9
Replay — 28th May at Tullamore:	
Offaly 3-11; Wicklow	0-14
First Round — 29th May at Athlone:	
Louth 0-13; Westmeath	1-9
First Round — 29th May at Portlaoise:	
Laois 4-15; Longford	2-4
Second Round — 12th June at Tullam	ore:
Wexford 0-10; Offaly	0-8
Second Round — 12th June at Navan:	
Meath 0-20; Laois	2-10
Second Round — 18th June at Croke I	Park:
Dublin 0-11; Kildare	
Second Round — 19th June at Droghe	
Louth 3-19; Carlow	0-11
Replay — 2nd July at Croke Park:	
Dublin 1-14; Kildare	1-9
Semi-Final — 3rd July at Croke Park:	
Meath 4-14; Wexford	2-6
Semi-Final — 10th July at Croke Park:	
Dublin 1-15; Louth	1-8
Final — 31st July at Croke Park:	
Dublin 1-9; Meath	1-8

ULSTER

First Round –	- 15th M	ay at Armagh:	
Armagh	1-6;	Fermanagh	0-6
First Round —	- 22nd M	ay at Breffni Par	k:
Monaghan	3-10;	Cavan	1-12
First Round —	- 29th Ma	ay at Celtic Park	
Down			
First Round —	- 5th Jun	e at Casement Pa	ark:
Donegal	1-12;	Antrim	1-9
Second Round	l — 12th	June at Omagh:	
Tyrone	3-10;	Armagh	1-10
Semi-Final —	19th June	e at Armagh:	
Down	0-14;	Monaghan	0-8

Semi-Final -	– 26th Jun	e at Breffni Pa	rk:
Tyrone	1-15;	Donegal	0-10
Final — 17t	h July at C	lones:	
Down	1-17;	Tyrone	1-11

MUNSTER

First Round –	– 15th M	ay at Gaelic Gr	ounds:
Tipperary	2-8;	Clare	0-13
First Round –	- 22nd M	ay at Killarney	:
Kerry	2-19;	Limerick	0-8
Semi-Final —	26th Jun	e at Páirc Uí C	haoimh:
Cork	1-13;	Kerry	2-8
Semi-Final —	26th Jun	e at Thurles:	
Tipperary	5-14;	Waterford	0-15
Final — 24th	July at Pá	irc Uí Chaoim	h:
Cork	2-19;	Tipperary	3-9

CONNACHT

First Round —	5th Jun	e at Ruislip:	
Galway	2-21;	London	0-6
First Round —	5th Jun	e at Hyde Park:	
Leitrim		Roscommon	0-12
Semi-Final — 2			
	2-18;		1-5
		at Carrick-on-Sha	annon:
		Galway	1-6
Replay — 10th			
Leitrim		Galway	0-10
Final — 24th J			
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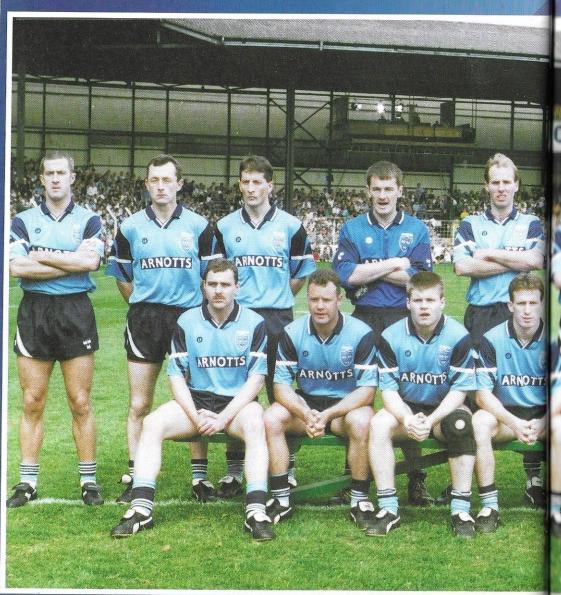
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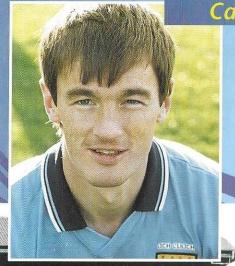
Semi-Final -	- 14th Aug	gust at Croke	Park:
	1-13;		0-11
Semi-Final -	- 21st Aug	ust at Croke I	Park:
Dublin	3-15;	Leitrim	1-9

Baile Átha Cliath



All-Ireland Senior Football Finalists 1994







Captain

John O'Leary

The O'Dwyer's (Balbriggan) man is Dublin's longest serving senior championship campaigner. He made his senior inter-county debut in an O'Byrne Cup tie in early 1980, some months after winning an All-Ireland minor medal.

He did not appear again with the senior side until the Leinster senior final of 1980 against Offaly and he has been in consistently good form since.

John is the only playing link with Dublin's last All-Ireland senior title winning team of 1983. He was in the unsuccessful national final teams of 1984, 1985 and 1992.

However, O'Leary, who plays outfield with his club, has had considerable success in other competitions. Last year he became the first goalkeeper to lead Dublin to a National League title and collected a third medal. He also has three interprovincial medals. He is 34.

Back row

(Hr): Paul Clarke, Dermot Deasy, Mick Galvin, John O'Leary (captain), Brian Stynes, Paddy Moran, Keith Barr, Jack Sheedy.

Front row

(I-r): Clarán Walsh, Vinny Murphy, Dessie Farrell, Niall Guiden, Pat Gilroy, Mick Deegan, Charlie Redmond.



The final analysis.

Read Paddy Downey, Sean Kilfeather, John O'Keeffe, Sean Moran and A.T. Cross Sports Writer of the Year, Tom Humphries, tomorrow in the colour Sport section, with The Irish Times.

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Fourth final lucky for the dashing Dubliners?

ublin have been such a power in senior football over the last thirteen years or so that it is surprising they have found a Sam Maguire Cup win a most elusive target. Since capturing the trophy in 1983 they have lost three All-Ireland senior finals, most recently the encounter with Donegal two years ago.

The Metropolitan squad has not changed greatly since that outing. All but Ciaran Walsh, Dermot Deasy, Paddy Moran, Brian Stynes and Pat Gilroy and substitute Liam Walsh of the side that beat Leitrim last month were in action in the last final outing. Paul Curran, who missed the semi-final because of injury, is another link with the side that lost to the northerners.

So, Dublin are not "short" then on big-match craft.
They can also point to a good recovery from a somewhat disappointing start when

drawing with Kildare in the first round in mid-June.

They stepped up on that showing in the replay and have made solid progress in the meantime. Wins over the Lily Whites at the second attempt, Louth and old rivals Meath for a third successive Leinster title, and Leitrim last time out also put the Liffeysiders in a strong position to end the county's losing sequence in recent Sam Maguire Cup games.

BOOSTED

The Leinster champions took a little time to find their feet in the last game and surprisingly trailed Leitrim by two points to one after nine minutes. However, they steadily got their game together and were boosted by a **Charlie Redmond** goal sixteen minutes into the half.

Then, just before the interval, the game was sealed in the Dubs' favour. A great movement in which **Mick Galvin** was twice involved in the build-up ended with that player sending to the net to give the easterners a comfortable 2-7 to 0-5 lead at the break.

That left the Connacht champions with a real second half mountain to climb. To their credit they battled bravely, but the Dubs had the better of the exchanges and in the end ran out convincing winners by twelve points.

Vinny Murphy, recalled to the starting line-up for the first time in the championship since the draw with Kildare, celebrated with a splendid performance. He posed plenty of problems for the Leitrim backs.

Keith Barr in the half back line proved a major stumbling block to the Leitrim attack. Dessie Farrell and Niall Guiden in attack were others who contributed in a big way to the return to today's final. Charlie Redmond also had a big say and chipped in with his usual quota of scores.

Dublin have a lot in their favour to encourage them in their efforts to make the final a case of "Fourth Time Lucky", after an eleven-year barren spell.

Baile Átha Cliath



JOHN O'LEARY (O'Dwyers) 33 years old. 6'1". 13st. Area Sales Manager



PAUL CURRAN (Thomas Davis) 24 years old. 5'11".12st.3lbs. Coach/Organiser



MICK DEEGAN (Erin's Isle) 30 years old. 5'11". 12st. Garage Owner



PADDY MORAN
(Whitehall/Colmcille)
27 years old. 6'1". 13st.5lbs.
Accountant



PAUL CLARKE
(Whitehall/Colmcille)
28 years old. 6'2 ½". 13st.8lbs.
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BRIAN STYNES
(Ballyboden/St. Enda's)
22 years old. 6'3". 13st.5lbs.
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DERMOT DEASY (Garda) 33 years old. 6'2". 13st. Garda

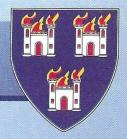


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JACK SHEEDY (Garda) 31 years old. 6'0". 14st,5lbs. Garda

Mion-eolas faoi Imreoirí





PAT GILROY (St. Vincent's) 22 years old. 6'4". 14st. Engineer in E.S.B.



CHARLIE REDMOND (Erin's Isle) 30 years old. 6'0". 13st.6lbs. Fire Officer



VINNIE MURPHY (Trinity Gaels) 24 years old. 6'0". 13st.7lbs. Coach/Organiser



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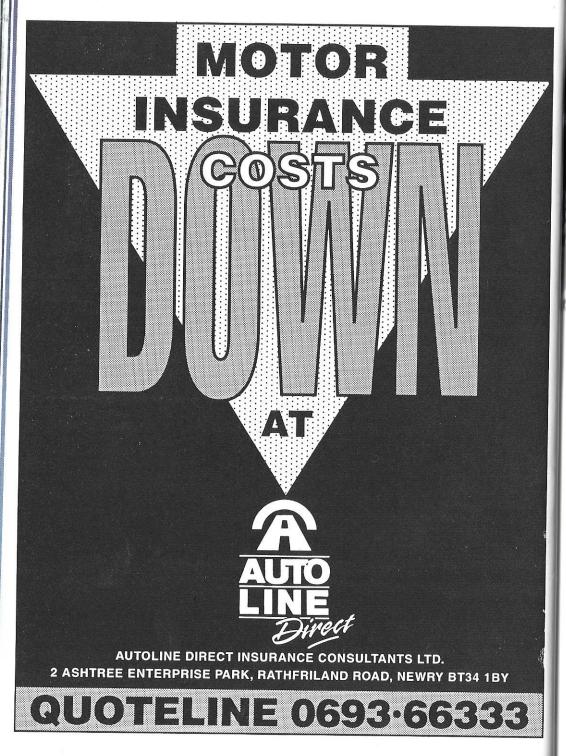


NIALL GUIDEN
(Raheny)
26 years old. 5'11". 11st.13lbs.
Electrician



DESSIE FARRELL
(Na Fianna)
23 years old, 5'10". 13st.
Psychiatric Nurse

(16) MICK PENDER (Kilmacud Crokes)	27 years old. 6'3".	13st.5lbs.	Sales Representative
(17) LIAM WALSH (Thomas Davis)	21 years old. 6′0″.	12st.	Printer
(18) GER REGAN (St. Vincent's)	23 years old. 5'11".	13st.11lbs.	Bank Official
(19) PAUL BEALIN (St. Kevin's)	26 years old. 6'2".	14st.4lbs.	Electrical Engineer
(20) SEAN CAHILL (St. Patrick's)	24 years old. 6'3".	13st.	Garda
(21) JOHN BARR (Erin's Isle)	24 years old. 6'1".	14st.5lbs.	Aer Lingus Employee
(22) TOM CARR (Ballymun Kickhams)	32 years old. 6'0".	13st.	Army Officer
(23) JIM GAVIN (Round Towers)	23 years old. 5'9".	12st.12lbs.	Air Corps Pilot
(24) JOHN CALVERT (St. Vincent's)	23 years old. 5'11".	12st.6lbs.	Accountant



JUBILEE AWARDS PRESENTED



The great Kerry All-Ireland football champions of 1969 who were the recipients of this year's Irish Nationwide Building Society GAA Jubilee Awards at a special dinner in the Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney, on August 17th when their All-Ireland victories of 1969 and 1970 were feted.

Back row (l-r): Pat Griffin, Mick Gleeson, Mick O'Shea, Mick O'Connell, Paud O'Donoghue, Liam Higgins, Mick O'Dwyer and Mick Morris. Front row (l-r): D. J. Crowley, Seamus Murphy, Tom Prendergast, Seamus Fitzgerald, Johnny Culloty (captain), Brendan Lynch and Eamonn O'Donoghue (R.I.P.).

Dismal Firsts

For a county that has been associated with great deeds at Croke Park over the years, it is surprising to note that Down's initial ventures in all grades of football at headquarters were less than glorious; in fact, every first appearance by a Down team in championship football ended in defeat. Few will forget what a disappointment the seniors' first appearance at Croke Park was to their own supporters and the public generally in 1959 when Galway. inspired by Sean Purcell, beat them by 1-11 to 1-4 in a game that was decided even before the three-quarters stage was reached.

But the senior team of '59 wasn't the first from the Mournes to experience disap-

pointment at Croke Park. The juniors in 1934 looked a reasonably good prospect when winning the Ulster title, but in a semi-final that went on as a curtain-raiser to the Dublin-Galway senior final they were well beaten — 4-11 to 0-9.

The first appearance of a Down minor team (1960) was also a losing one, though a 1-7 to 2-2 scoreline in Cork's favour was, on the whole, a good performance.

The under-21 championship was slow to yield dividends for Down. The semi-final outing in 1965, on home soil against Kildare, resulted in a disastrous 15 points defeat and when a Mourne side at this level made it to Croke Park for the first time (the 1977 final), it was to bow to the 'Kingdom's' mighty squad.

Dismal championship firsts

at Croke Park extended to hurling: the minor team, although putting up a brave front, were well-beaten, 13-7 to 2-0, by Kilkenny in 1930. Eleven years later the junior semi-final with Galway resulted in another heavy defeat. Nor did the first appearance of an under-21 Down team on the famous sward improve the record as Cork won the 1975 semi-final by 4-14 to 1-4. More recently, the Croke Parkdebut of Down seniors (against Cork in 1992) was fought with typical Northern bravery, but with the same outcome - a defeat for Down.

In regard to 'first appearance failure' at Croke Park, Down may 'enjoy' an unwanted distinction, but four All-Ireland triumphs without a break on the same sod more than compensates.

League Report

Down and Dublin may have a rather slight championship relationship — two meetings in the history of the competition — but in the National League paths have crossed on quite a number of occasions in recent years. However, their first meeting in the 'secondary' competition was not in recent times, but in the very early days of the league; in fact, it was in the league campaign of 1927-28 — the second to be played. Down and Dublin were in a nineteam group which included Kildare, Louth, Meath, Monaghan and Tyrone and their meeting at Newry on October 31 was in the fifth round (the league had begun the previous March). With unbeaten Kildare making the running (there was only one qualifying place), the fact that Down and Dublin were almost certainly out of contention detracted not a whit from the attraction of this first-ever visit of Dublin to an Ulster venue and there was a big crowd present at The Marshes when the teams lined up.

The Down fifteen was: R. Black (Newry), D. Higgins (Kilkeel), John O'Hare, Pat O'Hare (Kilcool), G. Mussen (Clonduff), B. McCartan, captain, P. Murphy, T. Gribben, T. Gallagher (Mayobridge), J. Coleman (Newry), J. McEvoy, S. Hughes, J. Morgan (Kilcool), P. Mason (Loughinisland), L. O'Neill (Hilltown).

Dublin: P. Flynn, Jim Kirwan, John Kirwan, J. Mullan, J. Lynam, J. Sherlock, J. O'Reilly (Garda), J. McDonnell (gl), P. Carey, Joe Synnott, John Synnott, M. O'Brien, M. Durnin, J. Norris (O 'Tooles), P. O'Beirne (Kickhams).

The homesters got the start they wanted when O'Neill goaled, but points by Lynam and Paddy McDonnell brought Dublin level and that was the position at the break. O'Neill put Down ahead on the restart, but Jim Kirwan,

McDonnell and Joe Synnott raised the white flag for the visitors before Stephen Hughes shot what proved to be the winning score at the 50th minute. Dublin made desperate efforts to get on terms, but Down held on for a narrow victory (2-1 to 0-6) which was just about deserved. More than 30 years were to pass before their paths crossed again — the 1962 final — and they were in opposition in the 'Home' final two years later.

The relationship lapsed for a number of years thereafter and it was only in the eighties that Down and Dublin met with any regularity. Overall, however, the number of meetings is small — eleven in all — with the record reading six-four in Dublin's favour. The most recent clash was drawn.

1927	1927-28 — Fifth Round:					
Down	n i	2-1;	Dublin	0-7		
1961	1961-62 — Final:					
Down	1 2	2-5;	Dublin	1-7		
1963	-64 — 'Hom	e' Fi	nal:			
Dubli	n 2	2-9;	Down	0-7		
1980	-81 — Fourt	h Ro	ound:			
Dubli	n 2	2-8;	Down	0-9		
1982	1982-83 — Third Round:					
Down	1	-6;	Dublin	0-8		
1983-	1983-84 — Third Round:					
Down	1	-6;	Dublin	0-7		
1986-	1986-87 — Sixth Round:					
Dublii	n 2-1	12;	Down	2-8		
1988-	1988-89 — Second Round:					
Dublir	1-1	6;	Down	0-4		
	1989-90 — Second Round:					
Dublir	n 1-1	7;]	Down	2-11		
	1990-91 — Fifth Round:					
Dublir	n 2-1	0; I	Down	1-7		
	9 <mark>4 — Sixth</mark>					
Dublin	1 1-	7; I	Down	1-7		



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All square when last they met

ublin and Down provided a gripping second half when they played a draw at 1-7 each in their last competitive meeting back in February in a Church and General National Football League Division 1 tie at Croke Park.

Defenders had much the better of the first-half exchanges as players found it difficult to keep their footing on a greasy pitch. At the interval the Dubs, then defending League champions, led by 0-4 to 0-3.

Just a minute after the restart, Aidan Farrell opened the way for Gerard Deegan to equalise for Down and that set the scene for some stirring exchanges.

Six minutes later, Charlie Redmond pointed the Dubs ahead again, but the Northerners came more into the picture after that and points by Gregory McCartan and Ross Carr boosted their hopes.

After about 41 minutes, Down appeared to be heading for victory when left half forward Aidan Farrell palmed the ball to the net to give his side a 1-6 to 0-5 advantage.

RAPID RESPONSE

Dublin's response was rapid. Johnny Barr, who had just entered the game as a substitute, crashed home a goal and Redmond followed with a

quick point to leave the teams level again.

An attendance of 8,709 revelled in the exciting exchanges after that and Dublin were hanging on to a point lead with time running out.

Once again a substitute stepped into the picture to prove an important influence. Conor Deegan, sent into the Down team after 53 minutes in place of Peter Withnell, found Gregory McCartan, and he sent over the bar to tie the scores.

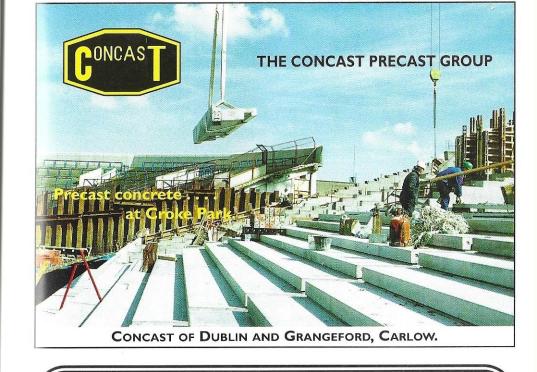
All in all, a draw was a fair result.

Charlie Redmond was Dublin's lead scorer with five points, all from frees, Aidan Farrell 1-9, Gregory McCartan and Ross Carr with three points apiece led the Down scoring returns.

Johnny Barr 1-0, Vinny Murphy 0-2, for Dublin, and Gerard Deegan, a point for Down, were the other players on the scoresheet.

Dublin: J. O'Leary; C. Walsh, D. Deasy, P. Moran; P. Curran, K. Barr, M. Deegan; J. Sheedy, P. Bealin; D. O'Boyle, T. Carr, P. Clarke; D. Farrell, V. Murphy, C. Redmond. Substitutes: S. Carslake for Deegan, Johnny Barr for Moran.

Down: N. Collins: C. Murray, M. Magill, R. Starkey; G. McCartan, J. Kelly, D.J. Kane; B. Burns, G. Colgan: R. Carr, E. Burns, A. Farrell; M. Linden, P. Withnell, G Deegan. Substitutes: J. McCartan for Linden, C. Deegan for Withnell.



Best of Wishes to the Dublin Team

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Dublin's Northern Problem

Two years ago, Dublin lined out in the All-Ireland final against Donegal boasting a marvellous record of never having lost a championship game to an Ulster county. Seventeen times between 1891 and 1984 Dublin teams had crossed swords with northern representatives and their conquests had included Cavan, Armagh, Antrim, Monaghan, Derry, Down and Tyrone. Seventy minutes later that record was gone, shattered by Donegal's irresistible surge.

And now Dublin are confronted with the prospect of a new record vis-a-vis Ulster, for should they lose to Down today they will become the first county to lose three championship games to Ulster opposition in successive seasons. What a change in fortunes in the space of 24 months

Right: Ross Carr (An Dún) is boxed in by Cork's Tony Davis, Liam Honahan and Stephen Calnan while Tommy Howard keeps a close look on the sideline.

The '94 Season for Down & Dublin



own and Dublin experienced very differing emotions in their opening engagements on the way to this, their first-ever clash for the Sam Maguire Cup.

Down beat Derry in a classic at Celtic Park in Derry. The game was packed with non-stop action, play that was of the highest standard, splendid individual performances and some excellent scores.

The game was also memorable for a superb display by **Mickey Linden**, who scored six points for Down in their 1-14 to 1-12 victory.

The game was televised live by the BBC in Belfast. Dublin's opening encounter against Kildare was also televised live (RTE), but proved to be a disappointing affair and ended all square at Croke Park.

Dublin, however, stepped up considerably on that form when beating the Lily Whites in



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the replay at Croke Park. **Paul Curran**, **Keith Barr**, **Mick Deegan** in defence, **Brian Stynes** at midfield and sharpshooting **Charlie Redmond**, who scored 1-4, were key figures in shaping a five points win.

Down did not produce the brilliance of their Celtic Park outing in their subsequent matches in Ulster. Even so, they still gave encouraging performances when seeing off Monaghan and Tyrone to regain the Ulster title after a break of three years.

Features of their provincial final win before a 31,000 crowd at "new look" Clones were the leadership and purposeful defensive play of **D.J. Kane** and another top class performance from Mickey Linden.

Down won comfortably enough in the end by 1-17 to 1-11. Their goal came from a penalty by **Ross Carr** five minutes into the second half.

KEEN RIVALRY

Dublin followed their win over Kildare by ousting Louth to qualify for another Leinster senior final clash with keenest of keen rivals Meath.

The contest was evenly contested, but was not quite the memorable one many had anticipated. Seven minutes from the end Charlie Redmond sent a 35 metres free to the Meath net and a quick **Dessie Farrell** point fol-

lowed to put the Dubs comfortably ahead by 1-9 to 0-6.

However, Meath are not renowned championship battlers for nothing. **Brendan Reilly** pointed and half back **Graham Geraghty** showed his forwards the way with a superb goal.

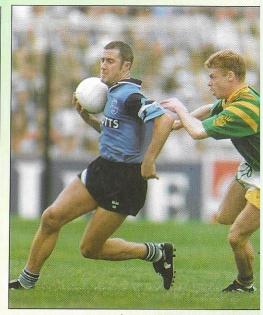
Meath were back again for a **P.J. Gillic** point to trail by the minimum margin, but lost a chance from a 45 metres free and the Dubs edged through by 1-9 to 1-8.

DEEGAN SPARKLES

Conor Deegan proved a mighty force for Down as they recorded the fourth successive All-Ireland semi-final win by an Ulster team with a 1-13 to 0-11 triumph over Cork.

Deegan, full back in the 1991 Sam Maguire Cup win, did much to power the northern champions into match-winning gear. He fielded spectacularly and provided a splendid platform for Down in a vital area.

The northerners struck a decisive blow 19



Paul Clarke (Baile Átha Cliath) escapes the clutches of Padraig Kenny (Liatroim).

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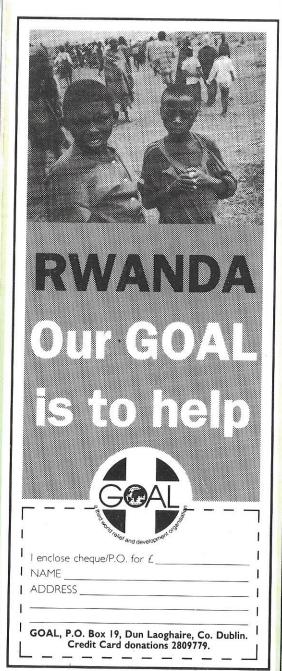
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minutes into the game when **Aidan Farrell** palmed the ball to the Cork net for what was to be the only goal of the game.

The goal helped Down to a 1-6 to 0-7 win at the interval. The northerners kept up the pressure in the second half with Deegan, team captain **D.J. Kane** and **Gregory McCartan** key figures in the drive for the final ticket. At the final whistle Down were deserving winners by five points.

Gary Mason, with six points, and Linden and **James McCartan** were others who contributed some vital touches to the Down win before an attendance of 43,787.

LEITRIM'S GOOD START

Leitrim made a promising start to their first All-Ireland semi-final in 67 years against Dublin before an attendance of 52,606.

Rank outsiders, the Connacht champions were two points to one ahead after eleven minutes. However, a point by **Vinny Murphy** and a goal by Charlie Redmond had the Dubs ahead after sixteen minutes.

Leitrim continued to battle bravely, but just before the break the game was won and lost. A sweeping movement ended with **Mick Galvin** sending just inside the right post for a first-rate goal that sent Dublin in a happy mood to the dressingroom as they led by 2-7 to 0-5.

Colin McGlynn handed Leitrim a lifeline 19 minutes into the second half when he expertly took a goal chance, but seven minutes later Dessie Farrell cut through for Dublin's third goal and the Leinster men finished good winners by 3-15 to 1-9.

Vinny Murphy did much to keep the Dubs attack moving in fluent style and Charlie Redmond captured the scoring limelight with 1-6.

Paul Clarke, who stepped in at right half back for the injured Paul Curran, and Keith Barr and Mick Deegan were others who contributed richly to the smooth-moving and polished win that has earned the Dubs another tilt at regaining the title.

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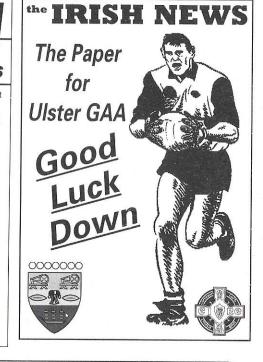
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Top Scorers

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the top scorer in the '94 championship is
not under threat. With seventy minutes
still to play, his highly impressive total of
4-26 (38 points) already exceeds his '92
total by six points.

However, on an average points basis, the Metropolitan forward finds himself in third place, trailing Peter Lambert of Tipperary and Cork's Colin Corkery, both of whom have managed an average of eight points or more per game.

Eighteen players appear on the top scorers list for the '94 championship and they are as follows:

	TOTAL	GAMES	AVERAGE
Charlie Redmond (Dublin)	4-26	5	7.6
Peter Lambert (Tipperary)	4-13	3	8.33
Colin Corkery (Cork)	0-24	3	8
Peter Canavan (Tyrone)	1-17	3	6.66
Gary Mason (Down)	0-17	4	4.25
Vinny Claffey (Offaly)	1-13	3	5.33
Fergal O'Neill (Galway)	1-13	3	5.33
Stefan White (Louth)	0-13	3	4.33
Aidan Rooney (Leitrim)	0-13	4	3.25
Mickey Linden (Down)	0-13	4	3.25
Diarmud Marsden (Armagh)	1-9	2	6
Conan Daye (Wicklow)	0-11	2	5.5
Niall Buckley (Kildare)	1-8	2	5.5
Maurice Fitzgerald (Kerry)	1-8	2	5.5
Kevin O'Neill (Mayo)	1-8	2	5.5
Damien Delaney (Laois)	1-8	2	5.5
Peter Brady (Offaly)	1-8	3	3.66
Leo Turley (Laois)	2-5	2	5.5

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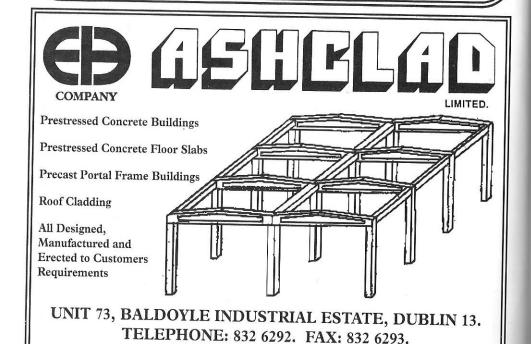
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scoring 17 times from frees. Others to impress were Gary Mason of Down with 12 points and a trio on ten points comprising of Tyrone's Peter Canavan, Leitrim's Aidan Rooney and Vincent Claffey of Offaly. The most impressive display of free taking in a seventy minute period was given by Clare's Aidan O'Keefe, who scored all nine of his points from frees in his teams first round defeat at the hands of Tipperary.

The '45' has also proved a potential match winner this year. One has only to think of

Declan Darcy's last minute effort for Leitrim which gained his team a one-point victory over Roscommon in the first round of the Connacht championship. The Leitrim marksman also managed another against Dublin in the All-Ireland semi-final, whilst other players to score twice from the fifty were Charlie Redmond and Peter Brady of Offaly.

In total, of the white flags raised in the 1994 championship (744), 239 were scored from frees and 13 from fortyfives

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Born in Banbridge, Martin Walsh first attracted attention in St. Colman's College, Newry. In Gaelic Football he captained the first college team to reach the McRory Final, but came up against an outstanding St. Pat's, Armagh side that subsequently went on to win the Hogan Cup. Significantly, Tyrone's immortal Iggy Jones — who had scored a couple of first half goals, was brought back to centre half back for the second half to curb the threat of the young Walsh. On the athletics field he captured the Victor Ludorum for the years 1944, '45 and '46, thus winning the Canon Boyle Trophy outright and in the same three years led the college feam to win the Ulster Colleges' Athletic Trophy outright.

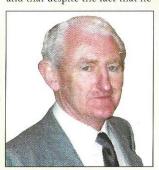
Not content with that, he look the main tenor part, Frederick, in The Pirates of Penzance, the college's first ever opera and thus the triangle of falonts that was to exert often apposing influences on this markable man's chosen career had already taken shape.

Gaelic football undoubtedly exerted the greatest pull and in 1945 Martin captained the thiwn minor team beaten by Managhan in the Ulster Final.

Four years later he played on the county Junior team defeated by Kerry in the All-Ireland Final.

At University he captained the first Queen's team to reach a Sigerson final and was subsequently selected to play for the combined Universities v Rest of Ireland in 1952/53.

His athletics too were flourishing. Having won an Ulster Senior 440 title, he represented Ulster in 1946 and ran for Queens in the colours match against Trinity. However, he turned his back on athletics to concentrate on Gaelic Football and that despite the fact that he



was being coached by Franz Stampfl, who subsequently left Oueens and took another young medical student to athletics history — none other than Roger Bannister.

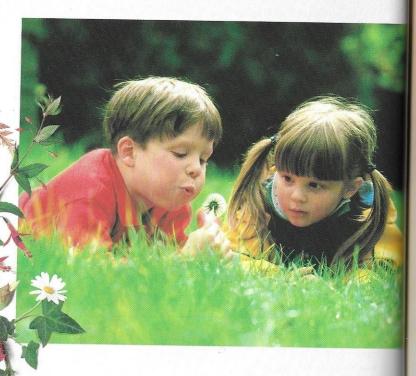
Singing too took a back seat until he arrived in Newcastle to take up practice. Three years later he was asked to join the local choir by one of his patients, former GAA President Seamus McFerran. Seamus introduced Martin to his singing teacher Frank Capper and success followed success and subsequently Martin travelled to Blackpool. There he not only

won the tenor solo and The Grand Opera Cup, but went on to become the second Irishman ever to win the Blackpool Rosebowl. This created one of the greatest dilemmas of his life for one of the adjudicators invited him to audition at Covent Garden for a career in opera.

After much soul searching, Martin turned his back on the stage and concentrated all his energies into medicine where he has always taken a keen interest in sports injuries. He has attended courses in Lilleshall, Belfast, Dublin and The Bushmills School of Sport and has given lectures in many of these centres. It is in this capacity then that this man has so unselfishly given of his time to Down as medical officer since 1958. During those years he has treated young and old, the stars and the starlets and while the duties of match day doctor are now performed by Dr. John Gribben, Dr. Martin Walsh is in the dugout today having attended every training session, treated all the injured between match days and supervised their rehabilitation. Should Down win today, this outstanding doctor will have been in the dugout with 5 winning teams spanning an incredible 34 years.

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Penalty **Parade**

The 1994 championship has proved even less fruitful for penalties than last year, when 15 penalties were awarded in 34 games. The current campaign has seen 13 penalties awarded, with one game less played. Not only has there been a reduction in spot-kicks awarded, but the success rate has declined dramatically. In 193 the fifteen kicks resulted in 11 goals and three points with only one kick failing to raise a flag of any colour. However, this year only seven goals and one point resulted from the 13 penalties.

Last year was noted for the tendency of defences not to concede penalties in the latter stages of the championship, with no penalties being awarded in the provincial finals or All-Ireland series. However, this year saw three penalties being awarded at the provincial final stage (two in Ulster, one in Connacht) with mixed results. In the Ulster final, Down were awarded two penalties, with Ross Carr scoring powerfully after Mickey Linden had earlier placed his kick the wrong side of the upright. In Connacht, Ronan Golding of Mayo saw his effort saved by Leitrim's Martin McHugh.

In provincial terms, Munster provided the most successful penalty takers, with a 100% fuccess rate, while in Connacht only one point resulted from three penalties. Ulster had a success rate of 75% and Leinster saw two goals scored from four penalties.

The thirteen penalties awarded and the feaults are as follows:

28th May:

Vincent Claffey (Offaly) saved by T. Murphy (Wicklow)

Ath June:

Conal Heatley (Antrim) goal v Donegal

fergal O'Neill (Galway) point v London

12th June:

Peter Canavan (Tyrone) goal v Armagh

12th June:

Vincent Claffey (Offaly) saved by J. Cooper (Wexford)

26th June:

Maurice Fitzgerald (Kerry) goal v Cork

26th June:

Brian Burke (Tipperary) goal v Waterford **2nd July:**

Charlie Redmond (Dublin) goal v KIldare

2nd July:

Niall Buckley (Kildare) goal v Dublin

10th July:

George Dugdale (Leitrim) saved by M. McNamara (Galway)

17th July:

Ross Carr (Down) goal v Tyrone

17th July:

Mickey Linden (Down) wide v Tyrone

24th July:

Ronan Golding (Mayo) saved by M. McHugh (Leitrim)





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Seven countries are again expected to take part in the

premier events — the invitational singles and doubles for men and women's singles: USA, Canada, Mexico, Japan, Australia and Britain as well as Ireland. However, individual entries are expected for the other events from competitors from any European countries.

In addition, as at the Olympic Games, demonstration exhibitions will be staged at the Croke Park 60 x 30 and other courts by people who play different forms of handball in countries such as Spain, Belgium, Wales, Holland, France and Finland.

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◆ Pictured at the announcement of the Waterford Crystal sponsorship of the World Handball Championships were, from I-r: Seán Mac an tSaoí, Uachtarán, Irish Handball Council; Dr. Paddy Galvin, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Waterford Crystal; Seán Boothman, Uachtarán, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and Caimin Jones (An Clár), Vice-President of the World Handball Council.

Evolution of a Handball Game — The Finnish Experience

The joy to be had from hitting a ball with the hand may have been discovered independently by the Olmecs in Mexico, the Spartans in Greece and the Celts in Ireland. The games they developed spread slowly to other lands, often undergoing changes in their new homes. This diffusion still continutes and the latest converts to the "Perfect Game" — the Finns — have a most interesting story to tell. It offers us a salutary lesson on how lucky most of us are to have handball readily available and how we should always be ready to pass on the message when the opportunity becomes available.

The story begins in the mid eighties in Estonia, one of the states of the former Soviet Union. Momentous changes were taking place in the lives of the people and political agitation had closed most of the schools. Students with time on their hands tried to fill it with various sporting activities, but many sports required a certain financial outlay for new equipment and its subsequent repair. They were looking for a game that was demanding, fun and inex-

library of Tallin they discovered an Irish sports book published in 1903 which contained a section on handball. The illustration depicted players in action, kicking the ball and seeming to make karate-like strokes. This formed the basis of their new game called Fistball, first played in an abandoned coal store and using a tennis ball. In 1990 one of the students, Ivar Talvik, departed to do post-graduate work at Tampare, north-east of the Finnsh capital, Helsinki. Gathering a like-minded group, they started to play their handball in the pedestrian tunnels under the main street. Soon they moved to the local squash courts, receiving a great welcome and very reasonable rates, as the number of squash players had declined dramatically from its peak in the seventies. Having no idea that simllar games were played elsewhere, they sought, as they said, "to develop a game that felt good, looked good and didn't hurt much". Each new recruit was expected to contribute new ideas as to how the game should be played.

pensive. In the University

But now a dramatic event occurred, one that would change the face of Finnish Fistball forever — the great Joe Durso appeared — not in person, but in a Sky Channel video which showed him playing one-wall. The Finns quickly adopted this new

code for outdoor play during their short summer. (They tell me, Joe, that you will be the first candidate for the Finnish Hall of Fame when they get around to building one!) Television also brought the English game of Fives, the Spanish Pelotamano to their attention. Our heroes now knew they were not alone in playing this highly eccentric game.

In December 1992, contact with U.S. handball was made thanks to New York's Abraham Mantell (take a bow, Abe, second candidate for the first Hall of Fame), who sent them rules, videos, gloves and, most important, copies of Handball.

The Finnish handball game has spread to Helsinki, Turku and to Lapland inside the Arctic Circle and membership is not far short of a hundred. They are hoping for a dramatic increase soon as the game has been featured on T.V. and in the national newspapers. They have applied to become a registered sport, which will open the way for government sup-

port and grants. The first
Finnish Single champion in
1990 was Zhao Yinong,
teacher of Chinese gymnastics at Tampere. He is now
back in Beijing and according
to Paavo Navalainen,
Fistball's P.R.O., he has introduced the game to his local
university. The mind boggles
at the thought of millions of
Chinese being converted to
the game — miles of their
famous wall resounding to
the crack of the ball!

The Finns are also sending a team to the World Handball Championships (Finnish: Seinapallon Maailmanmestaruuskisat) in Dublin — Satu Tossavainen will play in the Women's B event and their Chairman. Kimmo Rouhiainen, will contest the C group. The Finns have come a long way on their own. If they get the support of the world handball fraternity, the sky is the limit for the growth of the

IRISH TEAM

The players who qualified to represent Ireland in the Invitational events are Michael "Duxie" Walsh (Kilkenny) Singles, Tom Sheridan and Egin Jensen (Meath) Doubles and Berni Hennessy (Limerick) Women's Singles.

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The other teams are: United States, Canada, Mexico and Japan.

In addition, there are individual entries in all other events from players from Australia, England, Wales, France and Finland.

"The Brothers" agus Cumann Lúthchleas Gael

his year, 1994, marks the 150th anniversary of the death of the Venerable Edmund Ignatius Rice, founder of two teaching Congregations, the Christian and Presentation Brothers. It is appropriate that the G.A.A. should identify with and share in this auspicious occasion, and acknowledge the Association's gratitude and indebtedness to the followers of Venerable Edmund. The links binding the Brothers and the G.A.A. are strong and durable, and it is true to say that the contribution of the Brothers to the promotion and spread of our games is beyond measure.

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Edmund Rice (1762-1844) was born near Callan, in the county Kilkenny, to a family of nine children. At seventeen he moved to Waterford, became apprenticed to his merchant uncle, from whom he would inherit a thriving business.

Married at twenty five and widowed after two years he was left to rear a handicapped daughter. Over the next ten years he amassed a considerable fortune from his business interests. But, throughout that period he yearned for fulfilment in charitable work and Christian action.

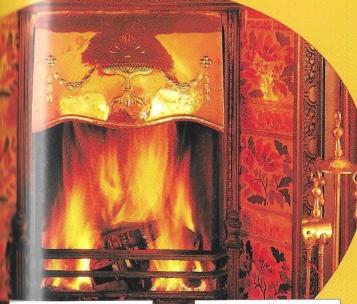
In 1802 he opened in Waterford his first school for the education of poor boys and called it Mount Sion. In his first Monastery he died in 1844 and there in Mount Sion, in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, repose his mortal remains.

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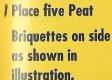
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wenty-five years ago the thought of ladies playing football would have raised many eyebrows. In those days they attended the odd match, cheered occasionally (not too loud) and generally kept out of the limelight. Thankfully a lot has changed in the intervening quarter of a century. Today, ladies football is played on an organised basis In thirty-one counties, Including London and Lancashire. It is now an attractive, skilful game, well able to stand on its own mer-Its.

The Association has come a long way since that day in 1974 when four counties — Kerry, Tipperary, Offaly and Galway — attended the inaugural meeting in Hayes Hotel, Thurles. It has built up steadily in the intervening twenty years and today has a membership of approximately 27,000.

The structure of our Association is exactly the same as the GAA with Clubs, County Boards, Provincial Councils and Annual Congress. The Ladies Gaelic Football Association and the Camogie Association are sister organisations, but are not under direct control of the GAA. However, the GAA recognises both associations are catering for the gaelic

playing needs of the fairer sex. This recognition was given to our Association in 1982.

In 1984, the Association set up its own accident fund, the object of the fund being to reimburse medical expenses, loss of wages and salary. It has proven its worth over the last ten years and, thankfully, injuries sustained in Ladies Gaelic Football are few due to the stringent rules that apply.

BREAKTHROUGH

In 1986, the big breakthrough was made when ladies football was played in Croke Park for the first time. Waterford became the first team to win at Croke Park when they captured the junior title and Kerry took the senior, their fifth in a row.

The Association organises national competitions for counties in under-14, under-16, under-18, Junior and Senior. There is an annual interprovincial competition and a tournament game where the Senior All Ireland Champions take on the All Stars. National competitions are also organised for Senior Club Championships, third level colleges, post-primary schools and Club 7-a-side. There are also thousands of young girls participating in primary school leagues

organised by Cumann na mBunscoil throughout the country.

The Association is indebted to the GAA for the use of pitches and facilities which it readily makes available. Ladies Gaelic Football has taken on an international dimension in the last few years, being played on an organised basis in Britain, Mainland Europe, Australia, Canada and the U.S.A., 1992 saw the arrival of an Ontario Ladies Select team to Ireland to play matches in Dublin, Westmeath and Cork. In 1993 Portobello Club in Dublin travelled to New York and Philadelphia to play teams there. The Marino Ladies went to Canada to take part in the Canadian Sevens.

The first All Star team from New York is at present on tour here playing games in Roscommon, Leitrim, Dublin and Monaghan.

Who knows, maybe some day soon we will see a Ladies Irish All Star team embark on an international tour.

On Sunday the 9th October, our twenty-first Senior All Ireland will take place in Croke Park. Our Association has spent twenty years growing and now we can look forward to a bright future, nationally and internationally.

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1981	Offaly	Cavan
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1983	Kerry	Wexford
1984	Kerry	Leitrim
1985	Kerry	Laois
1986	Kerry	Wexford
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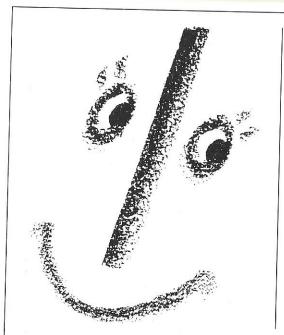


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RESULTS

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London	0-24;	Scotland	1-4.				0 11.	
Round 2				Semi-Finals:				
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Canada	0-8;	New York	4-15;	Final				
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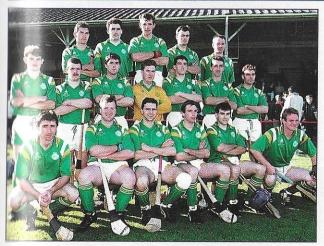
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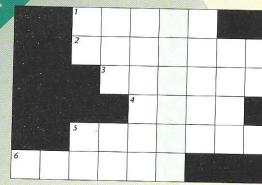
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- 2. Last line of defence.
- 3. Gregory's other half.
- 4. He's got a lot of drive.
- 5. At opposite end to clue no. 2.
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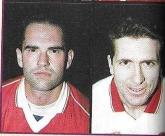
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Eleven of today's Down team were in the starting line-up in 1991. The other four are pictured above. Can you name them?







Eight players who featured last year's final are pictured above. Can you name them

Cúpla Ceist!

- Who did Dublin beat to win their last All-Ireland in 1983?
- Who did Down beat to win their first in 1960?

Captains Three

len years ago Kerry began a three-in-arow All-Ireland winning sequence. Can you name the three Victorious captains and the teams that they beat?

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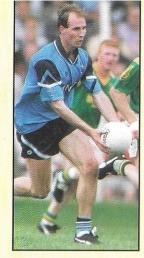
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2. John Kelly I. Brendan McKernan



Young Men Going Places

BRIAN STYNES and AIDAN FARRELL are two of the bright young men of football who may well do much to influence the meeting of Dublin and Down with their skilled and exciting play.

It has all been happening this year for Brian **Stynes**. He only made his competitive senior debut with Dublin as a substitute in the drawn League tie with Kildare last February, but is now firmly established as one of the team's trump cards.

Stynes was centre half forward in the Dublin team beaten by Kerry in the 1988 All-Ireland minor final. He later joined his brother Jim, now a wellknown Australian Rules player, in Australia and also played Rules football.

Brian returned from "Down Under" late last year and is splendidly maintaining a proud family tradition in the sport. Older brother, Jim, won an All-Ireland minor medal in the Centenary Year (1984) at midfield and his younger brother, David, was at midfield in the Metropolitan side that lost the All-Ireland minor semi-final to Galway last month.

Brian is only 22 and is a member of Ballyboden.

Aidan Farrell (St. Enda's) is also 22. He, too, is a brilliant graduate from the minor ranks and held down the full forward berth in the Down team that lost the 1990 Ulster final to Derry.

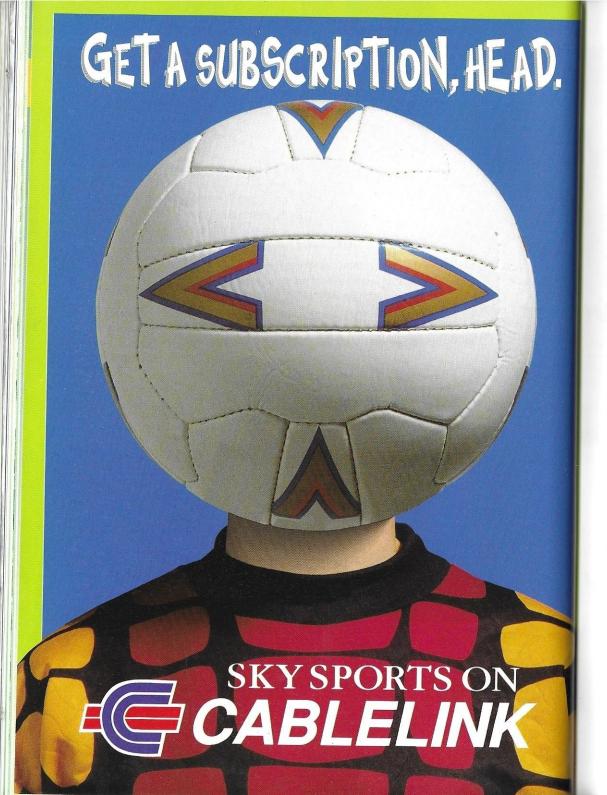
He was in action with Down at the start of last season's National League and in February he palmed to the net in the second half against Dublin to earn his side a draw with the Metropolitans at Croke Park.

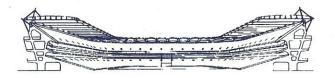
After winning an Ulster senior medal on his final debut in July, Farrell was outstanding for Down as they saw off Cork in last month's semi-final.

The Rostrevor clubman repeated his feat against Dublin in the League by palming to the net after 19 minutes for the only goal of the game. He also hit a brace of points and generally had a splendid semi-final debut.

Brian Stynes and Aidan Farrell have been very influential figures in the championship campaign so far. It seems a safe bet that each will command much respect from the opposition in this unique decider. One or other might well, indeed, emerge as a match-winner, but whatever about that, they should contribute some skilled touches to the encounter.







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A New Era in Irish Sports Facilities



Above: an artist's impression of an Executive Suite, with on the right, some of the players' facilities in the Croke Park Development

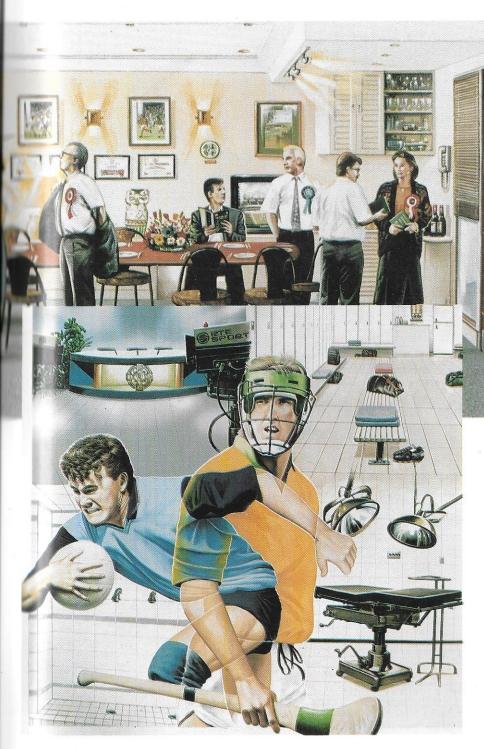
A NEW ERA IN IRISH SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT

Work on the new stand in Croke Park is now well advanced. The new stand with all its facilities will be completed early in 1995, but seats in the lower and middle tiers will be available for the 1994 All Ireland Finals.

Reaction to the development has been tremendous, with the ticket offer to GAA Clubs sold out; over 90% of the Executive Suites already sold; and sales of the new Premium Seats in the middle tier, well ahead of target.

The new stand will have a capacity in the region of 24,500 people, an increase in capacity of nearly 10,000 from the old Cusack Stand.

Both the Executive Suites and Premium Seats will be located in the middle tier. This middle tier will accommodate about 3,500 people - 15% of the new stand's capacity - but will contribute over 50% of the development costs.





An artist's impression of the Cusack Club, with glass wall on the left overlooking the pitch, directly behind the Premium Seats. The balcony on the left leads to the Executive Suites.

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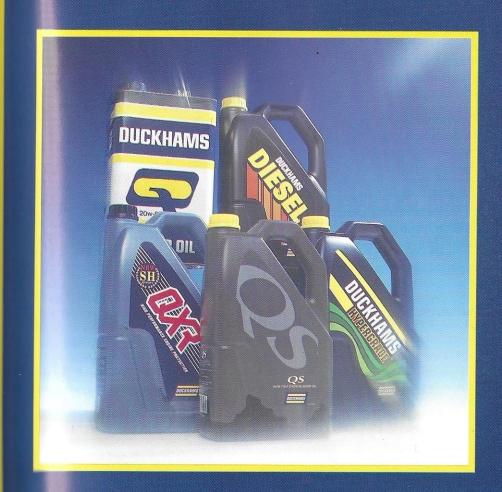
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Fifty Years Ago (1944)

The opening ties in Connacht saw Mayo beat Galway by 1-11 to 1-3 at Castlebar and Sligo dismiss Leitrim (4-10 to 4-5) at Boyle. And Boyle was also the scene of a near shock when Sligo held All-Ireland champions Roscommon to an 0-8 to 1-5 draw. The replay saw the champions safely through by 0-13 to 1-6 and they took the Mayo challenge in their stride as they retained the provincial title by 2-11 to 1-6 at Tuam.

Up North, Cavan, who had won 12 of the last 13 Ulster championships, were the team to beat; but no-one did, although Antrim made a brave bid in the first round before going down by 1-2 to 1-4. Monaghan got the better of Armagh (3-7 to 3-3) while Down had four goals to spare (4-4 to 0-4 over Tyrone at Corrigan Park). Cavan dismissed Donegal with ease 5-9 to 2-3, but the Down-Monaghan semi-final at Belfast was a thriller. After Monaghan had led by 1-2 to 0-3 at the break, Tom O'Hare's goal brought Down level with five minutes remaining. Monaghan, however, finished the stronger to get the verdict by 1-5 to 1-4. But Cavan stayed on top as

they beat Monaghan by 1-9 to 0-5 at Clones.

With at least eight counties entertaining reasonable hopes, Leinster was tremendously competitive. Strongly fancied, Carlow had to settle for a draw with Kildare before advancing and Offaly and Wexford scored wins over Westmeath and Wicklow respectively. Dublin got the better of Meath 1-8 to 1-6 in a hectic encounter at Drogheda and then squeezed by Louth 2-10 to 3-6. Longford beat Offaly, Dublin beat Longford and Carlow's fivegoal salvo saw off Wexford at Kilkenny. In the final at Athy. Dublin led for a long way but were overhauled by Carlow, who won their first title on a 2-6 to 1-6 scoreline.

In Munster, after the usual early skirmishing, Tipperary shocked reigning champions Cork by 1-9 to 1-3 at Clonmel, and they gave Kerry a fright before going out in the final by 0-5 to 1-6

There were contrasting semifinals: the Carlow-Kerry game was a wonderful affair with Kerry just holding on to win by 3-3 to 0-10; but Roscommon were never troubled by Cavan, as indicated by the full-time score of 5-8 to 1-3.

The eagerly-awaited final brought a record crowd to Croke Park where Roscommon proved themselves worthy champions on a score of 1-9 to 2-4.

Seventy Five Years Ago (1919)

he first-round meeting of Kerry and Tipperary was the best of Munster's five games with Kerry inching out the holders by 2-4 to 1-4 at Cork. At Dungarvan, where only one point was scored in the second half, Waterford shot two goals to Cork's two points. Waterford collapsed in the semi-final at Tralee where the score of 3-5 to nil said it all, while Cork looked promising at the Ennis Show Grounds in dismissing Limerick by 1-4 to 0-2. The final was a disaster. however. On their own ground the Banner county had no answer to the rampant Kingdom, who won as they liked -6-11 to 2-0.

Leinster provided more appetising fare. Meath and Louth met three times before the Royals went through by a point (1-5 to 1-4) at An Uaimh, and promising Westmeath repulsed the Longford challenge at Edgeworthstown before beating Offaly at Tullamore 0-3 to 0-2. Wexford, All-Ireland champions of four years standing, had some difficulty in holding off Kilkenny at New Ross (0-6 to 0-2), but no trouble at all in crushing Wicklow by 20 points.

Dublin then pushed out Meath 0-7 to 0-2 to set the stage for two attractive semi-finals. Jim Connor's four goals helped Kildare down Westmeath, but then came the shock of the year when laddy McDonnell inspired Dublin's 0-11 to 1-1 defeat of the champions. Dublin faltered in the final as Kildare regained the title on a 1-3 to 1-2 scoreline.

In Connacht, Mayo lost their provincial crown on their first outing (1-2 to 1-3) to Galway at Tuam, and at thoyle, Roscommon beat Sligo by 3-1 to 1-3. At Castlerea, where Leitrim scored one nothing thereafter, Roscommon's 1-6 made them easy winners, but Galway's 1-6 bettered Roscommon's 0-5 in the final at Tuam.

Up North, Derry got the better of Fermanagh (2-4 to 0-3), Armagh shaded a 0-4 to 0-3 encounter with Monaghan at Castleblaney and Donegal were never extended in beating Tyrone 0-16 to 0-3.

Down indicated early on that they were giving a walkover to Cavan. After an appeal by the provincial secretary, a team drawn from Mayobridge, Newry, Moneyscalp, Newcastle and Castlewellan was assembled and clad in green jerseys with a yellow sash. They lined out at the Cavan Show Grounds where, after trailing by five points to nil at the break, they went down by 1-0 to 0-10. Cavan then ousted Donegal by 3-11 to 2-3 and Antrim, who had beaten Armagh, by 5-6 to 0-2 in the final.

"Joyce" Conlon's goals helped Kildare to an easy 3-2 to 1-3 win over Cavan at Navan and Galway got the better of Kerry on a replay, 4-2 to 2-2. The All-Ireland final was too one-sided to be of interest with Kildare winning by 2-5 to 0-1.



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- Who was the first man to bring the new Sam Maguire Cup to Ulster?
- Who refereed last year's All-Ireland senior football final?
- How many goals did Dublin score in the 1992 final aginst Donegal?
- Des Foley led Dublin to their last Sam Magurie Cup win. True or false?
- Down scored a single goal in their last final three years ago. Who was on the target for the Mourne County?
- In what year did Dublin last beat an Ulster county in an All-Ireland senior final?
- Who captained Down to their first All-Ireland senior final win in 1960?
- Seamus Downey became the first Derry man to score a goal in a Sam Maguire Cup tie when he found his way through to Cork's net in last year's final. True or false?
- Cork scored the first goal of last year's summit after five minutes. Who was on target for the Munster county?

- What county won the title in the opening year of the 'nineties?
- If Dublin win today they will complete the double of All-Ireland senior hurling and football titles for Leinster. In what year were the titles last won by counties from the province?
- What was unusual about he 1947 All-Ireland senior final between Cavan and Kerry?
- Who captained Cork in last year's summit?
- Enda Gormley (Derry) was top scorer in last year's final with 0-5, 0-6 or 1-2. Your choice
- Charlie Redmond played in Dublin's last title winning team in 1983. True or false?
- In what year did an Ulster county last lose an All-Ireland senior football final?
- The Centenary Year (1984) All-Ireland senior football final was played at Thurles. True or false?
- Tony Hanahoe, who led Dublin to their 1976 and 1977 All-Ireland senior title winning titles, holds a unique distinction in terms of championship play for a Leinster man. What is that distinction?
- Who captained Down to their successful defence of the Sam Maguire Cup in 1961?

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- 16. False. He was in the official panel of substitutes, but did not play in the final.
 17. 1986, when Tyrone lost their first final outing to Kerry.
 18. False, The hurling final was played that year at Thurles; the football final went on at Croke Park.
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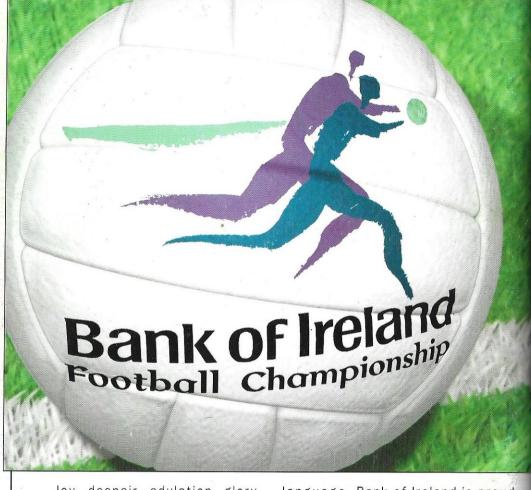


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