

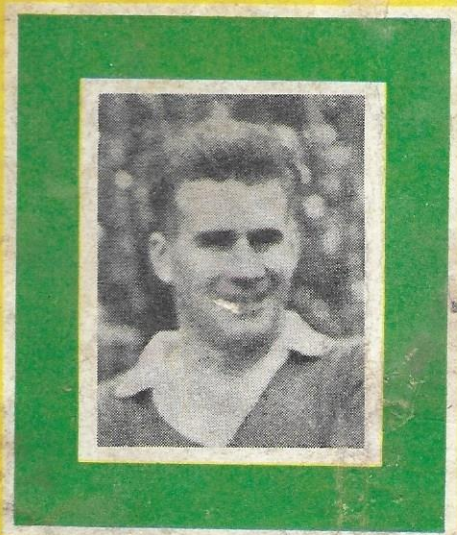
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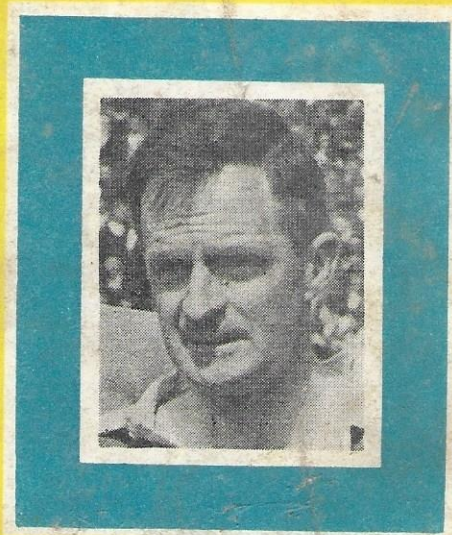
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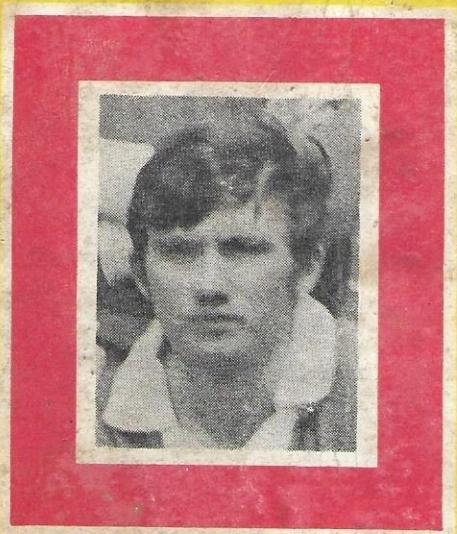


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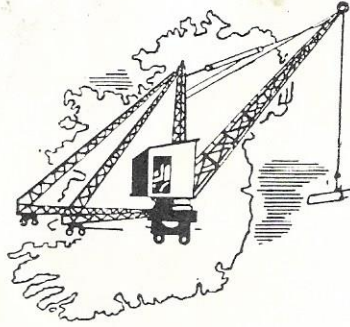
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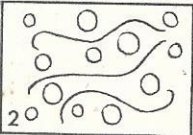
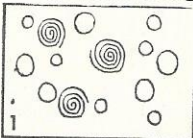
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Seo libh canaidh Amhrán na Laoch.



The Offaly full back, Greg Hughes, in action in the All-Ireland semi-final replay against Cavan on September 14.

The senior line-outs of Ciarraí and Ua bhFailghe appear, with pictures, on pages 18 and 19. The minor teams of Corcaí and Doire are given on pages 22 and 23.

KERRY

A great comeback



Paddy Kennedy, the Kerry captain, carries the Sam Maguire Cup in triumph after victory over Roscommon—2-8 to 0-10—in the replayed All-Ireland final of 1946.

WHAT a great come-back it has been for Kerry!

Defeats by Down in last year's All-Ireland final and by Galway in the Grounds' Tournament semi-final in October did not augur well for prospects of figuring on the winners' list in 1969; yet, here are Kerry in another All-Ireland final—and with the most impressive run of any county in competitive football in the past 11 months.

Since the Grounds' Tournament defeat by Galway, Kerry have played 10 games without defeat on the way to the 1968-69 National League title and won three championship games to qualify for today's final. Two of the League games were drawn—against Mayo in April and against New York, in New York, in the first leg of the final in June.

In this great run, Kerry scored 17 goals and 166 points (217 points), at the rate of 16.69 points per game and they conceded 10-103 (133 points), or 10.23 points per outing.

That is an outstanding record and one which

must give Kerry tremendous encouragement as today they try to succeed where they failed in 1964 and 1965 to Galway, and again last year, in their quest for that much coveted 21st All-Ireland senior championship.

Few could have anticipated after their 20th final win over Roscommon in 1962—their second title in three years—that the “coming of age” championship would prove such an elusive one for Kerry. The county has produced its usual impressive quota of talented players in this decade, but the harvest has been lean by Kerry standards—three National League titles and one All-Ireland crown.

Although Kerry first appeared in an All-Ireland senior final in 1892, it was not until the “Home” final of 1903, played in 1905, that their championship success story really got off the ground with three great games with Kildare. By then, Dublin had won eight All-Ireland senior football titles and Tipperary, it is hard to credit nowadays, boasted three championship victories.

After those three games with Kildare, Kerry emerged as “Home” champions of 1903 and then, on November 12, 1905, at Jones's Road, Tralee Mitchels beat Hibernians, of London, for the county's first All-Ireland football title.

Kerry have been to the fore ever since. Their leanest period was from 1914 to 1924, the years of their fifth and sixth titles. If they fail in today's final, it will mean they will be out of the winners' list for the longest spell since that 1914-24 era. It is seven years since Kerry won their last title and for a corresponding period we have to go back to the years of their 16th and 17th triumphs—1946-53.

But the 'Sixties have been historic, too, for Kerry. In 1964 they beat Laois in the first All-Ireland under-21 football final, and thus became the first county to capture titles in all championship grades.

Nevertheless, a 21st All-Ireland senior championship is their burning ambition. It would compensate for the many disappointments of the present decade and effectively silence those who say that the footballers of today are not as good as the Kerry giants of the past.



The Kerry team who beat Cavan by 4-4 to 1-7 in the replayed All-Ireland final of 1937.

Record of twenty titles

Kerry's 20 All-Ireland titles were won in the following years: **1903**—Kerry 0-11; London 0-3. **1904**—Kerry 0-5; Dublin 0-2. **1909**—Kerry 1-9; Louth 0-6. **1913**—Kerry 2-2; Wexford 0-3. **1914**—Kerry 2-3; Wexford 0-6 (replay); Kerry 1-3; Wexford 2-0 (draw). **1924**—Kerry 0-4; Dublin 0-3. **1926**—Kerry 1-4; Kildare 0-4 (replay); Kerry 1-3; Kildare 0-6 (draw). **1929**—Kerry 1-8; Kildare 1-5. **1930**—Kerry 3-11; Monaghan 0-2. **1931**—Kerry 1-11; Kildare 0-8. **1932**—Kerry 2-7; Mayo 2-4. **1937**—Kerry 4-4; Cavan 1-7 (replay); Kerry 2-5; Cavan 1-8 (draw). **1939**—Kerry 2-5; Meath 2-3. **1940**—Kerry 0-7; Galway 1-3. **1941**—Kerry 1-8;

Galway 0-7. **1946**—Kerry 2-8; Roscommon 0-10 (replay); Kerry 2-4; Roscommon 1-7 (draw). **1953**—Kerry 0-13; Armagh 1-6. **1955**—Kerry 0-12; Dublin 1-6. **1959**—Kerry 3-7; Galway 1-4. **1962**—Kerry 1-12; Roscommon 1-4.

They lost 13 finals: **1892**—Dublin 1-4; Kerry 0-3. **1905**—Kildare 1-7; Kerry 0-5. **1915**—Wexford 2-4; Kerry 2-1. **1923**—Dublin 1-5; Kerry 1-3. **1927**—Kildare 0-5; Kerry 0-3. **1938**—Galway 2-4; Kerry 0-7 (replay); Galway 3-3; Kerry 2-6 (draw). **1944**—Roscommon 1-9; Kerry 2-4. **1947**—Cavan 2-11; Kerry 2-7. **1954**—Meath 1-13; Kerry 1-7. **1960**—Down 2-10; Kerry 0-8. **1964**—Galway 0-15; Kerry 0-10. **1965**—Galway 0-12; Kerry 0-9. **1968**—Down 2-12; Kerry 1-13.

LEADERS

Three players each led Kerry to victory in two All-Ireland senior finals—Dick Fitzgerald in 1913 and 1914, John Joe Sheehy in 1926 and 1930 and Joe Barrett in 1929 and 1932.

Captains of their other title-winning teams were: 1903, T. O'Gorman; 1904, A. Stack; 1909, T. Costello; 1924, P. O'Sullivan; 1931, C. Brosnan; 1937, M. Doyle; 1939, T. O'Connor; 1940, D. Spring; 1941, W. Dillon; 1946, P. Kennedy; 1953, J. Murphy 1955, J. Dowling 1959, M. O'Connell; 1962, S. Og Sheehy.

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The last year that the senior and minor titles went to Munster was 1962, when Kerry won out in both grades, and 1966 was the last year in which both championships went to the same province (Mayo minors and Galway seniors). We have to go back to 1948, when Tyrone minors won, and Cavan seniors, for the last Ulster double.

Kerry lead in minor final appearances with 12 between 1931 and 1965, when they lost to Derry. That was Derry's first final and the county became the 22nd to contest a decider.



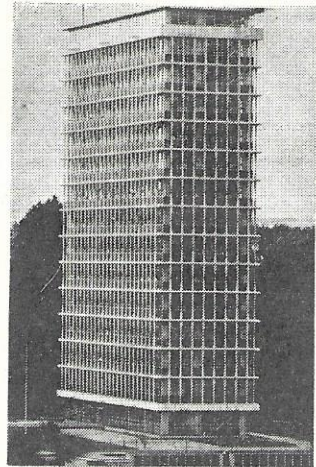
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Offaly's first All-Ireland senior finalists—the men of 1961. After a marvellous start and a great fight subsequently against Down in the final of that year, Offaly were defeated by the narrowest of margins — 3-6 to 2-8.

OFFALY

*Rewards for
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service
are overdue*

Win, lose, or draw today, this has been a wonderful decade for Offaly — one of outstanding achievements and one, also, of bitter disappointments.

There was the joy of a July day at Croke Park in 1960 when a point by Donie O'Hanlon, captain of the side, scored six minutes from time, gave Offaly an 0-10 to 1-6 win over Louth for a first Leinster senior title. That was a victory in which Paddy McCormack, Greg Hughes and Johnny Egan were also in the vanguard. Then there was the glory — and disappointment, too — of those great games with mighty Down in the 1960 All-Ireland semi-final.

In 1961, another brilliant chapter was written into the county's history when they made their debut in the All-Ireland senior final. Again, it was Down who thwarted Offaly in a match that attracted 90,556—the greatest gathering ever at any sporting fixture in Ireland.

Later that year, the Offaly-Down rivalry was continued in the Grounds' Tournament final, and in a match highlighted by top-class football from McCormack, Hughes and Egan, and the O'Hanlon brothers, Donie and Jimmy, and free-scoring Harry Donnelly on the Offaly side, the first Offaly win went into the record books—0-11 to 0-8.

Earlier in 1961, Offaly was to the fore in Lein-
(Ar lean leath. 11)

OFFALY go into their second All-Ireland senior final with one thing at least in common with Kerry—a fighting come-back. Their debut in a National League "Home" final in May was their least successful venture yet in a national decider at top level, but the resilience with which they have bounced back underlines the great qualities of their team.



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OFFALY were captained by goalkeeper Willie Nolan in their only other All-Ireland senior final appearance—that of 1961 against Down. After a great start they were beaten, 3-6 to 2-8. At this juncture, it is interesting and appropriate to recall that history-making Offaly side. It was:

W. Nolan; P. McCormack, G. Hughes, J. Egan; P. O'Reilly, M. Brady, C. Wrenn; S. Brearton, S. Ryan; T. Cullen, P. Daly; T. Greene; M. Casey, D. O'Hanlon, H. Donnelly. Subs.: F. Weir for Casey; S. Foran for Ryan; F. Higgins for O'Reilly.

Donnelly was Offaly's top scorer with 0-6. Their goals were scored by Casey and Daly, and Cullen and Brearton each had a point.

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ster's Railway Cup final win over Munster. No fewer than eight Offaly men were in the Leinster side and the defence was an all-Offaly one, except for centre-half Paddy Holden (Dublin). In the 1962 Railway Cup final win over Ulster, Leinster's last title, five of the side were from Offaly.

Offaly's only All-Ireland football title was won in 1964 when a team brilliantly spearheaded by the current senior star Tony McTague, beat Cork 0-15 to 1-11 in the minor final. That bridged a 35-year gap, for in 1929 Offaly won their second All-Ireland junior hurling title—their only national championship successes in any code until the minor football victory.

Last September, an Offaly team that included current seniors Nicholas Clavin, Pat Monaghan, Eugene Mulligan, Sean Kilroy, Sean Evans and Willie Bryan lost to Derry in the All-Ireland under-21 final.

Yes, Offaly can look back with pride on the decade now fading into history. They have helped to bring zest and colour to football and have played no small part in the game's further development.

But it would be wrong to think that Offaly's football story only started in the 'Sixties. The county has a long and honoured place in the annals of the game and the wholehearted endeavour and never-say-die spirit of generations of Offaly men opened up the way to the achievements of the past ten years. The acquisition of the Sam Maguire Cup would be a fitting—and overdue—reward for the long years of faithful service to the national games.

Comparisons

CIARRAÍ

Name	Club	Age	H.	W.
			ft.-in.	st.-lb.
J. Culloty (Legion)		33	5-10	11-6
S. Murphy (Lispole)		32	5-10	12-1
P. O'Donoghue (Ballylongford)		25	6-1	13-4
S. Fitzgerald (Gaeltacht)		24	5-9	11-7
T. Prendergast (Keel)		26	5-8	11-0
M. Morris (John Mitchell's)		25	5-11	12-12
M. Ó Sé (Gaeltacht)		23	6-1	13-7
M. O'Connell (Waterville)		32	6-0	13-2
D. J. Crowley (Rathmore)		24	6-0	13-3
B. Lynch (Beaufort)		20	5-10	11-4
P. Griffin (Glenbay)		24	5-11	12-5
E. O'Donoghue (Ballylongford)		23	5-9	11-0
M. Gleeson (Spa and U.C.D.)		24	5-11	13-0
L. Higgins (Lispole)		24	6-0	13-4
M. O'Dwyer (Waterville)		32	5-11	12-7
D. O'Sullivan (Spa)		29	5-11	12-9
M. Fleming (Currow)		26	6-0	13-3
J. O'Keefe (Austin Stacks)		18	6-0	12-7
D. Crowley (Glenfleisc)		25	5-9	11-10
D. O'Donnell (John Mitchells)		27	5-10	11-7

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Name	Club	Age	H.	W.
			ft.-in.	st.-lb.
M. Furlong (Tullamore)		23	5-10	12-0
P. McCormack (Rhode)		30	5-10	14-0
G. Hughes (Colmcille's, Meath)		31	5-10	14-0
J. Egan (Kickhams, Ath Cliath)		30	5-10	12-2
E. Mulligan (Rhode)		20	5-9	11-7
N. Clavin (St. Carthage's)		21	6-0	13-0
M. Ryan (Sean MacDermott)		21	5-11	12-7
L. Coughlan				
	(Eade's Town, Cill Dara)	28	5-10	12-6
W. Bryan (Eire Og)		21	5-10	12-7
P. Keenan (Gracefield)		25	5-9	12-6
A. Hickey (Daingean)		24	5-11	12-6
T. McTague (Ferbane)		23	5-9	11-10
S. Kilroy (St. Carthage's)		20	5-11	11-0
S. Evans (Ballyfore)		22	5-11	12-0
S. Cooney (Erin's Rovers)		25	5-8	12-8
P. Monaghan (Ballycumber)		22	5-10	12-0
F. Costello (St. Brigid's)		22	6-0	13-0
K. Kilmurray (Daingean)		19	6-0	12-3
M. O'Rourke (St. Mary's)		23	5-10	12-0
J. Flynn (Ballycumber)		23	5-11	12-7



Offaly's Paddy McCormack pictured in the All-Ireland semi-final replay.

KERRY, Munster champions for the 51st time, had three games on the way to the final, as follows:—

June 15—(at Dungarvan)—Kerry 1-18; Waterford 2-7.

July 20—(at Cork)—Kerry 0-16; Cork 1-4.

August 10—(at Croke Park)—Kerry 0-14; Mayo 1-10.

Kerry averaged 17 points per game for a total of 1-48 (51 points), and they had 11 points per game scored against them, the total being 4-21 (33 points).

Top scorer, at 0-13, is Mick O'Connell. Mick O'Dwyer scored 0-10, Brendan Lynch 0-7, Pat Moynihan 0-5, Mick Fleming 1-1, D. J. Crowley

PATHS TO THE FINAL

and Pat Griffin 0-3 each, Eamonn O'Donoghue and Mick Gleeson 0-2 each, and Liam Higgins and Tom Prendergast, 0-1 each.

Offaly, Leinster champions for the third time, played all their games at Croke Park. They were as follows:

June 29—Offaly 3-14; Westmeath 1-8.

July 13—Offaly 3-9; Wexford 1-10.

July 27—Offaly 3-7; Kildare 1-8.

August 24—Offaly 0-12; Cavan 1-9 (draw).

September 14 — Offaly 3-8; Cavan 1-10 (replay).

In their five games on the way to the final, Offaly scored a total of 12-50 (86 points), or an average of 17 points per game. Their opponents totalled 5-45 (60 points)—an average of 12 points per game.

Tony McTague is top scorer with 1-30. Others on the list are : Sean Kilroy 3-3; Sean Evans 2-3; Pat Keenan 2-2; Pat Monaghan 2-2; John Cooney 1-3; Mick O'Rourke 1-1; Willie Bryan, Ambrose Hickey and Kevin Kilmurray 0-2 each.

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Kerry's 1-13 against Down last year is the best score by a defeated team in a final in the 'Sixties. Next in line in this regard is 2-8 by Offaly in their only final appearance in 1961. Last year, Down compiled the best score of all in the present decade—2-12.

The top five individual scoring returns for a full season's championship campaign since 1955 are:—

Pts.		Score	Games	Average
38	C. Gallagher (Cavan)	3-29	5	7.60 (1965)
35	P. Doherty (Down)	4-23	6	5.83 (1960)
33	O. Freaney (Dublin)	2-27	5	6.60 (1959)
33	H. Donnelly (Offaly)	2-27	5	6.60 (1961)
30	O. Freaney (Dublin)	2-24	6	5.00 (1955)
Lowest Score:				
23	M. Whelan (Dublin)	1-20	5	4.60 (1963)

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COUNTY OFFALY

*A rover I have been
And a rover I must stay
But to that Faithful County dear
I will return some day.
Ua bhFairghe how I've missed you
And your heather-scented air
Silently the peaceful Brosna
Calls your sons from near and far.*

II

*Lovely Kinnity I'm going to see,
When the woodbine is in bloom,
And stroll the fields around Ferbane,
Hear the wild birds in full tune.
At Clonmacnoise I'll kneel to pray
To Banagher I'll stray
With the fisherman I'll drink and hear
Of ones that got away.*

III

*Though dead or gone across the sea
Are some friends I used to know
But I must pass through Killoughy
Where great sportsmen are laid low.
Dear Croghan Hill I see you still
Where in childhood I used play
Adieu to you beloved Sliabh Bloom
I must be on my way.*

IV

*Pile the brown turf high upon the fire
Bring that keg in from the barn
Let the blacksmith sing his rebel song,
The poacher tell his yarn.
Come close my friends and neighbours
Fill your glasses to the brim
And we'll toast all Offaly heroes
From the heathered hill and glen.*

FÁINNE GEAL AN LAE

*Ar maidin moch do ghabhas amach ar bhruach
Locha Léinn;
An Samhradh a' teach san craobh le'm ais agus
lonnradh te ón ngréin
Ar taisteal dom tré bailte puirt agus bánta míne
réidh
Cé gheobhainn lem ais ach an cuilín deas le Fáinne
Geal an Lae.*

II

*Ní raibh bróg ná stoca, caip ná clóch ar mo
stóirín óg ón spéir;
Ach folt fionn órdha síos go troigh ag fás go
barr an fhéir.
Bhí calán crúite aici ina glaic an drúcht ba
dheas a scéimh
Do thug barr ghean ó Bhenus deas le Fáinne
Geal an Lae.*

III

*Do shuig an bhrídeach síos lem ais ar bhinnse
glas den fhéar;
Ag magadh lei bhíos dá máomh go pras, mar
mhnaoi ná scarfhainn lei,
'Sé duairt sí liomsa "imig uaim" agus scaoil mé
ar siúl a réic
Seo iad a ndeas na soilse ag teacht le Fáinne
Geal an Lae.*

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John Egan

Captain

of

Offaly

JOHN EGAN'S record of consistent, sterling service down the years, and the part he has played in his county's premier achievements in the top grade, rank among the most noteworthy features of football history.

At an age when most players have left their best football behind them, the spring is still very much in Egan's step. He continues to parade his repertoire of skills with an expertise that few defenders in the game can match.

Sound positional sense, alertness, immaculate fielding and lengthy kicking are the priceless assets that marked him out as a solid corner-stone on which Offaly's final ticket was punched out. They are the assets, too, that have ensured that Egan has played his part in moulding this famed full back line into a great barrier to Offaly's goal.

John Egan, who is in his 'thirties, has been in Offaly's side for some twelve years. He starred in their triumphs, and shared in their disappointments, in those great, but unlucky years in the early 'sixties. His football ability has also been recognised by Leinster, and he won his only Railway Cup medal as a member of that almost all-Offaly rearguard in the team that beat Munster for the 1961 title.

It is probably true to say that, as well as his own natural ability, John Egan's current grand form is due in no small way to the wonderful support he is receiving from Paddy McCormack and Greg Hughes. Nevertheless, this still cannot take from the sparkle of the long-serving left-full, or from the role he has



Pat Monaghan with the Leinster Championship Trophy after Offaly's 3-7 to 1-8 victory over Kildare in the provincial final on July 27.

played so superbly in this latest march to the final.

It may be, too, that for all the great football he has produced down the years, we may see the Offaly giant in the No. 4 jersey scale even greater heights to-day. Whatever the future may hold for Offaly football, it seems reasonable to assume that this is the last chance for John Egan to get among the All-Ireland medals.

This fact is certain to prove a tremendous added incentive to this mighty bulwark of the Offaly defence . . . just the type of challenge that brings out that elusive little extra in any player. And now comes the added distinction of being the first to lead his county into history.

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CAPTAIN JOHNNY CULLOTY

THE soundly set-up man who keeps watch to-day over Kerry's goal was only a strip of a lad when he played at right corner forward in the memorable triumph of Kerry over Dublin in the All-Ireland of 1955. That is fourteen years ago—quite a while in the life of a footballer.

There is no one playing in this year's final who was playing senior football then; indeed, there are not many anywhere. But, however many there are, there is certainly none of whom it can be said—as it must be said of Johnny Culloty—that he is a more valuable and vital member of the team now than he was fourteen years ago.

Culloty's career has been a wonderful one, in many ways, and, yet, he has never caught the limelight so much as others less durable, less faithful and less valuable than he. In fact, of course, he has had three careers in top-class football, and only in his third has he really been acclaimed as one of the game's outstanding players by any standards.

As an excitingly promising young forward the Kingdom was full of his praise and ringing with hopes for his future. In that time he won his first All-Ireland medal, in 1955. Not long afterwards, he was struck down with a very bad case of knee trouble — the most serious possible thing for a swerving, mobile young forward. It looked as though he would not play again for Kerry.

In speeding a recovery to something like match fitness he began to keep goal—both in football and in hurling. In no time he was the established man in the goal for the county hurlers and footballers. By 1959, when Kerry again reached the final (Sean Murphy's final), Culloty was in goal to claim his second medal, against Galway. He was also there the next year when Down were providing the opposition.

The 1960 match must be graven on his

mind. One recalls the slow, dropping trajectory of James McCartan's speculative long lob; there was Culloty, steady under the ball with outstretched hands . . . and then it skidded and squelched from his hands, over his head, and into the net. It was the goal that turned the game—Culloty's one major goalkeeping error. But what a momentous and consequential error!

In 1962, against Roscommon, he gained his third medal and brought his total of final appearances to seven in 1964, 1965 and 1968. He had retired from inter-county play before 1968, though he was now playing a deadly forward role in club competition, giving a taste of what a force he might have been in Kerry's attack for a decade or more. There was goalkeeping uncertainty behind an uncertain defence even after winning the 1968 Munster championship. There was no likelihood that both could be remedied, so best try to shore up the confidence of the defence with a first-class 'keeper. Send for Culloty!

And Culloty responded. From the semi-final against Longford, when he saved Kerry's bacon from the burning, right through the final that was lost to Down, through the League that was won resoundingly, and the championship which was effortlessly overcome, to to-day's final, Culloty has played, perhaps, his most vital role ever in the Kerry team, and gained a limelight and glamour that had missed him through a dozen years of faithful service.

It was his play behind which enabled Kerry's defence to develop confidence and to play its football positively. His role as captain is no more than a just honour for his part in cementing this Kerry team together into the fine football unit it is to-day. His contribution to the spirit of the side and his influence in its leadership is at least as significant as his playing role.

CIARRAÍ

Dathanna : Gorm is Bán
(Blue and White)



(1) S. Ó Collata (Capt.)
J. Culloty
(Legion)



(2) S. Ó Murchú
S. Murphy
(Lispole)



(3) P. Ó Donnchú
P. O'Donoghue
(Ballylongford)



(4) S. Mac Gearailt
S. Fitzgerald
(Gaeltacht)



(5) T. de Priondragás
T. Prendergast
(Keel)



(6) M. Ó Muiris
M. Morris
(John Mitchells)



(7) M. Ó Sé
M. O'Shea
(Gaeltacht)



(8) M. Ó Conaill
M. O'Connell
(Waterville)



(9) D. S. Ó Crualaoich
D. J. Crowley
(Rathmore)



(10) B. Ó Loingsigh
B. Lynch
(Beaufort)



(11) P. Ó Griofa
P. Griffin
(Glenbay)



(12) E. Ó Donnchú
E. O'Donoghue
(Ballylongford)



(13) M. Ó Gliasáin
M. Gleeson
(Spa and U.C.D.)



(14) L. Ó hUiginn
L. Higgins
(Lispole)



(15) M. Ó Duibhir
M. O'Dwyer
(Waterville)



Réit
S. Ó MAOL
(Tiobraic)

Maio
T. Ó Cu
(Ga)

P. Ó D
(Tír E)

T. Ma
(Fearn)

S. Ó
(Ros C)

Fir Ionaid : (16) D. Ó Súilleabháin (D. O'Sullivan, Spa); (17) M. Pleimionn (M. Fleming, Currow); (18) S. Ó Caoimh (J. O'Keefe, Austin Stacks); (19) D. Ó Crualaoich (D. Crowley, Glenfeisc); (20) D. Ó Domhnaill (D. O'Donnell, John Mitchell's).

CIARRAÍ	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaf	50 Sl.	Saor-Chicínna
1adh Leath (1st Half)					
2adh Leath (2nd Half)					
Iomlán (Total)					



(1) S. Ó Collata (Capt.)
J. Culloty
(Legion)



(3) P. Ó Donnchú
P. O'Donoghue
(Ballylongford)



(6) M. Ó Muiris
M. Morris
(John Mitchells)



(8) M. Ó Conaill
M. O'Connell
(Waterville)



(11) P. Ó Gríofa
P. Griffin
(Glenbay)



(14) L. Ó hUiginn
L. Higgins
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S. Fitzgerald
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(7) M. Ó Sé
M. O'Shea
(Gaeltacht)



(9) D. S. Ó Crualaoich
D. J. Crowley
(Rathmore)



(12) E. Ó Donnchú
E. O'Donoghue
(Ballylongford)



(15) M. Ó Duibhir
M. O'Dwyer
(Waterville)



Réiteoir :
S. Ó MAOLOMHAIGH
(Tiobraid Árann)

Maoir-Cúl :
T. Ó Cúlneagáin
(Gaillimh)

P. Ó Dúhilín
(Tír Eoghain)

T. Mac Seáin
(Fearmonach)

S. Ó Máirtín
(Ros Comáin)



(2) P. Mac Cormaic
P. McCormack
(Rhode)



(5) E. Ó Maolagáin
E. Mulligan
(Rhode)



(8) L. Ó Cochláin
L. Coughlan
(Eade's Town, Cill Dara)



(10) P. Ó Cianáin
P. Keenan
(Gracefield)



(13) S. Kilroy
S. Kilroy
(St. Carthage's)



(1) M. Furlong
M. Furlong
(Tullamore)



(3) G. Mac Aodha
G. Hughes
(Colmcilles, Meath)



(6) N. Ó Claimhín
N. Clavin
(St. Carthages)

(4) S. Mac J.
(Kickham)

(7) M.
M.
(Sean M)



(9) L. Mac Br.
W. Bryan
(Eire Óg)



(11) A. Ó hÍci
A. Hickey
(Daingean)



(14) S. Ó hEimhín
S. Evans
(Ballyfore)

(12) A.
T. M.
(F)

(15) S.
J.
(Erin)

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UA bhFAILGHE

Dathanna : Glas is Bán
(Green and White)



(1) **M. Furlong**
M. Furlong
(Tullamore)



(2) **P. Mac Cormaic**
P. McCormack
(Rhode)



(3) **G. Mac Aodha**
G. Hughes
(Colmcilles, Meath)



(4) **S. Mac Aogáin (Capt.)**
J. Egan
(Kickhams, Áth Cliath)



(5) **E. Ó Maolagáin**
E. Mulligan
(Rhode)



(6) **N. Ó Claimhín**
N. Clavin
(St. Carthages)



(7) **M. Ó Riain**
M. Ryan
(Sean MacDermott)



(8) **L. Ó Cochláin**
L. Coughlan
(Eade's Town, Cill Dara)



(9) **L. Mac Briain**
W. Bryan
(Eire Óg)



(10) **P. Ó Cianáin**
P. Keenan
(Gracefield)



(11) **A. Ó hÍci**
A. Hickey
(Daingean)



(12) **A. Mac Taidhg**
T. McTague
(Ferbane)



(13) **S. Kilroy**
S. Kilroy
(St. Carthage's)



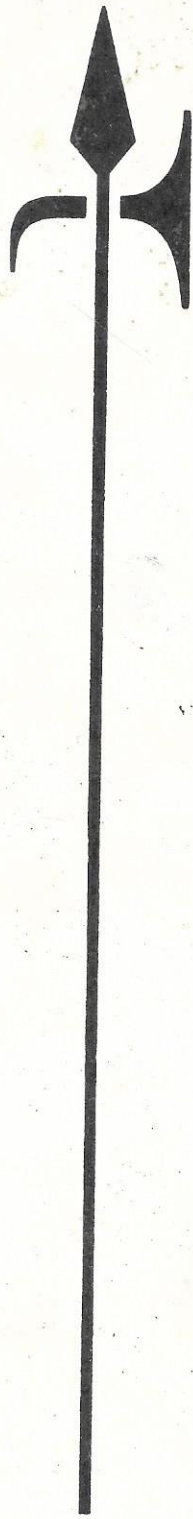
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S. Evans
(Ballyfore)



(15) **S. Ó Cuana**
J. Cooney
(Erin's Rovers)

Fir Ionaid : (16) P. Ó Manacháin (P. Monaghan, Ballycumber); (17) P. Mac Coisteala (F. Costelloe, St. Brigid's); (18) C. Mac Giolla Mhuire (K. Kilmurray, Daingean); (19) M. Ó Ruairc (M. O'Rourke, St. Mary's); (20) S. Mac Floinn (J. Flynn, Ballycumber).

UA bhFAILGHE	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	50 Sl.	Saor-Chiceanna
1adh Leath (1st Half)					
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A unique final, and one which promises a stirring encounter . . . that's this clash of Cork and Derry for the 38th All-Ireland minor football championship. It is a game, too, that emphasises a dramatic shift in power in this grade, as these two counties, between them, won three of the last four championships.

Cork, in fact, must rank as the most dynamic force of all in minor football in the decade now drawing to a close. They are appearing in their sixth final since 1960, a record not remotely approached by any other county.

This achievement is more impressively illustrated when we consider that Cork's first final appearance was in 1960 and that, by then, Dublin had won seven titles and Kerry five. Since 1960, Kerry have won two titles, compared with Cork's three, and Dublin have not added to their total.

Here is Cork's record in All-Ireland finals:

1960—lost to Galway, 1-5 to 4-9; **1961**—beat Mayo, 3-7 to 0-5; **1964**—lost to Offaly, 1-11 to 0-15; **1967**—beat Laois, 5-14 to 2-3; **1968**—beat Sligo, 3-5 to 1-10.

It will be noted that Cork are appearing against Ulster opposition at this stage for the first time. There have been only three Ulster-Munster finals and all of them have been won by the Northern representatives. In 1938, Cavan beat Kerry, in 1949, Armagh beat Kerry, and in 1965, Derry beat Kerry.

Derry made their debut in a minor final in 1965 and won for the county a first inter-county title in any grade. Earlier that year, Derry won their only All-Ireland Colleges' title when St. Columb's beat Belcamp O.M.I., Dublin, after a replay. Their Ulster final win that year was also Derry's first.

Derry did not win out again in Ulster until last July, which means that the county is unbeaten in All-Ireland minor semi-finals.

Six counties are unbeaten in finals—Roscommon (1939-'41-'51); Tyrone (1947-48); Galway (1952-60); Meath (1957); Offaly (1964) and Derry, the last county to take the Tom Markham Cup to Ulster. A year later Down lost to Mayo in the final.

Derry are captained by forward Brian Ward of Ballinascreen. Tommy Diamond, who led the 1965 minor side, and last year captained the county to its only other national inter-county victory, is

the first footballer to lead successful teams in both the minor and under-21 All-Ireland football finals.

Cork are captained by Eamonn Fitzpatrick, of St. Finbarr's.

Here is how the teams won their way to the final. Derry were first in the field:—

April 13—(at Ballinascreen)—Derry 5-10; Down 0-1.

July 20—(at Coalisland)—Derry 3-7; Antrim 1-4.

July 27—(at Casement Park)—Derry 1-9; Tyrone 0-5.

August 31—(at Croke Park)—Derry 0-14; Wexford 3-4.

This works out at 9-40 (67 points), or 16.75 points per game, and only 4-14 (26 points), or 6.50 points per game, were scored against them.

Seamus Mullan is top scorer with 2-19. Sean McGeehan scored 2-3, Martin O'Neill 0-7, Michael Moran 1-4, Eamonn Broolly 2-0, Brian Ward 1-3, B. Kelly 1-1, Eugene Lavery 0-2, and S. Coyle 0-1.

Cork had three games, as follows:

May 25—(at Cork)—Cork 4-14; Clare 0-5.

July 20—(at Cork)—Cork 3-11; Kerry 0-12.

August 10—(at Croke Park)—Cork 4-9; Galway 1-8.

Cork also scored a total of 67 points, but their goals record is, of course, greater than Derry's. Their actual tally is 11-34, and their match average is almost six points higher than Derry's, at 22.33 points per game.

But they conceded two points more than Derry. The total scored against them was 1-25, at an average of 9.33 points per game.

Scorers: John Courtney 1-14, Declan Barron 3-6, Pat Lonergan 2-4, Hugh Sullivan 2-3, Eamonn Fitzpatrick 2-0, Donal Curran 1-1, Emmet Hallinan 0-4, John Coleman 0-1, D. Murray 0-1.

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The Cork minor team who beat Galway, 4-9 to 1-8, in the All-Ireland semi-final.

CORCAIGH

Dathanna : Dearg is Bán
(Red and White)

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|---|--|---|
| (1) A. Ó Briain
A. O'Brien
(St. Finbarrs) | (3) G. Ó Súilleabháin
G. O'Sullivan
(Beara) | (4) D. Ó Maoldomhnaigh
D. Muldowney
(Fermoy) |
| (2) P. S. de Barra
P. J. Barry
(St. Nicholas) | (6) M. Ó Dochartaigh
M. Doherty
(St. Nicholas) | (7) C. Ó hAirtneid
C. Hartnett
(Millstreet) |
| (5) B. Ó Murchú
B. Murphy
(Nemo Rangers) | (8) S. Ó Colmáin
S. Coleman
(Millstreet) | (9) E. Ó hAileanáin
E. Hallinan
(Macroom) |
| (10) D. S. Ó Curráin
D. J. Curran
(Ballyphehane) | (11) E. Mac Giolla Phádraig
E. Fitzpatrick (Capt.)
(St. Finbarrs) | (12) A. Ó Súilleabháin
A. O'Sullivan
(Kanturk) |
| (13) S. Ó Curnáin
J. Courtney
(Glanworth) | (14) D. Ó Bearráin
D. Barron
(Bantry) | (15) P. S. Ó Lonargáin
P. J. Lonergan
(Fermoy) |

Fir Ionaid : (16) D. T. Ó Muirithe (D. T. Murrhy, St. Finbarrs); (17) S. Ó Súilleabháin (S. O'Sullivan, Douglas); (18) C. Sisk (C. Sisk, St. Finbarrs); (19) G. Ó hAinligh (G. Hanley, Shamrocks); (20) D. Ó hÉalaithe (D. Healy, St. Finbarrs).

CORCAIGH	Cúil Goals	Cúilíní Points	Seachai Overs	50 Sl. 50's	Saor-Chiceanna Free Kicks
1adh Leath (1st Half)					
2adh Leath (2nd Half)					
Ieamlán (Total)					



The Derry team who beat Wexford, 0-14 to 3-4, in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Réiteoir : B. LOWTH (Ath Cliath)

DOIRE

Dathanna : Bán is Dearg
(White and Red)

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| | (1) S. Mac Eacháin
K. McGahon
(Ballerin) | |
| (2) P. de Búrca
P. Burke
(Banagher) | (3) L. Ó Murchú
L. Murphy
(Dungiven) | (4) P. Mac Dhurcáin
P. McGurkin
(Ballinderry) |
| (5) B. Ó Cearnaigh
B. Carney
(Doire Colmcille) | (6) M. Ó Moráin
M. Moran
(Glen) | (7) R. Ó hOsáin
R. Hasson
(Dungiven) |
| (8) E. Ó Laibheartaigh
E. Laverty
(Lavey) | | (9) A. Mac Gualraic
H. McGoldrick
(Bellaghy) |
| (10) S. Ó Maoláin
S. Mullan
(Ballerin) | (11) B. Mac an Bháird (Capt.)
B. Ward
(Ballinascreen) | (12) T. Mac Uilliam
T. McWilliams
(Kilrea) |
| (13) M. Ó Néill
M. O'Neill
(Kilrea) | (14) S. Mac Gaoithín
S. McGeehan
(Ballinascreen) | (15) G. Ó Néill
G. O'Neill
(Greenlough) |

Fir Ionaid : (16) P. Mac Oitir (F. McCotter, Kilrea); (17) S. Mac Giolla Chomhail (S. Coyle, Dungiven); (18) M. Ó Brolcháin (M. Bradley, Slaughtneil); (19) U. Mac Conmidhe (V. Conway, Ballinascreen); (20) S. Mac Giolla Bhuí (J. McGilloway, Doire Colmcille).

DOIRE	Cúil Goals	Cúilíní Points	Seacháí Overs	50 Sl. 50's	Saor-Chiceanna Free Kicks
1adh Leath (1st Half)					
2adh Leath (2nd Half)					
Iomlán (Total)					



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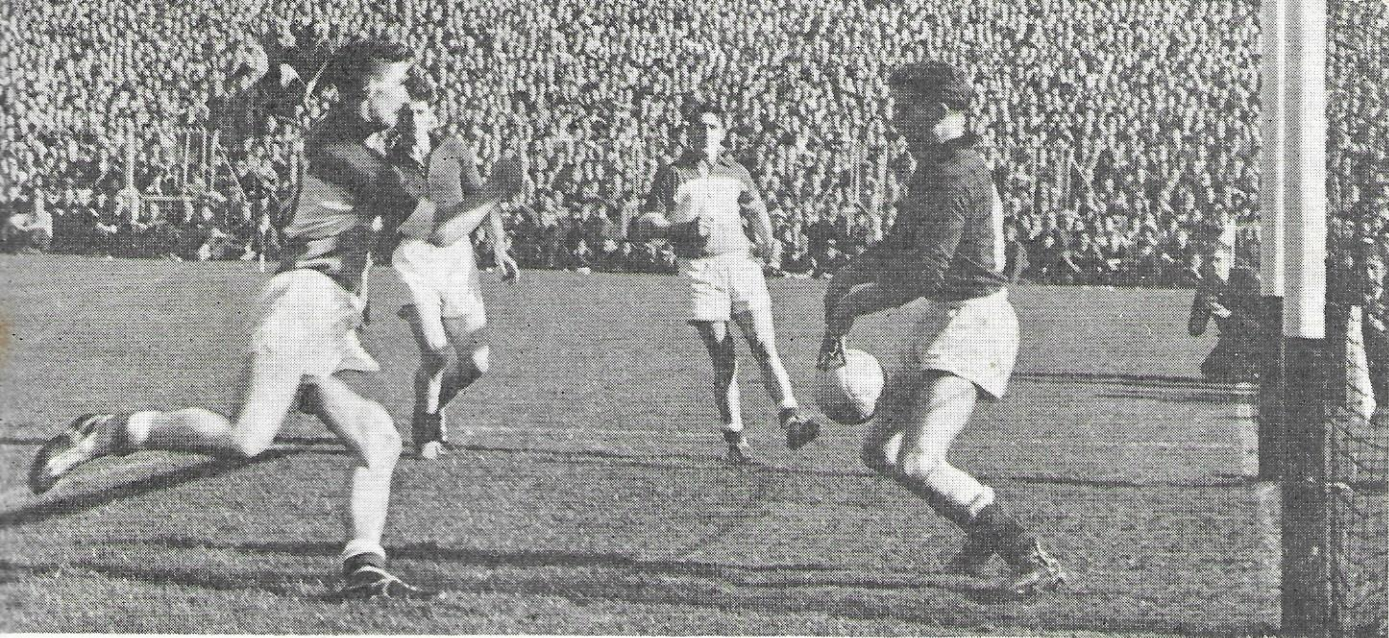
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Offaly on the attack in the 1961 All-Ireland final against Down.

ANSEO IS ANSIÚD

THE first All-Ireland football final was played on April 29, 1888, between the Limerick Commercials and Dundalk Young Irelands. Limerick won by 1-4 to 0-3. Yet, because there were no provincial championships in 1887 and that first All-Ireland was played on the open draw system, Limerick did not win their first Munster football title until 1896 . . . and Louth did not win a Leinster crown until 1909.

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No money was available to provide medals at the end of the first championships, but the commitment was not forgotten and when the money was available, the medals were presented, some twenty years later! By then, half of the winning twenty-one of the Limerick Commercials were either dead or in exile.

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That first All-Ireland final was played at Clonskeagh. The ground was up the road to the right at the Donnybrook bus station. Part of what was then the playing pitch is now covered by the De La Rue playing-card factory. But part of it is still a Gaelic pitch, the far corner of the

U.C.D. club's new ground at Greenfields, part of the enlarged Belfield campus.

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Kerry won their first All-Ireland title—in hurling. In the final of the 1891 Championship, they beat Wexford on February 28, 1892, in the old Clonturk Park, off Drumcondra Road, long ago built over.

On that day, for one shilling, patrons got tremendous entertainment. First, the All-Ireland football semi-final between Dublin and Cavan, then the All-Ireland hurling final between Kerry and Wexford and finally the All-Ireland football final between the semi-final winners and Cork.

Dublin's Young Ireland's readily beat the Cavan representatives in the opening game. But there was high excitement in the subsequent hurling final, for the teams finished level. Kerry won their one and only senior hurling crown after extra time, and then the footballers of Cork and Dublin stepped out in their final.

Dublin started in smashing style, seemingly unaffected by their earlier exertions against Cavan, but they soon ran out of steam. Cork completely domin-

ated the closing minutes. But in those far-off days a goal outweighed any number of points. Dublin had scored two goals in their early burst. Cork got one goal, but, no matter how hard they tried, they could not get a second, and the final score, with Dublin winners was, to us, the remarkable one of—Dublin 2-1, Cork 1-9.

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Kerry's first appearance in a football final came just one year later, against the same Dublin Young Ireland's and at the same Clonturk Park. The date was March 26, 1893, the final was that of 1892, and the Kingdom led by the great J. P. O'Sullivan of Killorglin and his Laune Rangers had not the same first-time luck in hurling as in football for Dublin won by 1-4 to 0-3.

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The first football final played on the present pitch, then Jones's Road, now Croke Park, was the 1895 decider between Tipperary's Arravale Rovers and Meath's Navan Mahony's. Tipperary won by a point, 0-4 to 0-3, before a huge crowd that included the

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Welsh rugby team. The real kick came on the following morning, however, when a letter appeared in the newspapers from the referee stating that he should have disallowed one of the Tipperary points, and the proper result should have been a draw!

That certainly posed a problem for Central Council which met on the following Saturday to discuss the whole matter. But there was no sensation after all, or at least not the sensation that many people expected. The Meath representative, on behalf of the Mahonys, said they had been fairly beaten. Eventually Central Council gave Meath a special set of gold medals because of their sportsmanship.

Most people believe that when Kerry won their first football All-Ireland the team they beat in the final was Kildare. That is wrong. It was in the home final that Kerry beat Kildare, after two replays. The team Kerry met and beat in that 1903 All-Ireland final was London-Irish captained by none other than Sam Maguire. Incidentally, that game against London-Irish was the first time Kerry ever wore the green and gold jerseys.

On the same day a Limerick man, Tim Doody, set an all-time record when he played with London in both the hurling and football finals on the same afternoon.

The biggest score and the biggest margin ever in an All-Ireland senior football final were set up by Cork in the 1911 final (played on January 14, 1912). They beat Antrim by 6-6 to 1-2.

Wexford set an all-time record between 1913 and 1918 when they appeared in six successive All-Ireland finals. The Slaneysmen won four-in-a-row from 1915 to 1918, a feat equalled once—by Kerry in 1929-1932. Dublin and Kerry have both appeared in five successive finals, Dublin from 1920 to 1924 and Kerry from 1937 to 1941.

In 1925 the All-Ireland championship was not played out. Kerry beat Cavan by a point in their semi-final at Tralee. Cavan objected; Kerry counter-objected, and both counties were disqualified by Central Council. Meanwhile Mayo had beaten Wexford in the other semi-final. Wexford



The late Joe Barrett, legendary Kerry full back and winner of six All-Ireland medals in the years 1924, 1926, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932.

objected, and the objection was lost by a single vote.

Mayo were, for the moment, All-Ireland champions. But they had yet to play Galway in the 1925 Connacht final. Galway won that game and were, in turn, declared All-Ireland champions. Anyway, Central Council then decided on a four-county competition, in which Kerry refused to join, in lieu of the All-Ireland. Galway defeated both Wexford and Cavan in the new competition, and confirmed their claim

to the honours — except, of course, in Kerry.

Cavan's first appearance in an All-Ireland final was against the title-holders Kildare in 1928. This was a most exciting game, and Cavan seemed set to bring off the surprise of the decade when they led by a couple of points with time ebbing. However, then came a goal to Kildare, which Cavan supporters have always maintained should have been disallowed. Anyway, Kildare scraped through by a point. That was the day the Sam Maguire Cup was presented for the first time. The recipient was the Kildare captain, the late Bill "Squires" Gannon. And, oddly enough, the Lily Whites have never won the trophy since.

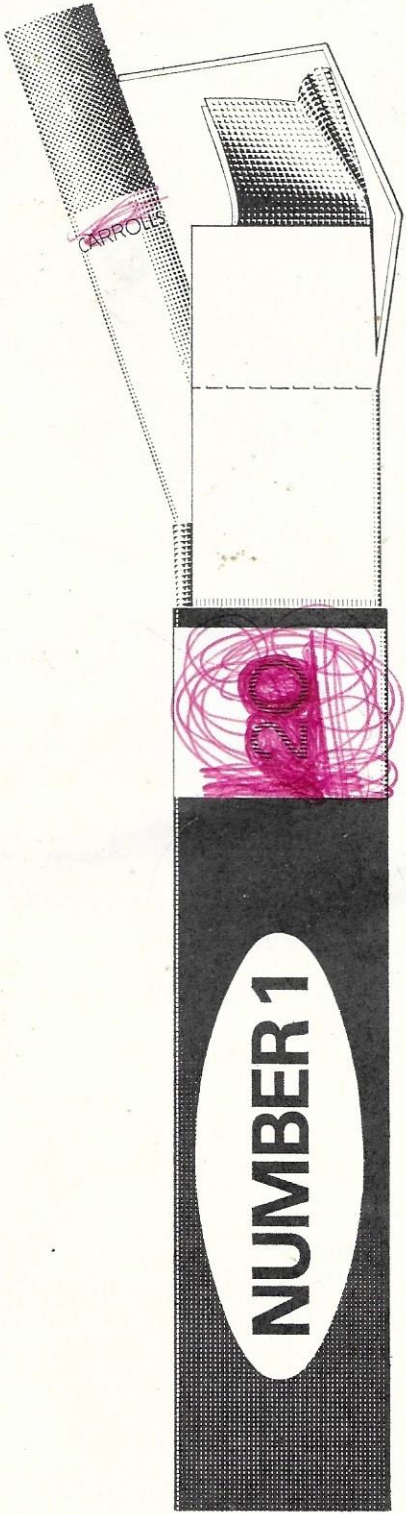
Kerry were supreme on the football fields from 1929 to 1933, and Cavan were the team who ended that winning run. The occasion was the 1933 All-Ireland semi-final played at Brehni Park. Cavan won with a late goal scored by Vincent McGovern from Virginia, a dental student in U.C.D. The Brehnimen, fittingly, then went on to win their first All-Ireland by defeating Galway in the final.

If Cavan were the first county to bring the Sam Maguire Cup to Ulster, Down were the first to bring the trophy across the Border when they defeated Kerry in the 1960 final. They retained the trophy in 1961 by defeating Offaly, the first and only occasion Offaly had reached this stage. But if Offaly failed to win the title, they share with Down a record that can never now be surpassed.

The attendance at that 1961 final — 90,556 — cannot be beaten because building since has considerably reduced the capacity of Croke Park.

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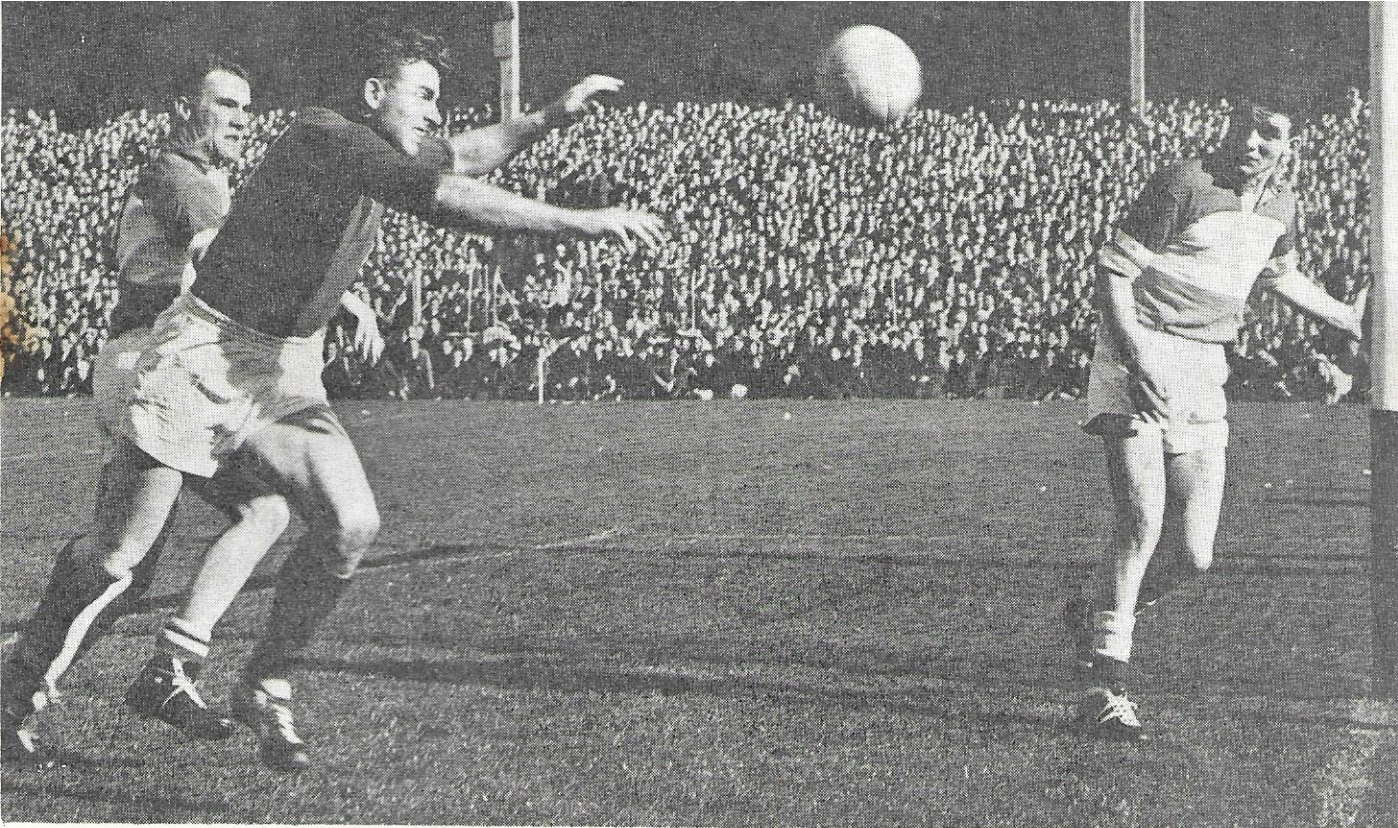
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Willie Nolan, the Offaly goalkeeper and captain, watches the ball go wide, despite the efforts of Down's P. J. McElroy, in the 1961 All-Ireland final. Greg Hughes—still Offaly's stalwart full back — is in the background.

SCORING FEATS

THE outstanding individual score in a senior football championship game in many years was recorded by Johnny Joyce, of Dublin, at Mullingar in May, 1960, in a Leinster match with Longford. He compiled 5-3, one point more than the Longford total of 3-8. Dublin scored 10-13 in that game.

Next in line is 3-7 by Brendan Hayden in a Carlow win over Kilkenny's footballers, at Kilkenny, in April 1963.

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Kerry were on the receiving end of the three premier individual scores in All-Ireland finals in the present decade. Cyril Dunne leads with 0-9 in Galway's win in 1964. In 1960, Paddy Doherty landed 1-5 for Down and two years later, Don Feeley scored exactly the same total for Roscommon.

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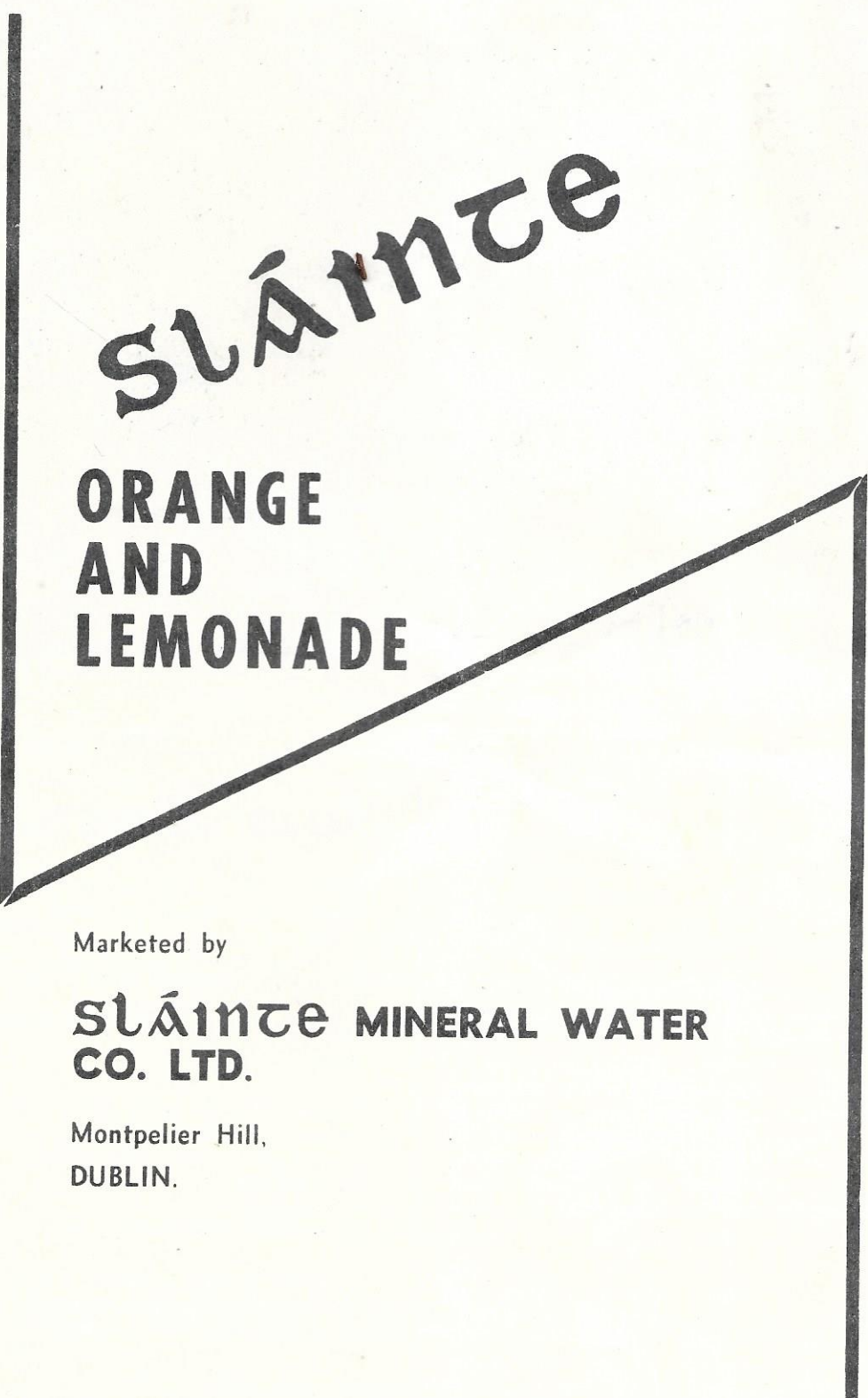
The 1964 and 1965 Galway-Kerry finals were the only ones that failed to yield at least one goal since the 1927 Kildare-Kerry game. In 1952, Cavan won their last title in a goal-less encounter with Meath, but that was a replay. The drawn match produced three goals.

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The All-Ireland champions of 1953—the Kerry team who beat Armagh in the final by 0-13 to 1-6.

ODDS AND ENDS

KERRY are in line for their first League and championship double since 1959, when Derry were beaten in the League final and Galway for the championship.

Johnny Culloty, Seamus Murphy, Mick O'Connell and Mick O'Dwyer helped to achieve that double. All four were also in Kerry's last championship winning side in 1962. Culloty won his third medal in that year, having played as a forward in the team that beat Dublin for the 1955 senior title.

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Down, winners over Kildare in the League and over Kerry in the championship, were the last team to complete the national double in the same year—1968.

Kerry, whose 20 titles put them out in front in the Roll of Honour, also lead as regards final appearances—33. Dublin come next with 23 and they are followed by Galway (14), Cork (13) and Cavan (10). At the other end, with one final appearance each, are Waterford, Clare, Monaghan, Armagh, Derry and Offaly. Those counties all made losing appearances.

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The 1928 final, in which Kildare beat Cavan, 2-6 to 2-5, to win their fourth title (they have not won the championship since) holds

an honoured place. It was the first for which the Sam Maguire Cup was presented. Kildare were captained by Bill Gannon.

A year later, Kerry won the trophy and they have put their name on the Cup more often than any other county—13 times. The last year that a new name was inscribed on the Cup was in 1960, when Down beat Kerry before a new attendance record of 87,768.

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That record went by the board a year later (90,556) when Offaly became the 22nd county, excluding London, to appear in the concluding round. Down have a 100 per cent record of success in All-Ireland finals—those of 1960, 1961 and 1968.

Limerick, who won the titles of 1887 and 1896, are the only county, other than Down, with an unbeaten record in All-Ireland senior football championship finals.

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The winners of the All-Ireland minor football championship receive the Tom Markham Cup. The first winners of the trophy were Roscommon, who beat Louth, in 1941.

Cork won both minor titles in 1967, only the second Munster county to achieve this double. Leading the way are Dublin, with doubles in 1945 and 1954. Tipperary gained both titles in 1934.

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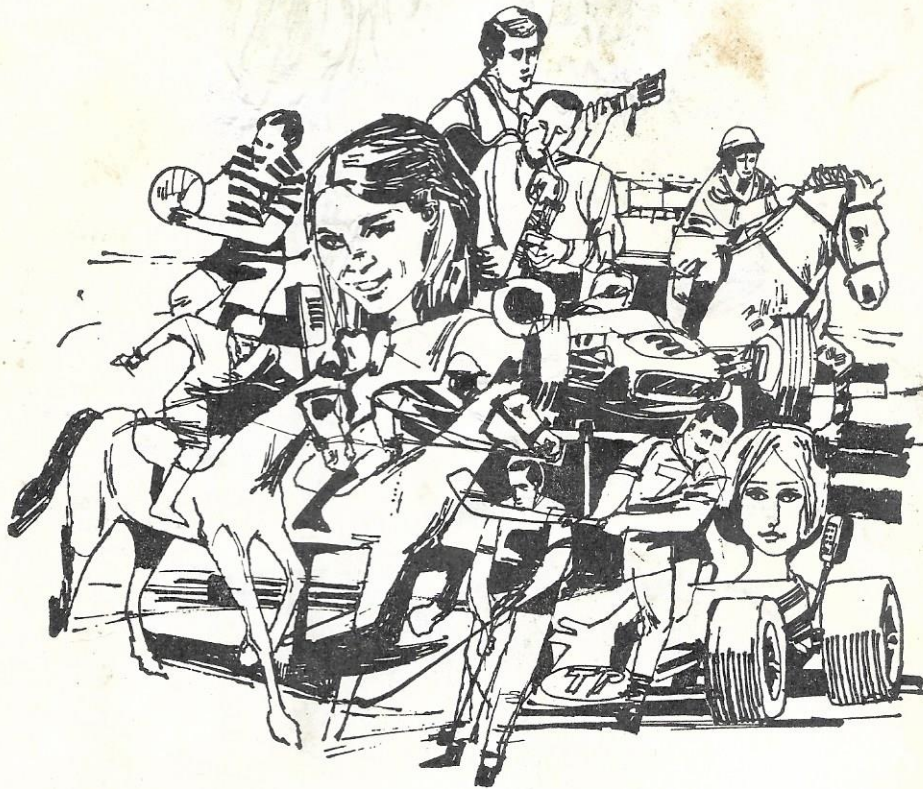
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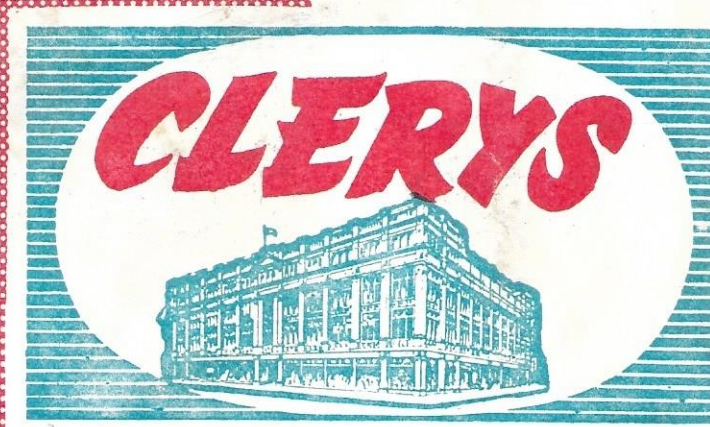
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