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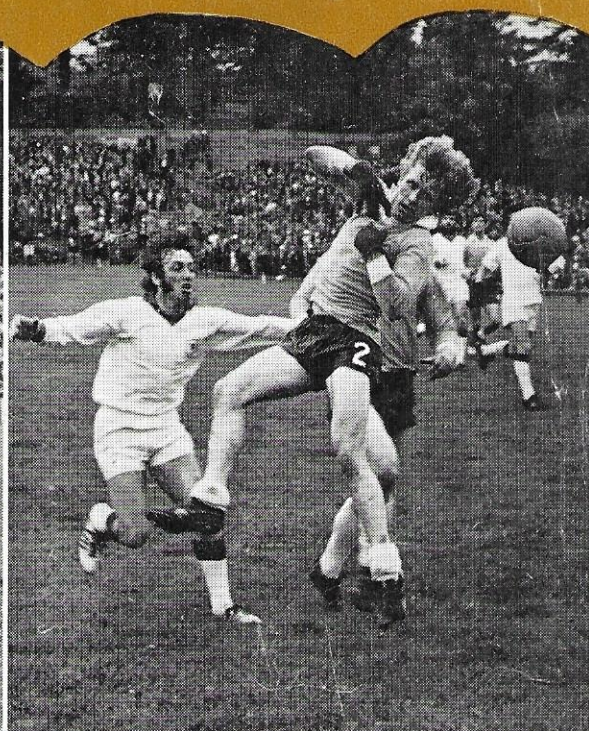
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DÚN na nGALL v UIBH FHAILÍ

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Mionúir

AN MHÍ v TÍR EOGHAIN

Réiteoir : S. Ó DUINNEAGÁIN (Corcaigh)

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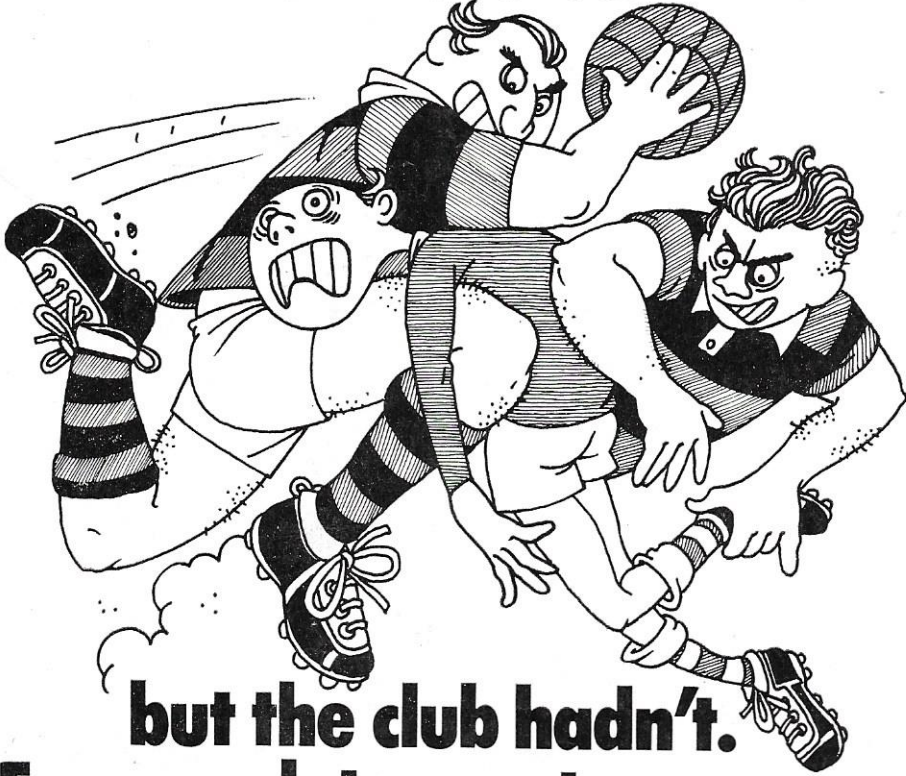


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The long wait is over



● Donegal backs in action against Tyrone in the Ulster final.

DONEGAL have had a long wait for this first-ever All-Ireland senior football championship semi-final appearance, but now that they have arrived it is certainly appropriate that on the way to this historic game, the players displayed that never-say-die spirit that has consistently marked the county's dedication to the national games down the years in the face of many disappointments.

Never-say-die spirit? It was strikingly in evidence in the drawn Ulster semi-final with Cavan at Irvinestown. Donegal conceded two morale-shattering goals in the first 16 minutes, and were five points in arrears at the interval. But they battled back bravely in the second half to earn a replay.

And, that great fighting heart helped them again when they made a third Ulster final appearance a winning one. Tyrone scored a goal just on half-time in that game—the right psychological moment for any team to goal, and a score that also left Donegal trailing by four points.

But the qualities the men from the North-West exhibited in such exciting measure in the comeback against Cavan were in evidence again in the concluding half of the Northern final, and eventually brought them through with five points to spare.

This never-say-die spirit, allied to strength and skill in all departments, leaves this Donegal team

worthy successors in the long line of Ulster champions.

Will the county now enjoy better fortunes at Croke Park than in the 'Sixties? Donegal produced some grand teams in the past decade, as is borne out by their feat in winning three Dr. Lagan Cup competitions in succession—1965, 1966 and 1967.

In those years the Dr. Lagan Cup winners qualified for the National League semi-finals. In the 1965 game Donegal lost heavily to Kerry, and a year later they went under by two points to Longford.

Then, in the 1967 semi-final they met the reigning All-Ireland senior champions, Galway, and put up their best display yet at headquarters when losing by three points in a game marked by one of the most talked-about penalty kicks of all time.

Donegal were leading by 2-1 to 0-4 after twenty-five minutes, when they were awarded a penalty. On a windswept day, the ball moved after the referee's whistle sounded, and was handled by the Donegal kicker. The net result was a free out for Galway, who won in the end by 1-10 to 2-4.

But, typical of the county's great dedication, Donegal came back two years later for another semi-final engagement in which they lost by 13 points to Offaly.

The 'Sixties were golden years for Ulster in the Railway Cup—six titles from 1960 to 1968—and Donegal men also played their parts in that great era. Current county captain Frankie McFeeley, then a teenager, was at centre half-forward in the 1963 final winning side—one of three Donegal men in the line-up. In 1968, when Ulster beat Leinster in the final, Declan O'Carroll went in as a substitute.

Donegal, in fact, was represented in every Ulster winning team in the Railway Cup finals from 1963 up to 1970, when Brian McEniff starred at right half-back in the victory over Connacht.

● The cover pictures show (left): Offaly versus Kildare in the Leinster final at Croke Park and (right): Donegal versus Tyrone in the Ulster decider at Clones.

A year later, again at No. 5, he was the county's only representative in the side that retained the trophy, and he also did duty for Ulster last February at Croke Park in the unsuccessful semi-final with Leinster. He went in as a substitute in that game.

Donegal's first Ulster senior final appearance was in 1963, when they lost to Down at Cavan by 2-11 to 1-4. Three years later they got through to their second provincial senior decider at Casement Park, Belfast, a game that was televised by both R.T.E. and the B.B.C., and in which Down again thwarted their high hopes. The Mourne County won that final by two points—1-7 to 0-8.

But the Donegal football history extends much further back than the luckless days of the 'Sixties. The county has been active since the early years, and they won their first Northern football crown in the junior grade in 1930. Now, the county's name is on every possible grade of championship football honours list in Ulster—one of only four Northern counties with this distinction.

The present team has accomplished an outstanding feat in following on from a not so distinguished campaign in Division II of the National League in 1971-72 by making this greatest-ever breakthrough for Donegal football. It is also a combination with the potential, and, as we have seen, the great fighting heart, to again do this county proud in this latest chapter of the championship story.

Matches en route

OFFALY had only two games in defence of their Leinster title, while Donegal had four engagements on the way to their first Ulster senior championship. The scoring returns show Offaly holding a marked advantage in attack, but Donegal have the better defensive record.

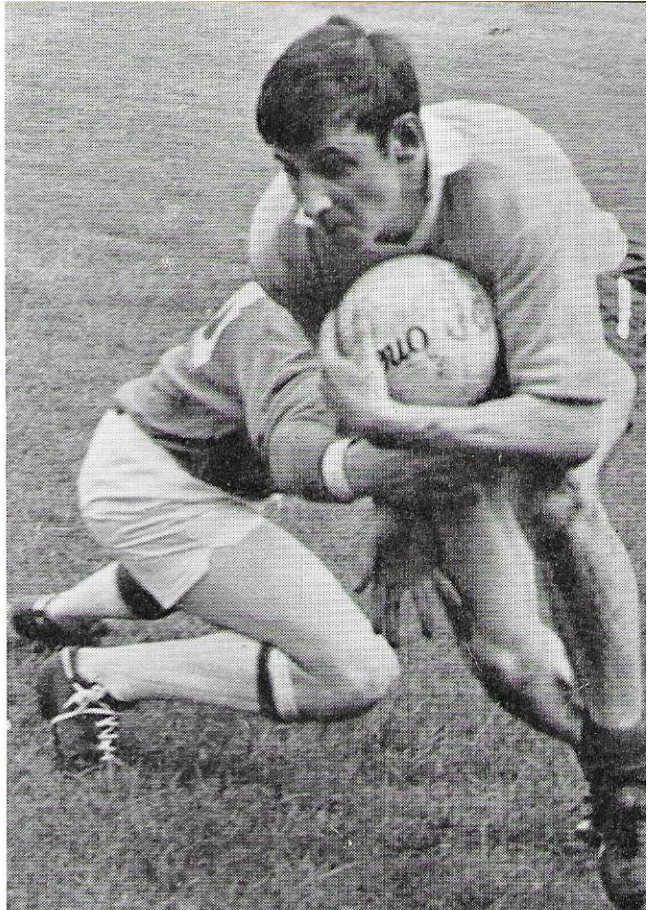
This will be Offaly's third successive outing at Croke Park in the current series. They had a bye to the Leinster semi-finals, and here is how they took their fifth provincial title since 1960:

June 25—Offaly 2-17; Meath 3-5.

July 23—Offaly 1-18; Kildare 2-8.

This adds up to 3-35 (44 points) for an average of exactly 22 points a game, and 5-13 (28 points) against, or 14 points a match.

Holding down a decisive lead in their scoring chart is Tony McTague with 0-14. Willie Bryan (1-3) and Nicholas Clavin (0-6) share second place. Kevin Kilmurray 1-2, John Cooney 0-4, Sean Evans 1-1, Seamus Darby 0-2, Murt Connor, Pat Fenning and Eugene Mulligan, with a point



● An example of forceful football by Donegal's Michael Sweeney in the Ulster final.

each, complete the list.

Donegal's history-making march started at home in the county:

June 18—(at Ballybofey)—Donegal 1-8; Down 0-8.

July 2—(at Irvinestown)—Donegal 0-12; Cavan 2-6 (Draw).

July 16—(at Clones)—Donegal 2-11; Cavan 1-9 (Replay).

July 30—(at Clones)—Donegal 2-13; Tyrone 1-11.

They averaged 14.75 points in each of those games for a combined score of 5-44 (59 points), and conceded 11.50 points a match at 4-34 (46 points).

As is the case with Offaly, one player, Joe Winston, is well ahead in the Donegal chart. The Letterkenny man is the top scorer for both teams with 0-26. Seamie Granaghan hit 1-5, Declan O'Carroll 0-6 and Martin Carney 1-2. They are followed by Mick Sweeney and Seamus Bonner with a goal each, Brian McEniff with 0-2, and Frankie McFeeley, Michael McMenamin and Hugh McClafferty, all with a point each.

Donegal's remaining goal was an "own goal" by a Cavan defender in the semi-final replay.

Back to their best form



● *Kevin Kilmurray . . . Offaly's centre-forward.*

A SIGN of real champions in any sport is the ability to come back in style from a morale shattering reverse. Offaly have measured up superbly to that challenge by virtue of their achievement in qualifying for this second successive All-Ireland senior semi-final.

There can be no doubt that the team that brought the Sam Maguire Cup to the county for the first time last September is entitled to rank with the great All-Ireland championship winning combinations. Nevertheless, as that proved the fulfilment of so many long years of valiant effort, the peak that had for so long appeared almost unattainable, it would have been understandable in a way if the Offaly men had failed to regain their earlier momentum following their dismissal from the National League last April by Mayo in a semi-final replay.

After all, that set-back, coming as it did after a long and testing campaign that included two

games in San Francisco in the spring, was tailor-made to dull the edge and the enthusiasm of any company of players, no matter how talented. That the Offaly footballers came battling back from such a tight corner, not only to retain the Leinster title, but to serve up top grade football into the bargain, emphasises the great qualities of this side.

It can safely be said, now, that Offaly have regained the form that kept them unbeaten in a tremendous run in competitive football, embracing the League, championship and Grounds' Tournament from a failure to Dublin at Croke Park in a League tie in November 1970 up to their defeat by the All Stars in the first game of the San Francisco two-match tie last March.

All in all, it is proving a truly remarkable era for Offaly. Since losing to Meath in a high-scoring and never-to-be-forgotten Leinster final in 1970, they have scored 20 wins and three draws in the top three competitions (League, championship and Grounds' Tournament), as against only one defeat, other than that one from Dublin already spotlighted—the League semi-final replay with Mayo. This survey, of course, does not include the two matches in the U.S.

But there are always new targets to be achieved by any county, and now Offaly are chasing a further one—they have yet to contest two All-Ireland senior football finals in a row.

This year's successful defence of the Leinster crown was not, however, the first time that Offaly accomplished such a feat. They broke the provincial barrier in 1960 for the first time with a win over Louth in the decider, and then lost the All-Ireland semi-final to Down in a replay. The following July they completed a first Leinster double against Dublin in the decider. In the semi-

final they had a decisive and history-making win over Roscommon.

Offaly, who lost the 1961 All-Ireland final to Down, had to wait eight years for their next Leinster title. In that 1969 season they mastered Kildare in the provincial final, and beat Cavan in an All-Ireland semi-final replay. Last year they put out Cork at this stage of the championship, which means they have a pretty impressive record in games at this juncture of the competition—three wins, two draws as against one defeat.

One man has shared prominently in all the triumphs, full-back and county selector Paddy McCormack. He now has five Leinster senior medals and is the only survivor from a McCormack, Greg Hughes, John Egan full-back line that will rank as one of the greatest in football.

McCormack, and most of the present side, of course, now have the poise and confidence that comes from an All-Ireland senior medal win, and which means so much in the repertoire of skills of any player. Then, Sean Lowry and Seamus Darby who have established themselves with the side since the All-Ireland final of last year, are blending into the general pattern superbly.

So, it can be truly said of Offaly that they are well equipped for this latest history-making bid.

PREVIOUS CLASH

OFFALY, who have figured in some historic games at Croke Park over the past thirteen seasons or so, had one of their unique wins there at the expense of Donegal in April 1969 in a National League semi-final. That was Donegal's fourth semi-final appearance in the League in five years.

The game was won and lost in the first quarter. The Ulster team started well, and looked impressive as they led by 0-2 to 0-1. Then, after twelve minutes, Sean Kilroy, the Offaly left full-forward, struck the first of two decisive blows.

He rose superbly to beat three Donegal defenders, and punch a fine goal from a Larry Coughlan centre. Less than a minute later Kilroy was back again to send a 30 yards drive all the way to the net.

Donegal tried hard to get back into the game. They had a goal disallowed in the 22nd minute, but five minutes later Mickey McLoone, their left half-forward, found the way through for a grand goal. However, Offaly kept a firm grip on



● *The grace of ballet dancing distinguishes this action study from the Leinster final between Offaly and Kildare.*

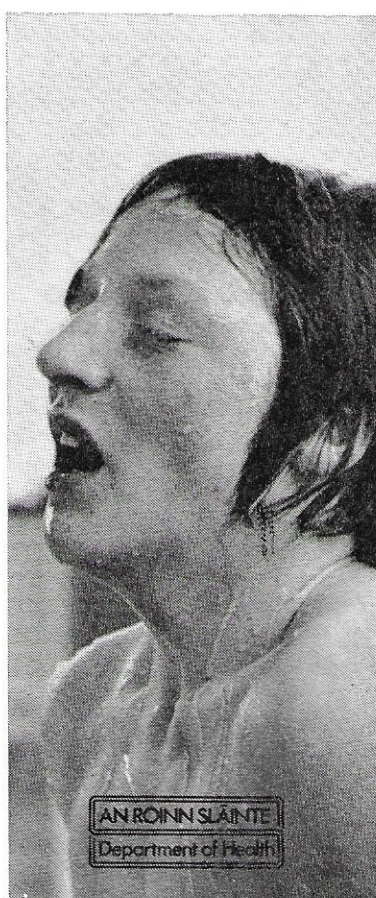
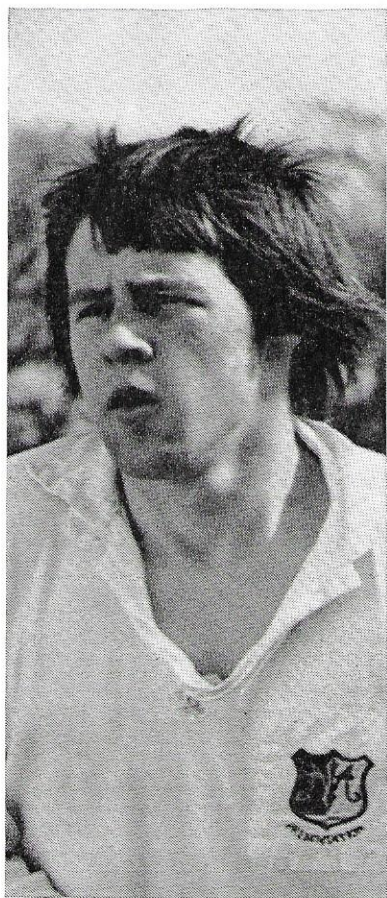
the match in the second half, and eventually finished decisive winners by 2-13 to 1-3—their first-ever National League semi-final victory.

Today's teams both have links with that 1969 game, with Offaly, in particular, having a noteworthy quota of survivors. The teams were:

OFFALY: Martin Furlong; Michael Ryan, Greg Hughes, Paddy McCormack; Eugene Mulligan, John Smith, Nicholas Clavin; Larry Coughlan, Ambrose Hickey; Pat Monaghan, Willie Bryan, Tony McTague; Michael O'Rourke, Joe Flynn, Sean Kilroy. Sub.: John Cooney for Flynn.

DONEGAL: Seamus Hoare; Donal Monaghan, John Hannigan, Paul Kelly; Brian McEniff, Mickey Griffin, Anton Carroll; Frankie McFeeley, Declan O'Carroll; Seamie Granaghan, Sean Ferriter, Mickey McLoone; Jim Bradley, M. McColgan, Jim Quigley. Subs.: P. Coneghan for Griffin, T. Gallagher for McColgan, L. Quaid for Hannigan.

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SEMI-FINAL SCORES

The following are the results of semi-finals since 1923. The venue for each game was Croke Park, unless stated.

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| <p>1923 Kerry 1-3; Cavan 1-2.
Dublin 1-6; Mayo 1-2.</p> <p>1924 Dublin 0-6; Cavan 1-1.
Kerry 1-4; Mayo 0-1.</p> <p>1925 Kerry 1-7; Cavan 2-3.
Mayo 2-4; Wexford 1-4.</p> <p>1926 Kerry 1-6; Cavan 0-1.
Kildare 2-5; Galway 0-2.</p> <p>1927 Kerry 0-4; Leitrim 0-2—Tuam.
Kildare 1-7; Monaghan 0-2—Drogheda.</p> <p>1928 Cavan 2-5; Sligo 0-4—Cavan.
Kildare 3-7; Cork 0-2—Cork.</p> <p>1929 Kerry 3-8; Mayo 1-1—Roscommon.
Kildare 0-9; Monaghan 0-1.</p> <p>1930 Monaghan 1-6; Kildare 1-4.
Kerry 1-9; Mayo 0-4—Roscommon.</p> <p>1931 Kerry 1-6; Mayo 1-4—Tuam.
Kildare 0-10; Cavan 1-5—Cavan.</p> <p>1932 Mayo 2-4; Cavan 0-8.
Kerry 1-3; Dublin 1-1.</p> <p>1933 Galway 0-8; Dublin 1-4—Mullingar.
Cavan 1-5; Kerry 0-5—Cavan.</p> <p>1934 Galway 1-8; Cavan 0-8—Tuam.
Dublin 3-8; Kerry 0-6—Tralee.</p> <p>1935 Cavan 1-7; Tipperary 0-8.
Kildare 2-6; Mayo 0-7.</p> <p>1936 Mayo 1-5; Kerry 0-6—Roscommon.
Laois 2-6; Cavan 1-5.</p> <p>1937 Kerry 2-3; Laois 1-6 (Draw)—Cork.
Cavan 2-5; Mayo 1-7—Mullingar.
Kerry 2-2; Laois 1-4 (Replay)—Waterford.</p> <p>1938 Galway 2-10; Monaghan 2-3—Mullingar.
Kerry 2-6; Laois 2-4.</p> <p>1939 Kerry 0-4; Mayo 0-4 (Draw).
Meath 1-9; Cavan 1-1.
Kerry 3-8; Mayo 1-4 (Replay).</p> <p>1940 Galway 3-8; Meath 2-5.
Kerry 3-4; Cavan 0-8.</p> <p>1941 Kerry 0-4; Dublin 0-4 (Draw).
Kerry 2-9; Dublin 0-3 (Replay)—Tralee.
Galway 1-12; Cavan 1-4.</p> <p>1942 Dublin 1-6; Cavan 1-3.
Galway 1-3; Kerry 0-3.</p> <p>1943 Roscommon 3-10; Louth 3-6.
Cavan 1-8; Cork 1-7.</p> <p>1944 Roscommon 5-8; Cavan 1-3.
Kerry 3-3; Carlow 0-10.</p> <p>1945 Cork 2-12; Galway 2-8.
Cavan 1-4; Wexford 0-5.</p> <p>1946 Kerry 2-7; Antrim 0-10.
Roscommon 3-5; Laois 2-6.</p> | <p>1947 Cavan 2-4; Roscommon 0-6.
Kerry 1-11; Meath 0-5.</p> <p>1948 Cavan 1-14; Louth 4-2.
Mayo 0-13; Kerry 0-3.</p> <p>1949 Meath 3-10; Mayo 1-10.
Cavan 1-9; Cork 2-3.</p> <p>1950 Mayo 3-9; Armagh 0-6.
Louth 1-7; Kerry 0-8.</p> <p>1951 Mayo 1-5; Kerry 1-5 (Draw).
Meath 2-6; Antrim 1-7.
Mayo 2-4; Kerry 1-5. (Replay).</p> <p>1952 Meath 1-6; Roscommon 0-7.
Cavan 0-10; Cork 2-3.</p> <p>1953 Armagh 0-8; Roscommon 0-7.
Kerry 3-6; Louth 0-10.</p> <p>1954 Meath 1-5; Cavan 0-7.
Kerry 2-6; Galway 1-6.</p> <p>1955 Kerry 2-10; Cavan 1-13 (Draw).
Dublin 0-7; Mayo 1-4 (Draw).
Kerry 4-7; Cavan 0-5 (Replay).
Dublin 1-8; Mayo 1-7 (Replay).</p> <p>1956 Cork 0-9; Kildare 0-5.
Galway 0-8; Tyrone 0-6.</p> <p>1957 Cork 2-4; Galway 0-9.
Louth 0-13; Tyrone 0-7.</p> <p>1958 Dublin 2-7; Galway 1-9.
Derry 2-6; Kerry 2-5.</p> <p>1959 Kerry 1-10; Dublin 2-5.
Galway 1-11; Down 1-4.</p> <p>1960 Kerry 1-8; Galway 0-8.
Down 2-7; OFFALY 1-10 (Draw).
Down 1-7; OFFALY 1-5 (Replay).</p> <p>1961 Down 1-12; Kerry 0-9.
OFFALY 3-6; Roscommon 0-6.</p> <p>1962 Kerry 2-12; Dublin 0-10.
Roscommon 1-8; Cavan 1-6.</p> <p>1963 Galway 1-7; Kerry 0-8.
Dublin 2-11; Down 0-7.</p> <p>1964 Galway 1-8; Meath 0-9.
Kerry 2-12; Cavan 0-6.</p> <p>1965 Kerry 4-8; Dublin 2-6.
Galway 0-10; Down 0-7.</p> <p>1966 Galway 1-11; Cork 1-9.
Meath 2-16; Down 1-9.</p> <p>1967 Cork 2-7; Cavan 0-12.
Meath 3-14; Mayo 1-14.</p> <p>1968 Kerry 2-13; Longford 2-11.
Down 2-10; Galway 2-8.</p> <p>1969 Kerry 0-14; Mayo 1-10.
OFFALY 0-12; Cavan 1-9 (Draw).
OFFALY 3-8; Cavan 1-10 (Replay).</p> <p>1970 Meath 0-15; Galway 0-11.
Kerry 0-23; Derry 0-10.</p> <p>1971 Galway 3-11; Down 2-7.
OFFALY 1-16; Cork 1-11.</p> |
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● The Donegal team who beat Tyrone by 2-13 to 1-11 in the Ulster final at Clones on July 30.

DÚN na nGALL

Dathanna : Ór is Glas
(Gold and Green)

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|--|--|--|---|
| (1) A. Ó Catháin
A. Kane
(Ballyshannon) | (2) D. Ó Muineacháin
D. Monaghan
(Donegal Town) | (3) P. Mac Sé
P. McShea
(Ballyshannon) | (4) A. Ó Curráin
A. Curran
(Convoy) |
| (5) B. Mac Connuibh
B. McEniff
(Bundoran) | (6) A. Ó Gallechóir
A. Gallagher
(St. Eunans) | (7) A. Ó Cearúill
A. Carroll
(Gweedore) | (8) S. Ó Cnáimhsí
S. Bonner
(Donegal Town) |
| (9) P. Mac Ficheallaigh (Capt.)
F. McFeeley
(Sean McCumhalls) | (10) M. Ó Cearnaigh
M. Carney
(Ballyshannon) | (11) M. Mac Meanmain
M. McMenamin
(Sean McCumhalls) | (12) D. Ó Cearúill
D. O'Carroll
(Bundoran) |
| (13) S. Mag Reannacháin
S. Granaghan
(Bundoran) | (14) M. Mac Suibhne
M. Sweeney
(St. Eunans) | (15) S. Winston
J. Winston
(St. Eunans) | |

Fir Ionaid: (16) R. Ó Síoráin (R. Sheerin, Ballyshannon); (17) S. Ó Buaigh (J. Boyce, Roger Casements); (18) D. Mac Gaoithín (D. McGeehan, Glenties); (19) T. Ó Cuinn (T. Quinn, Ballyshannon); (20) A. Mac Laifearthaigh (H. McClafferty, Downings).

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



● The Offaly team, 1-18 to 2-8 winners over Kildare in the Leinster final at Croke Park on July 23.

UIBH FHAILÍ

Dathanna : Glas, Buí is Ór
(Green, White and Gold)

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| | (1) M. Furlong
M. Furlong
(Tullamore) | |
| (2) M. Ó Riain
M. Ryan
(Erin's Isle, Ath Cliath) | (3) P. Mac Cormaic
P. McCormack
(Rhode) | (4) S. Mac Gabhann
J. Smith
(Gracefield) |
| (5) E. Ó Maolagáin
E. Mulligan
(Rhode) | (6) S. Ó Labhraí
S. Lowry
(Ferbane) | (7) M. Ó hEimhigh
M. Heavey
(Rhode) |
| (8) L. Ó Briain
W. Bryan
(Éire Óg) | (9) L. Ó Cochláin
L. Coughlan
(Ballymore Eustace) | |
| (10) S. Ó Cuanáigh
S. Cooney
(Erin's Rovers) | (11) C. Mac Giolla Muire
K. Kilmurray
(Daingean) | (12) A. Mac Tadhg (Capt.)
A. McTague
(Ferbane) |
| (13) P. Ó Fionnáin
P. Fenning
(Tullamore) | (14) S. Ó hEimhín
S. Evans
(Ballyfore) | (15) S. Mac Diarmada
(S. Darby)
(Rhode) |

Fir Ionaid : (16) N. Mac an Airchinnigh (N. Kinnarney, St. Columbas); (17) M. Mac an tSaoir (M. Wright, Daingean); (18) M. Ó Conchúir (M. Connor, Éire Óg); (19) L. Ó hAnluain (L. Hanlon, Daingean); (20) S. Mac Giolla Rua (S. Kilroy, St. Carthages).

UIBH FHAILÍ	Cúil Goals	Cúilíní Points	Seacháí Overs	50 SL 50's	Saor-Chiceanna Free Kicks
Iadh Leath (1st Half)					
2adh Leath (2nd Half)					
Iomlán (Total)					



● Tyrone, winners of the Ulster minor title with a 3-6 to 1-6 victory over Cavan.

TÍR EOGHAIN

Dathanna : Bán is Dearg
(White and Red)

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| (1) P. Ó Coirealláin
P. Kerlin
(Eoghan Ruadh) | (4) D. Ó Dálaigh
D. Daly
(Killeshil) |
| (2) G. Mac Gualraic
G. Goodwin
(Dungannon) | (7) I. Ó Dochartaigh
J. O'Doherty
(Omagh) |
| (5) O. Ó Néill
O. O'Neill
(Omagh) | (9) D. Mac Cionnaoith
D. McKenna
(Augher) |
| (8) P. Mag Uiginn (Capt.)
F. McGuigan
(Ardboe) | (12) S. Ó hAodha
J. Hughes
(Coalisland) |
| (10) M. Ó Cuinn
M. Quinn
(Stewartstown) | (15) P. Ó Cuinn
P. Quinn
(Aghaloo) |
| (13) T. Mac Cathmhaoil
T. Campbell
(Omagh) | |
| (11) B. Ó Néill
B. O'Neill
(Clonoe) | |
| (14) M. Ó hAirt
M. Harte
(Ballygawley) | |

Fir Ionaid : (16) D. Ó Ceinneide (D. Kennedy, Dungannon); (17) P. Ó Gruagáin (F. Groogan, Carrickmore); (18) M. Mac Giolla Chomhaill (M. Coyle, Carrickmore); (19) S. Ó Cuinneagáin (J. Cunningham, Pomeroy); (20) S. Mac Daibhéid (J. McDaid, Omagh).

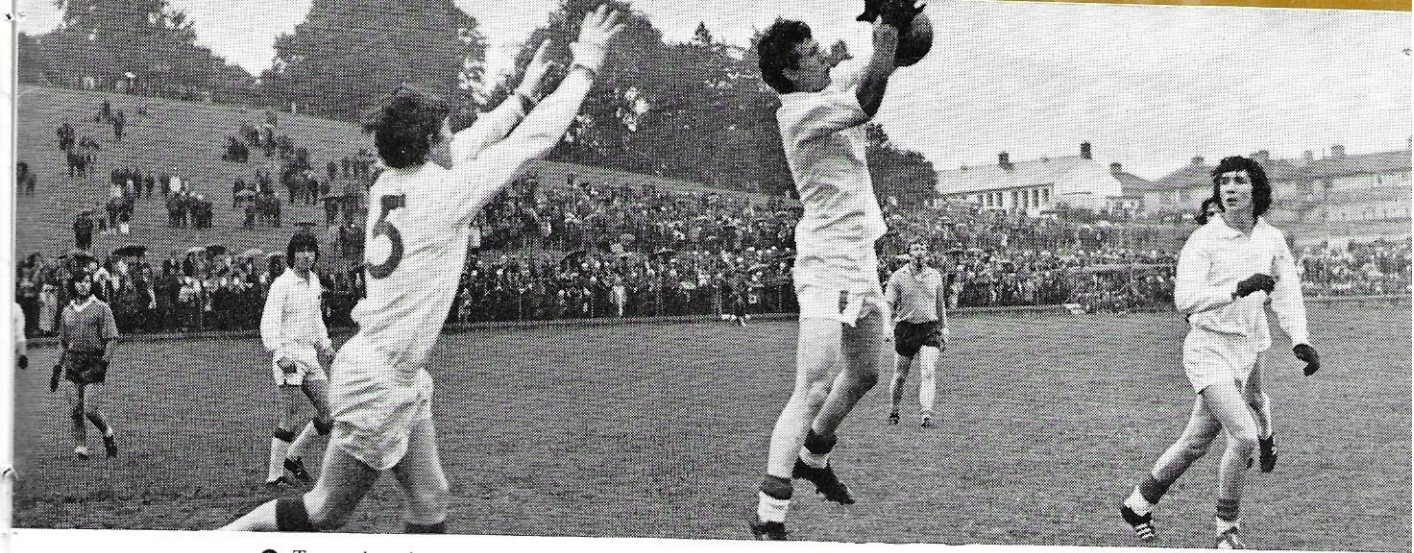
TÍR EOGHAIN	Cúil Goals	Cúilíní Points	Seacháí Overs	50 Sl. 50's	Saor-Chiceanna Free Kicks
1adh Leath (1st Half)					
2adh Leath (2nd Half)					
Iomlán (Total)					

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● Tyrone's minors in action against Cavan in the Ulster final at Clones on July 30.

NA MIONÚIR

THAT Donegal are history-makers this year in senior football is now well known, but are you aware that Tyrone also go into their All-Ireland minor football semi-final with a new record behind them? Their win over Cavan at Clones gained the county a ninth Ulster championship in this grade, and the lead in the provincial Roll of Honour. Last year, by winning their first crown in four seasons, Tyrone joined Armagh on top of the list.

The Ulster standard-bearers are bidding for a first final appearance since 1948, when Tyrone won the All-Ireland championship for the second successive season. Last August the county's hopes were foiled in the semi-final by Mayo, who went on to win the All-Ireland.

In sharp contrast, Meath are appearing in only their second All-Ireland semi-final. They won out in Leinster for the first time in 1957, beat Mayo, and then made it another double joy-day with a final win over Armagh.

Leinster teams have not been enjoying the best of success in semi-finals of late. Laois last gave the province a direct interest in a decider by beating Roscommon in 1967, and, almost unbelievably, no team from the province has won the national crown since Offaly took their first title in 1964.

Ulster's last victorious semi-final was 1969, when Derry outscored Wexford.

Both Tyrone and Meath have displayed good form on the way to this clash. Tyrone averaged 14 points a game, three points-plus fewer than the Meath figure of 17.33. However, the Ulster

men had only 8.33 points per game scored against them compared with Meath's 11.

Tyrone had three games in Ulster. They beat Donegal by 1-6 to 0-6, and then scored a semi-final win at Dungannon on July 23 over Derry by 1-15 to 1-7. They retained the provincial title with a 3-6 to 1-6 victory over Cavan at Clones on July 30.

This gives them a combined score of 5-27 (42 points) for, and 2-19 (25 points) against.

Meath also had three outings in Leinster. They started off with a 2-15 to 3-4 win over Wicklow, then outscored Offaly by 1-11 to 0-7 in the provincial semi-final at Portlaoise on July 16. A week later they foiled a Dublin bid for a titles treble at Croke Park on the score 3-8 to 1-10.

They hit ten points more than Tyrone at 52 (6-34) and conceded eight points more—33 at 4-21.

Tyrone mid-fielder and captain Frank McGuigan went in as a substitute in the Ulster senior final after winning his provincial minor medal, and he was also a star for the Under-21 squad that won the Ulster title last Sunday in a final replay with Derry.

Forwards Declan Kennedy and Tommy Campbell, and H. Mooney and G. Goodwin in defence are others who have caught the eye in the series so far, while to the fore for Meath have been Jack Kennedy, a two goal hero of the Leinster final, Gerry Dempsey, another goal-getting forward, and Mick Conroy, Pat Callinan and Gerry Reynolds, in defence, and Joe Cassals at mid-field.

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| (1) S. Ó Caoimh
J. O'Keefe | (3) P. Mac Neachtain
P. Naughton | (4) M. Ó Deá
M. O'Dea |
| (2) S. Breathnach
J. Walsh | (6) M. Ó Conchúir
M. O'Connor | (7) D. Magennis
D. Magennis |
| (5) T. Ó Sírideáin
T. Sheridan | (8) M. Mac Dónail
M. McDonald | (9) L. Ó Máirtín
L. Martin |
| (10) L. Ó Cearnaigh
W. Carney | (11) M. Ó Mórdha
M. Moore | (12) D. Ó Mórdha
D. Moore |
| (13) T. Mac Thréinir
T. Creamer | (14) S. Mac Neachtain
S. Naughton | (15) P. Mac Ranaill
P. Reynolds |

Fir Ionaid : (16) L. Ó Caoimh (L. O'Keefe); (17) T. Ó Conchúir (T. O'Connor); (18) R. Haughney (R. Haughney); (19) G. Foréis (G. Forrest); (20) N. Foréis (N. Forrest).

NA FIANNA

Dathanna : Búí is Gorm
(Yellow and Blue)

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| (1) C. Ó Fagáin | (2) M. Ó Néill
M. O'Neill | (3) P. Ó Fógartaigh
P. Fogarty | (4) N. Ó Cuinn
N. Quinn |
| (5) E. Ó Loingsigh
E. Lynch | (6) B. Cúipéir
B. Cooper | (7) S. Ó Sírideáin
J. Sheridan | (8) S. Síthigh
J. Sheehy |
| (9) D. Ó Maolomhnaigh
D. Moloney | (10) P. Ó Murchú
P. Murphy | (11) A. Ó Neachtáin
H. Norton | (12) D. Ó Caomhánach
D. Kavanagh |
| (13) G. Ó Naíonáin
G. Nynan | (14) A. Mac Ghallóglaigh
A. Ingoldsby | (15) D. Ó Gamhna
D. Gaffney | |

Fir Ionaid : (16) B. Ó hAillín (B. Allen); (17) S. Ó Cuinn (J. Quinn); (18) C. Briain; (19) T. Ó Fuarain (T. Foran); (20) M. Ó Murchú (M. Murphy).

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Cúil Goals	Cúilíní (Points)	Seacháí (Overs)	50 Sl. (50's)	Saor- Chiceanna (Free Kicks)	Cúil Goals	Cúilíní (Points)	Seacháí (Overs)	50 Sl. (50's)	Saor- Chiceanna (Free Kicks)



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The Adult competition will commence on October 1st and continue until the Final on the 18th March, 1973.

Seo leanas na dátaí i gcóir na Comórtaisí Cúige

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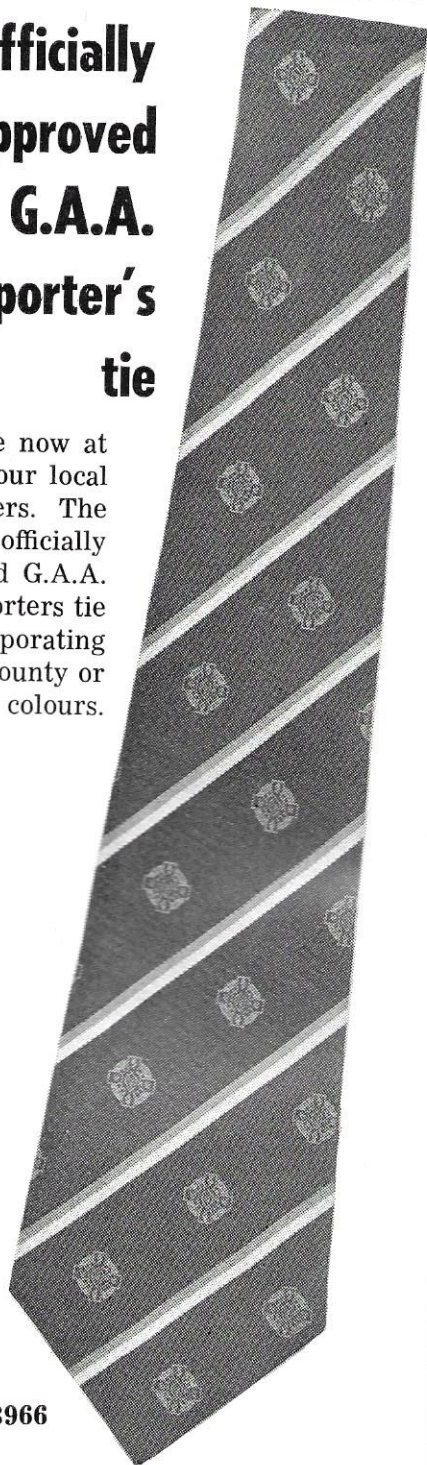
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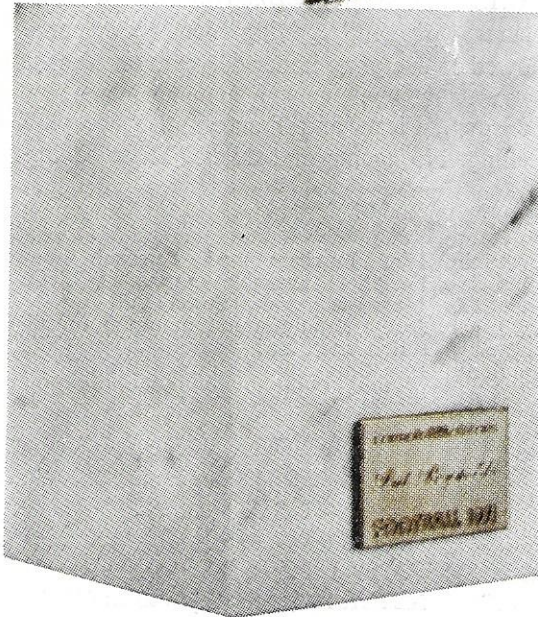
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