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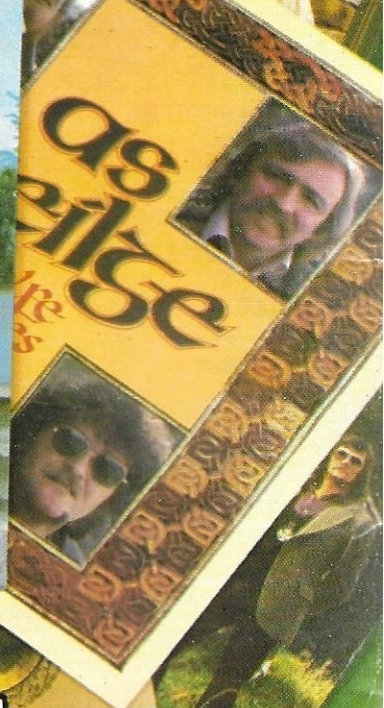
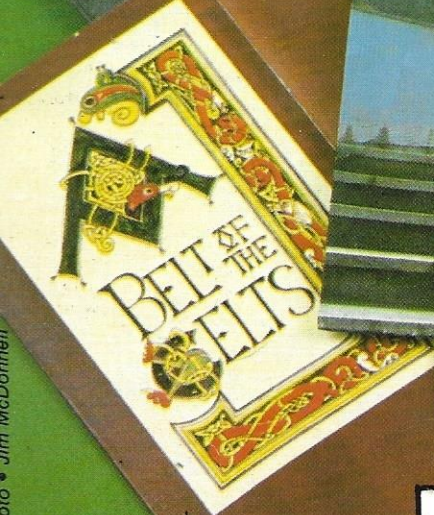
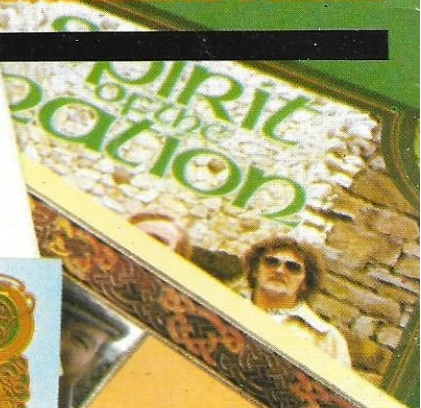
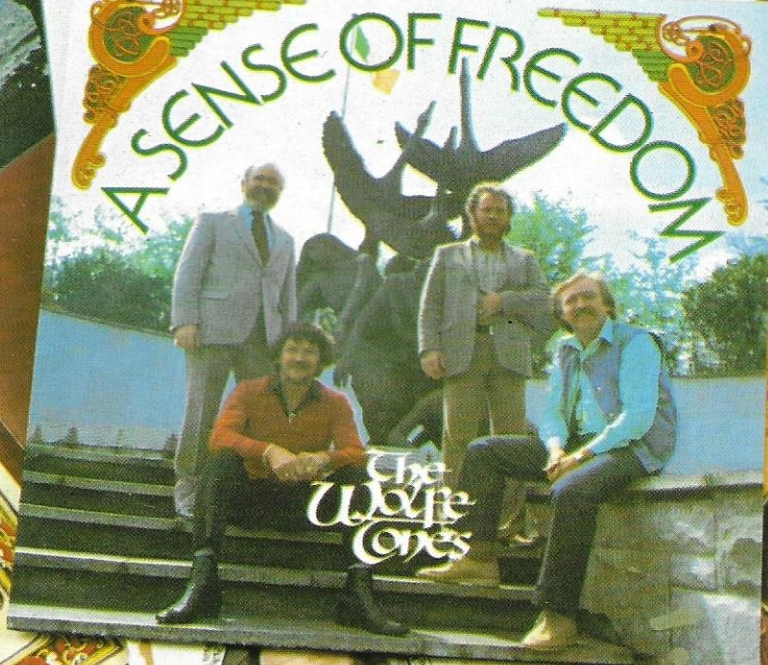
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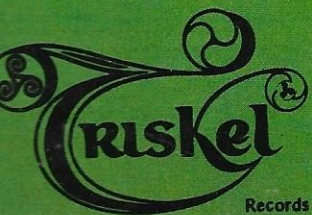
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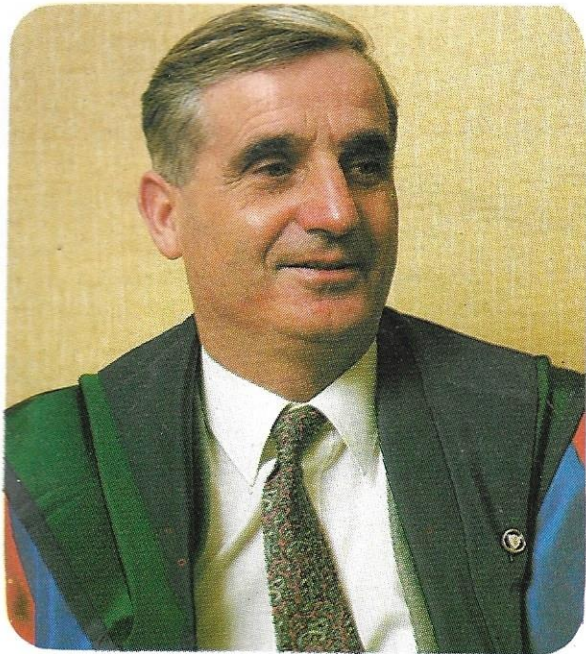
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Today's pairing of Baile Átha Cliath and Ciarraí in the Senior game is the game all football followers anticipated for the All-Ireland Final in this Centenary Year. Those great rivals have dominated the All-Ireland Championship in the last decade and have changed the game of Gaelic Football.

I appeal to the spectators to continue the friendly county rivalry of which the Gaelic Athletic Association is justifiably proud and hope that the sportsmanship off the field will not tarnish the reputation which has been earned by successive generations of members and supporters.

The image of the Association is something which should concern us all. It is vitally important, particularly in this year of celebration, that our games be presented in an attractive and pleasing way. Our supporters can help to make this day a great day for us all by co-operating with the stewards and Gardaí and showing their appreciation of the skills of all four teams in a sporting way.

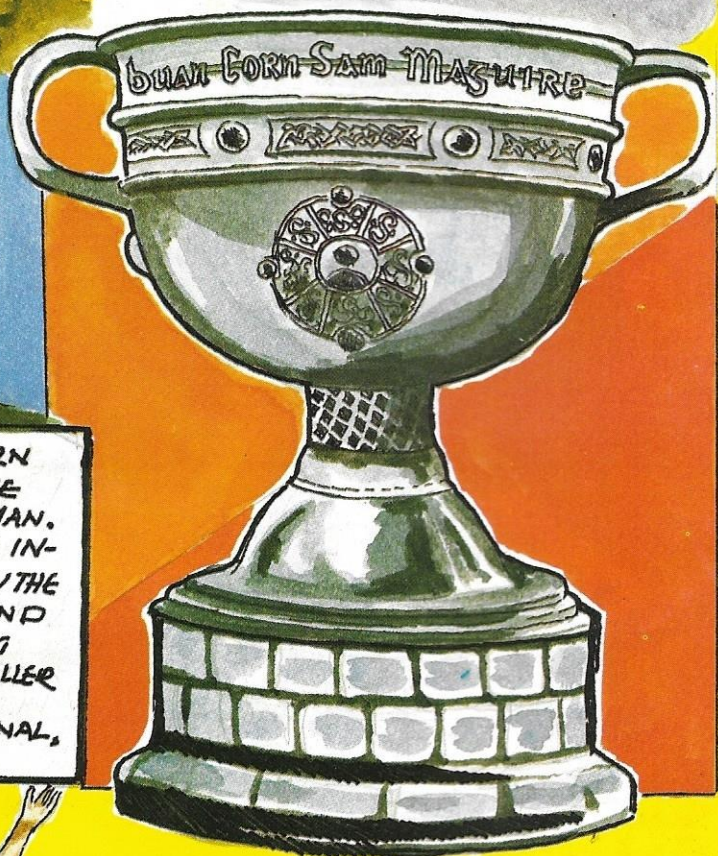
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- 2.03 Ciarraí – 1959, Jubilee team introduced by Micheál Ó Hehir.
- 2.10 Tús an Dara-leath
- 2.40 Bronnadh Corn Tom Markham ag an Dr. T. Ó Muiris.
- 2.48 Arrival of An Taoiseach; Ard Stiúrtóir agus a bhean.
- 2.50 Buíon Cheoil Ard Aidhin.
- 2.55 Introduction of Senior All-Ireland Football Surviving Captains by Micheál Ó Hehir.
- 3.16 Uachtarán na hÉireann, An Dr. Ó hIghile.
- 3.17 Gairm An Uachtarán (Presidential Salute)
- 3.30 **Cluiche Ceannais Peile na hÉireann BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH v CIARRAÍ**  
Réiteoir: Padraig Ó Coileáin (Iarmhí)
- 4.05 Leath-am Buíon Cheoil Ard Aidhin
- 4.55 Bronnadh Corn Mhic Ghuidhir, ag Pádraig Uas Ó Bogaigh, Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

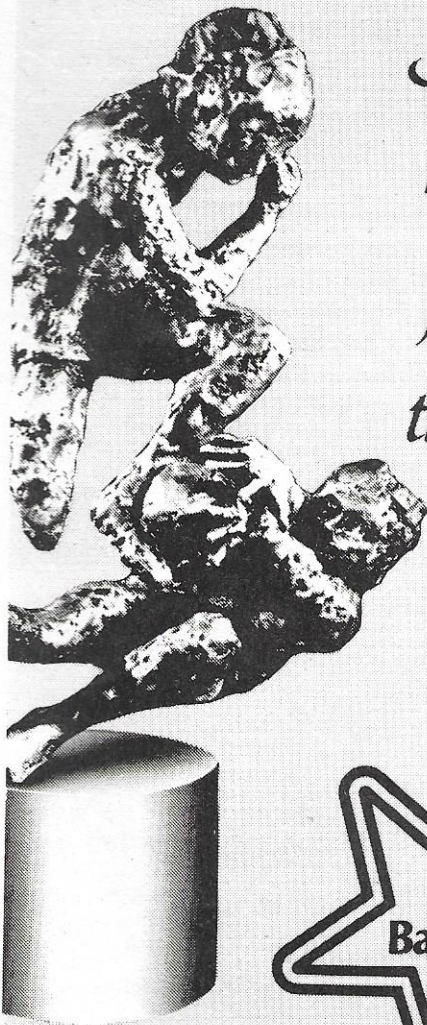
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## Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh

Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh who possess one of the most distinctive voices on radio and television has been broadcasting since 1949. It was by accident he became a commentator as he went along to an audition in Croke Park with a few friends from St. Patrick's Training College for "a bit of crack".

Born near Dingle, Co. Kerry and living in Dublin since 1948, Micheál has a deep interest in and commitment to Gaelic Games, the Irish Language and music.

Ní trí theisme a d'éirigh chomh héachtach le Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh mar thráchtair raidió agus mar agallóir den scoth. Fear is ea é a bhfuil eolas mion cruinn aige ar imirt na peile, ar oiliúint foirne, ar mheon agus ar mhianta peileadóirí, is cuma cad as iad. Rud eile, más fíor féin gur Ciarraíoch Micheál (cé bheadh in amhras air?) níl ceist riamh ná go dtugann sé cothrom ionraic na Féinne d'aon fhoireann ná d'eon imreoir a thagann faoi thrácht aige.

Ach baineann buanna le Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh níos doimhne ná aon tréith acu sin. Fear is ea é nach miste don imreoir is lú tábhacht in Éirinn súi chun boird leis ar a shuaimhneas agus aghaidh a thabhairt gan scáth ar cheisteanna Mhichíl mar is Críostaí go smior é an Muircheartach, meas ar a chomharsa aige agus urraim do chearta agus do mhóthála an té is goilliúnaí inár measc. Níl aon scáil ann den díomas úd a chuireann faitíos ar dhaoine labhairt le lucht cumarsáide uaireanta.

Ní hionadh go bhfuil meas air mar sin, meas air as an



gcumas, as an gcáiréis agus as an scrupall a léiríonn sé ina chúram craolaithe, pé saghas é: tráchtáireacht, tuairisc, agallamh nó ceannas boird. Ní theipeann riamh ar mhúineadh ná ar mhíne Mhichíl. Ach más ea, is mó ná meas atá air: tá cion agus greann an phobail tuillte le fada aige as a shéimhe gan sotal agus as a charthanas uilechoiteann, is cuma cé thagann faoi thagairt aige, ná faoi agallamh raidió. Fear gairmiúil groí, fear caoin Críostaí. Cá beag san de theist ar éinne?

In 1982 he left his teaching job in O'Connell Schools and joined Radio na Gaeltachta. He reports daily on political and current affairs. He is RTE's commentator on greyhound

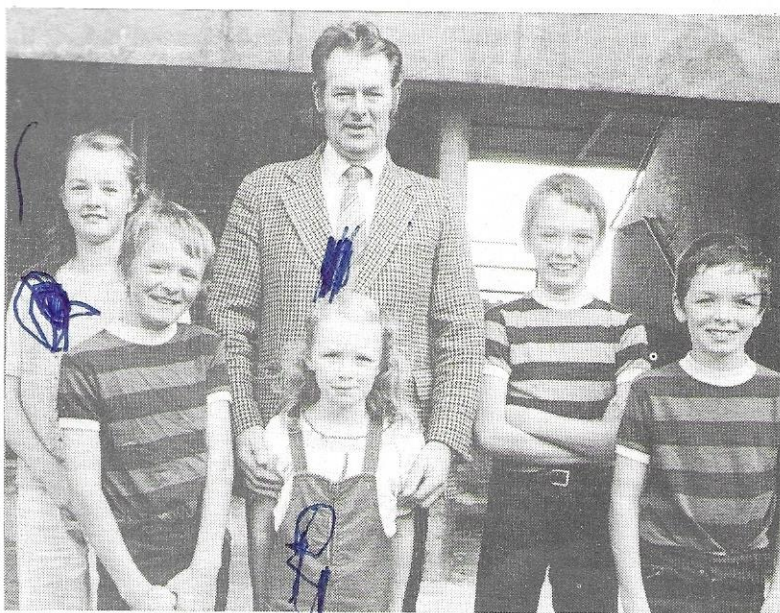
racing and as he says himself "I nearly always own one dog".

Micheál is a keen golfer with a category two handicap.

It is around All Ireland time that Micheál displays his enormous talents and capacity for hard work. From the Friday to the Monday he will be involved in oneway or another with most of the radio and television programmes on the Finals. But despite his heavy schedule, he never seems to hurry or get excited. He has time for a word with everyone he meets.

Micheál and his wife Helena live with their five daughters and three sons in Blanchardstown, Co. Dublin. Naturally his family has a keen interest in sport and in particular Gaelic Football. Though his family were born in Dublin they are firm supporters of Kerry and it will come as no surprise if in the not too distant future, Eammon, Cormac and Aonghus are seen wearing the Kerry jersey in Croke Park with their Daidí describing the action.

Gura fada buan é.



Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh agus cúigear clainne in Ardán Uí Ógáin Uachtar Páirc An Chrótaigh.

# Liffeysiders Bogey



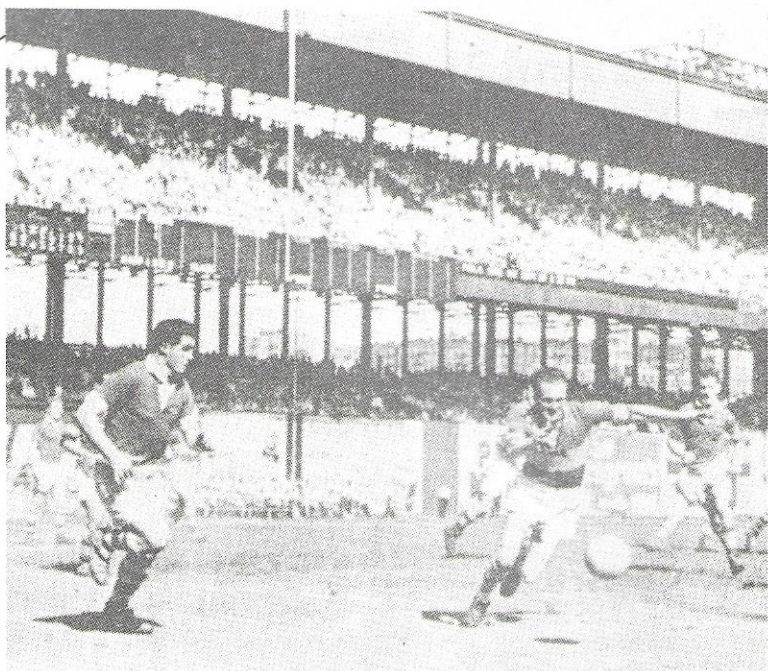
Baile Átha Cliath and Ciarraí will link in the most tangible way possible two of the most important eras in the history of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael when they line up at Páirc An Chrócaigh in the All-Ireland senior football championship final.

C.L.G. was 50 years old in 1934, and the Golden Jubilee was marked by varying celebrations. On the playing fields, Baile Átha Cliath and Ciarraí came out in their respective provinces in senior football and clashed in the All-Ireland championship – but that year at the semi-final stage.

Ciarraí were striving to return to the top after one of the greatest periods in the county's proud record in the championship. They were on the road to a record making sequence of five All-Ireland senior championships in succession when they travelled to Breffni Park, Cavan, for the 1933 semi-final against the home county.

An Cabhán ended the Southern hopes, winning by 1-5 to 0-5, and their team, led by Jim Smith in majestic style from centre half back, beat Gaillimh to take the Sam Maguire Cup to Ulster for the first time.

Ciarraí returned to the All-Ireland semi-final scene the next year, but even though they had ground advantage, Tralee, on the second Sunday in September of the Golden Jubilee Year of 1934 they were well beaten never the less by Baile Átha Cliath, who had eleven points to



*Paddy Kennedy Ciarraí stops An Cabhán's advance in the Polo Grounds 1947.*

spare at the final whistle – 3-8 to 0-6.

However, the Leinster men's hopes of a Jubilee Year All-Ireland were ended by Gailling, who gained worth-while compensation for their defeat of the previous year by An Cabhán by winning 3-5 to 1-9.

It is not so surprising that just over 50 years after that Golden Jubilee Year championship clash Baile Átha Cliath and Ciarraí are in line for the Centenary title. These counties have made wonderful contributions to the development and advancement of football, and have provided some of the greatest players and the greatest teams. Little wonder, then, that they proudly set the standard as far as national senior championship wins are concerned with Ciarraí by far the champion competitors when it comes to finding the right answers in the series.

The Centenary Final will command a special place in the annals of football – the unique nature of the occasion will ensure that.

Historians will doubtless link the game with other matches in which Ciarraí were involved, notably the All-Ireland finals of 1947 and 1960. Those years do not mark championship titles for the Southerners, but the Kingdom can still take justifiable pride for the roles they played in two of the most momentous finals ever.

## **Polo grounds**

The 1947 final ranks as the only senior decider played outside of Ireland. An Cabhán and Ciarraí qualified for the decider, which had been arranged for the Polo Grounds in New York, and that was only two years after World War II had finally come to an end.

The game drew an attendance of 34,941, and was played in intense heat. Ciarraí matched the weather with a blistering start. A point by Gega O'Connor early on was soon followed by a brilliant solo goal from Batt Garvey, and fifteen minutes after the throw-in, the Munster champions were eight points in front.



# David and Goliath'

But then, the Northern captain and centre half back, John Joe O'Reilly really stormed on the scene. He inspired and prompted his team in magnificent style as An Cabhán went resolutely about improving the depressing position. And, with strong support from Mick Higgins, who led the attack superbly, and the accurate Peter O'Donoghue, who hit eight immaculate points, An Cabhán battled back to achieve probably the county's greatest-ever win – 2-11 to 2-7.

The 1960 final was to prove a doubly historic game. An Dún made their debut in a Sam Maguire Cup game that season, and the fickle fortune of sport decreed that their opponents were Ciarraí.

Many called it a true "David and Goliath" affair at the time, and not surprisingly so. Ciarraí were defending champions, with 19 titles then to their credit, and had a powerful side that included Mick O'Dwyer at left half back, Mick O'Connell at midfield, and the late Paudie Sheehy, team captain, in attack.

However, before a then attendance record of 87,768, it was An Dún, prompted by Kevin Mussen, their captain at right half, Paddy Doherty, Sean O'Neill and James McCartan, who played like "Goliath" to record a comprehensive 2-10 to 0-8 win and bring the Sam Maguire Cup across the Border for the first time in history.

Baile Átha Cliath have also marched side by side with history. They beat Gaillimh in 1958 to reach the All-Ireland final, in which the opposition was provided by a Jim McKeever-led side from Doire, the first from the county to qualify for a Sam Maguire Cup final game.



*Paddy Doherty An Dún Captain after being presented with the Sam Maguire Cup by Aodh Uas Ó Broin Uachtarán C.L.G. 1961.*

Kevin Heffernan was captain of Baile Átha Cliath, and he proved a bright ace as well in their attack, as the Leinster champions foiled the Doire hopes of bringing the trophy across the Border for the first time.

## First-timer

There was an element of a first-timer as well to the Baile Átha Cliath victory. When Heffernan stepped up to receive the trophy he was the first man to lead the Liffesiders to an All-Ireland senior championship in 16 years, with the result that many natives of the county saw Baile Átha Cliath take the national crown for the first time that afternoon.

The 'Fifties were also the years that marked the arrival of St. Vincent's as a power in Dublin club football... a team composed of natives of the county who captured many county titles and sparked a real revival at inter-county level. That revival went from strength to strength, and reached a great peak in the 'Seventies.

Anton O'Toole and Brian Mullins, of the current team, were there in 1974 when Baile Átha Cliath surprised many by beating Gaillimh in the All-Ireland senior football final. They were also on duty in the final defence of the Sam Maguire Cup the following September against a very youthful team from Ciarraí.

All but three of the challengers' side were under 24 years of age at the time, and the know-alls said that the Ciarraí team lacked the maturity and Páirc An Chrócaigh experience necessary to dethrone the champions.

Baile Átha Cliath opened promisingly with a grand long range point kicked by Brian Mullins after two minutes. The challengers reply was swift and lethal.

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Mickey Sheehy dropped around the Baile Átha Cliath square and the alert John Egan was on hand to avail of some uncertainty in the champions' defence to slam the ball home for a goal, and a lead that Ciarraí never subsequently lost.

The defeat of Baile Átha Cliath set the tongues wagging and the typewriters clacking about Ciarraí being the Liffeysiders "bogey" side. The loss meant that the Leinster county was then without a championship win over Ciarraí in 41 years, stretching right back to the Golden Jubilee Year semi-final at Tralee.

And the comments were bandied about all over the place yet again as the counties prepared for another championship show-down in 1976 – and with the Sam Maguire Cup yet again the prize. It was, then, a classic confrontation, and drew a crowd of 73,558 that now stands as the record for the reconstructed Páirc An Chrócaigh.

Brian Mullins and Bernard Brogan were midfield masters for Baile Átha Cliath, and provided the basis for a spectacular win at 3-8 to 0-10 that well and truly ended the stories of Ciarraí as a bogey side. Anton O'Toole, who played at right half forward, and John McCarthy, at left full, were other stars for the Leinster men.

That was a day that Baile Átha Cliath really "came of age" as they collected the All-Ireland crown for the 19th time, and they underlined that point just under a year later by beating Ciarraí

in an All-Ireland semi-final that was a classic in every sense, and one of the best-ever advertisements for the game. The Liffey men then ended Ard Mhacha's ambitions of All-Ireland glory in the final.

Baile Átha Cliath lost their grip on the Sam Maguire Cup in 1978, when they found Ciarraí too good for them in the final. Other defeats from the Kingdom followed (1979 final) and some seasons in the shadows before Baile Átha Cliath got back on top just a year ago by outscoring Gaillimh in the decider.

Ciarraí and Baile Átha Cliath, then, have been the dominant powers in the game in recent times. Uíbh Fhailí have had a brief spell rubbing shoulders with glory when Seamus Darby scored his last gasp goal that is now part of football's folklore to deorive the Munster county almost on the whistle of a place apart in the game with five titles in succession. That 1982 defeat by Uíbh Fhailí marked Ciarraí's last appearance in a Sam Maguire Cup, and the Mid-



Peter Rooney (right) An Dún long serving forward.

landers are also the only county other than the "Big Two" of recent times to win the trophy since 1974.

Interestingly enough, Ciarraí are again in line this year to "come of age" in terms of Sam Maguire Cup wins.

## 21st Title

They won their 21st All-Ireland senior championship in 1969 in what many still refer to as Din Joe Crowley's game. Crowley was at midfield with Mick O'Connell and he has a wonderful game, as he exerted a match-winning dominance against Uíbh Fhailí.

However, that win was by no means a one-man show. Johnny Culloty, who captained the team, brought off some great saves in goal, and was not beaten once, while Seamus Fitzgerald and Tom Prendergast in defence, were also great.

The Sam Maguire Cup, first presented for the 1928 final, was won initially by Ciarraí in the second season of the trophy as the prize. The 1981 win over Uíbh Fhailí was the 20th Sam Maguire Cup success.

Baile Átha Cliath have won the trophy seven times – and that is just one short of the title wins in Sam Maguire Cup games of the other Leinster counties combined.

The Centenary Year final, then, brings into opposition two counties with long traditions in the game, the best records of all the counties concerned, and also a recent history for some of the most exciting and most colourful chapters in the long story of the All-Ireland senior football championship. In short, they link the past, the present, and the hopes for the future, through their excellence in the modern game, in the best possible manner.

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# Baile Átha Cliath

Baile Átha Cliath will appreciate better than most the fickle fortunes of sport if they make a successful defence of the All-Ireland senior football championship.

After all, the final is a far cry from a rainy day at Lurgan in February when the All-Ireland champions lost a low scoring game to Ard Mhacha by 0-7 to 0-5 in the National League. With that defeat came their demotion to Division II of the League for the 1984-85 series. Many must then have felt that the Liffesiders' hopes of a good championship run in Centenary Year were about as bleak as that February afternoon.

Those feelings were not eased a few months later when Baile Átha Cliath managed to score only two points from play as they were surprisingly beaten by Iarmhí by 0-7 to 0-5 at Mullingar in the first round of the Centenary Cup.

But the champions lost no time after that in showing that they were far from a spent force. They had experienced All-Ireland campaigner Anton O'Toole, who did not play during the League, back again at full forward for the first round tie against Loch Garman.

Baile Átha Cliath stepped up on their earlier form. With John Caffrey very effective in his third mid-fielder rôle, Jim Roynane, Mick Holden and Barney Rock, who scored 2-4, also filling prominent roles, the champions gave a promising showing as they powered to a clear-cut 4-12 to 0-9 win.

There were those who



*P. J. Buckley Baile Átha Cliath Star in the All Ireland semi final clears upfield against Tir Eoghain.*

maintained that Baile Átha Cliath were back in all their old glory, while others argued that it was much too early to talk in such terms.

Úíbh Fhailí provided the opposition in the next round, again at Páirc An Chrócaigh and they too, found the champions in buoyant mood, and went out rather tamely by 0-13 to 0-5. That win put Baile Átha Cliath into the Leinster final against An Mhí, who had earlier appeared championship winning material when they beat Muineachán in the Centenary Cup final.

Even though the men from the Royal County did not quite live up to that form in their march to the championship decider, more than natives of An Mhí felt the team had a strong chance of bringing about a change of champions in the East at least.

It is an indication of the great interest the game aroused that 56,051 spectators passed through the Páirc An Chrócaigh turnstiles. And, any lingering doubts there may have been around the country as to the reality of the Baile Átha Cliath come-back were dispelled with a wholehearted display that kept the Leinster title by the Liffeside for another year.

The champions were reduced to 14 men after 25 minutes when one of their forwards was sent to the line, but they took that set-back in their stride, and with high quality play, speed both in thought and action, and sheer commitment, they won 2-10 to 1-9.

Mick Holden, who had one of his best ever games for the team, was a mighty bulwark in defence as he time and again foiled the

## Tosaithe Bhaile Átha Cliath



*Ciarán Duff shoots for goal backed up by Tommy Conroy in the All Ireland semi-final against Tír Eoghain.*

opposing attack. Tommy Drumm led by example at centre half, a true captain's role, and Barney Rock and Ciaran Duff captured the bulk of the honours in attack, scoring 2-8 between them.

All in all, it was a display worthy of champions, and one that left little doubt that the men from Baile Átha Cliath would not be easily relieved of the Sam Maguire Cup. That was the county's 37th provincial crown in senior football.

The last hurdle on the road to a place in the game of the Centenary Year in football was provided by the Frank McGuigan-inspired men from Tír Eoghain, a squad that was in the main new to Páirc An Chrócaigh in that the Northerners were representing the county for the first time in the grade since 1973.

Baile Átha Cliath were somewhat uncertain at times in their general play in the early stages, but gradually the authoritative football of Pat Canavan and P. J. Buckley in the half back line, and Mick Holden at right full back steadied the side, and the polish and power steadily returned.

The clever probing of the half forwards, Rock, Tommy Conroy and Ciaran Duff, and the expertise built up over recent seasons also helped to get the champions on course, and they went on for a comprehensive enough win – 2-11 to 0-8. Once again the clinical finishing of Rock must be applauded – he finished with 1-7.

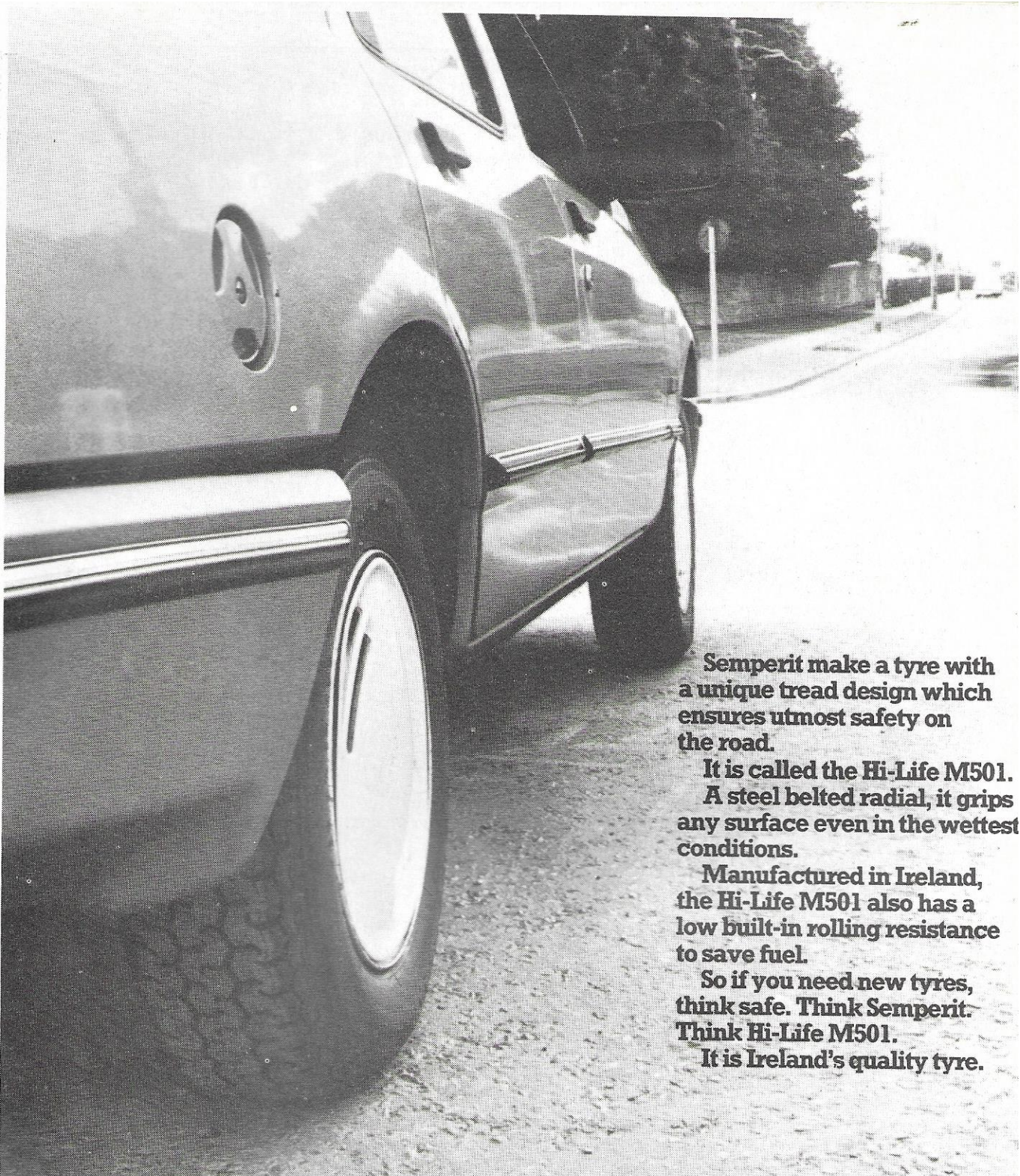
Baile Átha Cliath, then, have well and truly put the moderate form of the National League of last season and that loss to larmhí firmly behind them.

### **Greatest ever team**

The champions have accomplished everything that has been asked of them so far in the knock-out series with a flair, purpose and drive that indicates they are now superbly equipped to have every chance of retaining the Sam Maguire Cup.

Baile Átha Cliath last completed such a double in the 'Seventies during the halcyon days of one of the county's greatest-ever teams. Tony Hanahoe led a side that included Paddy Cullen in goal, Tommy Drumm in the half back line, Brian Mullins at midfield, and Anton O'Toole to a memorable 1976 final win over Ciarraí, and to 1977 victories at the expense yet again of Ciarraí and Ard Mhacha.

This will be the fourth All-Ireland final appearance



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# Baile Átha Cliath

since that triumph against Ard Mhacha, and that in itself is a wonderful tribute to the high quality of teams from the Liffeside in modern times.

Some will say that the success rate has not been over impressive in the recent finals – one win as against two defeats. It must not be forgotten, though, that at the end of the last decade, Baile Átha Cliath, with three All-Ireland titles behind them and all that such a proud record demands from players, were somewhat unfortunate to have come up against a Ciarraí side that was building up to one of the greatest ever.

So, even though the Munster county won the finals of 1978 and 1979 against the Leinster representatives, Baile Átha Cliath still did exceptionally well to appear in six successive All-Ireland finals from 1974 to 1979, and walk off with the top trophy after three of those games.

The squad of the 'Seventies, then, must command a proud place in the ranks of the outstanding sides in football over the past almost 100 years history of senior championship football.

It is too early yet to say if the footballers of today will walk as tall as the men of the 'Seventies – although the Centenary final may help to provide some worthwhile answers in this regard.

But what can be said is that Baile Átha Cliath displayed all the necessary qualities for a place among the top combinations in time when dismissing Gaillimh with twelve men in last year's final.

## Great Survivors

Baile Átha Cliath were called the "great survivors" after that win – and why not! They played for the final 30 minutes with only twelve men as against 14 Galway players – four footballers



*Baile Átha Cliath's courageous net minder John O'Leary*

were sent to the line in that game – and also against the wind, and produced football of the highest standard, with every man concentrating on his job, and probably calling on inner resources of will power and skill in an effort to compensate for the loss of three players.

In the circumstances, it was a great feat by the Liffey-siders, to have won by two points, and that's the spirit that is in the team yet again this year – the spirit that has brought them back from the position of relegation last February to football's most important game of the year.



*Jim Ronayne breaks upfield in possession in the semi-final.*



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# Buach Phoinntí

Exciting performances from An Longfort, good individual displays by footballers from Baile Átha Cliath and Ciarraí, some well-worked goals and a sparkling one-man showing at Clones by Frank McGuigan were among the best features of the race for the Centenary All-Ireland senior football championship.

An Longfort looked like providing one of the early shocks of the campaign when they led Uíbh Fhailí by eight points nine minutes into the second half of a Leinster championship tie at Longford on a sunny day in June, but had to eventually settle for a replay when Matt Connor levelled matters with a point a minute from time.

An Longfort also made a great start to the replay at Páirc An Chrócaigh. They played a refreshing brand of football, in the first half and well deserved their interval

lead of 3-7 to 1-8. However, Uíbh Fhailí began to get to grips with the position after the re-start, and two goals, each from the penalty spot, by Matt Connor, set them on the way to a 3-15 to 3-10 win. Connor scored 2-5 in that game to help himself on the way to a ranking as the top marksman of the Leinster championship.

But An Longfort can take much satisfaction from the exciting imprint they made in the campaign.

Baile Átha Cliath's opening defences of their provincial and All-Ireland titles against Loch Garman at Páirc An Chrócaigh in June provided one of the best goals of the year. It was the champions' fourth of the day, came eight minutes from time, and was initiated following a spectacular catch by full back Gerry Hargan near to his own posts.

He transferred to John Caffrey, and the movement was carried on by Tommy

Conroy, who put Barney Rock through with a perfect pass, and the red-haired No. 10 put the final golden touch to a classic movement with a memorable goal.

Ciarraí's Munster final win over Corcaigh at Killarney in early July had many bright aspects, but one of the best was the high quality football of Mick Spillane. He was a giant at left full back, with play that was positive, industrious and a real inspiration to his team.

Another defender, Matty Coleman, also filled a "Man-of-the Match" role in a provincial senior final in the opinions of many

Coleman was a very creative and alert left half back as he helped Gaillimh to a successful defence of the Connacht senior football crown against Maigh Eo at Pearse Stadium. Full backs Seamus McHugh and Stephen Kinneavy also blended in strong support.

However, one of the brightest of all the memories of Centenary Year will be the Frank McGuigan display as Tír Eoghain regained the Ulster senior championship at Clones in mid-July. The tall full forward was excellent in his general play and



Tommy Drum Capt. Baile Átha Cliath, Eugene McKenna Capt. Tír Eoghain and Frank McGuigan Tír Eoghain in the semi-final.



Jack O'Shea

### Roll of Honour

- 27: CIARRAÍ: 1903, 1904, 1909, 1913, 1914, 1924, 1926, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1946, 1953, 1955, 1959, 1962, 1969, 1970, 1975, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981.
- 21: BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH: 1891, 1892, 1894, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1942, 1958, 1963, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1983.
- 7: GAILLIMH: 1925, 1934, 1938, 1956, 1964, 1965, 1966.
- 5: AN CABHAN: 1893, 1935, 1947, 1948, 1952.  
LOCH GARMAN: 1983, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918.
- 4: CORCAIGH: 1890, 1911, 1945, 1973.  
CILL DARA: 1905, 1919, 1927, 1928.  
TIOBRAID ÁRANN: 1889, 1895, 1900, 1920.
- 3: AN DUN: 1960, 1961, 1968.  
AN MHI: 1949, 1954, 1967.  
LÚ: 1910, 1912, 1957  
MAIGH EO: 1936, 1950, 1951.  
UÍBH FHAILÍ: 1971, 1972, 1982.
- 2: LUIMNEACH: 1887, 1896.  
ROS COMÁIN: 1943, 1944.

superb in his marksmanship as he inspired his team to their win over Ard Mhacha.

McGuigan scored eleven points, all from play, for one of the best exhibitions of finishing seen in any game in any province in a long time.

The brilliance of Jack O'Shea stands out best of all from Ciarraí's All-Ireland semi-final win over Gaillimh. The tall and non-stop midfielder had another of the type of games that have earned him ranking as one of the greatest of all time in the position. He roamed far and wide as he prompted his team to a convincing win.

And Baile Átha Cliath's win over Tír Eoghain in the second semi-final, that was the game in which P. J. Buckley really came into his own. He has been one of the team's most effective units,

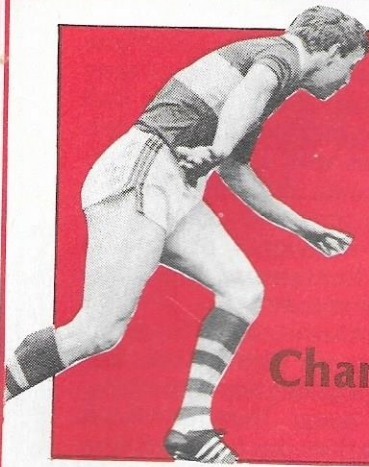
but for all that has somehow been overshadowed in many a match, but the left half back overshadowed his colleagues with a cultured performance that will be recalled time and again as the great individual displays of the Centenary Year are talked about.

Buckley had strong opposition from his half back colleague, Pat Canavan, great hearted Mick Holden in the full back line, and Barney Rock, as accurate as ever, with 1-7 to his credit, and Joe McNally, who had a classy goal for the defending champions.

Some good memories, then, from the Centenary championship. And who is there to say that these will not be considerably enriched by the Sam Maguire Cup tie?



Pat Spillane Ciarraí in possession about to be tackled by Mattie Coleman Gaillimh.



Sean Walsh Ciarraí  
almost on the  
horizontal.

## Previous Championship Meetings

Baile Átha Cliath and Ciarraí have, prior to today, clashed in championship fare on seventeen occasions, with the Munster side currently holding an eleven games to six advantage. The first ever championship encounter between the Counties was in the decider of the 1892 competition, although the match wasn't actually played until March of the following year. The full list of championship meetings between the two sides is:

1892:	Baile Átha Cliath	.....	1-4;
	Ciarraí	.....	0-3. (FINAL)
1904:	Ciarraí	.....	0-5;
	Baile Átha Cliath	.....	0-2. (FINAL)
1908:	Baile Átha Cliath	.....	0-10;
	Ciarraí	.....	0-3. ('Home' Final)
1923:	Baile Átha Cliath	.....	1-5;
	Ciarraí	.....	1-3. (FINAL)
1924:	Ciarraí	.....	0-4;
	Baile Átha Cliath	.....	0-3. (FINAL)
1932:	Ciarraí	.....	1-3;
	Baile Átha Cliath	.....	1-1 (s/final)
1934:	Baile Átha Cliath	.....	3-8;
	Ciarraí	.....	0-6. (s/final)
1941:	Ciarraí	.....	0-4;
	Baile Átha Cliath	.....	0-4. (s/final)
	Ciarraí	.....	2-9;
	Baile Átha Cliath	.....	0-3. (replay)
1955:	Ciarraí	.....	0-12;
	Baile Átha Cliath	.....	1-6. (FINAL)
1959:	Ciarraí	.....	1-10;
	Baile Átha Cliath	.....	2-5. (s/final)
1962:	Ciarraí	.....	2-12;
	Baile Átha Cliath	.....	0-10. (s/final)
1965:	Ciarraí	.....	4-8;
	Baile Átha Cliath	.....	2-6. (s/final)
1975:	Ciarraí	.....	2-12;
	Baile Átha Cliath	.....	0-11. (FINAL)
1976:	Baile Átha Cliath	.....	3-8;
	Ciarraí	.....	0-10. (FINAL)
1977:	Baile Átha Cliath	.....	3-12;
	Ciarraí	.....	1-13. (s/final)
1978:	Ciarraí	.....	5-11;
	Baile Átha Cliath	.....	0-9. (FINAL)
1979:	Ciarraí	.....	3-13;
	Baile Átha Cliath	.....	1-8. (FINAL)

## Ciarraí

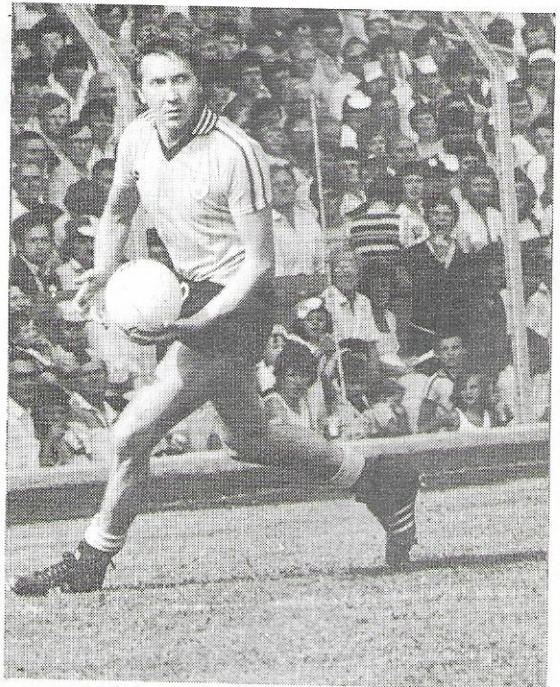
Ciarraí, in their three matches en route to today's final, have scored a total of 5 goals and 54 points (69 points), and have conceded 2 goals and 27 points (33 points), giving them respective averages of 23.00 and 11.00.

A total of fourteen players succeeded in getting their names onto the Ciarraí scoresheet, and their individual contributions were as follows: Mike Sheehy 1-11, Pat Spillane 2-7, John Kennedy 0-11, Jack O'Shea 0-6, Eoin Liston 0-5, John Egan 1-2, Tim O'Dowd 0-4, Willie Maher 1-0, Denis 'Ogie' Moran and Ger Power 0-2 each, Tom Spillane, Sean Walsh, Diarmuid O'Donoghue and Ambrose O'Donovan 0-1 each.

## Baile Átha Cliath

In the course of qualifying for this afternoon's decider, Baile Átha Cliath played one match more than Ciarraí, and in the process compiled scoring aggregates of 8 goals and 46 points (70 points) for, and 1 goal and 31 points (34 points) against, giving them respective averages of 17.50 and 8.25.

The Baile Átha Cliath scoresheet was contributed to by ten players, and their individual figures were as follows: Barney Rock 4-19, Ciarán Duff 2-9, Joe McNally 2-3, Tommy Conroy 0-4, Anton O'Toole and Brian Mullins 0-3 each, Jim Ronayne 0-2, John Caffrey, P. J. Buckley and Ciarán Sutton 0-1 each.



Anton O'Toole



## Baile Átha Cliath

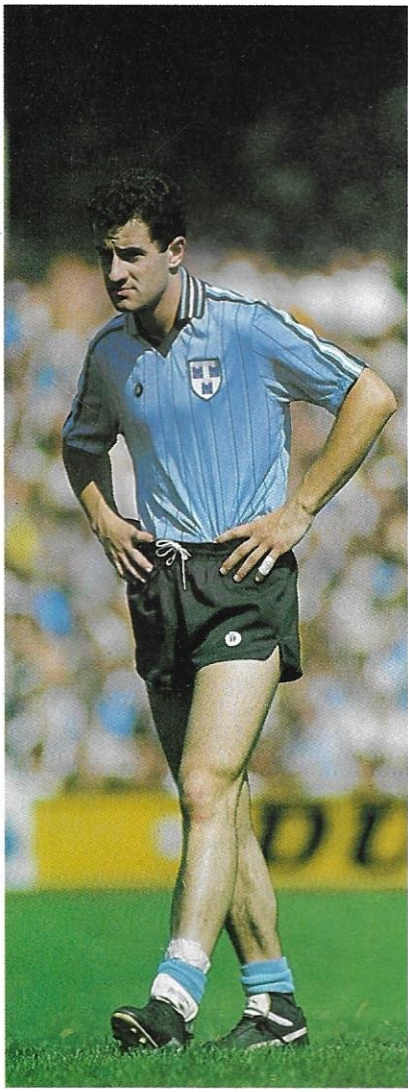
Ar Cúl: Greg Walsh, Pdraig Robinson, John Barry, Martin Broderick, Ciaran Walsh, Jim Stynes, Alan McClean.

I dtosach: Michael Crowley, James Fahy, John Power, Conor Crowley, Paul Clarke, Bob McKeon, Albert Melvin, David Delappe, Niall Clancy.



## Baile Átha Cliath

Ar Cúl: Tommy Conroy, Barney Rock, Brian Mullins, Anton O'Toole, John O'Leary, Gerry Horgan, Ml. Holden, Ciarán Duff.  
I dtosach: Mick Kennedy, P. J. Buckley, Joe McNally, Tommy Drumm (Capt.), Pat Canavan, Tim Ronayne, John Caffrey.

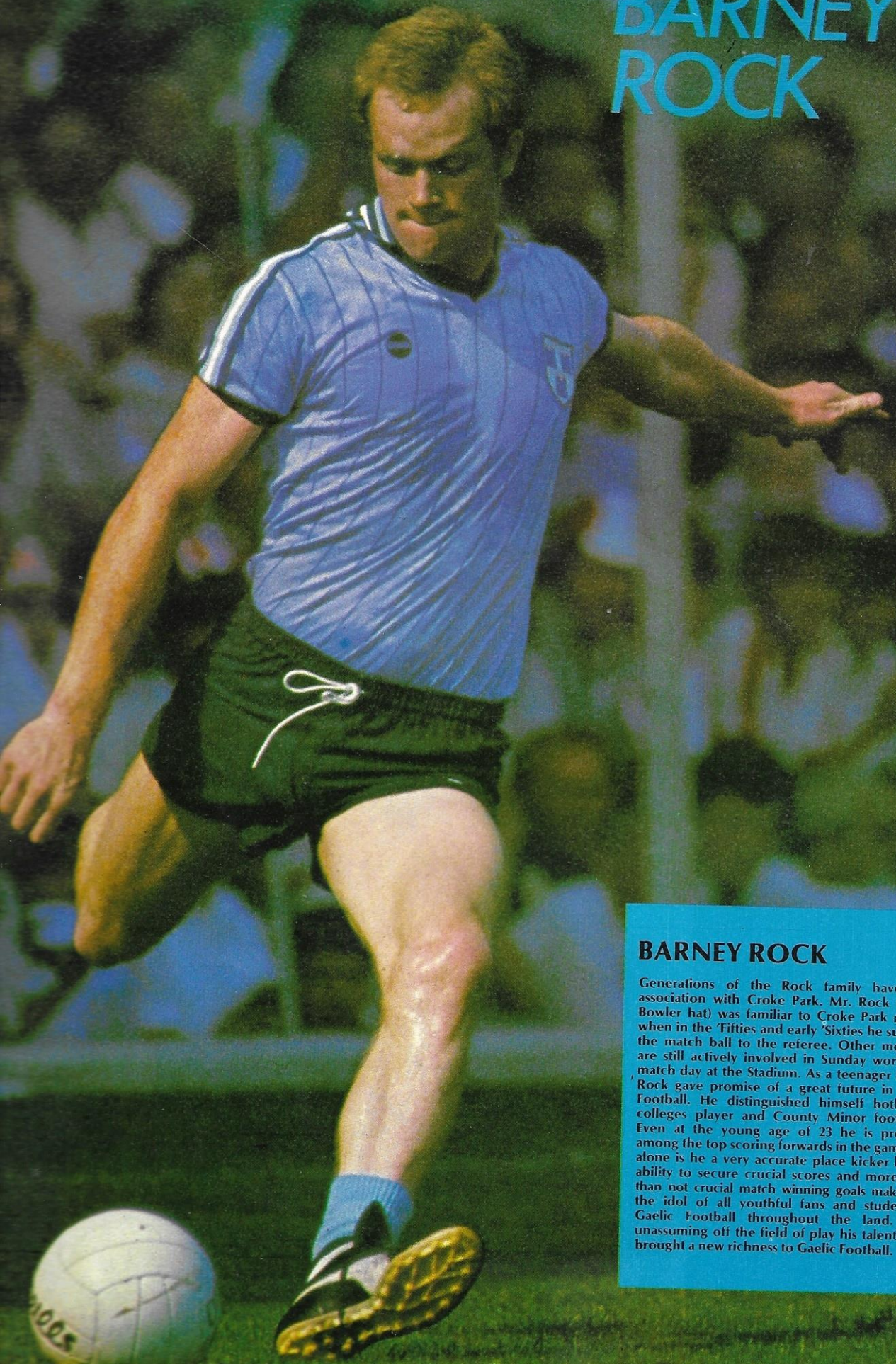


*(Above left) Gerry Hargan Baile Atha Cliath's fullback. His honest displays are only now beginning to gain for him the praise he has deserved for some time.*

*(Above) Mick Holden Cuala and Baile Átha Cliath whose displays earned him two Centenary Game man of the match awards.*

*(Right) Baile Átha Cliath's aerial strength on display against Tír Eoghain in the semi-final.*

# BARNEY ROCK



## BARNEY ROCK

Generations of the Rock family have long association with Croke Park. Mr. Rock (of the Bowler hat) was familiar to Croke Park patrons when in the 'Fifties and early 'Sixties he supplied the match ball to the referee. Other members are still actively involved in Sunday work each match day at the Stadium. As a teenager Barney Rock gave promise of a great future in Gaelic Football. He distinguished himself both as a colleges player and County Minor footballer. Even at the young age of 23 he is presently among the top scoring forwards in the game. Not alone is he a very accurate place kicker but his ability to secure crucial scores and more often than not crucial match winning goals makes him the idol of all youthful fans and students of Gaelic Football throughout the land. Most unassuming off the field of play his talents have brought a new richness to Gaelic Football.





P. Ó Coileáin

# Na Réiteoirí



S. Ó Maoleanaigh

**Pádraig O Coileáin (An Iarmhí)** is refereeing his third All-Ireland Senior Football Final today; he was also in charge of the 1976 Final between Baile Átha Cliath and Ciarraí and the 1981 Ciarraí v Uíbh Fhailí Final.

A native of Athboy, Co. na Mí, he played all grades of hurling and football with his native county before commencing as a Psychiatric Nurse in St. Loman's Hospital, Mullingar. He won Iarmhí Senior Football Championship medals in 1961 and 1963 and played Senior Hurling and Football with An Iarmhí.

In 1974 he refereed the All-Ireland Minor Final and the Senior Semi-Final and in 1976, after refereeing the All-Ireland Semi-Final he took charge of the All-Ireland Final. In 1977 he officiated at the All-Ireland Semi-Final, draw and replay between Ard Mhacha and Ros Comáin and a year later he was appointed to referee his first Leinster Senior Final. The following year he was, again, in charge of the Leinster Senior Final and the All-Ireland Semi-Final, Ciarraí and Muineachán.

In 1980 he officiated at the All-Ireland Semi-Final, Ciarraí and Uíbh Fhailí, and in 1981 he refereed the Munster Final between Corcaigh and Ciarraí as well as the All-Ireland Semi-Final, Ciarraí v Maigh Eó and the All-Ireland Final between Uíbh Fhailí and Ciarraí. He also refereed the N.F.L. Final between Gaillimh and Ros Comáin.

Pat's other games include the Club Championship Final 1975/'76, the railway Cup Final 1975, the Sigerson Cup Finals 1976 and 1977, All-Ireland Colleges Finals as well as numerous County Finals, Hurling and Football.

Last year he took charge of his fifth Leinster Football Final and is one of the most experienced referees in the country.

Married with one son, Paddy is also Rúnaí, Coiste Chontae na hIarmhí.

**Seán Ó Maoleanaigh (Ros Comáin)** takes charge of his first All-Ireland Final today when he handles the Minor Final.

He began refereeing in 1976 and has been in control of four Ros Comáin Senior Finals and also Under 21 and Minor Finals. Last year he refereed the Railway Cup Final, the Conacht Senior Final and the Cill Dara v Corcaigh All-Ireland Minor Semi-Final.

Married with two children, he won two Ros Comáin Junior Championship medals with Kilbride.

## Na Maoir Line

### Senior:

Pádraig Ó Gormáin  
(Sligeach)

Séamus Ó Duinneagáin  
(Corcaigh)



### Minor:

Caomhín Mac Cathmhaoil  
(An Mhí)

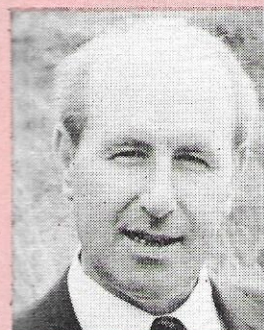
Damien Mac Cathmhaoil  
(Fear Manach)



**Danno O'Keefe (Kerry):** The only player to win seven All-Ireland senior football medals on the field of play (though John O'Keefe also has seven, one won as a sub). Fermoy-born Danno, whose people came from Tralee, was 24 in 1931 when he won his first All-Ireland medal, 39 when he won his seventh in 1946 and 41 when he retired in 1948. Captained Munster to Railway Cup success in 1941, having won his first medal in this competition in 1931 and his last in 1948. Became a legend in his life-time.



**Enda Colleran (Galway):** Captain of Galway in 1965 when they won the second of three successive All-Ireland titles (1964-'66). Brought a new dimension to corner-back play, breaking with traditional static concepts. The Moylough man's uncle, Paul had played for Galway in the twenties and his brothers, Seamus, Gerry and Gabriel were all fine footballers. Has always displayed a very deep knowledge of the game.



**Paddy O'Brien (Meath):** Majestic high-fielding full-back on the Meath team that surprised Cavan in the 1949 All-Ireland Final. Captained Leinster to victory over Connacht in the 1955 Railway Cup final. Left a lasting imprint before the traditional catch-and-kick game began to change with the advent of the Dublin 'machine' of the 'Fifties.



**Sean Flanagan (Mayo):** Ranks as the last man to lead Mayo to a Sam Maguire success. Indeed, had the honour of being captain in the All-Ireland victories of 1950 and '51. A great thinker on the game, ahead of his time with his brilliant, cultured defensive play. At his peak in the early 'Fifties, but still a commanding figure against Dublin in the drawn All-Ireland semi-final and replay of 1955.



**Sean Murphy (Kerry):** No one who saw him during the 1959 season will ever forget his display of wing-back play against Galway in the All-Ireland final and the moves between Mick O'Connell and Tom Long and himself against Dublin in the semi-final. A defender in the classic mould, who in a short space of time left a lasting image of sheer brilliance that others could never achieve in years of endeavour.



# Football team of the Century

**John Joe O'Reilly (Cavan):** Captained Cavan to victory over Kerry in the historic and dramatic Polo Grounds All-Ireland final of 1947. Led his county to success again the following season at Croke Park against Mayo. The Army man, who with his brother 'Big Tom' had first worn the Cavan colours in 1937, was a born leader of men. Died in November 1952 and is remembered in the ballad "Lament For John Joe O'Reilly".



**Stephen White (Louth):** Played an outstanding role in the half-back line in the winning of the 1957 All-Ireland title against Cork, having played in the forward-line in the 1950 final against Mayo. A footballer of outstanding ability and versatility, he was dubbed the "Mr. Railway Cup" of his day and played in all eight games when Leinster recorded the first four-in-a-row in the inter-Provincial series in 1952-'55.



**Mick O'Connell (Kerry):** During an inter-county career that spanned a period of eighteen years in senior grade, the Man from Valentia established himself as one of the most supreme stylists the game has ever known, superb in the art of high-fielding and pinpointed kicking. The four All-Ireland senior medals he won (1959, 1962, 1969 and 1970) and the many other honours, including the distinction of captaining Kerry in 1959, pale into insignificance compared with the special niche he created for himself in football history.



**Jack O'Shea (Kerry):** Has been described by Dublin captain, Tommy Drumm as "the complete Gaelic footballer". The highest tribute to his magnificent range of talents, his fielding and kicking and the way he can dominate the field is that he today challenges Mick O'Connell for the honour of being rated one of the greatest ever to have worn the Green and Gold. A key figure at midfield in Kerry's achievement of the four-in-a-row (1978-'81).



**Sean O'Neill (Down):** Right wing-forward beside Jim McCartan and Paddy Doherty in a powerful half-line of attack on the great Down team that won the 1960 and '61 All-Ireland finals. Was full-forward (scoring an amazing and decisive goal in the opening minutes) when Down beat Kerry in the 1968 final. Brought a new depth of creativity to his full-forward role and rates beyond doubt as one of the most clinical finishers in the history of the game.



**Sean Purcell (Galway):** Polled the highest personal vote of all in the nation-wide poll in the selection of the 'Team of the Century'. Was such a brilliant, natural footballer that he starred at full-back, midfield and in attack for Galway and men speak in awe to this day of some of the displays he gave in Connacht. Frankie Stockwell and himself were dubbed 'The Terrible Twins' after destroying the Cork defence in 1956. The 'Purcell mystique' of sheer class can never fade.

**Pat Spillane (Kerry):** Hails from a famous Kerry footballing family – the Spillanes of Templenoe (his mother is a sister of Jackie Lyne). Brother of Tom and Mick, it was his lightning speed on the ball, his body swerve and defence-splitting runs that contributed so much to Kerry's All-Ireland victories from 1975 to 1981. Has made a courageous come-back from serious ligament trouble and again this season has emerged as a key figure in the Kerry attacking machine.

**Mike Sheehy (Kerry):** The Austin Stacks (Tralee) man was well ahead of all others in the national poll for the right corner-forward position – a tribute in itself to the beautiful quality of the football he has played and the genius that has marked some of his goals since he won his first All-Ireland senior medal in 1975. The Kingdom's ace marksman, his amazing goal in the 1978 All-Ireland is still remembered. A supreme sportsman, unspoilt by fame.

**Tom Langan (Mayo):** His tremendous ability to snatch vital goals from the half-chance made him perhaps the most lethal full-forward of his era in the late forties and early fifties – before Kevin Heffernan arrived with Dublin. A key figure in Mayo's successive All-Ireland wins in 1950 and '51 and on his death, Sean Flanagan sat down to write a special tribute to him that caught for Mayo people the singular greatness of the player.

**Kevin Heffernan (Dublin):** Captain of Dublin when, after many frustrating failures in the fifties on the championship trail, they were at last rewarded with All-Ireland success in 1958 against Derry. Formed with Ollie Freaney as deadly an axis in attack as Sean Purcell and Frankie Stockwell formed for Galway. The first of the modern roving full-forwards, his use of swerve and side-step, allied to master strategy in every move he made, proved too much for static full-backs of the old guard. One of the all-time greats of the game.

# Surviving All Ireland

from the Football Finals

1919



Larry Stanley  
(Cill Dara)

1936



Seamus O'Malley  
(Maigh Eo)

1938



John Dunne  
(Gaillimh)

1939



Tom O'Connor  
(Ciarraí)

1950



Sean Flanagan  
(Maigh Eo)

1952



Mick Higgins  
(An Cabhán)

1953



Jas Murphy  
(Ciarraí)

1954



Peter McDerm  
(An Mhí)

1951



Mick O'Connell  
(Ciarraí)

1960



Kevin Mussen  
(An Dún)

1961



Paddy Doherty  
(An Dún)

1962



Seán Og Sheeh  
(Ciarraí)

1959



Joe Lennon  
(An Dún)

1969



Johnny Culloty  
(Ciarraí)

1970



Donie O'Sullivan  
(Ciarraí)

1971



Willie Bryan  
(Uíbh Fhailí)

1968



Tony Hanahoe  
(Baile Átha Cliath)

1978



Denis Moran  
(Ciarraí)

1979



Tim Kennelly  
(Ciarraí)

1980



Ger Power  
(Ciarraí)

1976



1977

# Winning Captains

1940



Dan Spring  
(Ciarraí)

1942



Joe Fitzgerald  
(Baile Átha Cliath)

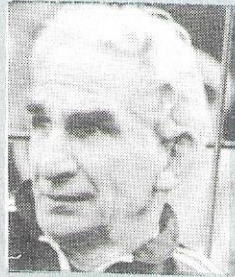
1943

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1944



Jimmy Murray  
(Ros Comáin)

1949



Brian Smyth  
(An Mhí)

1955



John Dowling  
(Ciarraí)

1956



Jack Mangan  
(Gaillimh)

1957



Dermot O'Brien  
(An Lú)

1958



Kevin Heffernan  
(Baile Átha Cliath)

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Des Foley  
(Baile Átha Cliath)

1964



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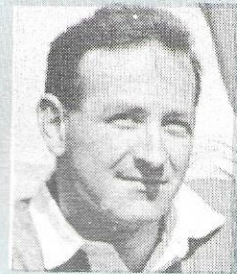
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Enda Colleran  
(Gaillimh)

1967



Peter Darby  
(An Mhí)

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Tony McTague  
(Uíbh Fhailí)

1973



Billy Morgan  
(Corcaigh)

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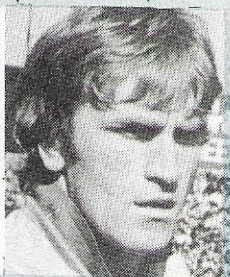
Seán Doherty  
(Baile Átha Cliath)

1975



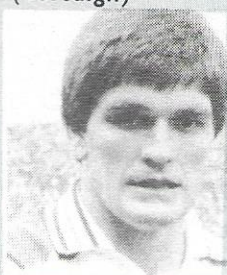
Michael O'Sullivan  
(Ciarraí)

1981



Jim Deehihan  
(Ciarraí)

1982



Richie Connor  
(Uíbh Fhailí)

1983



Tommy Drumm  
(Baile Átha Cliath)



# Today we salute Ciarraí – All Ireland Champions of 1959



Ar Cúl: Seán Murphy, Dan McAuliffe, Kevin Coffey, Jerome O'Shea, Mick O'Dwyer, Tom Long, Niall Sheehy, Tadgh Lyne.

I dtosach: Paddy Hussey, Paudie Sheehy, Johnny Culloty, Mick O'Connell (Captain), John Dowling, Seamus Murphy, Tim Lyons, Dave Geaney.

CIARRAÍ ..... 3-7; GAILLIMH ..... 1-4.

A mammoth attendance of 85,897 – the third highest up to that time – turned up to see the clash of Ciarraí and Gaillimh in the All-Ireland Final of 1959 – the year of the 75th anniversary of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

This particular confrontation, indeed, represented a truly unique and even appropriate pairing, for Ciarraí had won the Silver Jubilee title in 1909 by beating An Lú by 1-9 to 0-6, while Gaillimh had taken the Golden Jubilee crown 25 years later by outscoring Baile Átha Cliath by 3-5 to 1-9.

It was the first All-Ireland Final meeting of the counties for 18 years, but beginning in 1938 they'd contested three deciders and one replay) in four years, and in 1957 the westerners had inflicted the first ever National League Final defeat on the men from the Kingdom.

John Dowling pointed the Munster champions into the lead within 15 seconds of the throw in, and three minutes later the same player claimed a second white flag. A Frank Evers goal in the seventh minute shot Gaillimh in front, and after Dan McAuliffe had equalised for the Kingdom, Sean Purcell had equalised for the Kingdom, Sean Purcell had equalised for the Kingdom, to which McAuliffe and Tadgh Lyne replied, to leave the sides level at the interval; Ciarraí 0-5, Gaillimh 1-2.

Lyne and Joe Young exchanged points within the opening five minutes of the second half, but between the 14th and 17th minutes Dave Geaney and McAuliffe goaled, Mick O'Dwyer sent over a point, and Ciarraí were on their way to their 19th All-Ireland title.



CIARRAÍ		GAILLIMH	
(1)	S. Ó COLATA (J. Culloty)	(4)	T. Ó LIATHÁIN (T. Lyons)
(2)	D. Ó SÉ (J. O'Shea)	(5)	M. Ó DWYÉR (M. Dwyer)
(3)	N. MAC SÍEÍS (N. Sheehy)	(6)	C. Ó COPAÍG (K. Coffey)
(7)	SÉAMUS Ó MUNÚ (S. Murphy)	(8)	M. Ó CONNELL (M. O'Connell)
(8)	M. Ó CONNELL (M. O'Connell) Capt.	(9)	SÉAMUS Ó MUNÚ (S. Murphy)
(9)	S. Ó DOUBLAING (J. Dowling)	(10)	D. MAC ANLAOIB (D. McAuliffe)
(10)	T. Ó LUATHÁIN (T. Lyons)	(11)	P. MAC SÍEÍS (P. Sheehy)
(11)	T. Ó LUATHÁIN (T. Lyons)	(12)	T. Ó LIATHÁIN (T. Lyons)
(12)	S. Ó DOUBLAING (J. Dowling)	(13)	D. Ó SÉ (J. O'Shea)
(13)	D. Ó SÉ (J. O'Shea)	(14)	T. Ó LIATHÁIN (T. Lyons)
(14)	D. Ó SÉ (J. O'Shea)	(15)	T. Ó LIATHÁIN (T. Lyons)
(15)	D. Ó SÉ (J. O'Shea)	(16)	S. Ó DOUBLAING (J. Dowling)
(16)	S. Ó DOUBLAING (J. Dowling)	(17)	S. Ó DOUBLAING (J. Dowling)
(17)	S. Ó DOUBLAING (J. Dowling)	(18)	S. Ó DOUBLAING (J. Dowling)
(18)	S. Ó DOUBLAING (J. Dowling)	(19)	T. Ó LIATHÁIN (T. Lyons)
(19)	T. Ó LIATHÁIN (T. Lyons)	(20)	D. Ó SÉ (J. O'Shea)
(20)	D. Ó SÉ (J. O'Shea)		

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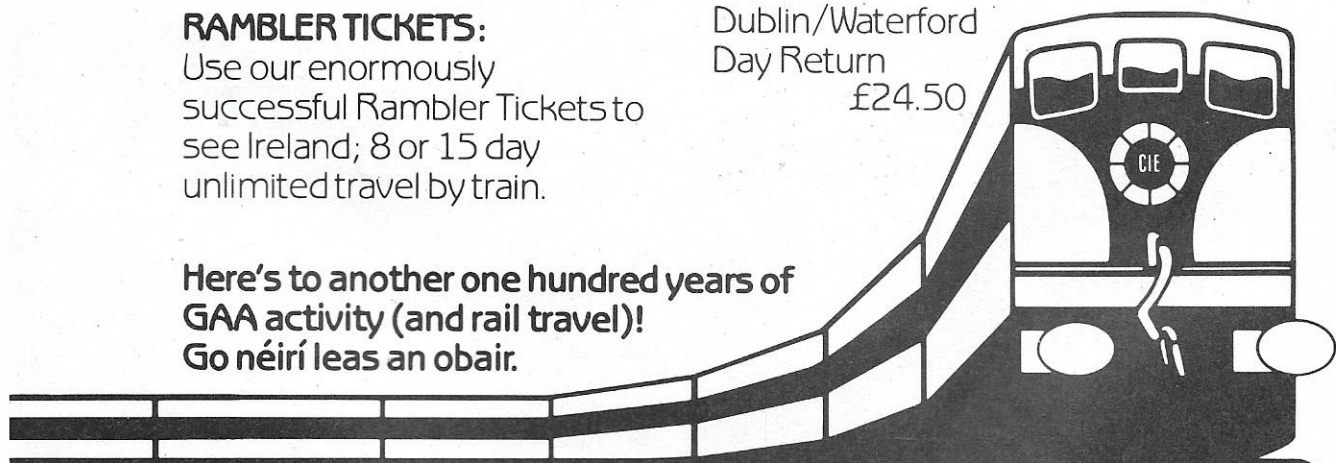
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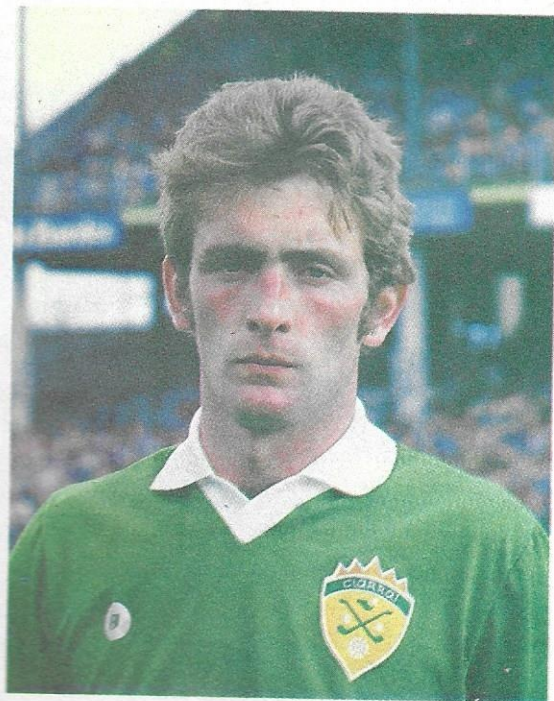
**Tommy Drumm** is regarded as the complete footballer. A man who combines individual brilliance and work-rate to the common good of the team, rather than for personal glory.

It will be a major milestone in his career if he becomes only the second in Leinster – Tony Hanahoe was the first – to be twice presented with the Sam Maguire Cup.

Drumm won his third All-Ireland senior medal as captain of the 1983 side. He has been rock solid all through his career, and it is an indication of this that he has won four All Stars awards since 1977.

The Baile Átha Cliath captain is having another good season and is expected also to prove the type of inspiring leader that could again show the way for Baile Átha Cliath.

Pádraig Uas. Ó Coileáin, today's big match referee is also Rúnaí C.L.G. of Contae na hIarmhí.



Ambrose Ó Donabháin.

**Ambrose O'Donovan** first shone as a substitute in the 1977 Munster minor final despite the fact that Ciarraí lost to Corcaigh that day. Two years later, however, Ambrose shot a great goal to earn Ciarraí a draw in the Under 18 decider and after beating Corcaigh in the replay he led the Kingdom to the All-Ireland final where they failed narrowly to Baile Átha Cliath.

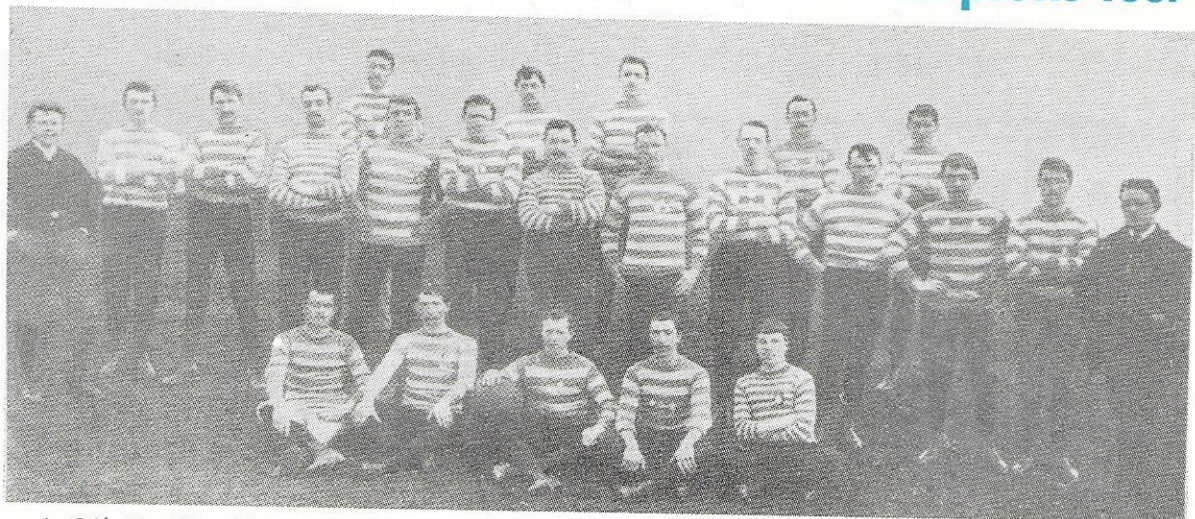
At that time Ambrose was regarded as a tremendous prospect. It is only now however, that he seems to fulfil the immense promise he displayed as a minor and his form at midfield this season has been most encouraging.

His most serious approach to the game could yield rich dividends because, as captain of the team on his final debut, he will have the unique honour of lifting the Sam Maguire Cup in this Centenary decider, should Ciarraí emerge victorious.

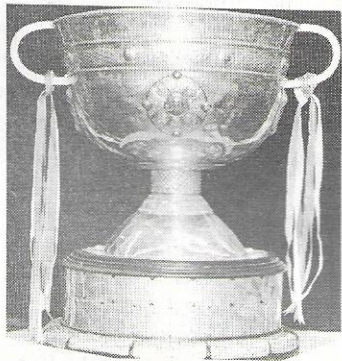


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I dtosach: Tom McNamara, P. J. Corbett, Malachi O'Brien, T. Keating, J. Kennedy.



The Sam Maguire Cup



1901 All Ireland medal  
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The Tom Markham Cup



Men behind the scene: Seamus Mac Conraoi, Runáí agus Donal Óhlci oifigeach Forbartha Bord Bhaile Átha Cliath.

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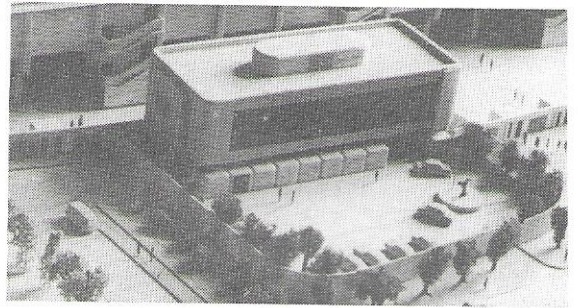
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**The meat that's hard to beat**

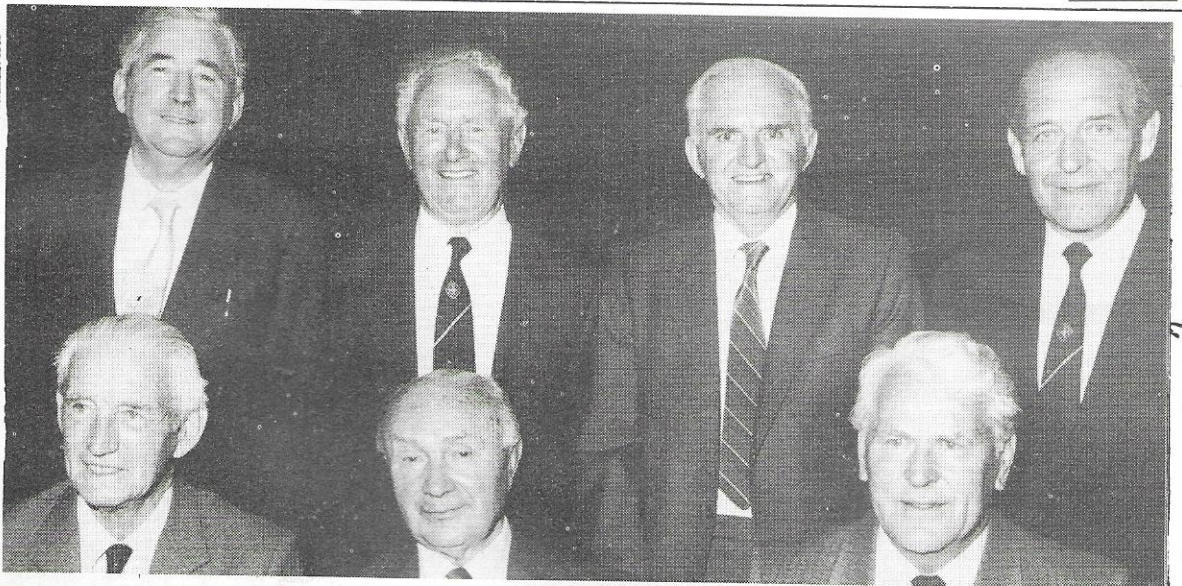
# ÁRD CHOMHAIRLE CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL

Revenue Account for the year ended 31st December 1983

EXPENDITURE 1983	£
Ground Rents and Expenses at Venues	155,859
Teams Expenses, Allowances and Receptions	136,308
Referees, Umpires, Stewards and Catering	32,454
Gárdaí, Bands, Footballs and Sliothars	37,322
Medals and Trophies	39,736
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Grants:	401,679
General	81,025
Club Grounds	110,655
County Grounds	54,750
Promotional Expenses	59,026
Conference & Travel Expenses	90,335
Staff Salaries and Superannuation Provision	181,098
Rates and Insurances	18,511
Heat, Light and Cleaning	18,195
Printing, Stationery, Literature and Advertising	38,650
Postage and Telephone	29,273
Sundry Expenses, Audit Fees, Depreciation etc.	31,588
Excess of Income over Expenditure	16,480
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	1,131,265



INCOME 1983	£
Net Gate Receipts	972,195
Advertising Signs net	64,640
Filming Fees and Sale of Rights	54,833
Catering and Siopa Takings	24,016
Interest Receivable	9,058
Sundry Receipts	6,523
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Less: Expenditure Surplus	
	1,131,265

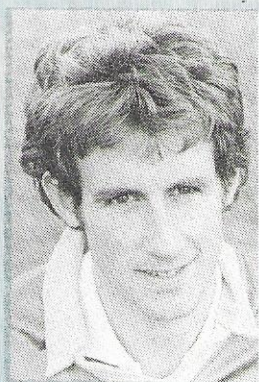


Great Leaders All: The seven past presidents of the Gaelic Athletic Association photographed at a Centenary Year function: Ar Cúl: Pádraig Mac Floinn (An Dún); 1979-1982 Pádraig Ó Fainín (Port Láirge); 1970-1973 Dr. Donal Ó Cianáin (Rós Comáin); 1973-1976 Conchúir Ó Murchú (Corcaigh) 1976-1979. I dtosach: Alf Ó Muirí (Ard Mhacha) 1964-1967; Aodh Ó Broin (Cill Mhantáin) 1961-1964 agus Seamus Ó Riain (Tiobraid Árann) 1967-1970.



**CHARLIE NELLIGAN:** Age 27. Agile 'keeper who picked up an All-Star Award in 1980. Worked his way up through juvenile ranks and holds All-Ireland medals at Minor ('75) and Under-21 ('75 '76 and '77) level. Came on as substitute in 1976 Final when beaten by Baile Átha Cliath. Holds four Senior All-Ireland medals from four-in-a-row team 1978-1981. Baker.

Under-21 medals, and one Minor All-Ireland Medal. Company Director.



**MICK SPILLANE:** Age 27. Yet another player who has worked up through from the 1975 Minor All-Ireland winning team. Also won Under-21 medals in period 1975 to 1977. Holds three Senior All Ireland medals. Insurance Inspector.



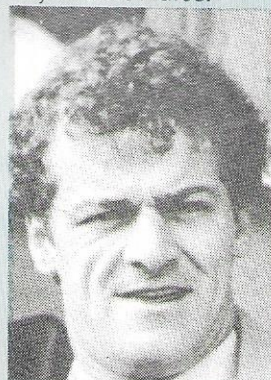
**GER LYNCH:** Age 25. Member of the famous Valentia club, he was a member of the 1982 National League winning team which beat Corcaigh in a replay. Played in 1982 drawn Munster Final and was a substitute last year. Psychiatric Nurse.



**PAID Ó SÉ.** Aois 30. Imreoir briomhar, gnóthach aistrithe chuig an cúinne le gairid ón líne leath thaca. Cuig craobh na hÉireann buaite aige agus trí gradam na réalta (1981, '82 agus '83). Bainisteoir Óstán.



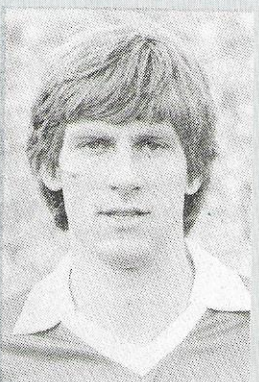
**TOMMY DOYLE:** Age 28. Holds three All-Ireland Senior medals and two Under-21 medals. Made first appearance in the semi-final defeat by Baile Átha Cliath in 1977. Has also played with distinction in the forward division. Dependable and courageous player. Company representative.



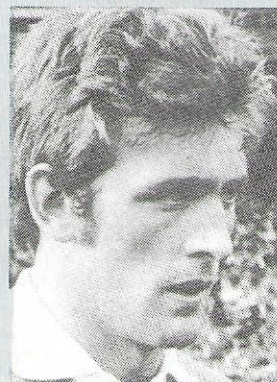
**JACK O'SHEA:** Age 27. Recognised as the best centrefield player in the country. Tremendous workrate. Holds four All-Star Awards from 1980 to 1983 and three All-Ireland Senior football medals. Full-forward on minor and Under-21 teams of 1975. Captained Kerry to this year's NFL success over Gaillimh. Singularly honoured in being chosen with Mick O'Connell as the Team of the Century midfield pair. Plumb-ing Contractor.



**SEAN WALSH:** Age 27. Versatile player who holds two All-Star awards – one at centrefield and one at centre-half forward. Talented player with a lot of under age experience at full back. Holds four All-Ireland Senior medals; three All-Ireland



**TOM SPILLANE:** Age 22. Winner of Minor All-Ireland medal in 1980, he made his senior debut in the 1982 Munster Final replay against Corcaigh. Youngest of the three brothers looking for All-Ireland success today. Has a

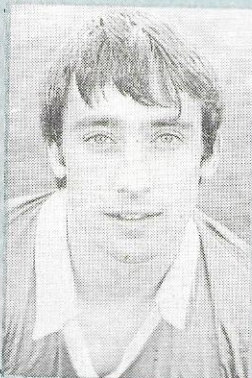


**AMBROSE O'DONOVAN:** Age 21. Captained Kerry to this

year's Munster Final win over Corcaigh. Member of Gneeveguilla club but received honour when nominated by Kilarney, who had no member on the team. His strong forceful play makes him the ideal partner for Jack O'Shea at midfield. Highly honoured in that his Croke Park All-Ireland Final debut sees him as captain of Ciarraí. Electrician.

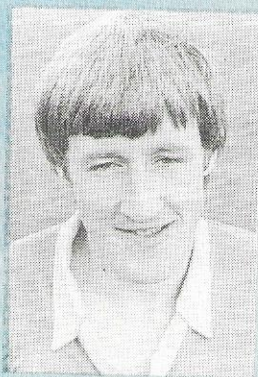


**JOHN KENNEDY:** Age 21. New-comer to Senior team this year, he made his debut in Munster semi-final against Tiobraid Árann. Has brought enthusiasm together with his own special traits to the Ciarraí forward division. Kerry Co-op employee.



**DENIS 'OGIE' MORAN:** Age 28. Big-hearted player who holds five All-Ireland senior medals and who captained the 1978 side which beat Baile Átha Cliath. Holds one All-Star Award. Was a member of Ciarraí minors for three seasons. Enjoyed colleges success with the Franciscan College, Gormanston where he also starred as a hurler. Public Relations Executive.

**PAT SPILLANE:** Age 29. Has shown great resilience to overcome a leg injury which threatened to force a premature retirement from the game. Captained Thomond to victory in 1978 All-Ireland Club Championship. Holds a record six All-Star football awards. Holder of



five Senior All-Ireland medals. The second of the present Ciarraí side to be chosen on the team of the Century. Deserves every success on his courageous return to the top grade of Gaelic Football. P.E. Teacher.



**EOIN LISTON:** Age 28. Will always be remembered for his three goals in 1978 All-Ireland Final against Baile Átha Cliath.

Played midfield for Under-21 winning side in 1977. Holder of three All-Ireland Senior medals. One of the most talented full forwards for some years. The whole Ciarraí attack revolves around this fine player and his real worth was evident in this year's National League Final at Limerick when introduced from the substitutes. Vocational Teacher.



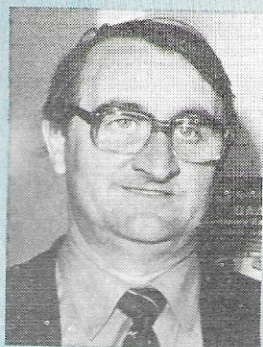
**JOHN EGAN:** Age 31. Veteran corner-forward. Captain of 1982 team beaten by Uíbh Fhaili in the final. Holder of five All-Ireland Senior football medals (1975, 1978-81) and All-Ireland Under-21 medal (1973). Developed into one of the most feared corner forwards of the 'Seventies. Scored many crucial goals in his career. Very difficult player to stop or disposes when going for a score. Garda.

### Roghnoirí Chiarraí

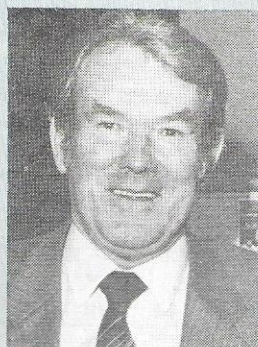
Mick O'Dwyer  
(Team Manager)  
Michael O'Sullivan  
Kevin Griffin  
Eddie O'Sullivan  
Joe Keohane



Micheál Ó Duibhir



**Runaí:**  
Gearóid de Faoite



**Cathaoirleach:**  
Proinsias Mac an Ríogh

# Baile Átha Cliath

Dathanna: Gorm is Dubhgorm

(1)

**SEÁN Ó LAOIRE**

John O'Leary  
(O'Dwyers)

(2)

**MICHEÁL Ó HOLDÁIN**

Mick Holden  
(Cuala)

(3)

**GEARÓID Ó HARGAN**

Gerry Hargan  
(Ballymun Kickhams)

(4)

**MICHEÁL Ó CINNÉIDE**

Mick Kennedy  
(St. Margarets)

(5)

**PÁDRAIG Ó CEANNUBHÁIN**

Pat Canavan  
(St. Vincents)

(6)

**TOMÁS Ó DROMA**

Tommy Drumm  
(Whitehall Colmcille (Capt.))

(7)

**PÁDRAIG S. Ó BUACHALLA**

P. J. Buckley  
(Erin's Isle)

(8)

**SEAMUS Ó RÓNÁIN**

Jim Roynane  
(Clontarf)

(9)

**BRIAN Ó MAOLÁIN**

Brian Mullins  
(St. Vincents)

(10)

**BRIAN MAC CONCHARRAIGE**

Barney Rock  
(Ballymun Kickhams)

(11)

**TOMÁS Ó CONRAOI**

Tommy Conroy  
(St. Vincents)

(12)

**CIARÁN Ó DUIBH**

Ciaran Duff  
(Fingallians)

(13)

**SEÁN Ó CIARÁIN**

John Kearns  
(Ballymun Kickhams)

(14)

**ANTÓIN Ó TUATHAIL**

Anton O'Toole  
(Syngue Street)

(15)

**SEOSAMH MAC AN FHAILÍ**

Joe McNally  
(St. Annes)

Fir Ionaid: (16) SEÁN Ó GAFRAIDH (John Caffrey, Na Fianna); (17) CIARÁN DE SUTÚN (Ciaran Sutton, St. Margarets); (18) SEÁN MAC CÁRTHAIGH (John McCarthy, Na Fianna); (19) MUIRIS Ó CEALLACHÁIN (Maurice O'Callaghan, Cuala); (20) TOMÁS Ó CAISÍN (Tom Cassin, Clann Coláiste Mhuire); (21) PROINSIAS MAC CRAITH (Frank McGrath, Scoil Uí Chonaill); (22) UINSIONN Ó CONRAOI (Vincent Conroy, St. Vincents); (23) TOMÁS Ó BROIN (Tom Byrne, An Caisleán); (24) MICHEAL MAC AOGÁIN (Mick Egan, Round Towers).

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seacháí	45m	Saor Chiceanna
1 adh Leath					
2 adh Leath					
Iomlán					

Leanann an cluiche seo ar feadh 70 neomat.

Noel Fitzgerald, Paddy Hannon, Liam Davin, Pat Lynch, today's Senior Umpires, who are all members of St. Loman's Club.

# Ciarraí

Dathanna: Glas is Óir

(1)

**CATHAL Ó NIALLAGÁIN**

Charlie Nelligan  
(Desmonds)

(2)

**PAID Ó SÉ**  
(Gaeltacht)

(3)

**SEÁN BREATHNACH**

Sean Walsh  
(Kerins O'Raghillys)

(4)

**MICHEÁL Ó SPEALÁIN**

Michael Spillane  
(Templenoë)

(5)

**TOMÁS Ó DÚILL**

Tommy Doyle  
(Annascaul)

(6)

**TOMÁS Ó SPEALÁIN**

Tom Spillane  
(Templenoë)

(7)

**GEARÓID Ó LOINGSIGH**

Ger Lynch  
(Valentia)

(8)

**SEAN Ó SÉ**

Jack O'Shea  
(St. Mary's, Cahirciveen)

(9)

**AMBRÓS Ó DONNABHÁIN**

Ambrose O'Donovan (Capt.)  
(Greeveguilla)

(10)

**SEÁN Ó CINNEIDE**

John Kennedy  
(Ballylongford)

(11)

**DONNCHADHA Ó MORÁIN**

Denis 'Ogie' Moran  
(Beale)

(12)

**PÁDRAIG Ó SPEALÁIN**

Pat Spillane  
(Templenoë)

(13)

**DUINE EILE**

(14)

**EOIN LIOSTÚN**

Eoin Liston  
(Beale)

(15)

**SEÁN MAC AOGHÁIN**

John Egan  
(Sneem)

**Fir Ionaid:** (16) MÍCHEÁL Ó SÍTHIGH (Mike Sheehy, Austin Stacks); (17) GEARÓID DE PAOR (Ger Power, Austin Stacks); (18) TADHG Ó DÚDA (Timmy O'Dowd, John Mitchels); (19) DIARMUID Ó DONNCHÚ (Diarmuid O'Donoghue, Legion); (20) SEÁN Ó HUIGÍN (John Higgins, John Mitchels); (21) DÓNAL Ó HAIRTNEADA (Donal Hartnett, Beaufort); (22) GEARÓID Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN (Gerry O'Sullivan, Saint Michaels); (23) LIAM Ó CONCHÚIR (Willie O'Connor, Desmonds); (24) UINSEANN Ó CONCHÚIR (Vincent O'Connor, An Daingean); (25) TOMÁS Ó LOINGSIGH (Tom Lynch, Na Deasúnaigh); (26) MÍCHEÁL CÉATAIN (Michael Keating, An Corrán).

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seacháí	45m	Saor Chiceanna
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**'THE SUNDAY  
INDEPENDENT'/IRISH  
NATIONWIDE GAA 'FOOTBALL  
TEAM OF THE CENTURY'  
INTRODUCED BY MÍCHEÁL Ó  
HEHIR AT HALF-TIME IN THE  
SENIOR GAME – 4.05 P.M. – THIS  
IS A CHANGE IN TIME FOR THIS  
ITEM – FEÁCH LEATHANACH A CHUIG.**

# Craobh Peile na hÉireann 1984

## CRAOBH LAIGHIN:

13 May, Carlow:	Laois.....	1-12;	Ceatharlach.....	1-6.
20 May, Aughrim:	Longfort .....	4-4;	Cill Mhantáin.....	1-9.
27 May, Mullingar:	An Mhí .....	2-15;	An Iarmhí.....	1-5.
3 June, Navan:	An Mhí .....	1-12;	An Lú.....	0-10.
3 June, Newbridge:	Laois.....	1-10;	Cill Dara.....	0-7.
10 June, Croke Park:	Baile Átha Cliath .....	4-12;	Loch Garman .....	0-9.
10 June, Longford:	Uíbh Fhailí.....	1-12;	Longfort .....	0-15.
Replay:				
17 June, Croke Park:	Uíbh Fhailí.....	3-15;	Longfort .....	3-10.
24 June, Croke Park:	An Mhí .....	3-15;	Laois.....	3-10.
24 June, Croke Park:	Baile Átha Cliath .....	0-13;	Uíbh Fhailí.....	0-5.
FINAL:				
22 July, Croke Park:	Baile Átha Cliath .....	2-10;	An Mhí .....	1-9.

## CRAOBH ULAIDH:

27 May, Breffni Park:	Doire.....	1-12;	An Cabhán.....	0-14.
20 May, Newry:	An Dún .....	3-6;	Fear Manach.....	0-8.
27 May, Casement Park:	Muineachán .....	2-17;	Aontroim .....	1-6.
3 June, Armagh:	Ard Mhacha.....	1-10;	Dún na nGall.....	0-12.
10 June, Ballinascreen:	Tír Eoghain .....	1-13;	Doire.....	3-4.
17 June, Breffni Park:	Ard Mhacha.....	2-8;	Muineachán .....	0-9.
24 June, Casement Park:	Tír Eoghain .....	0-10;	An Dún.....	0-5.
FINAL:				
15 July, Clones:	Tír Eoghain .....	0-15;	Ard Mhacha.....	1-7.

## CRAOBH MUMHAN;

20 May, Dungarvan;	Tiobraid Árann .....	0-9;	Port Láirge.....	1-6.
Replay:				
27 May, Thurles:	Tiobraid Árann .....	4-13;	Port Láirge.....	0-10.
27 May, Thurles:	An Clár .....	0-10;	Luimneach .....	1-7.
Replay:				
3 June, Limerick:	An Clár .....	2-5;	Luimneach .....	0-10.
10 June, Tralee:	Ciarraí .....	0-23;	Tiobraid Árann .....	0-6.
17 June, Thurles:	Corcaigh .....	3-11;	An Clár .....	1-5.
FINAL:				
1 July, Killarney:	Ciarraí .....	3-14;	Corcaigh.....	2-10.

## CRAOBH CHONNACHT:

3 June, Ruislip:	Gaillimh .....	3-16;	Londain .....	0-10.
10 June, C/on/Shannon:	Liatroim .....	1-14;	Sligeach .....	0-9.
17 June, Tuam:	Gaillimh .....	1-17;	Ros Comáin .....	0-7.
24 June, Castlebar:	Maigh Eo.....	3-16;	Liatroim .....	0-8.
FINAL:				
8 July, Pearse Strad:	Gaillimh .....	2-13;	Maigh Eo.....	2-9.

## CRAOBH NA hÉIREANN:

### Semi-Finals:

12 Aug. Croke Park:	Ciarraí .....	2-17;	Gaillimh.....	0-11.
19 Aug. Croke Park:	Baile Átha Cliath .....	2-11;	Tír Eoghain .....	0-8.
FINAL:				
23 Sept. Croke Park:	Baile Átha Cliath .....	.....;	Ciarraí .....	.....



# Amhrán na bhFiann

Seo dhíbh, a cháirde, duan ógláigh,  
Caithréimeach, bríomhar, ceolmhar,  
Ár dtinte cnámh go buacach táid,  
's an spéir go mín réaltógach,  
Is fonnmhar faobhrach sinn chun gleo,  
's go tíúm-mhar glé roimh thíocht do ló,  
Faoi chiúnas chaomh na hoíche ar seol,  
Seo libh, canaig' Amhrán na bhFiann.

## Curfá:

**Sinne Fianna Fail, áta faoi gheall ag Éirinn,  
Buion dár slua thar toinn a ráinig chughainn:  
Faoi mhóid bheith saor, sean tír ár sinn sear feasta,  
Ní fhágfar faoin tiorán ná faoin tráil;  
Anocht a théam sa bhearna baoil,  
Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil,  
Le gunna-scréach; faoi lámhach na bpiléar,  
Seo libh, canaig' Amhrán na bhFiann.**

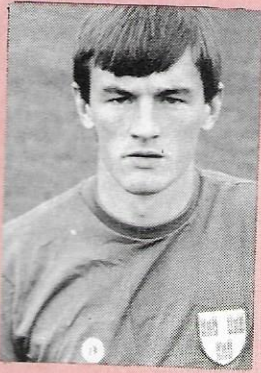
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Ag lámhach go tréan faoi sárbhrat séin  
'Tá thuas sa ghaoith go seolta:  
Ba dhúchas riamh dár gcine cháidh  
Gan iompú siar ó imirt áir,  
'S ag siúl mar iad i gcoinne namhad  
Seo libh, canaig' Amhrán na bhFiann.

A bhuíon nach fann d'fhuil Geal is Gall,  
Sinn breacadh lae na saoirse,  
Tá sceimhle's scanradh i gcroithe namhad,  
Roimh ranga laocra ár dtíre;  
Ár dtinte us tréith gan spréach anois,  
Sin luisne glé sa spéir anoir,  
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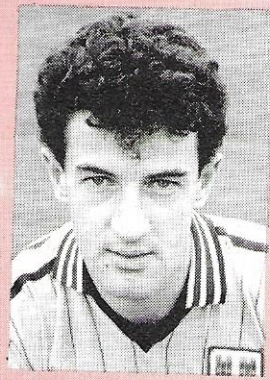
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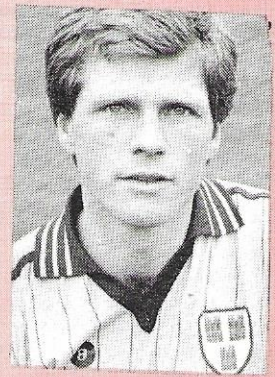




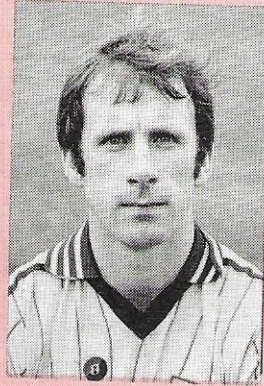
**JOHN O'LEARY:** Age 23. Made his senior debut four years ago. Product of Minor and Under-21 grades. Holds two Leinster Minor medals ('78 and '79), All-Ireland Minor medal '79 as well as Leinster Under-21 medal '80 and Leinster Senior medal '83 and All-Ireland medal '83. His displays in this year's Leinster Championship have been first rate with the only goal in the whole campaign coming against An Mhí in the Leinster Final. Experienced, courageous and skilful, many experts claim that he should have been the 1983 All Star goalkeeper. Bank Official.



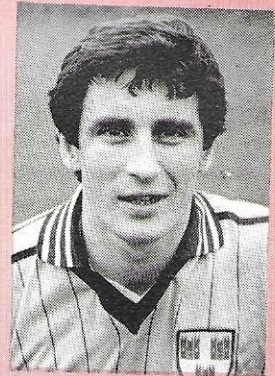
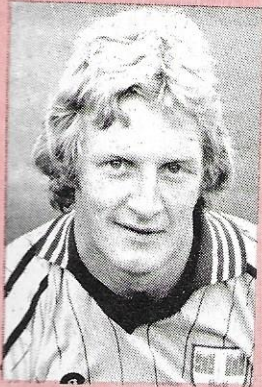
Championship. Is only now been given credit for his many determined and successful games at full back. Butcher.



**TOMMY DRUMM:** Age 29. Holds senior All-Ireland medals '76, '77 and '83 and N.F.L. medal '76. Made his senior debut in 1976, having already played Under-21. All-Star 1976 and '83. Has served Baile Átha Cliath well and has bridged the gap from the seventies to the eighties. Very elert defender, always concentrating on the job in hand. Tremendous influence on the players around him. Engineer.

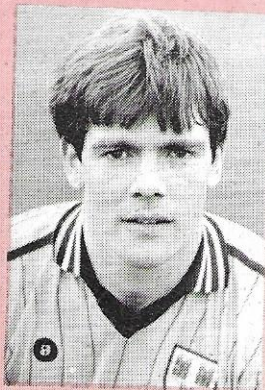


**MICK KENNEDY:** Age 25. Fourth year on the senior team having played Minor and Under-21. Won a Leinster Minor medal in 1976. All-Ireland medal '83. Secured his place in the side in the absence of the injured Ray Hazley. Strong and staunch defender who has a strong inclination towards the traditional style of play. Driver.



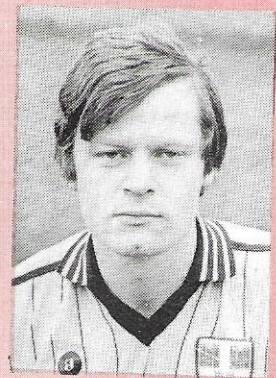
**P. J. BUCKLEY:** Age 28. Has played Minor Under-21 and Senior hurling and football for Baile Átha Cliath. Was a member of the defeated Under-21 football team in the All-Ireland in 1975. Holds All-Ireland Senior medal '83. The third member in probably Baile Átha Cliath's strongest line. Talented, forceful footballer. Accurate and long distance free taker. Most deserving of the man-of-the-match award for his semi-final display.

**MICK HOLDEN:** Age 29. Holds medals in Senior, Under-21 and Minor hurling as well as Minor and Under-21 football, Leinster and All-Ireland medals '83. Has had an outstanding season so far this centenary year, having received two Centenary Game 'Man of the Match' awards. Plays with enthusiasm and flair and also brings a wealth of experience to the full back line. Sales Representative.



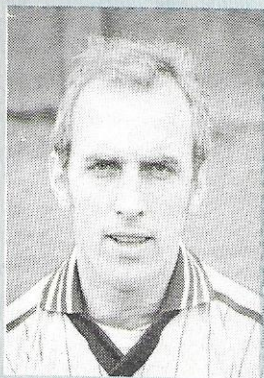
**PAT CANAVAN:** Age 23. Previously played Minor and Under-21. Promoted to senior team in '79. Won Leinster Minor medal '78 and Under 21 medal '80, also Leinster and All-Ireland medals '83. All-Star Award '83. A tremendously determined defender, his individual display in last year's final deserved better recognition and suffered because of the unusual distractions of the day. Bank Official.

**GERRY HARGAN:** Age 23. Made his senior debut in November '82 in the National League. A member of the Ballymun Kickhams Club with which he won a Dublin S.F. Championship medal in 1982. Holds Leinster and All-Ireland medals '83. Plagued by a serious injury for the duration of the league campaign, he made a most successful return for the

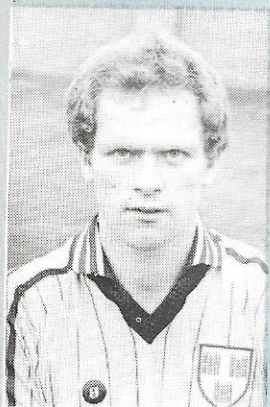


**JIM ROYNANE:** Age 25. Came through the underage ranks.

Holds one Leinster Under-21 medal 1980. Made his debut as a sub in the 1979 Leinster final and played in the All-Ireland final. Holder of Leinster and All-Ireland medals '83. The ideal partner for Brian Mullins. His play does not always make the highlights, nevertheless he is a most difficult opponent to counter. Garage Manager.

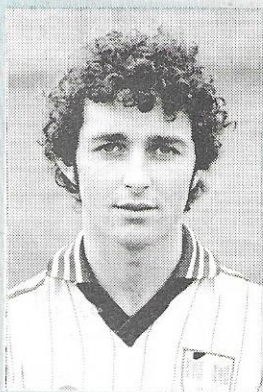


**BRIAN MULLINS:** Age 29. Figured in all Dublin successes of the '70's. Holds Senior All-Ireland medals in '74, '76, '77 and '83, and N.F.L. medal '76. One of the links with the Dublin team that won the All-Ireland in 1974. All-Star '76 and '77. Father figure to many of the present squad. Deserved much more credit for his almost miraculous return to the top in Gaelic Football after such a horrible car crash. Richly deserves any success which comes his way at this stage of an illustrious career. No amateur player earned or deserved the media abuse which he suffered as a result of last year's final. Secondary Teacher.

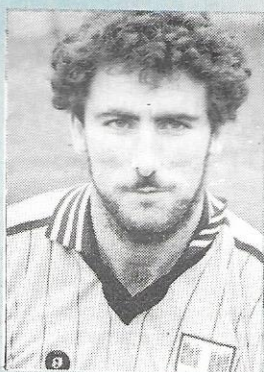


**BARNEY ROCK:** Age 23. Played at Minor and Under-21 level with Dublin. Won Leinster and All-Ireland medals in 1979 and a Leinster Under-21 medal in '80, also Leinster and All-Ireland Senior medals '83. All-Star award '83. Filling the boots of Jimmy Keaveney, Barney Rock has developed into the complete senior player. A free scoring forward both from play and

placed balls. Shows a wealth of talents in everything he does on the field. Sales Representative.



**TOMMY CONR Y:** Age 20. Won a Leinster Minor football medal in 1981. Played Minor hurling and football with Dublin. Won a Dublin S.H. Championship medal with St. Vincents in 1982. Holds Leinster and All-Ireland medals '83. The second youngest member of the team; has filled the crucial centre forward position with distinction. His displays in '83 were largely responsible for winning the All-Ireland Championship. Male Nurse.

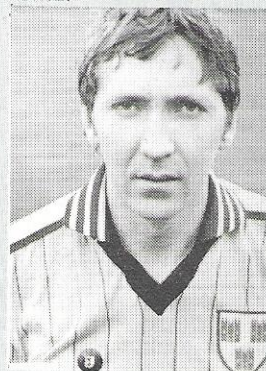


**CIARAN DUFF:** Age 23. Fifth year with Senior squad. Played Minor and Under-21 previously. Holds Leinster and All-Ireland Minor medals 1979 and Leinster Under-21 medal 1980, also Leinster and All-Ireland Senior medals '83. Talented free-scoring half forward. Really blossomed at the latter stages of last year's campaign. C.I.E. Employee.

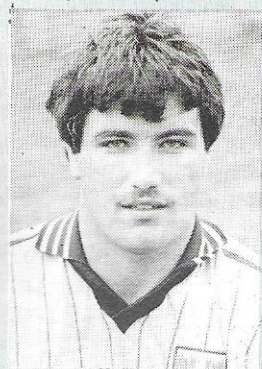
**JOHN KEARNS:** Age 25. One of the stars of Ballymun Kickhams Championship success of 1982. A strong positive player who clearly indicates a well of natural talent awaiting to blossom forth. He holds one All Ireland Championship and two Leinster souvenirs in addition to his Dublin Championship



medal. Recently married, he works as an electrician with C.I.E.



**ANTON O'TOOLE:** Age 33. Made his senior debut 12 years ago. Another link with the Dublin team of the seventies. Holds Senior All-Ireland medals '74, '76, '77 and '83 and N.F.L. medal '76. All-Stars '75 and '83. His blending with the present youthful side from the full forward position has given added experience to this sector. Has crucially opened the scoring for Baile  tha Cliath on several vital occasions. Computer Operator.



**JOE McNALLY:** Age 20. Made his senior debut for Dublin as a goalkeeper in the N.F.L. v Armagh in March '82. Later played at full forward. Won an All-Ireland Minor medal in 1982. Also holds Senior Leinster and All-Ireland medals '83. All-Star '83. Has successfully changed from a net minder to a dangerous scoring forward. His forte is gaining possession from fifty-fifty situations and then securing vital scores. Driver.

### **Brendan Quinn:**

Brendan Quinn has given great service to Baile Átha Cliath over the years as footballer, county team selector and county team trainer, and in a variety of other positions as well at club level. He continues to be actively involved in the affairs of the Association.

Quinn is currently Chairman of Parnells club on the city's North side, and he is on duty as usual today at Páirc An Chrócaigh as a steward.

After a brilliant minor career with Parnells, during which he also played senior championship football as well with the club, Quinn won county senior football medals in 1939 and 1945. He also captained Parnells to that 1945 county title win.

In between the Parnells stalwart was left half back in the BAILE Átha Cliath team that made history in 1942 by beating Gaillimh to bring the Sam Maguire Cup to the county for the first time. He also became the first past pupil of Scoil Mhuire Marino to win an All-Ireland senior medal.

That was his only All-Ireland medal as a player, but the success proved the first leg of an amazing national senior treble over a variety of roles. Baile Átha Cliath did not regain the trophy after the 1942 win until 1958, and Quinn was in there again fashioning the break-through as a county selector.

Five more years passed before the county had cause to celebrate a Sam Maguire Cup triumph once again, and once more Quinn was associated in a prominent way with the success. On that occasion he was the trainer of the team.

Nor does this tell the full story of the varied and successful career of Brendan Quinn.. He was an inter-



*Christy Kane 1963 medal winner and Brendan Quinn.*

county referee for some years following his football career, and, although he did not referee an All-Ireland senior final, he was an umpire at an historic Sam Maguire Cup game – the 1953 clash of Ciarraí and Ard Mhacha.

After his successful period as Baile Átha Cliath county team trainer, Quinn filled that role with a number of other counties.

### **Paddy O'Brien**

Paddy O'Brien was one of the commanding figures in football in the late 'Forties and during the first half of the 'Fifties. His command of the demanding full back role at a time when the game was rich in top-class forwards made him a consistent headline maker, and also earned the defender from An Mhí all of the game's top honours.

O'Brien was a superb fielder, with good positional sense, and a man whose mastery in the position made him an inspiration to An Mhí. But he was more than an outstanding full back... he was also a golden link in a majestic full back line.

Mick O'Brien, Paddy O'Brien and Kevin McConnell formed the full back bulwark for An Mhí as they beat An Cabhán to win the Sam Maguire Cup for the

first time in 1949.

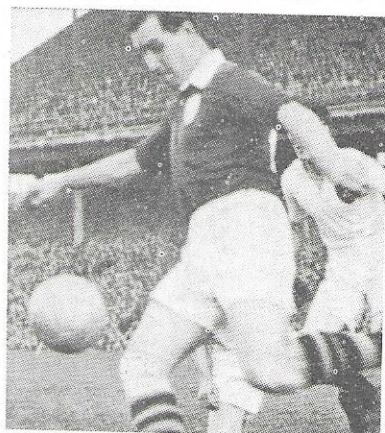
The Meath full backs were all on duty for Leinster in three Railway Cup final wins – 1953, 1954 and 1955. They also formed the full back bulwark for An Mhí in one of the county's most celebrated wins – the All-Ireland senior decider of 1954 over Ciarraí.

Paddy O'Brien also captained Leinster to the 1955 Railway Cup title.

Such was his own stature as a full back in his years in the game that he was one of the most honoured players in the now suspended representative series.

Paddy O'Brien won four Ireland jerseys between 1950 and 1955. He also collected two National League medals, as well as six Leinster senior championship souvenirs with An Mhí.

*Paddy O'Brien clears his lines in style.*



## Without a Vision, the People Perish

### Ceal Físe, Meathann Muintir

On an evening early in September, I stood in mid-pitch in Croke Park. The great stadium was empty and silent.

The golden summer had ended. Dusk had gathered. Bales of dark cloud reared above the city.

Unbidden, a phrase came into my mind.

#### *Without a vision, the people perish.*

A century ago, Cusack, Davin and Croke offered Irish youth a vision. First came the thought, followed by the word; then came the practical men who bridged the chasm between dream and deed.

I thought: Just as this silent stadium explodes in movement, colour and sound on All-Ireland Day, so also will the ideas and ideals of imaginative men explode in the Ireland of tomorrow.

#### *Without a vision, the people perish.*

Dedication is no more, they say. The medium is the message. Material welfare is

all. We eat of bread: we sup on wine. This is the age of the calculator and the computer alone.

I say otherwise.

#### *Without a vision, the people perish.*

Deep in the clay, mushrooms lie unrevealed for years. Suddenly they are everywhere in beauty. So also with the seeds of imaginative leadership.

#### *Without a vision, the people perish.*

Discipline there must be – joy too – and renewal of purpose. At the crossroads in the story of man or nation, finger-posts indicate the various ways ahead. On one finger-post is written: *Dare to be yourself.*

B'shin díreach an bóthar a roghnaigh Conradh na Gaeilge, Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann agus Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

#### *Ceal físe, meathann muintir.*

Today we Irish stand at a crossroads. At this moment, too, we stand at the centre of the vast web of our people.

Let us prove worthy of the year, the day, and the hour. And in the long years that lie before us let us not forget the phrase:

#### *Without a vision, the people perish.*

– Bryan MacMahon

### Mick O'Dwyer

An All-Ireland senior football medalist both as a defender and as a forward... one of the greatest score-getters of all time... a highly successful team trainer... that's Mick O'Dwyer.

The Waterville man highlighted his career as a half back with Ciarraí by winning All-Ireland senior medals in 1959 and 1962. He later took the transfer from defence to attack so well in his stride that he headed the nation-wide top scoring chart over three years in succession (1969 to 1971 inclusive) and also established the Ciarraí county record that still stands at 161 points (13 goals and 122 points) in 26 games in 1970.

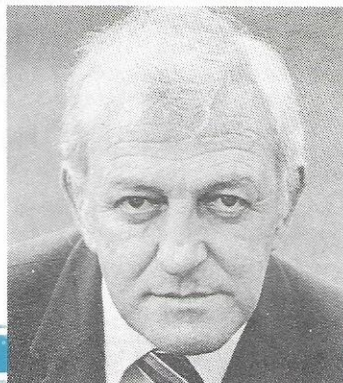
O'Dwyer added two more All-Ireland senior medals to his collection as a forward (1969 and 1970). The expertise he displayed as a footballer has been very

much in evidence in his work as team-manager with the county team.

Since he took over the post, Ciarraí have enjoyed remarkable success, and were, it will be remembered, only foiled at virtually the last minute of a record-making five All-Ireland senior titles in succession by Uíbh Fhailí in 1982.

### Kevin Heffernan

Baile Átha Cliath's football fortunes were at a low ebb when Kevin Heffernan took the senior football team in hand in the autumn of 1973. That period marked the



county's entry into Division II of the National League.

But within months Baile Átha Cliath had regained their premier status in the League, and went on to start the most glorious era yet by winning the Sam Maguire Cup in 1974. Three more All-Ireland senior championships have been won in the meantime – 1976, 1977 and 1983 – as well as two National Leagues. All of this is a striking testament to the immense influence of Heffernan as team manager over the period.

The St. Vincent's club man had a wonderful career as a footballer. He led the county to their 1958 All-Ireland senior championship win, and won a record – for a Dubliner – seven inter-provincial medals.

During his years as a player, Heffernan was a master of the roving full forward ploy, but he also made his mark at left full.

# The Old Kerry Footballer

The glasses are filled and raised,  
The comrades of my prime are here,  
Here to recapture the olden days  
And times of high cheer.  
I stand to honour the toast  
That speaks for the quick and the dead;  
I set the glass to my lips  
Then bow my head.

I'm the stamp of an old hunter  
Let out in a field of grass,  
Watching the altering shadows  
As the high clouds pass  
But whenever the horn is sounded  
Over hill and through furzey glen  
I am taken by youthful frenzy;  
I am myself again!

Oh, that was the time surely!  
I was stalwart and strong and tall,  
As clad in a Kerry gansey  
I leaped for the flying ball.  
For that was the time indeed  
When of steel seemed my heart and hand,  
And my name was lipped by thousands  
To the ends of our land.

And into these headlands out-thrusting  
Above the seas' foam,  
Into each lime-white cottage  
Amid the crags we call home  
I served to breathe a spirit  
That lives on each broken hill.  
For the pulse of my heart was Kerry  
And I love her still!

Even now my limbs bell an answer  
To the Croke Park cheer  
As borne on the murmurous air above  
It fills Ireland from Malin to Clear  
And now I raise my head  
Not in grief nor in sadness grey  
But rather in pride, to whisper  
- 'I had my day!'

- Bryan MacMahon

# Féach – Look – Eolas

## A B C le haghaidh Páirc An Chrócaigh

**A – First Aid**

**B – Bia**

**C – Cooperation and Communication**

- A.** FIRST AID – Members of the St. John's Ambulance are on duty all around the stadium. There are first aid posts underneath the stands at both sides of the ground. If you require first aid and cannot contact a member of the St. John's Ambulance, please contact a steward or a Garda.
- B.** Canteen facilities are available both in the Hogan and Cusack Stands, sited centrally upper and lower decks of each. In addition shop facilities are also available on Hill 16 and in the Canal end. The G.A.A. Souvenir Shop and Sweet Shop are to be found under the Hogan Stand. A complete range of souvenir items is available. Ask for catalogue. Football final souvenir programmes also available.
- C.** Cooperation and Communication: Patrons are requested to obey the stewards and the Gardaí at all times. There are key stewards in each section of the ground and should be contacted if needed. These stewards are easily recognised as they are dressed in G.A.A. crested Green Blazers. A station for lost children is located centrally underneath the Hogan Stand. Parents or Guardians should come immediately to this station.

Buíochas.

## Baile Átha Cliath

In their four championship games en route to today's final, Baile Átha Cliath scored a total of 4 goals and 52 points (64 points), and had 1 goal and 25 points (28 points) recorded against them, giving them respective averages of 16.00 and 7.00.

Altogether, twelve players succeeded in getting their names onto the Baile Átha Cliath scoresheet, and their individual figures were as follows: Paul Clarke 0-19, Niall Clancy 2-7, David Delappe and Conor Crowley 0-6 each, James Stynes 0-4, Pádraig Robinson 0-3, David Whelan and Bob McKeown 1-0 each, Michael Crowley, James Fahy and Alan McClean 0-2 each, and Ailbhe Martin 0-1.

## Tiobraid Árann

Tiobraid Árann have played one game more than Baile Átha Cliath prior to this afternoon's decider, and in the course of their five matches they've compiled scoring aggregates of 8 goals and 49 points (73 points) for, and 4 goals and 28 points (40 points) against, giving them respective averages of 14.60 and 8.00.

Nine players contributed to the Tiobraid Árann score-

sheet, and their individual returns were as follows: Tom Sheehan 2-16, Jim O'Meara 1-15, Brian Burke 2-8, Anthony Crosse 2-1, John Hackett 1-2, Derek Pyke 0-4, and Gerry Ryan, Michael Goonan and Kevin Farrelly 0-1 each.

## Leading scorers in Minor Championship

The 1984 Minor Football Championship scoring honours will be decided this afternoon, as Tiobraid Árann's Tom Sheehan currently occupies the number one position, three points ahead of Baile Átha Cliath's Paul Clarke. Another Tiobraid Árann player, Jim O'Meara, is just a single white flag further back in third place, and the leading goalscorer is currently Maigh Eo's Kieran Carey, who has claimed four green flags.

Total	Player	County	Gls-Pts
22	TOM SHEEHAN .....	TIOBRAID ÁRANN ...	2-16
19	PAUL CLARKE .....	BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH .	0-19
18	JIM O'MEARA.....	TIOBRAID ÁRANN ...	1-15
14	BRIAN BURKE.....	TIOBRAID ÁRANN ...	2-8
14	Kieran Carey .....	Maigh Eo.....	4-2
13	Mark Butler .....	Maigh Eo.....	0-13
13	Frank O'Leary .....	Loch Garman .....	1-10
13	NIALL CLANCY .....	BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH .	2-7

## Minor Roll of Honour

- 9: **Baile Átha Cliath:** 1930, 1945, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959, 1979, 1982.  
Ciarraí: 1931, 1932, 1933, 1946, 1950, 1962, 1963, 1975, 1980.
7. Corcaigh: 1961, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1972, 1974, 1981.
- 5: Maigh Eo: 1935, 1953, 1966, 1971, 1978.
- 4: Gaillimh: 1952, 1960, 1970, 1976.
3. Ros Comáin: 1939, 1941, 1951.  
Tír Eoghain: 1947, 1948, 1973.
2. An Cabhán: 1937, 1938.  
Doire: 1965, 1983.  
An Lú: 1936, 1940.
1. An Clár: 1929. An Dún: 1977. Ard Mhacha: 1949. An Mhí: 1957. **Tiobraid Árann:** 1934. Uíbh Fhailí: 1964.



Alan Larkin senior star of the 'Seventies is now achieving great success with the minor teams.



The late John Rock, Croke Park caretaker and scoreboard attendant until his tragic death.



The late Willie Rock who traditionally supplied the match ball to the referee.

# Baile Átha Cliath

Dathanna: Gorm is Dubhgorm

(1)

**MAIRTIN Ó BRUADAIR**

Martin Broderick  
(Ballyfermot)

(2)

**GREGÓIR BREATNACH**

Greg Walsh  
(Parnells)

(3)

**SEAN DE BARRA**

John Barry  
(St. Monica's)

(4)

**CIARÁN BREATNACH**

Ciaran Walsh  
(St. Anne's)

(5)

**AILBHE Ó MAIRTIN**

Albert Martin  
(Erin's Isle)

(6)

**SEAN DE PAOR**

John Power  
(Kilmore)

(7)

**ROIBEARD MAC EOIN**

Bob McKeon  
(Erin's Isle)

(8)

**SÉAMUS DE STÍN**

James Stynes  
(Ballyboden St. Endas)

(9)

**PÓL Ó CLÉIRIGH**

Paul Clarke (Capt.)  
(Whitehall Colmcilles)

(10)

**DAITHÍ Ó DE LAPPE**

David Delappe  
(St. Anne's)

(11)

**AILÉIN MAC GIOLLA EÁIN**

Alan McClean  
(Raheny)

(12)

**SEAMUS Ó FATHAIGH**

James Fahy  
(Kilmore)

(13)

**NIALL MAC LANNCADHA**

Niall Clancy  
(Kilmacud Crokes)

(14)

**MICHEÁL Ó CRUALAOICH**

Michael Crowley  
(Whitehall Colmcille)

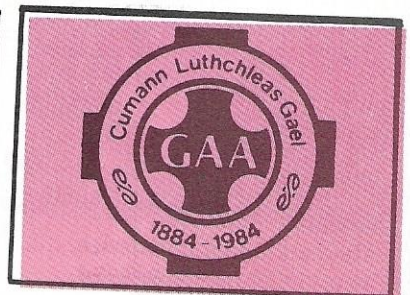
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**DAITHÍ BREATNACH**

David Walsh  
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**RISTEARD Ó COIRC**

Richie Quirke  
(Cahir)

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**DAITHÍ MAC UILLIAM**

David Williams  
(Golden)

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**SEÁN Ó HEOGHAIN**

John Owens  
(Moyle Rovers)

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**PROINSIAS HÚILÍN**

Frank Howlin (Capt.)  
(Cahir)

(7)

**MICHEÁL Ó HAOLÁIN**

Michael Holland  
(Kiladangan)

(8)

**BRIAN DE BURCA**

Brian Burke  
(Fethard)

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**GEARÓID Ó RIAIN**

Gerry Ryan  
(Ardfinnan)

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Michael Goonan  
(Newcastle)

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**SEAMUS Ó MEÁRA**

Jim O'Meara  
(Grange Mockler)

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Kevin Farrelly  
(Templemore)

(13)

**TOMÁS Ó SIOCHÁIN**

Tom Sheehan  
(Fethard)

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**ANTÓIN MAC AN CHROSÁIN**

Anthony Crosse  
(Éire Óg)

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(Mullinahone)

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**Liam Ó Maolmíchil**

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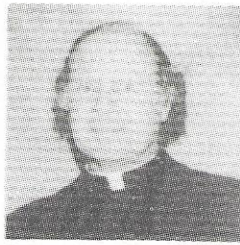
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Born Bandon 1927. T.C.D. Graduate. Has taught in Avoca School, St. Andrew's College, Wesley College and St. Patrick's Cathedral Grammar School. Commentator in Irish on current affairs (radio and television). Has contributed to over sixty magazines and papers in Ireland and abroad. Editor *Focus* the independent, interdenominational Protestant review. 1958-1966, writer in Irish on political affairs for *Irish Press*. His books include studies in contemporary politics (*Ian Paisley agus Tuaisceart Éireann*, *Conor Cruise O'Brien agus an Liobrálachas*).



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**Father Mark Tierney, OSB**

Born Dublin 1925, educated at C.U.S. Dublin and Glenstal Abbey, Co. Limerick. B.A. and M.A. in Modern History at U.C.D. Ordained Benedictine priest 1954, worked on the Cashel Diocesan Archives in 1960, catalogued papers of the archbishops of Cashel between 1752 and 1902. Became interested in the G.A.A., researched the origins of the Association; has worked worldwide on archives, lectures and writes articles on Irish and European history. Published works include *Croke of Cashel and Europe since 1870*.



**Tadhg Ó Ciardha**

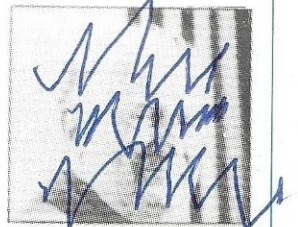
Born Kinsale 1919. Attended St. Patrick's N.S. and North Monastery C.B.S. B.A. 1939. M.A. (Mathematics and Statistics) 1942. Joined U.C.C. staff 1939 as demonstrator in mathematics. Ph.D. (London) in Faculty of Science 1945. Lectured in mathematics. U.C.C. 1946-1951 and Professor of Mathematics 1951-1974. Registrar of U.C.C. 1955-1978 and Supervisor of Examinations 1969-1978. Appointed College President 1978 and currently Vice-Chancellor N.U.I. Conferred with LL.D. (Hon. Queen's University Belfast) 1984. Member of Royal Irish Academy.

**Liam P. Ó Caithnia, Bráthair Cristaí**  
As Baile an Locha, Corcaigh. Scoilocht o na Bráthre Cristaí, i gColáiste na hOllscoile. B.A.C. agus thar lear. Comh-údar leis an gCardinal Ó Fiach, ar *Art Mí Bionaid: Dánta*. Foilsíodh *Sceál na hIomána* i 1980. *Michael Ciosóg* i 1982 agus beidh leabhar leis ar bhairtí cos na hÉireann (rómh 1884) a fhoilsiu gan mhóil. Suil aige leabhar eile fós a sheoladh rómh Nollaig staidéir ar fhilocht na mBard (1200-1600).



**Pádraig Ó Fainín, Symposium Chairman**

Uachtaran 1970-1973. A native of Waterford, has had lifelong association with Mount Sion club (Hon. Secretary 1941-1955, Chairman 1955-1970 and 1978 to date). Played minor junior and senior inter-county hurling for Waterford; holder of seven Waterford senior hurling medals. Chairman of Waterford county committee 1955-1952, 1969-1970, 1975-1978. Chairman of Munster Council 1962-1965, first Chairman of G.A.A. Policy Committee 1964-1970, later successively Chairman of Development and Communications Committees 1975-1982.



These are the main speakers at the Centenary Symposium.

## Comóradh an chéid ar Raidió na Gaeltachta

Ó bunaíodh Raidió na Gaeltachta sa bhliain 1972 tá tráchtairacht bheo agus tuairiscí rialta le fáil ar na cluichí móra náisiúnta, agus ar na cluichí áitiúla sna contaeth Gaeltacht sa teanga ab ansa le Mícheál Ciosóg féin.

Tá dhá shraith speisialta cláracha á gcráladh ag Raidió na Gaeltachta do Chomóradh an Chéid.

Sa chéad 'sraith, Clubanna na Gaeltachta, tá cuairt á tabhairt ar Chlubanna Chumann Lúthchleas Gael ar fun na Gaeltachta agus craoltar na cláracha sin gach aon mhaidin Dé Sathairn ar 11.02:

Tá tús curtha anois le sraith nua cláracha faoin dteideal **Céad Bliain Chumann Lúthchleas Gael**, sraith trí chinn déag de léachtaí ina pbléifear gnéithe éagsúla de stair; d'obair agus de thionchar Chumann Lúthchleas Gael ó 1884 go dtí an lá inniu.

Tá scoláirí agus cainteoirí cumasacha imeasc na léachtóirí: Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh; Liam Ó Caithnia; Seán Ó Síocháin; John A. Murphy; Risteard Ó Glaisne; Seán Ó hUrmholtaigh; Brian Mac Mathúna; Leon Ó Morcháin; Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh; Donnchadh Ó Súilleabháin agus Feardorcha Ó Colla.

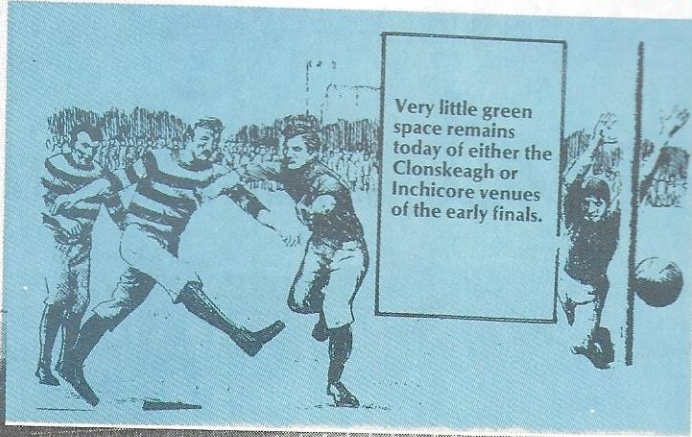
Tá Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh mar Eagarthóir Chomhairleach don sraith agus sé Tomás Ó Ceallaigh an Léiritheoir.

Beidh gach aon léacht le clos faoi dhó, ar a 7.30 tráthnóna Dé Luain agus ar 12.30 iarnóin Dé Domhnaigh.

Beidh na léachtaí seo le fáil i bhfoirm leabhair níos déanaí.

Tá Raidió na Gaeltachta le clos ar mhínicíocht an-ard, VHF/FM ar fud na tíre.

# All Ireland Final venues in the Early Years

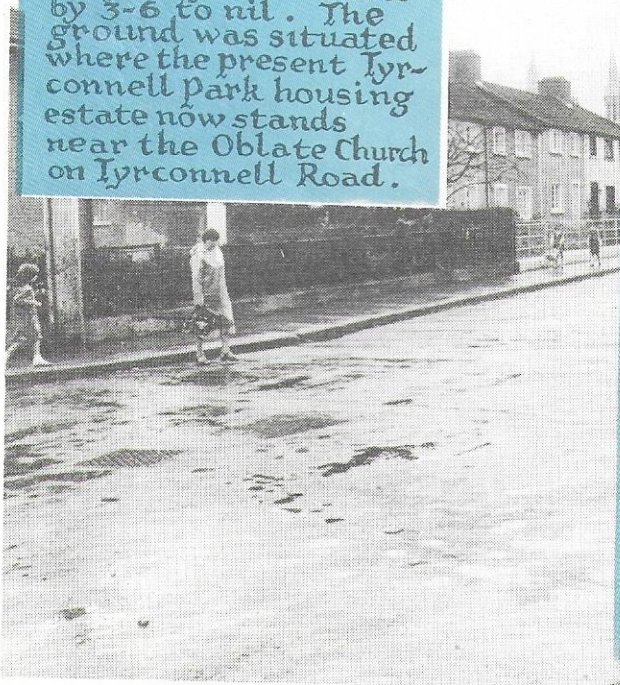


Very little green space remains today of either the Clonskeagh or Inchicore venues of the early finals.



Clonskeagh - - - The first All-Ireland senior football final was played on Byrne's field at Beech Hill half way between Clonskeagh "The meadow of white thorns" and Donnybrook. The Church of Brdc "on April the 29<sup>th</sup> 1888. In this, the final of the 1887 championship Limerick beat Louth by 1-4 to 0-3. Beech Hill was then the home ground of the Benburbs club of Donnybrook which included among its playing members Luke O'Toole, Rúnai Cumsann Lúthchleas Gael 1901 - 1929.

Inchicore - - - The 1889 All-Ireland football final was played on the ground of Saint Patrick's G.A.A. club at Inchicore on October the 20<sup>th</sup> that year, when Tipperary beat Laois by 3-6 to nil. The ground was situated where the present Tyrconnell Park housing estate now stands near the Oblate Church on Tyrconnell Road.

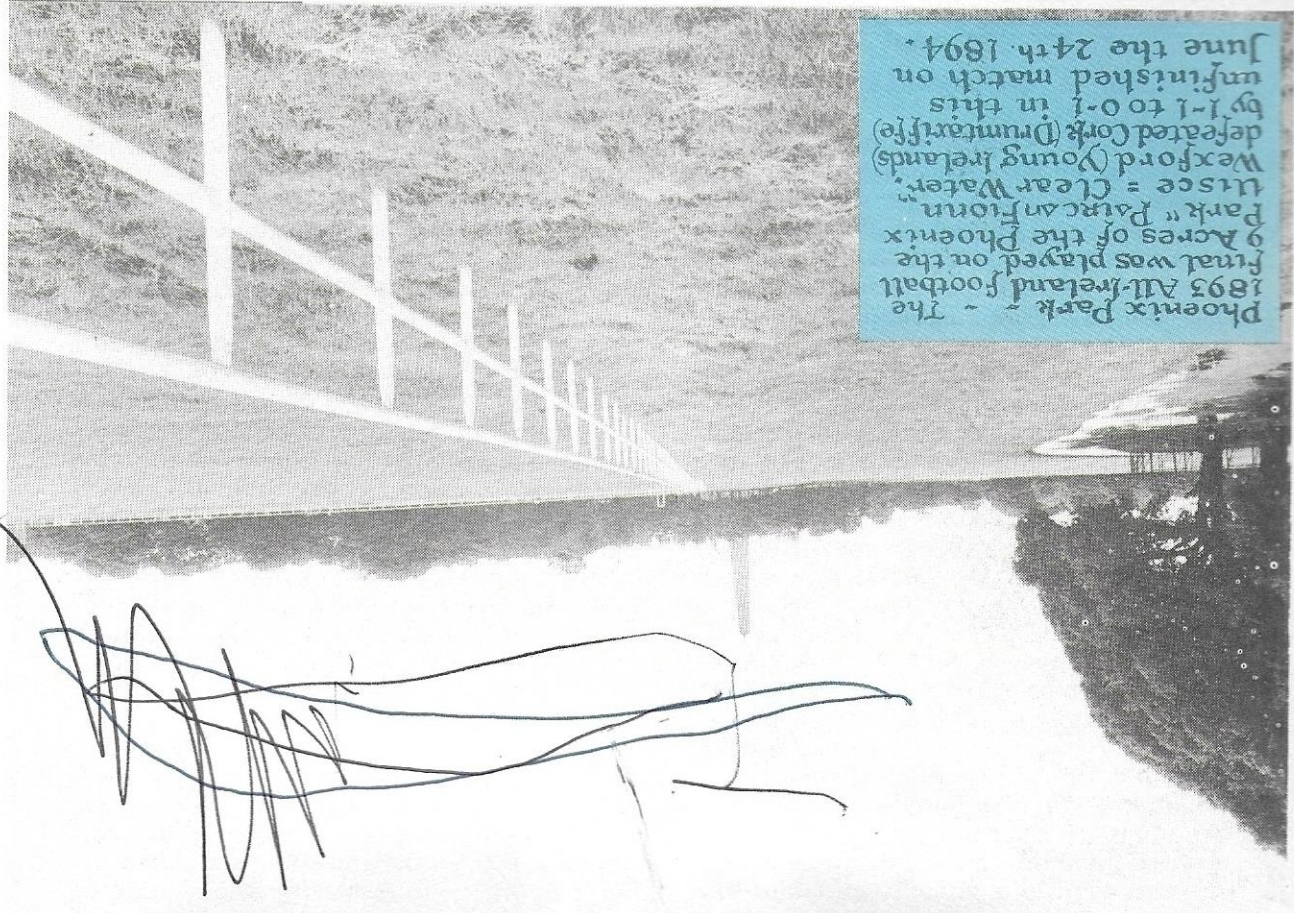


Clonturk Park ~ ~ ~ On a once green sward in historic Drumcondra at Clonturk ~ several early All Ireland finals were decided. On June 26<sup>th</sup> 1891 Cork won the 1890 crown by defeating Wexford in the first football final played at Clonturk Park. A century before the foundation of the G.A. Gaelic football was played at Drumcondra on the natural sporting arena on the banks of the River Tolka. Clonturk Park was the venue for many splendid athletic meetings in the early days and Michael Cusack and the famous Dr Daly and the famous contested of Munster there in 1890. Today a housing estate also called Clonturk Park stands on the site opposite St. Patrick's Teachers Training College on Drumcondra Road.

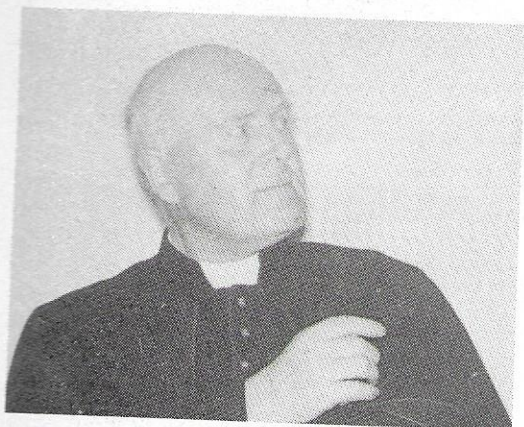
Top: The area of Clonturk Park as it appeared in 1892 and the lower photograph show the 9 acres of the Phoenix Park as it appears today.



Phoenix Park ~ ~ The 1893 All-Ireland football final was played on the 9 Acres of the Phoenix Park "Páirc an Fionn Uisce = Clear Water" Wexford (Young Ireland) defeated Cork (Drumtariffe) by 1-1 to 0-1 in this unfinished match on June the 24<sup>th</sup> 1894.



# Polo Grounds Originator



Canon Hamilton  
(Photograph courtesy the Nenagh Guardian)

Canon Hamilton was, by any standards, larger than life and one who could hold his own in any company. In G.A.A. terms, he was, without question, the most outstanding personality and the most impressive character to emerge from the Banner County since Michael Cusack. Strong in physique, particularly able as an orator and gifted with the commanding qualities of leadership, he would have gone far in the political or civil spheres of Irish life, had he not opted for the priesthood and, for good measure, directed his surplus energy to the promotion of the Gaelic Athletic Association. Strong in character and unyielding in his convictions, he was never a person to "suffer fools gladly" and, consequently, was regarded by some as being controversial. His courage and strength of character were never more dramatically demonstrated than on the occasion of the first entry of the newly-formed Irish National Army into Ennis, at the height of the Civil War, which had tragically divided the people of Clare. His presence in the front seat of an open lorry, at the head of the Army convoy, gave an imprimatur to the event which was not challenged.

It was my privilege to know him over a long number of years and I respected his advice and counselling at all times, whether delivered to his fellow-members of the Central Council G.A.A. or at a personal level. His words always carried the weight of a father figure and the conviction of one who was sure of his facts. This does not mean, however, that he was a solemn, serious-

*Built in the physique of Michael Cusack, Canon Hamilton was a tireless worker in the cause of the Gaelic Athletic Association. He was deeply involved with the Clare County Board and was in addition a prime mover at national level of the promotional side of the Association. He broadcast games on the wireless and saw the need for the Association to have it's own newspaper. It was he almost single-handed who convinced the Association to bring the 1947 All Ireland Football final to the exiled Gaels in the United States which was played between Ciarraí and An Cabhán in the Polo Grounds. He died as he lived while attending a County Hurling Final in Cusack Park, Ennis.*

minded person at all times or, indeed, half of the time, because my abiding memory of him was his spontaneous and hilarious outbursts of humour and there were few professionals who could boast of a greater fund of stories – all "racy of the soil". One of his favourites was about the hard drinker in the parish who went to Confession to the Missioners and, when asked by his cronies how he got on, said that he had no problem. And when one of them, in surprise said "but what did he say to you about the drink?" "Nothing" said our man and when another said to him "how could that be", he replied, "because he didn't draw it down to me, so I didn't draw it down to him"!!!

Bhí báidh ar leith aige don teanga Gaeilge agus bhí sé chó líofa inti agus a bhí sé i mBéarla agus ba mhor an méid é sin. Dhein sé cion fir chun í a chur ar aghaidh agus spéis an phobail a mhúscailt inti agus sa chultúr dúchais i gcoitinne. Is mó Coirm Cheoil Gaelach a chuir sé ar siúl ins na blianta a bhí sé i gCora Chaitlín agus in a dhiaidh san in Aonach Urmhumhan. Tá beo-chuimhre agam go fóill ar choirm díobh i scoil gar do Chora Chaitlín agus go ro-speisialta rásaí na gcapall an lá dár gcionn i Clonmoy. Is deacair a shamhlú anois, leis an trácht trom atá ar an príomh-bóthar idir Aerphort na Sionna agus Cathair Luimní, gur threasnaigh Cúrsa Ráis an laé úd an-bóthar san faoi dhó!!

Tá an Canónach emithe uainn le blianta anois ach is mor ag go leor daoine a gcomhnuí a thréithíocht mar dhuine agus a shaothar ar son cluichí na nGael. Leaba imeasc na Naomh go raibh ag a anam uasal.

Sean Ó Siocháin remembers Canon Hamilton

## Newly Formed v Well Established

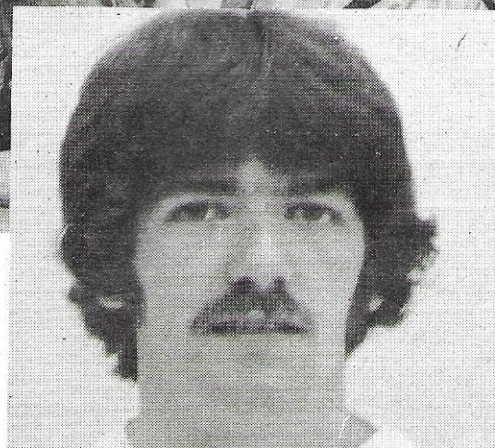


Val McMahon Coca Cola, John and Tom Quish and Caimin Jones.

Overseas visitors to the World Handball Championships at Páirc an Chrócaigh last May soon realised that Ireland's representatives in the larger court would not be tested. This in turn meant that these visitors would not see a full-blooded traditional game of Irish Handball.

The Irish players decided to rectify this and Ireland's Doubles pairing – Tom and John Quish from Limerick played a challenge game against our Singles player – Tom O'Rourke from Kildare. Tom asked a Junior player who had just transferred to Kildare – Joe Rossiter – to stand in with him and, amazingly, the quartet who served up a fine exhibition of all that is good in Irish handball for our visitors are the very four who will contest the Coca Cola Senior Doubles final on the eve of the Senior Football All Ireland.

It is an intriguing clash between the tried and hugely successful pairing of Tom and John Quish from Hospital Co. Limerick – beaten only twice in 5 years of Championship handball – and the new and

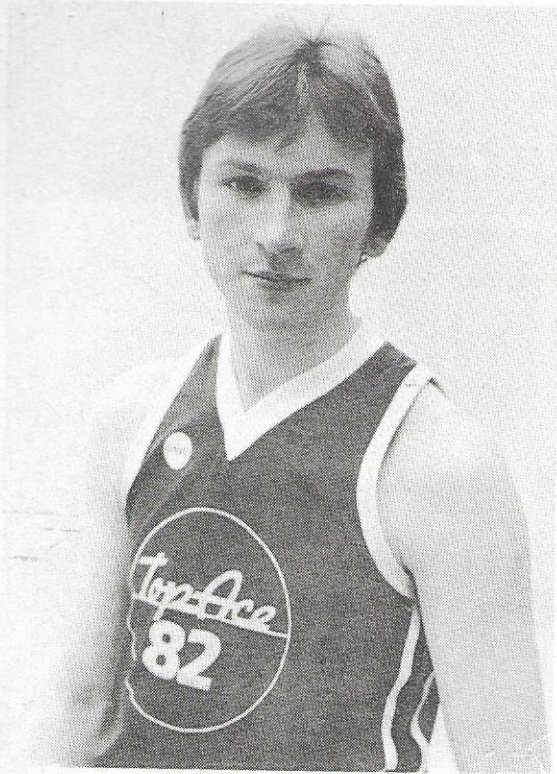


Tom O'Rourke

barely tried partnership of Singles kingpin, Tom O'Rourke and his 'rookie' partner, Joe Rossiter, both representing Ballymore Eustace, Co. Kildare.

Tom and John Quish are some partnership! They are current Coca Cola Senior Doubles Championships; Centenary Doubles Champions; World Doubles Champions and were last beaten in a Championship game in July 1982.

Tom O'Rourke never played with Joe Rossiter until this year. Their handball fortunes are almost complete opposites – Joe has moderate success as a Junior with Dublin prior to his switch to Kildare where he resides with Senior Army Singles success as probably the highlight of his career to date.



John Fleming, Loch Garman.

### Liathróid Láimhe

O'Rourke is success personified, particularly in 1984 when he has won Centenary Singles; World Singles Championship; and in Thurles on the eve of the Hurling All Ireland, he regained his Coca Cola Senior Singles title.

Together, O'Rourke and Rossiter have dovetailed perfectly and success in the Coca Cola final would not be a huge surprise.

The Saturday programme begins (Croke Park, 7 p.m.) with a Minor Doubles Final clash between Kilkenny and Limerick. Michael Walsh (Kilkenny) will be seeking a record 3 Minor Doubles successes on the trot and will be partnered by All Ireland Colleges' Doubles Champion, Pierce O'Keefe.

Eamonn O'Neill, All Ireland Senior Colleges' Senior Singles Champion, will be Limerick's stronger player with Paul Galvin, All Ireland Under 14 Champion, as partner.

Between the Minor and Senior games will be the Junior Singles decider between Wexford and Roscommon. Dermot Doolin (Roscommon) will be making his second attempt at this title, having already lost the 1979 title to last year's Senior Champion, Tony Ryan. This will be John Fleming's first ever Singles final in this code and victory for him would give the Wexfordman his third All Ireland title this year.

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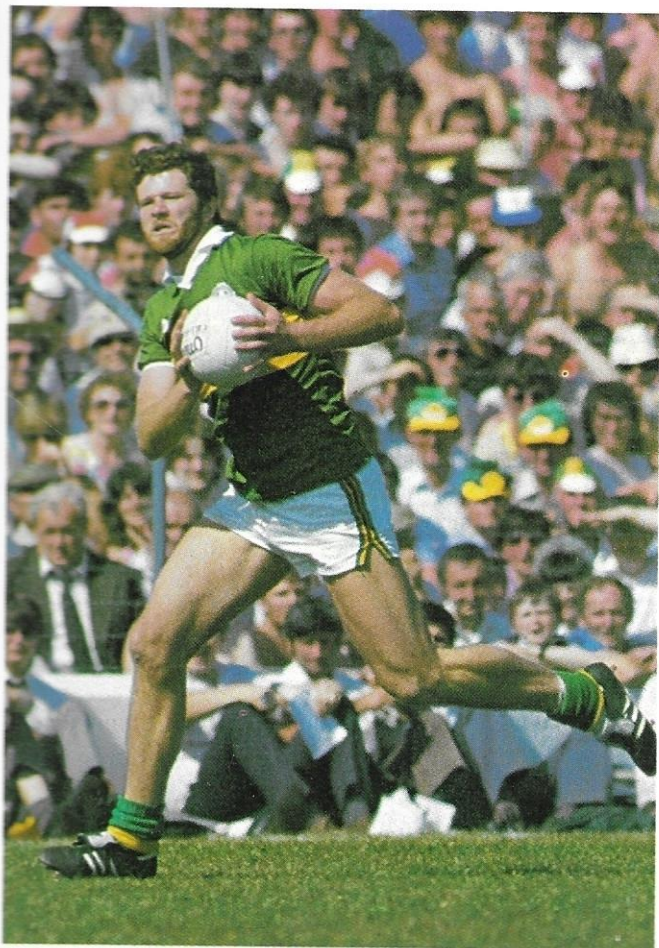
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## Ciarraí

**Ar Cúl:** Jack O'Shea, Tom Spillane, Mike Sheehy, Charlie Nelligan. Ger Lynch, Pat Spillane, Seanie Walsh.

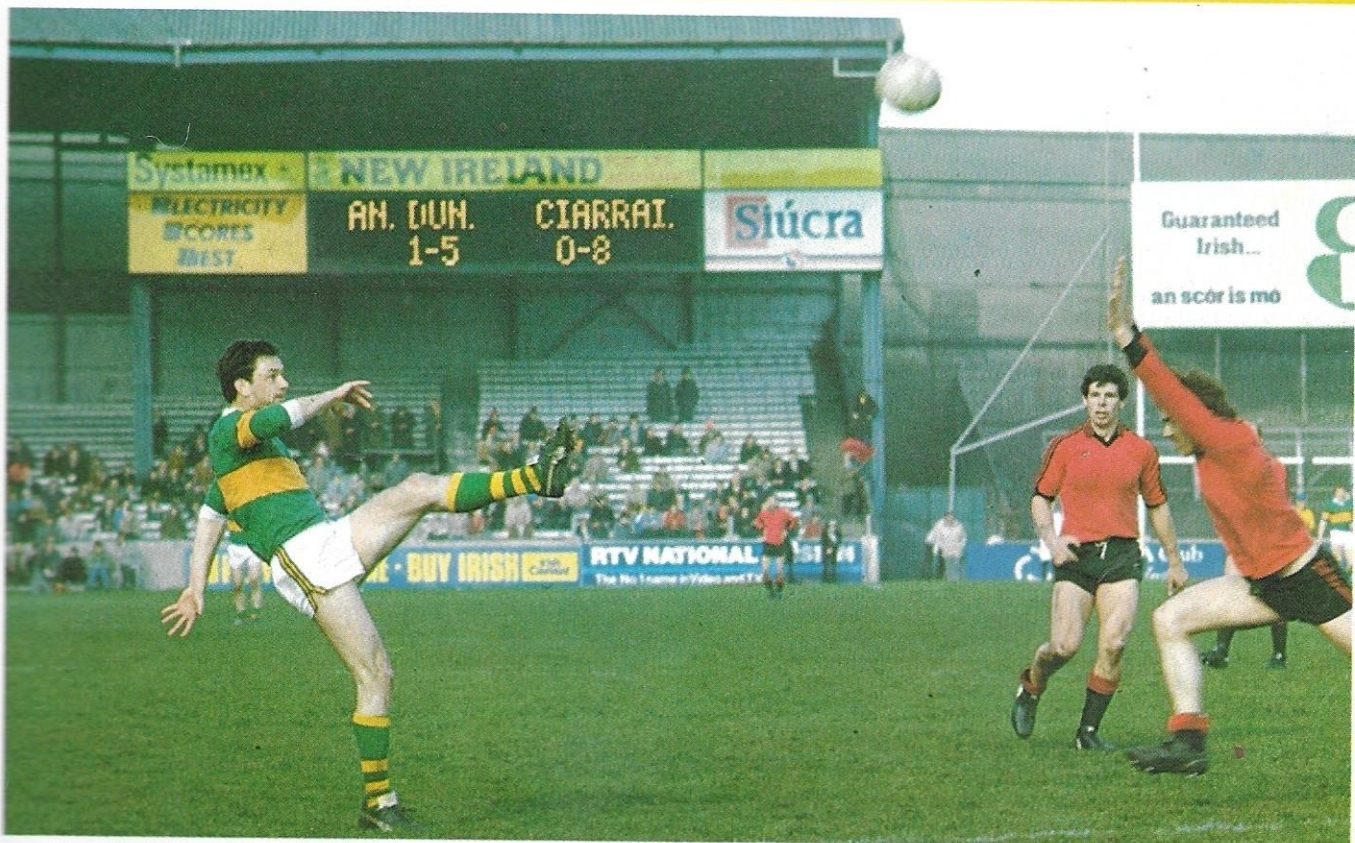
**Idtosach::** John Egan, Eoin Liston, Tommy Doyle, Paudie Ó Sé, Ambrose O'Donovan (Capt.), Michael Spillane, John Kennedy, Denis 'Ogie' Moran.



Liston in possession. Eoin Liston Ciarraí's great and inspirational full forward.

Ciarraí on the march led by captain Ambrose O'Donovan.

Tommy Doyle whose display in this year's Munster final will prove one of the lasting memories of the Centenary Year.



# PAT SPILLANE

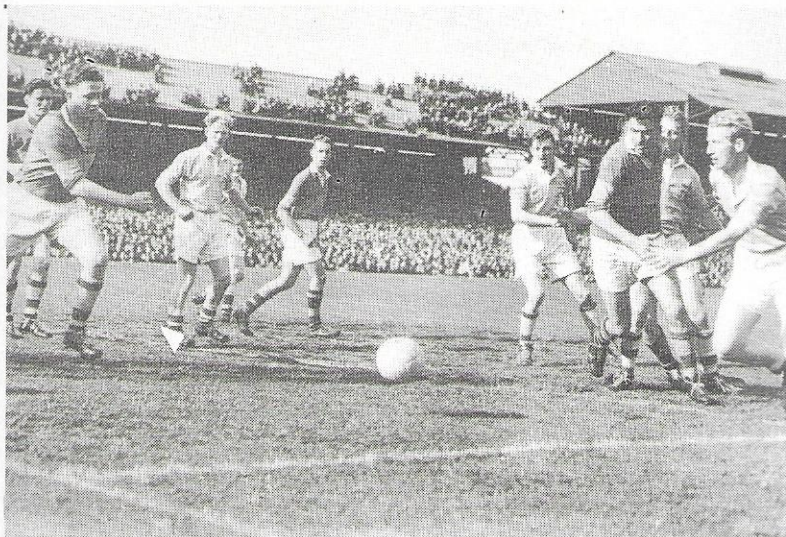


## PAT SPILLANE

It is hardly an exaggeration to place Pat Spillane amongst the most talented of Gaelic Footballers (and there were many) to come from the Kingdom of Kerry. The enthusiasm which he brings to his play, the brilliance of his kicking and his great mobility make him into a player apart. At 29 years of age he has made a successful come back from a serious knee injury which had threatened to terminate his playing career prematurely. Few expected him to yet again grace the All Ireland scene with his undoubted talents. It is obvious that Pat Spillane lacks for nothing in courage and determination.

The gusto of his play and the obvious joyous enthusiasm which he exudes has done volumes of good for Gaelic Football. A true measure of his greatness is surely his selection with two other present day Kerry team colleagues Jack O'Shea and Mike Sheehy in the Sunday Independent / Irish Nationwide GAA Football team of the Century.

## Most momentous All Ireland ever played



*The ball in the Ciarraí square and Kevin Heffernan in the centre together with other familiar faces from the 1955 final.*

It all started on the 25th of September 1955 – the day that the famed Kingdom met the Dublin football machine. It hasn't been the same since. The atmosphere in Croke Park was truly electric. The air seethed with an emotional current that was rampant, not alone on the terraces and the stands but among the participants as well.

Both teams knew exactly what was at stake – Kerry's traditional high fielding, long kicking game was being challenged by a Dublin team branded as the "slickest footballing machine in the business".

The gates crashed open, adding many thousands to the official record number of 87,102 already in the stadium, it was that kind of an occasion.

The crowds had been pouring into the capital from the Friday and hotels and guest houses were crammed as the Green and Gold favours proclaimed to all and sundry that Kerry's might as football's kingpins would

resist this latest challenge.

The good natured banter between the visitors and the locals only added to the occasion and fuelled the clamour and pathos which was to make the 1955 All Ireland meeting of the two counties, the most glamorous and the most eventful of any Dublin-Kerry meeting before or since.

For Dublin, it was to be the day that a new concept in footballing skills was to be put to the test against the masters; it was to be a day when Dublin football assumed a new identity through "Heffo" "Ollie", "Jock", "Snitchie" and the rest.

For Kerry, it was to be the supreme test, not alone was the pride of the little village at stake but the very foundation of the game itself – that was how important it was in Kerry eyes.

Looking out from the press box one feared for those jammed on the "Hill" and crammed under the Cusack and the Canal end. The crowds swayed as the

final minutes ticked away before the most momentous All Ireland final ever played was set in motion.

Would "Heffo" adopt a roving commission against Kerry full back Ned Roche, as he had done in the Leinster final against Meath's great Paddy O'Brien. How would Dublin cope with the accurate Tadhgíe Lyne, the bustling Jim Brosnan, the speedy Paudie Sheehy? They were some of the imponderables which had filled the newspaper columns for weeks prior to the final.

Kerry's invincibility was to stand the test on that historic occasion; Kerry's pride and honour was justifiably restored by a team which never really got the acclaim it so richly reserved following that dramatic success.

For Dublin, it was back to the drawing board but fate was already decreeing that Dublin would have ample revenge for that 1955 setback – but that was to be later, much later.



## Ciarraí agus 27 Craobh

Ciarraí are rightly regarded as the champion competitors of football. Their record in the All-Ireland senior championship, with 27 titles is far and away the best in the game, and there are many – particularly in the South – who will argue that it would be entirely appropriate if they joined Corcaigh, the leaders in the hurling chart, as Centenary Champions.

Be that as it may the Kingdom will have double cause for celebration if they regain the Sam Maguire Cup. That would mark them out as double champions in this most important of all years.

Back in April Ciarraí added another to the many in their long story of title wins. Jack O'Shea at midfield, Tommy Doyle at right half back, Pat

Spillane, who lined out at left half forward, but worked tirelessly all over the field, and Mickey Sheehy, who hit his team's only goal, were the most prominent workers in a well-drilled side that regained the National League with a 1-11 to 0-11 win over Gaillimh in the final at Limerick.

The performance that added up to the county's 15th League, proved that the men from the Kingdom had put the Munster final loss of 1983 to Corcaigh firmly behind them, and were building up nicely for a serious bid for the Sam Maguire Cup.

Ciarraí have fulfilled the expectations. There may not have been anything unexpected about their first round win at Tralee over Tiobraid Árann, but they still

showed many nice touches – as well as good points scoring – when booking their Munster final place on an 0-23 to 0-6 scoreline.

The provincial summit at Killarney provided the long awaited opportunity to take a championship revenge for the last second defeat by Corcaigh in the 1983 Munster final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. The men from the Kingdom went about the task with conviction, and verve. Admittedly, on a sunshine day and before an attendance of 36,258, they got off to a hesitant start but were still well in control at the interval as they led by 2-9 to 0-7.

The Ciarraí attack sparkled in that period, and shone again after the interval as the home team pushed ahead to a 3-14 to 2-10 win.



Liam Currams Uíbh Fhailí confronts Ciarraí's Ger Power

## High Scoring Return

The high scoring return by Corcaigh put some question marks over the home defence in the view of many followers, but at the same time, one of the winners' outstanding players was at the back – Mick Spillane. He left his imprint on the decider with a first-rate showing at left full.

His brother, Pat, scorer of two goals, Jack O'Shea, masterly at midfield, Ambrose O'Donovan, a grand captain on his Munster senior final debut, and John Kennedy, another newcomer at that stage, also did much to have Kerry in the type of form that brought back the Munster crown after a break of two years.

National League final rivalry with Gaillimh was renewed in the All-Ireland semi-final at Páirc An Chrócaigh, but the game was not nearly as close as the April meeting. In fact, it was a dull, uninteresting affair, and four minutes from the break, John Kennedy, with a long ball, put John Egan through. The wily left full forward first timed the ball to the net for the Southerners opening goal, and there was just no stopping Ciarraí after that. They won handsomely by 2-17 to 0-11.

The men of Ciarraí, then, came through the preliminaries in grand style, and displayed much of the class, scoring power and the know-how that is necessary in the make-up of any team with designs on getting right to the top.

The side is laden with experience. Men like Paudie O'Shea, Ger Power, Denis Moran, John Egan, Mickey Sheehy and Pat Spillane were all in the team that started the successes of the second half of the 'Seventies by shocking Baile Átha Cliath, then, as now All-



*Lending a helping hand – Mike Sheehy gives a helping hand to Pat Spillane*

Ireland champions, in the 1975 final.

All, except Power, helped in the last two All-Ireland final wins over the Liffey-siders – 1978 and 1979. Charlie Nelligan, Mick Spillane, Jack O'Shea, Sean Walsh and Eoin Liston also played in those finals.

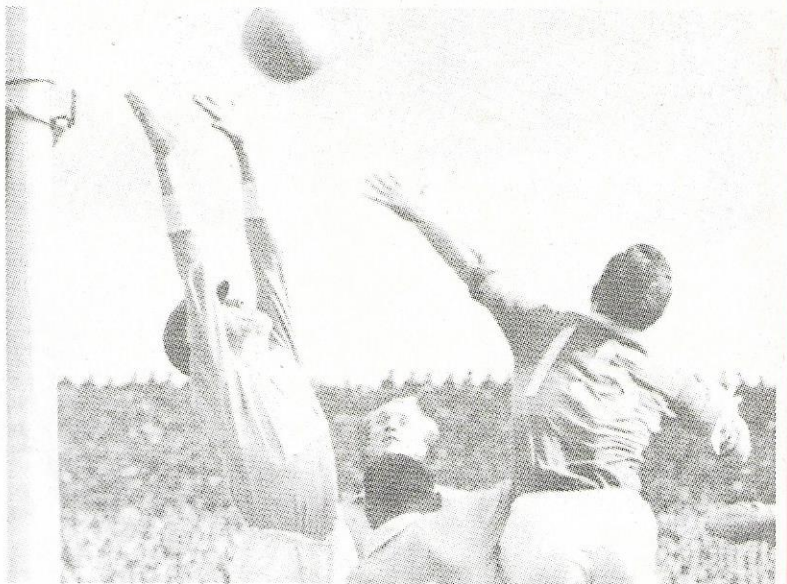
These footballers also enjoyed further successes in the march to four titles in succession so that if Ciarraí fail today it will certainly not be because of a lack of knowledge of what is

needed to strike gold in the game of the year.

## Elusive Jackpot

Nor does the passing of time appear to have dulled the edge of the long-serving campaigners. All of the footballers are playing with their old enthusiasm and verve, and now add to this that depth of experience that can mean so much in close exchanges.

Like their opponents, then, Ciarraí are well geared



*Serious confrontations in this Baile Átha Cliath Ciarraí clash of 1955.*

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*Michael Spillane and Paud Ó Sé deal capably with a Gaillimh attack in the semi final.*

for the final bid, and the efforts to complete a national double that has been proving an elusive enough jackpot for the county in latter times.

In the spring of 1972 Ciarraí beat Maigh Eo in the League final, but lost the All-Ireland decider to Uíbh Fhailí, then All-Ireland champions, in a replay. They retained the League in 1973 and 1974, but failed to win out in Munster each season.

Then in April 1977 Ciarraí regained the title in a final with Baile Átha Cliath before a crowd of 43,456. In the eleventh minute, Jack O'Shea, Mickey Sheehy and John Egan combined to split open the defence for Egan to goal, his team's only goal of the match, and Ciarraí went on for a 1-8 to 1-6 win.

However, the Liffeyiders had their revenge in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Ciarraí had another chance to complete the double in 1982 after they beat Corcaigh in the League decider in a replay, and qualified for the All-Ireland

decider against Uíbh Fhailí. But, as the record books and the annals of the game will tell the double hopes, and those of a record-making fifth Sam Maguire Cup win in succession were shattered by Seamus Darby's late goal.

Consequently, we have to go back to 1969 for wins over New York in the League and Uíbh Fhailí in the championship for the last national senior football titles double by the Southerners in the same year.

#### **Bridge that gap**

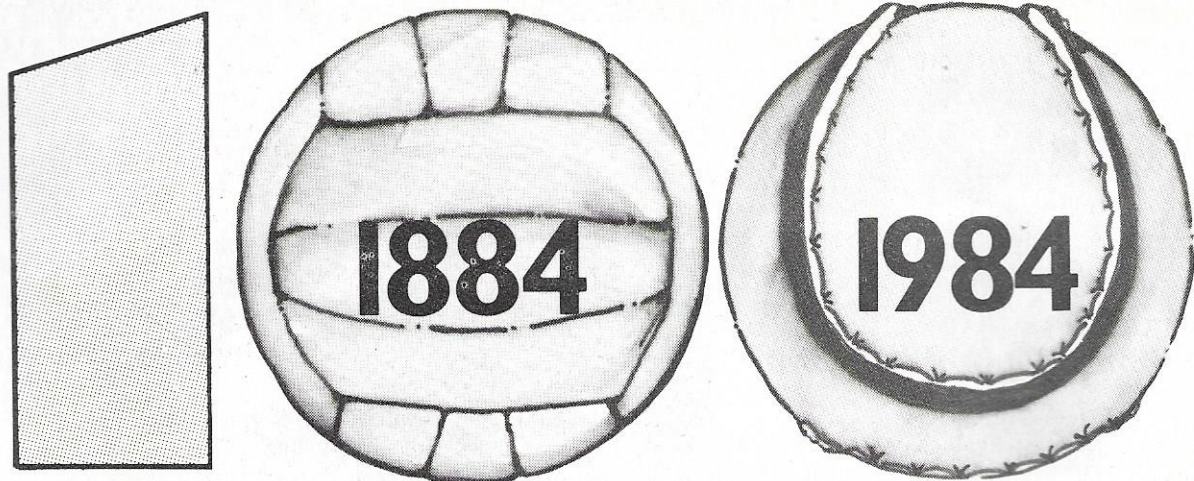
An extra target, then, for the men of Ciarraí to aim at and an achievement that has not been recorded by any county since Baile Átha Cliath beat Doire for the League and Ciarraí for the All-Ireland championship in 1976. It would be ironic, if the Munster champions were to bridge that gap at the expense of the Liffeyiders.

The senior footballers now carry Ciarraí's last hopes for

championship glory nationally this season. The under-21 side lost most surprisingly to Luimneach in an opening round tie, and the minors were beaten by Tiobraid Árann at Killarney in the Munster decider. The Juniors also lost to Corcaigh.

One way or another, therefore, there is an interesting and varied backdrop to this latest title bid by the senior footballers from the Kingdom. Can they put the final golden flourish on events leading up to this stage by taking the Sam Maguire Cup once again?

Only time will show, but Ciarraí have proven time and again that they are the past masters at coming out strongly and finding the right answers in the game of the year. This is one of the many qualities that has helped the county to such an enviable ranking in football, and, with the other assets the present side possesses, will ensure a tremendous bid from the challengers from the South to relieve Baile Átha Cliath of the trophy.



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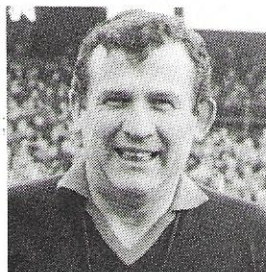


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Seamus Aldridge  
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Hugh Duggan  
(Ard Mhacha)



Seamus Murray  
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John Moloney  
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John Gough  
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1980 – Seamus Murray (Muineacháin)  
1981 – Paddy Collins (Iarmhí)  
1982 – P. J. McGrath (Maigh Eó)  
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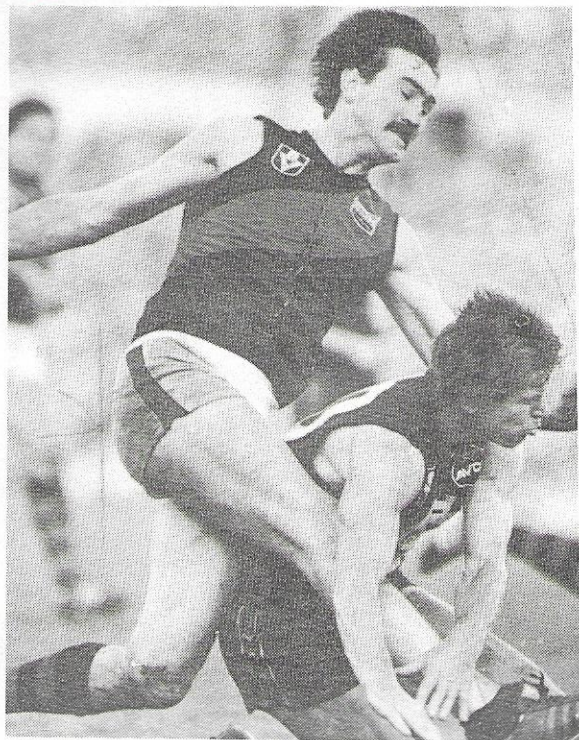
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The Australian Rules party will arrive in Ireland on Thursday 11 October and will play games against All-Ireland selections in Cork on 21 October and in Croke Park on 28 October and 4 November. They will also visit Navan on 13 October, Galway from 16 to 18 October with a game against Connacht on 17 October, Killarney on 19 October, Cork from 20 to 23 October and Armagh for a game against Ulster on 24 October.

The games will be played under compromise rules incorporating elements of both Gaelic and Australian Football rules. Peter McDermott and his assistants Eamonn Young, Liam Sammon and Jody O'Neill, with referees Frank Murphy and John Moloney, have conducted a number of week-end sessions to enable players to familiarise themselves with these rules and there is every indication that the games will be keenly contested and most enjoyable.



Gary Ablett. Geelong, Victoria. Both these players are in the Australian Touring Party.

The tour has been given wide publicity in Australian papers and the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Executive members of the Australian Football League are travelling to Ireland with the team. Groups of Australians living in England and Scotland have already signified their intention of travelling to the three games against All-Ireland selections.

The following games itinerary has been arranged:-

- 13 October: Warm-up game in Navan.
- 17 October: Connacht v Australia in Galway.
- 19 October: Training Session in Killarney.
- 21 October: Ireland v Australia in Cork.
- 24 October: Ulster v Australia in Armagh.
- 28 October: Ireland v Australia in Croke Park.
- 4 November: Ireland v Australia in Croke Park.

The series will be known as the G.A.A. / Bank of Ireland Internationals and the final selected Irish side will reflect the special skills and abilities needed to compete in the compromise game.

# Centenary Year Minor Footballers

**T**HE All-Ireland minor championships must rank among the most successful competitions in the inter-county fixtures schedule. Although introduced only in the late 'Twenties, the under-18 hurling and football tests have built up a genuine place in the annual programme over the years, and today the national finals are more than mere curtain-raisers to the senior All-Ireland deciders.

The minor finals are major attractions in their own right. They are games that generate great interest far beyond the confines of the counties engaged in the deciders, and which have also provided many exhilarating matches, top-class individual displays, and on occasions have even outshone the premier ties.

These championships have also proven invaluable training schools for the senior stars of the future. One has only to look at some of the men who will be engaged in the senior final today to appreciate that.

While some of the footballers they will team up with in the present Ciarraí senior side were preparing in the dressingroom for the 1975 national final in the grade, Charlie Nelligan, Jack O'Shea, Sean Walsh, and Mick Spillane, were out there on the field of play helping the Munster county to beat Tír Eoghain in the minor decider.

Similarly, in 1978 and 1979 Pat Canavan, Ciaran Duff and Barney Rock were on duty with Baile Átha Cliath in



*James Stynes Baile Átha Cliath*

the loss to Maigh Eo in 1978, and Rock, Duff and John O'Leary, as well as Ambrose O'Donovan and Tom Spillane were in action a year later as the Leinster team beat Ciarraí.

No doubt players from the Centenary Year finals will go on to maintain this "minor to senior" link in Baile Átha Cliath and Tiobraid Árann selections in the premier grade in the future.

It is good to see Tiobraid Árann in the final. Even sup-

porters of Baile Átha Cliath will agree with that sentiment. Any sport needs the stimulus of new teams in major finals and novel pairings like this latest contest. The game becomes more alive, more interesting.

Tiobraid Árann's appearance in the final must also give a real boost to the struggling counties. In a province where football has for so long been dominated by two counties, Ciarraí and



*Anthony Crosse Tiobraid Árann's full forward shoots for goal with four Ros Comáin defenders on his trail in the semi final at Croke Park.*

Corcaigh they have shown what can be achieved with perseverance and dedication in the face of repeated disappointments.

It would add tremendously to Tiobraid Árann's achievements so far if they marked the 100th birthday by winning their first All-Ireland minor football final. They have one national championship to their credit, but they did not play in a final in 1934, the Golden Jubilee Year of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

They reached the final that year, but Baile Átha Cliath

and Tír Eoghain, who qualified in the other half of the draw were both later disqualified and Tiobraid Árann were awarded the title. The Munster boys' semi-final win was over Maigh Eo at Tralee.

So, a successful final outing by Tiobraid Árann would be the first by any county at this stage since An Dún won their only national crown in 1977.

Baile Átha Cliath teams by contrast are no strangers, to success in minor finals. The last was as recently as two years ago when Joe McNally kept goal in a win over

Ciarraí.

Baile Átha Cliath also were represented in the first Leinster minor final in 1929, when they lost to An Longfort, who, in turn, were beaten by An Clár in the initial decider.

The winners of the All-Ireland minor football championship are awarded the Tom Markham Cup, which commemorates a Dublin Gael, Tom Markham, and was first presented for the 1940 final. An Lú were the first winners.

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## Baile Átha Cliath

These are proving exciting times for Baile Átha Cliath in minor football. Two years ago a talented team, trained by Alan Larkin, centre half back in the side that won the Sam Maguire Cup in 1974, beat Ciarraí for the All-Ireland crown.

The bid to retain the trophy was ended last season in the first round by An Mhí, but that set-back has been put firmly in the background this season. Trainer Larkin and the selectors have moulded a strong combination, and one that lines out in the final buoyed up by a series of workmanlike showings that encourage optimism in the county as to the prospects of regaining the trophy.

The campaign opened on the best possible note with an authoritative 3-12 to 0-9 win at Parnell Park in May over Loch Garman, and with the success a ticket to the Leinster semi-finals.

Baile Átha Cliath travelled to Tullamore in late June for that game against a side from Longfort that had impressed early on. The Baile Átha Cliath performance was marred somewhat by poor finishing by the forwards, who had 13 wides, but even so, the display still added up to a handsome 1-14 to 0-3 victory.

Iarmhí provided the opposition in the final at Páirc An Chrócaigh. The opening half saw Baile Átha Cliath dominate the exchanges and they should have had an even bigger lead at the interval than the 0-8 to 0-1 advantage they enjoyed.

The Midlanders came more into the picture in the second half, but as the game advanced Baile Átha Cliath came back well and three late points ensured a well deserved, if perhaps at times unsteady, 0-12 to 1-6 victory.

Paul Clarke played a real captain's part in that win, both in general play and with his expert finishing. He scored six points, all from frees.

Doire, who succeeded Baile Átha Cliath as Tom Markham Cup winners in 1983, came up against the boys from the Liffeside in the All-Ireland semi-final, and, as was the case in the provincial final, a good start proved half the battle for the blue jersied brigade.

With team skipper Clarke setting a high standard in midfield, where he was a dominant figure, Baile Átha Cliath built up an interval advantage of 0-8 to 0-2.



*Pól Ó Cléirigh Captain.*

The Ulster champions battled back bravely after the restart, and in an exciting 15 minutes period they reduced their arrears to four points. However, the transfer of Michael Crowley from the attack to midfield helped to improve the Baile Átha Cliath performance, and the leinster champions went on from there to re-assert their dominance and record a good 0-14 to 0-7 win.

Clarke, Michael Crowley, David Delappe and Niall Clancy were especially prominent. Clarke again demonstrated his accuracy by scoring four points, three from frees and one from a "45". He has scored 0-19 in the campaign so far.

Baile Átha Cliath, then, have measured up well to all the tasks that have been set them so far in the championship. They are a well-drilled side, with accomplished footballers in all sectors, and they can be depended on to make a tremendous bid for the title, on to play their part in the county's quest for a first All-Ireland minor and senior championships double in the same year since, surprisingly enough as far back as 1958 when Maigh Eo were beaten in minor and Doire in senior.



## Tiobraid Árann

Tiobraid Árann minor footballers bring more than a novel dimension to the All-Ireland under-18 final. They start this first appearance by a team from the county in a national decider in the grade in 29 years with the type of record that augurs well for their chances of climaxing the latest breakthrough with a rare title win.

There was no easy road for Tiobraid Árann in the South. They had to take on and beat the "Big Two" of Munster football, Corcaigh and Ciarraí – a daunting task – before staking a claim to a first provincial crown since 1955. The boys from the Premier County completed the testing double hurdle in solid rather than spectacular manner.

They entertained Corcaigh at Clonmel in the first round, and started in exciting style by building up a five points lead at the interval. In the second half the visitors came more into the picture, but Tiobraid Árann withstood strong pressure to hold out for a well deserved 1-9 to 1-8 win.

A 1-10 to 0-6 win over An Clár followed to give Tiobraid Árann one of the most demanding tasks of all in any grade of championship football – a provincial final against Ciarraí and at Killarney. They were in no way overawed by the occasion or the size of the task, as with wholehearted and determined effort, laced with plenty of skill and clever play, Tiobraid Árann marched to a famous win in a low scoring game – 2-3 to 0-8.

The one point margin did not reflect the visiting team's territorial superiority, as the forwards lost some excellent scoring opportunities.

### Dawning of a New Era

A new era had dawned in minor football. Because of the wayward shooting by the Tiobraid Árann boys in the provincial final there were those at Killarney that day who felt at the time that the new headline-makers would not advance much further in the championship. However, the Southern champions have not only confounded their critics by booking this final outing, but they have also stepped up greatly on their scoring rate in the meantime.

New York visited Clonmel for a quarter final tie. Brian Burke, a star at midfield in the Munster final, was again very prominent in the centre as Tiobraid Árann turned on a good performance when winning by 2-15 to 2-5.



Frank Howlin Captain

The win would have been even more clear-cut but for the brilliance in the New York goal of John McHugh, who brought off some superb saves.

Would Páirc an Chrócaigh prove too unnerving an experience for Tiobraid Árann? That was a key question as the Munster champions awaited their All-Ireland semi-final with Ros Comáin.

The game provided an emphatic answer. Showing a level of football ability way above what many – at least outside of the South – had expected, and backed up by real competitive spirit and a high standard of fitness, the Southerners sparkled in a 2-12 to 1-1 win.

Even allowing for the fact that Ros Comáin were a big disappointment that was still a first-rate win by Tiobraid Árann, with full back Richie Quirke, Frank Howlin centre half back and captain, midfielders Brian Burke and Gerry Ryan, Jim O'Meara and Anthony Crosse in attack providing a powerful "down the middle" framework.

Tiobraid Árann's football heritage has been enhanced by the record so far of the minor footballers of 1984. They may well now write the most memorable chapter of all.



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Má bhí oidhre riamh ar Fhionn Mac Cumhaill, chaithfeadh sé gurb é Páid Ó Sé, lánchúlaí deas Chiarraí an t-oidhre sin, nó sin é a bhuailfeadh isteach in aigne aon duine a bhfuil a chuid imeartha tugtha chun grinnis aige i rith na ndeich mbliana atá caite aige ag fónamh do shinsir Chiarraí.

Tá sé tugtha suas do Pháid a bheith ar dhuine de na cúlaithe is neamheaglaí agus is neamhghéilliúla dár tharraing geansaí Chiarraí thar a cheann le achar blianta. Báireoir croíúil cróga é, nach féidir a chur i ndiaidh a chúil ach nuair a chinneas air, agus ní minic é sin.

Bhí cáil na neamhghéilliúlachta air ón gcéad lá gur leag sé cos i Scoil Náisiúnta Chill Mhic an Domhnaigh, i bparóiste Fionn Trá. Níorbh fhada ina dhéagóir dó gur tugadh a chumas faoi deara agus go raibh sé ag imirt d'fhoireann mhionúrach Chiarraí. Trí bliana as déis a chéile a d'imir sé do na mionúir ach trí bliana as déis a chéile freisin, a sháraigh mionúir Chorcaí iad.

Ina mhionúr fós do Pháid nuair a d'imir sé a chéad chluiche do shinsir Chiarraí. B'shin i bfómhar na bliana 1973. Ar an "40 slat" a thosaigh sé ach aistríodh go dtí ionad an leathchúlaí deas é i 1974. Rinne sé a chuid féin den ionad sin go dtí anuraidh nuair a cuireadh cúram an lántosaí deas air.

A mhuintir féin agus a mháthair ach go háirithe (ar as Sligeach, ó dhúchas di) is mó a chuaigh i gcion air agus a bhrostaigh chun imeartha é. Thaitin imirt Mhichíl Uí Chonaill Chiarraí agus Mhath Ó Conchúir Uíbh Fhailí go mór leis ach bhí lé ar leith aige le himirt Gerry Armstrong, a d'imríodh do Chontae Aontroma, ach a imríonn sacar le Real Mallorca agus le Tuaisceart Éireann anois.

Baineann Páid sásamh ar leith as na cluichí in aghaidh Bhaile Átha Cliath. spreagúla, corraitheacha a bhíonn iontu i gcónaí, a deir sé, agus ní fhéadfadh lucht leanúna níos bríomhaire ná níos dílse ná mar atá ag an dá chontae, a bheith in áit ar bith, dar leis.

Fear seoigh, togha cuideachta agus sárpheileadóir é Páid Ó Sé.



# Brian Ó Maoláin

Bhí sé ar an rud is nádúra faoin saol go n-imreodh Brian Ó Maoláin peil Ghaelach. Bhí an pheileadóireacht sa fuil aige ó thaobh athar agus máthar. Uncaíl dó an Ciarraíoch cáiliúil, Bill Casey, a bhuaigh cúig Chraobh na hÉireann agus b'annamh nach mbíodh cluichí agus cluichíocht mar ábhar cainte i dtígh na Maolánach agus Brian ag teacht aníos.

Ba mhóide suim Bhriain sa pheil Ghaelach an tréimhse a chaith sé sa scoil lán-Ghaelach, Scoil Cholmcille, i Sráid Mhaolbhríde, gar don Roinn Oideachais mar a raibh a athair ina státseirbhíseach. Tháinig Brian faoi anáil Aodh Uí Ruairc, duine de mhúinteoirí Scoil Cholmcille, freisin. Beidh cuimhne ag mórán inniu ar Aodh, mar go mbíodh sé i mbun na calaireachta i bPáirc an Chrócaigh, laethanta cluichí móra, go dtí gur bhásaigh sé cúpla bliain ó shin.

Go Coláiste Mhuire le Brian i gcomhair a chuid meánscolaíochta agus áit a ndearnadh forbairt mhór ar a chumas peileadóireachta. Ach is mar imreoir ar fhóirne peile faoi aois Chluain Tairbh a tugadh fiúntas an Mhaolánaigh óig faoi deara dáiríre.

Bliain chiniúnach i saol peile Bhriain ab ea 1970. Thit foireann ógánach Chluain Tairbh as a chéile faoi throm-ualach Chorn Domhanda an tsacair agus as go bráth le Brian go dtí Club Naomh Uinsinn, mar a bhfuil sé ó shin. Duine d'imreoirí móra an chluib sin ag an am ab ea a dheartháir, Seán, agus déarfadh Brian gur mó an tionchar a bhí comhairle agus spreagadh Sheáin ar a chuid imeartha ná mar a bhí ag aon rud eile.

Mar lántosaí a d'imir Brian Ó Maoláin a chéad chluiche sinsear do Bhaile Átha Cliath. B'shin in aghaidh Shligigh i gComórtas Chorn na Cásga i 1974 agus is iomaí sin éacht atá déanta aige dá chlub, dá chontae agus dá chúige ó shin.

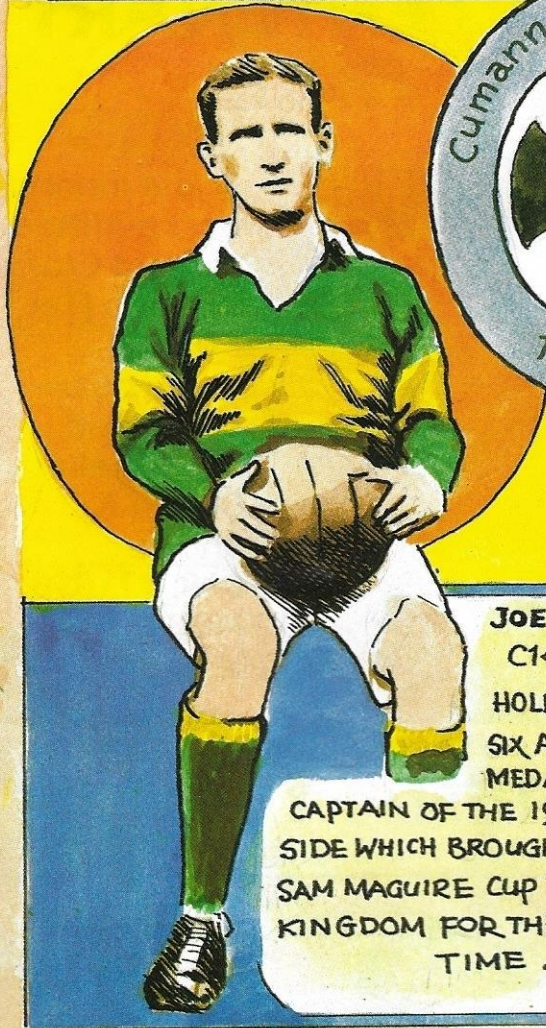
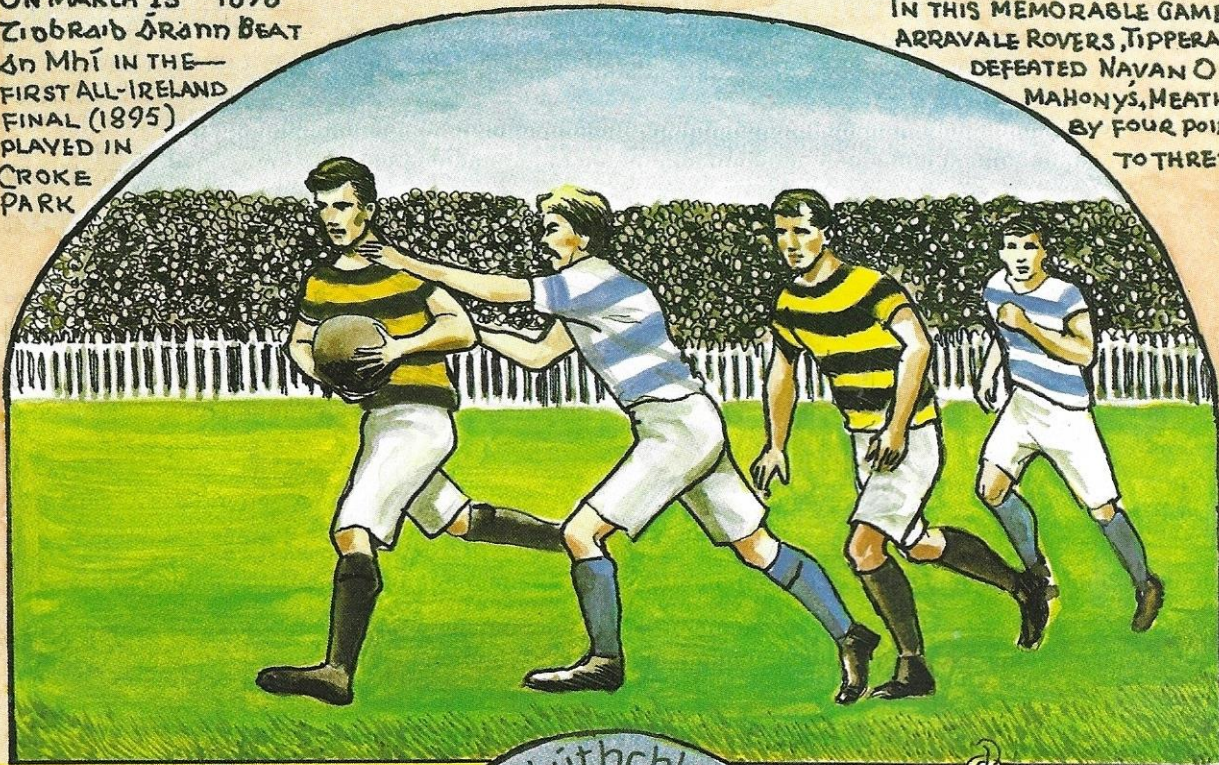
Fear é Brian Ó Maoláin a bhfuil cion beirte déanta aige ar son na peile i measc óige na príomhchathrach. Thug sé seal blianta ar Choiste na nÓg agus d'oibrigh sé le fonn le Óg Spóirt Gael ag a gColáistí Samhraidh, i Rinn Mhic Ghormáin go dtí le bliain anuas.

Fear mór é Brian Ó Maoláin Bhaile Átha Cliath ar go leor bealach ach is fear mór-chroíoch, mór-mheanmnach é thar aon ní eile.



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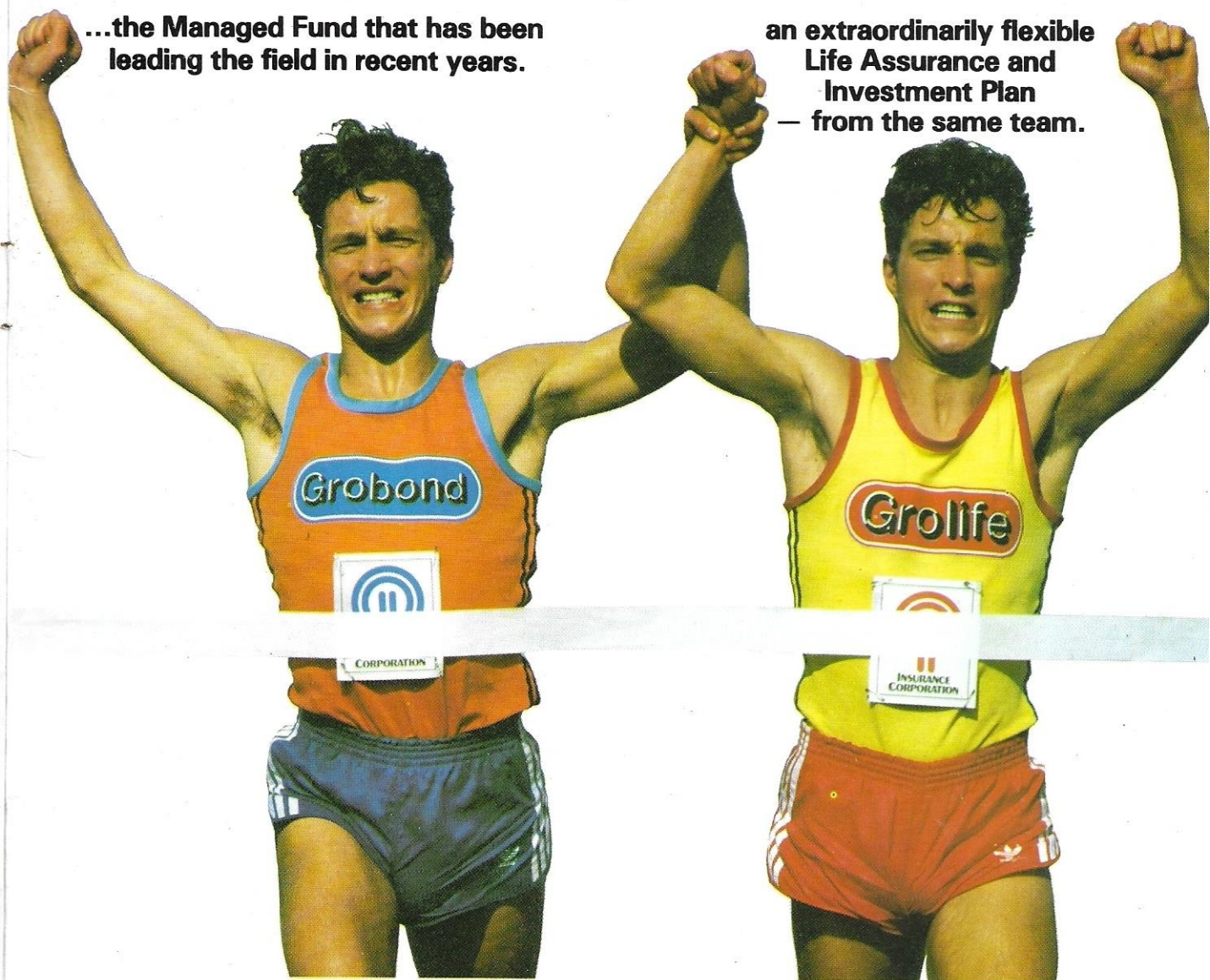
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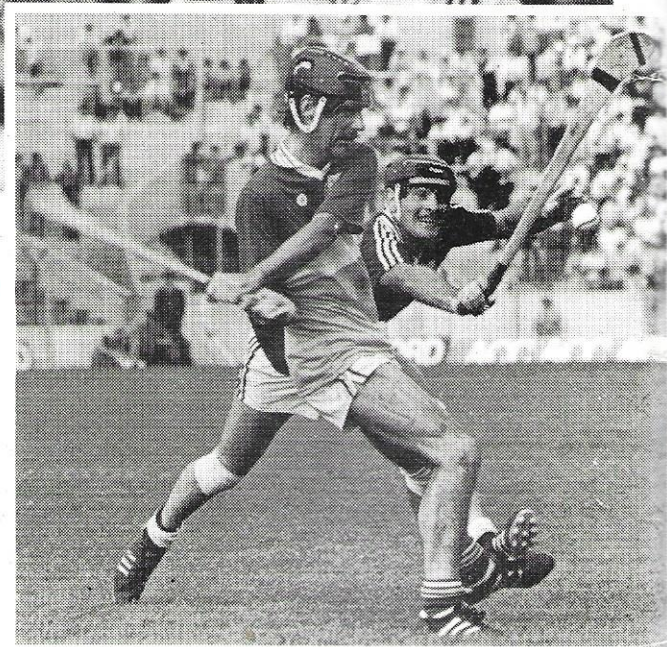


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