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**Baile Átha
Cliath:**

Laisiar: Tommy Conroy, Barney Rock, John Kearns, Brian Mullins (capt.), John O'Leary, Ray Hazley, Gerry Hargan, Michael Holden, Ciarán Duff, I diosach: Charlie Redmond, Mick Kennedy, Noel Caffrey, Davy Synnott, Joe McNally, Jim Ronayne.



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i bPáirc An Chrócaigh
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Mionúir:

Corcaigh v Maigh Eo 1.30 i.n.

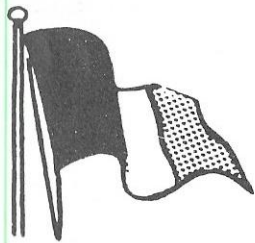
Réiteoir: Gearóid Mac Labhraí (Aontroim)

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Baile Átha Cliath v Ciarraí 3.15 i.n.

Réiteoir: Pádraig Caomhánach (An Mhí)

Amhrán na bhFiann



Sinne Fianna Fáil
Atá fé gheall ag Éirinn,
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Thar tuinn do ráinig chugainn
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Ní fhágfar fé'n tiorán ná fé'n tráil.
Anocht a théam sa bhearna baoil
Le gean ar Ghaedhil chun báis nó saoil
Le gunna scréach fé lámhach na bpilóir
Seo libh canaidh Amhrán na bhFiann.

Réamhfhocal

Although it could never match its Hurling counterpart for tradition and authenticity, All-Ireland football final day outstrips it in universal appeal. Many who cannot appreciate the finer skills of hurling can more easily be at home with Gaelic Football, and can associate more closely with the games in Croke Park today! Tá na mílte fáilte rompu inniú!

For this, the first football final day of our second century, and my first one in office, I not only welcome all who have converged here from home and distant regions; I also want to **thank** you for your patronage, for your continuing loyalty and for your financial support for what the G.A.A. means. Go raibh lá breá, bríomhar peile agaibh, mar luach saothair ar bhur ndílseacht!

Today is an apex. Four counties appear in the two finals! But I like to remember with appreciation all the teams who have formed the entire pyramid of each championship, teams whose honest efforts failed to bring them to the top.

The apparent downward trend in football standards seems to have been halted and indeed, reversed. I call on all counties and all clubs to take heart from the tremendous championship games of 1985.

I ask them to make a conscious decision now, to raise their own standards; to play and teach a football game that is positive, creative and sporting. In victory or in defeat let our displays be worthy of the remarkable loyalty to Cumann Lúthchleas Gael by so very many great people, all over the world. What they wish for, even more than partisan victory, is a game that is skilful, honest and sporting. Bíodh a leithéid le feiceáil acu, ní amháin inniu ach ar pháirc an Ghairne gach seachtain.

Today we recall to the green sod of their triumphs, the heroes of An Dún a generation ago, under their captains, Kevin Mussen (1960) and Paddy Doherty (1961).

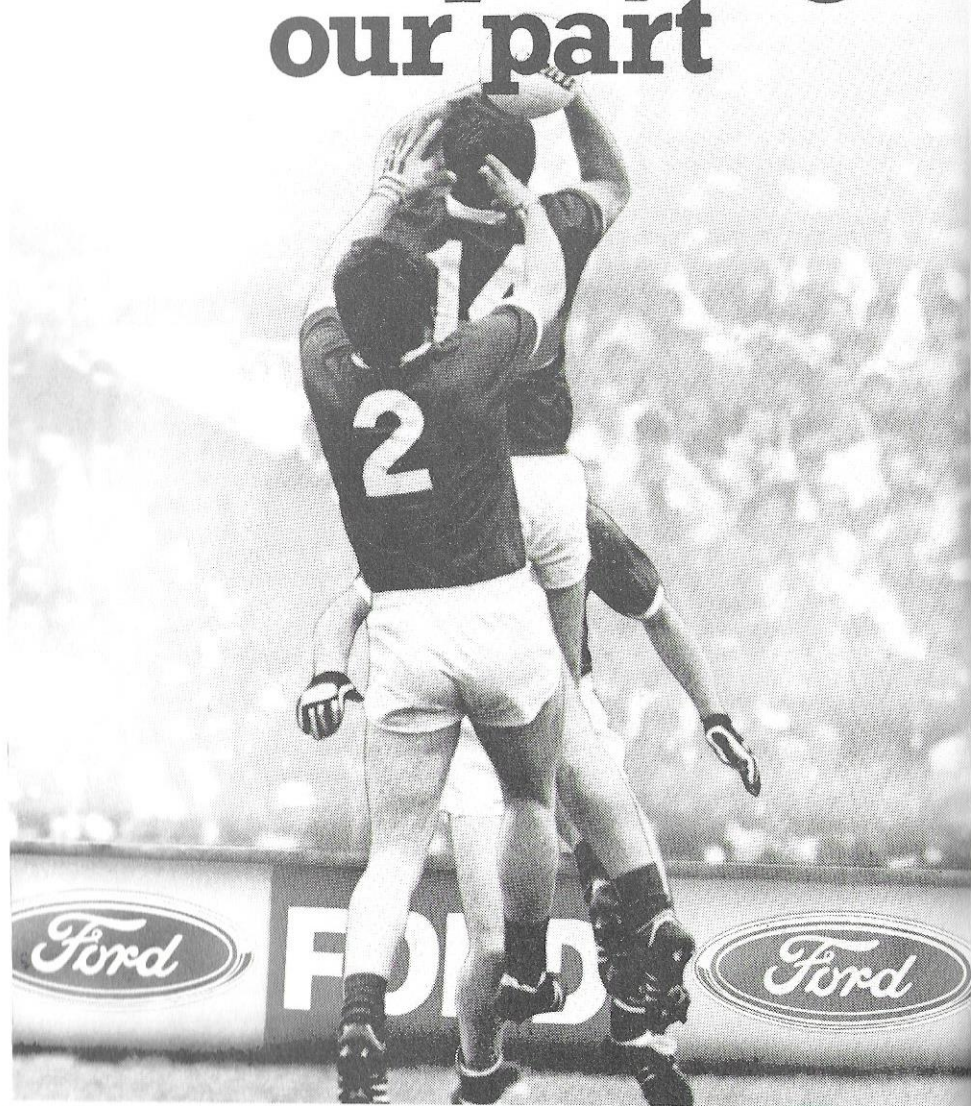
Today we lay aside our more serious chores. Today we revel in Irish sport. And wherever the cups go, may **sport** be the winner. Cibé taobh a gheobhas na boinn, bíodh barr bua ag an chóir! Beir beannacht agus bua.

Uachtarán C.L.G.

Michael J. O'Connell

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Another chapter to this Amazing Story



HE All-Ireland senior football final pairing may be the one that very many followers confidently predicted when the championships season began last May, but the latest chapter of the Baile Átha Cliath-Ciarraí rivalry is no less appealing for all that.

Indeed, the background to the game is more stimulating than ever. There is that special atmosphere generated as a result of the great contributions these counties have made in football over the years, but more particularly due to the exciting manner in which they have dominated the game in such an enthralling degree since the mid-'Seventies.

Football has also received a wonderful boost from the exhilarating fare provided in the two drawn All-Ireland semi-finals and the replays last month. Ciarraí and Baile Átha Cliath contributed in rich measure to the good advertisements the games were for football with their craft, character and considerable skills.

Then, there is the shadow of last year's All-Ireland final. Ciarraí are very anxious to stamp that Centenary decider success over Baile Átha Cliath by retaining the Sam Maguire Cup, and the men from the Liffeside are just as determined to make amends for a

performance a year ago that was not up to general expectations.

That game is just one of the finals in recent times between these counties that give added edge to the latest chapter in the story of Ciarraí-Baile Átha Cliath meetings. Five times between 1975 and last year, these counties have met in the top game of the football year, and the Southerners have enjoyed much the greater success rate with four wins.

This, then, is a golden opportunity for each county to polish up their pride with a win... a victory that, in view of the nature of the occasion, will be especially prized by the players and supporters of the victorious selection.

Ciarraí and Baile Átha Cliath have virtually monopolised the All-Ireland senior championship since 1974. Uíbh Fhailí had a brief moment of glory when they won the 1982 title beating Ciarraí in the decider.

Six titles for the championship specialists from the South and four for Baile Átha Cliath are the striking statistics that reflect the power of these counties in the premier grade since 1974.

Now, with another chapter in this amazing story about to be written, we can confidently expect a tremendous effort from both teams.

Amazing Success Story as Four Stars are set to equal the Record

ALMOST ten years ago a Ciarraí side with eight of the players under 24 years of age provided something of an upset by beating Baile Átha Cliath, who were the then holders of the Sam Maguire Cup, by seven points in the All-Ireland senior football final.

Paid Ó Sé and Ger Power were the wing half backs in that 1975 final triumph, and the Southern attack included Denis Moran, Mike Sheehy and Pat Spillane.

Despite Ciarraí's tremendous football heritage and the youthful nature of that side, few could have envisaged at the time that ahead lay ten years or possibly more of amazing success for the county.

There were the inevitable setbacks along the way. Baile Átha Cliath provided two, with wins over the championship specialists from the South in the 1976 final and again in a classic semi-final in 1977, but there have been more causes for celebrations than causes for inquests on major defeats for Ciarraí.

The 1977 semi-final loss to the Liffesiders was followed by an outstanding run of 15 championship games without defeat. Nor had the county to go to a second meeting in any match in that era that brought only Ciarraí's second sequence of four All-Ireland

senior championships in succession.

Eoin Liston scored 3-2 as the 1978 final was won, Mike Sheehy equalled the All-Ireland final individual scoring record with 2-6 in 1979, and Jack O'Shea maintained a wonderful record of at least one All-Ireland medal a year from 1975 until 1981.

Sheehy's contribution to the sequence was nothing short of remarkable. He was the only footballer to find the target in every single match, and he scored overall a superb 14 goals and 73 points (115 points). That was as many as 51 points more than the second placed native of Ciarraí, Pat Spillane.

Wholehearted Spillane missed out on the scoring returns in only one game. However, the match, the 1981 final, saw the Templeogue man make only the briefest of brief appearances late in the second half because of injury.

Liston was second in the goal-scoring stakes with a dozen.

Ciarraí added to their wonderful unbeaten run with three triumphs in 1982 before Uíbh Fhailí snatched an all-time record fifth All-Ireland title in succession from their grasp virtually at the final moment of glory with a Seamus Darby goal.

Nevertheless, that defeat still takes little from a period in which

Ciarraí football reached an all-time high and which was fashioned out and maintained by many of the men who will don the county's colours yet again today.

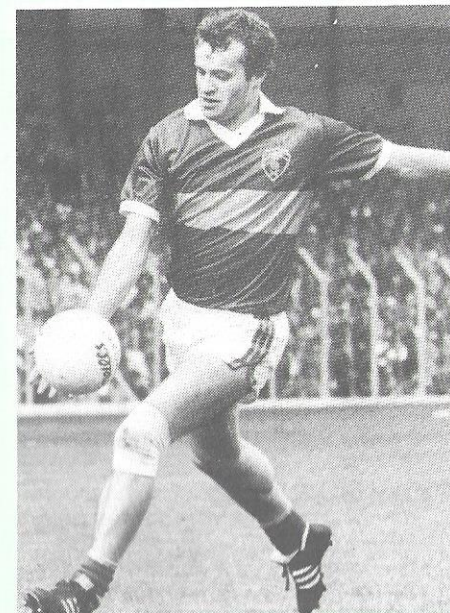
There were those who confidently predicted that the county would take a long time to recover from the Uíbh Fhailí defeat, and such critics were given further fuel for their argument when Ciarraí lost the 1983 Cúige Mumhan decider to Corcaigh through another late, late goal.

But the Southerners are nothing if not resilient, and they picked up the pieces again so well that here they are back at Páirc An Chrócaigh in an effort to extend the latest unbeaten championship sequence of games to nine.

As a result, Ciarraí have some of the most successful All-Ireland senior football final campaigners of all time in their current squad. Páid Ó Sé, who captains the team for the first time at this stage of the championship, Pat Spillane and Denis Moran have all already **appeared** in six senior final winning teams. Ger Power and Mike Sheehy would also have passed out that milestone but for injury problems during their careers.

This says much for the dedication and the tremendous efforts these players have put in over the years of virtual non-stop competition. The same is true for other members of the side who are also already very wily and successful final stalwarts.

It would set the seal on the



Mike Sheehy

glorious years that have been Ciarraí's since 1975 if the story is crowned now with a win that would see a number of their footballers join the record-books yet again.

Dan O'Keeffe, a native of Fermoy, and one of the legendary goalkeepers of all time, guarded the net for the Kingdom in seven winning finals between 1931 and 1946. No other footballer has yet **played** in seven winning senior finals.

It is true to say that time is running out in terms of football years for a number of the Ciarraí side, and that is another reason, as well as the county's fierce pride, that should ensure a further extra response from the men who defend the Sam Maguire Cup.

Ciarraí '75 – '85 An mBeidh a Leithéidí Arís Ann?

N raibh contae riamh ann a d'fhág a shéala ar an gcluiche peile mar a d'fhág Ciarraí i Rith na ndeich mbliana seo caite nó an raibh traenálaí ann a raibh tionchar chomh mór aige ar fhorbairt na peile is a bhí ag Mícheál Ó Duibhir i rith an ama céanna? Ní dócha go raibh.

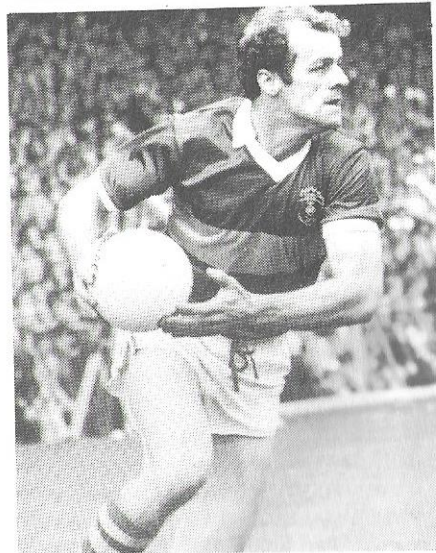
Déarfadh a lán daoine gur mhór an feall go ndeachaigh Séamas Darby agus Uíbh Fhailí idir na Ciarraigh agus a gcúigiú craobh cheannais as deis a chéile i 1982. Measadh go mbuanódh gaisce dá leithéid cuimhne ré órga Chiarraí nuair a bheadh dearmad déanta ar na trí craobhacha is fiche eile a bhuaigh an contae ag amanna éagsúla i rith céad bliain de stair an Chumainn.

Tá sé tagtha sa saol gur beag is fiú le contaetha eile an chraobh cheannais nach bhfuil saothraithe acu in aghaidh na gCiarraíoch. Is geall le dhá bhonn óir ag a lán imreoirí an bhua a fháil ar Chiarraí i gcluiche ceannais na hÉireann. "Ní bua go bua ar Chiarraí" an mana atá acu agus is mana é atá go mór ar intinn na mBaile Átha Cliathach atá i bPáirc an Chrócaigh inniu.

Beidh seanfhundúirí ag cluiche ceannais seo an lae inniu ag déanamh comparáidí leis an Domhnach eile úd deich mbliana fichead ó shin nuair a sháraigh Ciarraí Baile Átha Cliath sa chluiche ceannais le trí cúlíní. (0-12 in aghaidh 1-6). Ní rachaidh sé ó mheabhair ar na fundúirí céanna gurb í sin an bhliain freisin ar sháraigh Baile Átha Cliath Maigh Eo in athimirt agus a sháraigh Ciarraí an Cabhán. Ná ní rachaidh sé ó mheabhair orthu go

raibh an láimh in uachtar ag Ciarraí i seacht gcinn den naoi mbabta a casadh ar a chéile iad sa chomórtas ceannais ó shin. Imríonn Ciarraí an pheil is fearr nuair is mó an Chontúirt agus cé a déarfadh nach é dúshlán Bhaile Átha Cliath an chontúirt is mó anois?

Tá leantóirí Ciarraíoch a bhfuil casán dearg déanta acu go Baile Átha Cliath ag tacú lena bhfoireann le deich mbliana anuas. Tá siad ansin go bhfeice siad Páid Ó Sé, an Captaen agus a chuid fear ag cur an sméar mhullaigh ar an tréimhse ba thorrthúla riamh i stair pheile Chiarraí, ná aon chontae eile. *Beidh cuimhne i mball éigin orthu... beidh a dtuairisc ina ndiaidh, mar ná beidh a leithéidí arís ann.*



Seán Ó Sé.

The Top Performers

1982 Offaly

1983 Dublin

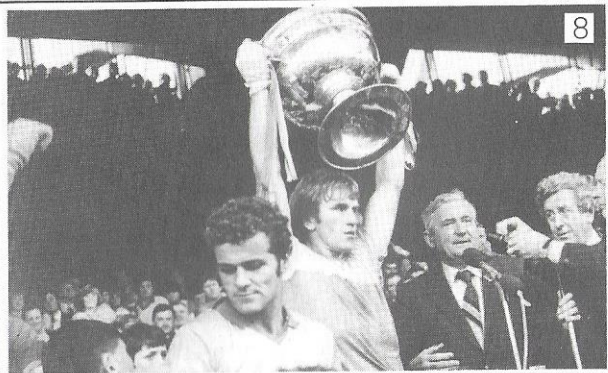
1984 Kerry

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THE YEAR OF THE MAZDA

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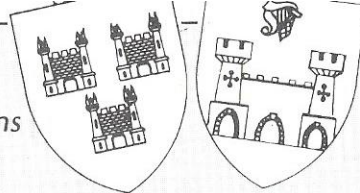
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EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY

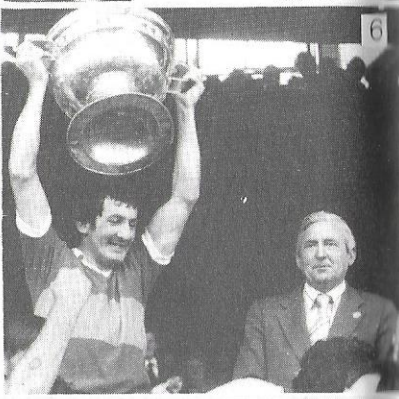
A decade of Sam Maguire Cup presentations to Baile Átha Cliath and Ciarraí



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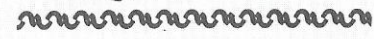
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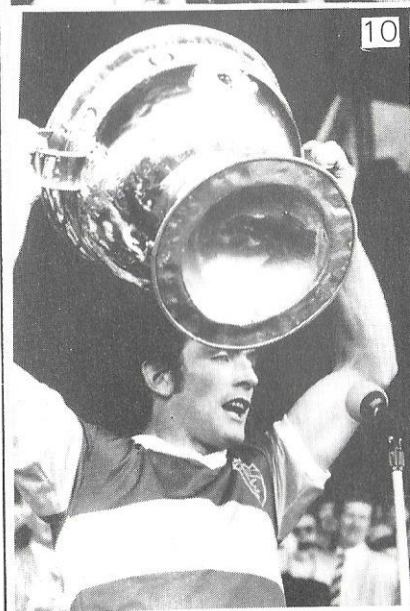
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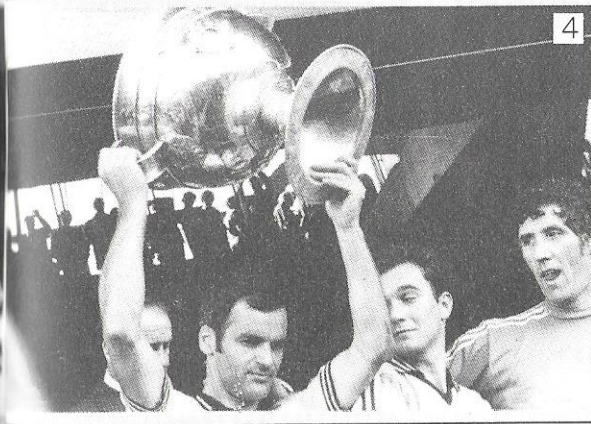
- (1) Sean Doherty (B.A.C.) 1974.
- (2) Pat Spillane (C.) substituting for the injured Michael O'Sullivan 1975
- (3) and (4) Tony Hanahoe (B.A.C.) 1976 and 1977.
- (5) Denis 'Ogie' Moran (C.) 1978
- (6) Tim Kenneally (C.) 1979.
- (7) Ger Power (C.) 1980.
- (8) Jimmy Deenihan (C.) 1981.
- (9) Tommy Drum (B.A.C.) 1983
- (10) Ambrose O'Donovan (C.) 1984.



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Golden Year for An Dún

The year 1960 was a golden one for football in Cúige Uladh. An Dún and An Cabhán met in the first all-Northern National League final, and attracted a then record attendance for such a decider of 49,451 to Páirc An Chrócaigh.

An Dún won that game to take their first title, and went on later in the year to earn an All-Ireland senior football championship final debut. The opposition was provided by tradition-steeped Ciarraí, and the appeal of the unique decider was such that for the second time in 1960 a new attendance record was established for a major tie at 87,768.

The champions of Uladh led by Kevin Mussen at right half back,

showed no signs of nerves, and were two points clear at the interval – 0-7 to 0-5. Ciarraí, who were defending All-Ireland champions, were quickly on level terms after the restart with a brace of points in the opening three minutes.

Eleven minutes into the second half, however, centre half forward James McCartan struck a crucial blow for An Dún, with his team's first score of the period. He neatly collected a line ball from Mussen, and from 40 yards out lobbed in a probing shot that finished with the ball in the Ciarraí net. An Dún were on their way to an historic win.

Crucial penalty

They hammered home the point almost immediately afterwards when Paddy Doherty grabbed another goal, that one from a penalty. Three minutes later Ciarraí were back for a point, but that was to prove their last score, as An Dún finished with a flourish.



An Dún 1960 – All Ireland Champions

Doherty popped over three points in succession in the concluding stages, and the men from the Mournes superbly realised the long-held dreams of so many by taking the Sam Maguire Cup across the Border for the first time with an eight points win. An Dún 2-10; Ciarraí 0-8.

James McCartan was a tremendous rallying force for the winners. Paddy Doherty, Sean O'Neill, also in attack, and defenders George Lavery, Leo Murphy, Kevin Mussen and Dan McCartan in defence were others who stamped their personalities on the success story in a big way.

Doherty was leading scorer with 1-5. James McCartan scored 1-1.

Tony Hadden 0-2 and Joe Lennon and Sean O'Neill notched a point a piece.

This was the team that wrote such a glorious new chapter in the annals of the football championship:

Eamonn McKay; George Lavery, Leo Murphy, Pat Rice; Kevin Mussen, Captain, Dan McCartan, Kevin O'Neill; Joe Lennon, Jarlath Carey; Sean O'Neill, James McCartan, Paddy Doherty; Tony Hadden, Patsy O'Hagan, Brian Morgan.

Substitute: Kieran Denvir for Lennon.

John Dowling (Uíbh Fhailí), who had charge of the hurling final earlier in 1960 also refereed the senior football decider.



The 1960/'61 An Dún All-Ireland Champions, players and subs., who were presented with the Irish Nationwide G.A.A. Jubilee Football Awards at the Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle, Co. Down: From left:

Front row: Jim McCartan, Paddy Doherty, Michael Fingleton, Managing Director, Irish Nationwide Building Society, Dr. Michael Loftus, President, G.A.A., Kevin Mussen (Captain 1960), George Lavery and Dan McCartan.

2nd Row: Patsy O'Hagan, Sean O'Neill, Joe Lennon, Kieran Denvir, Pat Rice, Eamonn Lundy, John Smith, Pat Fitzsimons and Brian Morgan.

Back row: P. J. McElroy, John Haughian, Leo Murphy, Tony Hadden, Jarlath Carey, Kevin O'Neill, Gerry McCashin and Eddie McKay.

Famous first on a great day



Corcaigh and Maigh Eo ushered in a new chapter in the All-Ireland minor football championships final story on one of the greatest days ever in the annals of the game. They met for the first time in a decider in 1961 on the day that the double bill at Páirc An Chrócaigh attracted 90,556 the greatest gathering ever to any sporting fixture in this country.

The senior decider was between An Dún, who had won the Sam Maguire Cup for the first time a year earlier, and Uíbh Fhailí.

Corcaigh were deserving winners of a disappointing under-18 contest. They dictated matters throughout the first half, and after about fifteen minutes two goals from their left full forward, Tommy Monahan, put them in a strong position.

The Southerners led by 2-4 to 0-2 at the interval. Maigh Eo came more into the picture for a spell in the second half, but in the end were beaten by 3-7 to 0-5, and the success gave Corcaigh their first-ever All-Ireland title in the grade.

Corcaigh only made their final debut a year earlier when they lost to Gaillimh.

All of ten years passed after the first meeting of Corcaigh and Maigh Eo before they clashed

again in the concluding round. The 1971 teams included Ger Feeney, Moynihan and J. P. Kean (Maigh Eo) and Bob Wilmot, Seamus Coughlan and Jimmy Barry-Murphy (Corcaigh).

Moynihan had a superb game at centre half back for Maigh Eo. He was a great general in defence, and time and again foiled Southern attacks, and also initiated many movements for his own scoring division with his well-placed clearances.

Due in no small measure to the excellence of Moynihan, Maigh Eo took their fourth crown by 2-15 to 2-7.

The third and last All-Ireland final between the counties came in 1974. Two of the Cork side, Tom Cashman at left half back, and Dermot McCurtain, who went in as a substitute, were, to go on and make big names for themselves as hurlers, and collect the game's awards in the process.

Corcaigh played with a strong breeze from the Canal End, and a goal in twelve minutes by centre half forward Diarmuid McCarthy helped them to a lead of 1-3 to 0-2 at the end of a low scoring first half.

The lead looked anything but encouraging for Corcaigh. However, the wind dropped somewhat, and although Maigh Eo battled back well, the Munster



boys finished the stronger to take their sixth title by 1-10 to 1-6.

Finbarr Delaney, in goal, Cashman and Diarmuid McCarthy were prominent for the winners, while midfielders Patsy Mohan, Willy Nally, Kevin Geraghty and Michael Burke in attack tried hard for Maigh Eo.

The Cúige Chonnacht county's last final appearance was in 1978,

when T. J. Kilgallon at midfield, helped in 4-9 to 3-8 victory over a Baile Átha Cliath side that was captained by Pat Canavan at full back, and included Kieran Duff and Barney Rock in the attack.

Corcaigh's last title win in 1981 was noteworthy for the sharp finishing of Colm O'Neill, the full forward, who scored 3-1 in 4-9 to 2-7 win over Doire.

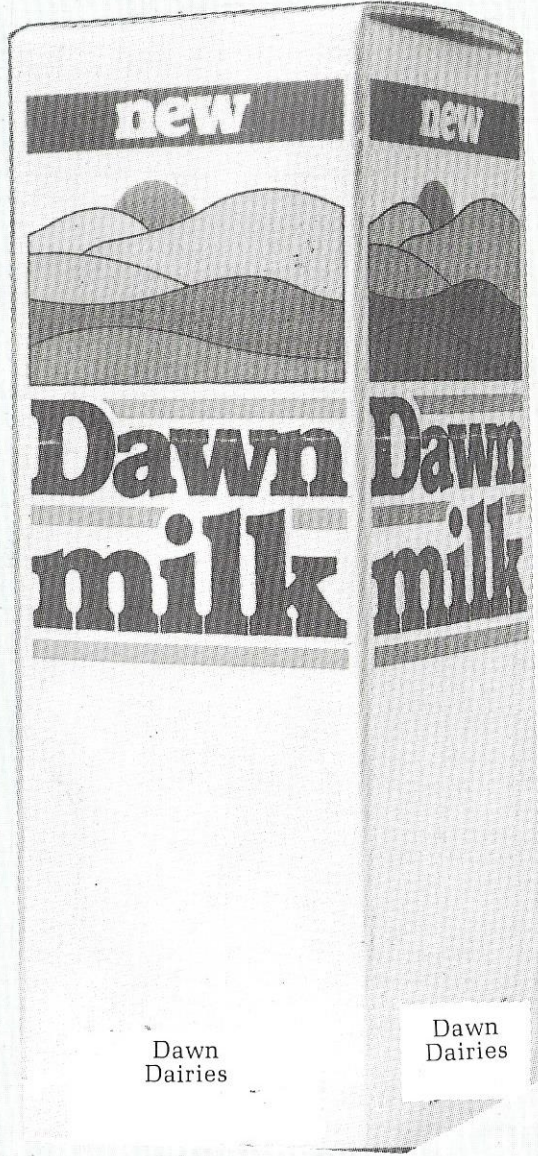
MINOR ROLL OF HONOUR

- 10: **Baile Átha Cliath:** 1930, 1945, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959, 1979, 1982, 1984.
 9: **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.

Note: The Championship was suspended from 1942 to 1944 inclusive.

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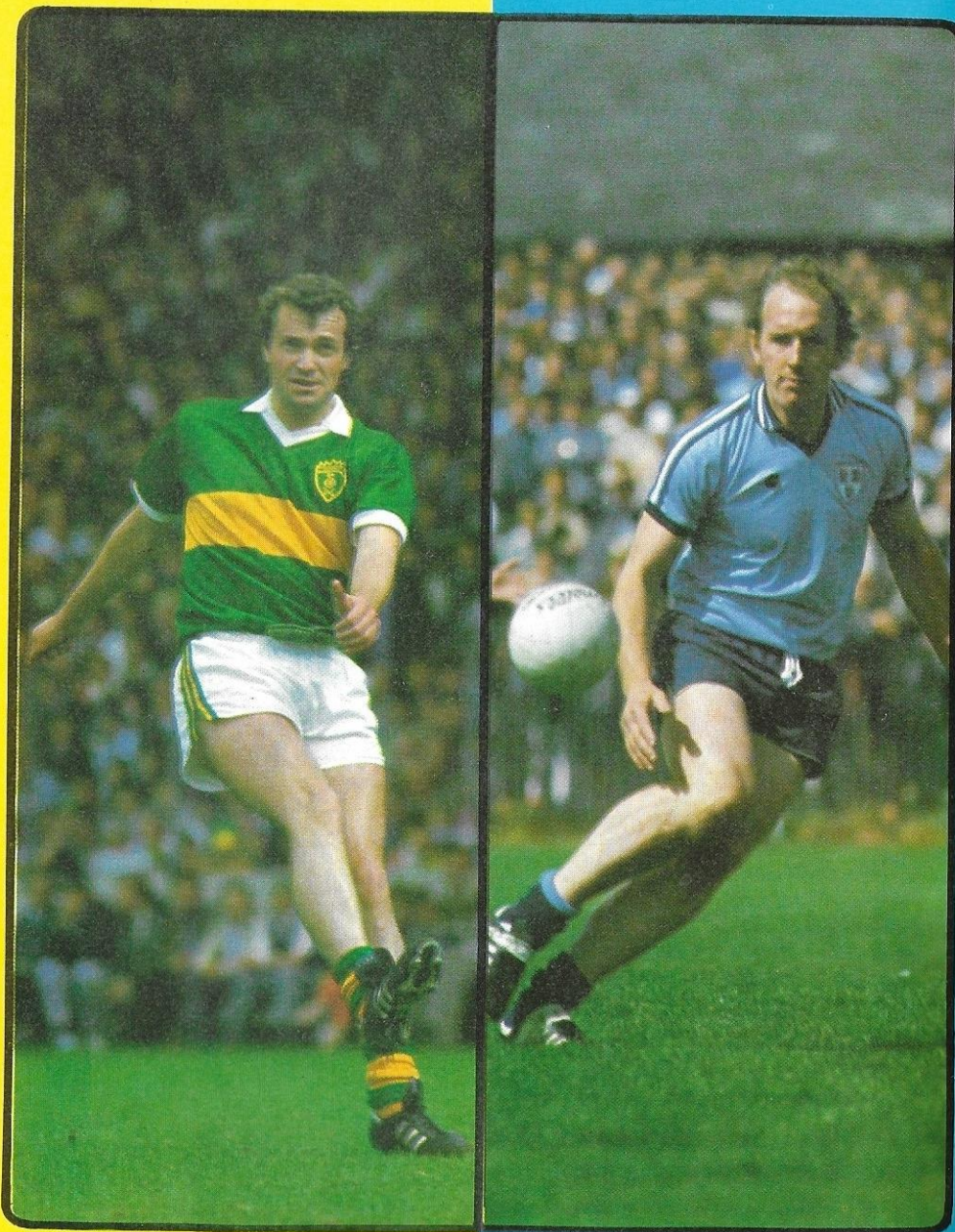
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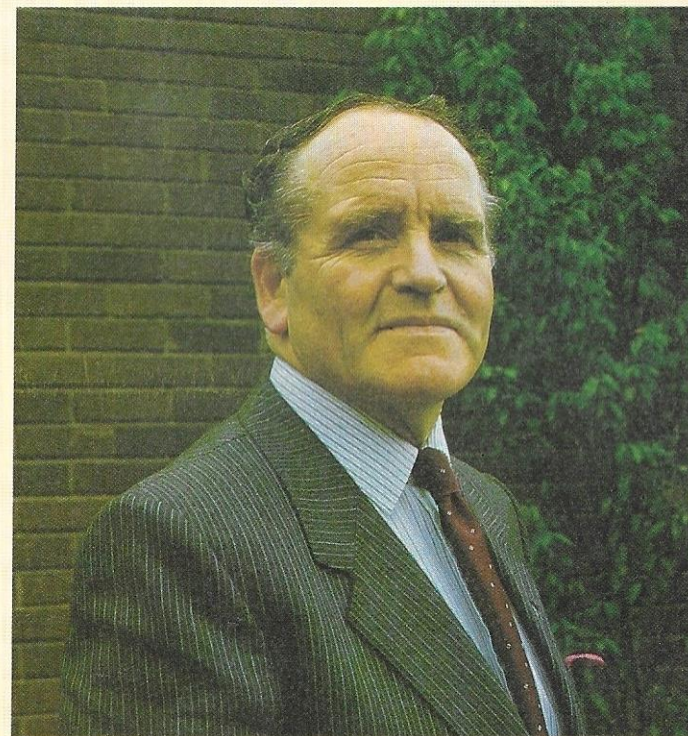
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Laistiar: M. Mullaey, M. Coyle, Greg Maher, John Cummins, David Fitzgerald, Declan Burke, James Gallagher, Pat Walsh. I dtosach: John French, Tony Munnelly, M. J. Mullen, Michael Fitzmaurice (capt.), Thomas O'Grady, Kevin Burke, Enda Gilbarry.



Mikey Sheehy, Ciarraí.

Brian Mullins, Baile Átha Cliath.



Uachtarán
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
An Dr. Micheál Ó Lochlainn

Pádraig Caomhánach (An Mhí)

Paddy Kavanagh, the referee for today's Senior All Ireland Final is a member of the Dunderry Club, Co. na Mí. An experienced referee, he has had charge of all grades of matches and finals in his native county including five senior football finals. At inter-county level Pádraig refereed Leinster finals in all the adult grades. He refereed the All Ireland Minor Final of 1983 featuring Doire and Corcaigh, the 1984 Under 21 final which featured and earlier this year he took charge of the All Ireland Club Final between Castleisland Desmonds of Ciarraí and St. Vincents of Baile Átha Cliath. In addition he was the referee for the Ciarraí v Maigh Eo All Ireland semi-final draw and replay.



Páid Ó Sé captain of Ciarraí.

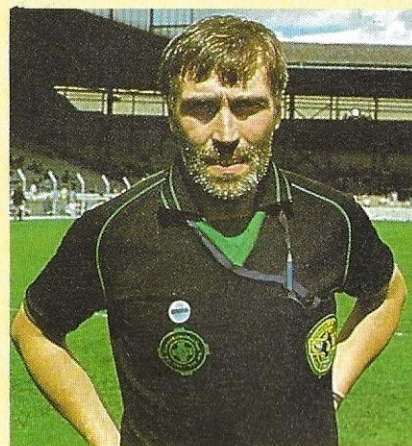
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Today's senior umpires are: Jim Kavanagh (Bohermeen); Sean Kellett (Bohermeen); Gerry McCormack (Bohermeen) and Jimmy Brown (Wolfe Tones).

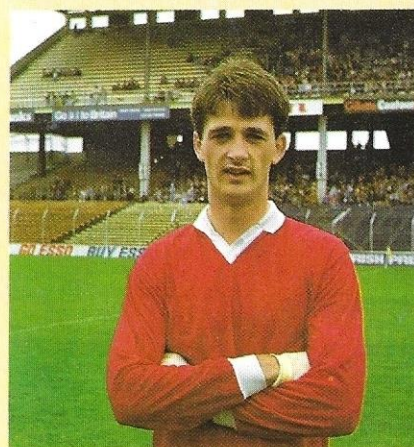


Brian Mullins Captain of Baile Átha Cliath



Gearóid MacLabhraí (Aontroim)

Gerry McClory who has been refereeing for thirteen years, had charge of this year's Ulaídh minor final and the Maigh Eó v An Mhí All Ireland minor semi-final. To date he has refereed a host of Ulaídh championship games in both codes. He also has had



Kevin Kiely Captain of Corcaigh

charge of many colleges and schools games and was singularly honoured by the Aontroim County Boards when he was given charge of both the Centenary County Finals.

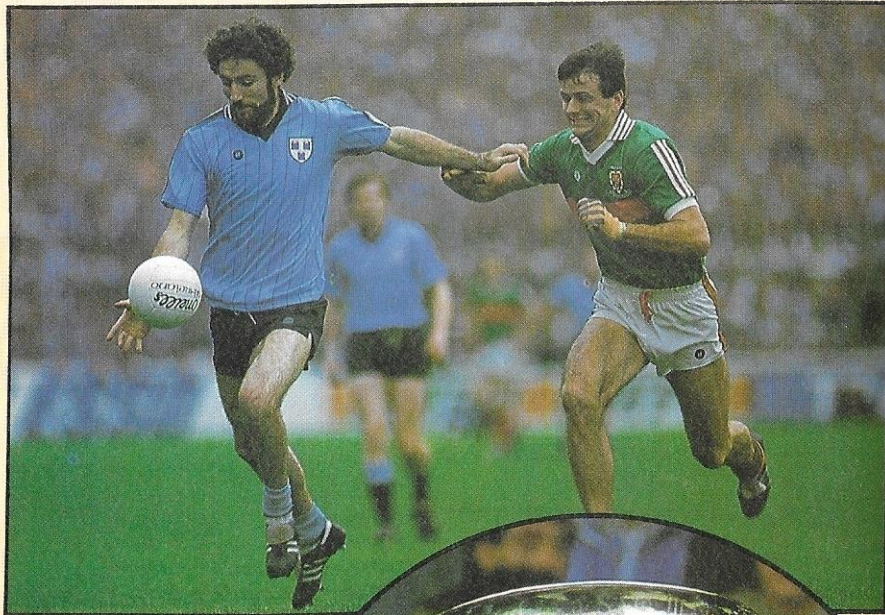
He plays club hurling and football with the St. Teresas Club in Belfast and has won county championships in both codes. Also a keen handballer, he has represented Aontroim in this code.

Deeply involved in the affairs of Cumann Luthchleas Gael from an early age, he has served on various committees within the county. He is a former Bord na nÓg chairman, County youth officer and is the present South Aontroim chairman.

Today Minor umpires are: Tom McDonagh (St. Teresas); Henry McCabe (John Mitchels); Dessie Smart (Ardoyne Kickhams); Frank Cahill (O'Donnells).



Michael Fitzmaurice Captain of Maigh Eo.

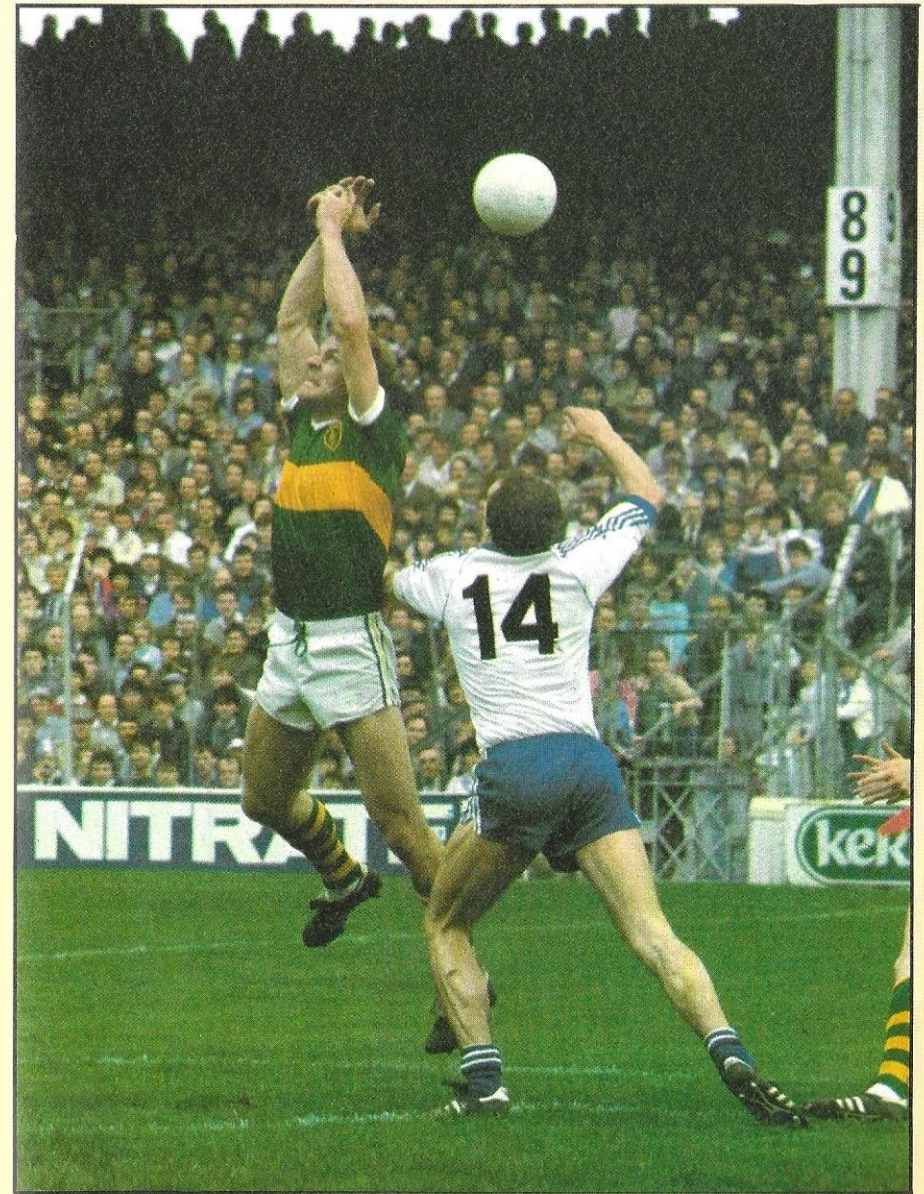
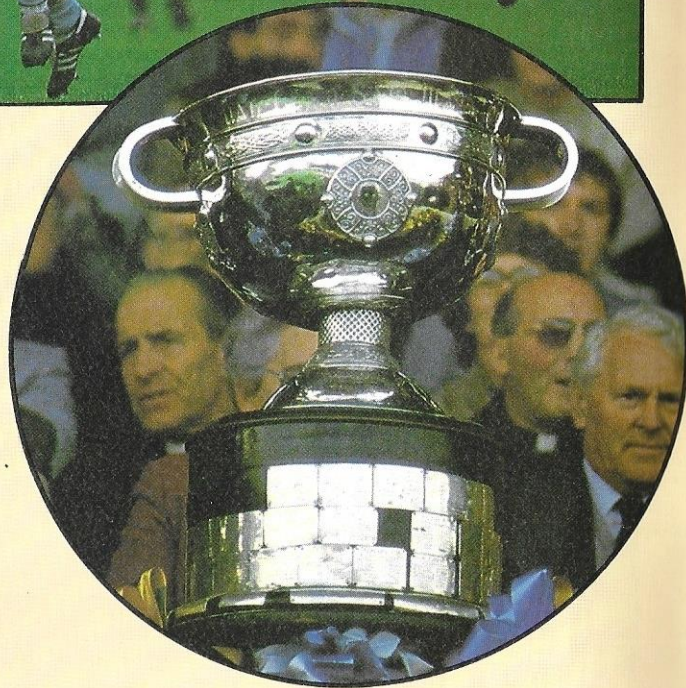


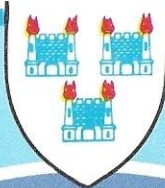
Thuas:
Ciarán Duff,
Baile Átha
Cliath, solos past
John Monaghan,
Muigheo, in the
semi-final.



Today's Senior
trophy: The Sam
Maguire Cup.

Ar dheis:
Jack O'Shea,
Ciarraí, jumping
for possession
with Éamonn
Murphy,
Muineacháin.





Gerry Hargan

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH

Expenditure 1984	£155,141
Venue Expenses	121,880
Players Injury and Ceannáras Building Fund Levies	241,663
Teams Expenses, Special Gardaí, Bands, etc.	39,965
Medals and Trophies	558,649
Grants:	
Club Grounds	£163,300
County Grounds	49,350
General	32,575
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	245,225
Promotional Expenses (Hurling, Youth, Coaching etc.)	115,028
Conference & Travel	102,230
Salaries, P.R.S.I. and Pension provision	225,213
Office Rates, Insurances, Heat, Light & Cleaning	41,835
Printing, Stationery, Postage, Telephone etc.	127,362
Centenary Expenses net	93,810
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	£1,509,352

Income 1984	
Gate Receipts	£1,108,878
Advertising Signs	74,010
Filming Fees/Sale of Rights	66,506
Concert	52,703
Catering / Shop Takings	27,207
Interest Receivable & Sundry Receipts	28,036
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	£1,357,340

Summary	
Expenditure	£1,509,352
Income	1,357,340
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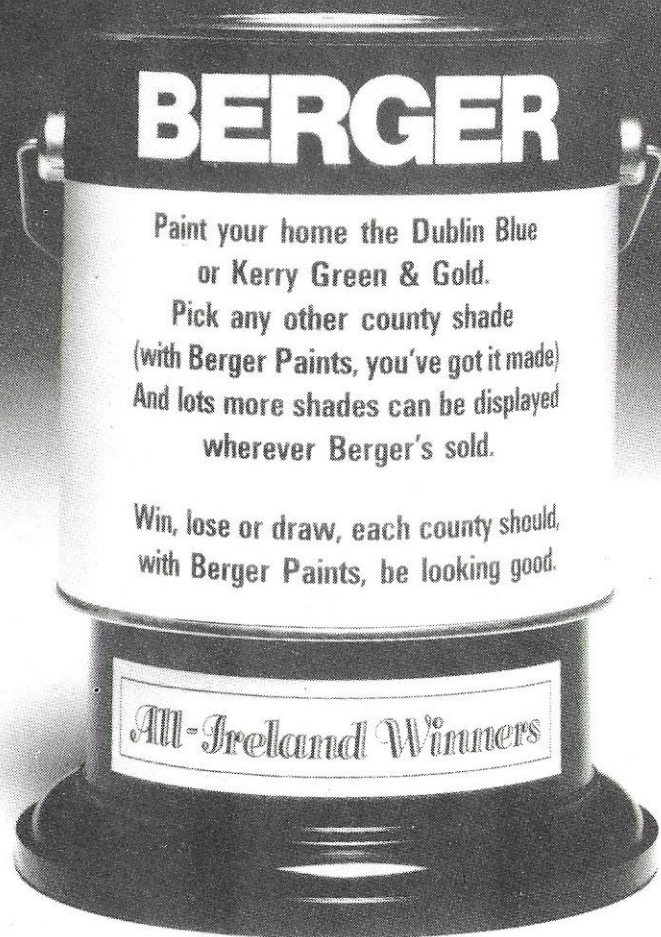
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Bill Casey – a versatile sportsman and 1963 All Ireland winner

Bill Casey was left full back in the Baile Átha Cliath team that won the 1963 All-Ireland senior football title. That was a high point in a senior inter-county career that extended from 1961 to 1972 and also brought Leinster senior medals in 1962, 1963 and 1965.

Casey was only in his teens when he played against the great An Dún team of the early 'Sixties, and he rates the experience as one of the greatest thrills of his football career.

Players, he maintains, were physically stronger in his day than at present. Nowadays the emphasis is on super fitness, a running team game, and what he terms "complicated tactics".

Footballers are not as adept at high fielding as in the past.

Casey has a great admiration for Kevin Heffernan and for his work with the Baile Átha Cliath side.

He is an admirer as well of Jack

O'Shea, principally because of the Ciarraí man's high fielding, and if the years could be rolled back would dearly like to play against Mike Sheehy, whom he describes as a very brainy forward who uses the ball well.

Casey was a versatile sportsman. He played for Baile Átha Cliath in a Leinster minor hurling final, but concentrated after that in gaelic Games on football. However, he also played basketball regularly, and reached such a high standard that he won international recognition.

He is another who believes that the G.A.A. has a great future, but feels that the Association's influence is more intense in the rural areas, and rather less so in the city areas.

Casey is looking forward to an interesting final, and believes that Baile Átha Cliath must win the battle of tactics, if the team is to reverse last year's results.

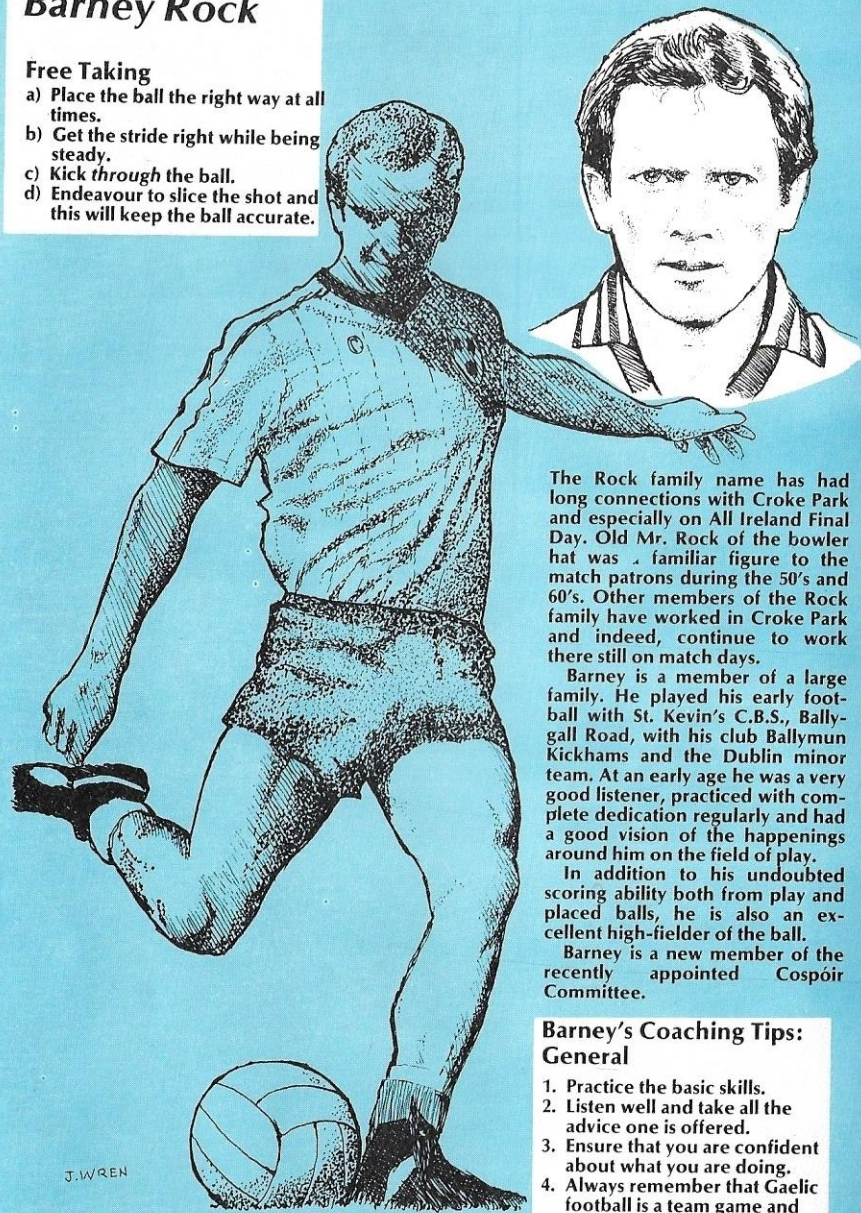


Bill Casey the family man with his wife Muriel, son Conor and daughter Karyn.

Barney Rock

Free Taking

- a) Place the ball the right way at all times.
- b) Get the stride right while being steady.
- c) Kick *through* the ball.
- d) Endeavour to slice the shot and this will keep the ball accurate.



The Rock family name has had long connections with Croke Park and especially on All Ireland Final Day. Old Mr. Rock of the bowler hat was a familiar figure to the match patrons during the 50's and 60's. Other members of the Rock family have worked in Croke Park and indeed, continue to work there still on match days.

Barney is a member of a large family. He played his early football with St. Kevin's C.B.S., Ballygall Road, with his club Ballymun Kickhams and the Dublin minor team. At an early age he was a very good listener, practiced with complete dedication regularly and had a good vision of the happenings around him on the field of play.

In addition to his undoubted scoring ability both from play and placed balls, he is also an excellent high-fielder of the ball.

Barney is a new member of the recently appointed Cospóir Committee.

Barney's Coaching Tips: General

1. Practice the basic skills.
2. Listen well and take all the advice one is offered.
3. Ensure that you are confident about what you are doing.
4. Always remember that Gaelic football is a team game and therefore play as a team.
5. Enjoy what you are doing.

Dublin Pen Pictures

John O'Leary: Age 24. He has won one senior All-Ireland medal (83), three Leinster senior medals (83, 84, 85) and one All-Ireland minor medal (79). John is a bank official.

Mick Kennedy: Age 26. He holds one All-Ireland senior medal (83), four Leinster senior medals (79, 83, 84, 85) and a Leinster minor medal in (76). Driver.

Gerry Hargen: Age 24. He has won one All-Ireland senior medal (83), three Leinster senior medals (82, 85) with his club Ballymun Kickhams. Gerry is a butcher.

Ray Hazley: Age 26. He holds one All-Ireland senior medal (83), three Leinster senior medals (83, 84, 85), and two Dublin senior football championship medals (80, 84). Marketing manager.

Pat Canavan: Age 24. He holds one All-Ireland senior medal (83), three Leinster senior medals (83, 84, 85), and he was an All-Star in 83. Bank official.

Noel McCaffrey: Age 25. Noel had the difficult job of filling in the position that Tommy Drumm has

occupied so well for years. However, he has done it well and although he was dropped for the drawn semi-final with Mayo, he will press hard for a place in the final. Noel made his senior debut against Wexford, which was his first Inter-County experience. He first caught the eye with some great displays for his club Clontarf. Noel is a doctor.

Dave Synnott: Age 21. Dave has won one Dublin senior hurling medal (84) and one Leinster U-21 football medal (84). Bank official.

Jim Roynane: Age 26. Jim holds four Leinster U-21 medal (80) and of course one All-Ireland senior medal (83). Garage manager.

Brian Mullins: Age 30. Brian holds four All-Ireland senior medals (74, 76, 77, 83), nine Leinster senior medals (74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 83, 84, 85) and one N.F.L. medal in 76. Brian is a teacher.

Barney Rock: Age 24. Barney holds one All-Ireland senior medal (83), three Leinster senior medals (83, 84, 85), one Leinster and All-Ireland minor medal (79), one Leinster U-21 medal (80), and two

All-Star awards (83, 84). Sales representative.

Tommy Conroy: Age 21. Tommy holds one All-Ireland senior medal (83), three Leinster senior medals (83, 84, 85), one Leinster minor medal (81) and one Dublin senior hurling championship medal (82). Hospital attendant.

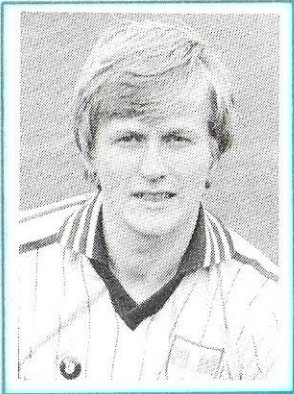
Charlie Redmond: Age 22 Won a Leinster Medal and an All-Ireland Senior Medal with Dublin in 1983.

John Kearns: Age 26. John holds one All-Ireland senior medal (83), three Leinster senior medals (83, 84, 85). Electrician.

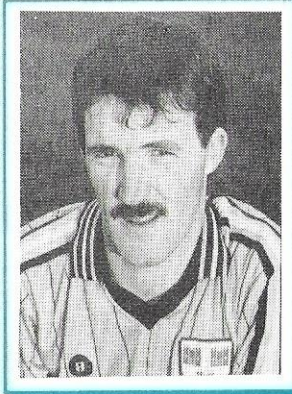
Joe McNally: Age 21. He holds one All-Ireland senior medal (13), three Leinster senior medals (13, 84, 85), and one All-Ireland minor medal (82). Driver.

Ciaran Duff: Age 24. Ciaran holds one All-Ireland senior medal (83), three Leinster senior medals (83, 84, 85), one Leinster and All-Ireland minor medal (79), and one Leinster U-21 medal (80). Linesman.

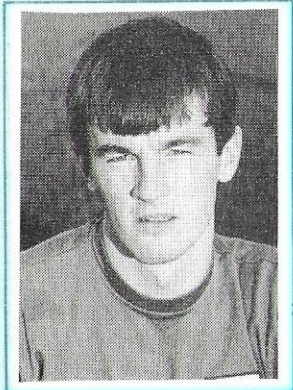
BAILE ÁTHA CLATH



Ray Hazley



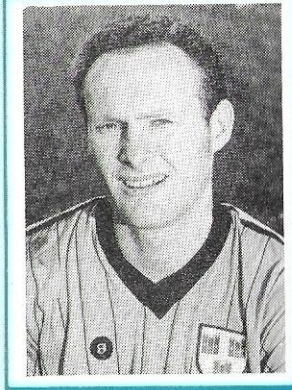
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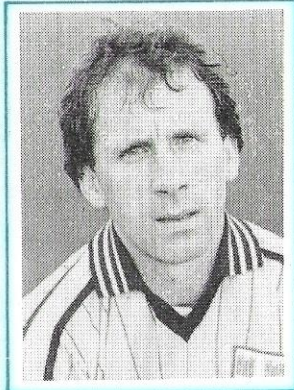
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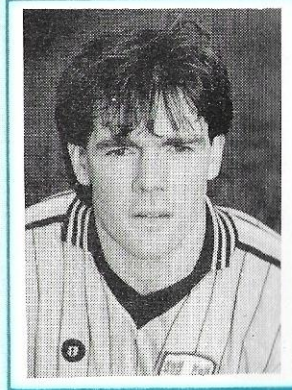
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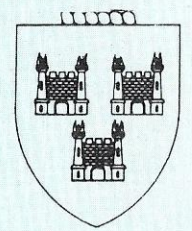
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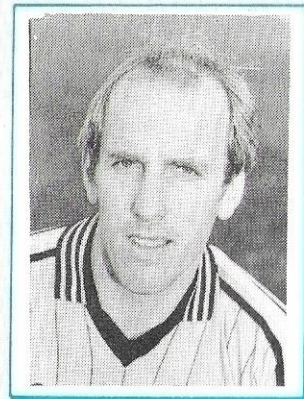
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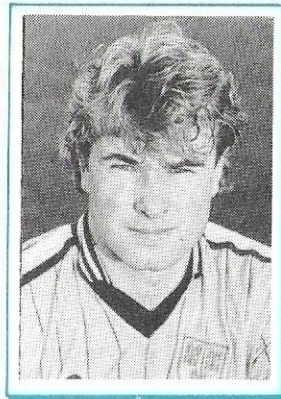
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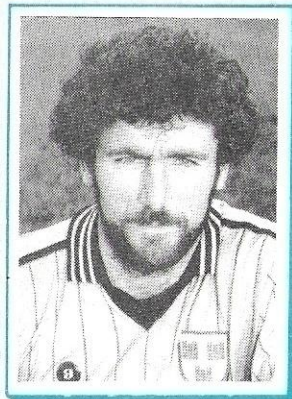
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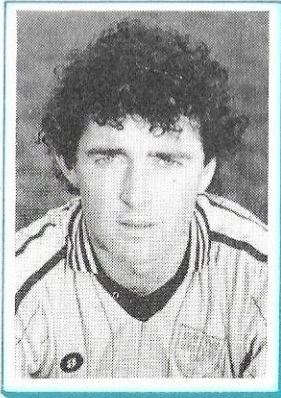
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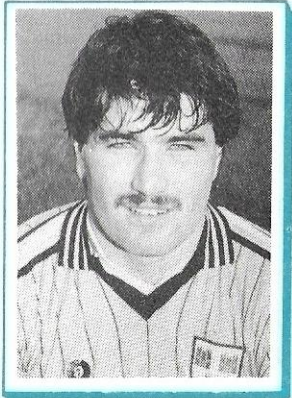
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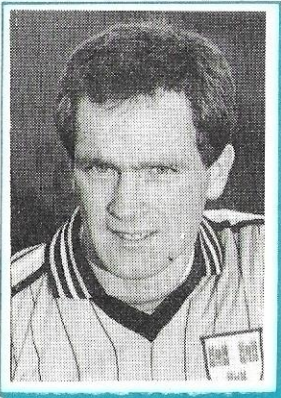
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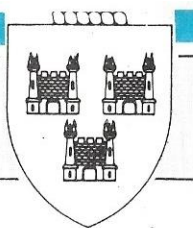
Barney Rock



John Kearns

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH

Dathanna: Gorm is Dubhghorm



(1) SEÁN Ó LAOIRE
(John O'Leary)
O'Dwyers

(2) MICHEÁL Ó CINNÉIDE (Mick Kennedy) St. Margarets
(3) GEARÓID Ó HARGÁIN (Gerry Hargan) Ballymun Kickhams
(4) REAMOINN MAC CONCHOILLE (Ray Hazley) St. Vincents

5) Pádraig Caomhánach (Pat Canavan) St. Vincents

(6) NOLLAIG MAC GAFRAIDH (Noel McCaffrey) Clontarf

(7) DAITHÍ SIONÓID (Dave Synnott) O'Tooles

(8) SEAMUS Ó RÓNÁIN (Jim Ronayne) Clontarf

(9) BRIAIN Ó MAOLÁIN (Capt.) (Brian Mullins) St. Vincents

(10) B MAC CONCHARRAIGE (Barney Rock) Ballymun Kickhams

(11) TOMÁS Ó CONRAOI (Tommy Conroy) St. Vincents

(12) CATHAL MAC REAMOINN (Charlie Redmond) Erin's Isle

(13) SEÁN Ó CIARÁN (John Kearns) Ballymun Kickhams

(14) SEOSAMH MAC AN FHAILÍ (Joe McNally) St. Anne's

(15) CIARÁN Ó DUIBH (Ciáran Duff) Fingalians

FIR IONAD: (16) Micheál Ó hOidáin (Mick Holden, Cuala), (17) P. S. Ó Buachalla (P. J. Buckley, Érin's Isle), (18) Proinsias Mac Craith (Frank McGrath, Scoil Uí Chonaill), (19) Deaglán Mac Craith (Declan McGrath, Whitehall Colmcille), (20) Tomás Ó Carra (Tommy Carr, Ballymun Kickhams), (21) Antóin Mac Camhaoil (Anto McCaul, Ballymun Kickhams), (22) Tomás Ó Broin (Tom Byrne, An Caisleán), (23) Pádraig Ó Dubháin (Pat Dwane, Thomas Davis), (24) Seán Ó Cafraidh (John Caffrey, Na Fianna).

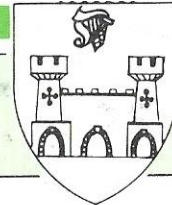
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CIARRAÍ

Dathanna: Glas is Óir



(1) CATHAL Ó NIALLGÁIN (Charlie Neligan) Desmonds-Castleisland

(2) PÁID Ó SÉ (Capt.) Gaeltacht

(3) SEÁN BREATHANACH (Sean Walsh) Kerins O'Raghillys

(4) MICHEÁL Ó SPEALÁIN (Mick Spillane) Templenoe

(5) TOMÁS Ó DÚILL (Tommy Doyle) Aunascaul

(6) TOMÁS Ó SPEALÁIN (Tom Spillane) Templenoe

(7) GEARÓID Ó LOINGSIGH (Ger Lynch) Valentia

(8) SEÁN Ó SÉ (Jack O'Shea) Leixlip, Cill Dara

(9) AMBRÓS Ó DONNABHÁIN (Ambrose O'Donovan) Gneeveguilla

(10) TADHG Ó DÚDA (Timmy O'Dowd) John Mitchels

(11) DONNCHADHA Ó MORÁIN (Denis O'Moran) Beale

(12) PÁDRAIG Ó SPEALÁIN (Pat Spillane) Templenoe

(13) MICHEÁL Ó SÍTHIGH (Mike Sheehy) Austin Stacks

(14) EOIN LIOSTÚN (Eoin Liston) Beale

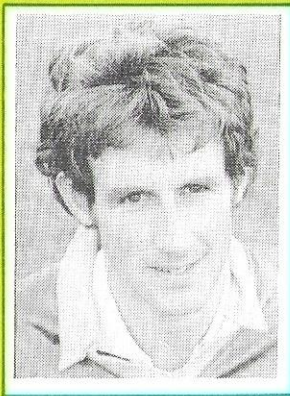
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Fir Ionaid: (16) Seán Ó hUiginn (John Higgins, John Mitchels); (17) Seán Ó Cinnéide (John Kennedy, Ballylongford); (18) Gearóid Ó Suileabháin (Gerry O'Sullivan, St. Michaels); (19) Seán Ó Maolmhichíl (John Mulvihill, Moyvane); (20) Seán Liostún (Sean Liston, Beale); (21) Diarmuid Ó hAinifin (Dermot Hanafin, Desmonds); (22) Diarmuid Ó Donnchú (D. O'Donoghue, Legion); (23) Seán Ó Catháin (J. Keane, Kenmare); (24) Liam Ó Ceirín (L. Kerins, Austin Stacks).

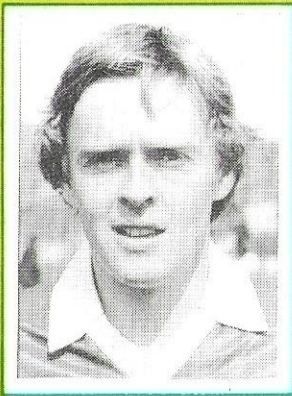
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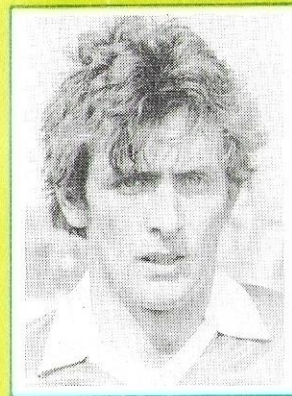
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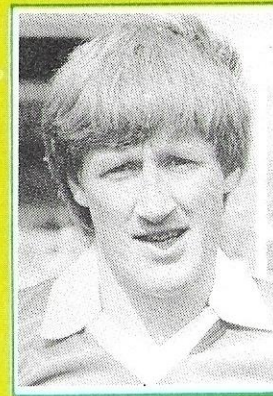
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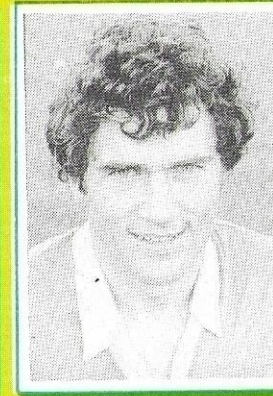
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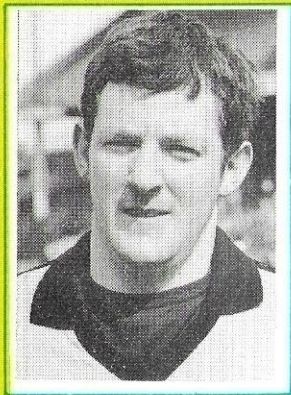
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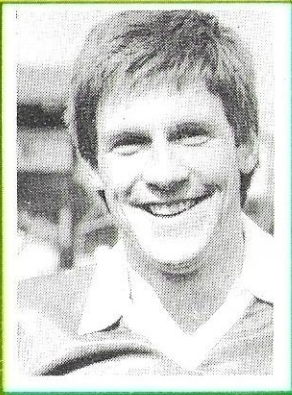
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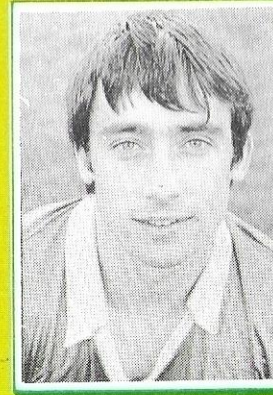
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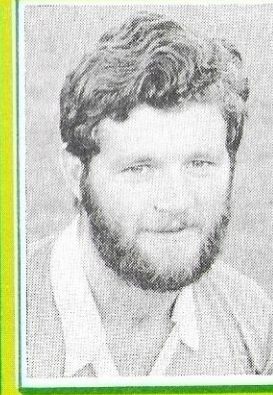
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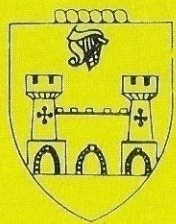
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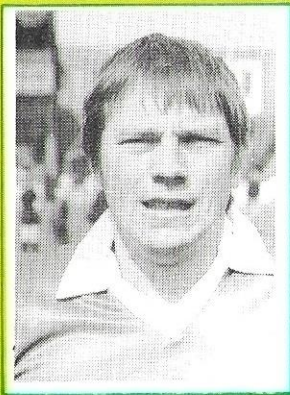
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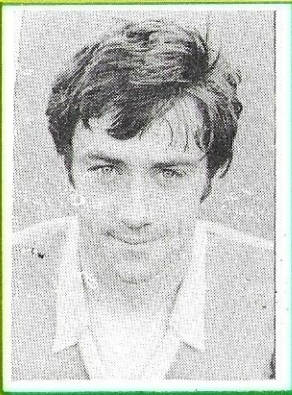
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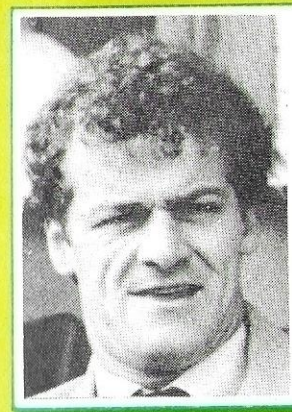
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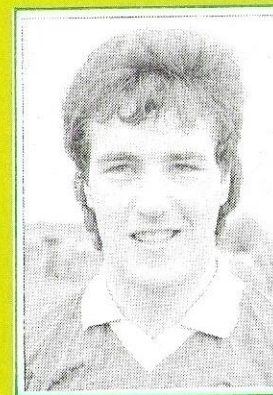
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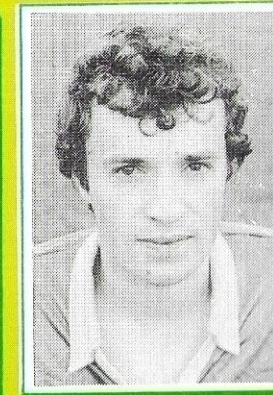
Tommy Doyle



Jack O'Shea



Timmy Dowd



Mike Sheehy

Ciarraí Pen Pictures

Charlie Nelligan: Age 28. Has won five All-Ireland S.F.C. medals (78, 79, 80, 81, 84), three All-Ireland U-21 medals (75, 76, 77), one All-Ireland minor medal (75), and one All-Ireland club championship medal (85). Baker.

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Páid Ó Sé (Capt.): Age 31. Holds six All-Ireland medals (75, 78, 79, 80, 81, 84). Bainisteoir Óstán.

Sean Walsh: Age 28. He now plays his football at full-back. Sean has won five All-Ireland S.F.C. medals (78, 79, 80, 81, 84), three U-21 medals (75, 76, 77) and one All-Ireland minor medal. Company director.

Mick Spillane: Age 28. Mick has won four All-Ireland senior medals (79, 80, 81, 84), three All-Ireland U-21 medals (75, 76, 77), and one All-Ireland minor medal (75). Finance company executive.

Tommy Doyle: Age 29. Tommy has won four All-Ireland senior medals (79, 80, 81 and 84), plus two All-Ireland under 21 medals (75, 76). Tommy is a company representative.

Tom Spillane: Age 23. Tom has won one All-Ireland minor medal (80), and one All-Ireland senior medal (84). He is a company director.

Ger Lynch: Age 26. He won his only All-Ireland medal in last year's final. He is a member of the famous Valentia club. Psychiatric nurse.

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Jack O'Shea: Age 28. Jack has five All-Ireland senior medals (78, 79, 80, 81, 84), three under 21 medals (75, 76, 77), one All-Ireland minor medal (75) and five All-Star awards. Plumbing contractor.

Ambrose O'Donovan: Age 22. Ambrose captained the Centenary All-Ireland winning team. He has won one All-Ireland senior medal (84). Ambrose is an electrician.

Timmy O'Dowd: Age 22. Under 21 Championship medal winner and senior panelist with Ciarraí last year. Son of former great Teddy O'Dowd.

Denis 'Ogie' Moran: Age 29. His six All-Ireland victories came in (75, 78, 79, 80, 81, 84). Public relations executive.

Pat Spillane: Age 30. Pat has won six All-Ireland senior medals (75, 78, 79, 80, 81 as a substitute, and 1984), as well as one of All-Ireland club championship medal (78), and a record seven All-Star awards. Pat is a P.E. teacher.

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Mike Sheehy: Age 31. Mike has won five All-Ireland medals (75, 78, 79, 80, 81) and three N.F.L. medals.

Eoin Liston: Age 29. Eoin has won four All-Ireland senior football medals (78, 79, 81, 84) and one U-21 football medal (77). Vocational teacher.

Ger Power: Age 33. Ger's five All-Ireland medals came in (75, 78, 80, 81, 84). Defender and attacker.



Charlie Nelligan

Charlie Nelligan won his fifth All-Ireland senior football medal last September. He was 28 last February, holds three All-Ireland under-21, and three National League souvenirs.

Earlier this year he was in goal for Castleisland Desmonds when they beat St. Vincent's, of Dublin, in the All-Ireland club football final.

Nelligan is one of the outstanding goalkeepers of modern times. His handling is first-class, he is vigilant, cool under pressure, has good judgement, and a swift and deliberate clearance.

A very lengthy kick-out is another facet of his play that helps to mark him out as such a vital unit in the Ciarraí team make-up.

Amiable Kerryman makes good in the capital

Jerome O'Shea compares the 50's with modern times

Jerome O'Shea played senior football with Ciarraí from 1952 to 1961, and won All-Ireland senior medals in 1953, 1955 and 1959. A solid tackling defender, he was a contemporary of Mick O'Dwyer, Tom Long, the late Kevin Coffey, Tadge Lyne.

O'Shea also won three county senior football medals, one as captain of South Kerry in 1955 when his team-mates included O'Connell and O'Dwyer.

He makes an interesting contrast with the styles of his own day and the game today. Football in the 'Fifties and 'Sixties was more of a catch and kick game, and each player had to be a specialist in his own sector. Today's game is much more of a running game.

O'Shea feels that the use of the video must be a big help to players today as this enables them

to see themselves in action and to correct their mistakes.

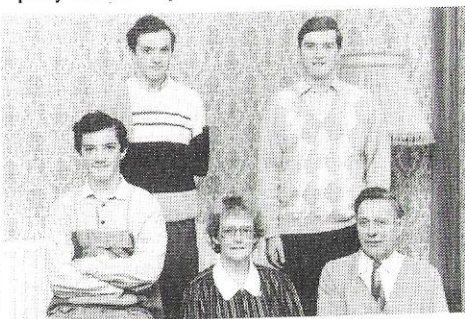
He has a great admiration for the Ciarraí team in general, and for Eoin Liston, Jack O'Shea, Pat Spillane and Mikey Sheehy in particular.

The present team has won six titles in ten years, and that is, according to the former county defender, a big improvement on his own time in the game when the generally expected average was three All-Ireland championships in a decade.

O'Shea maintains that the Australian aspect that was further cemented last year is good for the game in general. He believes that the G.A.A. has a great future... that the Association tends to prosper in recessionary times when the games do so much to brighten the lives of our people.

The one-time St. Mary's, Cahirciveen man, says that while the present Ciarraí-Baile Átha Cliath monopoly of the title may not be so good for the game, these counties are still presenting the other counties with the heights to aspire to.

He is very optimistic about the future of Ciarraí football. As he puts it himself: "When you lift a little stone in Kerry, instead of the usual you find little footballers."



Jerome O'Shea, his wife Margaret and sons Conor, Diarmuid and Donal.

LEO MURPHY – An Dún's staunch full back of the sixties

Twenty five years on, Croke Park still holds a very special place in Leo Murphy's heart, a colossus of a full back, when Down lifted the Sam Maguire in 1960 and 1961.

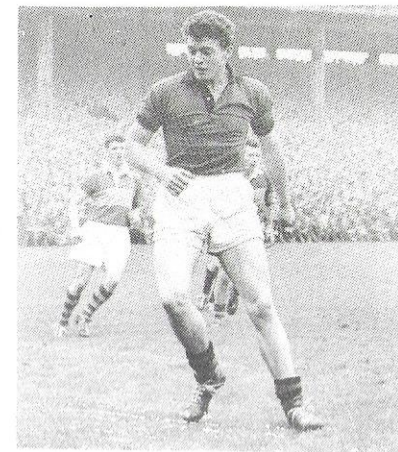
He admits that every time he returns to Headquarters the memories come flooding back and especially the scenes at the end of the 1960 final will always remain embedded in his memory.

Leo, a most affable and genuine person, is now Principal of Killowen school outside Rostrevor where he lives with his wife and four children.

A former student of St. Colmans College, Newry, where he won both Rannafast and MacRory medals, he played with the county minors in 1957 alongside Sean O'Neill, Dan McCartan and Patsy O'Hagan.

Two seasons later he made his Croke Park debut with down, finding himself in direct opposition to the legendary Sean Purcell of Galway. He finished on the losing side but was to return in triumph to the same venue just over 12 months later when Down took the Sam Maguire north of the border for the first time beating Kerry.

If Leo has one regret, it is that the great Down side of '60 and '61 failed to win further All Irelands in the early sixties. He has a very high regard for Fr. John Treanor and Jim McKeever who helped shape his footballing career.



Leo Murphy v Ciarraí at Croke Park

A native of Kilkeel, he played his club football with Dundrum alongside Jarlath Carey before moving to Rostrevor after he was married in 1967. He continued to play with them until his retirement in the early seventies.

Some people consider that he opted out of the inter county scene too early but Leo argues convincingly that he had been involved in county football at the highest level for 11 years and that the time was right to opt out.

He is openly concerned at the trend the modern game is taking and deeply regrets the phasing out of the physical contact element which was an integral part of the game in his career.

Too many players today, he feels, are pampered individuals displaying a disturbing lack of discipline and dedication.

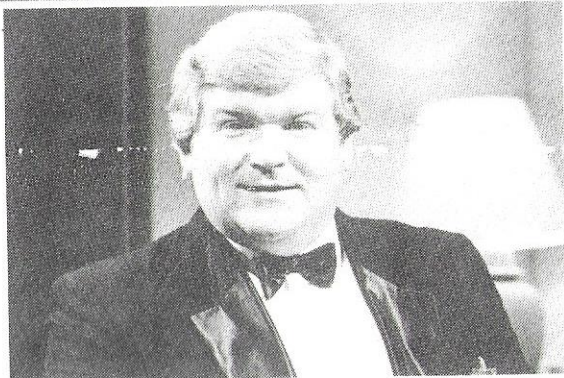


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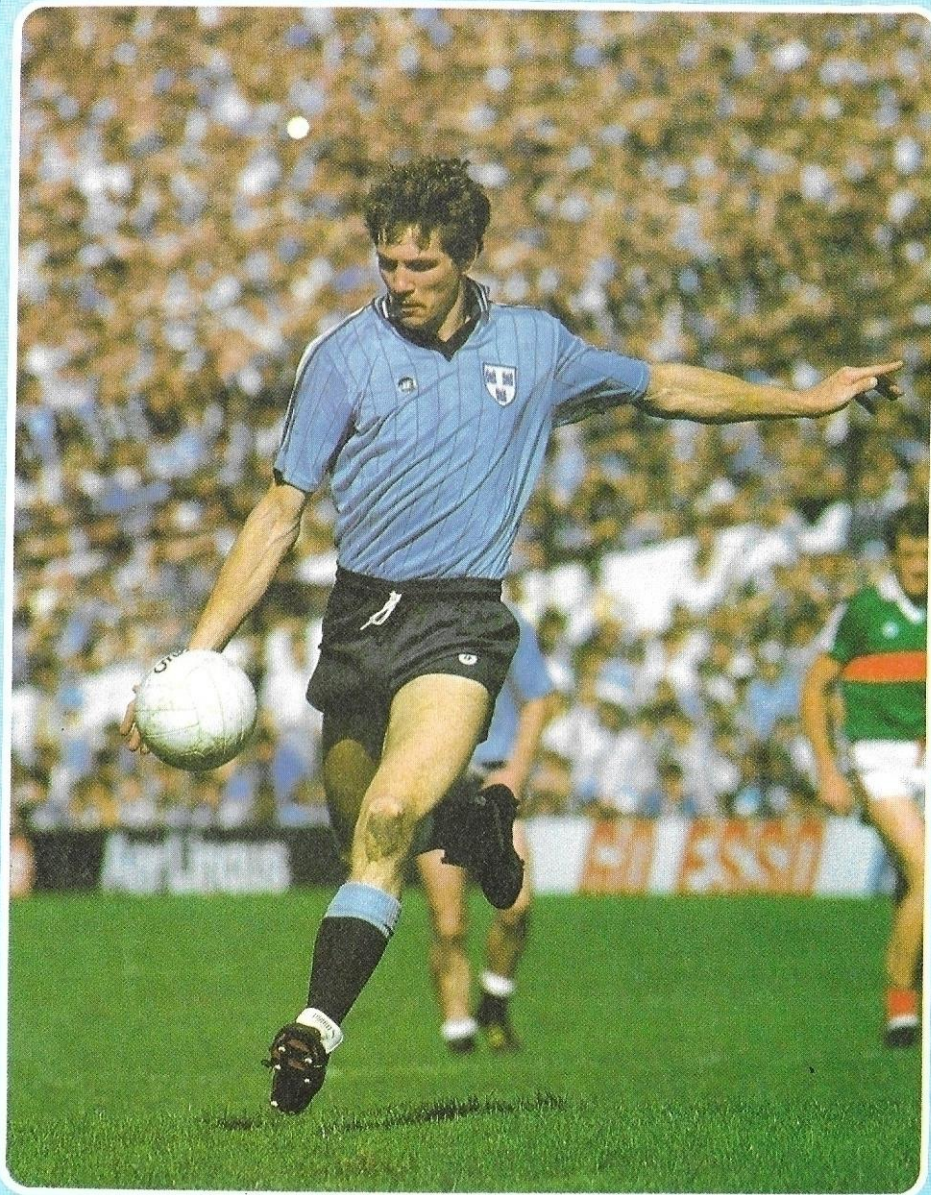
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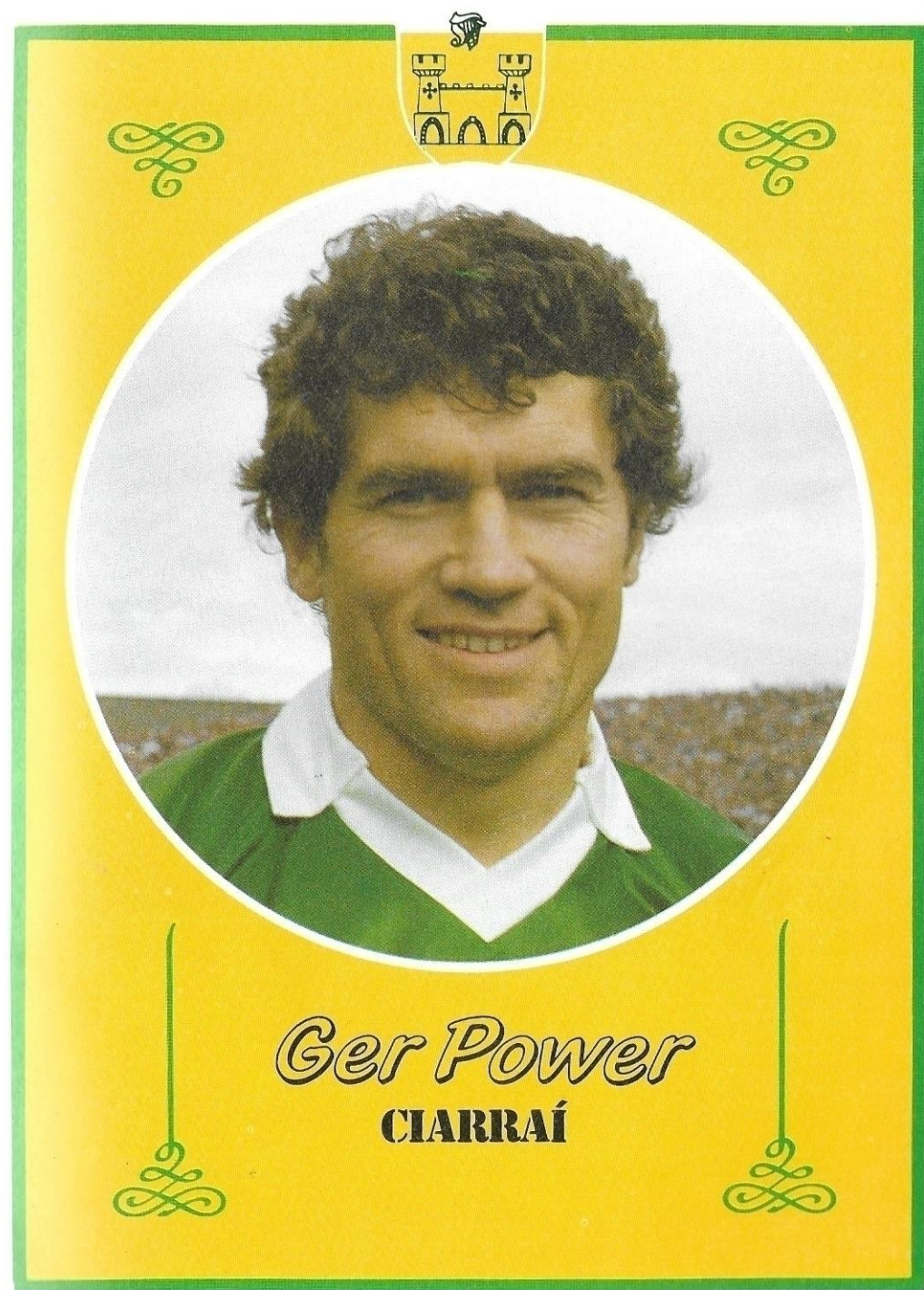


Corcaigh: Sa pictiúr tá: Jerome O'Mahony, Mossy Murphy, Denis Duggan, John Allen, Noel Creedon, Brian Murphy, Tony Griffin, John O'Driscoll, Kevin Kiely (capt.), Barry Harte, Dommic O'Connell, Ger O'Regan, Cathal Cahill, Pádraig Collins, Aidan Shields.

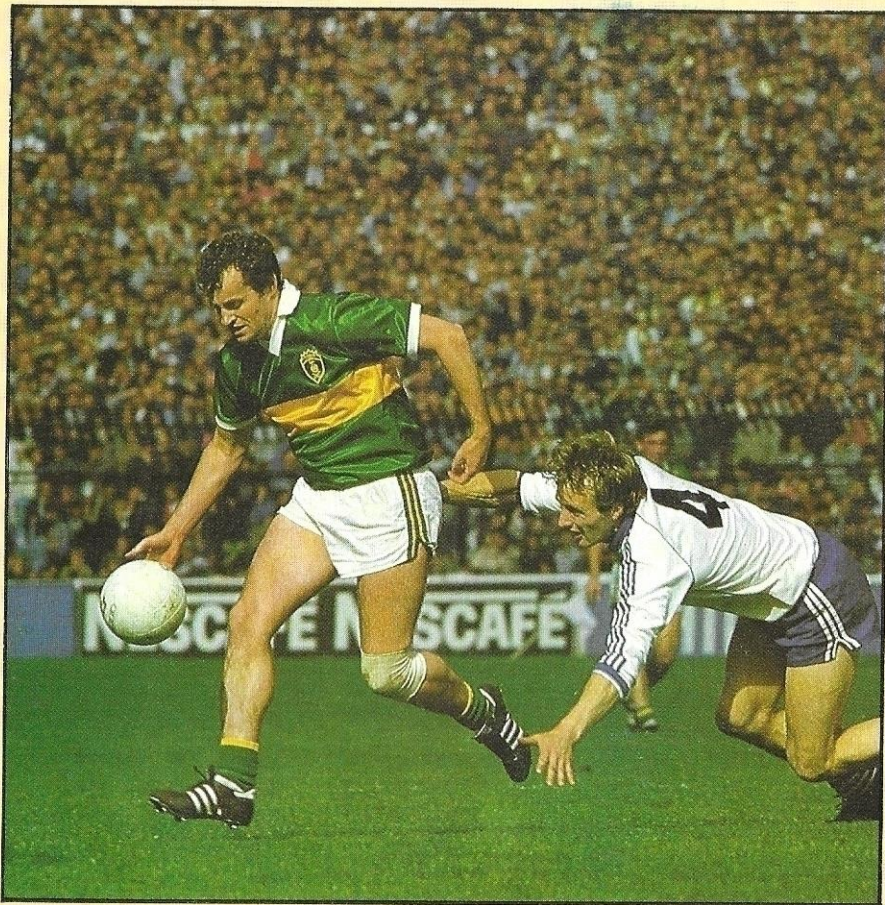




John Kearns BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH

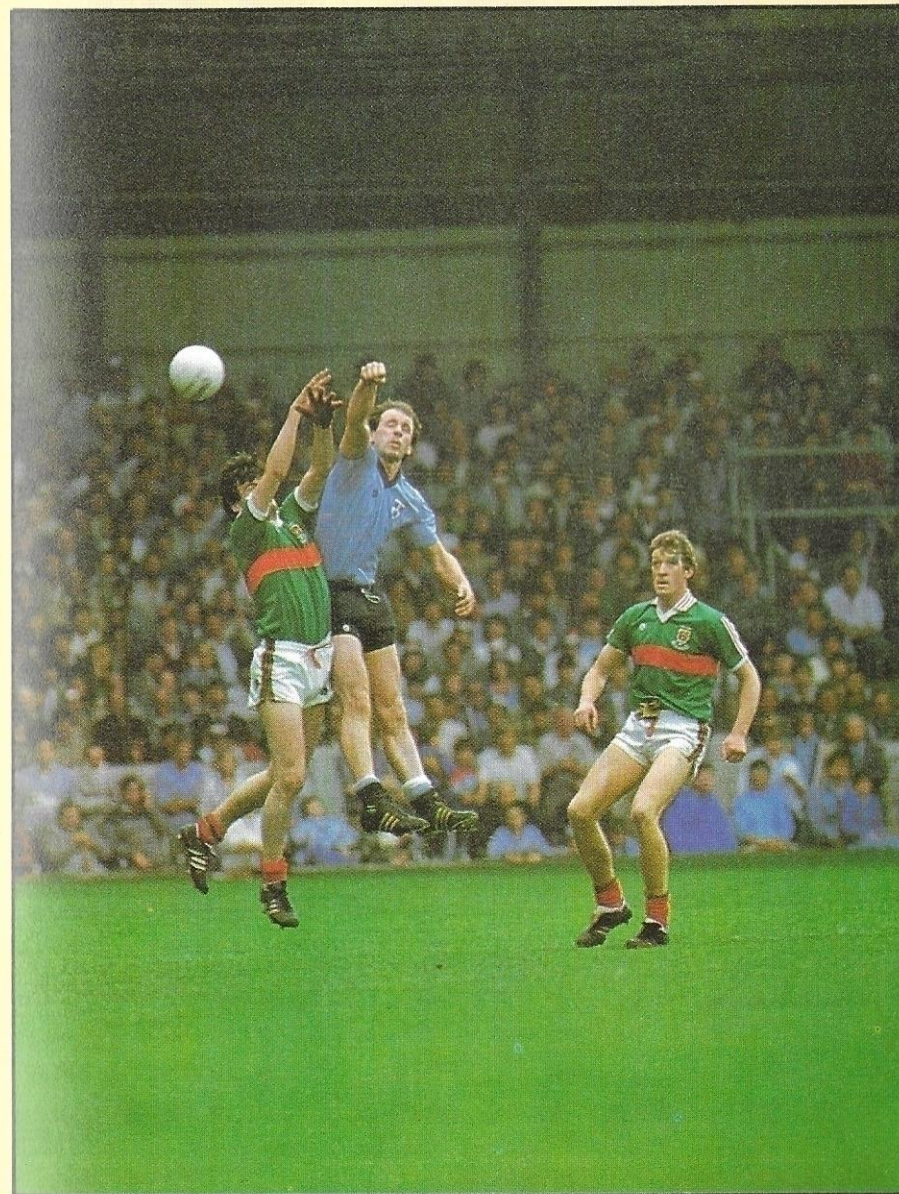


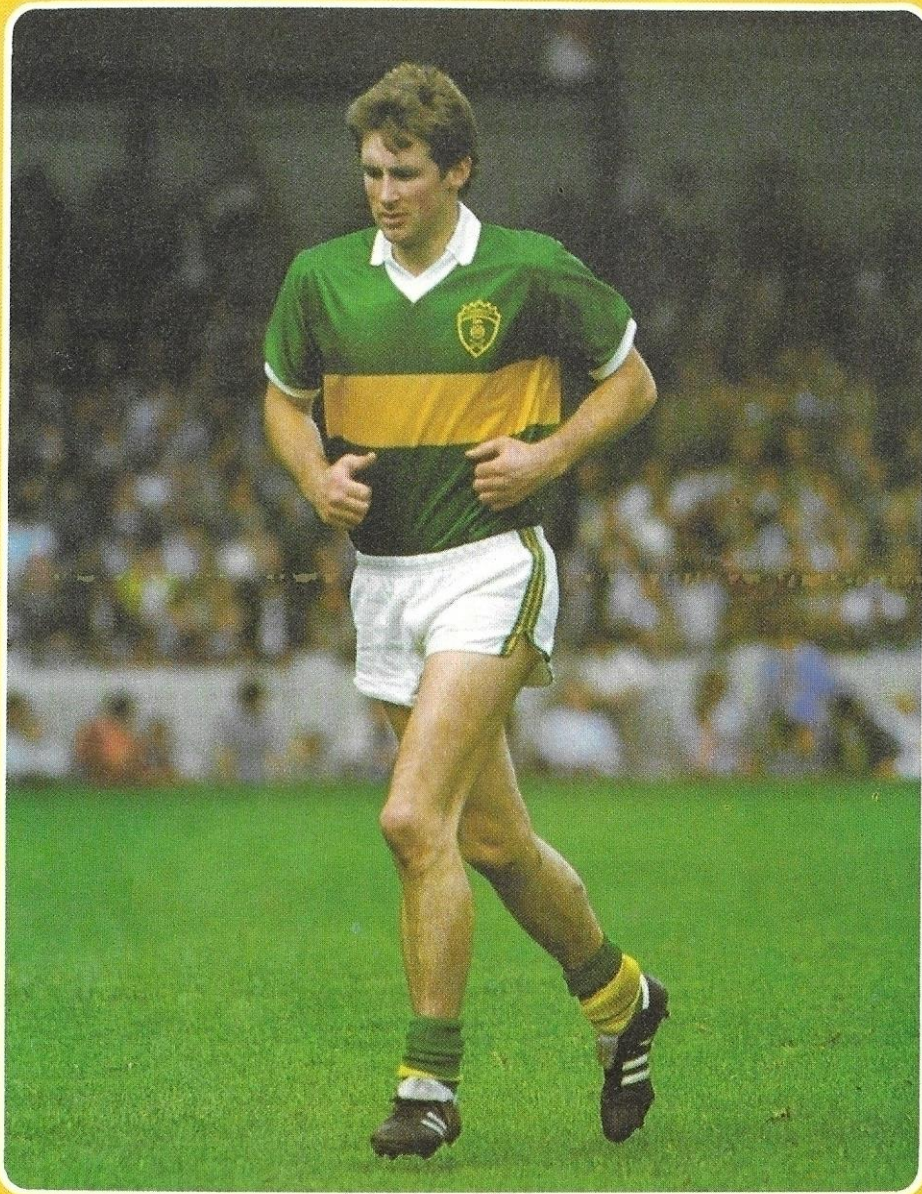
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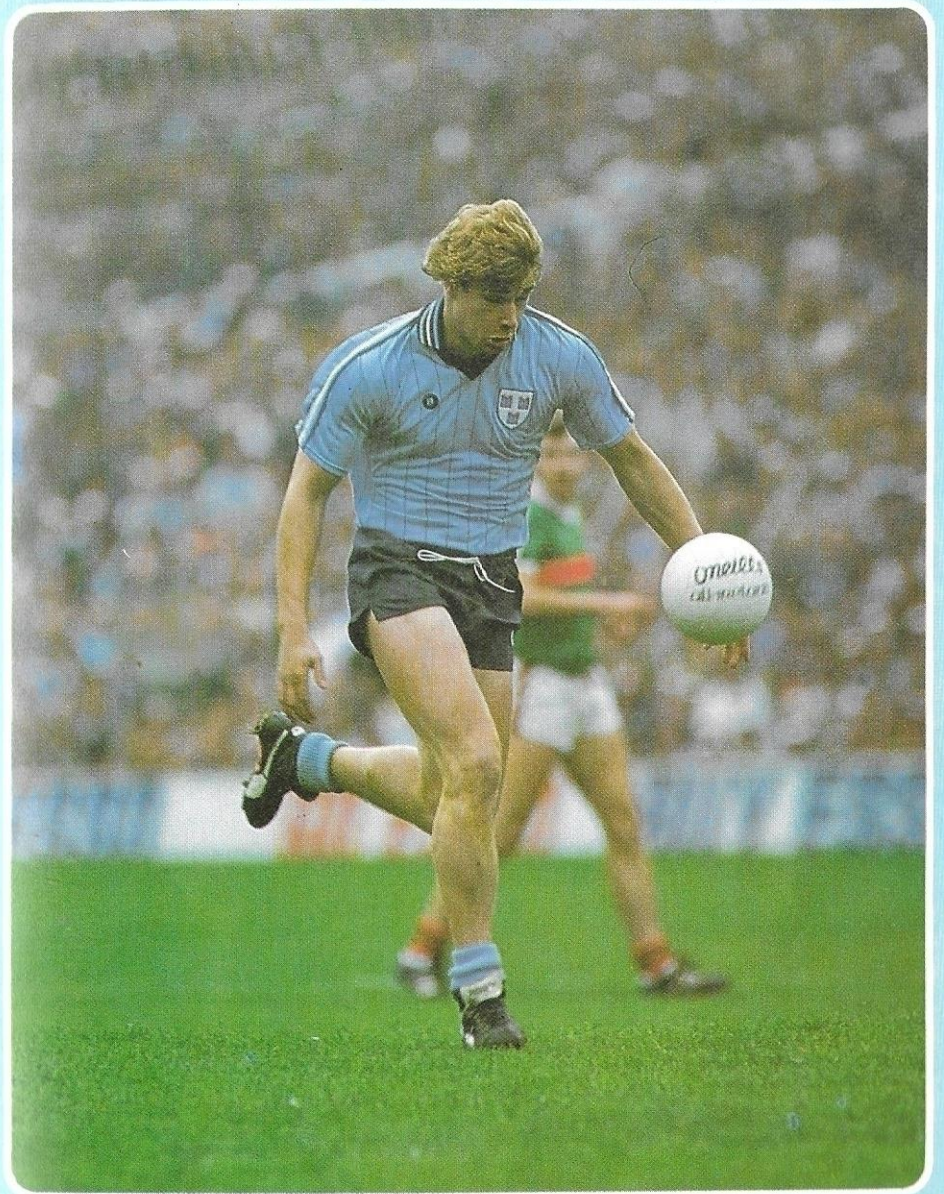
Thuas: Mikey Sheehy, Ciarraí, evades
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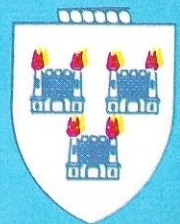
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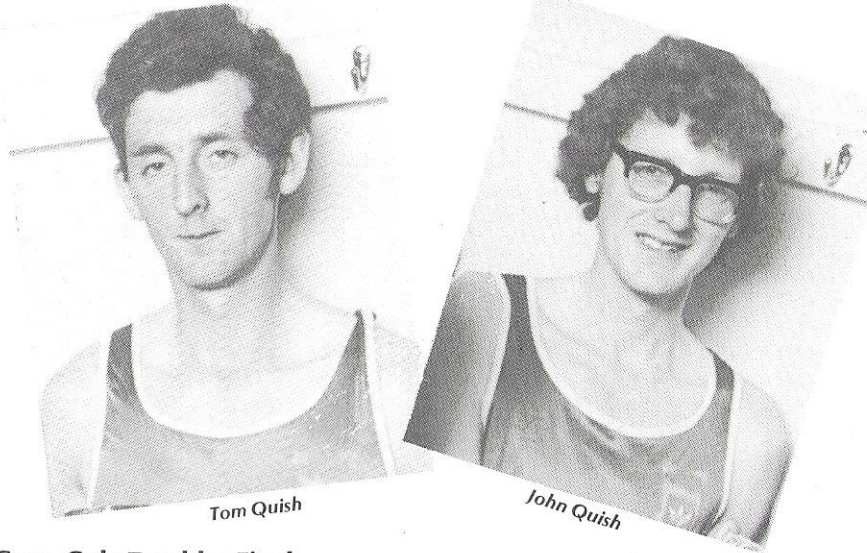


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most venues where these matches are played. Michael (Duxie) Walsh has already won this year's Coca-Cola Singles championship and was in fact the youngest ever player to win this title. He has a unique record in underage handball both at national and international level. His partner Eugene Downey also figured prominently in underage handball and partnered Duxie Walsh to win the 1983 Junior Doubles title.



(Duxie) Walsh

Junior Softball Singles

Dermot Doolin (Ros Comáin) v Stephen Lyons (Port Láirge).

Port Láirge make one of their rare appearances at this level of competition when former under 21 championship winner Stephen Lyons of Kilgobnet takes on the Ros Comáin player Dermot Doolin who has appeared in a number of Junior finals in recent years.

Minor Softball Doubles

Tom Sheridan and Walter O'Connor (An Mhí)

v

David Maloney and Seamus Byrne (Maigh Eo)

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Direct interest for Chonnacht

Maigh Eo do more than provide a direct interest for followers in Cúige Chonnacht in an All-Ireland minor football final again after an interval of seven years. They line out with credentials that augur well for their prospects of regaining a trophy last won by the county in 1978.

The Western champions gave their best display of the series so far on their last appearance at headquarters. Brilliantly prompted by top scoring Michael J. Mullen at full forward, who chalked up 2-2, they surprised many by finishing with four points to spare over much fancied An Mhí.

That was a greatly improved showing from an undistinguished provincial final, in which Maigh

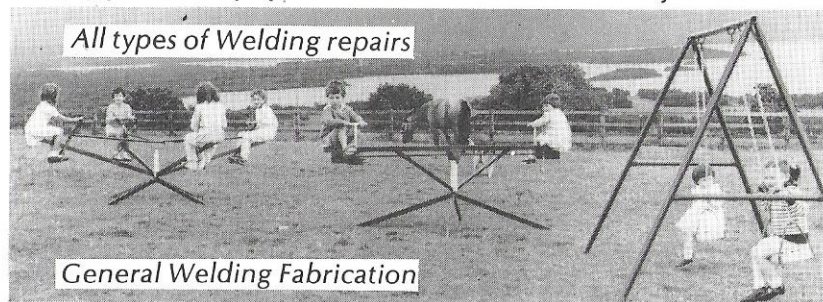
Eo scored only six points – and still finished with enough scores to regain the title after a break of five years.

Mullen, with speed, skill and finishing technique, set the standard in the attack in the All-Ireland tie. He was well supported all round, however, and in particular by Greg Maher at midfield, Pat Walsh at centre half forward, pivot David Fitzgerald and right half back John French.

The smooth and authoritative performance helped to reveal something of the potential of the Maigh Eo side... potential that was in evidence at times in the provincial campaign.

In a semi-final replay with Sligeach at Castlebar, Maigh Eo had to rally not once but twice

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during the second half to turn the game finally their way.

Sligeach scored four goals in the first half, and led by six points at the interval. The visitors had a player sent to the line during the second half, and Maigh Eo forged into a three points lead with just five minutes of play remaining. Then they were rocked by a fifth Sligeach goal.

Unusual scoreline

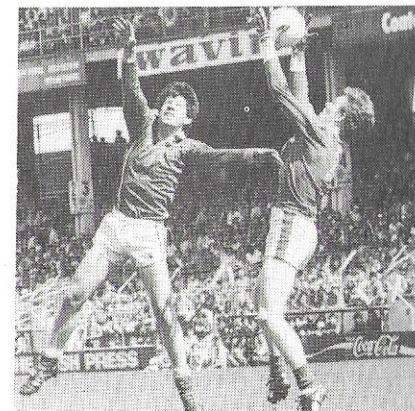
But the home team rallied strongly again, and a goal by substitute James Gallagher, and a point by Tony Munnelly gave Maigh Eo a final ticket on one of the season's most unusual scorelines – 3-10 to 5-0.

Maigh Eo had to come from behind again in the provincial final at Dr. Hyde Park, Roscommon, where a pre-match shower did not help towards good football standards, in their clash with Gaillimh.

Wayward shooting did not help Maigh Eo's cause during the first half. They had ten wides, and scored only two points, but Gaillimh were not so sharp either, recording just 1-1.

Maigh Eo stepped up their display in the second half as they came more into the picture. Gaillimh did not score at all in that period, and points from John Dempsey, who scored two, Pat Walsh and Michael Fitzmaurice clinched an 0-6 to 1-1 win in a low scoring final.

But if scores were in short supply from Maigh Eo in the Cúige Chonnacht final, they more



John Commins Maigh Eo goalkeeper.

than compensated for that with their excellent goals and points exercise that yielded 2-12 as against An Mhí's 2-8 in the All-Ireland semi-final.

The Westerners looked the part in that game. They measured up to the job on hand in fine style, and impressed as a well-drilled side, with accomplished footballers in all sectors.

The fact that they did so well on their first head-quarters outing, should help the Maigh Eo boys to settle down quickly and strike the type of form all through that enabled them to see off An Mhí so efficiently.

All the indications, then, are that the standard bearers from the West will make a tremendous effort to salvage some tangible reward nationally for what has been an exciting year for Maigh Eo by chalking up the first win by a team from Cúige Chonnacht at this stage of under-18 football in seven years.

Tomás Ághas (1885-1917)

Thomas Ashe was born in Kinard, in the parish of Lispole, just a few miles east of Dingle, on January 12th, 1885. One of a family of six sons and three daughters. He attended the local school where he was an excellent pupil whose favourite subjects were Irish, music and history. He was brought up in an Irish-speaking home which enabled him later in Dublin to play a very active part in the Gaelic League.

Most people know about Ashe's involvement in the Irish Volunteers and his active part in battle of Ashbourne during the 1916 Rising, and of his death in 1917 brought about by forcible feeding while on hunger strike in Mountjoy Jail. Few knew about his connection with our native games of football and hurling.

Thomás Ághas, from an early age, loved the outdoor life which included hunting, fishing and playing Gaelic football. At the beginning of this century, Lispole had a very strong football team and Ashe – who later developed a fine physique – trained and played with them.

Later, when in De La Salle Training College, he played at corner back for the college team.

In 1907, Ashe was appointed Assistant teacher in Minard and he played on the Lispole team and also trained the members. It was



this involvement in the Ciarraí County G.A.A. Championships that brought him to get to know Austin Stack who was a prominent Nationalist and a member of the Ciarraí Senior Football team which won The Kingdom's first All-Ireland title. They became very close friends.

Why Ashe chose to leave his post in Minard school after just nine months seems rather strange but 1980 saw him appointed principal of Corduff National School, near Lusk, in North County Dublin. Here he taught up to April 1916. He played football with Lusk and also tried his hand at hurling. Lusk played in the Fingal League with Ashe as their regular midfielder. In the evenings he coached the young boys of Corduff in the finer points of Gaelic Football. But his involvement in the Gaelic League and later in the Volunteers left him little time to devote to our games.

Cosán na Foirne Mionurach

Corcaigh regained the Cúige Mumhan minor football championship after an interval of two years and met Dún na nGall for the first time in the All-Ireland series last time out. Their win in that game earned the Leesiders a first final appearance since 1983 when they lost to Doire.

Maigh Eo are Cúige Chonnacht title-holders for the first time since 1980, and their win over an Mhí on their last outing at Páirc An Chrócaigh earned the county a place in the under-18 game of the year again after a break of seven seasons.

CORCAIGH'S RECORD

May 3 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh: Corcaigh 2-8; Tiobraid Árann 1-8.

Scorers for Corcaigh: P. Cahill 1-3; G. O'Regan 1-1, P. Collins 0-2, D. Kiely 0-1, S. O'Driscoll 0-1.

May 22. At Dungarvan: Corcaigh 1-12; Port Láirge 0-5.

Scorers for Corcaigh: G. O'Regan 1-2, A. Shields 0-4, J. Neville 0-3, P. Cahill 0-1, D. O'Connell 0-1, K. Nagle 0-1.

July 21. At Páirc Uí Chaoimh: Corcaigh 1-8; Ciarraí 0-4.

Scorers for Corcaigh: G. O'Regan 1-1, A. Shields 0-4, P. Collins 0-2, P. Cahill 0-1.

August 11. At Páirc An Chrócaigh: Corcaigh 2-5; Dún na nGall 0-9.

Scorers for Corcaigh: B. Harte 1-1, P. Collins 1-0, P. Cahill 0-2, J. O'Driscoll 0-1, G. O'Regan 0-1.

WESTERN SERIES

June 29. At Ballymote: Maigh Eo 1-7; Sligeach 0-10. Draw.

Scorers for Maigh Eo: P. Walsh 1-2; M. Fitzmaurice 0-3, M. J. Mullen 0-1, J. Gallagher 0-1.

July 5. At Castlebar: Maigh Eo 3-10; Sligeach 5-0. Replay.

Scorers for Maigh Eo: M. Fitzmaurice 1-5, J. Gallagher 2-1, T. Munnely 0-1, M. Mullahy 0-1, P. Walsh 0-1, T. O'Grady 0-1.

July 14. At Roscommon: Maigh Eo 0-6; Gaillimh 1-1.

Scorers for Maigh Eo: J. Dempsey 0-2, G. Maher 0-1, M. J. Mullen 0-1, P. Walsh 0-1, M. Fitzmaurice 0-1.

August 18. At Páirc An Chrócaigh. Maigh Eo 2-12; An Mhí 2-8.

Scorers for Maigh Eo: M. J. Mullen 2-2; M. Fitzmaurice 0-4, P. Walsh 0-3, T. O'Grady 0-2, M. Mullahy 0-1.

SCORING RECORDS

Corcaigh scored 6-33 (51 points) in their four games, and had 1-26 (29 points) scored against them.

Ger O'Regan is their chief marksmen with 3-5 (14 points).

Maigh Eo hit 6-35 (53 points) in their four appearances, and they had 8-19 (43 points) chalked up against them.

Heading their scoring returns is Michael Fitzmaurice with 1-13.

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Corcaigh Comparative Latecomers



CORCAIGH are comparative late-comers to All-Ireland minor football championship glory, having only inscribed their name on the winners' rankings for the first time in 1961. But they have made up for lost time so well since then that they are poised today for their eighth title.

This is proving a wonderful year for the county in under-age competitions. Coláiste Chríost Rí footballers and North Monastery hurlers won the All-Ireland Colleges' championships last spring, and in recent weeks the county has taken All-Ireland titles at minor hurling and under-21 football.

The minor footballers climaxed a good run in Cúige Mumhan with a fine win over Ciarraí at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. The team produced their best form in the second half, and Ger O'Regan sealed the issue with the game's only goal.

The 1-8 to 0-4 victory gave the county the provincial title again after a break of two seasons.

The Southern champions were in somewhat unusual position for a team from the province as outsiders for the All-Ireland semi-final against a Dún na nGall team that had won many admirers in the North.

There was, admittedly, only two points between the sides at the final whistle, but whereas Dún na

nGall wasted good opportunities, Cork took what came their way with an expertness that paid off in a final ticket.

It was to be said as well that while the North-West attack lacked potency, the forwards were not allowed much freedom by the tenacious markers.

Overall, then, Corcaigh well deserved their 2-5 to 0-9 win, and it says much for the defence that only a single goal has been conceded in four games. Prominent here have been goalkeeper Jerome O'Mahony, who won his second All-Ireland Colleges' medal with Coláiste Chríost Rí earlier this year, and full back Denis Duggan, another member of this season's successful Colleges' outfit.

These All-Ireland medalists are not the only key figures in the Corcaigh team. There are other potential match-winners like Harte and Pádraig Collins in the attack, Seán O'Driscoll at midfield, and John Allen in defence.

The team is blending into a very competent outfit, and will doubtless benefit greatly from the success last time out. A combination in short, well geared to provide Maigh Eo with their sternest test yet, and one furthermore that will give supporters much to cheer about during the hour.

Corcaigh lost their last All-Ireland minor final outing in 1983 to Doire.

Corcaigh

Dathanna: Dearg is Bán

(1) **D. Ó MATHÚNA**
(Jerome O Mahony)
Nemo Rangers

(2) **M. Ó MURCHÚ**
(Mossy Murphy)
Kilshannig

(3) **D. Ó DUAGÁIN**
(Denis Duggan)
St. Michaels

(4) **S. Ó hAILLÍN**
(John Allen)
Naomh Abán

(5) **N. Ó CRIODÁIN**
(Noel Creedon)
Macroon

(6) **B. Ó MURCHÚ**
(Brian Murphy)
Bishopstown

(7) **A. Ó GRÍOFA**
(Tony Griffin)
Nemo Rangers

(8) **SEÁN Ó DRISCEOIL**
(Seán O'Driscoll)
Ballingeary

(9) **C. Ó CADHLA (Capt.)**
(Kevin Kiely)
St. Finbarrs

(10) **B. Ó hAIRT**
(Barry Harte)
Timoleague

(11) **D. Ó CONAIL**
(Domnic O'Connell)
Kilshannig

(12) **G. Ó RIAGÁIN**
(Ger O'Regan)
Nemo Rangers

(13) **P. Ó CATHAIL**
(Paul Cahill)
Bishopstown

(14) **P. Ó COILEÁIN**
(Pádraig Collins)
Valley Rovers

(15) **R. Ó SIOCHÁIN**
(Ronan Sheehan)
Mallow

Fir Ionaid: (16) **B. Ó hAillín** (Brian Allen, Brian Dillons); (17) **S. Ó Murchú** (John Murphy, Glanmire); (18) **P. Ó Broin** (Paddy Byrnes, Mayfield); (19) **C. de Nogla** (Ciarán Nagle, St. Finbarrs); (20) **A. Ó Siail** (Aidan Sheilds, Bishopstown); (21) **S. Ó Níá** (John Neville, Macroon).

CORCAIGH	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachtaí	45m	Saor chiceanna
1 adh Leath	0	7			
2 adh Leath	0	2			
Iomlán	0	9			

*Sé Gerry McClory an Réiteoir.

Maigh Eo

Dathanna: Glas is Dearg

(1) **S. Ó COIMÍN**
(John Cummins)
Claremorris

(2) **C. Ó BROIN**
(Kevin Beirne)
Claremorris

(3) **E. MAC GIOLLA BHEARAIGH**
(Enda Gilvarry)
Ballina Stephenites

(4) **M. MAC GIOLLA CHOMHAILL**
(Martin Coyle)
Kiltane

(5) **D. DE BURCA**
(Declan Burke)
Ballinrobe

(6) **D. MAC GEARAILT**
(David Fitzgerald)
Ballyhaunis

(7) **S. FRINSE**
(John French)
Claremorris

(8) **M. MAC MUIRIS (Capt.)**
(Michael Fitzmaurice)
Lacken

(9) **G. Ó MEACHAIR**
(Greg Maher)
Claremorris

(10) **A. Ó MAONAILE**
(Tony Munnelly)
Kiltane

(11) **P. BREATHNACH**
(Pat Walsh)
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(12) **T. Ó GRÁDA**
(Tom O'Grady)
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(13) **P. Ó CEARÁIN**
(Pat Kerrane)
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(14) **M. S. Ó MAOLÁIN**
(Michael J. Mullen)
Kilmaine

(15) **S. Ó GALLCHOIR**
(James Gallagher)
Swinford

Fir Ionaid: (16) **D. Ó Moráin** (D. Moran, Glenamoy); (17) **M. Ó Maolaiche** (M. Mullaghy, Castlebar); (18) **P. Mac Cárthaigh** (P. McCarthy, Ballintubber); (19) **S. Ó Diomasaigh** (J. Dempsey, Balla); (20) **P. Ó Gearóid** (P. Garrett, Lahardane); (21) **B. Cliontún** (B. Clinton, Crossmolina); (22) **S. de Priondragás** (J. Prendergast, Louisburg); (23) **B. Ó Raghallaigh** (B. Reilly, Killala); (24) **B. de Búrca** (B. Burke, Bonniconlon).

MAIGH EO	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachtaí	45m	Saor chiceanna
1 adh Leath	1	2			
2 adh Leath	11	1			
Iomlán	3	3			

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The first All-Ireland senior football championship final was played at Clonskeagh, Dublin, on April 29, 1888, when Luimneach Commercials beat Dundalk Young Irelands, An Lú, by 1-4 to 0-3 in the 1887 final.

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This will be the 97th All-Ireland senior football final proper, excluding replays.

The last drawn final was in 1972, when Uíbh Fhailí, then All-Ireland champions, and Ciarraí ended all square at 1-13 each. Uíbh Fhailí won the replay by 1-19 to 0-13.

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Every football final since 1911 has been played at Páirc An Chrócaigh, except that of 1947. The decider that year was played at the Polo Grounds in New York, and resulted in a win for An Cabhán over Ciarraí.

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The Sam Maguire Cup is the trophy awarded to the winners of the All-Ireland senior football championship. The trophy was first presented for the 1928 final, in which Cill Dara beat An Cabhán by 2-6 to 2-5. Cill Dara have not won the trophy in the meantime.

Ciarraí inscribed their name on the plinth for the first time in 1929

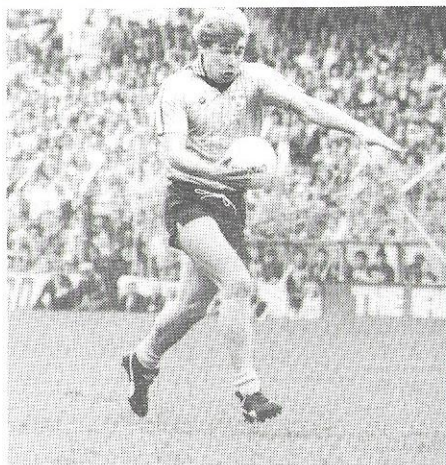
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Baile Átha Cliath take second place with seven Cup wins.

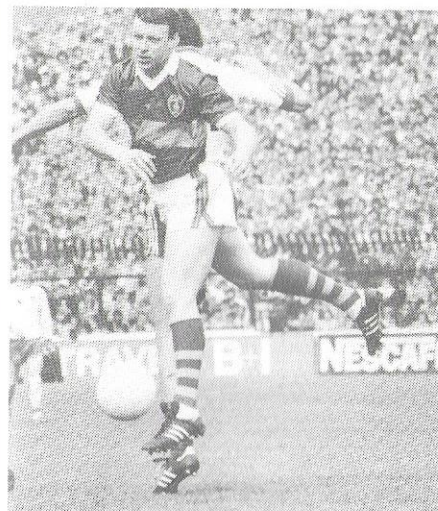
Time element

The playing time for provincial finals and All-Ireland senior championship games was extended to 80 minutes for the 1970 championships. Then, in 1975 the playing time for all championship games at senior level was fixed at 70 minutes.

Ciarraí won the first 80 minutes final, beating An Mhí by 2-19 to 0-18. Ciarraí also won the first 70 minutes decider, beating Baile Átha Cliath by 2-12 to 0-11 in 1975.



Charlie Redmond – Baile Átha Cliath.



Sean Walsh – Ciarraí

Ciarraí are in line to become the first county to make a successful defence of the Sam Maguire Cup since they won the All-Ireland senior title for the fourth year in succession in 1981.

Baile Átha Cliath were defending champions when they lost at this stage last September to Ciarraí.

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Ciarraí were holders of the Sam Maguire Cup when they lost to Baile Átha Cliath in 1976 All-Ireland senior final. The win was the Leinster county's first over the Southern County in 42 years in senior football championship play.

Baile Átha Cliath won that game by 3-8 to 0-10. The counties met again in the 1977 semi-final, when Baile Átha Cliath won a classic by 3-12 to 1-13.

Since then the counties have met in three finals and Ciarraí won them all:

1978: Ciarraí 5-11; Baile Átha Cliath 0-9.

1979: Ciarraí 3-13; Baile Átha Cliath 1-8.

1984: Ciarraí 0-14; Baile Átha Cliath. 1-6.

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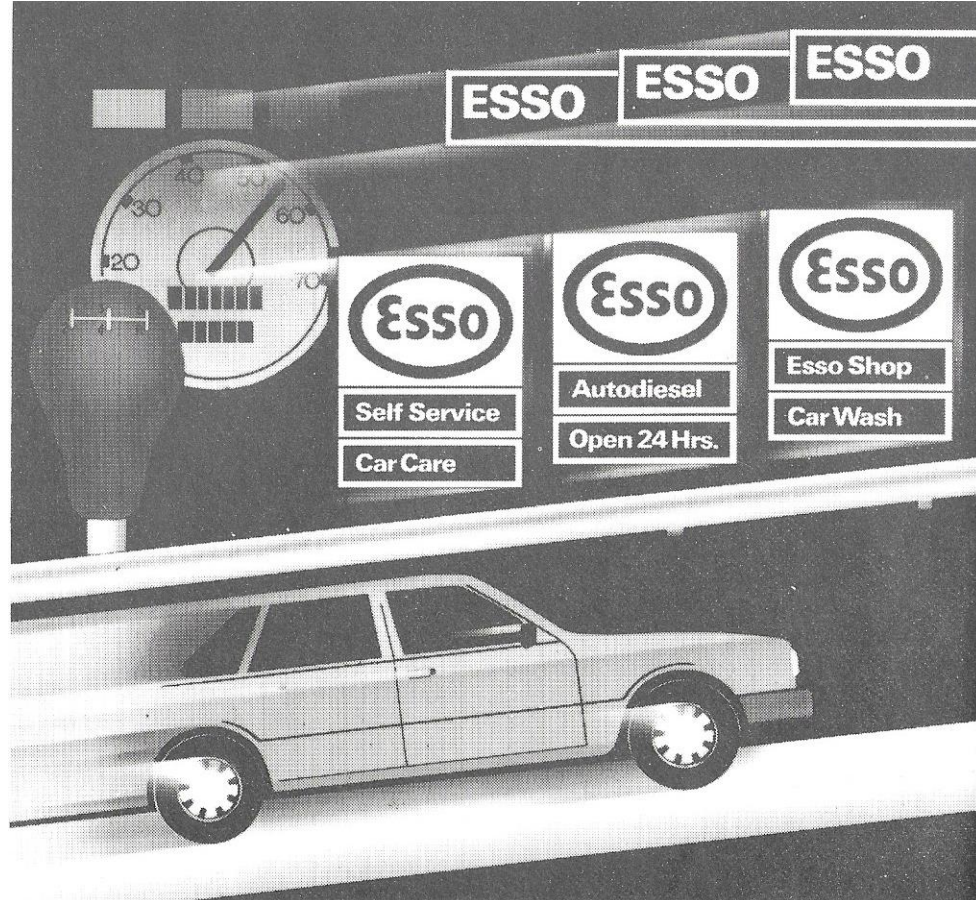
The attendance at last years final was 68,365. The highest attendance of the 'Eighties was the crowd of 71,988 at the 1983 meeting of Baile Átha Cliath and Gaillimh. That ranks as the only attendance over 69,000 in the present decade.

The capacity at Páirc An Chrócaigh was reduced with the installation of the seats along the Cusack Stand side of the ground in the mid-'Sixties. The attendance record for the reconstructed Páirc An Chrócaigh is 73,538 at the 1976 meeting of Baile Átha Cliath and Ciarraí.

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

However, the minor football championship has a much older history than that, the first final having been played in 1929, and resulted in a pairing that has a most unusual appearance today – An Clár v Longfort. An Clár won by 5-3 to 3-5 for their only title.



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Baile Átha Cliath, who are appearing in their third successive All-Ireland senior football final, are making their sixth appearance in the championship. Ciarraí are having their fifth outing of the campaign.

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH

June 16. At Wexford: Baile Átha Cliath 4-13; Loch Garman 0-6.

Baile Átha Cliath scorers: B. Rock 2-4, T. Carr 1-3, J. Caffrey 1-0, K. Duff 0-2, A. McCaul 0-2, P. Canavan 0-1, J. Ronayne 0-1.

July 7. At Tullamore: Baile Átha Cliath 2-13; Uíbh Fhailí 0-10.

Baile Átha Cliath scorers: T. Conroy 1-1, J. McNally 1-1, T. Carr 0-3, A. McCaul 0-3, B. Rock 0-3, K. Duff 0-1, J. Ronayne 0-1.

July 28. At Páirc An Chrócaigh: Baile Átha Cliath 0-10; Laois 0-4.

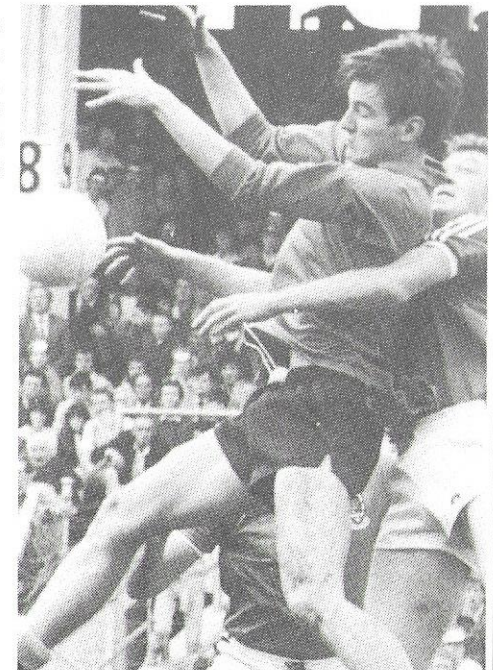
Baile Átha Cliath scorers: B. Rock 0-6, A. McCaul 0-2, J. Ronayne 0-1, T. Carr 0-1.

August 18. At Páirc An Chrócaigh: Baile Átha Cliath 1-13; Maigh Eo 1-13.

Baile Átha Cliath scorers: B. Rock 1-7, C. Redmond 0-2, M. Kennedy 0-1, N. McCaffrey 0-1, J. Kearns 0-1, T. Conroy 0-1.

September 8. At Páirc An Chrócaigh: Baile Átha Cliath 2-12; Maigh Eo 0-7.

Baile Átha Cliath scorers: K. Duff 2-0, B. Rock 0-5, J. Kearns 0-4, J. Ronayne 0-1, B. Mullins 0-1, T. Conroy 0-1.

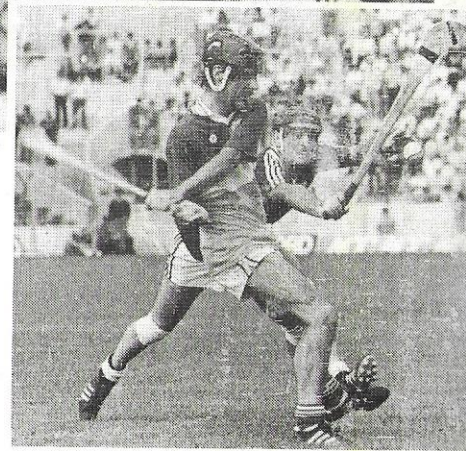


John O'Leary, Baile Átha Cliath's safe net-minder.

Baile Átha Cliath have scored 9-61 (88 points), and had 2-40 (46 points) scored against them.

Barney Rock is Baile Átha Cliath's leading marksman with 3-25. Next comes Tommy Carr on 1-7, and he is followed by Kieran Duff with 2-3, Anton McCaul 0-7, Tommy Conroy 1-3, John Kearns 0-5, Joe McNally 1-1, Jim Ronayne 0-4, John Caffrey 1-0, Charlie Redmond 0-2, Nick Kennedy 0-1, Pat Canavan 0-1, Noel McCaffrey 0-1, Brian Mullins 0-1.

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