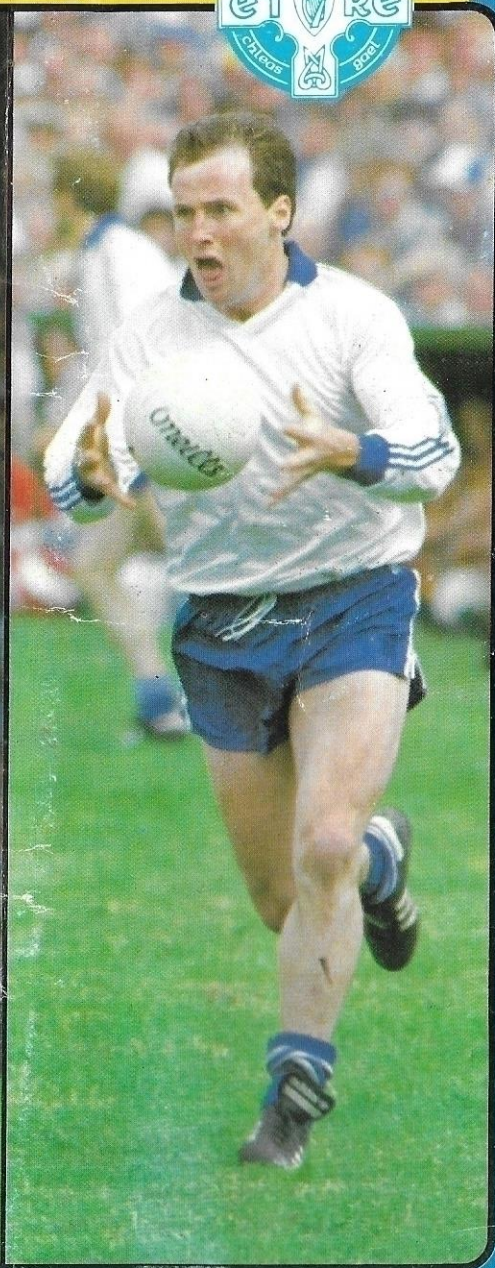
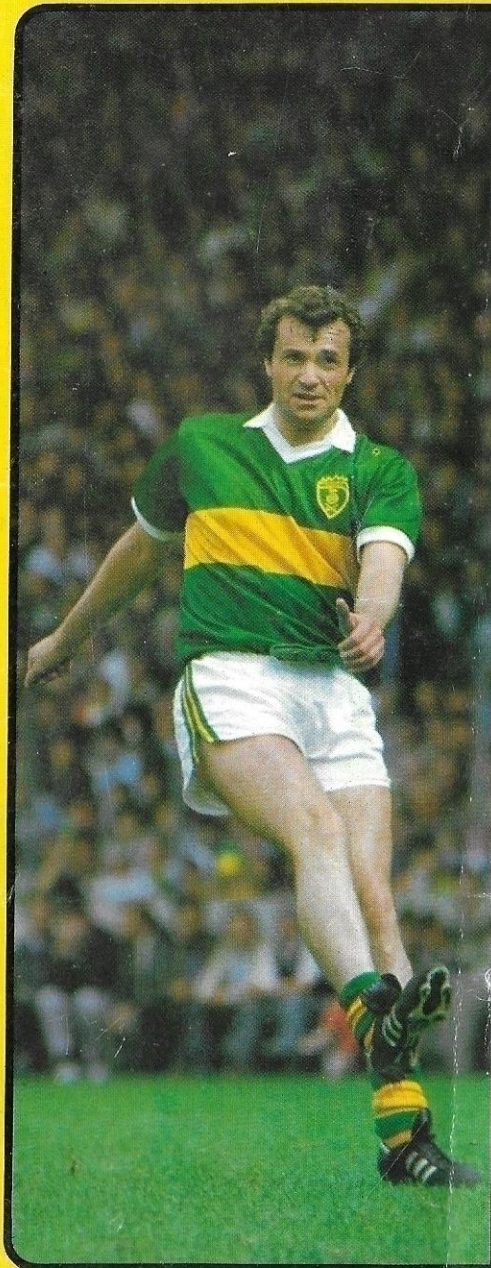


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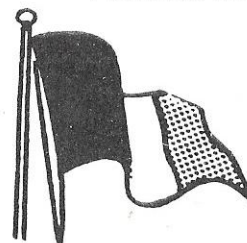
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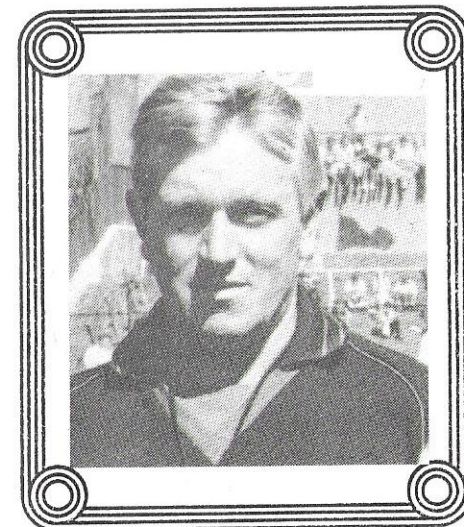
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### Pádraig Caomhánach (An Mhí)

Paddy Kavanagh, the referee for today's Senior Semi-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 also refereed the 1983 All-Ireland Minor Football Final and earlier this year took charge of the All-Ireland Club Football Final.

Pádraig was chosen as "An Mhí Referee of the Year" in 1981 and 1982. He is chairman of Cumann Réiteoirí na Mí and Rúnaí of An Mhí hurling and football leagues.

A former player, he won honours with both Bohernmeen and Dunderry during his playing career.



### Micheál Ó Ceirín (Sligeach)

Mickey Kearns, today's minor referee, enjoyed a long and distinguished playing career with his native Sligeach. A brilliant forward, this Dromad clubman had many scoring highlights, the most notable being his tally of 14 points scored in a Railway Cup game between Connacht and the Universities in 1972, 13 points against Galway in the Connacht Final of 1971 and, possibly the greatest achievement of the lot was on a miserable, wet and windy day at Mullingar in the winter of 1972 when he accounted for 11 points in a League game against An Iarmhí. He was a regular on Connacht's Railway Cup team from 1962 to 1975 (inclusive) and gained an All-Star award in 1971, the inaugural year of the awards.

Rightly regarded as one of Sligo's all time 'Greats'.



# Corcaigh



NE of the most surprising features of football is that Corcaigh continue to find the Sam Maguire Cup for the All-Ireland senior championship a most elusive trophy. Surprising, because, while the last senior final win was in 1973, the county is proving a powerful force in the under-21 and minor grades.

Last week-end a thirteen points win over An Mhí put Corcaigh into a second successive All-Ireland under-21 final, and a fourth in all in this decade, a decade also in which the minors today represent the province at this stage of the championship for the third in six seasons.

The healthy position of the game among the rising players – the seniors of the future – was also advertised in exciting style at All-Ireland level last April. Coláiste Chríost Rí, with Jerome O'Mahony, a dependable goalkeeper, Denis Duggan, a solid full back, Kevin Kiely, a progressive midfielder, and Ger O'Regan, a two goal scoring hero, beat Summerhill, Sligo, at Portlaoise in the Colleges' senior football final.

The minor team's best performance in the current series was probably in their last game when they beat Ciarraí at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. The team produced their best form in the second half, and a goal by Ger O'Regan sealed the issue.

On that showing, and earlier good form, this side appears well up to the

traditional standard that has been the hallmark of Cúige Mumhan combinations in the semi-finals. Not since Ciarraí lost to Maigh Eó in 1978 have the champions of the South failed to win a semi-final.

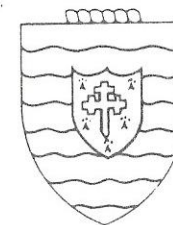
Corcaigh were last All-Ireland minor champions in 1981. Their final triumph over Doire was featured by a three goal scoring exercise by full forward Colm O'Neill. That Corcaigh team also included Tony O'Sullivan, who won an All-Ireland senior medal with the hurlers at Semple Stadium, Thurles.

The Last semi-final win by Corcaigh was in 1983 at the expense of Cill Dara, but subsequently lost the decider to a Doire team that was captained by Dermot McNicholl, who last year, while still a teenager, played for Ireland against the Australians in the Test series.

Last season Corcaigh were surprisingly beaten in the first round by a point at Clonmel by Tiobraid Árann who went on to win the title for the first time since 1955, and finished runners-up to Baile Átha Cliath.

This year Corcaigh had three wins on the way to the All-Ireland semi-final. They had their closest call against Tiobraid Árann again in the first round, winning by just a goal in an entertaining match. It was in that game as well that Corcaigh conceded their only goal of the championship so far.

# Dún Na nGall



DÚN na nGall are enjoying their most successful era ever in under-age football, with an All-Ireland championship having already been convincingly retained this year, and a long gap of 29 years bridged as well in Uladh.

Two years ago a well-drilled team marked the county's first-ever appearance in an All-Ireland Vocational Schools' final by beating An Longfort at Páirc An Chrócaigh. Last April, with just two of that team, full forward Luke Gavigan, the 1985 captain, and left full forward Donal Bonner, Dún na nGall, made it a Vocational Schools double with a very workmanlike 3-8 to 1-4 win in the final over Corcaigh at headquarters.

The glory campaign continued up North. Late in April, the North-West county beat An Cabhán at Irvinstown to take the Uladh Minor League title for the second successive year, and last month came a long-awaited breakthrough in minor championship football.

A series of good wins, culminating in a triumph over An Cabhán at Clones gave Dún na nGall only their second minor football championship of Uladh. The first was in 1956.

Three of the side that beat Corcaigh in the Vocational Schools' decider were on duty in the championship game at Clones last month – right full back John Joe Doherty, midfielder John Gallagher and full forward Gavigan. In addition, Denis Carbury who won All-Ireland Vocational schools medals in 1984 also played at the

Monaghan venue, filling the full back position.

Having made history on the double already this year, Dún na nGall are now in line to write another unique chapter in the annals of under-age games. The last All-Ireland minor semi-final outing by the county back in 1956 provided a most unusual pairing, as the opposition was provided by Liatroim, who won 1-9 to 2-1, but lost the final to Baile Átha Cliath.

Other than the two Vocational Schools finals outings, Dún na nGall have so far appeared in only one All-Ireland decider proper in football.

That was in 1982 when Martin McHugh, Charlie Mulgrew, Donal Reid, Anthony Molloy and Tommy McDermott, all of whom need no introduction nowadays to followers of senior inter-county football, were in the side that beat Ros Comáin at Carrick-on-Shannon to take the under-21 championship.

In 1933 and 1954 Dún na nGall lost to Maigh Eo and Ciarraí respectively in All-Ireland junior football "home" finals.

The present minor team will give a great fillip to a most successful time for football in the county if victory is chalked up at Páirc An Chrócaigh. The side has performed well so far, and will assuredly make a great effort to write another chapter of history of the county and at the same time ensure Uladh of an All-Ireland final place for the first time since Doire took the Tom Markham Cup in 1983.

# 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)  
*Macroom*

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

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

(8) **S. Ó DRISCEOIL**  
(John 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) **C. Ó CATHAIL**  
(Cathal Cahill)  
*Bishopstown*

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

(15) **A. Ó SIAIL**  
(Aidan Shields)  
*Bishopstown*

**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) **R. Ó Siocháin** (Ronan Sheehan, Mallow), (20) **C. de Nogla** (Kieran Nagle, St. Finbarrs), (21) **S. Ó Nia** (John Neville, Macroom), (22) **D. Ó Lorcáin** (David Larkin, Douglas).

CORCAIGH	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	45m	Saor Chiceanna
1 adh Leath					
2 adh Leath					
Iomlán					

This Minor Semi-Final is a 60 minute game.

# Dún na nGall

Dathanna: Glas is Óir

(1) **EIMÉAD Ó GÓILÍN**  
(Emmet Golden)  
*(Bundoran)*

(2) **S. S. Ó DOCHARTAIGH**  
(John Joe Doherty)  
*(Naomh Columba)*

(3) **DONNCHA Ó CAIRBRE**  
(Denis Carbury)  
*Killybegs*

(4) **SEÁN MAC GIOLLA BHRÍDE**  
(Sean McBride)  
*Termon*

(5) **PEADAR MAC AN tSAOIR**  
(Peter McIntyre)  
*St. Eunans*

(6) **SEÁN Ó CUINNEAGÁIN (Capt.)**  
John Cunningham  
*Killybegs*

(7) **DIARMUID MAC EOIN**  
(Duirmuid Keon)  
*Aodh Ruadh*

(8) **BARRA Ó CUINNEAGÁIN**  
(Barry Cunningham)  
*Killybegs*

(9) **SEÁN Ó GALLCHÓIR**  
(John Gallagher)  
*Killybegs*

(10) **TOMÁS Ó RIAIN**  
(Tommy Ryan)  
*Termon*

(11) **BARRA MAC GABHANN**  
(Barry McGowan)  
*Killybegs*

(12) **STIOFÁN MAC MEANMAN**  
(Stephen McMenamin)  
*St. Eunans*

(13) **DIARMUID MAC A'BHÁIRD**  
(Dermot Ward)  
*Glenfin*

(14) **LÚCÁS Ó GÁIFEACHÁIN**  
(Luke Gavigan)  
*Ardara*

(15) **CONCHÚIR DE FAOITE**  
(Conor White)  
*Killybegs*

**Fir Ionaid:** (16) **D. Ó Cnáimhsí** (Dónal Bonner, Na Rossa); (17) **P. Mac A'Bháird** (Frank Ward, Glenfin), (18) **P. Mag Shamhráin** (Patrick McGovern, Aodh Ruadh), (19) **R. Mac Seáin** (Roger McShane, Kílcar), (20) **E. Mac Meanman** (Eugene McMenamin, Robert Emmets), (21) **P. Ó Cuilín** (Pascal Cullen, St. Eunans), (22) **P. Ó Muirí** (Francis Murray, Killybegs), (23) **E. Mac Amhaláí** (Eamonn McAuley, McCumhails), (24) **D. O. Gallchóir** (Danny Gallagher, Dungloe).

DÚN NA nGALL	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	45m	Saor Chiceanna
1 adh Leath			1		
2 adh Leath					
Iomlán					

'Sé Micheál Ó Ceirín an Réiteoir.

# Ciarraí



IARRAÍ, who won the All-Ireland senior football championship for the 28th time last September, field today what must rank as one of their most seasoned combinations in many years in a senior semi-final.

Three of the side, Denis 'Ogie' Moran, Paud O'Shea and Pat Spillane, have each already appeared in six winning All-Ireland senior finals, and Ger Power and Mike Sheehy would also be members of that select company but for injury problems during their careers.

Dan O'Keeffe, a native of Fermoy, guarded the net for Ciarraí in seven winning finals between 1931 and 1946. No other footballer has yet played in seven winning senior finals, but John O'Keeffe won his seventh All-Ireland senior medal with Ciarraí in 1981. His first, however, was gained in the role of a substitute in 1969, and he did not appear during the final win over Uíbh Fhailí.

One of Pat Spillane's outings was a very limited appearance. In 1981 he was in the Ciarraí panel of substitutes for the decider with Uíbh Fhailí because of a recurrence of ligament trouble, but a minute from time he went into the match as a substitute.

The Spillane contribution to a Ciarraí win was very small, indeed, but he still turned out during an All-Ireland senior final winning display that afternoon.

Power missed the 1979 final win over Baile Átha Cliath due to a damaged hamstring, and Sheehy was on the substitutes bench last year with an ankle injury when Baile Átha Cliath were relieved of the Sam Maguire Cup. He did not make an appearance.

Here is the break-down of the Ciarraí line-up as far as winning final

appearances by the current seniors are concerned:

6: D. Moran: 1975, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984. P. O'Shea: 1975, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984. Pat Spillane: 1975, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, as a substitute, 1984.

5: C. Nelligan: 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984. J. O'Shea: 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984. G. Power: 1975, 1978, 1980, 1981, 1984. M. Sheehy: 1975, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981. S. Walsh: 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984.

4: T. Doyle: 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984. R. Liston: 1978, 1979, 1981, 1984. M. Spillane: 1978, 1979, 1981, 1984.

1: J. Kennedy, G. Lynch, T. O'Dowd, A. O'Donovan, T. Spillane, all in 1984.

The latest impressive run of successes by Ciarraí at All-Ireland senior championship level began in 1975 when a young side – eight were under-24 at the time – shocked the defending champions, Baile Átha Cliath, for the title.

Since then the county has lost only once in eight All-Ireland semi-final engagements. That defeat was in 1977 when the Southerners lost a classic to Baile Átha Cliath by 3-12 to 1-13.

The winning performances were

against Doire in 1976, Ros Comáin in 1978, Muineachán by 5-14 to 0-7 in 1979, Uíbh Fhailí in 1980, Maigh Eo in 1981, Ard Mhacha in 1982 and Gaillimh last August.

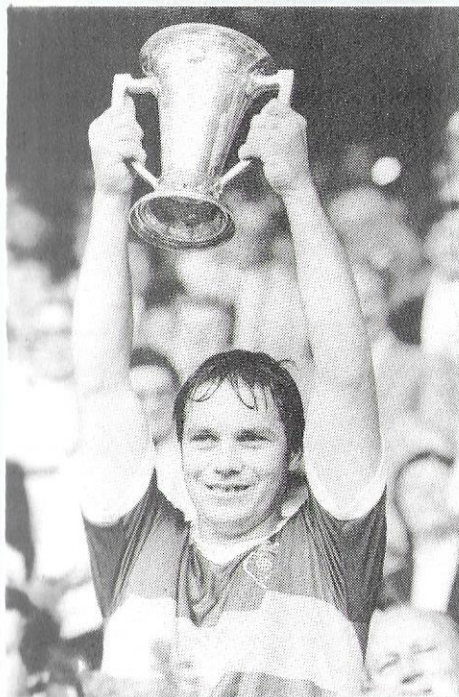
Ciarraí have not been beaten by a team from Uladh at this stage of the championship since An Dún who beat the Kingdom in the 1960 final, maintained their dominance over the Southerners in 1961.

Interestingly enough the champions of Cúige Mumhan have not lost at Páirc An Chrócaigh since the Ciarraí failure of 1976. Corcaigh were held to a draw by Baile Átha Cliath by a late Barney Rock goal in 1983, and lost the replay at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

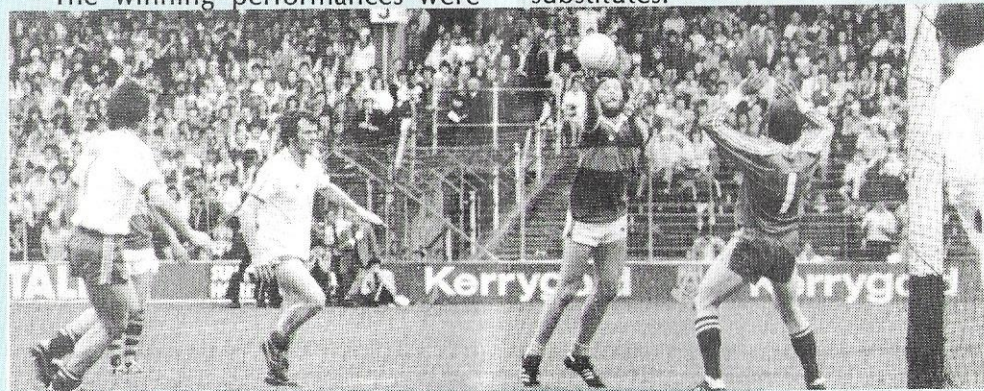
Although Ger Power missed the 1979 final, he was in action in the semi-final that year against Muineachán and scored one of his team's goals.

Sheehy had a field day, finishing with 3-5, and Eoin Liston scored Kerry's other goal.

Charlie Nelligan, Mick Spillane, Paud O'Shea, Jack O'Shea, Sean Walsh and Pat Spillane also lined out for Ciarraí. Denis Moran and Tom Doyle both went into the game as substitutes.



*Páid Ó Sé, captaen Chiarraí le Craobh na Mumhan 1985.*



*Eoin Liston handpasses a goal v Muineachán in the 1979 semi-final at Páirc An Chrócaigh.*

# CIARRAÍ: ag fanacht don chraobh!

"We'll wait for the final". Surely an expression which originated in Kerry. And today, as in other years, there's no great invasion of Croke Park by Kerry fans.

There have been occasions when the Kerry fans have been caught out, but 37 victories against 11 defeats in All-Ireland semi-final appearances since 1923 tells its own story.

The die-hard supporter will never be kept away, though, and Kerry has its fair share of these. Like Mike Sheehy's father, Jim. Like building contractor, Liam Leahy. Like the trio from Tralee (Tom McCarthy, Connie Foley and P. J. O'Halloran) who'd be off by car to Donegal tomorrow morning if they thought Kerry might be playing in even a trial match there.

To them, a Kerry defeat today in unthinkable.

Unquestionably, the general mood in Kerry is one of immense confidence. There are those who believe that some of the magic is wearing off, that men who have been on the road since 1975 are beginning to show signs of wear and tear, but the record of teams from the North has been so bad in recent years that nobody really expects Monaghan to slip one across Kerry.

But all those close to the Kerry team are far from convinced that Monaghan are going to be a soft touch today. Frank King was berated in a Sunday newspaper headline for suggesting that Monaghan had the ability to upset Kerry, but he hasn't changed his view. "Monaghan are National League champions, they're



a lot more experienced than when we played them in '79 and they are entitled to the utmost respect, whatever other people think," he said.

Still, Kerry are virtually unbackable for today's game and Gaelic football hasn't thrown up that many upsets in the last few decades. Indeed, there is a predictability about Gaelic football today that is worrying an awful lot of people.

That's why Kerry men still say "we'll wait for the final". And isn't it hard to blame them? Especially in view of the cost involved. But there are enough die-hards, like Jim Sheehy, like Liam Leahy, like Tom McCarthy and his travelling companions, like all the others from different parts of the county, to make for a pretty decent Kerry roar today.



## Ciarraí

Laistiar: Jack O'Shea, Tom Spillane, John Higgins, John Kennedy, Charlie Nelligan, Ger Lynch, Pat Spillane, Mike Sheehy, Ger Power.

i dtosach: Eoin Liston, Ambrose O'Donovan, Tommy Doyle, Páid Ó Sé (Capt.), Michael Spillane, Denis 'Ogie' Moran.

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# Ciarraí

Dathanna: Glas is Óir

(1) **CATHAL Ó NIALLAGÁIN**  
(Charlie Nelligan)  
*Desmonds-Castleisland*

(2) **PÁID Ó SÉ (Capt.)**  
*Gaeltacht*

(3) **TOMÁS Ó SPEALÁIN**  
(Tom Spillane)  
*Templenoe*

(4) **MICHEÁL Ó SPEALÁIN**  
(Mick Spillane)  
*Templenoe*

(5) **GEARÓID Ó LOINGSIGH**  
(Ger Lynch)  
*Valentia*

(6) **TOMÁS Ó DÚILL**  
(Tommy Doyle)  
*Annascaul*

(7) **SEÁN Ó HUIGINN**  
(John Higgins)  
*John Mitchels*

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

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

(10) **SEÁN Ó CINNÉIDE**  
(John Kennedy)  
*Ballylongford*

(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*

(15) **GEARÓID DE PAOR**  
(Ger Power)  
*Austin Stacks*

**Fir Ionaid:** (16) **Tadhg Ó Dúda** (Timmy O'Dowd, John Mitchells), (17) **Seán Ó Maolmhichíl** (John Mulvihill, Moyvane), (18) **Gearóid Ó Suileabháin** (Gerry O'Sullivan, St. Michaels), (19) **Seán Liostún** (Sean Liston, Beale), (20) **Diarmuid Ó hAinifin** (Dermot Hanafin, Desmonds), (21) **Seán Breathnach** (Seán Walsh, Kerins O'Raghillys), (22) **Seán Ó Catháin** (John Keane, Kenmare), (23) **Liam Ó Ciaráin** (Liam Kearns, Austin Stacks), (24) **Peadar Ó Liatháin** (Peter Lyons, Laune Rangers).

CIARRAÍ	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	45m	Saor Chiceanna
1 adh Leath					
2 adh Leath					
Iomlán					

Today's Semi-Final is a 70 minute game.

# Muineachán

Dathanna: Gorm is Bán

(1) **PÁDRAIG MAC GIOLLA FHIONDÁIN**  
(Paddy Linden)  
*Ballybay*

(2) **E. MAC SEARRAIG (Capt.)**  
(Eugene Sherry)  
*Scotstown*

(3) **G. MAC CEARBHAILL**  
(Gerry McCarville)  
*Scotstown*

(4) **F. MAC CATHMHAOIL**  
(Fergus Caulfield)  
*Scotstown*

(5) **BREANDÁN Ó MUIRÍ**  
(Brendan Murray)  
*Clones*

(6) **CIARÁN Ó MUIRÍ**  
(Ciarán Murray)  
*Clones*

(7) **DEAGLÁN Ó FLANNAGÁIN**  
(Declan Flanagan)  
*Castleblayney*

(8) **A. Ó CLÉIRCHÍN**  
(Hugo Clerkin)  
*Currin*

(9) **DAITHÍ Ó BROIN**  
(David Byrne)  
*Enniskeen*

(10) **R. MAC CEARÁIN**  
(Ray McCarron)  
*Scotstown*

(11) **EAMON MAC AN DÉANAIGH**  
(Eamon McEnaney)  
*Castleblayney*

(12) **MICHEÁL Ó DÚDA**  
(Michael O'Dowd)  
*Clontibret*

(13) **EOGHAN Ó HAODHA**  
(Eugene Hughes)  
*Castleblayney*

(14) **EAMON Ó MURCHÚ**  
(Eamon Murphy)  
*Emyvale*

(15) **EOGHAN Ó hANLÚIN**  
(Eugene O'Hanlon)  
*Carrickmacross*

**Fir Ionaid:** (16) **D. Mc Ardail** (Declan McArdle, Monaghan Harps), (17) **P. Ó Corráin** (Paul Curran, Clontibret) (18) **M. Mac Cathmhaoil** (Michael Caulfield, Scotstown), (19) **A. Mac Ardail** (Anthony McArdle, Castleblayney), (20) **S. Mac Cearbhail** (Sean McCarville, Scotstown), (21) **C. Ó Fionnalaigh** (Kieran Finlay, Ballybay), (22) **B. Ó Beagáin** (Brendan Beggan, Scotstown), (23) **B. Ó Brádaigh** (Brendan Brady, Parnells B.A.C.), (24) **C. Mac Fhearchair** (Kevin Carragher, Clontibret).

MUINEACHÁN	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	45m	Saor Chiceanna
1 adh Leath					
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Iomlán					

'Sé Pádraig Caomhánach an Réiteoir.





NOT for many years has a team from Uladh lined out in an All-Ireland senior football championship semi-final with so much to recommend it as Muineachán. Apart from basking in the glory of a first National League title win earlier this year, the Northerners have a richness in what teams from the province have lacked for so long as this stage of the championship – Páirc An Chrócaigh experience.

Muineachán had three appearances at headquarters last year in their campaign in the Ford Cup Centenary Open-Draw competition, in which they finished runners-up to An Mhí. They had three more games at headquarters during the spring months on the way to the League title.

Those outings, allied to the fact that they have won a national final at the venue, must help the champions of Uladh to settle down quickly and produce their best form. It is likely to be a bonus as well that a number of the side have already appeared in an All-Ireland senior semi-final.

In 1979, Muineachán regained the provincial senior championship after an interval of 41 years, but they did not produce the brilliance of their Uladh campaign when losing heavily to a Ciarraí team that was then on the crest of the wave. An Attendance of 32,254 turned up for that semi-final, and it was the Southerners who got the start that Muineachán had hoped for with goals from Eoin Liston and Ger Power in the first 14 minutes set the then defending champions up for a convincing 5-14 to 0-7 win.

That Muineachán team included Paddy Linden, Eugene Hughes, who was then at right full back, Fergus Caulfield, Gerry McCarville, wear-

# Muineachán



Eamon McEnaney.



## Muineachán

Laisiar: Hugo Clerkin, Fergus Caulfield, Eamonn McEnaney, Eamonn Murphy, Brendan Brady, Paddy Linden, David Byrne, Gerry McCarville.

i dtosach: Declan Flanagan, Ray McCarron, Eugene Sherry (Capt), Eugene Hughes, Brendan Murray, Ciarán Murray, Michael O'Dowd.

Ulster Champions, 1985.

ing the No. 8 jersey, Hugo Clerkin and Bernard Brady, captain of the side. Current ace score-getter Eamonn McEnaney was in the official panel of substitutes, but he did not make an appearance during the match.

Of that sextet, all but Brady, played against Ard Mhacha in the National League final last April. The former county captain, who plays club fare with Parnells, in Dublin, was, however, a team-mate of the above when Doire were beaten for Muineachán's first Ulster championship in six years at Clones last month.

Muineachán, then, can safely be described as a mature team, well-versed in the knowledge of what is needed for success at Páirc An Chrócaigh, and, having already enjoyed rare glory there this year, they will be all the more anxious to enhance that experience.

Although Muineachán have a good record in Uladh – they won their 13th provincial senior title last month – they have only appeared in one All-Ireland senior final. That was so far back, 1930, that victory in this match would have something of the special magic of a first semi-final win.

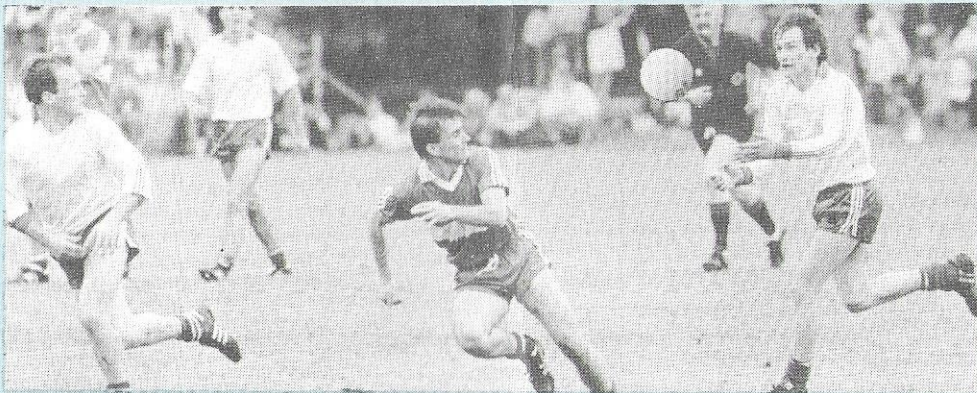
The last triumph at this stage in

1930 was at Páirc An Chrócaigh. Pat Kilroy, from centre half back, led Muineachán against Cill Dara, and the Northerners gave a polished display and also withstood a powerful late rally by the Leinster men to bring in a surprise but merited 1-6 to 1-4 win.

The final against Ciarraí was a big disappointment. Muineachán never produced the form that brought them success in the semi-final, and were well beaten – 3-11 to 0-2. The final newcomers failed to score at all in the second half, and goalkeeper Tommy Bradley and P. Duffy in the half back line were the pick of their side.

Muineachán and Ciarraí did not meet again at All-Ireland senior level until the 1979 semi-final. The men from the North have a chance to settle a few "old scores" in this match, and, with the confidence of National League champions to back up their skills, they should make a bold bid to give football in Uladh a further boost this year.

The province has not had a direct interest in an All-Ireland senior football final since Ard Mhacha lost to Baile Átha Cliath in 1977.



**Muineachán forwards on the move v Doire under the watchful eye of the réiteoir Michael Greenan, An Cabhán.**

## Tá siad brodúil as cluichí a sinsear

They are proud of the games of their forefathers. So says the last line of the chorus of Monaghan's football song – ***They All Love the Wee Hills Together***. Is there substance to this claim? Firstly down the long years and mostly lean ones they were too, they could rightly claim to have the most loyal and genuine supporters of any county in Ireland, and were also the best supporters of their province, and also of any county in Ulster, once they represented their province. In 1985 over eighty per cent of the Ulster Council's income was derived from games in which Monaghan were involved. Surely this must be a record in any province.

Their real claim to genuine "bród" comes from the fact that the ordinary people in every parish in the county have always worked hard to see to it that they have a flourishing active G.A.A. club. Every club in the county Monaghan has a fully developed grounds of their own – a record few other counties can claim.

Cuidíonn Bord an Chontae len alán cumainn aonaracha le páistí a chur chun na Gaeltachta gach Samhna trí scolaireachtaí Gaeltacha a bhronnadh ortha. Tá beartaithe ag an Bord an obair seo a leathnú go mór sna blianta atá le teacht. Tá Muintir Mhuineacháin bródúil as cluichí a sinsear, ní h'amháin ar fud a gContae féin, ach that lear fosta, i Sasana agus sna Stáit Aontaithe, agus fiú san Astráil. Tá alán déanta ag baill Chumainn Lúthchleas Gael i Muineachán chun spiorad a chothú ina muintir féin, agus chun bród astu féin a mhúscailt iontu. Go mairidh an scéal amhlaidh go brách na breithe.

### **The Wee Hills Together**

*Green are the fields in yonder little hills,  
And thrifty the people among them;  
They work and they play in sunshine and in rain,  
And they all love the wee hills together.*

CHORUS

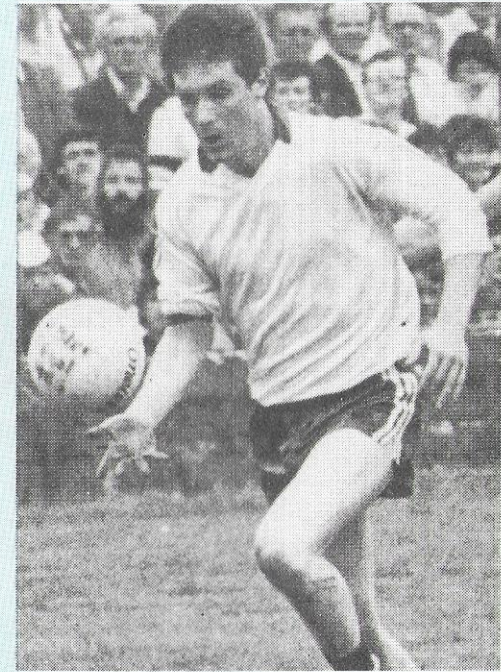
*Down by Killeevan and Currin and Clones town,  
Ballybay, Blayney and Scotstown;  
Around by Latton, an Charraig and Inis Caoin,  
Tá siad brodúil as cluichí a sinsear.*

*Many are the folk tales around the firesides,  
Of hiring fairs and cock fights and football,  
Of beagle men and dogs, and school days that are gone,  
And they all love the wee hills together.*

CHORUS

*Charming are the colleens in yonder hills,  
And stout-hearted the boys that court them;  
They win them if they can, and say slán leat if they can't,  
And they all love the wee hills together.*

(Air: Red is the Rose)



**Michael O'Dowd goes on a toe to hand solo v Doire.**

Eugene Hughes is in a unique position in Muineachán football in that he is the only All Stars award winner from the county. But after the historic National League title win in April, and the performances in the championship so far, it seems very probable that he will have lost that special rating by the end of the year.

This Castleblaney Faughs club footballer is a very versatile campaigner, and has won major honours as a defender and a forward. He was at right full back when Muineachán regained the Uladh title in 1979 after 41 years, and it was there that he played against Ciarraí in the semi-final, and later that year won his solitary All Stars award.

Hughes' form in the No. 2 spot won his place in the Uladh team of 1980 for the Railway Cup, and he helped the province to take the title.

### Personal Profile

Mike Sheehy is back in scoring form again with Ciarraí after having been sidelined for some time with an ankle injury. He exercised a major influence on the last senior championship meeting of the Munster county and Muineachán in 1979.

Sheehy helped himself to three second half goals, and also popped over five points. Not surprisingly he went on to finish the year as the leading scorer in the country for the championship with 6-18 (36 points) in four games – his last year in the premier spot.

It was in the autumn of 1973 that Sheehy first stepped into the Ciarraí senior team in the National League,

## Mike Sheehy

## Eugene Hughes

During the march by Muineachán to the first National League title last season Hughes, at times as a third midfielder, and others as an orthodox forward, left his imprint prominently on the success story, and also hit some valuable scores.

Now 28, the defender turned forward, collected his second provincial senior medal last month, just some days after he was married to Geraldine Hamill, and followers will wish both well for the future. Hughes won three county senior football medals, and it will come as a surprise to many to learn that he has also represented Muineachán in inter-county hurling. His football collection also includes three Dr. McKenna Cup medals.

and over the years he has proven one of the most authoritative and consistent scorers in football. He is a member of the Austin Stacks club in Tralee, and has won every major honour in the game as a senior. Apart from his five All-Ireland senior medal wins, he was part of the most successful era for Mumhan in the Railway Cup, winning four medals between 1976 and 1981, and he has played in three National League final winning combinations.

The Tralee man, who has five All Stars trophies, is playing in top form this season, and is back again in a familiar role with Ciarraí as their leading marksman. He played in last year's All-Ireland semi-final win over Gaillimh, although then hampered by an ankle injury.

# Bealach na Foirne

Ciarraí had two games on the way to this second successive All-Ireland senior football championship semi-final. Muineachán, in contrast, played four games in the North to take their first Ulster senior crown since 1979.

Here is how both teams qualified:  
June 16. At Castleblaney: Muineachán 1-14; Dún na nGall 0-7.

Scorers for Muineachán: E. McEnaney 0-8, E. Murphy 1-0, D. Byrne 0-3, E. Hughes 0-2, R. McCarron 0-1.

June 30. At Cavan: Muineachán 0-10; Ard Mhacha 0-10. Draw.

Scorers for Muineachán: E. Hughes 0-3, G. McCarville 0-2, E. McEnaney 0-2, R. McCarron 0-1, H. Clerkin 0-1, B. Beggan 0-1.

July 7. At Cavan. Muineachán 1-11, Ard Mhacha 2-7. Replay.

Scorers for Muineachán: R. McCarron 0-7, E. McEnaney 1-2, D. Byrne 0-1, E. Hughes 0-1.

July 21. At Clones. Muineachán 2-9, Doire 0-8.

Scorers for Muineachán: E. McEnaney 2-4, E. Hughes 0-2, E. Murphy 0-1, R. McCarron 0-1, M. O'Dowd 0-1.

### CÚIGE MUMHAN

June 23. At Listowel. Ciarraí 2-18, Luimneach 0-9.

Scorers for Ciarraí: M. Sheehy 0-7, J. O'Shea 2-0, P. Spillane 0-4, D. Moran 0-3, J. Kennedy 0-2, T. Dowd 0-1, T. Doyle 0-1.

July 21. At Páirc Uí Chaoimh: Chiarraí 2-11, Corcaigh 0-11.

Scorers for Ciarraí: M. Sheehy 1-3, E. Liston 1-2, P. Spillane 0-2. D. Moran 0-1, J. Kennedy 0-1, J. O'Shea 0-1, T. Dowd 0-1.

### SCORING TOTALS

Muineachán scored 4-44 (56 points) in their four games so far, and conceded 2-32 (38 points).

Ciarraí hit 4-29 (41 points), and had 0-20 recorded against them.

No Ciarraí man is in the top six placings as yet. Heading their review with 1-10 in two games is Michael Sheehy.

Eamon McEnaney, is only two points behind Kelly.

The top scorers in the championships starting today's game are:

## Top Championship Scorers

Points	Score	Games	Average	
27	F. Kelly (Tiobraid Árann)	1-24	3	9.00
25	E. McEnaney (Muineachán)	3-16	4	6.25
19	B. Rock (Baile Atha Cliath)	2-13	3	6.33
17	D. Earley (Ros Comáin)	0-17	4	4.25
16	M. McHugh (Dún na nGall)	1-13	2	8.00
14	D. Barry (Corcaigh)	2-8	2	7.00

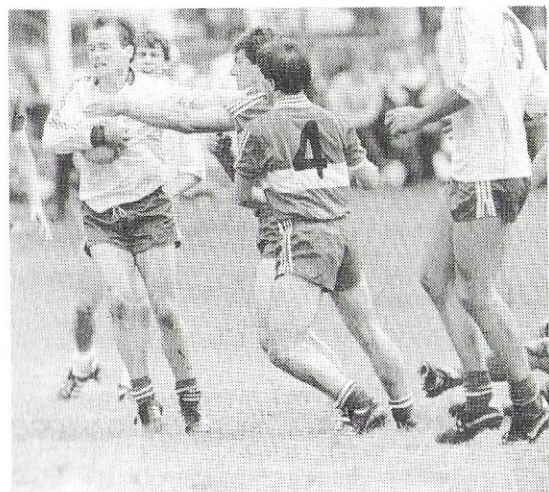


The champions of Ulster, Dún na nGall after scoring a 2-11 to 1-3 victory over An Cabhán at Clones.

Corcaigh, the 1985 Munster Minor champions by virtue of a 1-8 to 0-4 win over Ciarraí at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.



## Action from the Provincial Finals



- (1) *Tommy Doyle (Ciarraí) has this situation well in hand during the recent Munster final.*
- (2) *Eugene Hughes has the Doire defence under pressure in the Ulster final.*
- (3) *Eoin Liston (left) and Ambrose O'Donovan stretch the Corcaigh defence at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.*
- (4) *Eamon McEnaney punches Muineachán's first goal against Doire at Clones.*



# Minors March to Semi-Final

Dún na nGall are champions of Uladh for the first time since 1956. They had four games in the North.

Corcaigh are representing Cúige Mumhan after an interval of two years. They had three games so far.

May 19. At Ballybofey: Dún na nGall 1-7; An Dún 0-6.

Dún na nGall scorers: John Cunningham 1-0, L. Gavigan 0-2, T. Ryan 0-2, Barry Cunningham 0-1, D. Bonner 0-1, D. Ward 0-1.

June 16. At Castleblaney: Dún na nGall 4-11, Muineachán 2-3.

Dún na nGall scorers: C. White 2-1, Donal Ward 1-1, L. Gavigan 0-4, Frank Ward 1-0, B. McGowan 0-2, J. Cunningham 0-1, T. Ryan 0-1, S. McMenamin 0-1.

June 30. At Cavan: Dún na nGall 1-8, Ard Mhacha 0-8.

Dún na nGall scorers: D. Ward 1-2, C. White 0-3, P. McIntyre 0-1, J. Cunningham 0-1, L. Gavigan 0-1.

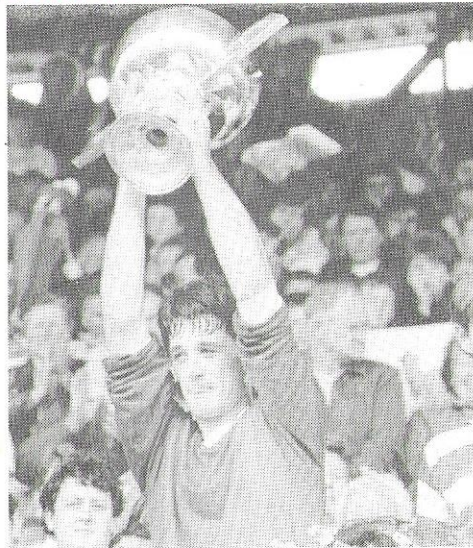
July 21. Clones: Dún na nGall 2-11, An Cabhán 1-3.

Dún na nGall scorers: L. Gavigan 1-2, B. Cunningham 0-4, S. McMenamin 1-1, D. Ward 0-2, C. White 0-1, B. McGowan 0-1.

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Kevin Kiely with the spoils of victory after the Munster Minor final.

## SOUTHERN SERIES

Corcaigh's record in the Southern series reads:

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. 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.

## SCORING RECORDS

Dún na nGall scored 8-37 (61 points) in their four games, and had 3-20 (29 points) scored against them.

Corcaigh recorded 4-28 (40 points) and conceded 1-17 (20 points).



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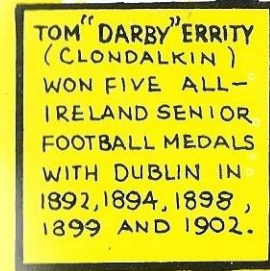
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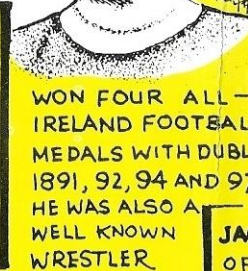
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DUBLIN YOUNG IRELANDS 1891 1892 AND 1894



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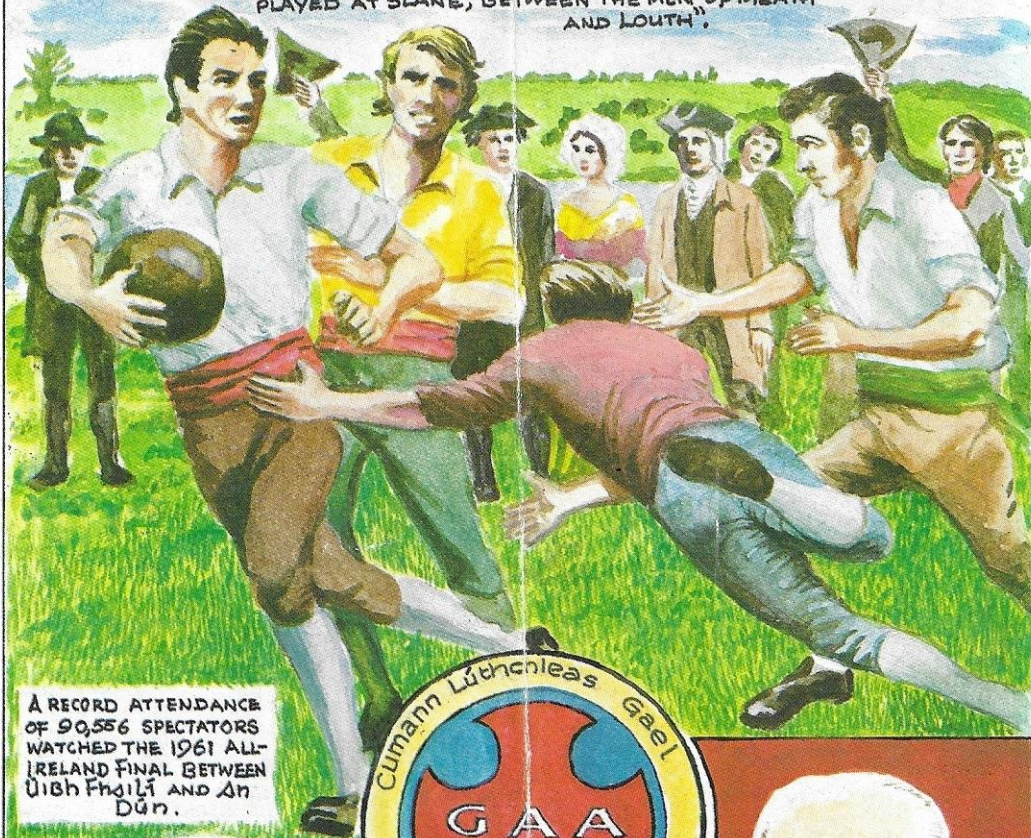
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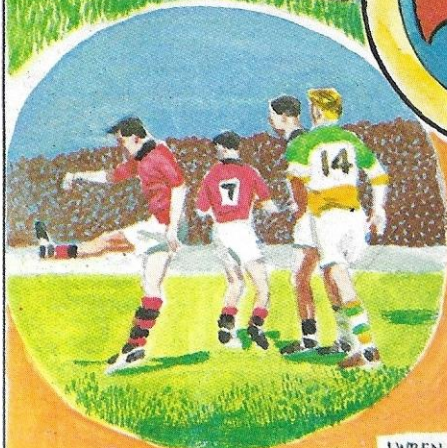
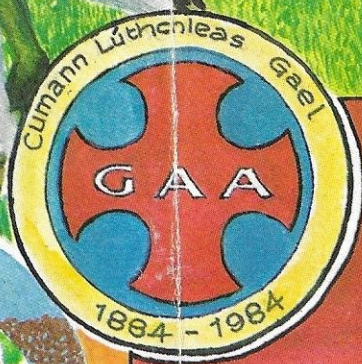
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