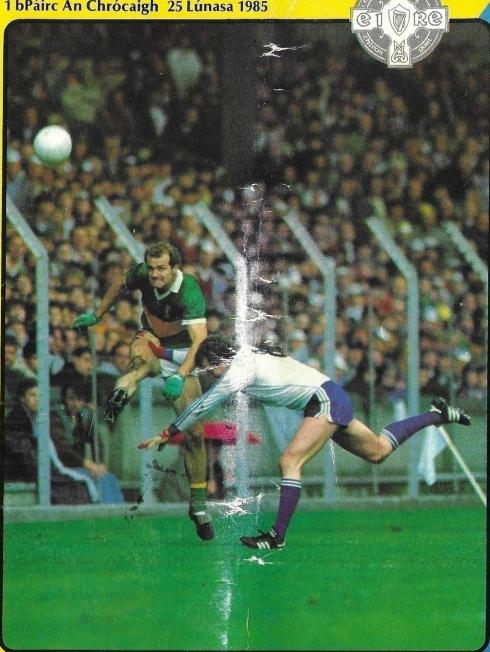
**CLUICHÍ LEATH CHEANNAIS** PEILE NA hÉIREANN (Ath-Imirt)

1 bPáirc An Chrócaigh 25 Lúnasa 1985



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# Cluiche Leath-Cheannais Peile na hÉireann (Ath-imirt)

Sinsir:

Ciarraí v Muineachán (3.30 i.n.)

Réiteoir: Pádraig Caomhánach (An Mhí)

Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann Peil – Fé 21

#### **Corcaigh v Doire**

2.00 i.n.

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Muineachán – 1979 Champions of Ulster



#### Tugann Peil Fé 21 Sárimreoirí Dúinn



oth Doire and Corcaigh have been enjoying solid success in under-age inter-county football in recent seasons.

They met in the 1983 All-Ireland minor final, and Dermot McNicholl led the Northerners from right half forward to a low scoring - 0-8 to 1-3 victory for only the county's sec ond championship in the grade.

McNicholl has not allowed the grass to grow under his feet since then. He played for Ireland against the Australian Rules footballers in the Test series last autumn, has been honoured by Uladh in the Railway Cup, and was chosen at left full forward in the last Bank of Ireland All Stars team. He became the first schoolboy to be so honoured.

Dermot McNicholl is a member of the current under-21 team, and he also played in the provincial senior football final last month against Muineachán.

Niall Mullan in defence, and forwards Eddie McElhinney, Damien Cassidy, Cathal McNicholl and Tony McKiernan, all of whom were in the successful All-Ireland minor team of 1983, have also been prominent with the under-21 side this season. McElhinney, like Dermot McNicholl, played against Muineachán seniors last month.

If the last under-18 summit Doire and Corcaigh produced few scores, the same cannot be said of the meeting of the counties for the 1981 national title in the grade. That game provided six goals, and three were scored by Cork full forward Colm O'Neill for one of the best individual scoring

returns in a final in the past 25 years.

O'Neill is now an inter-county senior, and is also a score-getting member of the current under-21 team.

Doire showed great character when retaining the provincial title at Irvinestown against a determined Tír Eoghain side. They were a point down early in the second half when one of their players was sent to the line, but they took the set-back in their stride to sweep to a 3-7 to 0-7 win.

The Northerners had to come storming from behind in their semifinal against Maigh Eo at Carrick-on-Shannon, where they were four points down with nine minutes left to play but earned a second chance through late points, including a very late equaliser - Doire 0-9; Maigh Eo 2-3.

Doire made no mistake in the replay winning by 3-9 to 3-6 at Enniskillen.

Corcaigh had good wins over Luimneach and Tiobraid Árann to earn a final outing in the South against An Clár, who had started their run with a formbook upset win over Ciarraí.

Corcaigh, encouraged by an opportunist goal by Stephen O'Donovan after 15 minutes, won that decider at Tralee decisively enough by 1-18 to 1-7.

O'Donovan was again in goal scoring form in the first half of the All-Ireland semi-final against An Mhí at Portlaoise. He got a second in the last minute of the match, but by then Corcaigh had their place in their second successive All-Ireland final securely booked - 2-13 to 1-3.

#### Doire Corcaigh



Corcaigh have a chance to take outright leadership in the All-Ireland under-21 football championship Roll of Honour. They share the premier position with Ciarraí on five titles each in a series that was only introduced comparatively recently in 1964.

Corcaigh, with dual player Tony O'Sullivan in their attack, beat Maigh Eo in the decider last August at Ennis. A week after that medal win, O'Sullivan starred in the senior hurlers' All-Ireland final triumph at Semple Stadium, Thurles over Uíbh Fhailí.

The following is the All-Ireland Roll of Honour at under-21.

5: CORCAIGH: 1970, 1971, 1980, 1981, 1984. CIARRAÍ: 1964, 1973, 1975, 1976,

1977. 3: MAIGH EO: 1967, 1974, 1983.

2: ROS COMÁIN: 1966, 1978...

1: AONTROIM: 1969.

#### CORCAIGH

1985: Corcaigh 1-7; Cill Dara 2-11. 1970: Corcaigh 2-11; Fearmanach 0-

1971: Corcaigh 3-10; Fearmanach 0-

1979: Corcaigh 0-7; An Dún 1-9.

Doire were the first county from Uladh to win this championship. They had a successful final debut at the expense of Uibh Fhaili in 1968, and did not reach the concluding round again until 1983. After playing a draw with Maigh Eo, Doire lost the replay at Irvinstown with a team that had Dermot McNicholl at centre half forward. Danny O'Kane went into that match as a substitute.



**DOIRE:** 1968.

DÚN na nGALL: 1982.

AN DÚN: 1979. GAILLIMH: 1972. CILL DARA: 1965.

The final appearance by Corcaigh and Doire so far have resulted:

#### DOIRE

1968: Doire 3-9; Uíbh Fhailí 1-9. 1973: Doire 1-5: Maigh Eo 1-8.

REPLAY. Doire 1-8; Maigh Eo 2-5.

DRAW.

1980: Corcaigh 2-8; Baile Átha Cliath 1-5.

1981: Corcaigh 2-9; Gaillimh 1-6. REPLAY.

Corcaigh 0-14; Gaillimh 2-8. DRAW.

1984: Corcaigh 0-9; Maigh Eo 0-6.



#### Sáraithe na Curiarrachta

here have not been many replays in All-Ireland senior football semi-finals over the years. Ciarraí, for instance,

played their first draw at this stage of the championship two weeks ago since a clash with An Cabhán in 1955.

The Cúige Mumhan team started firm favourites in the semi-final, but were a trifle lucky to have earned a draw - 2-10 to An Cabhán's 1-13.

The replay was notable for a masterly display by Jim McDonnell in the Ulaidh champions' colours. He lined out at left back, but during the second half he moved up to midfield and produced football of the highest order as he strove might and main to try and halt the Ciarraí onslaught. It was all in vain, as the Southerners powered to a convincing 4-7 to 0-5 win.

The next drawn semi-final in 1960 was an epic encounter between An Dún and Uíbh Fhailí. The Easterners were in the lead from the third minute, but eight minutes from time Paddy Doherty, one of the greatest scoring forwards of all time, scored a penalty with a superb left foot drive to bring An Dún level 1-9 to Uíbh Fhaili's 2-6. Each team added on a point before the final whistle.

The replay attracted an attendance of 68,023. A Charlie Wrenn goal after eight minutes helped Uíbh Fhailí to a four points lead at the interval. In a downpour that started early in the second half the Northerners came more into the picture, sparked by good midfield work by Joe Lennon and booked a first-ever final place at

the end of an uncomprising match by 1-7 to 1-5.

Amazingly enough, champions of Uladh were involved in the next draw. That was between An Cabhán and Uíbh Fhailí in 1969, when a point from right forward Gene Cusack in the 57th minute earned the champions of Uladh a second chance. The match was a pulsating one, played on a slippery surface. rain having fallen before and during the tie, which ended An Cabhán 1-9; Uíbh Fhailí 0-12.

The replay went on in a steady drizzle that made conditions unfavourable, but the teams still provided an entertaining game. Uíbh Fhailí opened strongly and led by 2-5 to 0-5 at the break. Their defence stood up superbly to fierce pressure from the Northern attack in the second half, and ensured a place in the final on a score-line of 3-8 to 1-10.

The Uladh connection and drawn All-Ireland senior semi-finals was further strengthened in 1977 when in the first game since 1969 that ended all square, Ard Mhacha staged a dramatic come-back to share the spoils with Ros Comáin.



History repeats itself from 30 years ago. Will this young Muineachán supporter see similar happenings in 30 years from now?



Mixed company, Frank King Ciarraí Chairman, Sean McCague Muineachán team manager and Joe Keohane Ciarraí selector exchange pleasantries after the drawn

In fine and sunny conditions the Northerners trailed by seven points with only 19 minutes of play remaining. Then came the boost they needed - a fine goal from left forward Peter Trainor. Encouraged greatly by that score, Ard Mhacha, who were contesting their first championship senior game at headquarters in 24 years, battled with renewed vigour to earn a deserved draw, 3-9 as against the Chonnacht champions' 2-12.

The replay at Páirc An Chrócaigh was a closely contested and thrilling affair, with the speedy Ard Mhacha men making better use of their chances than their opponents. Prompted by their captain and centre half forward Jimmy Smyth, who scored five points, four from frees, during the match, and Sean Devlin, also in attack, the Northerners edged into the decider

by 0-15 to 0-14.

Baile Átha Cliath and Corcaigh provided the only other replay in the meantime, and that game had an unusual setting - Páirc Uí Chaoimh. The first meeting at Páirc An Chrócaigh in mid-August 1983

looked like ending in a famous win for the Leesiders as they held a three points lead with the game all but

The champions of Laighin made one last gasp effort, with their left full back Ray Hazley popping up in the left full forward position as the move built up to dramatic climax. Hazley took a pin point pass from Brian Mullins and set up Barney Rock for a sensational equalising goal on the whistle – 2-11 each.

The replay a week later was a disappointing affair, but the occasion in Cork was a colourful and memorable one. A crowd of 43,438 saw Baile Átha Cliath, with goals from Rock, Ciarán Duff, Joe McNally and Brian Mullins, power to a convincing 4-15 to 2-10 win, and they went on to regain the Sam Maguire Cup.

Now another chapter in the story is about to be written. Will it be a second successive win by the champions of Uladh in a replay, or will Ciarraí chalk up the first success by a Cúige Mumhan team at this stage since their 1955 triumph? Only time will answer those questions.

SEN CHARACTER SE

Cathal Ó Niallagáin. A celebrity when he came into the world, because he weighed 16 lbs. as a newborn baby and a celebrity many times since, because of his great goalkeeping prowess. Talented schools athlete and winner of an All-Ireland special minor hurling medal with Ciarraí in 1975 - the year he won three All-Ireland football medals, minor, under 21 and senior (as a substitute).

Páid Ó Sé (Captaen). Great in the dressingroom, for his wise-cracking. Powerful motivator too. But things did backfire a little at the end of a fiery speech before the Munster Final, because Páid hopped the ball pretty hard on the ground... and sent the light on the dressingroom ceiling scattering in all directions.



Micheál Ó Spealáin. A speed player. Always in the front line in sprints at training. Recognised by colleagues as a most dependable defender, whose forte is an uncanny positional sense.

Tomás Ó Dúill. Known as "Private" from his days in the Army, Great

schools athlete. Acknowledged as the fittest man on the Ciarraí team and has been known to lap colleagues in training.

Tomás Ó Spealáin. Youngest of the three Templenoe brothers. Has played in every central position for Ciarraí, although only 23... even to filling the boots of the 'Bomber', which he did against Galway in last year's National League final at Limerick.

Sean Breathnach. Versatile player who holds two All-Star awards - one at centrefield and one at centre-half forward. Talented player with a lot of under age experience at full back. Holds 5 All-Ireland Senior medals; three All-Ireland Under-21 medals, and one Minor All-Ireland Medal.



Gearóid Ó Loingsigh. Another superb athlete. From the island which produced the legendary Mick O'Connell – Valentia. blossomed into a superb wing-back and, in the eyes of many people, was Ciarraí man-of-the-match in the Munster Final.

# Laochra na Páirce

Seán Ó Sé. No longer plays his club football in Ciarraí - and St. Mary's (Caherciveen) and South Kerry miss him so! Truly, the complete footballer. Showed promise as a young lad, at under-age level and at school, and has fulfilled that promise in breathtaking fashion.



Ambrós Ó Donnabháin. Known as "Rosey". Is one of the characters of the team and extremely popular. Fine singing voice goes with a great personality. First Gneeveguilla club man to win an All-Ireland medal . . . and he brought home the Sam Maguire with it!

Tadhg Ó Dúda. Exciting new prospect. Son of Teddy O'Dowd, outstanding member of the great John Mitchels team that won five Ciarraí football championships on the trot from 1959 to 1963.

Donnchadha Ó Móráin. Marvellous colleges footballer who played in a Ciarraí football final as far back as 1972 - and gave a powerful display against none other than Brendan Lynch. Has won a Ciarraí hurling championship medal with Ballyduff.

Pádraig Ó Spealáin. Human dynamo. Injured in the move which led to Eoin Liston's goal in the Munster final and became so involved in the play afterwards that he never knew a goal was scored until he went into the dressingroom at half-time.

Micheál Ó Síthigh. One of the most talented and skillful players of all times to don the green and gold. Only man to have played the full 70 minutes in every game in Ciarraí's four-in-a-row from 1978 to 1981. Holds a Ciarraí under 16 hurling medal with Austin Stacks.



Eoin Liostún. A late developer. Didn't catch the eye until he played for the Ciarraí under-21 team in 1977 - and one look was enough to convince Mick O'Dwyer that here was a star of the future. More than a star. A colossus.

Gearóid de Paor. At 33, the veteran of the side, but still its top sprinter. Son of Luimneach hurling great, lackie Power. Played a lot of underage hurling, but football then took over . . . and Power has never looked back since the day in 1973 when he scored a famous goal for Austin Stacks and helped them to win the Ciarraí football championship for the first time in 37 years.

#### **Eamonn McEnaney**

No matter what the next few months provide in the scoring line, Eamonn McEnaney's equalising point for Muineachán in injury time against Ciarraí two weeks ago from a 45 metre free from under the Hogan Stand will rank as one of the great scores of the year. That was a real pressure kick for the Northerner with defeat or a second chance of semi-final glory for Muineachán hanging on the outcome, and it is a tribute to the coolness and the accuracy of McEnaney that he proved the man for the occasion.

It was not so surprising, however, that the Castleblayney Faughs man mastered the daunting challenge so well, as he has been showing an expertise of the highest standard as a free-taker since his minor days. He gave an outstanding exhibition the 1978 minor final in Uladh against

Versatile – that is Tomm Done in a senior inter-county care stretching back to 1977, he has been called to a number of contrasting positions both as a defender and as a forward, and he invariably measured up in each test to the highest expectations of the Ciarraí selectors.

Two weeks ago he held down the pivotal role in the draw against Muineachán, and that was a change from the position in which he won his fourth All-Ireland senior medal last September – right half back.

Doyle is from Annascaul, and was 29 last March. He had a very successful time with the county's under-21 team, winning All-Ireland medals as a forward in 1975 and 1977.

A courageous and determined footballer, Doyle had a winning senior championship final debut against Baile Átha Cliath in 1979 at right half forward, and his versatility

Tir Eoghain with accurate finishing from long and short range as he popped over nine golden points.

Muineachán's march to their firstever National League title last season saw McEnaney again to the fore with his finishing technique as he comfortably headed the county chart for the eleven game run with 1-

McEnaney was not in the county team that won the senior title in Ulaidh in 1979, but later that year he was influential in Muineachán's Ceannárus Tourament success. The six-foot plus teacher has also won two Dr. McKenna Cup (all Ulaidh knock-out competition) medals, and he celebrated his first provincial senior final outing by scoring 2-4 against Doire at Clones last month.

Earlier in the year the sharpshooter from Muineachán was on the United States tour as a Bank of treland All Star replacement.

was very much in evidence a year

He was chosen originally at centre half forward for the final against Ros Comáin, but when illness forced Eoin Liston to withdraw late from the team, Doyle was moved up to full forward, and played well.

Ger Power retired with an injury at half-time, and the Annascaul man was moved out to right half forward, where he impressed and continued to have a big say in furthering a winning effort.

Doyle was still a forward when he collected his third All-Ireland medal in 1981, and then came that first as a back against Baile Átha Cliath last year. This flair for fitting in efficiently either as a back or forward has been in evidence in the National League, and Doyle has won medals for the competition in both departments.

**Tommy Doyle** 





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

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

#### CIARRAÍ

Dathanna: Glas is Óir



(1) CATHAL Ó NIALLAGÁIN

(Charlie Nelligan) 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)

Annascaul

(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 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

(15) GEARÓID DE PAOR

(Ger Power)
Austin Stacks

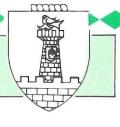
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## MUINEACHÁN

Dathanna: Gorm is Bár



(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) C. MAC FHEARCHAIR (Kevin Carragher)

(Kevin Carragher) Clontibret (12) MICHEÁL Ó DÚDA (Michael O'Dowd)

Clontibret

(13) E MAC AN DÉANAIGH

(Eamon McEnaney) Castleblayney (14) EAMON Ó MURCHÚ (Eamon Murphy) Emyvale (15) EOGHAN Ó hAODHA (Eugene Hughes)

(Eugene Hughes) Castleblayney

Fir Ionaid: (16) D. Mac Ardail (Declan McArdle, Monaghan Harps); (17) P. Ó Corráin (Paul Curran, Clontibret); (18) E. Ó hAnlúin (Eugene O'Hanlon, Carrickmacross); (19) A. Mac Ardail (Anthony McArdle, Castleblayney); (20) S. Mac Cearbhail (Seán McCarville, Scotstown); (21) C. Ó Fionnalaigh (Kieran Finlay, Ballybay); (22) S. Ó Cadhla (Jimmy Kiely, Sean McDermotts); (23) B. Ó Bradaigh (Brendan Brady, Parnells B.A.C.); (24) M. Ó Cathmhaoil (Michael Caulfield, Scotstown).

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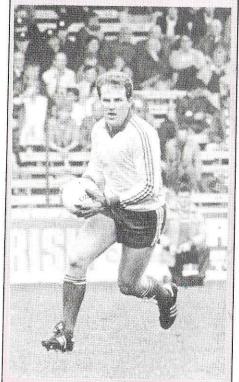
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# Clerkin, Byrne, Eugene McEnaney, Eamonn Murphy, Ciarán Murray, Fergus



# Muineachán





Hugo Clerkin, the 'Sunday Games' commentator's choice of 'Man-of-the-Year'.



uineachán enhanced their status as National Football League champions with their quality performance

when drawing with Ciarraí two weeks ago. They made light of their role as outsiders as they took the game to the All-Ireland champions from the start, produced good football, and well deserved the second chance that Eamonn McEnaney's dramatic point from a free with virtually the last kick of the game earned them.

The Northerners confidence in their ownability is bound to benefit them as a result of that great effort. They proved at the highest level that they have what it takes to measure up to the best that the game has to offer, and with that tangible experience to spur them on further, the champions of Uladh are likely to prove an even more powerful force than they were on their last Páirc An Chrócaigh visit.

Ciarraí, too, played their part in providing the pulsating game that was the drawn semi-final. Some of the old sparkle of their great four All-Ireland senior titles in a row era (1979 to 1981) as well as again in last year's final win, may have been missing, but the Southerners still produced glimpses of the class befitting the status of Sam Maguire Cup holders.

This was particularly true in the second half. After recording only two scores in the opening period -most untypical of Ciarraí – the All-Ireland champions stepped up their scoring rate greatly after the change of ends.

Eleven points were popped over in the concluding 35 minutes spell as compared with Muineachán's tally of five scores – 1-4. The last of those points was a test of nerve for Mike Sheehy, who did not have one of his

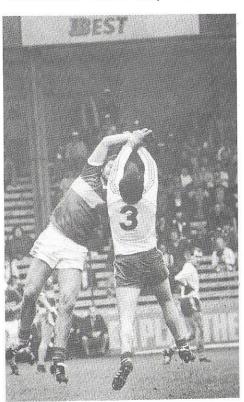
better days as a marksman, and he showed his great qualities as he sent over what looked like proving a late winner. Then, up stepped McEnaney to match the Sheehy ice-cool nerve and accuracy to tie the game.

The lesson from the first match that they cannot afford another lacklustre start will not have been lost on the astute Ciarraí men. Any illusions they may have had about the worth of the champions of Uladh have also been well and truly put into the proper perspective.

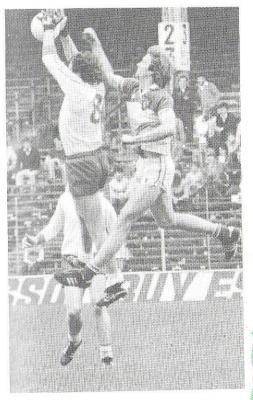
All of which should help the All-Ireland champions to express themselves more fully from the opening whistle; to come out battling with the enterprise and sharpness that has kept them such a power for so long.

At the same time Muineachán hopes are buoyed up by that gallant effort the last time, and this may help them to exploit even more successfully the skill and enterprise that won them so many admirers a fortnight ago.

Replays do not always live up to following expectations exhillerating drawn match. This is one, however, that looks tailormade not to disappoint.



The clash of the giants in the drawn semifinal as Eoin Liston Ciarraí and Gerry McCarville Muineachán jump to possession.



Eamon McEnaney's switch to midfield should not have surprised him as we see him here in a midfield role v Uíbh Fhailí.



# **DOUBTS DISPELLED?**



uineachán's drawn semifinal with Ciarraí was regarded in most quarters as something of a shock. But

was it really that great of a shock That game was Muineachán's 15th outing in League and Championship with only one defeat v Baile Átha Cliath (N.f.L.) and 4 draws.

The draws were v Maigh Eo; Uíbh Fhailí and Tír Eoghain in the League, the latter being the semi-final, Muineachán of course, winning the replay and the other draw v Ard Mhacha in the Ulster championship; Muineachán again grabbing the 2nd chance with both hands.

Everyone was immensely proud of the team's performance v Ciarraí and it is noticeable that the N.F.L. title has now been given a little more status by commentators. There were those who were disappointed as well that Muineachán didn't win, and win convincingly, as they showed themselves to be a team with great heart and no little skill.

It is true to say that our game changed once David Byrne had to go off with a leg injury and in that transition period vital scores were given away, scores that chould have proved costly to a lesser team than Muineachán. But they never once

contemplated defeat as they rallied time after time to, in the end, divide the spoils.

Muineachán's record in replay this year must give Ciarraí some food for thought. Both were at the semi-final stage of the respective competitions and both were won with Muineachán going on to take the titles as well in each case.

The days of settling for narrow defeats and good performances are in the past as far as this Muineachán team is concerned. They have now come to believe that they have as good a right to win as anyone else and are prepared to take on all comers to preserve that right.

To say that the people of the county are behind their team to a man is definitely an understatement and Muineacháns display in the drawn game will dispel any residue of doubt that existed about the true calibre of these Farneymen.

Other teams too, can take heart from Muineachán's achievements; they too can believe that a place at the top is not the preserve of a few counties. This Muineachán team has worked hard in the last couple of years and today can take one further step on the road to fame.

# Imreoirí Muineachán

Pádraig Mac Giolla Fhiondáin. Goalkeeper when Monaghan last played Ciarraí in 1979 semi-final. Had a busy time that day but one save earned him an R.T.E. award for Save-of-the-Year, Holder of 2 Ulster S.F.C. medals and a N.F.L. medal for this year. Pádraig plays for the Ballybay club.

Eoghan Mac Searraigh. Eoghan is captain this year. Has already received one trophy in Croke Park, the N.F.L. Trophy. Along with his National League medal, he also holds 1 Ulster S.F.C. medal and one at U-21 level, along with many others at club level. Eoghan plays his club football with Scotstown.

Gearoid Mac Cearbhaill. Gearóid is one of the best known players on the Muineachán team. He is the holder of a host of medals including 3 Railway Cup medals, his N.F.L. medal and the much coveted 2 Ulster S.F.C. medals. Gearóid is a keen worker in his local community both in the promotion of the game among the youth and in the development facilities. A definite candidate for an All-Star, his club is Scotstown.

Fearghas Mac Cathmhaoil. Also played in 1979 semi-final. Very experienced defender, Fearghas holds 2 Ulster S.F.C. medals along with his N.F.L. medal and numerous club medals. Fearghas plays his club football for Scotstown.

Breandán Ó Muirí. At 20, one of the voungest players on the team. Was a key figure in Muineachán's League campaign and plays with a maturity that belies his youth. He is employed as a nurse and plays his club football with Clones.



Ciarán Ó Muirí, Brother of Breandán. First played for County Seniors in 1983 and since then has won N.F.L. Div. 3 (1983), N.F.L. (1985). Former wing half back, he is now firmly established in the centre back position. A teacher by profession Ciarán also plays for Clones.



Deaglán Ó Flannagáin. Deaglán won an Ulster U-21 medal in 1981. Was a key figure in Monaghan's recent N.F.L. Triumph. Deaglán works as an electrician.

Aodh Ó Cleircín. A veteran of 1979, Aodh at 30 is one of the more experienced players Muineachán panel. He is the holder of Higher Education League and Championship medals Thomond College as well as his N.F.L. and 2 Ulster S.F.C. medals. Aodh is employed as a P.E. teacher with Monaghan V.E.C. Club -Currin.

Daithí Ó Broin. Daithí is one of the biggest players in Croke Park today. First played for the County Seniors v Dún na nGall in the N.F.L. 1983. Now has an Ulster S.F.C. medal to go along with his N.F.L. medal. Daithí, who is single, plays club football for Inniskeen Grattans and is a member of the Garda Siochána.

Reamoin Mac Cearáin. Played first game for County Senior team in the Dr. McKenna Cup final v An Dún in 1983. Was the country's top scorer in the Centenary Cup with 21 points. A very accurate forward he has contributed many vital scores in this year's League and Championship. A member of the Scotstown club.

Caoimhín Mac Fhearchair: Has already tasted All Ireland success this year in the Psychiatric Hospitals Championship. Strong young player who has had a chequered career in the county jersey at different grades. Should add new drive and enthusiasm to the half forward line. Naturally talented player carrying into the replay the hopes and wishes of all Muineachán supporters.



Micheál Ó Dúda. Came on as a sub. v Ard Mhacha in this year's Ulster semi-final having played in the N.F.L. v Aontroim in 1983. He also enjoys playing hurling, being a member of the County Hurling team. Plays both games for his club Clontibret.

Eamon Mac an Déanaigh. Eamon was a member of this years All-Star tour and turned in a great performance in Gaelic Park. Eamon was a sub. in 1979 and also won an Ulster U-21 medal in 1981. Has been the country's top scorer for a number of years. Has a great interest in coaching juvenile players. Plays club football with the famed Castleblayney Faughs.

Eamon Ó Murchú. First played for County Seniors in 1983. His three goals in the N.F.L. quarter final v Cill Dara will be long talked about. He is a member of the Emyvale club.

Eoghan Ó hAodha. 28 years old, Eoghan was on the Muineachán team in 1979 but at right corner back. One of his many claims to fame is that he was Muineachán's first All-Star, an award he gained in 1979. Holder of many honours in the game, including 3 Railway Cup medals with Ulster, 2 Ulster S.F.C. medals and of course the N.F.C. medal for this year. Eoghan could pave the way for further honours today. Recently married, he plays his club football for Castleblayney.

## Corcaigh

Dathanna: Dearg is Bán



(1) D. Ó MATHÚNA (Derry O'Mahony) Nemo Rangers

(2) C. Ó SCANLÁIN (Kevin Scanlan) St. Finbarrs (3) A. Ó DAIBHÍS (Capt.) (Anthony Davis) O'Donovan Rossa

(4) **D. BREATHNACH** (Denis Walsh) St. Catherines

(5) **D. Ó CLÉIRIGH** (Denis Cleary) Castlehaven (6) B. STAIC Brendan Stack Doneraile (7) M. SLOCUM (Michael Slocum) St. Finbarrs

(8) D. Ó COLLATA (Donal Culloty) Newmarket (9) **P. Ó hAODHA** (Paddy Hayes) St. Finbarrs

(10) M. MAC CÁRTHAIGH (Michael McCarthy) O'Donovan Rossa (11) T. MAC CÁRTHAIGH (Tadhg McCarthy) Glanmire (12) B. Ó COFAIGH (Barry Coffey) Bishopstown

(13) **S. Ó DONNABHÁIN** (Stiofán Ó Donovan) Lough Rovers (14) C. Ó NEILL (Colm O'Neill) Midleton (15) P. MAC CRAITH (Paul McGrath) Bishopstown

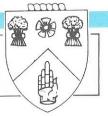
Fir Ionaid: (16) S. Ó Briain (John O'Brien, Redmonds); (17) G. Ó Laoire (Gerry O'Leary, Millstreet); (18) C. Ó Suilleabháin (Colman O'Sullivan, Clyde Rovers); (19) C. Ó Conail (Con O'Connell, Ballincollig); (20) P. Ó Liatháin (Bertie Lane, Lough Rovers); (21) B. Mac an Iárla (Brendan Searls, St. Finbarrs); (22) P. Mac Gearailt (Pádraig Fitzgerald, St. Michaels).

Corcaigh	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	45m	Saor Chiceanna
1 adh Leath			97		
2 adh Leath					
Iomlán					

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#### **Doire**

Dathanna: Bán is dearg.



(1) **D. MAC OSCAIR** (Damien McCusker) Glen

(2) B. DE SIÚN (Barry Young) Glen (3) P. DE BÚRCA (Francis Bourke) Drum (4) P. MAC ANNA (Paul McCann) Greenlough

(5) S. MAG OIRC (Johnny McGurk) Lavey (6) B. MAC PEIC (Brendan McPeeke) Ballinascreen (7) **N. Ó MAOLLÁIN** (Niall Mullan) Dungiven

(8) D. Ó CATHÁIN (Danny O'Kane) Glenullin (9) B. Ó HÉILÍ (Brian Healy) Dungiven

(10) D. MAC NIOCAILL (Declan McNicholl) Glenullin (11) D. Ó CAISIDE Damien Cassidy Bellaghey (12) M. MAG OIRC (Mike McGurk) Moneymore

(13) C. MAC NIOCAILL (Cathal McNicholl) Glenullin (14) D. MAC NIOCAILL (Capt.) (Dermot McNicholl) Glenullin (15) A. MAC THIARNÁIN (Tony McKiernan) Bellaghey

Fir Ionaid: (16) E. Mac Gioll Chainnigh (Eddie McIlhenny, Craigbane); (17) C. Bartún (Ciarán Barton, Newbridge); (18) D. de Siún (Peter Young, Moneymore); (19) S. de Bhál (Stephen Walls, Newbridge); (20) E. Ó Loingsigh (Eamon Lynch, Banagher); (21) S. Maolchalann (John Mulholland, Newbridge); (22) D. Ó Cuinn (Danny Quinn, Bellaghey); (23) P. Ó Brolcháin (Paul Bradley, Faughanvale); (24) D. Ó Ceallaigh (Don Kelly, Ballinascreen).

Doire	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	45m	Saor Chiceanna
1 adh Leath			8		
2 adh Leath					
Iomlán			*		

This Under 21 Final is a 60 minute game.

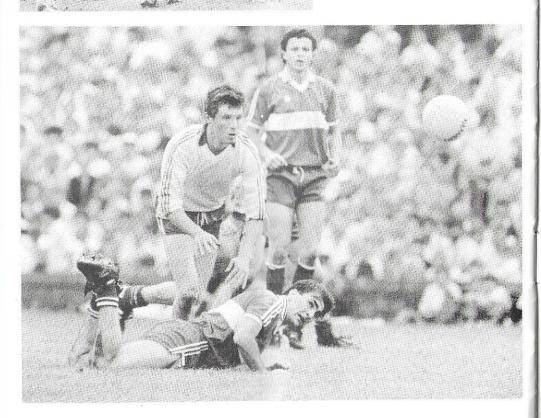


Eoin Liston and Mick Spillane together after the drawn semifinal sequel. We can confirm that this young fan received her treasured autograph.

Tom Spillane clears his lines from under the 'Sunday Game' camera position.

Michael O'Dowd under stress from the Uladh final.

Declan Flanagan and John Kennedy confront each other at Croke Park.









# ÚRSCÉALA

Muineachán will be playing their second replay tie of the season in championship football, and making their sixth appearance in all. Ciarraí are having their fourth outing.

The records of both teams are:

#### MUINEACHÁN

June 16. At Castleblayney: Muineachán 1-14; Dún na nGall 0-7.

Muineachán scorers: R. 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.

Muineachán scorers: E. Hughes 0-3, G. McCarville 0-2, E. McEnaney 0-2, R. McCarron 0-1, H. Clarkin 0-1, B. Beggan 0-1.

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

Muineachán scorers: R. Carron 0-7, E. McEnaney 1-2, D. Byrne 0-1, E. Hughes 0-1.

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

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

August 11. At Páirc An Chrócaigh: Muineachán 2-9; Ciarraí 1-12. Draw.

Muineachán scorers: E. McEnaney 0-5, R. McCarron 0-3, M. O'Dowd 1-0, E. Murphy 1-0, E. Hughes 0-1.

#### CIARRAÍ

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

Ciarraí scorers: 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: Ciarraí 2-11; Corcaigh 0-11.

Ciarraí scorers: 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.

August 11. At Páirc An Chrócaigh: Ciarraí 1-12; Muineachán 2-9. Draw.

Ciarraí scorers: M. Sheehy 0-4, P. Spillane 0-3, G. Power 1-0, J. O'Shea 0-2, A. O'Donovan 0-1, E. Liston 0-1, T. Dowd 0-1.

#### **SCORING TOTALS**

Muineachán scored 6-53 (71 points) in their five games so far, and conceded 3-44 (53 points).

Ciarraí recorded 5-41 (56 points) and had 2-29 scored against them.

# **Top Championship Scorers**

Points			<b>Games</b>	Average
30	E. McEnaney (Muineachán)	3-21	5	6.00
29	B. Rock (Baile Átha Cliath)	3-20	4	7.25
27	F. Kelly (Tiobraid Árann)	1-24	3	9.00
17	M. Sheehy (Ciarraí)	1-14	3	5.66
17	D. Earley (Ros Comáin)		4	4.25
16	M. McHugh (Dún na nGall)	1-13	2	8.00



