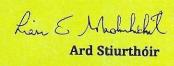
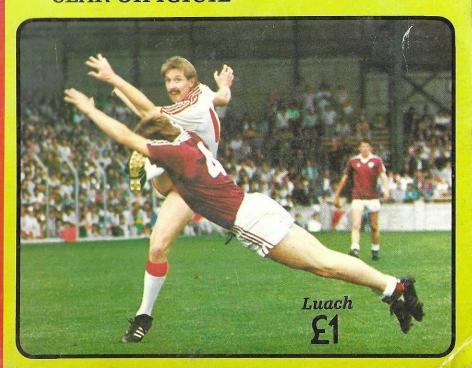
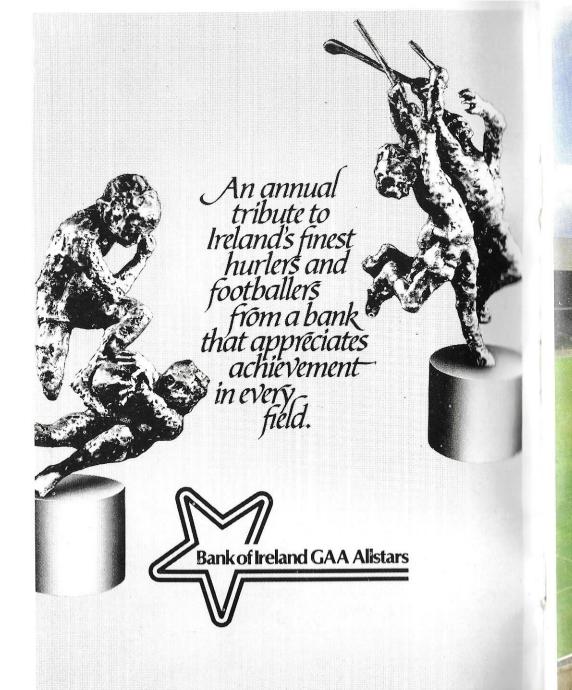


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THE SENIOR FINAL

Ciarraí v Tír Eoghain

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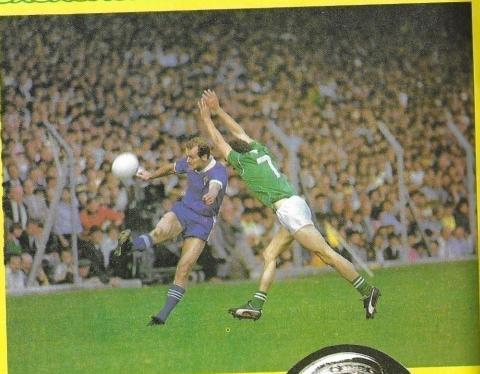
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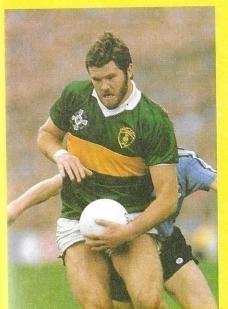
The Ciarraí kicking style demonstrated by Jack O'Shea.



1985 moment of glory for Páid Ó Sé with the Sam Maguire Cup at Páirc an Crócaigh





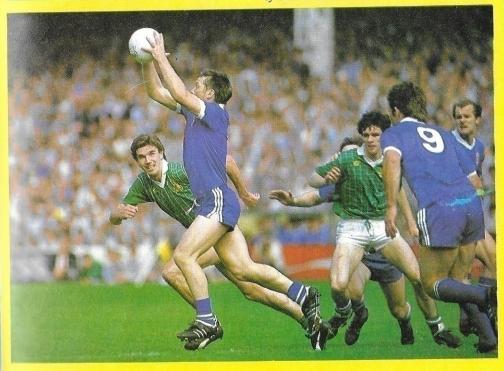




Eoin Liston gaining good possession of the ball.



Football pyramid from the Semi-final clash of Ciarrai and An Mhí.



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1951 FINAL

An Historic Double

Maigh Eo's team of 1951 was the first from the county to make a successful defence of the Sam Maguire Cup, and also ranks as the last from there to win an All-Ireland senior football championship.

Thirteen of the men who appeared during the 1950 final win over An Lú lined up against An Mhí for the double bid before an attendance of 78,201.

The final proved somewhat disappointing. Exchanges were close enough in the first half as the challengers made the early running. Maigh Eo took over in the second half, however, and conceded just a single point in that period, to finish good winners by 2-8 to 0-9.

An Mí led by three points after nine minutes of the match, but goals from full forward Tom Langan and left full Joe Gilvarry helped the defending champions to a 2-3 to 0-8 lead at the interval.

Maigh Eo played well throughout the second half, and they stretched their advantage with three welltaken points before An Mhí hit their solitary score of the half.

Eamonn Mongey was a bright star for the winners. Although hampered by an ankle injury, he still did much valuable work both at midfield, and when moved later to the attack.



Seán Flanagan led the team for the second successive final with polish and purpose from left full to become the first from Cúige Chonnacht to be twice presented with the Sam Maguire Cup.

Peter Quinn at left half back, Pádraig Carney, first at centre half forward and after he had switched with Carney, and full forwards Mick Flanagan, Langan and Gilvarry were others who did much to steer Maigh Eo to an historic double.

MAIGH EO: Sean Wynne; John Forde, Paddy Prendergast, Sean Flanagan; Joe Staunton, Henry Dixon, Peter Quinn; Eamonn Mongey, John McAndrew; Paddy Irwin, Padraig Carney, Sean Mulderrig; Mick Flanagan, Tom Langan, Joe Gilvarry.

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Is this the master team?

There are many who maintain that the Ciarraí team defending the Sam Maguire Cup is the master side of all time. Understandably so, as seven All-Ireland senior football titles since 1975 is eloquent testimony to the power of Kingdom football in modern times.

The county had many outstanding teams in the past, and it might be unfair to compare sides of any era with great selections of earlier days. Football, like all walks of life, evolves and changes all the time

But a telling point in favour of the exploits of the men of the 'Seventies and 'Eighties is that the pressure on

Seán Walsh

the players have been greater than at any time in the past. Ciarraí's latest company of footballers have measured up superbly to those pressures.

Remember the consistently high quality football that brought the county to the brink of a first-ever sequence of five All-Ireland senior titles in succession in 1982? That was a tremendous run, one carved out against top-class opposition over the series.

Then, there was the character and resilience that enabled Ciarraí to pick up the pieces again after the trauma of having the All-Ireland record snatched from their grasp by a late Uíbh Fhailí goal in the 1982 final, and a somewhat similar last gasp defeat from Corcaigh the following summer in the Cúige Mumhan decider.

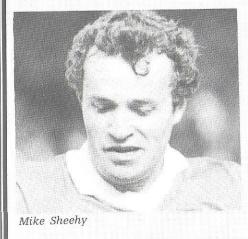
Set backs taken in their stride

Many a county would have taken a long time to recover from such a double hammer blow, but here are the men from the Kingdom not only back in quest of a third Sam Maguire Cup win in succession, but with a new respect nation-wide following their recent fine win over An Mhí.

Prior to that game there were suggestions that Ciarraí were past their best; that time had finally caught up with most of the long-serving heroes of the latest success story. But that was another challenge the Southern footballers suberbly took in their stride.

They were masters of their art, cool, competent, efficient and with flair. Another classic example in

fact of the county's match-winning brand of enterprising football. Every member of the side played his



part. The critics were given their answer.

So, as another four-in-a-row sequence beckons is this the greatest Ciarraí team of them all? Many of the doubters on that score prior to the semi-final have now been won over to the believers.

As for the Ciarraí footballers, realists that they are they will probably maintain that there is another job of work to be done and that it will be time enough to talk about greatness, comparisons with the past after the show-down with Tír Eoghain.

One thing is certain, though, this is another game which will envoke a tremendous response from the men of the Kingdom.

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Milestones in Tír Eoghain History

Tir Eoghain reach the most noteworthy milestone in the County's football history with this long-awaited All-Ireland senior football final debut. The road so far has been well signposted with important achievements, and not all at senior.

Just 39 years ago last Sunday, Tír Eoghain celebrated a Páirc an Crócaigh debut by beating Maigh Eo at minor in the county's first appearance in an All-Ireland final in any grade of football. A barrier was broken at the first attempy. An omen that for today, perhaps?

The All-Ireland minor crown was retained in 1948, but the promise held out by that double of glory at senior level was not realised in the short term. Not until 1956 did Tír Eoghain take the Cúige Uladh senior title for the first time with a team



Harry McClure

Michael McClure younger brother of Harry

that included wing backs Sean Donnelly and John Joe O'Hagan and left full forward Donal Donnelly, of the 1948 minor side.

Tír Eoghain met title specialists An Cabhán in that 1956 summit at Clones and got off to a great start with a goal after only two minutes from centre half forward Jackie Taggart (Omagh). They built so well on that beginning that they romped to a sensational 3-5 to 0-4 win, and a triumph that rocked the nation at the time.

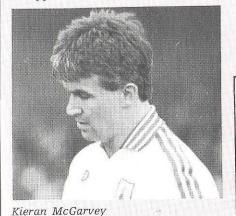
Gaillimh ended the winning sequence in the All-Ireland semi-final, but Tír Eoghain retained the provincial title the following Summer only to lose out in their next game to An Lú.

Captain at 19

Jodie O'Neill, who at 19 was captain in 1956, was there again when All-Ireland glory beckoned once more in 1968. He was manager of the junior team that brought the Cuige Uladh championship to the county for the first time, and went on to capture the national crown.

Another link with the Golden 'Fifties was provided by Frankie Donnelly, top scorer with the trendsetting senior teams, one of the greatest score-getters of all time, and in grand finishing form with the juniors.

O'Neill was senior team manager in 1973 as Frank McGuigan, then in his 'teens, led the county to a third provincial crown, but once again disappointment was the lot in the



semi-final. Corcaigh had a big win.

There was more to celebrate just over a month later as current team

over a month later as current team captain Eugene McKenna helped to bring the Tom Markham Cup for the minor championship back to the county after an absence of 25 years.

In 1957 Ciarraí, with Charlie Nelligan, Mick Spillane, Sean Walsh and Jack O'Shea – he played at full forward – on duty proved too good for the Northerners by nine points in Tír Eoghain's last appearance in an All-Ireland final. Their side included Aidan Skelton, Ciaran McGarvey, Kevin McCabe and Damien O'Hagan.





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- 1.30 Cluiche Ceannais Peile na hÉireann. Corcaigh v Gaillimh (Minor)
- 2.02 Arrival of Uachtarán na h-Éireann, An Dr. Pádraig Ó hIrghile.
- 2.03 Introduction of the Maigh Eo Jubilee Team by Micheal Ó Muircheartaigh.
- 2.42 Presentation of Minor Trophy by An Dr. Ó Muiris.
- 2.45 Artane Band introduced. Special musical display for 100 years of association with Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. (1886/1986).
- 3.06 Uachtarán na hÉireann meets the teams.
- 3.13 Amhrán na bhFiann.
- 3.15 Cluiche Ceannais Peile na hÉireann. Ciarraí v Tír Eoghain.
- 4.40 Presentation of the Sam Maguire Cup to winning captain by Dr. Micheál Ó Lochlainn.
- 4.45 Recital by Artane Band.

Famous Firsts

Tír Eoghain are the first county from the "Wee Six" to qualify for an All-Ireland senior football final debut since An Dún had a winning start in their 1960 summit with Ciarraí.

The last year that any county appeared in the concluding round for the first time was in 1961, when Uibh Fhaili were beaten by An Dún in a match that drew the greatest attendance yet to an All-Ireland final at 90,556. That record cannot be improved as the capacity of Páirc an Chrócaigh has been reduced in the meantime.

First Treble

Ciarraí are in line for their first treble of All-Ireland senior football titles since their four in a row sequence from 1978 to 1981 inclusive. The 1980 final win over Ros Comáin completed their third such sequence of three titles in succession.

Double First

Ciarraí won the first 80 minutes All-Ireland senior football final in 1970 when they beat An Mhí. Five years later the playing time for all championship games at senior level was fixed at 70 minutes. The earlier extension to 80 minutes was for provincial finals and All-Ireland senior ties only.

Ciarraí also won the first 70 minutes decider, beating Baile Átha Cliath for the 1975 title.

Ciarraí End Dreams

Ciarraí ended Ard Mhacha dreams of a first winning final outing in an All-Ireland senior football final in 1953. Since then the Kingdom have lost to An Dún in 1960 and 1968 in their only other finals against counties from across the Border.

Those Ciarraí teams included current team manager Mick O'Dwyer. He was left back in 1960 and left full forward in 1968.

Sam Maguire Cup

An era will come to an end after today's senior final. The successful captain will be the last to be presented with the current Sam Maguire Cup. A new trophy will be on offer next season.

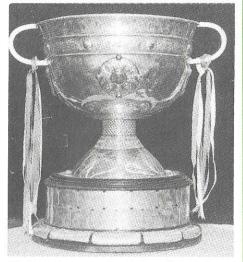
The Sam Maguire Cup was presented to Cumann Lúthchleas Gael in 1928 for the All-Ireland senior football championship. It was commissioned to commemorate a man who had given a lifetime of service in the Irish Republican War Army during the Independence.

The Cup was wrought by Hopkins and Hopkins of Dublin to the design of the Ardagh Chalice and is an outstanding example of Irish craftsmanship. It is made of silver. It stands 16" high without the base, and is 17" in diameter. Its overall height including the base is 22", and the diameter of the base is 18". The cup weighs 12 lbs., and the base 28 lbs.

Sam Maguire was born of Protestant parents in Dunmanway, Co. Cork. On leaving school he joined the Civil Service and was assigned to duty in London. He was an outstanding footballer and played in the All-Ireland finals of 1900, 1901 and 1903 with London. He captained the Exiles in the two latter finals.

Sam Maguire left England in 1923, and died a comparatively young man in February 1927. He is buried in the Church of Ireland cementery in Dunmanway.

The trophy was first awarded for the 1928 All-Ireland senior final



The inscription on the Cup reads as follows:

"Buanchorn Sam Maguire Á thairiscint gach blian faoi leith. Le Craobh na hÉireann sa Pheil faoi rialacha Chumann Lúthchleas Gael a ghabhann an Corn seo''.



played at Páirc an Chrócaigh on September 30. Cill Dara, captained by Bill Gannon, beat An Cabhán by 2-6 to 2-5. They have not won the trophy in the meantime.

Ciarraí won the trophy for the first time in 1929. An Cabhán took the Sam Maguire Cup North for the first time in 1933, and An Dún brought the trophy across the Border in 1960 - another first.

Gaillimh became the first Western county to inscribe their name on the Cup by winning the 1934 final.

Ciarraí are by far the Sam Maguire Cup specialists. Last year's win was their 22nd.

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

Jim Dennigan

Jim Dennigan today's senior final referee is handling a Senior All Ireland for the first time.

Jim, his wife Kathleen and family, John, Sharon and Collette, live in Fermoy. Siobhán, the other member of the family, is nursing in Dr. Steeven's Hospital.

The record of matches already refereed by Jim is both long and varied and from that list the most noteworthy games are:

National football league; All Ireland Minor Semi-finals and Finals;

Under All Ireland Semi-final; 1981 All Star tour and this year's league semi-final featuring Baile Átha Cliath and Laois; Munster Colleges Football Finals; County Football Finals in Corcaigh together with Finals, both in Luimneach and Port Láirge.

He is a Past Chairman of the North Corcaigh Referee's Board. He played his club football with Fermoy and represented Corcaigh in the Minor Grade '56 and '57, Junior '58 and Senior in 1959. He has done extensive coaching and is a selector with today's minor team.

Linesmen: Micheál Kearns (Sligeach) and Damien Campbell

(Fearmanach).

Kevin Fahy, Ownie McAuliffe, Ted O'Keeffe and Dick Umpires:

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Carthage Buckley

Carthage Buckley is the referee for today's Minor Final. Age 34, Carthage lives in Clara, Co. Offalv. where he also has his business. His wife's name is Margaret and they have three sons, Garrett (10), John (8) and Carthage (junior) who is seven.

A member of the Ballycumber Club, Carthage is refereeing since 1978 and his matches to date include:

Two Leinster Minor Finals of 1981 and 1983.

The O'Byrne Cup Final of 1983. Two Senior County Finals in Uíbh Fhailí. Fhailí.

The 1985 All-Ireland Under 21 Football Semi-Final and Final and the Final Replay which featured Corcaigh and Doire.

He also refereed this year's N.F. Semi-final which featured Maigh Eo and Muineachán.

He played football with his club and also represented Uíbh Fhailí at Minor and Under 21 level and winning a Leinster Under 21 medal in 1971 in the process.

Carthage sees Uibh Fhaili's break-through in Senior Hurling and the winning of All-Ireland titles of 1981) as achievements of great significance for the G.A.A. in Uíbh

Linesman: Michael Cranny (An Dún) and Jim McCorry (An Cabhán).

Umpires: John Buckley, Jim McGrath, Jimmy Kidney and Andy



Ciarraí **Pen Pictures**



Ireland senior medals, and has All Stars trophy. conceded just four goals in his seven senior final appearances. Was in goal in the 1975 minor final win over Tir Eoghain. Honoured once by the Bank of Ireland All Stars.

Páid Ó Sé. An Gaeltacht. Age 31. and has won national medals in Height 5' 10". Weight 13-0. First both sectors. Holds six All-Ireland played senior inter-county in 1974, senior medals, two Bank of Ireland and won his seventh All-Ireland All Stars trophies, and was a star of medal in the grade when he the last League final win in captained Ciarraí to last year's title. Centenary Year. National under-21 medals in 1973 and 1975, he has four Railway Cup medals and five Bank of Ireland All Stars trophies.

in the 1975 minor final win over Tír Eoghain, he also won the first of in senior finals, and holds six Allof three League medals, he was and holds one League medal. twice honoured in Bank of Ireland All Stars teams.

Michael Spillane. Templenoe. Age 29. Height 6'. Weight 12-0. Another link with the 1965 minor team, and a member of each of the subsequent three under-21 title winning sides,

Charlie Nelligan. Desmonds. Age he collected his fifth All-Ireland 29. Height 5' 10". Weight 12-10. senior medal last year, played in the First national senior medal won in 1982 and 1984 league winning the 1977 League. Holds six All- teams, and has one Bank of Ireland

> Tommy Doyle. Annascaul. Age 30. Height 5' 10". Weight 13-0. An inter-county senior since 1977, he has played in defence and attack,

Tom Spillane. Templenoe. Age 24. Height 6' 2". Weight 12-9. Went in as a substitute in the 1980 All-Sean Walsh. Kerins O'Raghillys. Age Ireland minor title winning team, 29. Height 6'. Weight 13-7. Midfield and made his senior inter-county championship debut in the 1982 Cúige Mumhan final replay against three under-21 medals that year. Corcaigh. The youngest of three Has played at midfield and full back brothers engaged with Ciarraí, he had his second outing in a winning Ireland medals in the grade. Winner Sam Maguire Cup last September,

> Ger Lynch. Valentia. Age 27. Height 5' 11". Weight 11-8. Rated by many as the 'Man of the Match' when he won his second All-Ireland senior medal last September. Won a National League medal in 1982.

Jack O'Shea. Leixlip. Age 29. Height Stars honour earlier this year. 6' 1½ ins''. Weight 14st. Full Captained forward against Tír Eoghain in the 1975 minor final, he also won three under-21 medals, and has six senior medals. Holds four Railway Cup souvenirs, and received his sixth Bank of Ireland All Star trophy earlier this year, Ireland's captain against the touring Australians in 1984, he also has three League medals.

Ambrose O'Donovan. Gneeveguilla. Age 24. Height 6' 2". Weight 13 st. Had the unusual distinction in 1984 of captaining an All-Ireland senior title winning team on his final debut. Won a second senior medal last September. Was a member of the team beaten by Baile Átha Cliath in th 1979 All-Ireland minor final.

Willie Maher. Age 23. Height 6-0. Former U.C.D. Sigerson player. Played in the Munster Senior Final in 1984 but broke his leg soon afterwards in a local championship. Has starred this year for mid-Kerry in the championship and makes a fairy-tale return to the side.

Willie is a Post graduate student.

Denis Moran. Beale. Age 30. Height 5' 8". Weight 11-8. Held down the No. 11 position in each of Ciarraí's last seven final winning teams. An All-Ireland Colleges' medalist with Gormanston in 1973, he has three National League medals, and one Bank of Ireland All Star. Captained Ciarraí when winning his second senior medal in 1978.

record eight Bank of Ireland All of Ireland All Stars trophies.

Thomond College, Luimneach, to the 1978 All-Ireland club title. Started his senior intercounty career in 1974-75 League, holds four Railway Cup and three League medals. He has seven senior medals.

Mike Sheehy Austin Stacks. Age 32. Height 5-10. Weight 12-0. Made his senior inter-county debut in the autumn of 1974, and went on to become probably Ciarraí's greatest score-getter of all time. An All-Ireland club medalist in 1977, he has four Railway Cup medals, and three League trophies. Selected by the Bank of Ireland All Stars in 1984 for the Sixth time. Holds six senior championship national medals.

Eoin Liston. Beale. Age 28. Height 6' $3\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Weight 14-0. Scored three goals when winning his first All-Ireland senior medal in 1979 against Baile Átha Cliath. An All-Ireland under-21 medalist in 1977, he was in the League final winning teams of 1982 and 1984 has two Railway Cup medals, and has four Bank of Ireland All Stars trophies.

Ger Power. Austin Stacks. Age 34. Height 5' 8". Weight 12-0. Won his first All-Ireland senior medal as a half back in 1975, after having made his debut in the top grade as a forward in 1974. He has also won Railway Cup medals as a forward and defender - six in all. Captained Ciarraí to their 1980 final win, and helped Austin Stacks to the All-Pat Spillane. Templenoe. Age 30. Ireland club title. He holds four Height 6'. Weight 13-7. Gained a League souvenirs, and has five Bank

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Mick O'Dwyer

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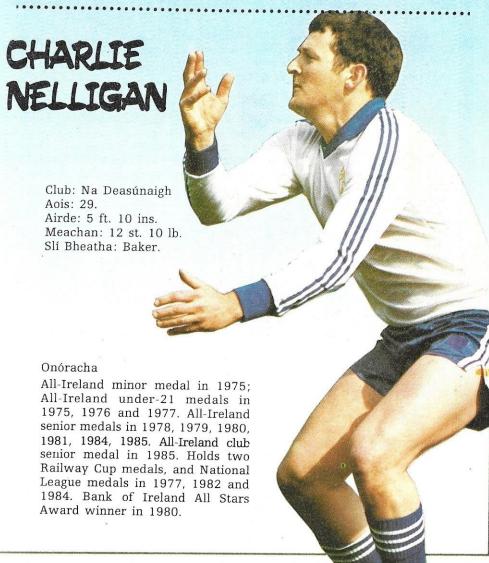
Front Row (L. to R.): John Kennedy, Eoin Liston, Tommy Doyle (Capt.), Páid Ó Sé, Ambrose O'Donovan, Michael Spillane, Ger Power, Denis 'Ogie' Moran (also included in the photograph is Leo Griffins).

Mick O'Dwyer

Mick O'Dwyer, who has carved out such a wonderful reputation in modern teams as Ciarraí's coach, had a great career both as a defender and a forward.

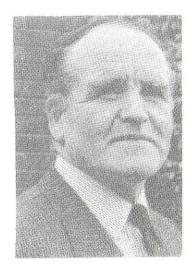
O'Dwyer was one of the best half backs of the late 'Fifties and early 'Sixties, and won All-Ireland medals at left half in 1959 and 1962. Later on he moved to the attack, where his finishing proved so superb that he still holds the county scoring record for a full annual programme at 13 goals and 122 points (161 points) in 26 games in 1970.

He won seven League medals between 1959 and 1973, to share a national record in this regard, and played at left full forward in the Sam Maguire Cup winning teams of 1969 and 1970.



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PÁIRC AN CHROCAIGH ON SATURDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, COMMENCING AT 7 p.m.

FINALS

Under 21 Singles: Tiobraid Árann (J. O'Donoghue) v Cill Chainnigh (P. O'Keeffe)

Junior Doubles: Gaillimh (P. Delaney and M. Connors).

Tiobraid Árann (F. Scully and W. McCarthy)

Coca-Cola Doubles W. Bourke and A. Greene or M. Walsh and E. Downey.
(Gill Chainnigh)

T. and J. Quish (Limerick) or W. Mullins (Cill Chainnigh) and

N. O'Brien (Tiobraid Árann)

Master Doubles: An Clár (D. Kirby and M. Hogan)

Sligeach (P. Walsh and P. McAuley)

Fáilte

Tá áthas orm fáilte do chur roimh gach éinne chuig Páirc An Chrócaigh inniu. Lá speisialta 'sea lá na Peile agus táim cinnte gur ócáid thar an gcoitinne a bhéas againn.

I am both pleased and privileged to have the opportunity to welcome you all to today's historic All Ireland Football finals. Tir Eoghain's first Senior Final debut has added greatly to the uniqueness of the occasion. What better opposition could any team wish for than the great representatives of Ciarraí. I am particularly delighted that the occasion is highlighted with a first final appearance and the presence also of one of the great footballing sides of all time. It is my wish that both these sides will provide us with a memorable spectacle.

The Minor final has brought together two excellent sides and we wish both Corcaigh and Gaillimh every success. The generally high standard of Gaelic Football seen in this year's Championship provides clear proof that the coaching development plan is operating well throughout the country. The continued adherance to this coaching plan will ensure a bright future for Gaelic Football.

The coming unique and historic visit to Australia is very important for our Association. Having embarked on such an extensive International dimension, the world image of our native game of Gaelic football will be clearly presented for all to see. The success of the Tour is vital for our Association since the undertaking is of such major proportions.

Our players and officials will be representing not alone the Gaelic Athletic Association but also our country and our people. We wish all those who are fortunate to be on this trip every success." Your role as ambassadors of our Association, our people and our country is both significant and potentially far reaching in its affects and influence."

Turas nua, imeacht ana-mhór ach tá súil agam go mheidh toradh fónta leis.

Since today's finals constitute the culmination of the 1986 Champion-ship season I wish to avail of this opportunity to thank the many, many people whose wonderful support was willingly and regularly provided throughout the year. The character and colour which many thousands have brought to our different venues show clearly how much enjoyment and pleasure our games provide. These activities Sunday after Sunday greatly enrich our daily lives. In addition to thanking the many faithful patrons I also wish to extend my sincere thanks to the players and officials, who have sacrificed much in providing hours of pleasure for so many.

Go mairfidh an chás amhlaidh.

Dr. Micheál Ó Lochlainn Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael



Back Row (L. to R.): Damien O'Hagan, Paudge Quinn, Pat McKeown, Kieran McGarvey, Harry McClure, Plunkett Donaghy, Kevin McCabe. Front Row (L. to R.): Michael McClure, Noel McGinn, Joe Mallon, Eugene McKenna (Capt.), Aidan Skelton, John Lynch, Seán McNally, Michael Mallon.



CLARRAÍ

Dathanna: Glas is Óir (Green and Gold)



(1) C Ó NIALLAGÁIN

(Charlie Nelligan) Na Deasúnaigh

(2) PÓ SÉ An Ghaeltacht

(3) S. BREATHNACH (Sean Walsh) Céirín Ó Raghallaigh (4) M. Ó SPEALÁIN (Michael Spillane) An Teampall Nua

(5) T Ó DÚILL (Capt.) (Tommy Doyle) Abha An Scáil (6) T. Ó SPEALÁIN (Tom Spillane) An Teampall Nua (7) G. Ó LOINGSIGH (Ger Lynch)

Oileán Dairbhre

(8) S Ó SÉ

(Jack O'Shea) Léim An Bhradáin (Cill Dara) (9) A Ó DONNABHÁIN

(Ambrose O'Donovan)
Gníomh Go Leith

(10) L. Ó MEACHAIR (Willie Maher) Baile An Mhuilinn/ Caisleán na Mainge (11) D Ó MORÁIN (Denis O. Moran) Béal (12) P. Ó SPEALÁIN

(Pat Spillane) An Teampall Nua

(13) M. MAC SÍTHIGH

(Mike Sheehy)
Aibhistín De Staic

(14) E. DE LIOSTÚIN

(Eoin Liston) *Béal*

(15) G DE PAOR

(Ger Power) Aibhistín De Staic

Fir Ionaid: (16) Seán Ó Cinnéide (John Kennedy, Beál Átha Longfuirt); (17) Tadhg Ó Dúda (Timmy O'Dowd, Seán Mistéil); (18) Seán Ó hUiginn (John Higgins, Seán Mistéil); (19) Micheál Gaillí (Michael Galway, An Currach); (20) Stiofán de Staic (Stephen Stack, Emmetaigh); (21) Diarmuid Ó hAinifin (Dermot Hannafin, Na Deasúnaigh).



Dathanna: Bán is Dearg (White and Red)

TIR EOGHAIN

(1) A. DE SCEALTÚN

(Aidan Skelton)

Drumquin

(2) S. Ó MEALLÁIN (Joe Mallon) Edendork

(**3) C. MAC GAIRBHITH** (Ciarán McGarvey) *Aghyaran*

(4) S. Ó LOINSIGH (John Lynch) Castlederg

(5) C. MAC CÁBA (Kevin McCabe) Clonoe

(6) N. MAG FHINN
(Noel McGinn)
Killyclogher

(7) P. DE BHÁL (Paddy Ball) Aughabrack

(8) P. MAC DONNCHAIDH (Plunkett Donaghy)

Moy

(9) A. MAC GIOLLA ÚIR (Harry McClure)

clonoe

(10) M. MAC GIOLLA ÚIR (11) E. MAC CIONAOITH (Capt.) (12) S. MAC AN FHAILÍ
(Michael McClure) (Eugene McKenna) (Seán McNally)

Clonoe

(Eugene McKenna)

Augher

(Seán McNally)

Brackaville

(13) P. Ó CUINN

(Paudge Quinn)
Ballygawley

(14) D. Ó hÁGÁIN

(Damien O'Hagan Coalisland (15) M. Ó MEALLÁIN

(Michael Mallon Edendork

Fir Ionaid: Mairtín Ó Dornáin (Martin Dorman, Edendork); (17) Pádraig Mac Eoin (Pat McKeown, Galbally); (18) Aodhán Ó hÁgáin (Aidan O'Hagan, Derrylaughan); (19) Stiofán Ó Conbhuí (Stephen Conway, Cookstown); (20) Eanna Mac Giolla Phádraig (Enda Kilpatrick, Pomeroy); (21) Stiofán Ó Maolchraoibhe (Stephen Rice, Augher).

Ciarraí Cúil Cúiliní Seachaí 45m. Saor-chiceanna
l adh Leath
2 adh Leath
Iomlán

'Sé Jim Dennipan an réiteoir.

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Foilsithe ag: Cumann Lúth bleat thad, Páirc an Chrócaigh,

Dearadh: Printeamp, Walle Atha Cliath. Clódóireacht Maryman, Trá Lí.

TÍR EOGHAIN	Cúil	Cúiliní	Seachaí	45m.	Saor-chiceanna
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The G.A.A. Souvenir Shop under the control of Seamus Ó Midheach will be open before, during and after the games. The shop which is situated under the Hogan Stand carries a range of G.A.A. games equipment as well as G.A.A. holder bags, shopping bags and rosettes, scarves and caps in county colours and souvenir items with the G.A.A. crest or Gaelic Games designs.



The shop also carries a full range of G.A.A. publications.

For shop list – Scríobh chuig – Seamus Ó Midheach



Ulster's Last

Cúige Uladh's last national final win at senior level was recorded by Muineachán at Páirc an Crócaigh in 1985 when Eugene Sherry led them from right full back to victory over Ard Mhacha. Muineachán played a draw with Tír Eoghain in the semifinal at Páirc an Crócaigh, and won the replay in extra time at Ard Mhacha.

The final win was Muineachán's, first, and also a winning debut at that stage of th League.

Nearing Century

This will be the 98th 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. The easterners won the replay by 1-19 to 0-13.

Hurling First

Ciarraí's first All-Ireland senior championship was won in hurling and not as one might expect football. Ballyduff beat Crossbeg, Loch Garman in the 1891 hurling decider, while the first football crown was not won until 1903 decider, in which Tralee Mitchels beat London Hibernians.

Last Defeat

Ciarraí's last defeat as defending All-Ireland senior football champions was in 1982 when a last gasp Seamus Darby goal gave Uibh Fhailí a sensational 1-15 to 0-17 victory. That was also Ciarraí's last unsuccessful appearance in the concluding round.

Scéalta

North-South

Ciarraí met Northern opposition in a final for the first time in 1930. Muineachán made their debut that year and were well beaten by a Southern side that was a mighty power at the time. So much so, that the Kingdom made it four titles in succession in 1932. Their hopes of a record-making fifth in succession were ended by An Cabhán in a semifinal at Cavan. An Cabhán beat Gaillimh in the final to take both the All-Ireland championship and the Sam Maguire Cup North for the first



Denis Taylor, former Tír Eoghain minor footballer, and the 1985 world snooker champion, regrets that he cannot be at today's final. He sees Ciarraí as "a well trained team and will prove hard to beat". He also points out that his native county were also underdogs against Gaillimh in the semi-final.

Third time lucky for Corcaigh?

Corcaigh have been a dominant power in minor football in modern times, but they are still finding their eight All-Ireland championship an elusive one. Twice since their seventh title in 1981 they have failed in the concluding round - to Doire three years ago, and to Maigh Eo last September.

However, the latest company of under-eighteens have given the prospects of a return to the titles ranking a boost with the quality of their play when beating a much fancied Baile Átha Cliath in convincing enough fashion last time out. The triumph confirmed the good impression created in the best. possible defence of the provincial title - a big win over Ciarraí at Killarnev.

Yet, ironically, Corcaigh almost came a cropper in their first outing of the season at Buttevant, where it took a late point from Noel Twomey to earn a draw with Luimneach.

The Leesiders have not looked back in the meantime. They won the replay handsomely, conceded just a point to An Clár in a 13 points semifinal win, and did better than even their most optimistic supporters could have expected in the provincial decider.

Forward scoring power

Noel Twomey, the right full forward, gave Corcaigh a dream start with 1-1 against Ciarraí in the opening minutes. They played top-

half forward, set the seal on a polished team performance with a goal in the closing minutes for a surprisingly clear-cut 14 points success 2-12 to 0-4.

Twomey again proved an early goal-getting hero in the All-Ireland semi-final. The game with Baile Átha Cliath was just seven minutes old when he took a pass from midfielder Gabriel Lally and provided the perfect finish.

Corcaigh were ahead at the break but they seemed to lose their way for a long spell in the second half. They did not score at all in the opening minutes, as Baile Átha Cliath put over four points to level matters.

But just when it appeared as if they were allowing the game to slip away, the Cuige Mumhan champions regained their scoregetting touch. Gabriel Lally sent home a cracking goal followed a pass from wing forward Paul Coleman, and he followed on with a point to make victory doubly secure.

It is a measure of the worth of Corcaigh's back division, cleverly marshalled by David Burke, and Sean O'Rourke, that the Baile Átha Cliath forwards, who notched two goals against An Mhí in the Cúige Laighean final, did not get through to the Southern net.

Lally, who was prominently involved with both goals, and also strong at midfield in general play, and Twomey and full forward class football after that, and David Larkin were others who did Michael Mullins, a star at centre much to blue-print the final ticket.

GAA TAX CAMPAIGN

The G.A.A., like everyone else, must pay it's share of taxes. But taxes should be equitable. In the way they affect the G.A.A., some are not.

We are an amateur voluntary body providing non-commercial sporting and other facilities (on a nationwide scale for the past 100 years without State handouts). We claim the G.A.A. is a special case because of the range and type of activities it promotes for the community. We expect State help, not State obstruction.

25% V.A.T. on Hurleys

The G.A.A. objects particularly to the penal Value-Added Tax at the top rate of 25% on Hurleys, including Hurleys for children. We fail to understand why successive Governments have rejected our reasonable claim for special exemption or relief to help in the preservation of the National Game.

Rates - a Tax on Voluntary Achievement

The G.A.A. objects to Rates on non-commercial G.A.A. property developed for the use of the community. We fail to understand how some Local Authorities do not accept the G.A.A. as a community organisation.

Cut out the D.I.R.T.

D.I.R.T, the latest tax imposed by the present Government, takes 35% of deposit interest earned. This seriously affects G.A.A. development schemes. We fail to understand why the spirit of previous legislation exempting the G.A.A. in particular, and amateur sport in general from payment of income tax should now be changed.

Very Important Politicians.

We have made representations to successive Governments with no success. We know that many individual politicians are sympathetic to our cause, but 'we now feel bound to withhold from the senior politicians of all parties their usual invitations to attend the All-Ireland Finals.

The Tax Campaign will continue on behalf of our 300,000 members Do your share by making representations to your own T.D., Senator and Councillors.

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Church's healing ministry.



Club: Drumquin Wolfe Tones

Aois: 27.

Airde: 5 ft. 10 ins. Meachan: 10 st. 7 lbs. Slí Bheatha: Labourer.

Onóracha

in 1975 and 1976. Dr. McKenna Captained Tír Eoghain when they Cup (all-Ulster knock-out senior lost to Muineachán in the 1985 football) medals in 1982 and 1984. National League semi-final replay Ulster senior medals in 1984 and at Armagh, after having played in 1986. Has played with Cúige Uladh the draw at Páirc an Crócaigh. in the Railway Cup, but has yet to

Ulster minor championship medals appear in a final winning side.

'The Agony and the Ecstasy'



Aidan Skelton goes through the extremes as Kevin McCabe places the ball, takes and scores the penalty in the semi-final.

Art McRory the Tir Eoghain manager has had charge of the county teams at various levels since 1967 and has achieved success at Vocational schools, Minor, Junior and Under 21 levels in addition to his golden touch with the senior side. A very versatile player who

won a junior title in 1968 when he played goalkeeper, full back and centre-half in the different stages of that competition. Art who lives in Dungannon is a keen all-round sportsman and devotes a lot of time to promoting the game amonst the vounger generation.



Liam Collins, Bishopstown, Corcaigh, Clubman of the Year Award winner.



Tony Murphy, Milltown, Contae na Gaillimhe Clubman of the Year winner.

The CIBA-GEIGY G.A.A. Clubman of the Year Award was instituted in Centenary Year with the objective of paying tribute to the many tireless workers who constitute the backbone of Cumann Lúthcleas Gael.

In 1984 the CIBA-GEIGY G.A.A. Clubman of the Year national award winner was Terry Reilly of Ballina Stephenites and in 1985 the winner was Jimmy Stewart of Aghaderg G.F.C. and Ballyvarley H.C., Co. Down.

The Awards are presented to 32 county winners from whom four provincial winners are assessed for the national award. Clubs which have not yet entered a contestant for a county award will have another opportunity to do so when the 1986 competition opens for entries in October.

Entry forms will be posted to clubs in October and further entry forms can then be obtained from:

Vivian Bate, CIBA-GEIGY Ireland Ltd., Industrial Estate, Waterford. Phone: 051-77201.

Billy Doolan of Kilcummin, Ciarraí and Cúige Mumhan Clubman of the Year Award winner being presented with his award by Mr. Dick Hickey Managing Director Ciba Geigy, Ireland Ltd., and Dr. Micheal O Lochlainn, Uachtarán, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.







Seán Ó Loingsigh



Pádraig de Bhál









Seán Mac An Fhailí

Micheál Ó Mealláin













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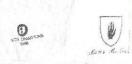




Seosamh Ó Mealláin









Caoimhín Mac Cába

Micheál Mac Giolla Úir

Páid Ó Cuinn

CORCAIGH

Dathanna: Dearg is Bán (Red and White)



(1) P. Ó hAODHA

(Paul Hayes) Bishopstown

(2) S. Ó BRIAIN (Stephen O'Brien) Nemo Rangers (3) M. Ó CONCHÚIR (Mark O'Connor) Bantry Blues

(4) S. Ó RUAIRC (Sean O'Rourke) Bishopstown

(5) N. Ó MURCHÚ (Niall Murphy) Castletownbere (6) M. Ó CRUALAOICH (Michael Crowley) St. Michaels

(7) D. DE BÚRCA (David Burke) Ballincollig

(8) F Ó CORRAGÁIN (Capt.)
(Fintan Corrigan)
Macroom

(9) G Ó MAOLALLAIGH (Gabriel Lally) Kilmurry

(10) P. Ó DÁIBHÍS (Pat Davis) Skibbereen

(11) M. Ó MAOLÁIN (Michael Mullins) Na Piarsaigh (12) P. Ó COLMÁIN (Paul Coleman) Grenagh

(13) N. Ó TUAMA (Noel Twomey) Macroom

(14) D. Ó LORCÁIN (David Larkin) Douglas (15) I. Ó hEATHIRN (Ivan Aherne) St. Michaels

Fir Ionaid: (16) S. S. Mac Suibhne (J. J. Sweeney, Mitchelstown); (17) Marcus Ó Farraigh (Mark Farr, Dohenys); (18) Donncha Ó Muirí (Denis Murray, Macroom); (19) R. Ó Siochain (Ronan Sheehan, Mallow); (20) Niall Ó Néill (Niall O'Neill, Midleton); (21) Daithí Ó Paghan (David Pyne, Fermoy).

CORCAIGH	Cúil	Cúiliní	Seachai	45m.	Saor-chiceanna
1 adh Leath					
2 adh Leath		14			
Iomlán					

Sé Cathage Buckley An Réiteoir



Dathanna Marúin is Bán (Maroon and White) **GAILLIMH**

(1) A Ó BRAONÁIN

(Adrian Brennan) St. Michael's

(2) B. Ó SÍODA (Brian Silke) Corofin

(3) P. MAC UALTAIR (Francis McWalter) Monivea Abbey _ **(4) G. Ó FEARAIL** (Ger O'Farrell) Salthill

(5) P. Ó FALLÚIN (Pádraig Fallon) St. Brendans (6) A. Ó MAOLCHALLAN (Alan Mulholland) Salthill

(7) M. Ó TARPAIGH (Michael Tarpey) Corofin

(8) S SEOIGH (Capt.) (John Joyce) Salthill

(9) C. BREATHNACH (Kevin Walsh) Killanin

(10) T. MAC GIOLLA COIMÍN (Tomás Kilcommins) St. Brendan's (11) F. Ó NEILL (Fergal O'Neill) Glenamaddy

(12) M. MAC DONNCHA (Maurice McDonagh) Tucm Stars

(13) T. Ó MAINNÍN (Tomás Mannion) Monivea Abbey

(14) P. Ó MEACHAIR (Peter Maher) Monivea Abbey (15) T. Ó FIANNACHTA (Thomas Finnerty) Oughterard

Fir Ionaid: (16) Seán de Búrca (John Burke, Renmore); (17) Bosco Breathnach (Bosco Walsh, Killanin); (18) Diarmuid Mac Carthaigh (Dermot McCarthy, Micheál Breathnach); (19) Norman Ó Coisteala (Norman Costelloe, Salthill); (2) Seán Mistéil (John Mitchel, Caher listrane); (21) Tomás Mac Dónail (Tommy McDonald, Salthill).

Minor Teams Clúichí 60 Neomat

GAILLIMH	Cúil	Cúiliní	Seachai	45m.	Saor-chiceanna
1 adh Leath					
2 adh Leath					
Iomlán					

Na Mionúirí scores and scorers

Corcaigh were represented in last year's decider, when the county lost for the second time since 1983 in a decider.

Corcaigh were first of the finalist into action.

May 2. Buttevant: Corcaigh 0-7; Luimneach 1-4. DRAW.

Corcaigh scorers: N. Twomey 0-2, N. O'Neill 0-1, G. Lally 0-1, R. Sheehan 0-1, D. Larkin 0-1, I. Aherne 0-1.

May 9. Bruff: Corcaigh 3-9; Luimneach 1-1. REPLAY.

Corcaigh scorers: M. Mullins 1-1, G. Lally 1-1, R. Sheehan 1-0, D. Larkin 0-3, N. O'Neill 0-2, F. Corrigan 0-2.

May 16. Mitchelstown: Corcaigh 1-11; An Clár 0-1.

Corcaigh scorers: R. Sheehan 1-2, D. Larkin 0-5, M. Mullins 0-1, N. Twomey 0-1, P. Coleman 0-1, G. Lally 0-1.

July 6. Killarney: Corcaigh 2-12; Ciarraí 0-4.

Corcaigh scorers: N. Twomey 1-5; M. Mullins 1-1; P. Davis 0-3; D. Larkin 0-3.

August 24. Páirc an Chrócaigh: Corcaigh 2-7; Baile Átha Cliath 0-8.

Corcaigh scorers: G. Lally 1-1; N. Twomey 1-0, D. Larkin 0-3, I. Aherne 0-2, R. Sheehan 0-1.

Corcaigh recorded 8-46 (70 points) on the way to the final, and they had 2-18 (24 points) scored against them.

Their tally was compiled by:

David Larkin 0-15; Noel Twomey 2-3, Gabriel Lally 2-4, Ronan Sheehan 2-4; Michael Mullins 2-3, Pat Davis 0-3, Niall O'Neill 0-3, Ivan Aherne 0-3, Fintan Corrigan 0-2 and Paul Coleman 0-1. The All-Ireland minor football final marks the first appearance of Gaillimh at this stage in ten years.

Gaillimh also started their programme early in May.

May 10. Tuam: Gaillimh 1-12; Sligeach 1-0.

Gaillimh scorers: T. Finnerty 0-6, P. Maher 1-2, J. Joyce 0-2, F. O'Neill 0-1, T. Kilcommins 0-1.

June 28. Tuam: Gaillimh 412; Liatroim 1-4.

Gaillimh scorers: T. Finnerty 2-2; K. Walsh 1-2, T. McDonald 1-1, T. Mannion 0-2, F. O'Neill 0-2, J. Joyce 0-1, M. McDonagh 0-1, B. Silke 0-1.

July 13. Roscommon: Gaillimh 1-9; Maigh Eo 2-1.

Gaillimh scorers: T. Kilcommins 0-4, T. Finnerty 0-3, P. Maher 1-0, M. McDonagh 0-1, K. Walsh 0-1.

August 9. Ballinasloe: Gaillimh 4.0; Nua Eabhrach 1-4.

Gaillimh scorers: T. Finnerty 0-6, P. Maher 3-1, T. Finnerty 0-6, M. McDonagh 1-2, F. O'Neill 0-5, K. Walsh 0-2, N. Costelloe 0-2, T. Mannion 0-1, T. Kilcommins 0-1.

August 17. Páirc an Chrócaigh: Gaillimh 3-10; An Dún 0-6.

T. Mannion 2-2, T. Finnerty 1-4, T. Kilcommins 0-1, F. O'Neill 0-1, M. McDonagh 0-1, P. Maher 0-1.

Gaillimh chalked up an impressive 13-63 (102 points) and had 5-15 (30 points scored against them.

Their outstanding scorer by far is Tom Finnerty with 3-21 (30 points). He is followed by Peter Maher 5-4, Tom Mannion 2-5, Fergal O'Neill 0-9, Kevin Walsh 1-5, Maurice McDonagh 1-5, Tom Kilcommins 0-7, Tommy McDonald 1-1, John Joyce 0-3, Noel Costello 0-2, Brian Silke 0-1.

Brendan Mason leads the way

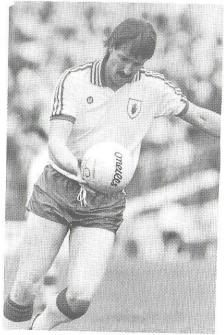
Brendan Mason (An Dún) is the top scorer nation-wide for the 1986 senior football championship. No forward engaged in the final is presenting a serious challenge to the Northerner, who sprinted to the top position in the most impressive manner possible.

Mason scored 3-18 (27 points) in five games at an average of 5.40 points a tie, and his return is the best by a footballer from An Dún to top a national review outright since Paddy Doherty proved too good for all comers in 1968 with 1-26 (29 points) in five games.

That was the last year that a Cúige Uladh team won the Sam Maguire Cup.

Mason finished with eleven points in hand over his closest rival in the table, Robert McHugh (Cill Mhantáin), and he is as many as 15 points clear of Tír Eoghain's Damien O'Hagan, who has the best scoring record of the finishers engaged in the North-South decider.

The An Dún sharpshooter has the third highest match average in the leader board. Martin Handrick, who



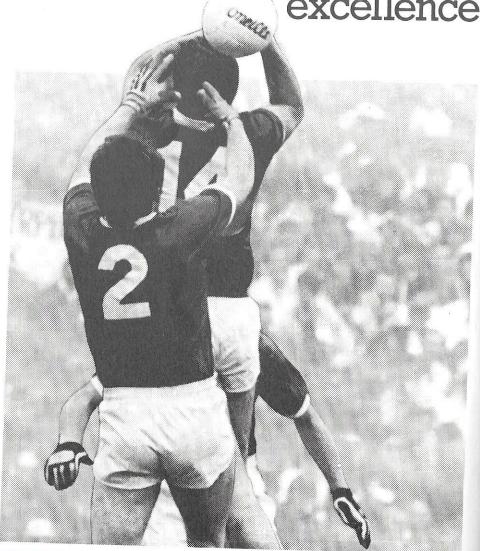
Damien O'Hagan

scored - in two outings with Loch Garman, sets the standard on 7.50 points, and he is followed by Frank Kelly (Tiobraid Árann) with seven points a tie for a return of 1-11 in two outings.

The leading scorers in senior championship football this season starting today's final are:

Points		Score	Games	Average
27	Brendan Mason (An Dún		5	5.40
16	Robert McHugh (Cill Mhantáin)	0-16	3	5.33
15	Martin Handrick (Loch Garman)	.2- 9	2	7.50
14	Frank Kelly (Tiobraid Árann)	1-11	2	7.00
12	Damien O'Hagan (Tír Eoghain)	0-12	4	3.00
12	Barney Rock (Baile Átha Cliath)	0-12	3	4.00
1 1	Kevin O'Brien (Cill Mhantáin	2- 5	3	
1.1	Eoin Liston (Ciarraí)	2- 5	3	3.66

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SENIOR FINAL

On Record-making Trail

Denis "Ogie" Moran, Páid Ó Sé and Pat Spillane have each already appeared in seven All-Ireland senior final winning teams, and so equalled a record for the code established in 1946.

Dan O'Keeffe, a native of Fermoy, was Ciarraí's goalkeeper in seven winning finals between 1931 and 1946. He was the only footballer with that distinction until Ciarraí, with Moran, Ó Sé and Pat Spillane in their selection, beat Baile Átha Cliath last September.

One of Pat Spillane's appearances was a very limited one. 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.

His outing, then, was the briefiest of brief engagements, but he still appeared in a senior final winning display that day.

John O'Keeffe won his sixth All-Ireland senior football medal with Ciarraí in 1981.

Christy Ring, who died in March 1979, established a record for hurling and football when he captained Corcaigh to their 1954 hurling win over Loch Garman, and won his eight All-Ireland senior medal on the actual field of play. He was the first to earn that



Denis "Ogie" Moran

distinction. Ring started sequence in 1941.

John Doyle equalled the Ring record in 1965 with Tiobraid Árann in a remarkable career as well. He won the first of his medals in 1949, decided to retire from inter-county hurling in 1957 when he had just three souvenirs, and made a comeback to go on and earn a share in the record established by the great native of Corcaigh.

Ring's hopes of a ninth medal were foiled in his last All-Ireland

senior final appearance in 1956 by 1975, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, Loch Garman in a classic. Doyle 1984, 1985. Pat Spillane: 1975, was also unsuccessful in 1967, 1978, 1989, 1980, 1981, as a subwhen Tiobraid Árann lost to Cill stitute, 1984, 1985. Chainnigh.

All Ireland medals also.

Baile Átha Cliath were relieved of 1985. the Sam Maguire Cup. He did not 5: T. Doyle: 1979, 1980, 1981,. make an appearance.

due to a damaged hamstring.

Ciarraí line-up as far as winning seniors are concerned:

7: D. Moran: 1975, 1978, 1979, 1984, as a substitute, 1985. 1980, 1981, 1984, 1985. P. O'Se

6: C. Nelligan: 1978, 1979, 1980, Noel Skehan has won six senior 1981, 1984, 1985. J. O'Shea: 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984, 1985. G. Michael Sheehy has six medals Power: 1975, 1978, 1980, 1981, from appearances with Ciarraí, and 1984, 1985. M. Sheehy: 1975, was on the substitutes bench in 1978, 1979, 1980, 1985. S. Walsh: 1984 with an ankle injury when 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984,

1984, 1985. E. Liston: 1978, 1979, Power missed the 1979 final win 1981, 1984, 1985. Mick Spillane: 1978, 1979, 1981, 1984, 1985.

Here is the break-down of the 2: J. Kennedy: 1984, 1985, as a substitute, G. Lynch: 1984, 1985. A. final appearances by the current O'Donovan: 1984, 1985, Tom Spillane: 1984, 1985. T. O'Dowd:

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How they got there

Tír Eoghain played four games on the way to their first All-Ireland senior football final appearance. Ciarraí, who are bidding for a third Sam Maguire Cup tie win in succession, played three games in the earlier rounds.

Tír Eoghain were first in action in the series.

June 1. Omagh: Tír Eoghain 2-6; Doire 1-7.

Tír Eoghain scorers: S. Rice 1-1, S. Conway 0-4, N. McGinn 1-0, S. McNally 0-1.

June 22. Irvinestown: Tír Tiobraid Árann 0-12. Eoghain 2-16; An Cabhán 1-12.

Tír Eoghain scorers: S. Rice 2-0, D. O'Hagan 0-6, M. Mallon 0-5, M. McClure 0-3; E. McKenna 0-1, K. Lynch 0-1, M. Sheehy 0-1. McCabe 0-1.

July 20. Clones: Tír Eoghain 1- Corcaigh 0-8. 11; An Dún 0-10.

Tír Eoghain scorers: M. McClure 0-4, P. Donaghy 1-0, M. Mallon 0-3, D. O'Hagan 0-3, K. McCabe 0-1.

August 17. Páirc An Crócaigh: Tír Eoghain 1-12. Gaillimh 1-9.

Tír Eoghain scorers: E. McKenna 0-3, D. O'Hagan 0-3, K. McCabe 1-0, P. Donaghy 0-1, S. McNally 0-1, P. Quinn 0-1, N. McGinn 0-1, M. 0-1. Mallon 0-1, S. Conway 0-1.

Tír Eoghain's scoring record is 6-45 (63 points) for, and 3-38 (47 points) against.

Their leading scorer is Damien O'Hagan 0-12. Stephen Rice scored 3-1, Michael Mallon 0-9, Michael McClure 0-7, Kevin McCabe 1-2, Stephen Conway 0-5, Plunkett Donaghy 1-1, Eugene McKenna 0-4, Noel McGinn 1-1, Sean McNally 0-2, Padge Quinn 0-1.



Willie Maher scored 1-1 in the semi-

Ciarraí won through as follows: June 15. Clonmel. Ciarraí 5-9;

Ciarraí scorers: E. Liston 2-2, Pat Spillane 1-2, J. O'Shea 1-1, G. Power 1-0, J. Kennedy 0-2, G.

July 6. Killarney: Ciarraí 0-12;

Ciarraí scorers: J. Kennedy 0-4. M. Sheehy 0-4, J. O'Shea 0-2, T. Doyle 0-1, T. O'Dowd 0-1.

August 25. Páirc an Crócaigh: Ciarraí 2-13; An Mhí 0-12.

Ciarraí scorers: W. Maher 1-1, M. Sheehy 0-4, G. Power 1-0, E. Liston 0-3, Pat Spillane 0-2, T. Doyle 0-1, J. O'Shea 0-1, D. Moran

Ciarraí have yet to concede a goal in the championship. They have scored seven. Their records are: 7-34 (55 points) for, and 0-32 against.

Eoin Liston is their leading marksman with 2-5. Mike Sheehy comes next with 0-9, Jack O'Shea scored 1-4, Pat Spillane 1-4, Ger Power 2-0, John Kennedy 0-6, Willie Maher 1-1, Tommy Doyle 0-2, Denis "Ogie" Moran 0-1, Ger Lynch 0-1 and Timmy O'Dowd 0-1.

Defending a splendid record

Gaillimh are defending a splendid record in their first All-Ireland minor football final appearance since 1976. They made their debut in a national decider in 1952 when a team captained by Brian Mahon, a younger brother of Jack, the former county player and now well-known writer on Gaelic Games, beat An Cabhán.

The record now stands at four wins and a draw with Ciarraí in 1970 in five engagements. Today's standard-bearers, then, have a proud tradition to maintain. They face the challenge with sound credentials.

An impressive run in Cúige Chonnacht was climaxed by one of the top performances by any team in the championship this year - a five points win over Maigh Eo.

Gaillimh got off to a poor start, and looked to be on the road to an idle time for the rest of the season : when they trailed by 2-1 to 0-1 after 13 minutes. Five minutes later they : were back in the game with a real: chance when centre half forward Peter Maher goaled, and they after that. So much so that they did not allow the defending champions : to add a single score to their early . flourish, and finished good winners, 1-9 to 2-1.



Same name - different county - John Joyce, Gaillimh.

First time

Tír Eoghain brought the Tom Markham Cup for the All-Ireland minor football championship across the Border for the first time in 1947 when they had a winning final debut a Maigh Eo side that included played with renewed confidence Micheal O Lochlainn, now Uachtarán, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. The final was a match of many goals and Tir Eoghain, captained by Eddie Devlin of Coalisland, won by 4-4 to 4-3.



Thomas Finnerty Gaillimh and Martin Mooney of An Dún in the semi-final.

Maher and Tom Finnerty in attack, John Joyce, team captain at midfield, and half back Alan Mulholland were the stars of a win that brought the provincial title back to the county after a three year break.

Strength in defense

Nua Eabhrach were beaten at Ballinasloe, and Gaillimh followed up with a sparkling display of classy and intelligent football in an unexpectedly easy win over a much vaunted An Dún side.

Thomas Mannion and Finnerty stamped their personalities on the win by scoring between them 3-6 of their team's tally of 3-10.

The backs also played their parts well. They were on their game to such an extent that they only allowed An Dún a single point – that

in injury time as well – in the entire first half. Brian Silke at right full, Michael Tarpey at left wing, and Mulholand were key men in a division that conceded only five more points in the second period.

It was a generally untroubled passage to the decider, and the comprehensive win coming after the good job turned in against Maigh Eo further advertised the strength of the Gaillimh side.

Finnerty and Tarpey were in the St. Mary's, Gaillimh, team that won the Cuige Chonnacht Colleges' crown in March. Minor team manager John Tobin could make it a notable double as he was in the Gaillimh side that won the 1970 national title. He is also a former county senior forward and All Star and played in the 1974 and 1983, All-Ireland Senior Finals.

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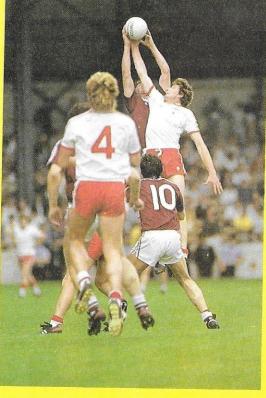
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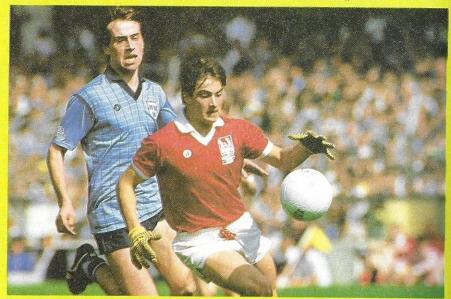
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Corcaigh Minor Captain Fintan Corrigan.

Michael Mullin's Corcaigh dual star who also played in the Hurling Final.

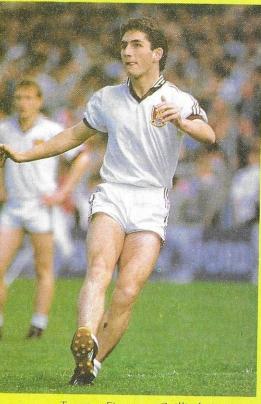




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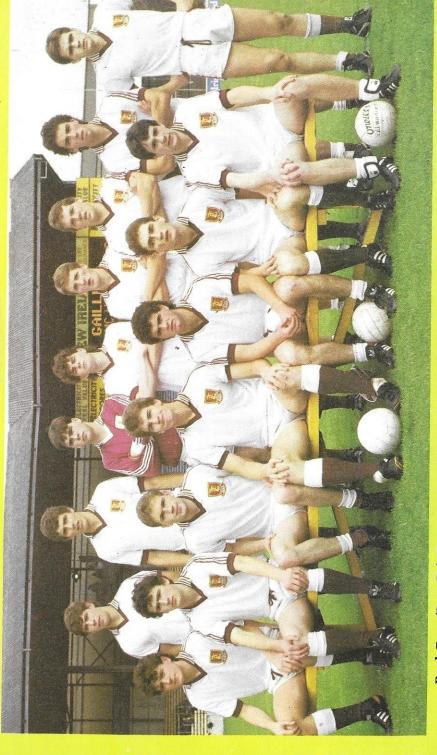


John Joyce, Gaillimh (captain).



Tommy Finnerty, Gaillimh (minor).

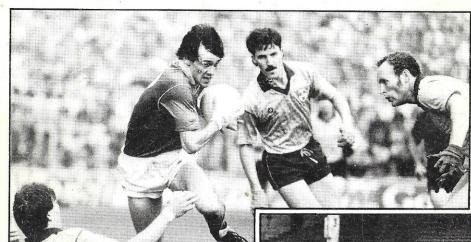




Back Row (L. to R.): Tommy Mannion, Kevin Walsh, Adrian Brennan, Fergal O'Neill, Francis McWalter, Bosco Walsh, Mike Tarpey, Brian Silke. Front Row (L. to R.): Alan Mulholland, Pádraic Fallon, Maurice McDonagh, John Joyce (Capt.), Peter Maher Tommy Finnerty, Tomás Kilcommins.

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