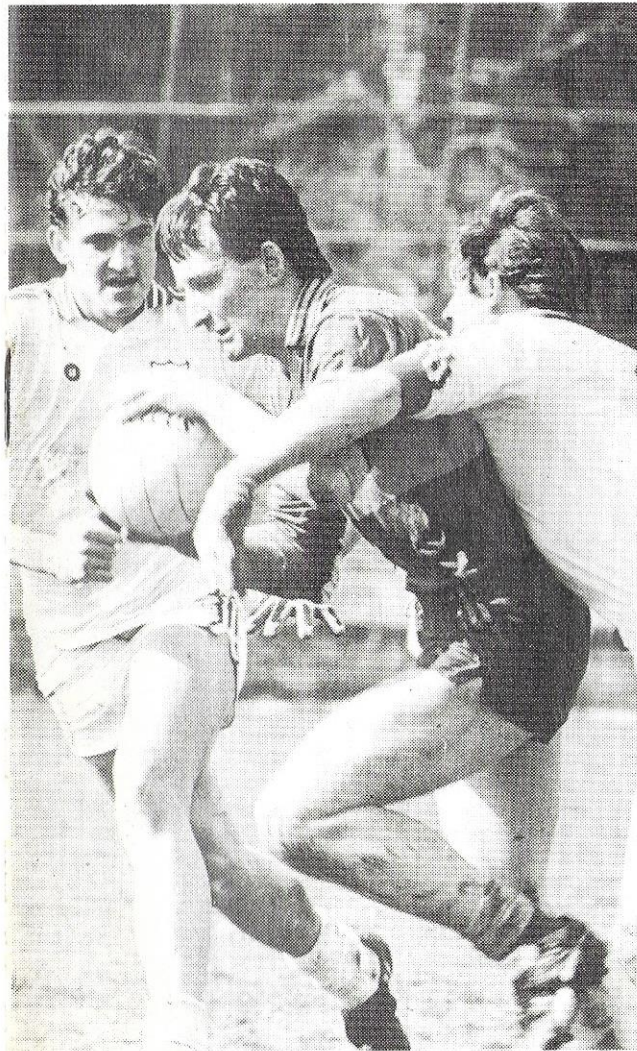




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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1986

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v

**Cork**

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If you cast your mind forward a decade or so and speculate on the teams that must be strongly favoured to lift the Sam Maguire Cup, Cork will feature because of the county's great success at All-Ireland Minor and Under 21 level in recent years. They come here today with a team that has evolved from their great under-age teams and which contains several players who are now household names on account of their tremendous individual performances as members of the Irish team in the recent series with Australia. I take this opportunity to pay

tribute to these players in particular on behalf of all assembled here today.

For our own part, Donegal today hopes to take our first brace of points in the league. The team has prepared well for their league campaign and looks forward to getting on the winning trail.

A word of thanks to the loyal supporters who travelled to the Kildare game, are back here today and will be in Ballybofey in a fortnight for the next game in the league, against All-Ireland finalists, Tyrone.

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## NEW MAN AT THE HELM!

Donegal's new senior team manager, Tom Conaghan, has his first home game at this level today. Tom, who has had a long association with the Four Masters G.A.A. Club in Donegal Town, had a proven record at senior club management level when, in 1982, he took the reins of Co. Donegal's Under-21 championship hopefuls. That championship campaign saw Donegal breaking new ground with the team progressing to take the first All-Ireland Championship title to the county. Many of the players involved in that historic win have come through to the county senior ranks and make up much of today's Donegal team. Tom Conaghan's assistants in his new role as county senior team manager are former Donegal great, Seán Ferriter, now based in Dublin, and John Cassidy, Donegal Town.



## Programme

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## ON THEIR LAST OUTING . . . . .

The 1986/87 Ford National Football League commenced on Sunday, 2nd November, with Cork having home advantage in Páirc Uí Chaoimh against Derry and with Donegal having to make the long journey to Newbridge to take on Kildare.

CORK ..... 2-10  
DERRY ..... 1-6

Two cracking goals early in the first half paved the way for Cork to take an opening brace of National Football League Division Two points at Páirc Uí Chaoimh against a luckless Derry who had to play the final 20 minutes with 14 men — Eunan Rafferty was stretchered off with a serious leg injury after all the substitutes had been used.

It was a poor performance from both counties but the game had one star turn in Jimmy Kerrigan, playing in the right corner. He finished with a nice 1-3 total having tormented the Derry defence and showed again a return to his best form.

Neither Dermot McNicholl nor Brian McGilligan played well for Derry, both being well policed by the Cork defence. Indeed the writing was on the wall early in the game for the Northerners when they lost half-back Paddy Mackie with a leg injury and it was following his retirement that Cork struck for two exciting goals.

First a great move between John O'Driscoll, Richard McDonnell and Kerrigan set up Barry Coffey, who had a fine match, for the first time in the ninth minute and no sooner had the green flag been raised they struck again.

This time it was another super move involving John Cleary and Robert Swaine who set up Kerrigan for a cracking goal.

All Derry could muster in the first half was two points from Rafferty as Cork led at the break 2-4 to 0-2.

Eamonn Lynch and Kerrigan swapped points just after the break and strangely enough when Derry lost Rafferty in the 39th minute they began to play with more urgency with the 14 players.

McNicholl and McGilligan came more in to the game and when Enda Gormley cracked a great goal in the 52nd minute to cut Cork's

lead to 2-8 to 1-6 Derry's hopes were raised.

But it was not to be as Cork finished the stronger with two fine points from John Cleary, who contributed five in all.

**Scorers: Cork:** J. Kerrigan (1-3), J. Cleary (0-5), T. Mannix (1-0), J. O'Driscoll (0-2). **Derry:** E. Gormley (1-2), E. Rafferty (0-2), D. Cassidy, E. Lynch (0-1 each).

KILDARE ..... 2-11  
DONEGAL ..... 1-10

It was only in the closing stages of this exciting N.F.L. Division 2 tie, played at Newbridge, that Kildare assured themselves of victory when newcomer Brian Nolan finished off a fine move with a goal.

Also making his debut for the Kildare side, which never relinquished the lead after Sean Ryan pointed in the first minute, was former Galway full-back and All-Star, Steve Kinneavey, who replaced the injured Bill Sexton at full-back.

Midway through the first half as the home side led by 0-5 to 0-2, Leslie McGettigan struck back for Donegal with a goal which put them on level terms following a fine pass from Charlie Mulgrew.

However, Sean Ryan restored the lead for Kildare and John Crofton had scored a goal as Kildare led by 1-8 to 1-3 at the end of the first half which they played with the breeze.

Manus Boyle narrowed the deficit for Donegal with a well-taken point on the restart, but this was followed by three wides just as they were beginning to make an impression.

With Kildare leading by two points midway through the second half, Marty Carlin converted a '45' after McGettigan saw his shot for a goal deflected by Sean Sargent.

Donegal had come within a point of Kildare towards the end before Nolan's goal sealed the issue. Kildare were best served by Paddy O'Donoghue, Brian Nolan, Sean Ryan and Des Bergin, while for Donegal Sean Bonner, Martin Griffin, Donal Reid and Marty Carlin did well.

**Scorers: Kildare:** S. Dowling (0-1), M. Moynihan (0-1), S. Ryan (0-3), P. McLoughlin (0-4), J. Crofton (1-1), B. Nolan (1-1). **Donegal:** D. Bonner (0-1), B. Cunningham (0-1), M. Carlin (0-6), L. McGettigan (1-1), M. Boyle (0-1).



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## MARTIN GRIFFIN

The decision of the new Donegal team manager, Tom Conaghan, to make Martin Griffin team captain was a popular one among players and supporters alike for the big 31-year-old Ballybofey man is one of the real characters in the team.

He comes from a long tradition of footballers, with his uncle, Gerry Griffin, having managed the Donegal team at one stage. Martin's father and four of his seven brothers have all worn the green, white and gold jersey of MacCumhails, as has Martin, who has turned out for the Ballybofey club at all grades.

He has won two Donegal Senior Football Championship medals with MacCumhail's, the first coming in 1971 when they beat Clan na Gael by 2-10 to 0-11, and the second five years later in 1977 when they defeated Gaoth Dobhair by 0-8 to 0-5. He also holds several Senior Hurling Championship medals and has played for the county in hurling.

He won an Ulster Senior Championship medal in 1974 and again in 1983 when he was one of the stars in Donegal's memorable march out of Ulster. His performance that year earned him an All-Star nomination and by all accounts he was extremely unfortunate to be pipped by Galway's Stephen Kinneavy for the full-back spot.

Martin also holds two McKenna Cup medals which he won in 1977 and 1985 and he has also played for Ulster in the Railway Cup. One of his memorable matches was when he turned out for Ulster in their match against the touring Australian team in 1984.

To-day, Martin will be up against



four of the men who played for Ireland in the recent test matches against Australia and he admits that he was very interested in seeing certain aspects of the Australian game introduced into Gaelic football.

"I was very impressed by the Australian Compromise Rules games and I would like to see the tackle used in the Australian game brought in. I think that Gaelic football can be improved a lot and I would like to see it being taken back to the way it was played in the 1960s. It is getting too much like soccer and I would like to see it become a little more physical".

At 6' 2½" and weighing in at 14½ stone, Martin is certainly one player who will be able to look after himself if that happens.

To-day he leads Donegal for the second time and if the rest of the players can match his enthusiasm and follow his lead then Donegal could get their first points of the National Football League campaign.



# DUN NA nGALL

Dathanna: Glas agus Oir

1

**N. Mac Comhail**  
(Noel McCole)

2

**T. Mac Diarmada**  
(Tommy McDermott)

3

**S. Ó Cnaimhsi**  
(Sean Bonner)

4

**M. Ó Gallchoir**  
(Matt Gallagher)

5

**D. Ó Maoildeirg**  
(Donal Reid)

6

**C. Ó Ceara**  
(Corny Carr)

7

**M. Ó Sheibhleán**  
(Martin Shovelin)

8

**S. Ó Maoláin**  
(Joyce McMullan)

9

**M. Ó Grifín**  
(Martin Griffin)

10

**M. Ó Cearulláin**  
(Marty Carlin)

11

**C. Ó Maolchraibhe**  
(Charlie Mulgrew)

12

**D. Ó Cnaimhsi**  
(Declan Bonner)

13

**L. Mag Eiteagán**  
(Leslie McGettigan)

14

**M. Ó Laifeartaigh**  
(Michael Lafferty)

15

**M. Ó Baoill**  
(Manus Boyle)

**FIR IONAID:** 16, **M. Ó Ceallaigh** (Michael Kelly); 17, **A. Ó Gallchóir** (Eunan Gallagher); 18, **S. S. O'Treabhair** (John Joe Travers); 19, **S. Ó Daimhin** (Seamus Devine); 20, **S. Mag Uidhir** (Sylvester Maguire); 21, **B. Ó Cuinneagáin** (Barry Cunningham); 22, **S. Ó Fearáin** (John Farren); 23, **E. Ó Breasláin** (Eamon Breslin); 24, **P. Mac Giolla Cheara** (Paul Carr).

DÚN NA nGALL	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45m	Saor chiceanna
1 adh Leath					
2 adh Leath					
Iomlán					

# CORCAIGH

Dathanna: Dearg agus Bán

1

**S. Ó Céirín**  
(John Kerins)

2

**A. Nátiun**  
(Tony Nation)

3

**A. Dáibhis**  
(Tony Davis)

4

**S. Ó hÉimhin**  
(John Evans)

5

**N. Ó Cathaláin**  
(Niall Cahalane)

6

**C. Ó Cuanacháin**  
(Conor Counihane)

7

**D. Breathnach**  
(Denis Walsh)

8

**E. Ó Carthaigh**  
(Teddy McCarthy)

9

**P. Ó hAodha**  
(Paddy Hayes)

10

**C. Ó Neill**  
(Colm O'Neill)

11

**T. Ó Mainchin**  
(Tom Mannix)

12

**B. Ó Cofaigh**  
(Barry Coffey)

14

**S. Ó Ciaragáin**  
(Jimmy Kerrigan)

15

**S. Ó Drisceoil**  
(John O'Driscoll)

**S. Ó Cléirigh**  
(John Cleary)

**FIR IONAID:** 16, **S. Ó Mathúna** (J. O'Mahony); 17, **S. Ó Murchú** (J. Murphy); 18, **M. Slocáim** (M. Slocum); 19, **D. Ó Riain** (D. Ryan); 20, **R. Suan** (R. Swaine); 21, **R. Mac Dónaill** (R. McDonald).

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## MICK MELLY — AN "ALL-STAR" IN HIS TIME

Ballyshannon's Mick Melly retired recently from his business as a publican and severed his long connection with Donegal County Council, whom he served as a County Councillor for years.

He was one of Ireland's leading footballers during the 1930s and 1940s and was surely one of Donegal's greatest ever. He got due recognition for his service to his native Tir Conaill, when selected at full-back on Donegal's "Best Ever" team which was selected during Centenary Year.

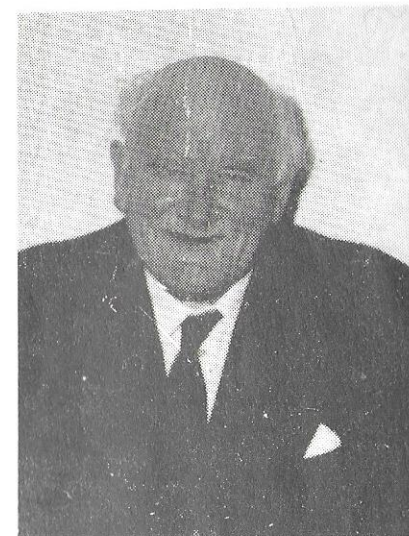
Mick first represented Donegal at Minor level in 1934 and went on to win recognition in this grade in 1935 and 1936. He played against Tipperary in the All-Ireland Minor semi-final of '35 but had the disappointment of a three point defeat. He also represented Donegal in minor hurling. His first senior game was at right-half back in the 1936 Ulster semi-final against Monaghan. He went on to represent Donegal in several positions up to 1946 but it was as a fearless, high-fielding full-back that he is best remembered.

His career with Donegal was briefly interrupted when he spent some time in London in '37 and '38 but returned in '39 to play a significant part in Donegal's Ulster Junior Championship win.

Mick played a number of times for Ulster but like his period on the Donegal senior side, no medals came his way. However, his selection was just reward for sterling service to his county and during that period great pride was taken throughout the county on the selection of Donegal players for Provincial duty.

During his career the Aodh Ruadh club had a most successful period with Mick's strength, skill and fielding ability contributing handsomely to these successes. He won five Donegal Senior Football Championship medals and a number of Democrat Cup Senior League medals. He cherishes all the medals, but has particular fond memories of the club's victory over Gweedore, in Glenties, in 1937, when he won his first medal.

Mick had a most enjoyable and successful football career and was respected throughout the country. He rubbed shoulders with many of the stars



of his day and regards Mick Higgins of Cavan as a most difficult opponent and a wonderful forward. He also rates Eddie Boyle of Louth, Jim McCullagh of Armagh and Tommy Murphy of Laois as all-time greats.

It was fitting that players like Mick should return to the limelight again during Centenary Year to be given due recognition for their services to the G.A.A. In addition to his selection on the "Team of the Century", Mick got great pleasure when invited, with fellow "Team of the Century" members, Jim Gallagher and Red Jack Gallagher, to present under-age medals to Aodh Ruadh U-10 and 12 footballers at their 1984 Christmas Party.

Mick still follows the fortunes of the Aodh Ruadh club and the Donegal county team. 1986 has been a memorable year for him and he certainly enjoyed seeing his beloved Aodh Ruadh club win the Dr. Maguire Cup for the first time since 1951.

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14th Dec., 1986	Longford v. Donegal	in Longford.
8th Feb., 1987	Donegal v. Cavan	in Ballybofey.
15th Feb., 1987	Derry v. Donegal	in Derry venue.
1st March, 1987	Donegal v. Laois	in Ballyshannon.

### Under 21 Championship

15th March, 1987	Donegal v. Fermanagh	in Ballyshannon.
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### Dr. McKenna Cup

22nd March, 1987	If Donegal v. Antrim	in Ballyshannon.
	If Donegal v. Tyrone	in Ballybofey.

### Ulster Minor League (Saturdays)

28th March, 1987	Donegal v. Fermanagh	in Ballyshannon.
25th April, 1987	Donegal v. Cavan	in Ballyshannon.
4th April, 1987	Donegal v. Monaghan	in Clones.
11th April, 1987	Donegal v. Derry	in Templemore.

### Senior and Minor Championships

14th June, 1987	If Donegal v. Armagh	in Ballybofey.
	If Donegal v. Fermanagh	
	in Irvinestown.	
28th June, 1987	Semi-final.	
19th July, 1987	Ulster final.	

## MOST VERSATILE

When Donegal Gaels recall great players of the last 30 years, one name sure to crop up regularly is that of St. Eunan's John Hannigan, who is surely the county's most versatile player of all-time. John played in 27 Senior Championship games for his county, a record equalled only by Seamus Bonner, when he lined out against Monaghan in 1985. During his inter-county career, from 1958 to 1973, he played for Donegal in every position except goals and was selected for senior championship games in no fewer than nine positions. John's favourite position was centre-half back and he must rate as most unlucky not to have won Railway Cup recognition. In fact, it is a recognised fact that his versatility cost him honours for his province.



## TEN QUESTIONS ON CORK G.A.A

- 1—Name the two Kilkenny All-Ireland hurlers who played in this year's Cork senior hurling final?
- 2—When Cork last won the All-Ireland football title in 1973, the captain was their goalkeeper. Who?
- 3—How many All-Star awards has Jimmy Barry-Murphy?
- 4 This player played for Donegal in the 1964 Ulster Championship, he subsequently played for Cork in a Munster final but is best known for his displays in winning All-Irelands with Kerry in 1969 and 1970?
- 5 What team won the first All-Ireland minor hurling title and what was the year?
- 6—When did Cork last contest a National Football League final and what was the result?
- 7—John Coleman was centre half back on the Cork team that won the 1973 All-Ireland football final. His brother is also a noted sportsman. Who is he and what is his sport?
- 8—Name the four Cork footballers who

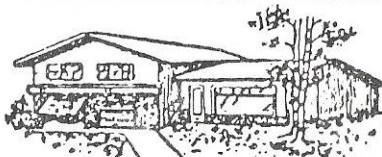
(1) Frank Cummins & Christy Heffernan, who were on the Blackrock side defeated by Middleton. (2) Billy Morgan of Nemo Rangers. (3) Six, four hurling and two football. (4) Tom Prendergast. (5) Cork who defeated Dublin in a replay. 1928. (6) 1982. They were defeated by Kerry in a replay. (7) Yes it's none other than Billy Coleman the international rally driver. (8) Jimmy Kerrigan, John O'Driscoll, Niall Cahalane and Teddy McCarthy. (9) Christy Ring, 1946, 1953 and 1954. (10) Paddy Barry of Sarsfields, a forward on the 1952 team, and Paddy Barry of St. Vincents, a goalkeeper on the 1970 team.

### ANSWERS

8—Name the four Cork footballers who recently played for Ireland in the Australian Tour?  
 9—Name the Corkman who captained his county to three All-Ireland hurling titles in the 40s and 50s.  
 10—The captains of the Cork All-Ireland winning hurling teams of 1952 and 1970 had the same name. What was the name?

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