

THIRD FOR MAYO

Mayo won their third final replay by beating Derry in 1983 by 1-8 to 1-5 at Irvinestown. In a game that held interest all through, the Westerners showed plenty of character with a strong rally in the last twenty minutes that turned a four points deficit into a deserved win.

Mayo played against the breeze in the first half and looked well placed as they turned over level at the interval at 0-3 apiece. But Derry restarted in determined fashion and a Damien Barton goal from a penalty after six minutes had them ahead by 1-4 to 0-3. Three minutes later Sean Maher scythed through from midfield for Mayo to shoot low to the Derry net and the Connacht men were on their way.

Derry staged a tremendous onslaught in the final minutes in a bid to save the day but a solid defence, powered by James McNabb, Michael Feeney and John Finn at half back, thwarted the Northerners.

The half backs were prominent all through, while Pdraig Brogan and Pdraig Duffy in attack were other stars for Mayo. John Mackle in goal, right half back John McErlean, midfielder Barton and Liam McElhinney and Terence McGucken up front were best for Derry.

ROLL OF HONOUR

- 7 : Cork : 1970, 1971, 1980, 1981, 1984, 1985, 1986.
5 : **Kerry** : 1964, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1977.
3 : Mayo : 1967, 1974, 1983.
2 : Roscommon : 1966, 1978.
1 : Antrim : 1969.
Derry : 1968.
Donegal : 1982.
Down : 1979.
Galway : 1972.
Kildare : 1965.

AND THIS YEAR'S REPLAYS

Donegal and Kerry have both been involved in replays already this year in the under-21 championship. Indeed, co-incidentally enough, each won out in their province in a replay.

Donegal gave one of their best performances of the season when beating Monaghan at the second attempt at Irvinestown to take the Ulster crown. They played fast, incisive football, combined well, were two points ahead after only three minutes playing against the breeze, and led all the way to finish good winners by 1-11 to 0-8.

All of the Donegal forwards scored, while full back John Connors, right full Paul Carr and John Cunningham were prominent in a defence that put up a solid barrier to goal.

CUMANN LUTHCHLEAS GAEL



Craobh Peile na hÉireann Under-21 Football Final Replay

PAIRC DE hÍDE, ROS COMÁIN

28 Meitheamh, 1987

3.30 i.n.

CIARRAI

DUN NÁ nGALL

REITEOIR: MICHEAL KEARNS (Sligeach)



Preceded by Roscommon Senior Football Championship

ROSCOMMON GAELS v PADRAIG PEARSES

2 p.m. Referee: R. Fallon.

Liam E. Mahon

Ard Stiurthóir

CLAR OIFIGIUIL



Luach 50p

☆
**AN
REITEOIR**

☆
**Michael
Kearns**



Amhran na bhFiann

Sinne Fianna Fáil,
Atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn,
Buíon dár slua
Thar toinn do ráinig chugainn
Faoi mhóid bheith saor,
Sean-tir ár sinsear feasta
Ní fhágfar faoin tiorán ná faoin tráil.
Anocht a théam sa bhearna baoil
Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil
Le gunna scréach faoi lámhach na
bpiléar,
Seo libh canaig amhrán na bhFiann.

★ St. Claire's Pipe Band, Tubberclair,
will be in attendance. ★

**Fáilte ó Cathaoirleach Coiste
Chonntae Roscomáin**

Ar son Coiste Cho. Roscomáin fearaim fáilte Ui Cheallaigh roimh na foirne agus roimh a lucht leanúna go Páirc de hÉide le haghaidh Ath-Imirt Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann i bPeil fé 21. Má bhíonn caighdeán an chluiche seo ar chó-chéim leis an gcéad cluiche ní bheidh cúis gearáin ag éinne.

I welcome to Roscommon Kerry, many times champions in all grades, and Donegal, our conquerors in the 1982 All-Ireland Under-21 Final. Last month we hosted the All-Ireland Colleges Football Final that thrilled us all the way. I hope that to-day's game provides us with the same level of entertainment and sportsmanship.

Whichever team wins this replay will be worthy champions. It will be pleasant for us neutrals to sit back and appreciate the talents of these two well-matched teams. Cé déarfadh nach gcríochnóidh an cluiche seo cothrom arís inniu?

*A. Ó MAOLTHUILE
(Cathaoirleach)*

THE REPLAY SAGA

This is only the fifth replay of an All-Ireland under-21 football championship final. Kerry were involved in the first, when they lost to Mayo. They have not since been engaged in a replay.

Donegal are appearing in their initial replay, and are hoping to become the first Ulster county to take the title in a second meeting. Antrim drew with Mayo in 1974, but lost the replay, and Derry were beaten in their second encounter with Mayo for the 1983 title.

Mayo have the perfect record from three appearances in final replays. Cork are the only other county to win in a replay.

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Chance to end an untypically lean spell for Kerry

Kerry's remarkable run of title wins in the All-Ireland senior football championship over the past dozen years or so ranks as one of the great success stories of the game in any era. It is true to say that the under-21 grade proved an important aid in building up the winning sequence.

After all, many of the men who have coloured the football world with their silken skills and helped the Kingdom to so many glory days at Croke Park at senior level since 1975, turned on the style at under-21.

Paudie O'Shea, Mikey Sheehy, Pat Spillane, Denis 'Ogie' Moran were All-Ireland senior medalists when they helped Kerry to complete the senior and under-21 national double in 1975. Their teammates in the under-age squad included Charlie Nelligan, Mick Spillane, Sean Walsh, Tommy Doyle and Jack O'Shea.

Such was the strength of football in the under-21 grade in Kerry around that time that the county went on to make it three All-Ireland under-21 titles in succession in 1977. Nelligan, Mick Spillane, Sean Walsh, Jack O'Shea and Moran all

played in all three final winning teams.

That 1977 final winning team, which recorded Kerry's last success at that stage of the under-21 championship, included Eoin Liston. He was still there a year later when the reign came to an end at Dr. Hyde Park, Roscommon, where the home county came out on top by a single point.

Nelligan, Mick Spillane, Jack O'Shea and Sean Walsh were also in that team, which included Vincent O'Connor and Ger Lynch.

Somewhat surprisingly, Kerry have been overshadowed at under-21 in the meantime in Munster by Cork. This has, of course, still not prevented the county from proving a dominant force at senior, but will no doubt, provide an added edge for the heirs to the giants of the 'Seventies to chalk up the first title of the 'Eighties.

It took Kerry five years after their 1978 All-Ireland final defeat to regain the Munster under-21 title. They lost their 1983 semi-final to Mayo.

Then came another barren spell, before the Kingdom regained the



provincial crown for the first time since 1983 by beating Tipperary in a final replay at Clonmel last month. The success gave the county their twelfth Munster title since the inaugural championship of 1964.

Kerry's absence from the All-Ireland title winners list means that they have fallen behind Cork in the Roll of Honour. In addition, they have now a tradition to maintain — A tradition that has been handed on to them by Cork.

The champions of Munster have not lost a single game nationally in

this grade since Kerry went down to Mayo by 3-6 to 0-7 in 1983. Cork won the last three finals, beating Mayo in 1984, Derry in 1985 and Offaly last year.

No team needs an added incentive for victory in a national final, least of all Kerry. But it is true that there are more than the usual spurs for the Kingdom in this particular game, as they bid to refloat the All-Ireland success story at under-21 at the venue where a golden glory era was ended in October 1978.

KERRY'S PATH TO THE FINAL REPLAY

April 15 — Tralee :

Kerry 3-10, Clare 3-4

Kerry scorers: P. Hoare 1-1, P. J. Gaire 1-1, E. Moynihan 1-0, M. Downey 0-3, D. McEvoy 0-2, G. Murphy 0-1, S. Stack 0-1, M. Galway 0-1.

April 29 — Ballylongford :

Kerry 0-13, Limerick 1-7.

Kerry scorers: M. Dennehy 0-5, G. Murphy 0-2, P. Hoare 0-2, M. Downey 0-1, S. Stack 0-1, N. O'Leary 0-1, P. J. Gaire 0-1.

May 6 — Tralee :

Kerry 0-7, Tipperary 0-7 — Draw

Kerry scorers: M. Downey 0-4, M. Dennehy 0-2, G. Looney 0-1.

May 23 — Clonmel :

Kerry 0-15, Tipperary 1-11.

Replay. After extra time.

Kerry scorers: P. Hoare 0-6, D. McEvoy 0-2, M. Downey 0-2, M. Dennehy 0-2, P. J. Gaire 0-2, E. Moynihan 0-1.

May 29 — Ennis :

Kerry 1-9, Galway 1-7.

Kerry scorers: M. Galway 1-0, P. Hoare 0-4, M. Dennehy 0-2, G. Looney 0-1, P. J. Gaire 0-1, M. Downey 0-1.

FINAL — June 7: Tuam Stadium :

Kerry 0-10, Donegal 1-7 — Draw.

Kerry scorers: G. Murphy 0-3, M. Downey 0-2, P. Hoare 0-2, P. J. Gaire 0-1, G. Looney 0-1, D. McEvoy 0-1.

Kerry chalked up 4-64 (76 points) in their six games, and had 7-43 (64 points) recorded against them.

Pierce Hoare leads the scoring chart with 1-15 (18 points). Martin Downey comes next with 0-13, and he is followed by Martin Dennehy on 0-11. The table is completed by P. G. Gaire 1-6, Gerald Murphy 0-6, Donal McEvoy 0-5, Eoin Moynihan 1-1, Michael Galway 1-1, Ger Looney 0-3, Stephen Stack 0-2, Noel O'Leary 0-1.

Hoare achieved the highest individual return by any Kerry player over the run so far when he hit 0-6 in the Munster final replay win over Tipperary in extra time.

Only Downey

Downey is the only Kerry man to have scored in every game so far. He had his best match return against Tipperary in the drawn provincial final at 0-4.

Three of the goals scored against Kerry were registered by Clare in the first round, and in that game the Kingdom also had their best goals tally in a match at three. Their last goal was scored against Galway in the semi-final at Ennis, and came early in the second half following a good movement that ended with Galway finding his way to the net.

Under-age footballers write bright chapters for Donegal

Donegal have been making a strong impact in under-age football nationally in the present decade, and a good number of the players engaged in today's replay helped to write some of the brightest chapters.

Luke Gavigan, who has been prominent in the scoring returns with the under-21 side, led Donegal to their second successive All-Ireland Vocational Schools' title in 1985 from full forward. He held down the same position in the team that took that championship for the first time a year earlier.

Manus Boyle, Donegal's leading scorer at under-21 this season, was right full-forward in the history-making Vocational Schools title winning outfit. John Joe Doherty and John Gallagher were on duty in the successful title defence against Cork in 1985.

Football standards in the county at under-age level received a further big boost in the summer of '85 when the Ulster minor title was regained after a long, long break of

29 years. Cavan were beaten in the final, but Donegal's success story was ended by Cork next time out.

More than half of that minor team have appeared with the county at under-21 this year. John Cunningham captained the team from centre-half-back, the position from which he leads Donegal in their quest for a second All-Ireland under-21 title.

John Joe Doherty, Diarmuid Keon, John Gallagher, Barry Cunningham, Tommy Ryan, Barry McGowan, Luke Gavigan, Dermot Ward and Conor White were also members of that minor squad of a few seasons back.

This year, too, the county's newly won reputation for top-class Vocational Schools teams was underlined again as Donegal reached the All-Ireland final, only to lose to Kerry at Croke Park.

Obviously, then, under-age football standards in the county are higher than they have been in the past. This must give much encouragement for the future at



senior level, especially after the disappointing showing by the county in their opening Ulster senior championship encounter with Armagh earlier this month at Ballybofey.

Donegal's bright new fortunes in under-age competitions could be said to have started with the All-Ireland under-21 championship of 1982. That year a gifted and well-drilled outfit earned the county a first national final appearance in the grade, and made it a double joy day as well at Carrick-on-Shannon by beating Roscommon by 0-8 to 0-5. The win gave Donegal their first All-Ireland inter-county title in any grade.

The team included Matt Gallagher, Tommy McDermott, in defence, Anthony Molloy and Donal Reid at midfield, and Martin McHugh and Joyce McMullan in attack, all of whom are now, of

course, well established senior inter-county footballers.

Donegal did not qualify again for the under-21 final until their showdown with Kerry at Tuam Stadium earlier this month. Donegal played against the wind in the first half and trailed by just two points, 0-6 to 0-4, at the interval.

The Northerners had a dream start to the second half when John Cunningham goaled from the penalty spot after only a minute, but in the end they had to rely on a point from a free by Manus Boyle two minutes from the end for a share of the honours: Donegal 1-7; Kerry 0-10.

Donegal won the Ulster under-21 title for the fifth time this year. Their initial break-through was in 1963 before the All-Ireland series was inaugurated. Their other provincial title winning seasons were 1964, 1966 and 1982, plus, of course this season's crown.

DONEGAL'S PATH TO THE FINAL REPLAY

March 14 - Ballyshannon :

Donegal 2-7, Fermanagh 2-6
Donegal scorers: L. Gavigan 2-0, M. Boyle 0-4, D. Ward 0-2, B. McGowan 0-1.

April 4 - Bellaghy :

Donegal 3-5, Derry 1-7.
Donegal scorers: M. Boyle 1-3, B. Cunningham 1-1, T. Ryan 1-0, B. 'Mor' Gallagher 0-1.

April 19 - Lurgan :

Donegal 1-9, Armagh 1-6.
Donegal scorers: M. Boyle 1-3, L. Gavigan 0-2, P. Hegarty 0-2, B. McGowan 0-1, J. McDermott 0-1.

May 3 - Irvinestown :

Donegal 0-7, Monaghan 1-4 - Draw
Donegal scorers: D. Ward 0-2, B. McGowan 0-1, J. Sweeney 0-1, B.

Cunningham 0-1, M. Boyle 0-1, J. McDermott 0-1.

May 10 - Irvinestown :

Donegal 1-11, Monaghan 0-8 - Replay
Donegal scorers: P. Hegarty 1-1, B. McGowan 0-2, D. Ward 0-2, B. Cunningham 0-2, M. Boyle 0-2, L. Gavigan 0-1, T. Ryan 0-1.

May 17 - Carrick-on-Shannon :

Donegal 1-7, Laois 1-6.
Donegal scorers: M. Boyle 0-4, D. Ward 1-1, T. Ryan 0-1, B. McGowan 0-1.

FINAL - June 7 - Tuam Stadium :

Donegal 1-7, Kerry 0-10 - Draw
Donegal scorers: M. Boyle 0-4, John Cunningham 1-0, from a penalty, Barry Cunningham 0-1, L. Gavigan 0-1, D. Ward 0-1. Continued on Page Eight

Donegal scored 9-53 (80 points) and had 6-47 (65 points) registered against them.

Their leading scorer is Manus Boyle, who is most impressively ahead of the field with 2-21 (27 points). Dermot Ward takes second place on 1-8, and he is followed by Luke Gavigan with 2-4, Barry Cunningham 1-5, Barry McGowan 0-6, Paddy Hegarty 1-3, Tommy Ryan 1-2, John Cunningham 1-0, Joey McDermott 0-2, John Sweeney 0-1, Brian Mor Gallagher 0-1.

Highest Individual Returns

Luke Gavigan scored two goals against Fermanagh in the opening round, and is the only footballer to find the net twice in one match. That return also ranks as one of the top three individual scores by a Donegal footballer during the series so far.

Manus Boyle hit 1-3 against Derry in round two, and he repeated exactly the same feat in the next round against Armagh. Boyle also has the distinction of being the only Donegal player to score in every one of the seven games.



John Sweeney about to score for Donegal.

GOALS FEAST IN FIRST REPLAY

Kerry have unhappy memories of the county's only appearance so far in an All-Ireland under-21 football final replay. That was in October 1967 at Ballinasloe against Mayo in the first decider to go to a second meeting.

The Kingdom were on the receiving end of a remarkable goals barrage from Willie McGee, the Mayo full-forward. He had the ball in the Kerry net after only a minute, and went on to collect three more goals. His tally ranks as the best individual return by any footballer in a national final or replay in this grade of football. Mayo won by 4-9 to 1-7.

ANOTHER EARLY GOAL

The second under-21 football final replay also produced a quick, quick goal. Mayo's clash with Antrim at Croke Park in September 1974 was only 40 seconds old when Hugh McCrory, the Northerners right full-forward, hit a goal.

The score set the stage for a wonderful game, brimful of clever football, with good inter-passing movements, played at a fast pace, and with the issue in doubt right up until the final whistle.

Antrim quickly followed their opening goal with a point, but Mayo rallied so well that they were level after 14 minutes. At the end of a spectacular match the Connacht team emerged narrow but deserving 2-10 to 2-8 winners.

POOR FINISHING

Poor finishing cost Galway dearly against Cork in the third under-21 football final replay, played at Ennis in October 1981.

Galway produced purposeful football in the first half, but lost three excellent goal scoring opportunities, and only led at the break by 0-5 to 0-4.

Six minutes into the second half, Galway looked set for victory when they got their only goal of the game, but amazingly, they did not score after that. Cork finished the stronger, notching 2-2 in the last quarter to take the title on a 2-9 to 1-6 scoreline.

Mark Healy, a safe covering full-back, right half Pat Buckley, Colman Corrigan at left half, and Tony O'Sullivan and Donie Kelleher in attack were prominent for the Southerners. Galway were best served by right half forward Val Daly, full forward Conor O'Dea and backs Seamus Cronin and Hugh Heskin.

EXTRA TIME

Kerry's Munster final replay with Tipperary at Clonmel went to extra time. A second half Dermot O'Shea goal gave Tipperary a great boost but Kerry finished the stronger and a point from a free 30 seconds from the end of normal time by Pierce Hoare for Kerry left the teams all square: Tipperary 1-5, Kerry 0-8.

Four points without reply in the first four minutes of extra time, set Kerry up for a hard-earned but merited 0-15 to 1-11 win.

Pierce Hoare, who scored six points, Stephen Stack at midfield and Martin Dennehy in the attack were Kerry's best players.