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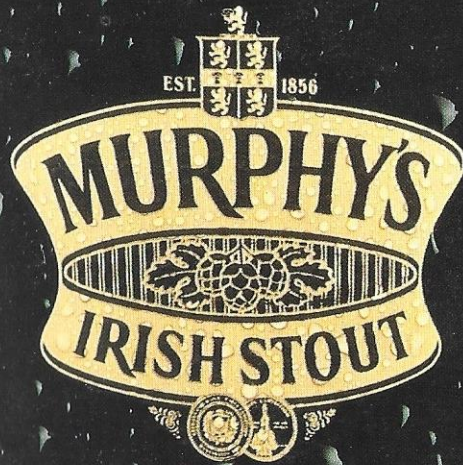
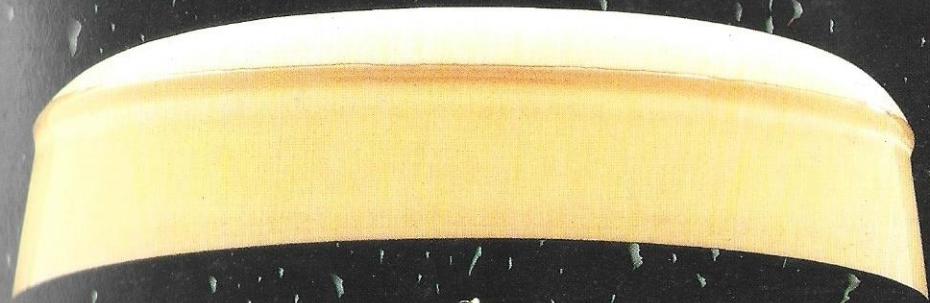
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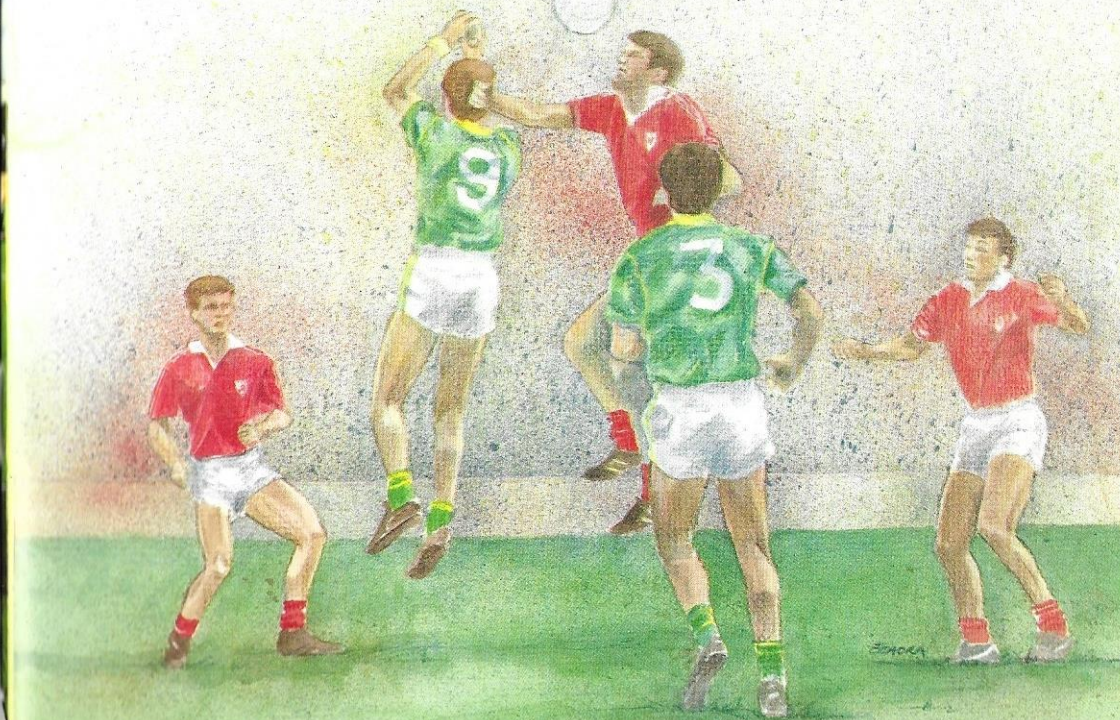
Áth Cliath v. Ciarraí

Réiteoir: MICHAEL GREENAN (An Cabhán)

SENIOR:

An Mhí v. Corcaigh

Réiteoir: TOMMY SUGRUE (Ciarraí)





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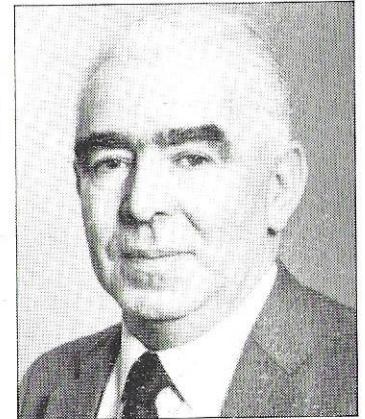


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Today we reach the culmination of this year's senior championship programme. We will also witness a little history being made because the new Sam Maguire Cup will be presented to the winning Senior Captain for the first time. Today's Senior teams deserve to be part of a history making occasion. Both Cork and Meath have provided us with some of the memorable occasions in the chronicles of the G.A.A. and both continue to adorn our playing fields with the highest standard of skill and sportsmanship.

In the minor game the familiar green and gold of Kerry meet the sky blue of Dublin. These counties have justifiably carved their own niche in the folklore of the Association and I have no doubt that today's exponents will maintain the standards of previous generations of players and that many of them will in the very near future propel their respective counties back to the summit.

In conclusion I would like to thank all our players and officials countrywide for providing us with so much pleasure and entertainment during the year. I would also like to thank our legions of supporters for their continued loyalty and exemplary behaviour. To our supporters overseas who will be watching the games live and close circuit I would like to extend a special welcome and I hope that together we will have a day to remember.

Gabhaim buíochas libh uile.

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CLÁR AN LAE

- 1.27 p.m. Arrival of Uachtarán, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, An tUasal Seán Ó Dubhlainn agus an Dr. Tomás Ó Muirí, Árd Easpaig agus Éirleamh Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.
- 1.28 p.m. Arrival of An Taoiseach, Mr. C. J. Haughey, T.D.
- 1.30 p.m. Cluiche Ceannáis Peile na hÉireann.
Start of Minor Football Final.
- 2.05 p.m. Introduction of Dublin (1963) Jubilee team by Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh.
- 2.40 p.m. End of Minor game.
- 2.48 p.m. I.N.T.O. Skills Exhibition.
- 2.58 p.m. Artane Band Musical Recital.
- 3.20 p.m. Uachtarán na hÉireann arrives and meets members of Meath and Cork teams.
- 3.28 p.m. Amhrán na bhFiann.
- 3.30 p.m. Cluiche Ceannais Peile na hÉireann.
- 4.06 p.m. Musical Entertainment.
- 4.50 p.m. End of Senior Game.
Presentation of the Sam Maguire Trophy to winning captain by Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael An tUasal Seán Ó Dubhlainn.



In Cork they say
They're looking good
In Meath, they say the same.
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Provide a mighty game.

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"Berger, you're looking good!"

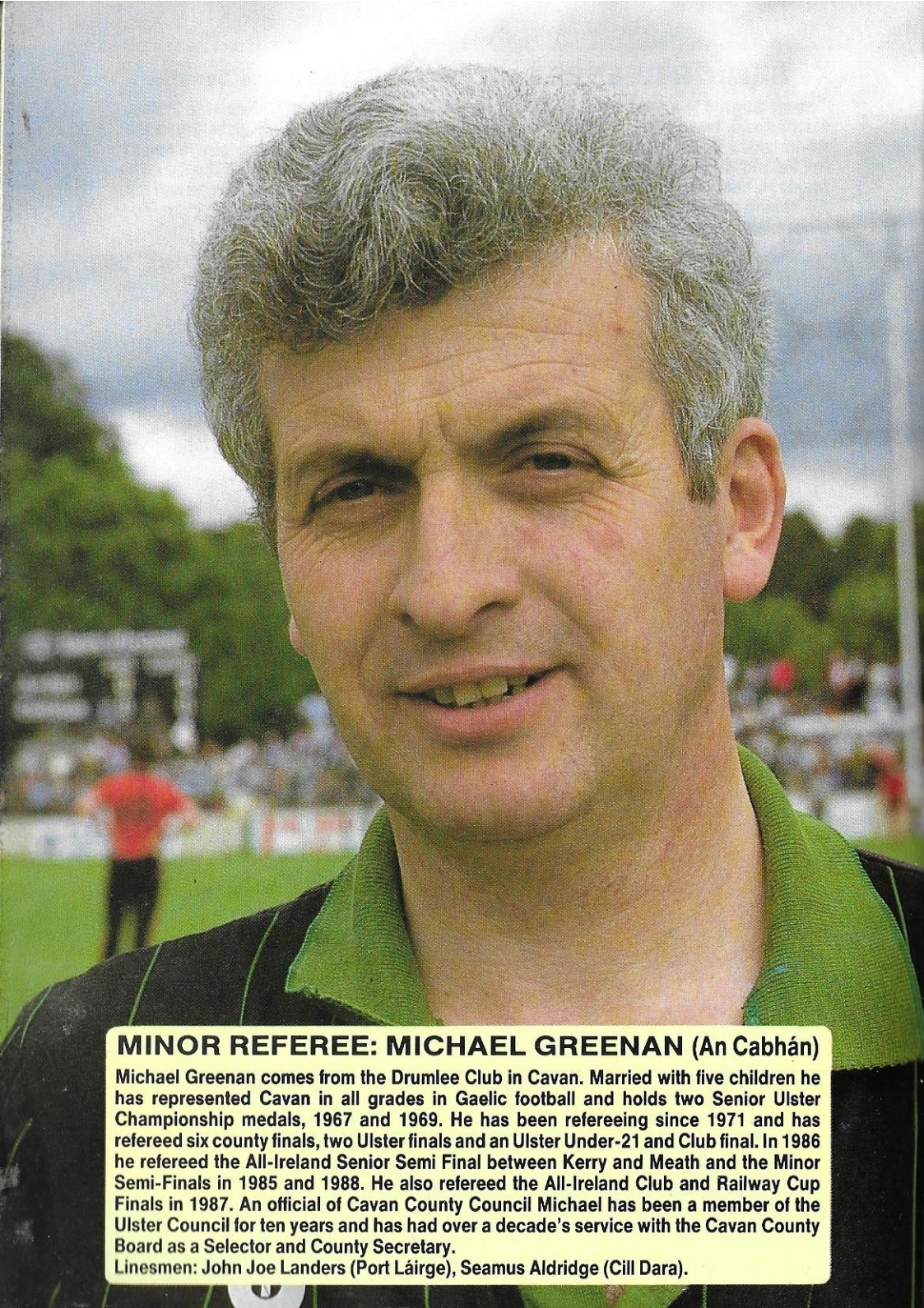
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SENIOR REFEREE: TOMMY SUGRUE (Ciarraí)

Tommy Sugrue is a member of the St. Patrick's Club, Blennerville, just outside Tralee. Married with two children he has been refereeing for 13 years. In 1987 he refereed the All-Ireland Junior Football Final between Cork and Dublin and was an umpire in one of the Ireland Australia international games. Already this year he has refereed the Down v. Meath National League Semi-Final, the Mayo v. Meath Championship Semi-Final and the All-Ireland Under-21 Final between Cavan and Offaly.
Linesmen: Michael Kerins (Sligeach); John Gough (Aontroim).





25 Years Ago . . .



Pictured above is the Dublin team who won the 1963 All-Ireland Football Final and are recipients of this year's Irish Nationwide Building Society GAA Jubilee Awards.

From left, back row: John Timmons (R.I.P.), Bill Casey, Mick Kissane, Lar Foley, Leo Hickey, Aidan Donnelly, Eamonn Breslin, Paddy Downey, Sean Lee (R.I.P.), Pascal Flynn, Christy Kane, Frank McPhillips.

From left, front row: Des McKane, Mick Whelan, Paddy Holden, Noel Fox, Des Foley, Gerry Davey, Brian McDonald, Simon Behan, Pat Sinnott, Des Ferguson, John Coen.

Dublin's opponents that day, whom they beat by 1-9 to 0-10, were Galway who in turn went on to win their three-in-a-row in the following years 1964/65/66.

The attendance at the 1963 final was 87,106, the third highest attendance of all time for an All-Ireland Final. The higher figures both involved Down — 1960 v. Kerry (87,768) and the record in 1961 against Offaly — 90,556. Running a very close fourth in the attendance stakes is the figure of 87,102 who witnessed the 1955 final between Kerry and Dublin.

MINOR REFEREE: MICHAEL GREENAN (An Cabhán)

Michael Greenan comes from the Drumlee Club in Cavan. Married with five children he has represented Cavan in all grades in Gaelic football and holds two Senior Ulster Championship medals, 1967 and 1969. He has been refereeing since 1971 and has refereed six county finals, two Ulster finals and an Ulster Under-21 and Club final. In 1986 he refereed the All-Ireland Senior Semi Final between Kerry and Meath and the Minor Semi-Finals in 1985 and 1988. He also refereed the All-Ireland Club and Railway Cup Finals in 1987. An official of Cavan County Council Michael has been a member of the Ulster Council for ten years and has had over a decade's service with the Cavan County Board as a Selector and County Secretary.

Linesmen: John Joe Landers (Port Láirge), Seamus Aldridge (Cill Dara).

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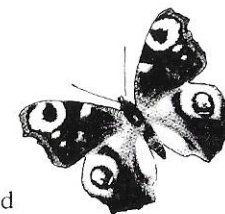
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Níl aon amhras ann, áfach, gurb' iad an dá fhoireann peile is fearr sa tír faoi láthair. Ní h-ionann sin is ag rá gur scoth-fhoirne iad. Bhí caighdeán na h-imeartha i mbliana an-íseal, seachas craobhchluiche na Mumhan. Ach, ag an am céanna, ní thagann an díodár, ach an t-uachtar, go Páirc An Chrócaigh ar an tríú Domhnach Mheán Fómhair — agus nuair a tharlaíonn sin faoi dhó tá ard-mholadh ag dul do dhíograiseoirí an chontae 'ríoga' agus an chontae 'réabhlóideach'. Traoslaimíd leo, araon!

Táthar ann adeir go mbíonn cluichí leathcheannais go dona i gcoitinne toisc go mbíonn an oiread sin teannais i gceist; go mbíonn eagla ar na foirne go gcaillfidís an cluiche aus dá bharr sin go ndéanann an dá thaobh botúin nach mbeifí ag súil leo. Agus, ag leanacht uaidh sin, go mbíonn na foirne so chluiche ceannais breá sásta a bheith ann agus go ndéanann siad dian-iarracht scoth-pheil a imirt in oiriúint don ócáid. Mar sin, bímís ag súil le sár-chluiche inniu, rud atá ar chumas Chorcaí agus na Mí a thabhairt dúinn.

Cé a bhuafaidh? Má bhí tú ag léamh na h-altanna Gaeilge ar an cláracha seo le déanaí bheadh a fhios agat gurb iad na Corcaighigh a luamar leis an chraobh a bhaint i mbliana — agus dúrathas sin roimh na cluichí leathcheannais.

Ó shin i leith ní fhacamar aon fáth leis

an tuarim sin a athrú. Tá feabhas taghta ar fhoireann Chorcaí ó thus na bliana, tá na tosaigh níos fearr anois ná mar a bhíodar anuraidh agus tá Shay Ó Fathaigh, i lár na páirce, ar bharr a chumais anois. Ar an lámh eile níl an Mhí chomh láidir is a bhíodar anuraidh, bíonn seal le linn chluichí ná féadfadh éinne iad a chloí agus sealanna eile (sa chluiche céanna) go dtiteann siad ina gcodladh — 'thuas seal agus thíos seal'.

Fós tá na cúltaicé ag an Mhí, Bobbie Ó Máille, Micheál Ó Liatháin agus a dheartháir, Páraic ar líne cosanta chomh maith is a fhacaí tú le blianta fada (b'fhéidir chomh maith in a bhí Mick O'Brien, Paddy O'Brien agus Kevin McConnell ag an gcontae céanna fadó!). Tá an leathlíne cosanta, go háirithe Kevin Ó Foghlú, an-scioptha, in inmhe tabhairt faoina gcéilí comhraic go tréan agus, nuair is gá, lámh chúnta a thabhairt i lár na páirce.

Is annsúd, i lár na páirce, a bheidh an ghéarchoimhlint. Tá Liam Óh-Aodha agus Gerry Mac an tSaoi an-chumasach go deo agus i gcás Mhic an tSaoi, ach go háirithe, tá goile mhór chun na hoibre aige, é ag cosaint uaireanta agus é ina thosach tráthanna eile. Beidh sé deacair an bheirt seo a cheannsú!

Ach má tá Corcaigh leis an chraobh a bhaint caithfidh Teddy Mac Cártaigh agus Shay Ó Fathaigh an lámh in uachtar a fháil sa réimse seo den pháirc. Beidh cabhair uathu, ceapaim, agus beidh sé ar fáil ó Larry Toimicín agus Conor Ó Cuanacháin nuair is gá. Bhí fir thosaigh na Mí, seachas Brian de Stafort, leibideach go leor sa chluiche leathcheannais ach níl aon amhras ann go bhfuil Colm Ó Ruairc, Bearnárd Ó Floinn nó Mattie Mac Cába íontach éifeachtach mar thosaigh agus ar ndóigh tá "cluiche maith" i ndán do Dave Beggy agus P. J. Gillic.

Gán amhras beidh rud le rá futhu uilig

ag fir taca Chorcaí agus tá Tony Davis, Conor Ó Cuanacháin agus Tony Ó Náisiúin ina scoth-chosantóirí mar aonad agus go h-aonarach. Anuas ar sin tá Ó Náisiúin (an captaen) in ann lámh chúnta a thabairt i lár páirce agus tacú leis na tosaigh ó am go chéile.

Má tá duine sa tír chun Brian de Stafort, a cheannsú is é Coleman Ó Corragáin an duine sin, agus más amhlaidh a bhíonn is beag seans a bheidh ag an Mhí. Ach, ar eagla na h-eagla, tá Denis Walsh agus Niall Cahalane cumasach go maith chun na 'geataí a dhúnadh'. Má tharlaíonn go mbuann Corcaigh beidh áthas ar a lán daoine go bhfuair Denis Walsh bonn peile le cur leis na boinn iománaíochta a ghnóthaigh sé cheana, agus, ar ndóigh, beidh an dhála céanna sin í gcás Teddy Mac Cárthaigh.

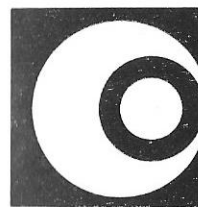
Agus, ar deireadh thiar, cad faoi thosaigh Chorcaí in éadan togha chosantóirí na Mí? Bhí mé an-tógtha le

Paul Mac Craith sa chluiche leathcheannais (is dual áthar do bheith cumasach mar pheileadóir agus é ina mhac ag Con); bhí Barry Ó Cofaigh éifeachtach go mhaith an lá sin freisin agus, dá thoradh sin, ní raibh an obair ar fad ar ghuailní Larry Ó Toimicín.

Beidh sár-imirt idir lán-tacaí na Mí agus Denis Allen, Dave Barry agus Micheál MacCarthaigh; tá nós ag cosantóirí na Mí, le tamall, an iomarca feallanna a dhéanamh agus ceapaim go ndólfadh siad as le Larry Ó Toimicín timpeall.

Beidh an mhian níos láidre ag curáí na Mumhan chun an chraobh a bhaint, go háirithe nuair a theip orthu i 1987 agus is ar an mbonn sin chomh maith le h-éifeacht i ngach cearn den pháirc go bhfuilim den tuairim gurb iad a ardóidh 'Sam Óg' leo den chéad uair.

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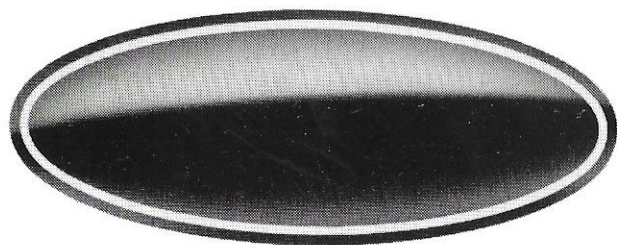
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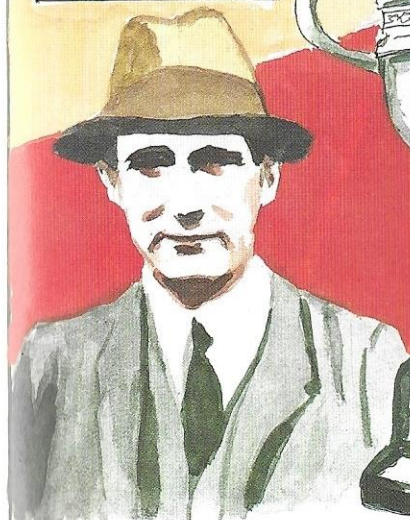
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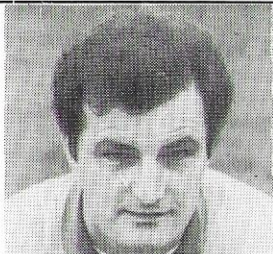
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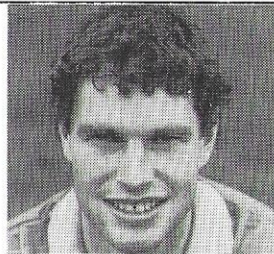
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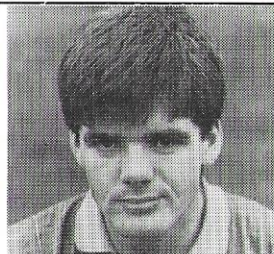




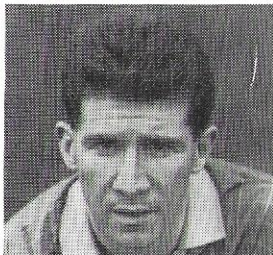
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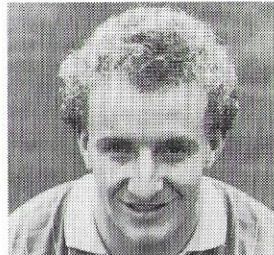
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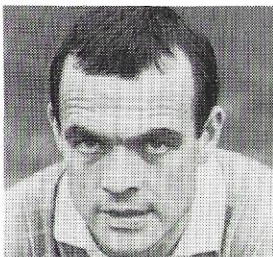
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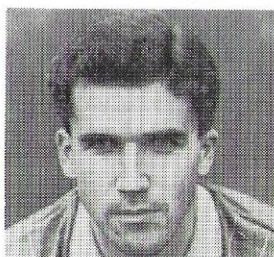
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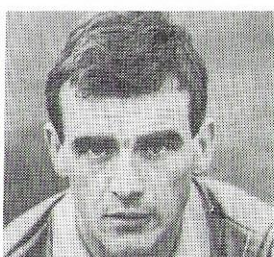
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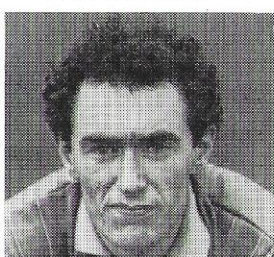
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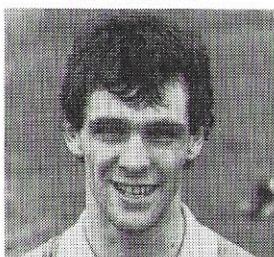
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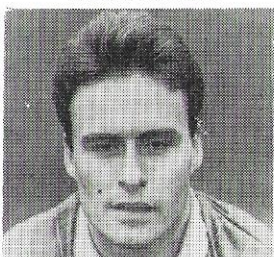
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MICHAEL McQUILLAN (St. Patrick's, Stamullen). Born: 2.10.59. Height 5'11". Weight: 12 st. Occupation: Fitter. Honours won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 3 Leinster SFC, 1 National Football League, 1 Railway Cup 1987, 1 Leinster MFC, 1 Leinster U-14 Championship.

ROBBIE O'MALLEY (St. Columcilles). Born: 10.7.65. Height: 6'. Weight: 12 st. 8 lbs. Occupation: Bank Official. Honours won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 3 Leinster SFC, 1 National Football League, 1 Centenary Cup, 1 Railway Cup 1987, 1 Leinster U-21 Championship (Captain), 1 All Star 1987, 1 Meath JFC. Represented Ireland against Australia 1987.

MICK LYONS (Summerhill). Born: 22.2.58. Height: 6'. Weight: 13 st. 8 lbs. Occupation: Plant Hire Contractor and Hardware Business Proprietor. Honours won: 1 All-Ireland SFC (Captain), 3 Leinster SFC (2 Captain), 1 National Football League (Captain), 3 Railway Cup 1985, '86 and '87, 1 Centenary Cup, 1 Leinster Club Championship, 4 Meath SFC, 2 All Stars 1984 and 1986. Played for Ireland v. Australia 1984, 1986 (in Australia) and 1987.

PARAIC LYONS (Summerhill). Born: 10.10.61. Height: 5'10". Weight: 12 st. 7 lbs. Occupation: Plant Hire Contractor. Honours won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 3 Leinster SFC, 1 National Football League, 1 Centenary Cup, 2 Railway Cups 1986 and 87, 1 Meath SFC (Captain). Member of Irish team which toured Australia 1986.

KEVIN FOLEY (Trim). Born: 9.1.60. Height: 5'11". Weight: 11 st. 7 lbs. Occupation: Veterinary Surgeon. Honours won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 3 Leinster SFC, 1 National Football League.

LIAM HARNAN (Moynalvey). Born: 14.2.61. Height: 6'2". Weight: 13 st. 10 lbs. Occupation: Farmer. Honours won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 3 Leinster SFC, 1 National Football League, 1 Railway Cup 1987, 1 Centenary Medal, 1 Leinster MFC, 1 Meath Intermediate Championship.

MARTIN O'CONNELL (St. Michael's). Born: 29.8.63. Height: 6'1". Weight: 13 st. Occupation: Butcher. Honours won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 3 Leinster SFC, 1 National Football League, 1 Centenary Medal, 1 Railway Cup 1987, 1 Meath JFC.

LIAM HAYES (Skryne). Born: 27.1.62. Height: 6'3". Weight: 14 st. 8 lbs. Occupation: Sports Journalist. Honours won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 3 Leinster SFC, 1 National Football League, 1 Centenary Cup, 1 Leinster MFC, 2 Railway Cups 1986 and 1987, 1 Leinster U-14 Championship. Represented Ireland against Australia 1987.

GERRY McENTEE (Nobber). Born: 19.10.55. Height: 6'2". Weight: 13 st. Occupation: Doctor. Honours won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 3 Leinster SFC, 2 National Football League, 2 "Meath Footballer of the Year" (only man to win two), 1 All Star 1987, 1 Railway Cup 1987 (Captain), 1 All-Ireland Club Championship, 3 Sigerson Cup.

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COLM O'ROURKE (Skryne). Born: 31.8.57. Height: 6'2". Weight: 14 st. Occupation: Teacher and Sports Shop Proprietor. Honours won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 3 Leinster SFC, 1 National Football League, 1 Centenary Cup, 1 All Star 1983, 1 Railway Cup 1985. Represented Ireland against Australia 1984, 1986 in Australia and 1987.

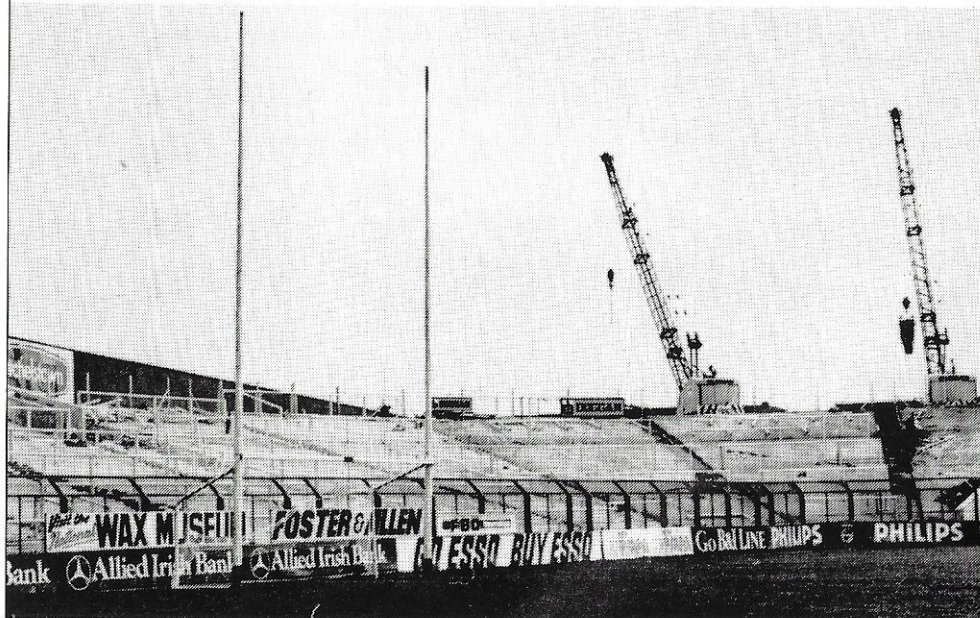
BRIAN STAFFORD (Kilmainhamwood). Born: 4.6.64. Height: 6'. Weight: 12 st. 10 lbs. Occupation: Company Representative. Honours won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 3 Leinster SFC, 1 National Football League, 1 All Star 1987, Texaco Footballer of the Year 1987, 1 Railway Cup 1987, 1 Leinster U-21 FC.

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FRANKIE BYRNE REMINISCES . . .

“No Wonder Kerry Bate Ye”

I have a great affection for and affinity with Cork, especially West Cork. No, my wife does not hail from the Rebel County. Every year from 1969 until 1976 I enjoyed a summer holiday with my family in Tragumna, a quiet little resort just 4½ miles south of Skibbereen. As a schoolboy I spent the two years preceding Leaving Certificate boarding at Coláiste Íosagáin in Ballvourney. I made many friends in both places and I can number two such notable Cork “exiles” as Seán Ó Síocháin and Dave Guiney among my friends in Dublin.

Coláiste Íosagáin was run by the De La Salle Brothers. It was opened in September, 1940 and I was one of the hundred or so pupils who attended classes on opening day. In its short life it has proved to be a rich nursery for Gaelic football having such famous past pupils as Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh, Seán Murphy, Jerome O’Shea, Tom Long, Mickey Sullivan and the current Cork player John O’Driscoll.

World War II was raging in Europe and we weren’t exactly overfed in the college. Any outside agency which held out the promise of extra food was eagerly cultivated. My best friend at school was Seán Cronin younger brother of Paddy, who later won an All-Ireland medal at wing back with Cork in 1945. Frequently on Saturday afternoons, our half-day, we cycled on borrowed bikes to visit Seán’s parents who lived near Ballingearry or his relations in nearby Coolea. During these visits I developed a taste for hot griddle cake dripping with “farmers butter”.

Irish was the spoken language in the college and indeed the pupils rarely spoke English among themselves outside of the college. One afternoon as I

was leaving the football pitch in Macroom, having helped Coláiste Íosagáin defeat North Monastery in the Simcox Cup, I overheard someone behind me ask “who’s the little black fella?” Those were the halcyon days when I used to own a comb and my hair looked black when it was plastered with sweat or Brylcreem.

I was intrigued by the reply. “I don’t know what it is in English, but the Irish for it is Budge!” That was a nickname I had carried with me from my primary schooldays in Navan. You won’t find it in any Foclóir Gaeilge.

Now that I am reminiscing I might as well confess that not only did I play college football in Cork, but I also played club football — illegally. Macroom had drawn the 1941 minor county final with St. Nicholas of Cork city. The replay was scheduled to be the curtain-raiser to the Cork Senior Hurling final between Glen Rovers and Ballincollig at the Athletic Grounds.

Two innocent Kerry men, a Corkman and myself, all members of the college

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"No Wonder Kerry Bate Ye"

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team, were invited to help our neighbours defeat the city slickers. The thought of a trip to the city, a side-line seat for the hurling final and the prospect of a feed afterwards, outweighed any moral qualms we might have had. Unfortunately, St. Nicks beat the tar out of us.

I have never been quite sure whether this illustrated that crime did not pay, or that the opposition were better than Macroom at "packing" a team.

In September, 1942 I enrolled as a pupil in St. Patrick's Teachers' College in Dublin. The following May I was picked to play at centre field for Meath in the first round of the Leinster Championship in Drogheda. I had a short career in that position, I hadn't grown any taller by half-time so I was tried out for the second half at right-half forward. I was to operate almost exclusively in that position for the rest of my intercounty career.

I captained the Meath team that played Kerry in the All-Ireland semi-final of 1947. The majority of the Kerry players were getting a bit long in the tooth. In those days play was stopped everytime a player was injured. Kerry players took so many breathers that the game must have lasted for 1¼ hours. I recall Bill Casey making a clearance and as Brian Smith tried to knock the ball away Bill collapsed on the sod in agony. Johnny Walsh ran onto the pitch for the umpteenth time. That lovable rogue, Joe Keohane, God rest his soul, strode up to render succour to his injured team-mate. He bent over Bill, looked up at me and said: "Dirty Meath!" Then he winked, turned, and strode majestically back to his position. Kerry outwitted and outplayed us that day.

The following day I travelled by train with the Kerry team to Tralee. I was

going to spend a holiday in the home of a schoolmate, Liam buidhlaeir, in Ballyferriter. One day we went to visit relations of Liam's in Dunquin. I was introduced as the captain of the Meath team so recently beaten by Kerry. I was offered a pint of porter which I declined with thanks. Liam explained that I was a Pioneer, so I was given a glass of lemonade. This big Kerryman looked me up and down (there wasn't a lot to see), raised his pint and said: "D'anam don diabhal, no wonder Kerry bate ye!"

Two years later I was privileged to be a member of the Meath team that won the first All-Ireland title for the Royal County. Since then we have added three more titles, the last two, in 1967 and 1987 being at the expense of Cork.

Which brings me after almost 50 years and God knows how many miles down memory lane to the nub of this article. Who will win today's game?

On the evidence of their display in the Munster final and, more recently in the semi-final against Monaghan, Cork are a more mature and a better team all-round than they were last year. They have a very solid defence, a good midfield and a better balanced attack.

No one, not even the most partisan Meath follower would begrudge Cork a long overdue All-Ireland title. To Christy Thornhill, Dr. John O'Keeffe and John Fields, may I say "You have been very loyal and very patient lads, I sincerely hope Cork win an All-Ireland soon, just as long as they don't do it this year!"

To be serious, I hope it is a very sporting and enjoyable game and may the better team win . . . cabhair Dé chugainn!

PATHS TO THE FINAL

Two Goals Against Meath Last Time Out

Meath have played four games so far in their defence of the Sam Maguire Cup. They conceded their only goals of the run to Mayo, who found the way through to the champions net twice in the recent semi-final.

This is the first year that Meath have qualified for two All-Ireland senior finals in succession since 1966-1967. They are Leinster champions for the 15th time since 1895.

This is their record in the current campaign so far:

June 5 — At Drogheda: Meath 3-13; Louth 0-9. Meath scorers: B. Stafford 0-6, D. Beggy 1-2, P. J. Gillic 1-1, M. McCabe 1-0, B. Flynn 0-3, T. Ferguson 0-1.

July 3 — At Croke Park: Meath 0-19; Offaly 0-10. Meath scorers: B. Stafford 0-8, B. Flynn 0-6, C. O'Rourke 0-2, D. Beggy 0-1, M. McCabe 0-1, P. J. Gillic 0-1.

July 31 — At Croke Park: Meath 2-5; Dublin 0-9. Meath scorers: P. J. Gillic 1-3, M. McCabe 1-1, L. Hayes 0-1.

August 21 — At Croke Park: Meath 0-16; Mayo 2-5. Meath scorers: B. Stafford 0-9, C. Coyle 0-3, C. O'Rourke 0-2, D. Beggy 0-1, M. McCabe 0-1.

The defending champions have scored 5-53 (68 points) and had 2-33 (39 points) recorded against them.

Brian Stafford, who missed the Leinster final with an injury, is well ahead in the Meath scoreboard with 0-23. P. J. Gillic comes next on 2-5, and Bernard Flynn with 0-9 and Mattie McCabe 2-3 share third place. David Beggy scored 1-4, Colm O'Rourke 0-4, Colm Coyle 0-3, and Terry Ferguson and Liam Hayes a point each.

Just Once For Cork

Cork's goal barrier was breached just once in their three games — by Limerick in the opening match.

The Leesiders are Munster champions for the 25th time, and their win over Kerry in July earned them a first successful defence of the provincial crown in 14 years.

This is how Cork qualified for a second successive All-Ireland final:

May 29 — At Askeaton: Cork 0-9; Limerick 1-3. Cork scorers: L. Tompkins 0-6, M. McCarthy 0-1, D. Barry 0-1, T. Nation 0-1.

July 3 — At Pairc Ui Chaoimh: Cork 1-14; Kerry 0-16. Cork scorers: L. Tompkins 0-5, D. Allen 1-1, M. McCarthy 0-2, D. Barry 0-2, S. Fahy 0-1, P. McGrath 0-1, J. O'Driscoll 0-1, C. O'Neill 0-1.

August 14 — At Croke Park: Cork 1-14; Monaghan 0-6. Cork scorers: L. Tompkins 0-7, D. Barry 1-2, P. McGrath 0-4, T. McCarthy 0-1.

Cork's scoring record is 2-37 (43 points) for and 1-25 (28 points) against.

Larry Tompkins is well clear of the field with 0-18. Dave Barry has 1-5, and Paul McGrath scored 0-5. Denis Allen with 1-1, Michael McCarthy 0-3, Teddy McCarthy 0-1, Tony Nation 0-1, John O'Driscoll 0-1, Colm O'Neill 0-1 and Shay Fahey 0-1 complete the scoring review.

TITLE TIED

Today's finalists are at present tied at four All-Ireland Football titles each. Corcaigh were early into the winners list, winning their titles in 1890, 1911, 1945 and 1973. An Mhí won their victories in 1949, 1954, 1967 and, of course, last year.

★ Star of the Past

Quinn on Top in Two Demanding Positions



Meath has produced many outstanding full backs down through the years in football, and one of the best was Jack Quinn, a high and sure-fielder in the classic mould, with a lengthy kick. He captained the side that lost to Kerry in the first 80 minutes All-Ireland senior final in 1970.

However, some years before he made his mark as a full back, Quinn had scaled the heights as a midfielder. In this most demanding of all positions, he quickly carved out a deserved reputation with football for Meath that was always positive and assured. He featured his spell in the centre with the county team by winning a Leinster medal in 1964.

His success as a midfielder was a vindication for the Meath senior selectors of that time. The reason? It was as a spectacular full back that the tall Quinn, at only 18, really captured the inter-county headlines with the Meath side that won the All-Ireland junior title of 1962. He also had a few outings at left full with that team, and his future that looked to be exclusively in a rearguard berth.

But the Royal County selectors called up the Kilbride man to the senior team early in 1963 as a centre field player, rather than a defender. He did not let the mentors down. Within a short time his work had the stamp of authority, and he quickly commanded a position of eminence at midfield.

Jack's older brother, Martin, held down the full back berth for Meath, and when he dropped out of the side in the autumn of 1965, the selectors turned to their six-foot midfielder as the solution to their problem. It was a move that was to pay rich dividends for Meath.

Right from the start he found his feet, which was probably not so surprising in view of his experience as a teenager in the post. His football remained at a very high standard, and he proved the outstanding full back of 1967 when Meath won the All-Ireland title. Had there been an All-Stars team that time, he would have been an automatic selection.

The following Spring Quinn put his many football talents in parade to excellent effect when Meath blazed a new trail that helped to lead the way to the Test series by touring Australia.

The six-foot plus midfielder turned full back is one of three brothers who served Meath well in the past. Jack, who also played at centre half forward with Meath in competitive football, had plenty of success in local competitions, winning county medals from minor up to senior.

Quinn played as well with Leinster, but during his years in the inter-county scene the East did not win the Railway Cup.

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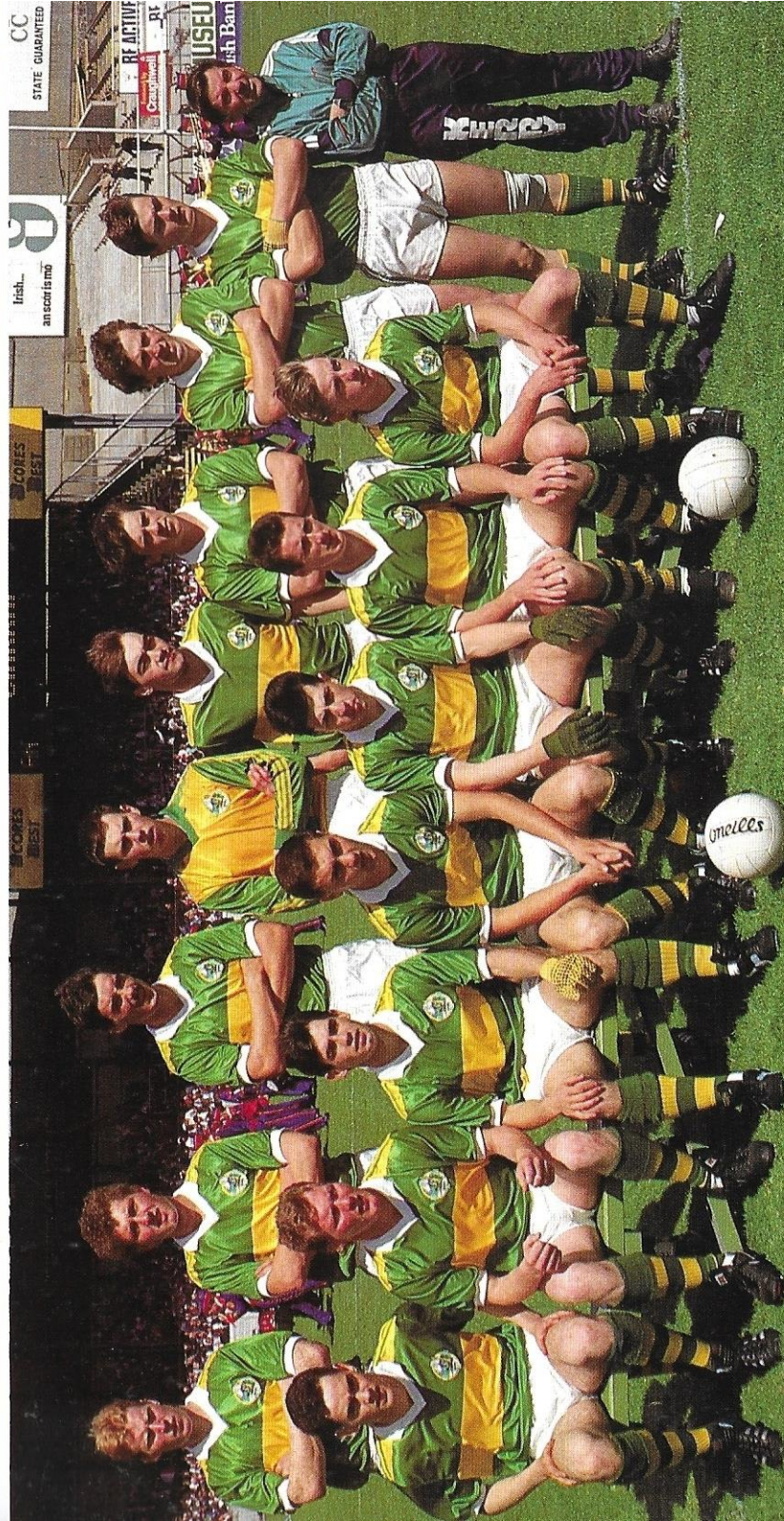
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BACK ROW (l. - r.): Senan Moylan, Pat Cassells, Brian Stynes, Derek O'Farrell, David Quinlivan, John Jordan, Brendan Murray, Mark Brady. FRONT ROW (l. - r.): Paric McManus, Derek Howard, Tony O'Boyle, Gearóid O'Regan, Brian



BACK ROW (l. - r.): Liam Flaherty; Sean Walsh; Fintan Ashe; Peter O'Leary; Niall Savage; David Farrell; Eamonn Stack; Peter Lenihan; Leo Griffin. **FRONT ROW (l. - r.):** Patrick Laide; Vincent Knightly; John B. O'Brien; Danny Cahill, (Capt.); Colm Geaney; Billy O'Sullivan; Sean O'Sullivan.

DUBLIN MINORS in Free-Scoring Form

Dublin scored freely on their way to a first All-Ireland minor football final appearance by a team from the county since 1984. However, the side put up the lowest return of the campaign so far last time out at 1-9 against Galway.

On the way to the decider Dublin captured their 24th Leinster title since 1930.

May 28 — At Portlaoise: Dublin 2-10; Laois 1-4. Dublin scorers: B. Stynes 1-3, S. Moylan 1-3, D. Farrell 0-3, M. Brady 0-1.

June 26 — At Mullingar: Dublin 2-15; Wicklow 0-7. Dublin scorers: D. Farrell 2-3, D. Howard 0-7, B. Barnes 0-2, P. Cassells 0-1, B. Stynes 0-1, D. Quinlivan 0-1.

July 31 — At Croke Park: Dublin 4-6; Meath 0-8. Dublin scorers: D. Farrell 2-0, D. Howard 1-2, B. Barnes 1-2, S. Moylan 0-2.

August 7 — At Parnell Park: Dublin 4-11; New York 0-4. Dublin scorers: D. Farrell 4-1, B. Stynes 0-3, S. Moylan 0-3, D. Howard 0-2, M. Brady 0-1, D. Quinlivan 0-1.

August 21 — At Croke Park: Dublin 1-9; Galway 0-7. Dublin scorers: B. Stynes 0-4, S. Moylan 1-0, D. Howard 0-2, B. Barnes 0-2, S. Cahill 0-1.

The Dubs chalked up a highly impressive 13-51 (90 points) and had just 1-30 (33 points) recorded against them.

Although he failed to score last time out, Dessie Farrell is still by far the team's ace marksman with 8-7 (31 points). Well behind in second place is Derek Howard with 1-13. Brian Stynes has 1-11, and Senan Moylan 2-8. The scoreboard is completed by Brian Barnes 1-6, Mark Brady 0-2, David Quinlivan 0-2, Pat Cassells 0-1, Sean Cahill 0-1.

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Unusual Feature for Kerry

An unusual feature of Kerry's four game programme so far is that two ended with exactly the same scoreline — 1-8 to 0-10. The matches were the Munster final against Cork and the semi-final against Tyrone.

The Kingdom are back in a final for the first time in six years. They won their 27th Munster crown in July.

April 27 — At Askeaton: Kerry 1-15; Limerick 1-1. Kerry scorers: B. O'Sullivan 0-7, D. Farrell 1-1, P. Laide 0-3, F. O'Doherty 0-2, E. Stack 0-1, C. Geaney 0-1.

May 13 — At Killorglin: Kerry 2-16; Waterford 1-3. Kerry scorers: B. O'Sullivan 1-4, P. Laide 0-4, D. Cahill 1-0, C. Geaney 0-2, E. Stack 0-2, F. O'Doherty 0-2, D. Farrell 0-1, D. D. O'Rahilly 0-1.

July 3 — At Pairc Uí Chaoimh: Kerry 1-8; Cork 0-10. Kerry scorers: P. Laide 1-1, C. Geaney 0-3, B. O'Sullivan 0-2, D. Farrell 0-1, D. Cahill 0-1.

August 14 — At Croke Park: Kerry 1-8; Tyrone 0-10. Kerry scorers: B. O'Sullivan 0-4, F. Ashe 1-1, P. Laide 0-2, E. Stack 0-1.

The boys from the Kingdom scored 5-47 (62 points) and conceded 2-24 (30 points).

Billy O'Sullivan sets the pace in their chart with 1-17. Patrick Laide hit 1-10, David Farrell 1-3, Colm Geaney 0-6, Danny Cahill 1-1, Francis O'Doherty 0-4, Eamonn Stack 0-4, Fintan Ashe 0-1, and D. D. O'Rahilly 0-1.

THE MINOR FINAL

Today Dublin and Kerry, not alone contest for the Markham Cup, but also for the leadership of the minor championship race, as if Kerry win they will draw level with the Metropolitans who have taken the title ten times. A Dublin win would put them two clear of their great rivals in this grade of football.

For two counties which have played such major roles in the under-18 grade over the years, their championship paths have crossed on relatively few occasions, and it wasn't until 1945 when they were semi-final opponents that their first clash occurred, and which resulted in a win for the city youths.

In all, these counties have clashed seven times in the championship — four times in the final and on three occasions in the semi-final, with the record showing 5-2 in Dublin's favour.

The scorelines of the seven meetings are:

1945 — Dublin	2-3;	Kerry	1-2.
* 1946 — Kerry	3-7;	Dublin	2-3.
1948 — Dublin	2-7;	Kerry	0-8.
1949 — Kerry	1-9;	Dublin	0-3.
* 1954 — Dublin	3-5;	Kerry	1-8.
* 1979 — Dublin	0-10;	Kerry	1-6.
* 1982 — Dublin	1-11;	Kerry	1-5.

*FINAL

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Apart from their three final wins over Kerry, Dublin's All-Ireland successes were:

1930 — Dublin	1-3;	Mayo	0-5.
1945 — Dublin	4-7;	Leitrim	0-4.
1955 — Dublin	5-4;	Tipperary	2-7.
1956 — Dublin	5-14;	Leitrim	2-2.
1958 — Dublin	2-10;	Mayo	0-8.
1959 — Dublin	0-11;	Cavan	1-4.
1984 — Dublin	1-9;	Tipperary	0-4.

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In addition to their 1946 win over Dublin, Kerry have won eight finals of which the scorelines were:

1931 — Kerry	3-4;	Louth	0-4.
1932 — Kerry	3-8;	Laois	1-3.
1933 — Kerry	4-1;	Mayo	0-9.
1950 — Kerry	3-6;	Wexford	1-4.
1962 — Kerry	6-5;	Mayo	0-7.
1963 — Kerry	1-10;	Westmeath	0-2.
1975 — Kerry	1-10;	Tyrone	0-4.
1980 — Kerry	3-12;	Derry	0-11.

MINOR AND SENIOR

Des Foley of Dublin enjoys the distinction of being the only player to have captained All-Ireland winning minor and senior football teams.

The great St. Vincent's all-rounder was captain of the Dublin minor team which won the 1958 All-Ireland final, and five years later he led the senior team to victory over Galway.

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TREBLES

Three counties have won three All-Ireland minor finals in successive years. Kerry were first to achieve the feat when they were successful in 1931-32-33; Dublin stepped up alongside the 'Kingdom' when they were unbeaten in '54, '55 and '56. And Cork made it a threesome when they took the title in 1967, '68 and '69. Cork has the

less enviable distinction of being the only county to lose three finals in a row — which were the three most recent to be decided, '85, '86 and '87.

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THE ONLY ONE

Dublin is the only Leinster county to have taken All-Ireland minor football honours in the past 20 years, and in fact, apart from Meath in 1957 and Offaly in 1964, they have been the only Leinster winners of the title since the competition was resumed after the second World War in 1945.

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FIRST FINAL MEETING

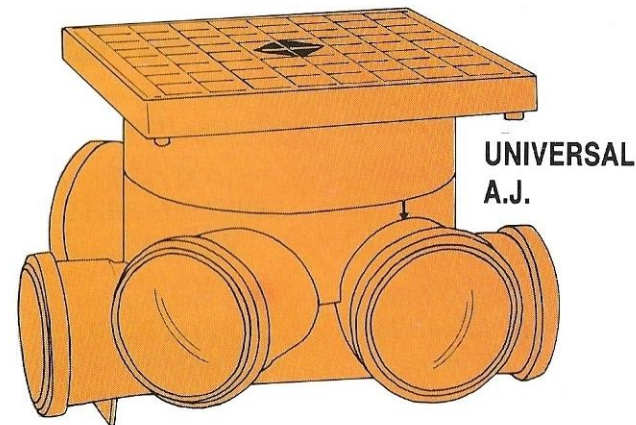
The first meeting of Kerry and Dublin in an All-Ireland minor final was in 1946 when Dublin were the defending champions. The city boys were warm

favourites to retain their title with a team that included such future senior greats as Ollie Freaney, Kevin Heffernan, Jim Lavin, Dan O'Mahoney and Nicky Maher. But Kerry, resourceful as ever, and strangely, with fewer players destined for greatness in adult competition, created a big surprise by decisively beating the favourites.

The teams on that occasion were: **KERRY** — J. Ryan, L. O'Connor, B. O'Sullivan, D. Murphy, J. McCarthy, J. Fenton, T. Moriarty, T. Ashe, J. O'Sullivan, D. Ryan, S. O'Sullivan, J. O'Brien, J. Madden, P. Godley.

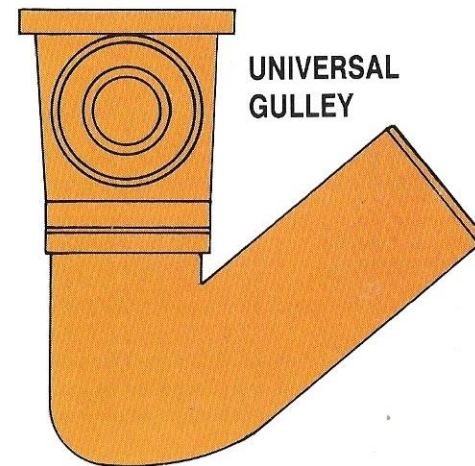
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Dathanna: **Glas is Ór**

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EAMONN STACK
(Moyvane)

(9) F. Aghais
FINTAN ASHE
(Dingle)

(10) P. Ó Laoird
PA LAIDE
(Austin Stacks)

(11) D. Ó Cahtail
DANNY CAHILL (Capt)
(Laune Rangers)

(12) S. Ó Suilleabháin
SEAN O'SULLIVAN
(Sneem)

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COLM GEANEY
(Dingle)

(14) D. Ó Fearghail
DAVID FARRELL
(Annascaul)

(15) L. Ó Suilleabháin
BILLY O'SULLIVAN
(Laune Rangers)

FIR IONAIÐ: (16) T. S. Ó Conchuir (**T. J. O'Connor**) Ballyduff; (17) C. de Brún (**Kieran Browne**) Austin Stacks; (18) F. Ó Dochartaigh (**Francis Doherty**) Spa; (19) T. Ó Broin (**Tommy Burns**) Laune Rangers; (20) G. Ó Griffin (**Gerald Griffin**) Liospole; (21) P. Ó Ceallaigh (**Pat Kelly**) Listowel Emmets.

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

A PERFECT DAY

For weeks we thought, talked, dreamt of nothing else. All the places where you'd be sure to find small boys whiling away the afternoon were deserted. The river, the weir, the woods. Empty, as if some piper had lured us all away.

We gathered in the village by the bridge. Every lad from six to sixteen. There we'd stand, for hours on end, discussing the players and the tactics that would lead our team to victory at Croke Park.

Although I was one of the youngest, and still in short trousers, when I spoke, I held court.

I'd never been to Dublin before, let alone an All Ireland Final. But this year I had a ticket.

In all my life, before or since, I've never looked forward to anything the way I looked forward to that match.

Christmas, birthdays, school holidays, what were they compared to my ticket?

I spent hours tracing the Celtic patterns with my finger, till my mother laughed and told me to mind I didn't wear it away altogether before the big day.

That journey to Dublin was my first glimpse of the hushed mysterious world inhabited by my father and his friends.

I sat in the corner of the carriage, quiet as a mouse, and listened to the talk of games long played, and players whose names were legends.

I was a man of the world. With a florin in one pocket, a bar of Cadbury's in the other, and the whole day stretching before me like an unexplored island.

Wide eyed, I was swept through the glorious confusion of Kingsbridge, out into the quiet splendour of Dublin city.

The whisper of salt on the breeze, the shrill scream of a trolley car, every sight, every smell and sound was exotic and unfamiliar.

But it was the crowd that took my breath away. My father hoisted me onto his shoulders, and, as we turned a corner, I saw them, thousands upon thousands of people.

In a moment we were part of the milling throng, and beneath my heels, a sea of coloured paper hats and flags ebbed and flowed.

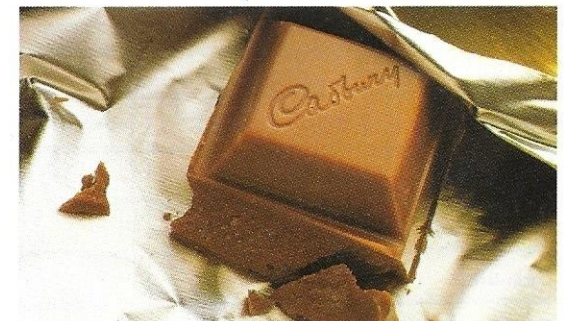
Up ahead, I could see the towering grey ramparts of Croke Park, then, somehow, we were dipping through the narrow, creaking turnstiles, and out into the open again.

The stands were ablaze with colour, the noise was deafening. And I could feel the excitement and anticipation of eighty thousand people, like electricity, in every nerve of my body.

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MICHAEL LYONS
(Summerhill)

(4) P. Ó Liatháin
PÁRAIC LYONS
(Summerhill)

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KEVIN FOLEY
(Trim)

(6) L. Ó hEarnáin
LIAM HARNAN
(Moynalvey)

(7) M. Ó Conaill
MARTIN O'CONNELL
(St. Michael's)

(8) L. Ó hAodha
LIAM HAYES
(Skryne)

(9) G. Mac An tSaoi
GERRY McENTEE
(Nobber)

(10) D. Ó Beigeáin
DAVID BEGGY
(Navan O'Mahonys)

(11) P. S. Mac Uilic
P. J. GILLIC
(Carnaross)

(12) M. Mac Cába
MATTIE McCABE
(Senschalstown)

(13) C. Ó Ruairc
COLM O'ROURKE
(Skryne)

(14) B. de Stafort
BRIAN STAFFORD
(Kilmainhamwood)

(15) B. Ó Floinn
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(St. Colmcille's)

FIR IONAIÐ: (16) D. Mac Gabhann (**Donal Smyth**) Navan O'Mahonys; (17) S. Ó Caisil (**Joe Cassels**) Navan O'Mahonys; (18) C. Mac Giolla Chomhaill (**Colm Coyle**) Seneschalstown; (19) T. Mac Fearghais (**Terry Ferguson**) Gaeil Colmcille; (20) P. Ó Foghlú (**Frank Foley**) Trim; (21) F. Ó Muireartaigh (**Finian Murtagh**) Navan O'Mahonys.

ROGHNÓIRÍ: Bainisteoir: Sean Boylan (Dunboyne); Pat Reynolds (Walterstown); Tony Brennan (Dunderry).

AN MHÍ	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seacháí	45m	Saor-chiceanna
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2 adh Leath					
Iomlán					



CORCAIGH

Dathanna: **Dearg is Bán**

(1) S. Ó Ceirin
JOHN KERINS
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DENIS WALSH
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TONY NATION
(Nemo Rangers)

(8) S. Ó Fathaigh
SHAY FAHY
(Nemo Rangers)

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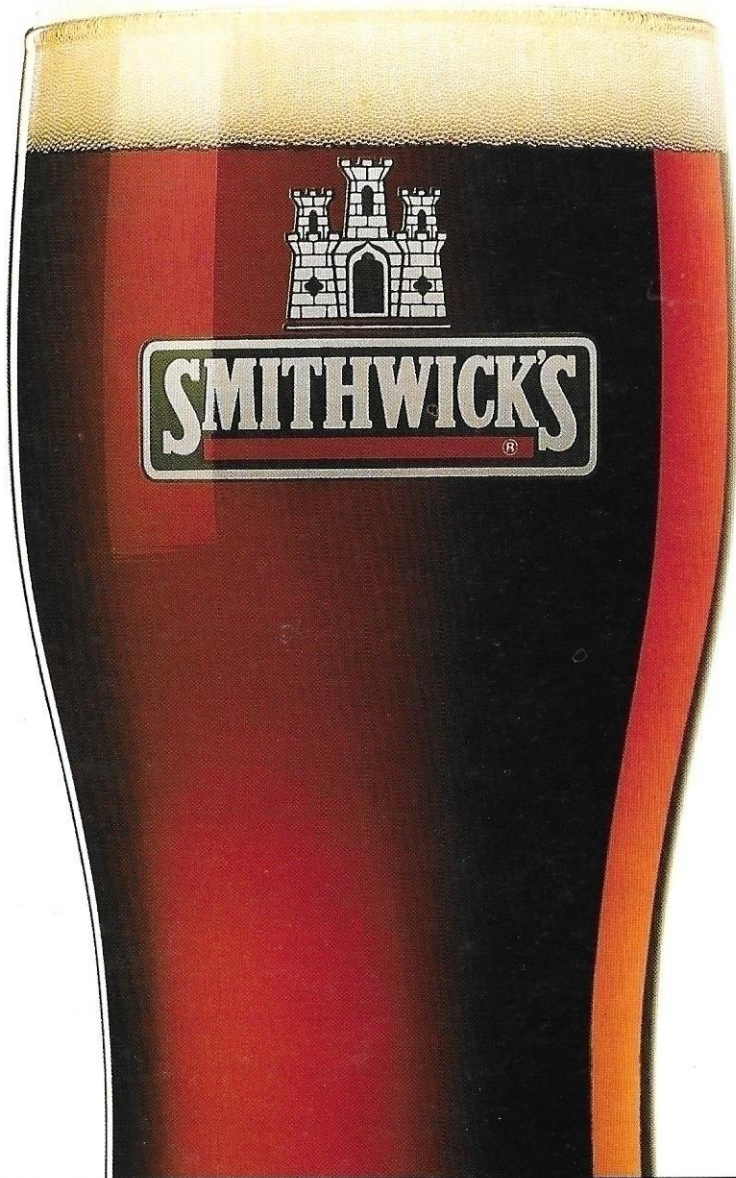
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(O'Donovan Rossa)

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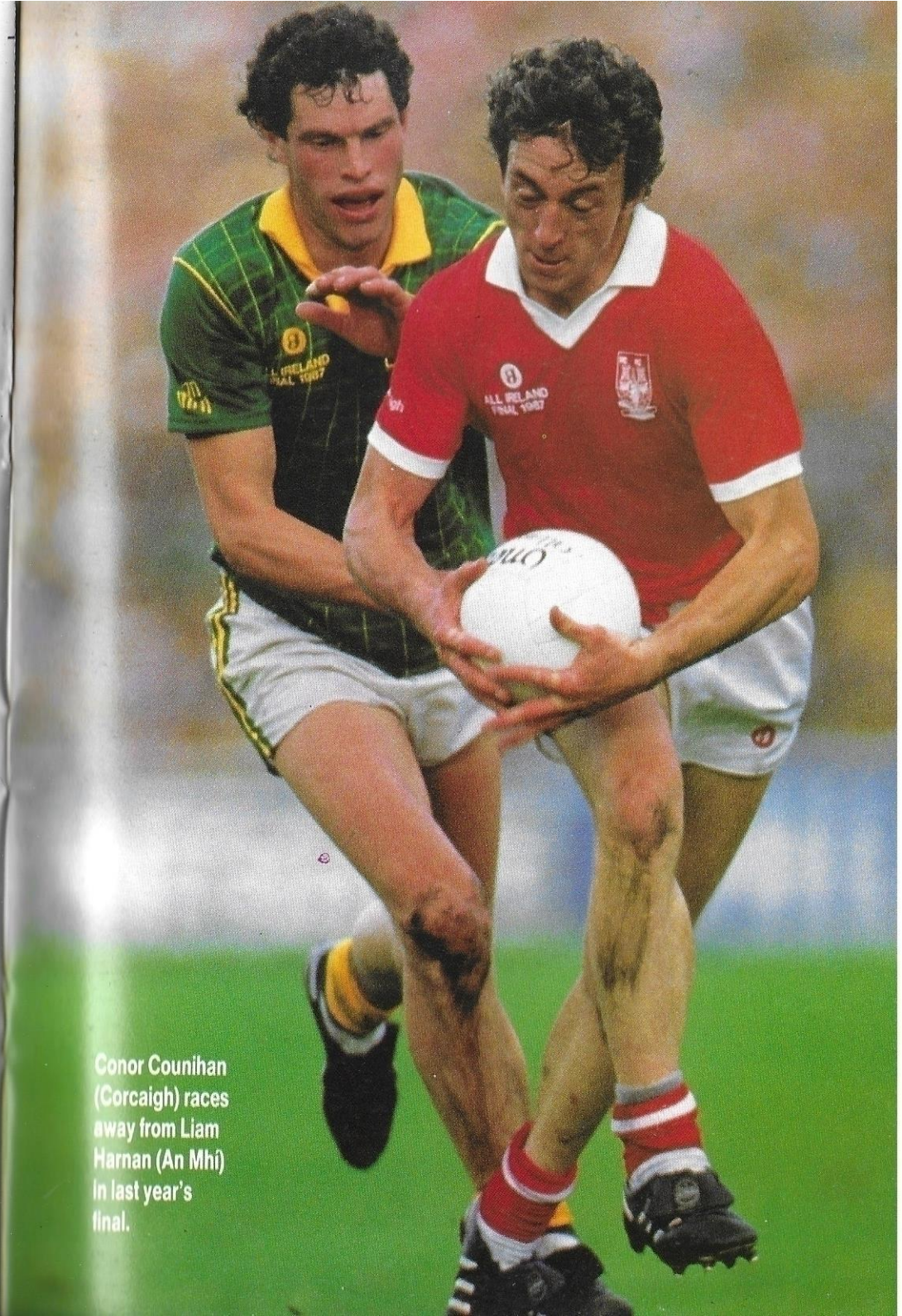
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CORCAIGH	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seacháí	45m	Saor-chiceanna
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Conor Counihan (Corcaigh) races away from Liam Harnan (An Mhí) in last year's final.

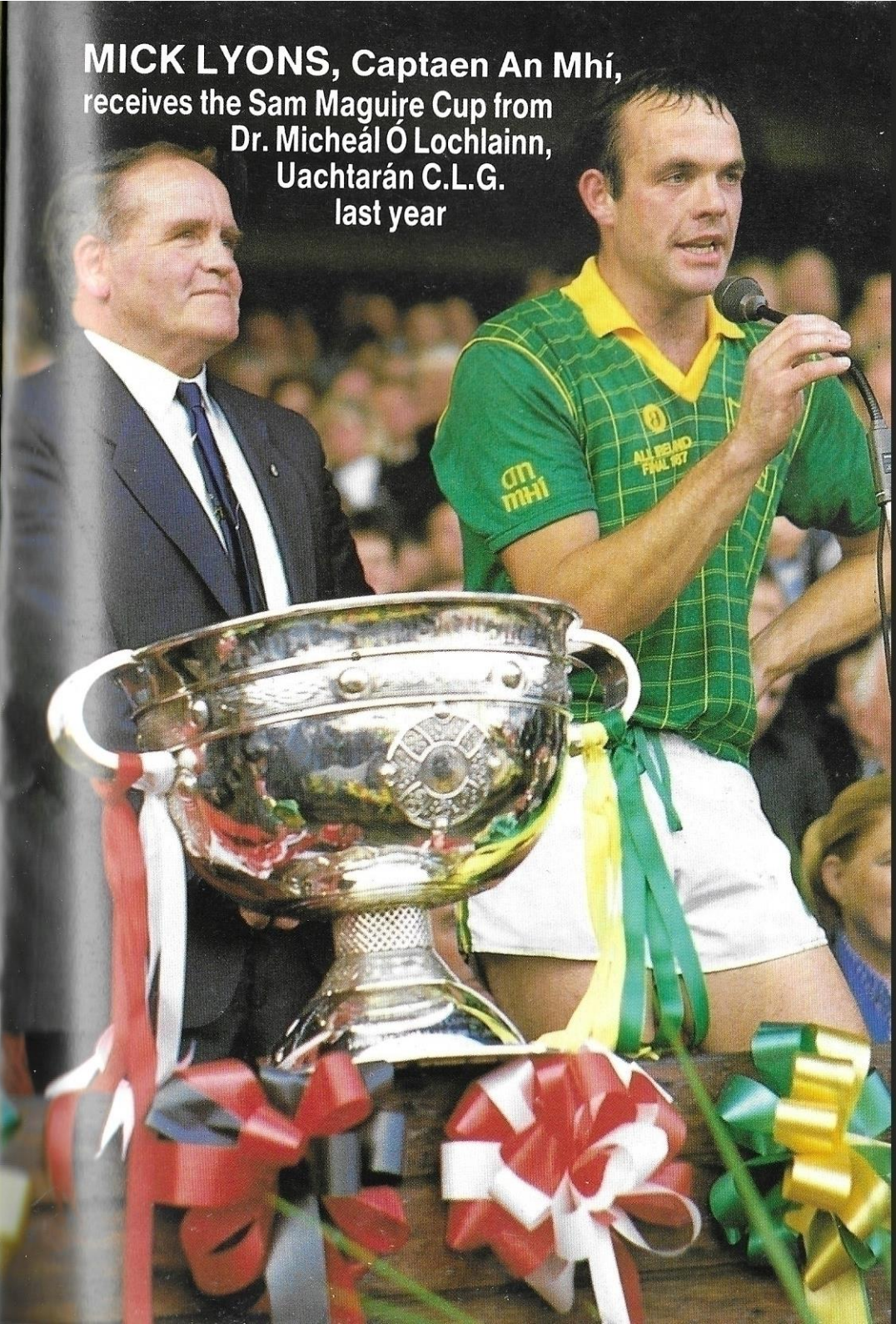
AN MHI

Meath team that defeated Mayo in All-Ireland Senior Football Semi-Final



BACK ROW (l. - r.): Colm O'Rourke, Mick Lyons, Gerry McEntee, Michael McQuillan, Martin O'Connell, Brian Stafford, Liam Hayes, David Beggy. FRONT ROW (l. - r.): P. J. Gillic, Mattie McCabe, Bernard Flynn, Paralc Lyons, Robbie O'Malley, Liam Homan, Kevin Foley.

MICK LYONS, Captaen An Mhí, receives the Sam Maguire Cup from Dr. Micheál Ó Lochlainn, Uachtarán C.L.G. last year



CORCAIGH

Cork team that defeated Monaghan in All-Ireland Senior Football Semi-Final



BACK ROW (l. to r.): Colman Corrigan, Larry Tompkins, Paul McGrath, Shay Fahy, Conor Counihan, Dave Barry, Barry Coffey, Denis Walsh. FRONT ROW (l. to r.): Niall Cahalane, Teddy McCarthy, Michael McCarthy, Tony Nation (Capt.), Anthony Davis, Michael Maguire, Denis Allen.



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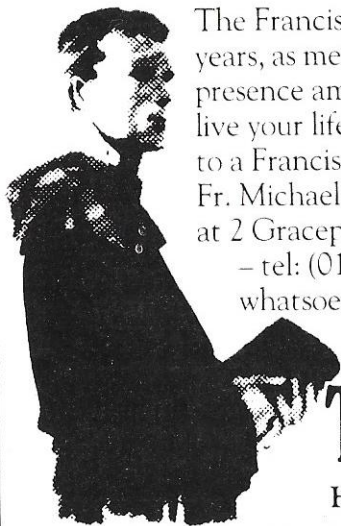
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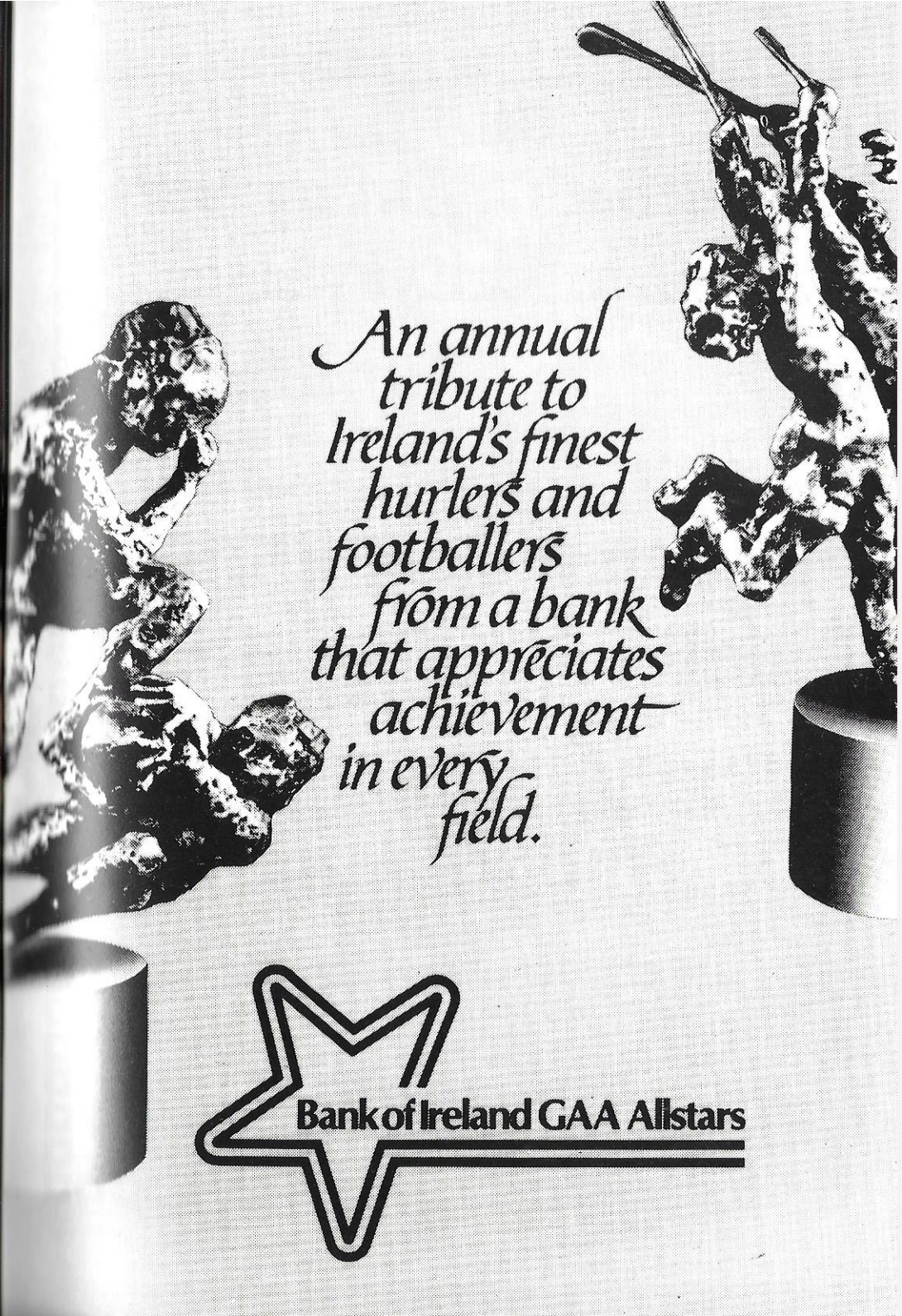
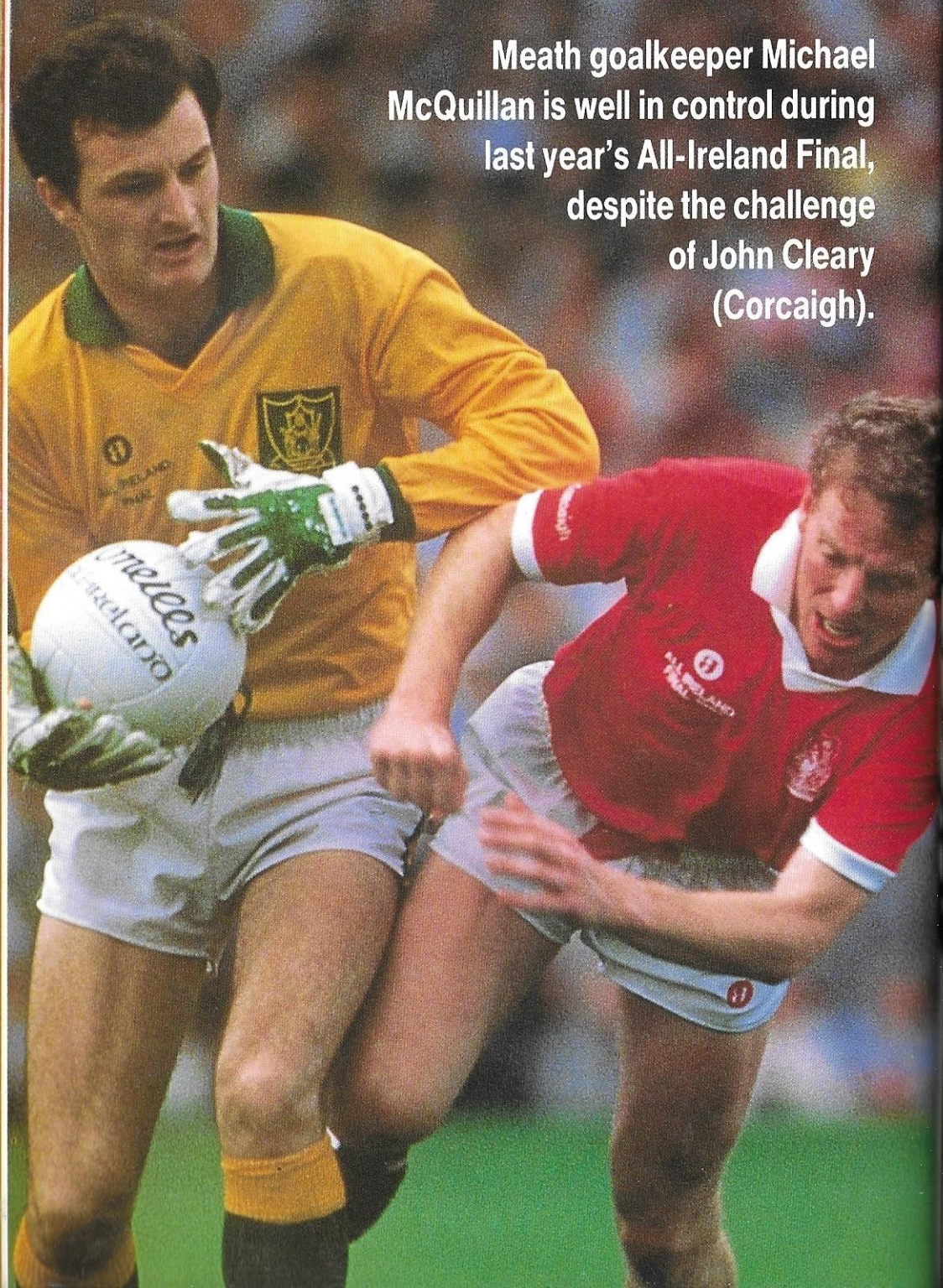
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Meath goalkeeper Michael McQuillan is well in control during last year's All-Ireland Final, despite the challenge of John Cleary (Corcaigh).



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Someone, perhaps with malicious intent and probably a Dublinman, a Kilkennyman or a Kerryman, once remarked most unkindly that a Corkman with an inferiority complex is one who believes he is only just as good as everyone else. This, of course, is outrageously false. I am a Corkman and I can assure you that all those stories that Corkmen are a superior, overbearing, arrogant, boastful, proud and extraordinarily talented race of people are absolutely and totally without foundation.

We are, in fact, the nicest people in Ireland — and as for being arrogant, or superior or overbearing, why, you can put that down to pure nonsense.

Some of the stories, I imagine, stem from the fact that we come from the biggest county in Ireland, unquestionably the most beautiful county in the country — and if you have been there you'll know precisely what I mean.

The people who come from there are quite ordinary folk, simple, gentle and humble — no different from anyone else. Pick out any Corkman at all and again you'll see what I mean.

There is Jack Lynch, who won a record six All-Ireland medals in succession and I imagine one or two of you will remember that he did not do too badly at all in politics . . .

There is Christy Ring, our universally beloved hero of hurling who won eight All Ireland medals and did it without the slightest fuss or publicity.

There is Dr. Pat O'Callaghan, who won two Olympic gold medals in the hammer, who also won Irish, British

and American championships — and rarely mentions all that he did in sport.

There is Con Murphy — and could there have been a better President of the G.A.A.?

And how about Eudie Coughlan, Denny Barry Murphy, Jim Young, Paddy Donovan, Tony O'Shaughnessy, Jerry O'Sullivan, the three McCarthys, Justin, Charlie and Gerald, Ray Cummins, Jimmy Barry Murphy . . . ?

All magnificent sportsmen . . . but take it from me, every one of them can only be described as an ordinary simple and humble man.

Even that goes for Sean O'Siochain, who should probably be known as "Mr. G.A.A. Himself". A great man is everything he did and does — but you can't fault him for that. Success never changed him one iota and to this day he likes to be accepted as nothing more than an average Corkman.

And how about Chris Curran or Niall Toibin . . . or Joe Lynch . . . or Liam Nolan. Just plain, honest-to-God lads. Eamonn Young is another example. There is little unusual about him if you

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except the fact tht he is a great writer, a fine conversationalist, a gifted authority on sport and, unquestionably one of the greatest footballers we have ever had in Ireland. Why, that gentle unassuming man never raised even a word of objection when the Munster Railway Cup selectors asked him if he would mind 14 Kerry men playing on a Munster team with him. That showed the humility in the man.

And Eamonn Young, the ordinary good man that he is would confirm that I am no different in any way from any other Corkman.

And Corkmen, let me tell you, want only the simple things in life. Like moving the Government to Cork where it should be . . . the right to select all Irish and international sides in sport . . . playing the All-Ireland finals in Pairc Ui Chaoimh . . . having the Cork accent declared the official

tongue of the country . . . perhaps even the establishment of Cork as a Republic . . . Just simple things.

So don't believe anything you hear about Cork People from those who live outside of our territory. It strikes me at times that some of them are just plain envious of us simple ordinary people.

And we are a fair and generous people, too. Like every other Corkman, I don't have the slightest bias about this afternoon's All-Ireland Football Final.

It doesn't matter to me who wins . . . just as long as Cork finish 10 to 15 points ahead of Meath.

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MESSAGE TO PATRONS

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ANMHÍAGUS CORCAIGH

Both counties have felt the frustration of failure

Both Cork and Meath have experienced the frustration of failing to score in senior championship football, with the Leesiders being first out of the 1887 championship when they lost to Kilkenny (0-0 to 0-4) at Dungarvan.

A year later Meath had no answer to Louth's 2-4 at Drogheda, and then there was a long period when forwards with both counties enjoyed better luck, until 1904 when Cork lost to Kerry at Limerick — the score being 1-4 to nil.

Meath hit a bad patch at a time of political turmoil in the country, losing to Louth (0-0 to 2-7) at the Navan Show Grounds in 1917, and four years later Dublin trounced them by 3-6 to nil in the first round at Croke Park.

The Royal county's final experience of the 'dismal noughts' was when Dublin again denied them a flag in the 1923 Leinster final, which gave Meath the dubious distinction of being the last county to fail to score in a provincial senior final.

DEFENDERS SUPREME

The Middleton defence which did duty for Cork in the 1890 championship was arguably the most efficient in the history of the championship, to judge by the scorelines of the games they played on the way to the title.

In the first round at Youghal they beat Waterford by 0-6 to

nil, and when the Munster final with Kerry was abandoned with five minutes to go at Limerick, neither side had managed to score!

The replay at Banteer saw the Cork defence again in sparkling form as the Southern title was won for the first time on the score of 1-4 to 0-1. Armagh left Clonturk Park without having raised a flag as Cork marched on (1-15 to nil), and though Wexford managed to score twice in the final, Cork were easy winners by 2-4 to 0-2.

Cork's aggregate of 4-29 (41 points) to the 0-3 conceded, gave them an average of 13.6, the highest ever for a championship campaign by any county.

HIGHEST AGGREGATE
Meath's highest return from a single championship campaign was the 13-69 (108 points) they recorded in their eight match programme which culminated in the winning of the Sam Maguire Cup for the first time in 1949.

SHORT-LIVED

The popularity of Clonskeagh (venue for the first All-Ireland football final) as a centre for Gaelic games, was short-lived. Three Leinster championship games were played there in the summer of 1888, but thereafter the historic venue was never the scene of inter-county combat.

MUNSTER AHEAD

There have been 47 All-Ireland finals between Munster and Leinster teams to date, with Munster holding a slight edge in respect of the honours, 24 wins to Leinster's 23.

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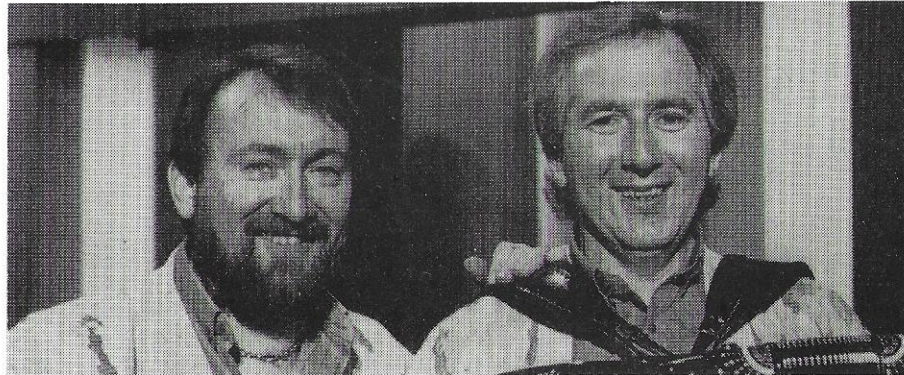
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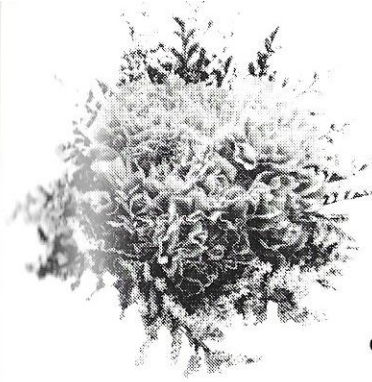
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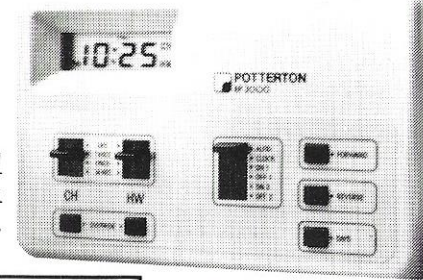
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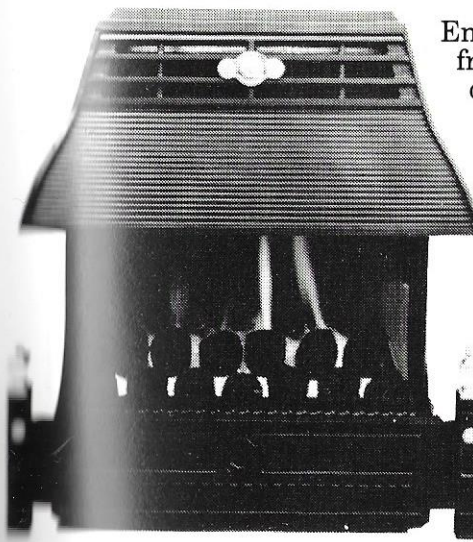
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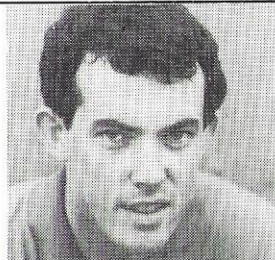
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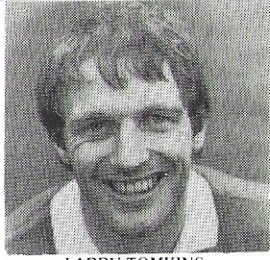
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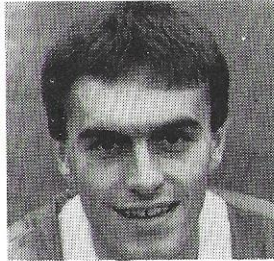
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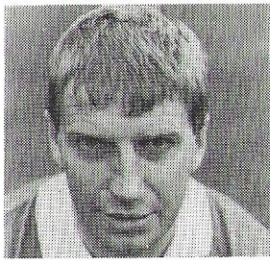
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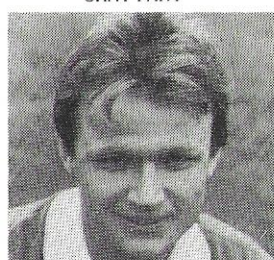
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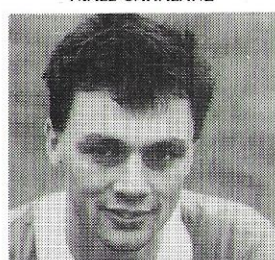
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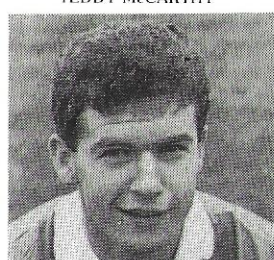
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JOHN KERINS (St. Finbarrs). Born 19.7.62. Height 6'1". Weight 13st. Occupation, Garda. Honours won with club include 1 Minor Hurling County medal in 1980; 1 Senior football county medal in 1985. Honours won with County include 2 Munster U-21 medals in 1981 and '82; 1 U-21 All-Ireland medal in 1981; 2 Munster Senior football medals in 1987 and '88.

DENIS WALSH (St. Cath-erines). Born 22.1.65. Height 5'10". Weight 13st. Occupation, Oil Company Representative. Club honours include 1 Junior Hurling county medal for 1983. County Honours include 1 Munster minor football medal in 1983; 2 Munster and All-Ireland football medals in 1985 and 1986; 1 Munster and All-Ireland senior hurling medal for 1986.

COLMAN CORRIGAN (Macroom). Born 5.6.62. Height 6'. Weight 14st. Occupation, Insurance Agent. Honours won with club include 1 Under-21 County medal in 1982; 1 Intermediate Co. medal in 1982; 2 Minor County Medals in 1978 and '79. Honours won with Cork include 2 Munster U-21 medals in 1981 and '82; 1 All-Ireland U-21 medal in 1982; 2 Munster senior football medals in 1983 and 1987.

NIALL CAHALANE (Castle-haven). Born 25.9.66. Height 5'11". Weight 13st. Occupation, Courier. Honours won with club include 2 Co. U-21 Football medals. Honours won with county include 1 Munster and All-Ireland medals in 1981; Munster and All-Ireland U-21 medals in 1984; 2 Munster Senior Football medals in 1987 and '88.

ANTHONY DAVIS (O'Dono-van Rossa, Skibbereen). Born 29.11.64. Height 6'1". Weight 13st. 2lbs. Occupation, Garda. Honours won with club include 1 Intermediate Co. in 1983; 1 Under-21

in 1984. Honours won with County include Munster and All-Ireland minor medal in 1981; 2 Munster and All-Ireland Under-21 medals in 1984 and '85; 1. Munster and All-Ireland junior medals in 1984; 1 National Football League (Div. 2) medal in 1987; 2 Munster Senior football medals in '87 and '88.

CONOR COUNIHAN (Aghada). Born 28.9.59. Height 6'. Weight 13st. Occupation, Re-Hab Supervisor. Honours won at club level include 2 county senior football medals with Divisional side Imokilly; 2 Munster senior medals with Cork in 1987 and '88; 1 Munster All-Ireland U-21.

TONY NATION (Nemo Rangers). Born 15.7.63. Height 5'10". Weight 11st. 6lbs. Occupation, Fitter with White-gate Oil Dept. Club honours include 2 senior county medals, 2 Munster and 1 All-Ireland Club medals. At county level, he holds U-21 Munster and All-Ireland medals for 1984. 2 Munster Senior medals for 1987 and '88.

SHAY FAHY (Nemo Rangers). Born 6.10.62. Height 6'3". Weight 14st. 7lbs. Occupation, Army Officer. Honours won with club include 1 County S.F. medal in 1987 with Nemo; 2 County S.F.C. medals with Sarsfields (Kildare); 1 Leinster U-21 with Kildare in 1982; 2 Munster medals with Cork in 1987 and 1988.

TEDDY McCARTHY (Glan-mire). Born 1.7.65. Height 5'11". Weight 13st. Occupation, Beamish & Crawford employee. Club honours include 1 Co. Inter-mediate Championship medal in 1987, and two County Senior Foot-ball medals with Div. 1 side Imokilly. Honours won with the county include 1 Munster Minor Medal in 1983; 3 Munster and All-Ireland U-21 medals in 1984, '85, '86. 2 Munster Senior medals in 1987 and 1988.

PAUL McGRATH (Bishops-town). Born 23.5.66. Height 5'11". Weight 11st. 6lbs. Occupation Engineer. Honours won with county include, 2 Munster and All-Ireland U-21 medals in 1985 and '86; 1 Munster senior medal in 1988. Sigerson Cup '88 with U.C.C.

LARRY TOMPKINS (Castle-haven). Born 13.6.63. Height, 6'0". Weight 13st. 2lbs. Occupation, Carpenter. Won 1 junior and 1 Intermediate Co. medal with Eadestown, Co. Kildare; 2 Munster Senior Football medals with Cork in 1987 and '88.

BARRY COFFEY (Bishops-town). Born 1.3.65. Height 6'2". Weight 14st. Occupation, Co. Rep for Ballyclough Creamery. Honours won with Cork include 1 Munster minor medal for 1983; 3 Munster and All-Ireland Under-21 medals for 1984, '85, '86; 2 Munster senior medals for 1987 and 1988.

DENIS ALLEN (Nemo Rangers). Born 9.8.52. Height 5'9". Weight 11st. 10lbs. Occupation Bank Official. Honours won with club: 7 S.F.C. medals; 4 Munster Club and 3 All-Ireland Club medals. Honours won with Cork: 2 Munster senior football medals; 1 N.F.L. medal in 1980; 1 Under-21 Munster and All-Ireland medal in 1971; 5 Railway Cup medals and 1 Munster senior hurling medal in 1974.

DAVE BARRY (St. Finbarrs). Born 15.9.61. Height 5'11". Weight 12st. 10lbs. Occupation, Plumber. Honours won with club, 4 county S.F.C. Medals. Honours won with county, 3 Munster U-21 medals in 1980, 1981 and '82; 2. All-Ireland U-21 medals in 1980, 1981.

MICHAEL McCARTHY (O'Donovan Rossa). Born 8.5.65. Height 5'10". Weight 11st. 7 lbs. Occupation, Area Manager Kerry Petroleum. Honours won with club include 1 Minor County, 1983; 1 Intermediate 1985; 2 Under-21 medals, 1984 and '85. Honours won with county include 1 Munster Minor medal in 1983; 1 Munster and All-Ireland Junior medal in 1984; 3 Munster and All-Ireland U-21 medals in 1984, '85, '86; 1 Munster senior medal in 1988.

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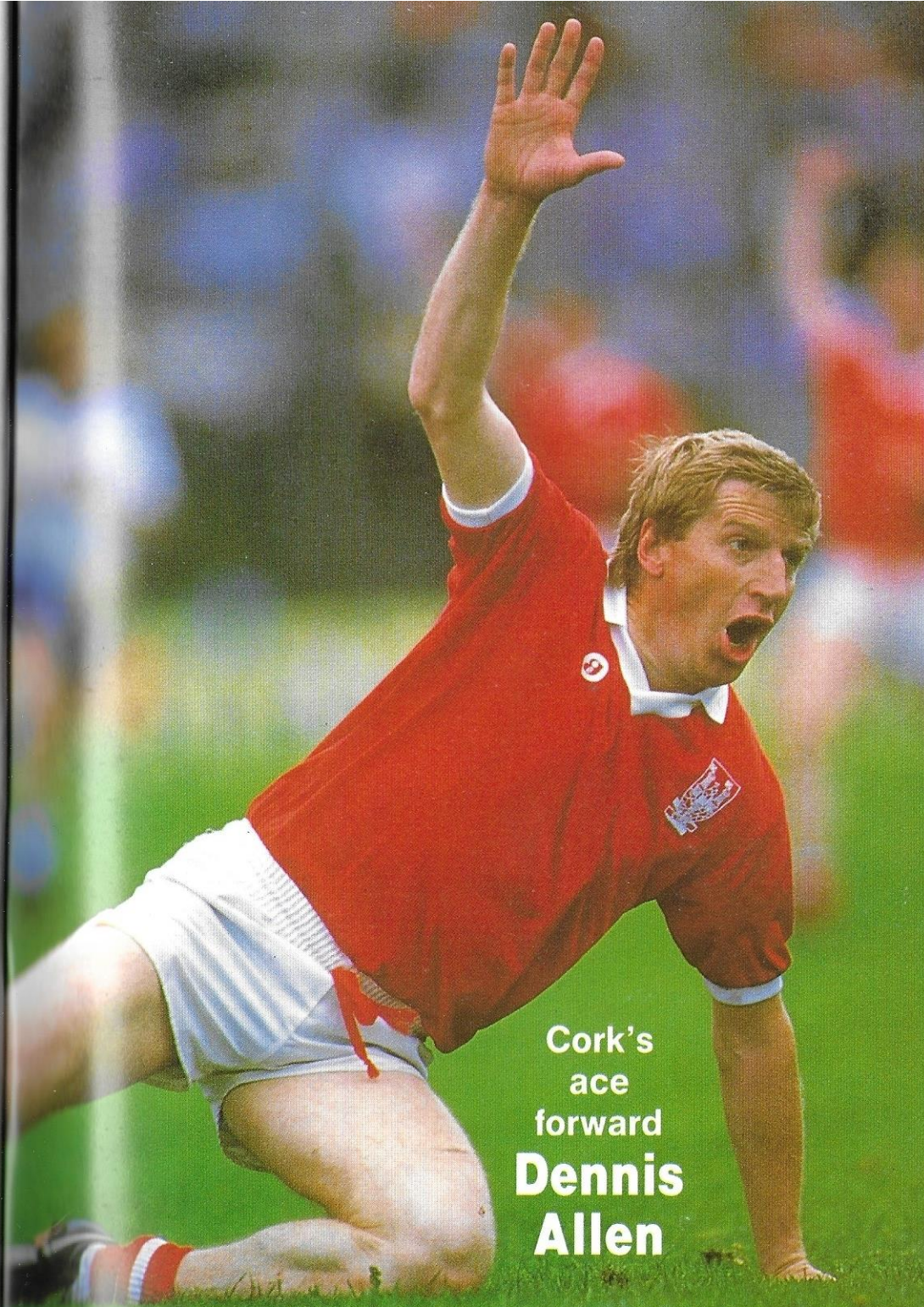
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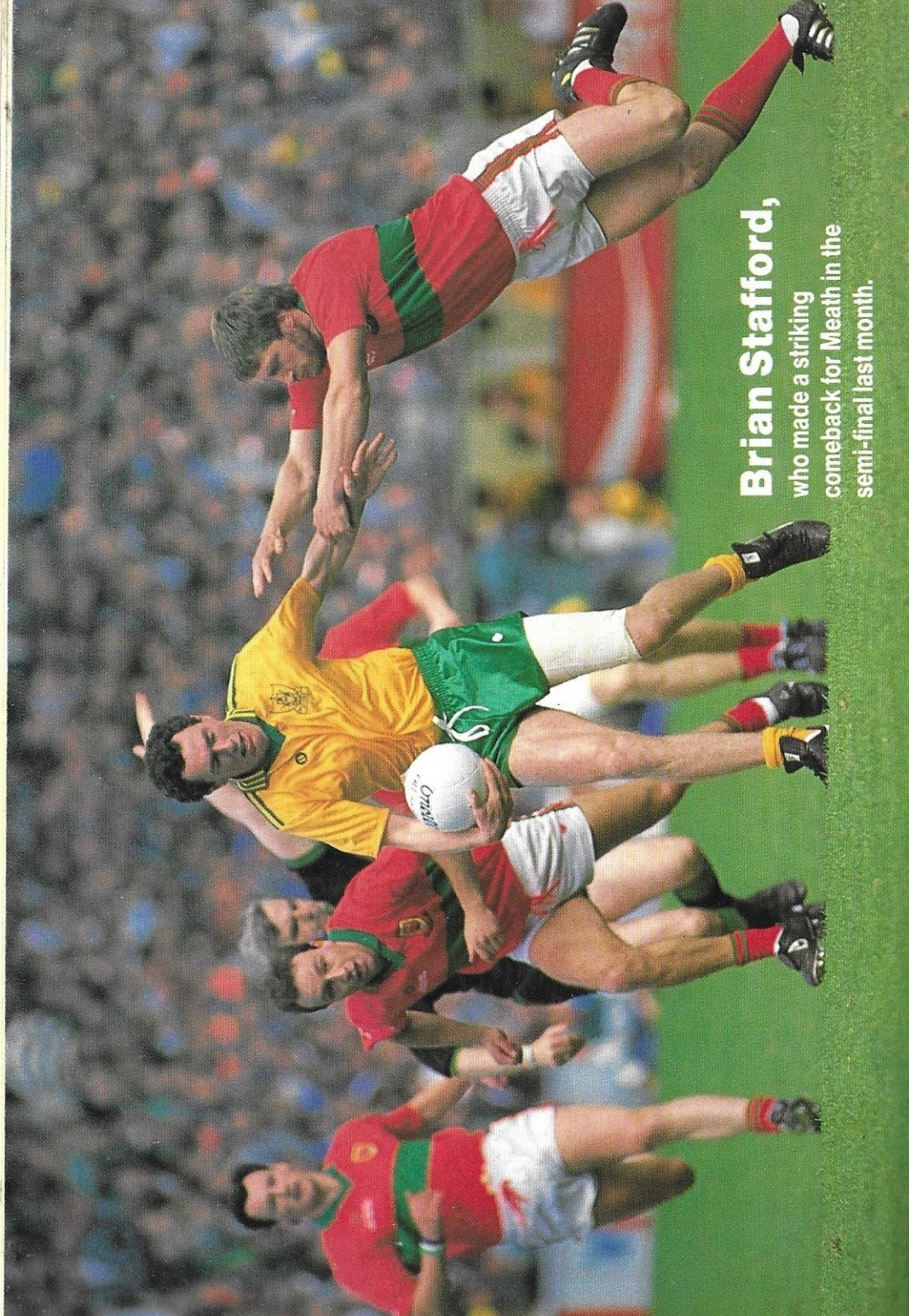
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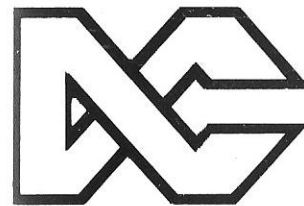


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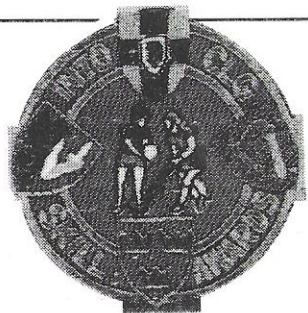
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What of the boys themselves? The only criterion for membership of the Band is that the boy will do his very best to uphold the glorious tradition of The Artane Boys' Band since its beginning, punctual attendance at all rehearsals (of which there are two sessions daily), and to strive for perfection in the music they render. In return this inculcates a love of music and a spirit of discipline. For the boys, music becomes a relaxation and gives them the opportunity of meeting together in their spare time.

When a boy reaches the age of 16 and has to leave the Band, this is not the end. His love for The Artane Boys' Band stays with him. This love has been most evident over the past three years on All-Ireland Finals Days, when Joe Lynch was able to field a Band numbering 240, comprised of the Band of the present augmented by members of the Bands of the past. The past members are always enthusiastic to return to Artane for the September Spectaculars. Some past members who no longer play music but want to show their loyalty are drafted in to lead the Band as the team of Flag Bearers.

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Cork Confront the Champs

Striving to dethrone the reigning All-Ireland football champions is no new experience to Cork — it is an assignment they have undertaken many times over the past 90 years — and if mighty Kerry too often resisted the challenge of the Leesiders, there were, nevertheless, many great moments to celebrate in the course of this particular quest.

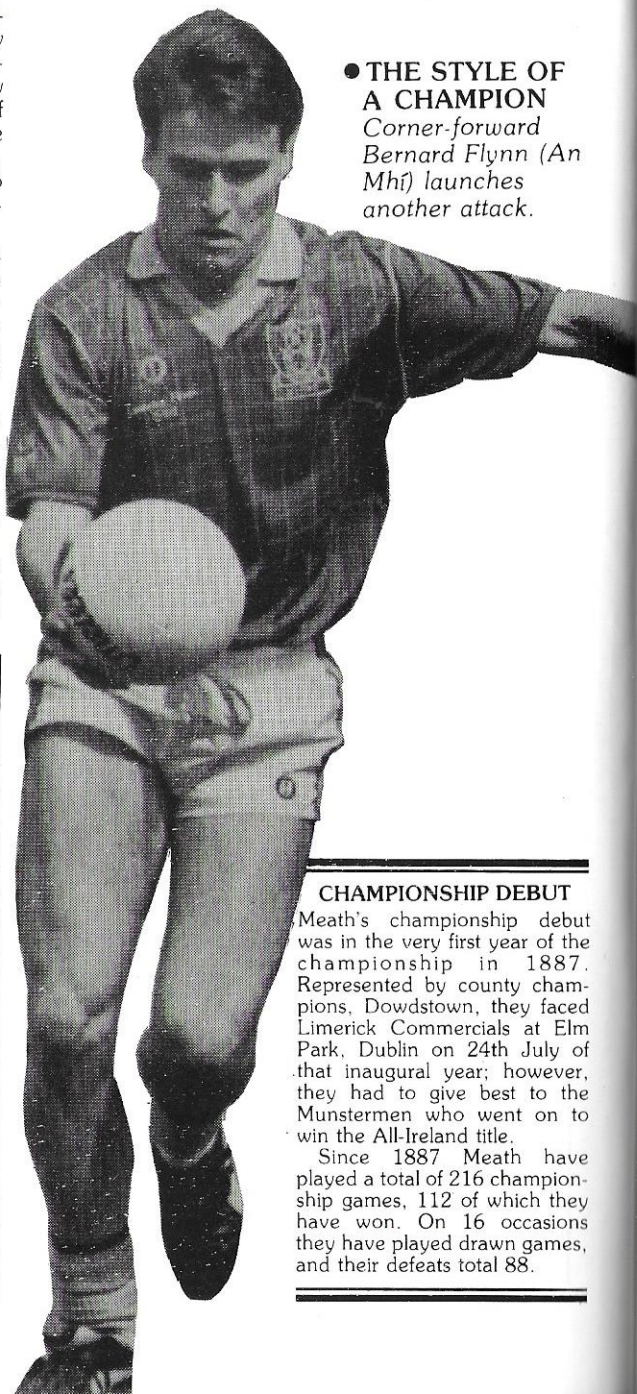
Cork's first-ever confrontation with the reigning champions was in the 1897 championship when they opposed Limerick at Tipperary town (September 25, 1898), and it was a successful confrontation as they edged out the holders by two points.

Understandably, Kerry have been cast most often in the role of champions vis-a-vis Cork, but there have also been meetings with Dublin, Tipperary, Cavan and Galway at various times.

Twenty eight times in all, Cork have thrown down the challenge, with the record reading, six wins and 22 defeats, the details of which are:

1897 — Cork	0-5;	Limerick	0-3.
1899 — Dublin	1-10;	Cork	0-6.
1901 — Cork	2-3;	Tipperary	0-6.
1905 — Kerry	1-7;	Cork	0-5.
1907 — Dublin	0-6;	Cork	0-2.
1910 — Kerry	0-4;	Cork	0-2.
1914 — Kerry	0-5;	Cork	0-1.
1925 — Kerry	3-8;	Cork	1-0.
1927 — Kerry	1-7;	Cork	0-1.
1938 — Kerry	4-14;	Cork	0-6.
1942 — Kerry	3-7;	Cork	0-8.
1947 — Kerry	3-8;	Cork	2-6.
1949 — Cavan	1-9;	Cork	2-3.
1954 — Kerry	4-9;	Cork	2-3.
1956 — Cork	1-8;	Kerry	1-7.
(replay)			
1957 — Cork	2-4;	Galway	0-9.
1963 — Kerry	1-18;	Cork	3-7.
1966 — Galway	1-11;	Cork	1-9.
1970 — Kerry	2-22;	Cork	2-9.
1971 — Cork	0-25;	Kerry	0-14.
1976 — Kerry	3-20;	Cork	2-19.
(replay)			
1979 — Kerry	2-14;	Cork	2-4.
1980 — Kerry	3-13;	Cork	0-12.
1981 — Kerry	1-11;	Cork	0-3.
1982 — Kerry	2-18;	Cork	0-12.
1985 — Kerry	2-11;	Cork	0-11.
1986 — Kerry	0-12;	Cork	0-8.
1987 — Cork	0-13;	Kerry	1-5.
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1988 — ?			

● **THE STYLE OF A CHAMPION**
Corner-forward Bernard Flynn (An Mhí) launches another attack.

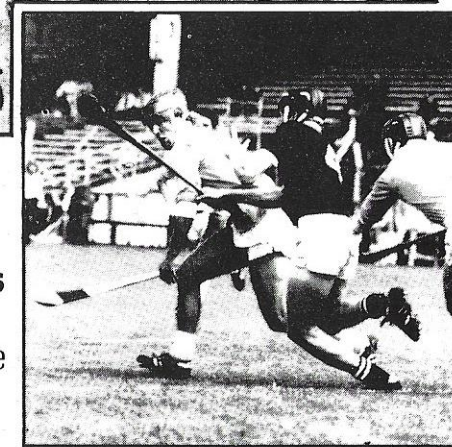
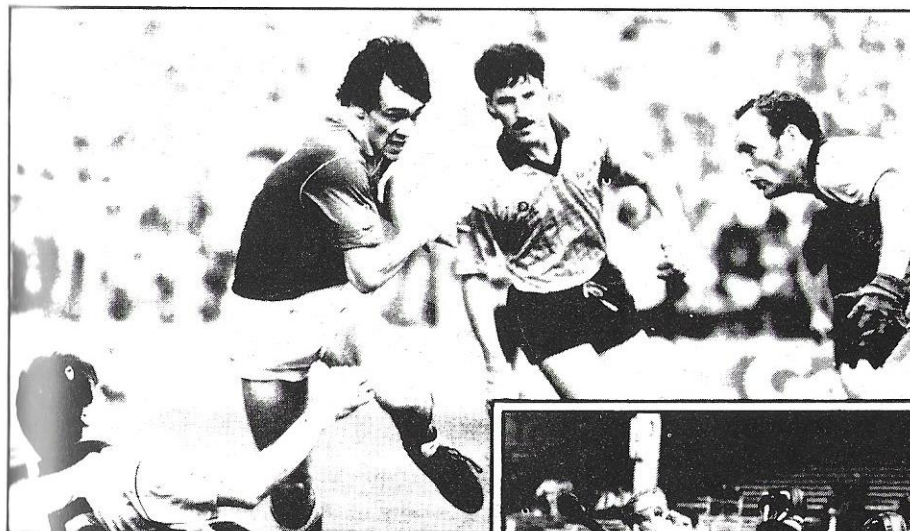


CHAMPIONSHIP DEBUT

Meath's championship debut was in the very first year of the championship in 1887. Represented by county champions, Dowdstown, they faced Limerick Commercials at Elm Park, Dublin on 24th July of that inaugural year; however, they had to give best to the Munstermen who went on to win the All-Ireland title.

Since 1887 Meath have played a total of 216 championship games, 112 of which they have won. On 16 occasions they have played drawn games, and their defeats total 88.

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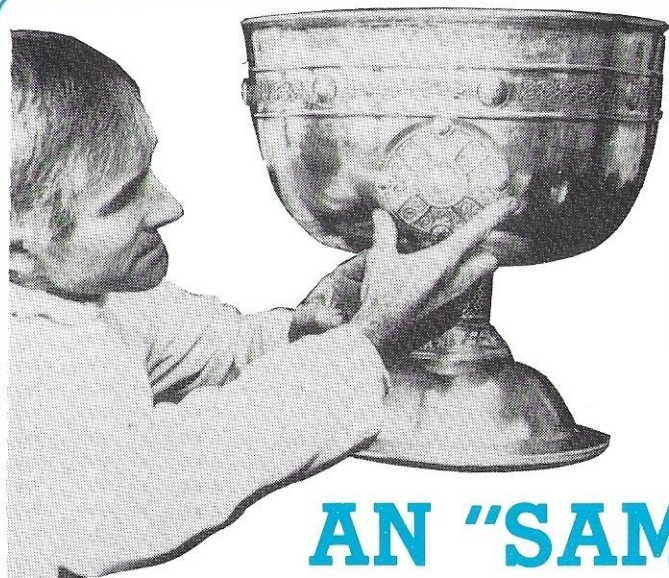


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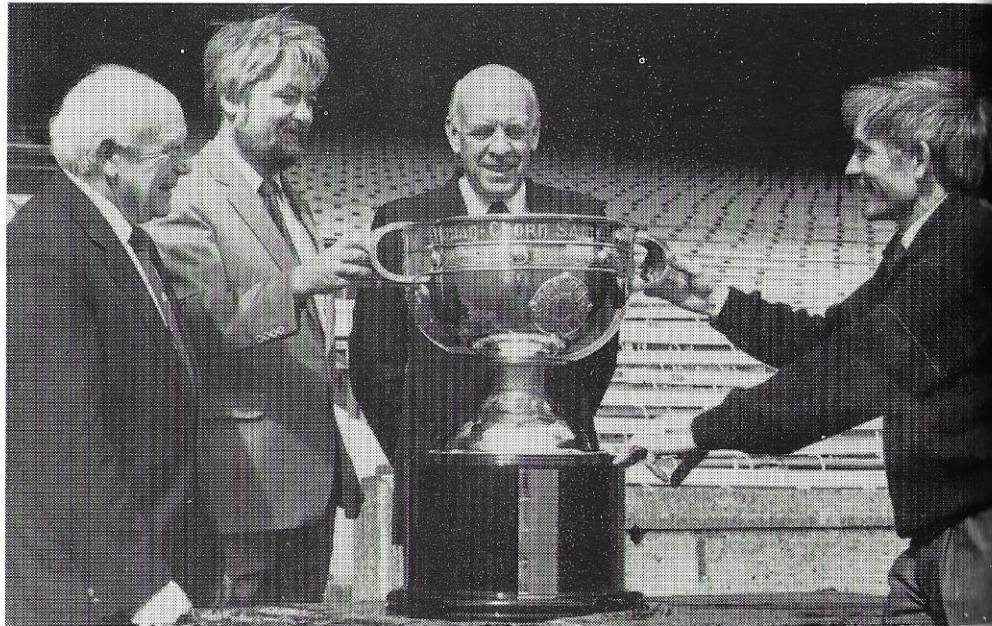
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● New Sam being made: Desmond Byrne, silversmith, took 500 man-hours to complete the new cup.

AN "SAM" NUA



● At the handing over of the new Sam Maguire Cup at Croke Park were, from left to right: Captain Ronald Le Bas, Assay Master; Danny Lynch, P.R.O., Croke Park; Kieran D. Eustace, Managing Director, Johnson Matthey Ltd., donors of the silver; and Desmond A. Byrne, silversmith, who made the Cup.



The joyful scene in Páirc an Chrócaigh last year as Meath captain Mick Lyons became the last man to receive the old Sam Maguire Cup. Will he also be the first to receive the "new Sam"?

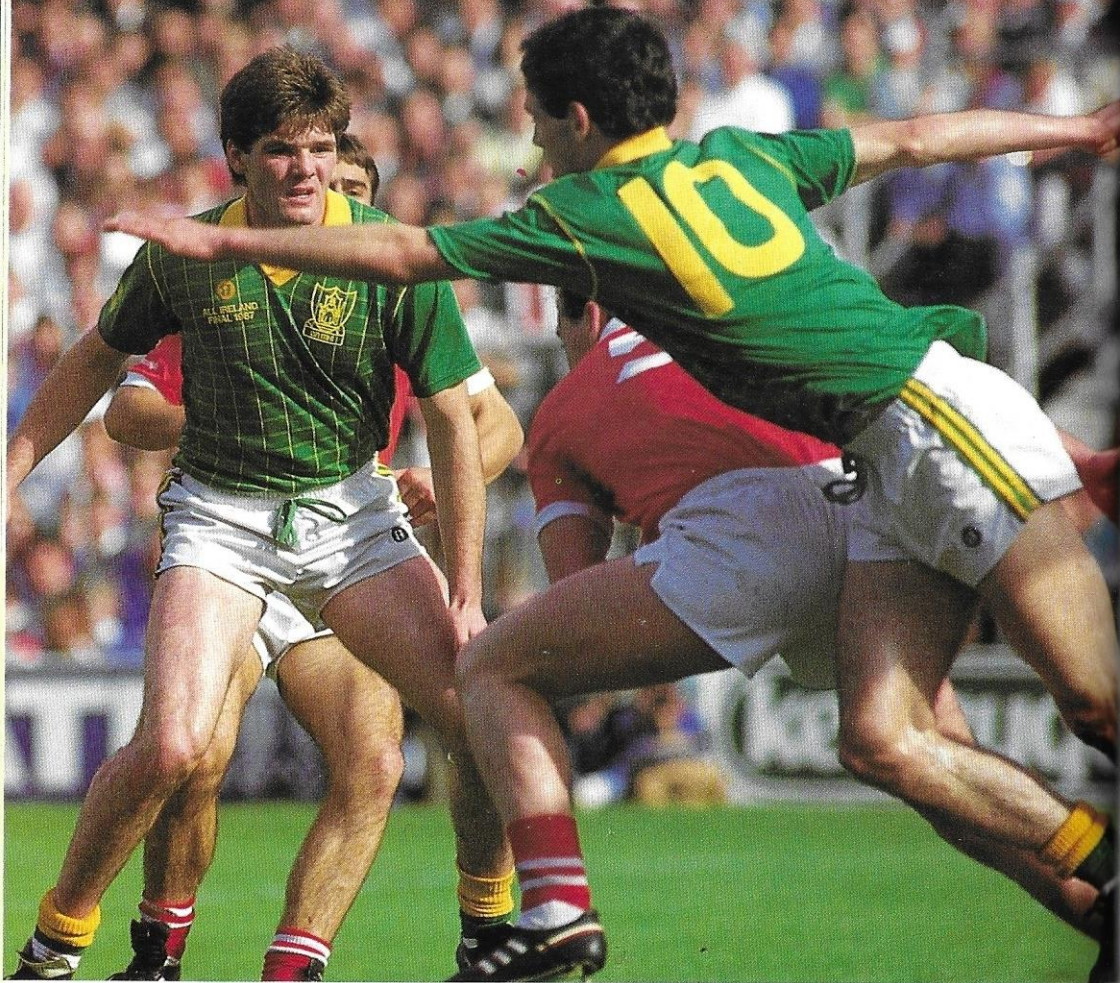
The Sam Maguire Cup which was first presented in 1928 has been replaced by a replica for the 1988 final. The original cup was presented to the G.A.A. as a trophy for the All-Ireland Football Championship to commemorate Sam Maguire a man who had given a lifetime of service to the G.A.A. and to Ireland. The old cup was wrought by Hopkins and Hopkins of Dublin to the design of the Ardagh Chalice and is made of silver.

Either Mick Lyons or Tony Nation will have the honour of being the first to be presented with the new "Sam". The replica of the Sam Maguire has been made by the Kilkenny-based Gold/Silversmith Desmond A. Byrne and the silver for the trophy was presented to the G.A.A. by Kieran D. Eustace, Managing Director of Johnson Matthey, 101 Grafton Street, Dublin. It has been hand crafted to the exact dimensions and specifications of the

original cup. It weighs approximately 17 lbs. independently of the base which weighs an additional 28 lbs. It is 16" high without base and the bowl is 17" in diameter and took approximately 500 man-hours to complete.

The original trophy was first won by Kildare in 1928. In 1934 Galway became the first Connacht county to win the trophy and in 1960 Down brought the cup across the border for the first time. Kerry have won the trophy more times than any other county, twenty three occasions. Only six men had the honour of being presented with the trophy twice, Joe Barrett (Kerry), Jimmy Murray (Roscommon), John Joe Reilly (Cavan), Sean Flanagan (Mayo), Enda Colleran (Galway), and Tony Hanahoe (Dublin). The trophy will be retained in Croke Park and will eventually be included as part of a museum display.

Niall Cahalane (Corcaigh) is surrounded by P. J. Gillic and David Beggy of Meath, Watched by Cork captain Tony Nation.



FINAL APPEARANCES

Appearing in their 11th All-Ireland final, Meath are today seeking their fifth title in 40 years.

The Royal county connection with the All-Ireland scene was tenuous enough during the first 50 years of the championship, apart from the lone appearance against Tipperary in 1895, but from 1939 — their second appearance and their second defeat — Meath have been renowned championship battlers and have not been easily beaten when the Sam Maguire is at stake.

The details of Meath's ten finals:

1895 — Tipperary 0-4; Meath 0-3.
 1939 — Kerry 2-5; Meath 2-3.
 1949 — Meath 1-10; Cavan 1-6.

MEATH: Kevin Smyth, Mick O'Brien, Paddy O'Brien, Kevin McConnell, Seamus Heery, Paddy Dixon, Christy Hand, Jim Kearney, Paddy Connell, Frank Byrne, Brian Smyth (captain), Mattie McDonnell, Paddy Meegan, Bill Halfpenny, Peter McDermott. Sub: Pat Carolan.

1951 — Mayo 2-8; Meath 0-9.
 1952 — Cavan 0-9; Meath 0-5.
 (replay)

1954 — Meath 1-13; Kerry 1-7.
MEATH: Patsy McGearty, Mick O'Brien, Paddy O'Brien, Kevin McConnell, Kevin Lenihan, Jim O'Reilly, Ned Durnin, Paddy Connell, Tom O'Brien, Mick Grace, Brian Smyth, Mattie McDonnell, Paddy Meegan, Tom Moriarty, Peter McDermott (captain).

1966 — Galway 1-10; Meath 0-7.
 1967 — Meath 1-9; Cork 0-9.

MEATH: Sean McCormack, Mick White, Jack Quinn, Peter Darby (captain), Pat Collier, Bertie Cunningham, Pat Reynolds, Peter Moore, Tom Brown, Tony Brennan, Matt Kerrigan, Mick Mellet, Peter Mulvaney, Noel Curran, Oliver Shanley. Subs: M. White, J. Fagan, M. Quinn.
 1970 — Kerry 2-19; Meath 0-18.
 1987 — Meath 1-14; Cork 0-11.

MEATH: Michael McQuilan, Bobbie O'Malley, Mick Lyons, Terry Fergusson, Kevin Foley, Liam Harnan, Martin O'Connell, Liam Hayes, Gerry McEntee, David Beggy, Joe Cassells, P. J. Gillic, Colm O'Rourke, Brian Stafford, Bernard Flynn. Subs: Colm Doyle, Padraic Lyons.

Unlike Meath, Cork were very prominent during the first quarter of a century of the football championship, and particularly so in the 1890s when they contested six finals.

Their success rate was poor, though, and after their first win in 1890 they enjoyed little luck in their efforts to add to the initial triumph.

When the second senior title went to Leeside in 1911 it was the county's ninth appearance in the final. In the 77 years since then Cork have taken the honours on two occasions. The details of their 15 All-Ireland appearances:

1890 — Cork 2-4; Wexford 0-2.

CORK: J. Power (captain), P. Moore, J. Leahy, D. Kelleher, M. Coleman, T. Lucey, J. Fitzgerald, Joe Fitzgerald, T. Downey, M. Riordan, R. Power, J. D. O'Brien, M. Hennessy, W. Hennessy, M. Egan, J. Aherne, M. Murphy, M. Buckley, W. Buckley, J. Downey, P. Sullivan (21-a-side).

1891 — Dublin 2-1; Cork 1-9
 (goal exceeded any number of points).

1893 — Wexford 1-1; Cork 0-1.

1894 — Dublin 0-6; Cork 1-1.

(Unfinished. Dublin awarded title).

1897 — Dublin 2-6; Cork 0-2.

1899 — Connell 1-10; Cork 0-6.

1906 — Dublin 0-5; Cork 0-4.

1907 — Dublin 0-6; Cork 0-2.

1911 — Cork 6-6; Antrim 1-2.

CORK: Thady Murphy, Willie Mackessy, Mick Mehigan (captain), Murt O'Shea, Eddie Barrett, Jerry Beckett, John O'Donovan, Michael Cotter, John Lynch, Jack Lehane, Bill Lehane, Jer O'Neill, Con Kelleher, Pat O'Connell, Jack Shorten, Charlie Paye, Jack Young, (17-a-side).

1945 — Cork 2-5; Cavan 0-7.

CORK: Moll O'Driscoll, Donal Magnier, P. A. Murphy, Caleb Crone, Paddy Cronin, Tadhg Crowley (captain), Den Connor, Fachna Donovan, Eamon Young, Mick Tubridy, Humphrey O'Neill, Eamon Casey, Jack Lynch, Jim Cronin, Derry Beckett.

1956 — Galway 2-13; Cork 3-7.

1957 — Louth 1-9; Cork 1-7.

1967 — Meath 1-9; Cork 1-7.

1973 — Cork 3-17; Galway 2-13.

CORK: Billie Morgan (captain), Frank Cogan, Humphrey Kelleher, Brian Murphy, Kevin J. O'Sullivan, John Coleman, Con Hartnett, Denis Long, Denis Coughlan, Ned Kirby, Delcan Barron, Dave McCarthy, Jimmy Barry Murphy, Ray Cummins, Jimmy Barrett. Subs: Seamus Coughlan, Mick Scannell.

1987-Meath 1-14; Cork 0-11.

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Nor had Cummins long to wait for major honours. He had still to celebrate his 22nd birthday when he proved an eye-catching full forward for Cork as they captured the 1970 All-Ireland hurling title. Three years later he was back again displaying his brilliance in the No. 14 jersey, but in football, as Cork ended years of disappointment by winning the All-Ireland championship in the code for the first time since 1945. As a result, he became the first man in 28 years to collect medals in both games at senior level.

A member of the Blackrock club, the six foot-plus Cummins had a real baptism of fire in senior inter-county hurling. That came when at only 19 he was called in as a substitute during the 1969 Munster final win over Tipperary, and he acquitted himself really well.

By then, he was an inter-county senior footballer, having won his spurs with the Cork team at the start of the 1967-68 National League.

In a matter of a few seasons, Cummins was so successfully established as a forward of true stature in both games that he became the first man to be doubly honoured by the All Stars selectors in 1971.

This remarkable and accurate dual player played many fine games with Munster as well in hurling and football, and won Railway Cup souvenirs in the two games.

Cork hurling went through a lean spell after the 1970 All-Ireland final win in terms of national successes in the championship. However, Cummins was the man who led the county back to the sunshine in 1976 when one of the greatest teams the county has produced ushered in a golden era by capturing the first of three All-Ireland titles in succession.

Cummins was a consistent campaigner during the run, and did much to fashion the treble with his skilled touches at No. 14. He wore that jersey in each of the three final triumphs.

A player of vision and class, and a man who also had a flair for finding the net in both games, Cummins won All-Ireland medals with his club, and played football in Cork with St. Michael's. He was in the team that lost the 1974 semi-final to Dublin when he proved a score-getting full forward for his last championship appearance in the code at Croke Park.

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NURSES DANCE with MICK FLAVIN
(10-2 LATE BAR)

Friday 23rd:
COUNTRY JAMBOREE with Sandy Kelly
and her Band

Saturday 24th:
Informal Dancing with CON O'MAHONY

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LATE BAR UNTIL 1.45 a.m. EACH NIGHT

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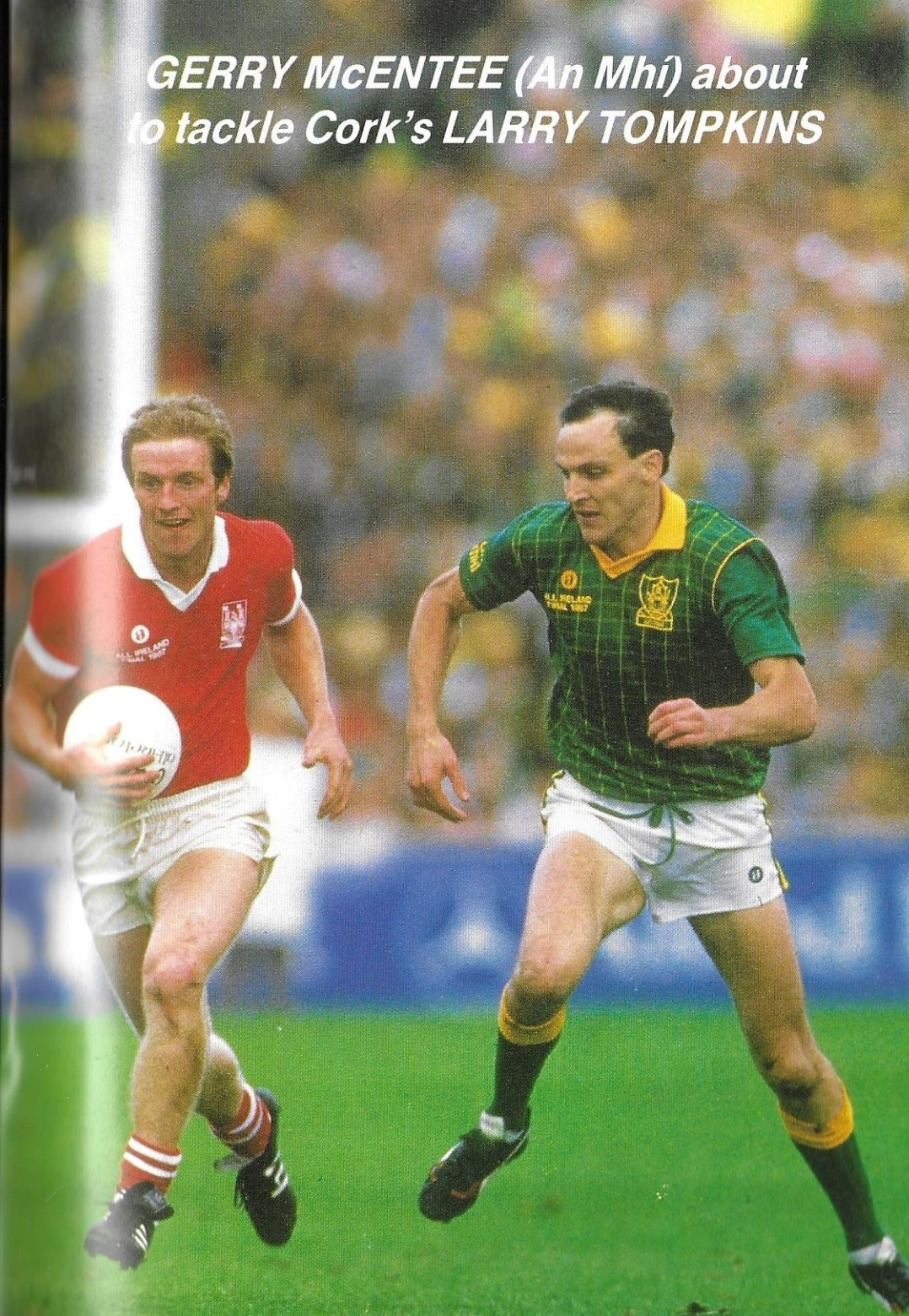
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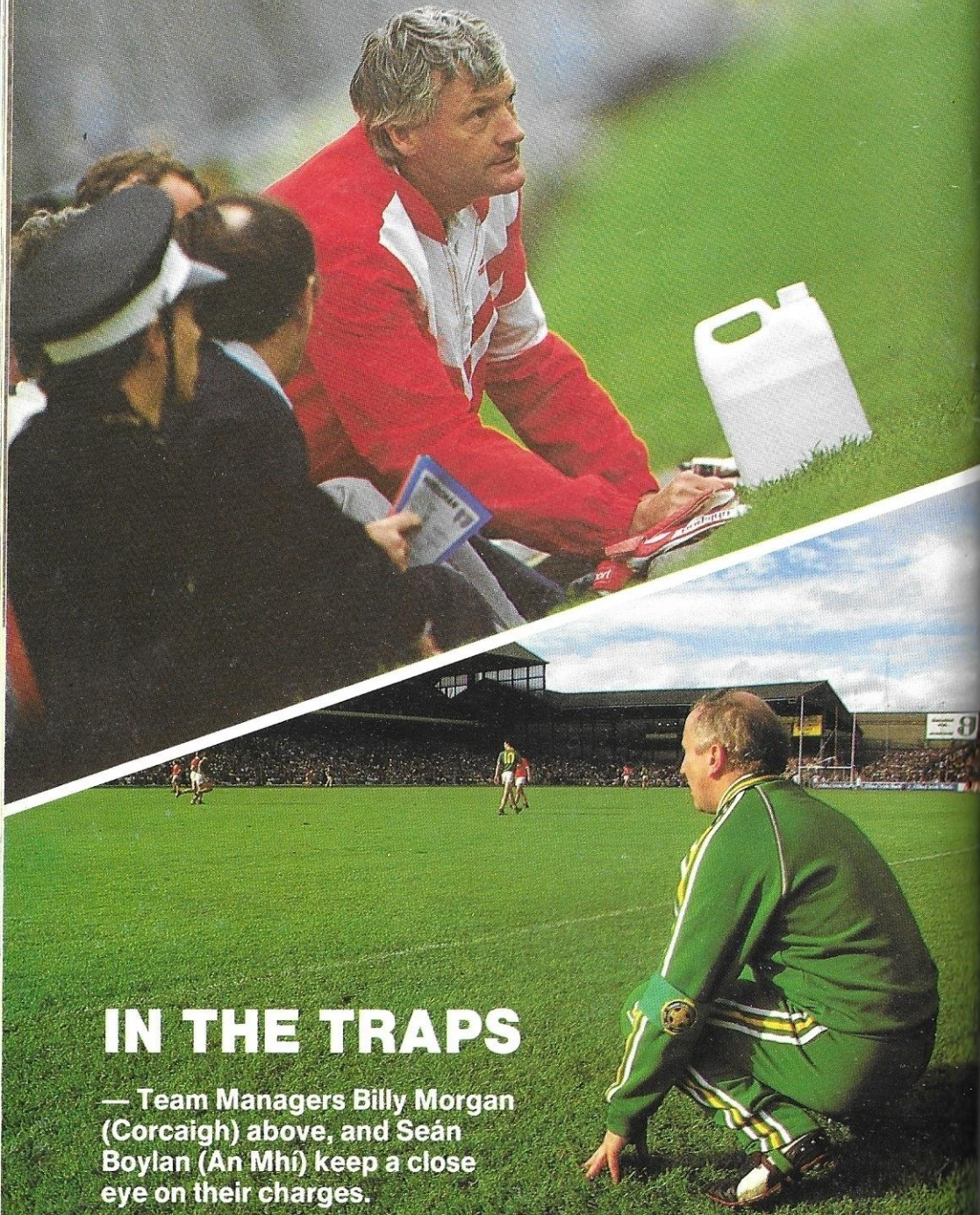


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