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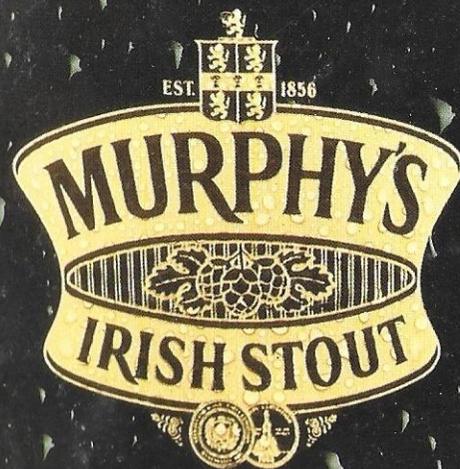
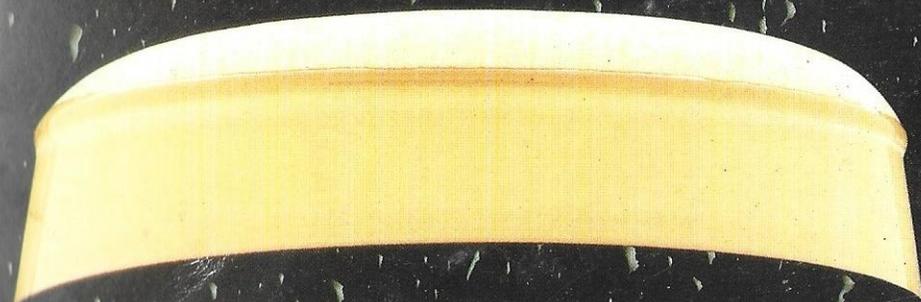
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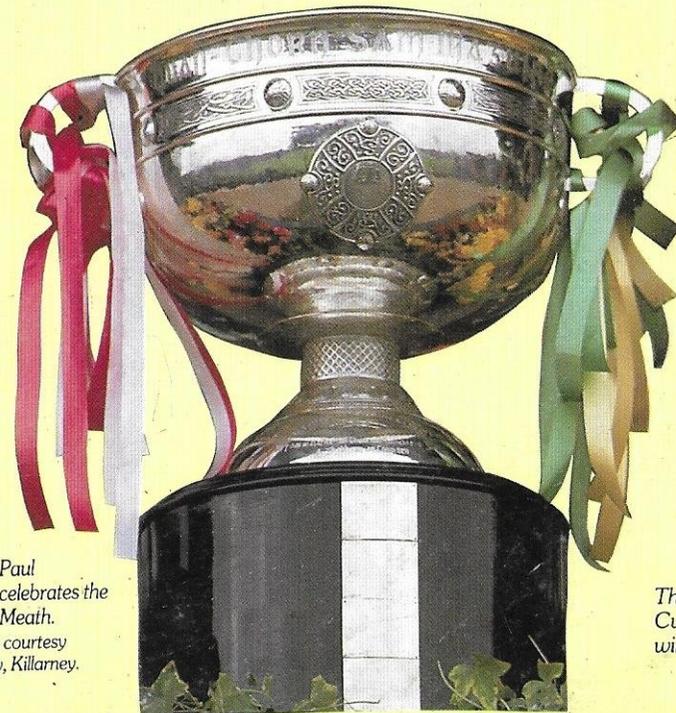
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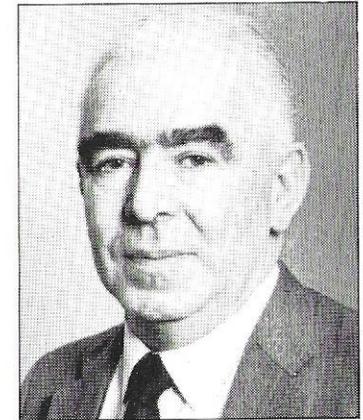
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We return today to Croke Park to bear witness to another sporting confrontation between Cork and Meath. The drawn All-Ireland Final on September 18th provided us with a game which will remain long in the memory. It was a contest played in the best sporting spirit culminating in a finish of rare drama and excitement.



I look forward today to another game which will add a further glorious chapter to our Championship Series. Irrespective of the result both teams can conclude the current season in the knowledge that they have done the Association proud.

We also ave a novel pairing as the curtain raiser on All-Ireland day. London and Meath meet in the junior decider. This competition has in the past provided a forum for many great players. I congratulate both teams in achieving the honour of playing centre stage to All-Ireland day. To London in particular I would like to give a special welcome. You are to be commended for maintaining our games and traditions in exile and I wish you well now and in the future.

I would also like to wish all our supporters at home and abroad my sincerest thanks and hope that today's game will fulfil all our expectations.

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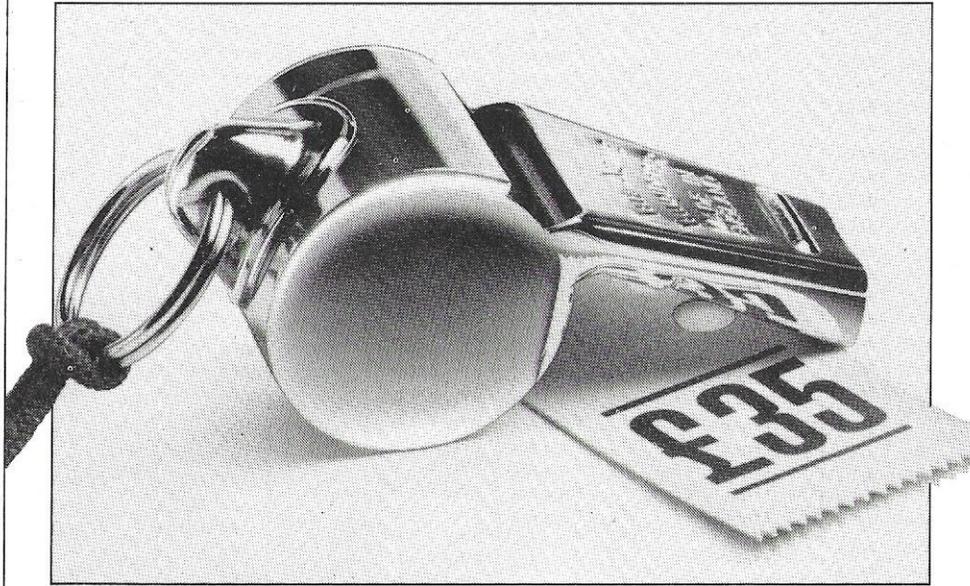
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- 1.13 p.m. Arrival of An Taoiseach Mr. C. J. Haughey T.D.
- 1.15 p.m. Cluiche Ceannais Soisear na hÉireann.
Start of Junior All-Ireland Football Final.
- 2.25 p.m. End of Junior All-Ireland Football Final.
- 2.30 p.m. Presentation of trophy by Uachtarán C.L.G.
- 2.35 p.m. Artane Band. Musical recital.
- 2.40 p.m. Arrival of Uachtarán na hÉireann.
- 2.58 p.m. Amhrán na bhFiann.
- 3.00 p.m. Cluiche Ceannais Peile na hÉireann – Athimirt.
- 4.20 p.m. End of Senior game.
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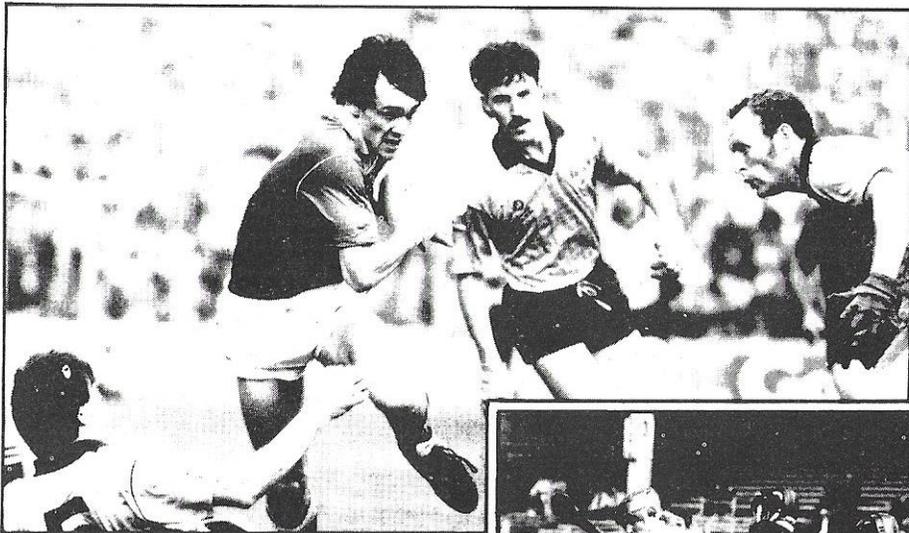
50 Years Ago . . .



GALWAY 1938: Back Row (l-r): Bobby Beggs, Pat McDonagh, Mick Rafferty, Jimmy McGauran, Charlie Connolly, Brendan Nestor, Dan Kavanagh, Mick Connaire, Mick Higgins.
Front Row (l-r): Frank Cunniffe, Jackie Flavin, John Burke, John Dunne (Capt.), Eddie Mulholland, R. Griffin.

Ciarraí were involved in their second All-Ireland Final Replay in a row when they drew 2-6 to 3-3 with Gaillimh on September 25th, 1938. The previous year they had drawn 2-5 to 1-8 for Cabhaín before going on to win the replay by 4-4 to 1-7. In 1938, Ciarraí were appearing in their fourth replay, having won the previous three. On this occasion, Gaillimh turned the tables and on 23rd October they ran out winners by 2-4 to 0-7.

All-Ireland Winners

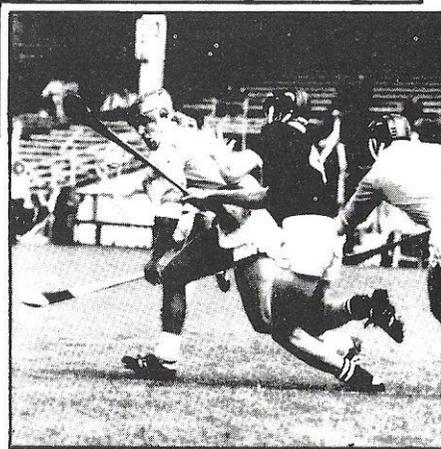


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Draws and Replays

Although Cork had been involved in two replays in earlier encounters (an unfinished game with Kerry, and as a result of a Tipperary objection), their first drawn game was against Dublin in the 1894 final, the replay of which ended prematurely and in some confusion.

It was 39 years later that Cork again ended 'all square' with any opposition, although in between, objections meant double jousts on two occasions.

Including the games they have replayed as a result of boardroom decisions, Cork have been involved in second meetings on fourteen occasions up to the end of the 1987 season, with the record reading — six wins and eight defeats, the details of which are:

1890 — Cork 0-0; Kerry 0-0.

(Game abandoned with three minutes left to play).

Replay — Cork 1-4; Kerry 0-1.

1894 — Cork 0-6; Tipperary 0-2.

(objection).

Replay — Cork 2-4; Tipperary 0-1.

1894 — Dublin 0-6; Cork 1-1.

Replay — Cork 1-2; Dublin 0-5.

(goal equalled five points).

1909 — Cork 2-8; Kerry 1-7.
(objection).

Replay — Kerry 1-5; Cork 0-6.

1916 — Mayo 1-2; Cork 0-2.
(objection).

Replay — Mayo 1-2; Cork 1-1.

1933 — Cork 4-4; Waterford 4-4.

Replay — Cork 2-7; Waterford 0-1.

1943 Cork 2-3; Kerry 0-9.

Replay — Cork 1-5; Kerry 1-4.

1956 — Cork 0-8; Kerry 2-2.

Replay — Cork 1-8; Kerry 1-7.

1961 — Kerry 0-10; Cork 1-7.

Replay — Kerry 2-13; Cork 1-4.

1976 — Kerry 0-10; Cork 0-10.

Replay — Kerry 3-20; Cork 2-19.

1982 — Kerry 0-9; Cork 0-9.

Replay — Kerry 2-18; Cork 0-12.

1983 — Dublin 2-11; Cork 2-11.

Replay — Dublin 4-15; Cork 2-10.

1987 — Cork 1-10; Kerry 2-7.

Replay — Cork 0-13; Kerry 1-5.

1987 — Cork 1-11; Galway 1-11.

Replay — Cork 0-18; Galway 1-4.

1988 — Cork 1-9; Meath 0-12.

Replay — ???

First, Second and ... Third Meetings

Unlike most other counties, Meath's replay experience has been confined to meetings which arose from games that ended with scores level. Indeed, in this respect Meath may be unique among footballing counties. In addition, the Royal county has shown quite a penchant for second replays, having been involved in such marathons on three occasions.

In fourteen championship seasons Meath have finished level with the opposition, and the record shows they won six and lost eight of these encounters.

The details are:

1894 — Dublin 0-4; Meath 0-4.

Replay — Dublin 0-2; Meath 0-2.

2nd Replay — Dublin 1-8; Meath 1-2.

1904 — Wexford 3-1; Meath 2-4.

Replay — Wexford 0-7; Meath 0-3.

1919 — Meath 2-5; Louth 2-5.

Replay — Meath 1-6; Louth 1-6.

2nd Replay — Meath 1-5; Louth 1-4.

1929 — Kildare 1-5; Meath 0-8.

Replay — Kildare 3-5; Meath 0-9

1930 — Kildare 0-6; Meath 1-3.

Replay — Kildare 2-6; Meath 1-2.

1931 — Kildare 1-4; Meath 1-4.

Replay — Kildare 1-5; Meath 0-4.

1945 — Meath 3-6; Dublin 4-3.

Replay — Meath 2-16; Dublin 1-10.

1949 — Meath 1-5; Louth 1-5.

Replay — Meath 2-9; Louth 3-6.

2nd Replay — Meath 2-5; Louth 1-7.

1950 — Louth 1-3; Meath 1-3.

Replay — Louth 3-5; Meath 0-13.

1951 — Meath 0-6; Louth 0-6.

Replay — Meath 0-7; Louth 0-6.

1952 — Cavan 2-4; Meath 1-7.

Replay — Cavan 0-9; Meath 0-5.

1955 — Meath 3-4; Kildare 2-7.

Replay — Meath 1-9; Kildare 0-11.

1979 — Meath 0-12; Kildare 1-9.

Replay — Meath 1-20; Kildare 3-9.

1983 — Dublin 2-8; Meath 2-8.

Replay — Dublin 3-9; Meath 0-16.

1988 — Meath 0-12; Cork 1-9.

Replay — ???

**"MEATH HAVE
MORE TO DO"
SAYS
DUBLIN'S BARNEY ROCK**



All-Ireland Semi-Final Replay 1983 - Barney Rock on the attack at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

By DECLAN HASSETT of the Cork Examiner

Barney Rock's most satisfying sporting moment was the 1983 All-Ireland semi-final replay victory over Cork in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. There is a chilling similarity with this year's scenario. It will be recalled that Cork, having slipped Kerry with that Tadghie Murphy goal, played out of their skins against favourites Dublin in Croke Park, but were deprived of victory with a stunning last second goal from Barney. The 'Examiner' headlines of the next day read: "The red badge of courage" . . . "Magnificent Cork caught at the post" . . . They could also have applied last Monday two weeks.

Barney takes up the story: "The weekend in Cork was wonderful and the Sunday of the match gave me the greatest satisfaction of my career. The atmosphere in Cork the night before, and the next day, I'll never forget".

Barney, a representative with office equipment people, T. D. Norton, would have good reason to remember it. Dublin, on that sunsplashed day, surpassed themselves and Rock was at his lethal best with Ciaran Duff, Joe McNally *et al.* "Remember we played all our big championship games in Croke Park so it was a treat for us to come to Cork and play so well."

Of course this is the game which has been referred to over and over again while Cork lost the initiative in the dying seconds of the drawn game. The sceptics have been pointing to Cork's loss of form for the '83 replay and are suggesting the same could happen again. I don't think it will, but, the view of a man of the calibre of Rock should be of interest. He spoke to me last week about that game and the replay.

"Cork played excellently. They took the game to Meath. I said on television before the match that Cork would need to do three things to beat them: They would have to win midfield, the full-forward line would have to play ball and Colman Corrigan would have

to shackle Stafford. They did all that was asked of them. Before the match there was a lingering doubt about Cork because of the uncertainty about Tompkins's fitness. It appears that the Cork plan is for Tompkins to do the shooting. Meath left their strength behind and the next day they will be different . . . they will be more physical. You are only as good as your last game."

"Meath will be more prepared than the last time but Sean Boylan has more questions to ask, and find the answers for, than Billy Morgan."

I asked Barney if he thought Tompkins could be closed down by Meath for the next game. "Tompkins does not have enough room in the forward line. At midfield, when he gets the ball, he can find room to turn." He believes that Tompkins will again start at centre-forward for the replay.

He sees a similar problem for himself in playing with Dublin. Having returned from injury he is being played in the corner and would prefer the space of the half-forward line.

In Barney's view Shay Fahy had a fabulous game, catching everything.

The general view in Dublin during this week, was that Cork left it behind them, but Barney's view is that Meath have more to do before the replay.

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Cork's Three Goals

Cork have scored one goal in each of their last three games. Their record so far is:

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 Uí 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.

September 18 — At Croke Park: Cork 1-9; Meath 0-12. (Draw). Cork scorers: L. Tompkins 0-8, T. McCarthy 1-0, M. McCarthy 0-1.

Cork's scoring record is 3-46 (55 points) for, and 1-37 (40 points) against.

Larry Tompkins — as is the case with Stafford — is by far his team's ace marksman with 0-26. Dave Barry is in second place in the scoreboard with 1-5. Paul McGrath has 0-5, and Denis Allen 1-1, Teddy McCarthy 1-1, and Michael McCarthy 0-4.

The scoring review is completed by Tony Nation 0-1, John O'Driscoll 0-1, Colm O'Neill 0-1 and Shay Fahy 0-1.

The Records So Far

Three Goals Against Meath

Meath conceded three goals in their last two matches having retained the Leinster title without a goal being recorded against them.

Cork have had only one goal against them in the series so far. That was in their first round game with Limerick.

Brian Stafford and Larry Tompkins shared the individual scoring returns in the drawn final with eight points each. The Meath man hit six of his scores from frees. Tompkins had an even split — four from frees and four from play.

Meath make their sixth appearance of the championship today, while the Munster champions are appearing for the fifth time in the series.

Meath's record so far is:

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.

September 18 — At Croke Park: Meath 0-12; Cork 1-9. (Draw). Meath scorers: B. Stafford 0-8, C. O'Rourke 0-4.

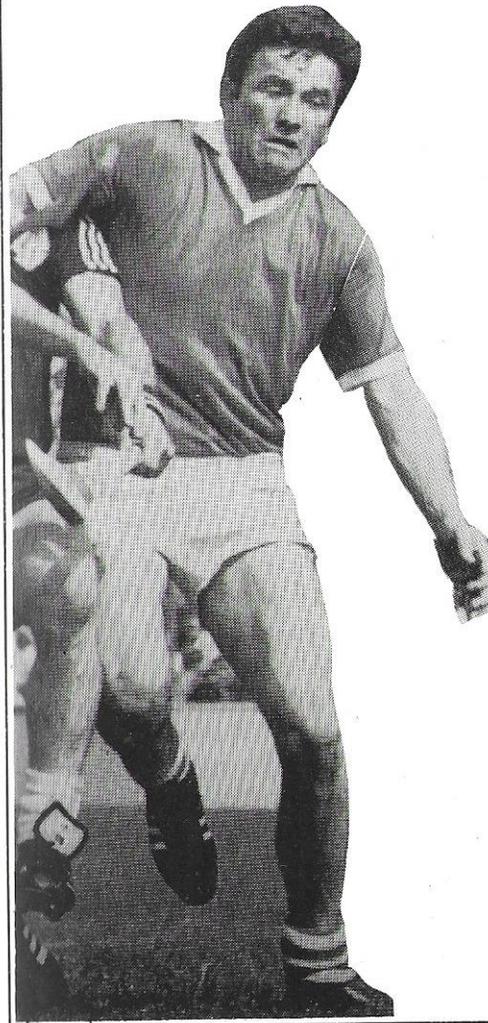
The All-Ireland champions have scored 5-65 (80 points) and had 3-42 (51 points) recorded against them.

Brian Stafford is by far their outstanding marksman, even though he missed the Leinster final with an injury. The full forward has 0-31. Next in line is P. J. Gillic with 2-5, and Bernard Flynn 0-9, and Mattie McCabe 2-3, share third position.

The Meath scoreboard is completed by Colm O'Rourke 0-8, David Beggy 1-4, Colm Coyle 0-3, Terry Ferguson 0-1, and Liam Hayes 0-1.

Star of the Past

BRIAN MURPHY WAS VERSATILE DUAL-MEDALIST



One of the outstanding dual players of all time must undoubtedly be Brian Murphy, who was left full back in the Cork team that won the county's last All-Ireland senior football title in 1973.

During the seventies he did more than display mastery of the skills of hurling and football to the highest degree. He backed up his flair for both games with a rare facility that enabled him to effectively man any of the three full back positions in either game with the county side.

Not only that, he maintained a high standard in both games for a lengthy spell. Murphy won a National Hurling League medal for the first time in 1972, and seven years later after almost non-stop pressures of a heavy inter-county and club programme, he was still there producing top-class play in both codes.

The year 1976 was a special one for the versatile Cork defender as he became the first to win All-Ireland medals in all grades of inter-county hurling and football championships, other than junior.

An All-Ireland minor medalist in football in 1968 and in hurling two years later, Brian Murphy followed his senior triumph of 1973 by winning that year a second national championship award at under 21.

Cork hurling reached a superb peak in the second half of the last decade with three All-Ireland titles in succession — 1976, 1977 and 1978. Murphy not only joined the ranks of dual medalists at right full back in 1976, but he went on to prove one of the team's most dependable defenders in the same position in that glorious treble.

A member of the Nemo Rangers Club, the dynamic dual defender revelled in producing play of the highest standard in game after game no matter whether in football or hurling. He helped his club to win the All-Ireland football title for the first time in 1973, and six years later he had the distinction of leading Nemo to another such national championship in the code.

During the past decade, Murphy's skills as a footballer had a big influence on a run by Munster to a first-ever sequence of four Railway Cup titles in succession. It is an indication of the consistently high grade of football produced by the Corkman that while he did not play in the first final win of 1975, he filled all three positions in the full back line over the following three title winning teams.

His versatility as a player in each game, and his length of service with Cork undoubtedly mark out Brian Murphy, who won All Star awards in the two games, as a dual All-Ireland senior medalist with something extra special.

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● An tUasal Seán Ó Dubhláinn, Uachtarán C.L.G., in relaxed mood after the drawn game with team Captains Mick Lyons (An Mhí), left, and Tony Naton (Corcaigh).

The Rebel County

UNBEATEN RUN

Cork's best performance in regard to successive championship wins was in the period between the first round of the Munster championship in 1973 with Clare and the provincial final versus Kerry at Killarney in 1974 when they went seven games without defeat.

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GREATEST RIVALS

Even the most uninformed will be aware that Cork's greatest championship rivals since the earliest days of the championship have been Kerry with whom they have had many memorable encounters. From the first-ever meeting at Mallow in 1889 to this year's provincial final, Cork-Kerry clashes have been rarely without incident. In all, these great rivals (Gaelic football's greatest in terms of the number of meetings alone) have met on 75 occasions in the championship with the balance very much in Kerry's favour 50-18. Seven of these encounters were replays resulting from draws and one from an objection in 1909.

TOP AGGREGATE

Cork's best return from a championship campaign was in 1973 when, in the course of their five-match programme, which culminated in their fourth All-Ireland success, they totted up a total of 18-60 (114 points).

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EASY ROUTE

Cork is the only county to have reached an All-Ireland senior football final without playing even one qualifying game. This was in the 1893 championship when only a handful of counties took part, and in Munster there were only two entrants. The final was fixed for Mallow, but on the appointed day Kerry failed to put in an appearance, thus giving Cork a walk over.

With no All-Ireland semi-finals, Cork's first outing was against Wexford, who had played two games in the Leinster championship. The Cork-Wexford game did not run its full course. Sixteen minutes from the end a Cork player was attacked by a section of the crowd, and the referee's solution — to put off a player from each side — was rejected by the

Corkmen who then left the field. At that stage Wexford were leading by 1-1 to 1-0.

However, Cork had some consolation as their hurlers had won the final earlier in the afternoon. The venue was the Phoenix Park — for the first, and only, time in the history of the championship.

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DIFFERENT LINEOUTS

Kildare is the only county to have won All-Ireland titles in successive seasons with the same fifteen players (1927-28). But Cork had the direct opposite experience in that they contested finals in successive years with two entirely different teams!

This happened at the time when counties were represented by the county champions. As Cork champions for 1890, Middleton did duty in the Munster championship before going on to take the All-Ireland title. A year later Middleton were defeated by Nils in the county semi-final, who in turn, were beaten by Clondrohid.

Victories over Kerry and Waterford put the newcomers into the final where they were beaten by Dublin in a controversial encounter. A disappointing finale, but it did give Cork the distinction referred to above.

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TOP TWENTY-FIVE

Few counties have established records of any kind when opposed by Kerry in the championship — especially when the 'Kingdom' are the reigning champions.

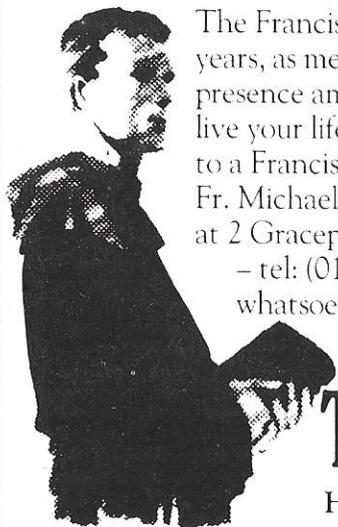
But in the 1971 Munster final at the Athletic Grounds, the wearers of the red and white, in creating a surprise by ousting Kerry, went on a remarkable scoring spree which saw them win by 0-25 to 0-14. This was the only occasion that a team raised 25 flags when playing Kerry in championship, league or tournament.

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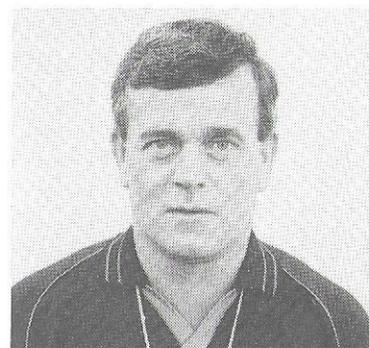


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SENIOR REFEREE: TOMMY SUGRUE (Ciarraí)

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, and, of course, he refereed the drawn game three weeks ago. *Linesmen:* Michael Kerins (Sligeach); John Gough (Aontroim).



JUNIOR REFEREE: PAT EGAN (Liatroim)

From the Fenagh Club, Pat is 38 years of age. Married with three children, he works for Leitrim County Council. He has been refereeing for 19 years and his honours include three Connacht Minor Finals, a Connacht U-21 Final, Connacht Senior Championship games, National League games and various club games.

All-Ireland Football Final Replay 1972



Uíbh Fhailí 1-19

Ciarraí 0-13

UIBH FHAILÍ (above): Back Row (l-r): Paddy McCormack, Larry Coughlan, Seán Lowry, Martin Furlong, Seán Evans, John Smith, Mick Ryan, Kevin Kilmurray. Front (l-r): Johnny Cooney, Willie Bryan, Pat Fenning, Tony McTague (Capt.), Martin Heavey, Eugene Mulligan, Seamus Darby.

CIARRAÍ (below): Back Row (l-r): Paudie Lynch, Mick Gleeson, Paud O'Donoghue, Mick O'Dwyer, John O'Keefe, Liam Higgins, Dan Kavanagh. Front (l-r): Mick O'Shea, Seamus Fitzgerald, Mick O'Connell, Eamon Fitzgerald, Tom Prendergast, Donie O'Sullivan, Eamon O'Donoghue (R.I.P.), Brendan Lynch.

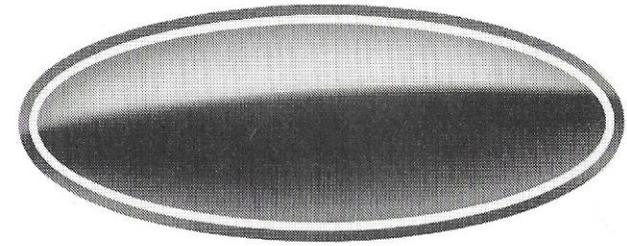
The last All-Ireland Football Final to end in a draw was the Kerry-Offaly clash of 1972. Offaly were reigning champions having won their first title the previous year.

Kerry had developed a reputation as replay specialists, having figured in five of the eight All-Ireland Football Final Replays up to then, winning four of them. However, in a game which was a big improvement on the drawn encounter, Offaly came good in the last quarter to inflict the heaviest ever defeat in a Final on the men from the Kingdom.





*Cork captain TONY NATION shadows
Meath's flying half-forward DAVID BEGGY.*



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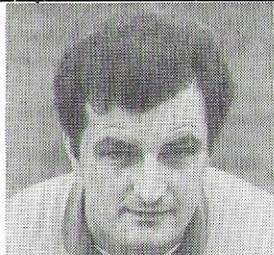
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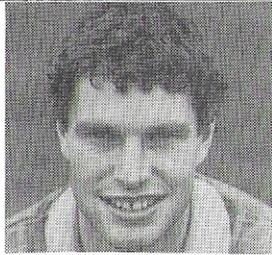


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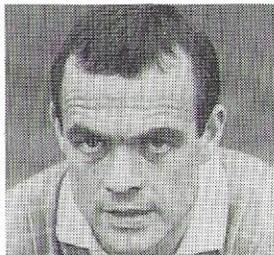
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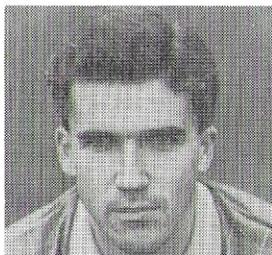
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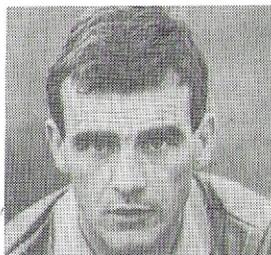
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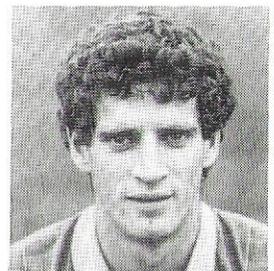
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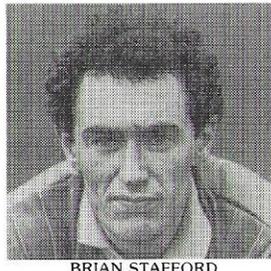
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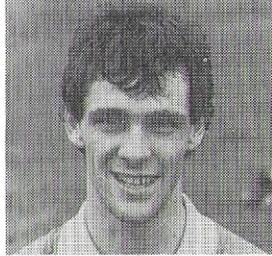
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BRIAN STAFFORD



MARTIN O'CONNELL



DAVID BEGGY



BERNARD FLYNN



AN MHÍ

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.

TERRY FERGUSON (Gaeil Colmcille). Born: 10.5.60. Height 5'11". Weight 11 st. 7 lbs. Occupation: Builder. Major honours won include 1 N.F.L. medal, 3 Leinster Senior Football winners medals, 1 N.H.L. (Div. 3) medal and 1 Meath Intermediate Football Championship medal.

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 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.

COLM COYLE (Seneschalstown). Born: 26.2.63. Height 5'9½". Weight 12 st. 7 lbs. Occupation: Sales Representative. Major honours include: 1 All-Ireland S.F., 2 Leinster S.F., 1 Railway Cup (1985) and 1 Leinster M.F.

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.

DAVID BEGGY (Ó Mathuna, An Uaimh). Born: 8.9.66. Height: 6'. Weight: 12 st. Occupation: Law Clerk. Honours won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 3 Leinster SFC, 1 National Football League, 1 All Star 1987, 2 Meath SFC.

JOE CASSELS (Navan O'Mahonys). Born: 10.10.54. Height 6'1". Weight 13 st. 10 lbs. Honours won with his club: 5 Meath S.F.C. and 2 Meath S.H.C. medals. Honours with Meath include: 1 All-Ireland S.F., 2 National Football Leagues, 3 Leinster S.F.C. (one as captain), 2 Railway Cups (1985 and '86) and 1 Leinster U-21 (Special) Hurling medal. He also captained Meath to victory in Centenary Cup in 1984.

P. J. GILIC (Carnaross). Born: 20.5.67. Height: 6'2". Weight: 13 st. 7 lbs. Occupation: Mechanic. Honours won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 3 Leinster SFC, 1 National Football League, 1 Leinster MFC, 1 Leinster U-21 FC, 1 Leinster JFC, 1 Railway Cup.

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.

BERNARD FLYNN (St. Colmcille's). Born: 26.6.65. Height 5'9½". Weight: 11 st. 4 lbs. Occupation: Company Representative. Honours won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 3 Leinster SFC, 1 National Football League, 1 Centenary Cup, 1 Railway Cup 1987, 1 All Star 1987, 1 Leinster U-21 FC. Represented Ireland against Australia 1987.



THE MEATH JUNIOR FOOTBALL TEAM WHICH BEAT DUBLIN IN THE LEINSTER JUNIOR FOOTBALL FINAL - (Back L-R): Declan Lynch, Leo McEnroe, Trevor Kane, Paul Curran, Seamus Reilly, Philip Fay, Tom Mullen. (Front L-R): John Cunningham, Paddy McIntyre, Packie Henry, John McEnroe, Robert O'Connell, Joe Devine, Niall Rennick, Martin Flynn.



LONDON JUNIOR FOOTBALL PANEL
British Champions 1988.

LONDAIN

STAIR GHAIRID

The London County Board was formed in 1896. In 1900 London took part in the All-Ireland senior competitions and continued to do so until the first world war put an end to all G.A.A. activities in Britain in 1915.

The Lancashire County Board was formed in 1902 and with London formed the first Provincial Council in Britain with Liam McCarthy as Secretary. Glasgow joined in 1705 and South Wales joined likewise in 1913. London were the only county to field football teams regularly in this period.

The London County Board was reformed in 1920 and has continued to operate ever since. The revival of the games in Lancashire in 1926 led to the re-establishment of the Provincial Council of Britain. In 1927 a British selection composed of London and Lancashire players played Cavan, All-Ireland junior football champions, losing by 4-1 to 1-1 and Meath, All-Ireland junior champions, losing by 2-3 to 1-1.

In 1928 the British champions competed in the All-Ireland junior championships, apart from 1936 and a few years during the second world war, the champions of Britain have competed annually in the All-Ireland junior championships.

It is ironic that London's first breakthrough in the junior football championship came almost exactly fifty years ago on the day that Galway beat Kerry in the replay of the 1938 All-Ireland final. Those games were played on Sunday, October 23, 1938.

London beat Leitrim — Leitrim

were graded junior that year — by 5-7 to 2-9. The London team was:

Jim Smith; Chris Murphy; Tim "Tucker" Shiels; John Sweeney; Dan Fitzmaurice; John O'Sullivan, Captain; Jim Bryne; Pat Conroy; Harry Murphy; Eddy Stenson; Bill Kelly; Pat Rosney; Owen McKeown; Bobby Baker; Pat Mulpeter; Substitutes: T. Behan; D. Larkin; J. Green; P. Burke; J. Purcell.

"London won well and creditably by 5-7 to 2-9, a result which gained the applause of the spectators", stated the Cork Weekly.

London had to wait until 1966 for their next success. They beat Cork by 1-6 to 0-8 at Limerick.

Then came the three-in-a-row. In 1969 London beat Wicklow by 3-9 to 1-12 in 1970. London beat Kildare by 1-12 to 0-11 and in 1971 the exiles beat Dublin by 1-9 to 0-9.

The three-in-a-row prompted London to seek senior status and from 1974 London have been playing in the Connacht senior championships.

Having to choose its second best team and latterly from its intermediate and junior players, London have played second fiddle to Warwickshire most years in the interim. London were lucky winners over Lancashire in 1986 but improved considerably to beat Cork in the final at Ruislip.

Currently London has 45 adult football clubs, 20 juvenile clubs, 16 hurling clubs, about ten ladies' football clubs and a similar number of camogie clubs. Last week the first purpose-built handball club in Britain was officially opened in Aras na nGael, Kilburn, London.



AN MHÍ

Dathanna: **Glas is Ór**

(1) R. Ó Conaill
ROBBIE O'CONNELL
(St. Michael's)

(2) P. Mac an tSaolr
PADDY McINTYRE
(Dunboyne)

(3) P. Ó Féich
PHILIP FAY
(Dunderry)

(4) D. Ó Maoláin
DECLAN MULLEN
(Oldcastle)

(5) D. Ó Loingsigh
DECLAN LYNCH
(Ballinlough)

(6) S. Mac Conrubha (Capt.)
JOHN McENROE
(Oldcastle)

(7) L. Mac Conrubha
LEO McENROE
(Oldcastle)

(8) T. Ó Catháin
TREVOR KANE
(Dunshaughlin)

(9) S. Ó Cuinneagáin
JOHN CUNNINGHAM
(Meath Hill)

(10) P. Mac Éinrí
PAKIE HENRY
(Cortown)

(11) P. Ó Corráin
PAUL CURRAN
(St. Michael's)

(12) S. Ó Daimhín
JODY DEVINE
(Ballinlough)

(13) M. Ó Cuirc
MARTIN KIRK
(St. Patrick's)

(14) T. Ó Maoláin
TOM MULLEN
(Oldcastle)

(15) N. Ó Raighne
NIALL RENNICK
(Dunderry)

FIR IONAIÐ: (16) N. Breathnach (**Nobby Walsh**) Oldcastle; (17) M. Ó Floinn (**Martin Flynn**) Bellewstown; (18) P. Ó Cathaill (**Philip Cahill**) Dunderry; (19) S. Ó Ruanadha (**Jim Rooney**) Kilmainhamwood; (20) A. Mac Giolla Seanáin (**Hugh Gilsenan**) St. Brigid's; (21) S. Ó Raghallaigh (**Seamus Reilly**) Kilmainhamwood.

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

LONDAIN

Dathanna: **Bán is Glas**

(1) T. S. de Búrca
P. J. BURKE
(Mayo)

(2) A.N. OTHER

(3) D. Ó Cearbhaill
DAMIEN CARVILLE
(Down)

(4) R. Ó hOireachtaigh
RICHARD HERATY
(Mayo)

(5) S. Ó Braoin (Capt.)
JOE BREEN
(Cork)

(6) M. Ó Somacháin
MAURICE SOMERS
(Down)

(7) A. Ó hÁinle
ANDY HANLEY
(Mayo)

(8) T. Mac Coluim
TOM PIDGEON
(Mayo)

(9) P. Ó Draoinleáin
PAUL DREELAN
(Wexford)

(10) R. Ó hEaráin
RICHARD HARAN
(Sligo)

(11) C. de Faoite
CIARAN WHITE
(Cork)

(12) S. Ó Casaide
SEAMUS CASSIDY
(Mayo)

(13) B. Ó Murchú
BRENDAN MURPHY
(Sligo)

(14) S. Mac Giolla Fhindéin
JOHN LINDEN
(Down)

(15) M. Ó hOisín
MARTIN HESSIAN
(Galway)

FIR IONAIÐ: (16) S. Ó Coileáin (**John Collins**) London; (17) M. MagGránna (**Martin Grant**) Donegal; (18) P. Ó Dúill (**Pat Doyle**) Kildare; (19) P. Mac Raghnaill (**Peter Reynolds**) Leitrim; (20) D. Ó Duibhghinn (**Danny Duggan**) Derry; (21) P. Ó Donnacháin (**Padraig Duncan**) Longford.

LONDAIN	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45m	Saor Chiceanna
1 adh Leath					
2 adh Leath					
Iomlán					

Meath Juniors out to end a long Titles Famine

Meath junior footballers are hoping to set their seniors a good example by beating London in the curtain-raiser. If they succeed it will mean a first All-Ireland championship for the county in this grade since 1962.

Meath have come through a testing enough schedule at home. They beat Kildare with a late flourish that brought five points in the last four minutes for an 0-16 to 0-11 win in the opening round in Leinster at Clane. Then came a workmanlike showing when seeing off Wexford at Summerhill by 1-11 to 0-7.

That success put Meath into the Leinster final, and they lined out in that game at Drogheda against Dublin in what was a certain-raiser to the Royal County's opening defence of the Leinster and All-Ireland senior titles against Louth.

The Dubs had the edge in the opening half, and led at the break by 0-3 to 0-2. Meath introduced Hughie Gilsean to the full forward berth for the second half, and he brought new direction and punch to the division.

In addition, some good points scoring by Jody Devine and Leo McEnroe in the concluding quarter of the game helped to give Meath a decided foothold, and they pulled away for a well-deserved 0-10 to 1-4 win. Dublin's goal was from a penalty in the last minute of the game.

As Connacht and Ulster have no junior championships, the win put Meath into their first All-Ireland "Home" final since 1986 when they lost in a replay to Cork.

Ironically, it was once more Cork who provided the opposition in the latest "Home" decider — that one at Portlaoise in early July. The teams

provided a first-class game, one that was a splendid advertisement for the grade, with Meath winning by 1-9 to 1-5. The Meath goal came five minutes from time when Jody Devine put Paul Curran through and the lively St. Michael's club man made no mistake by cracking home a superb score.

London are appearing in their first final proper since 1986. That year they had Cork as visitors to Ruislip, and with a forward division that displayed creativity, and a defence that gave the visiting attack little freedom, London recorded a shock but well-merited 1-9 to 0-7 win. The star of the success was Cork native Barry Herlihy, who had a cracking game at centre half forward.

The win gave London their first title in 15 years and their sixth in the history of the championship. It ranks as the last time that the Cup went outside of this country.

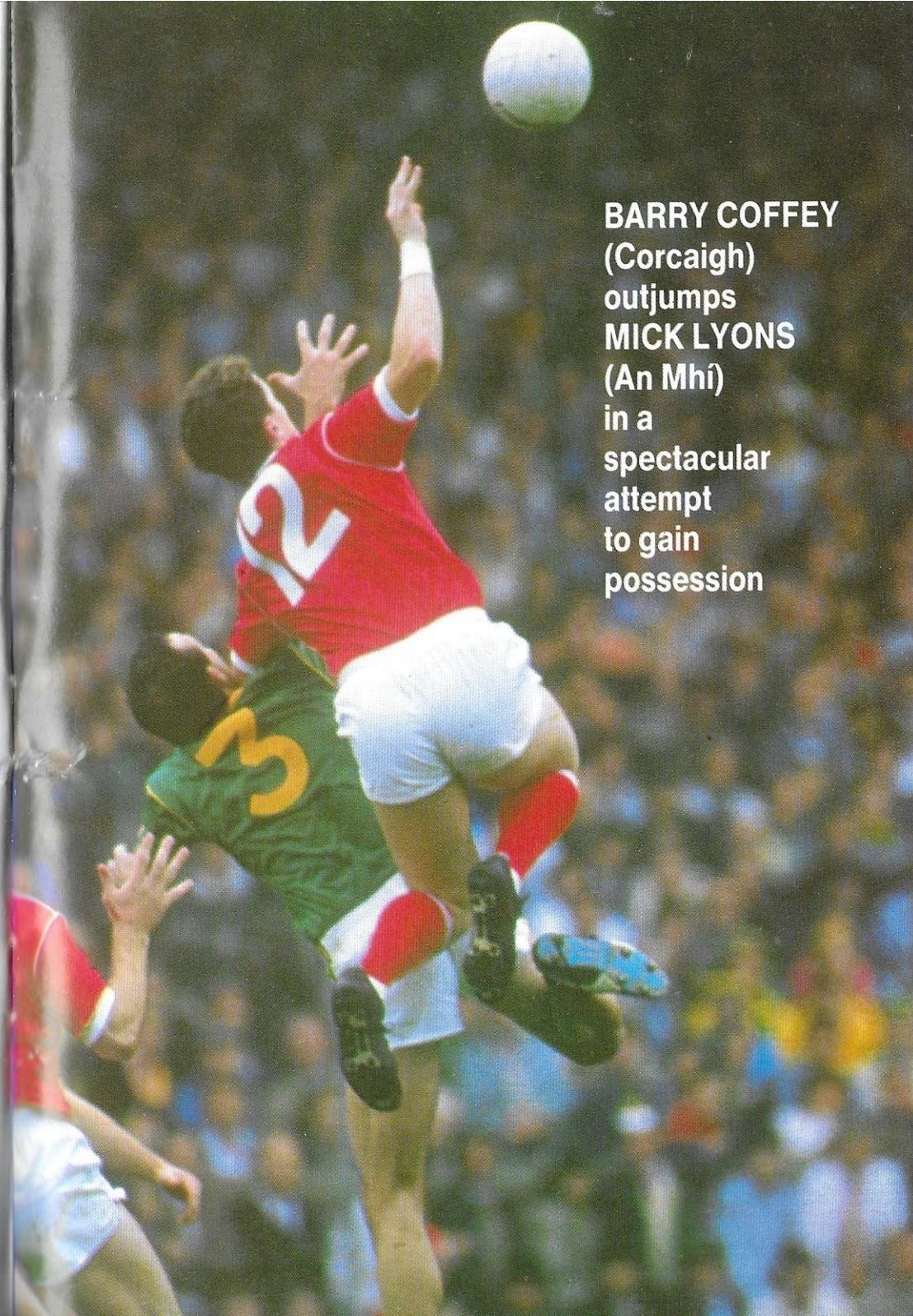
The Junior football championship has been in operation since 1912, but was suspended from 1974 until 1982



John McEnroe (An Mhí) receives the Leinster Junior trophy from John Boothman.

inclusive. English teams have competed in the championship over the years and finals have featured in addition, to London, such as Warwickshire, Lancashire and Hertfordshire.

One of the best features of the grade is that a number of counties that have not won major titles at senior have "struck it rich" in junior football. They include Fermanagh, Longford, Monaghan, Sligo and Wicklow.



BARRY COFFEY
(Corcaigh)
outjumps
MICK LYONS
(An Mhí)
in a
spectacular
attempt
to gain
possession

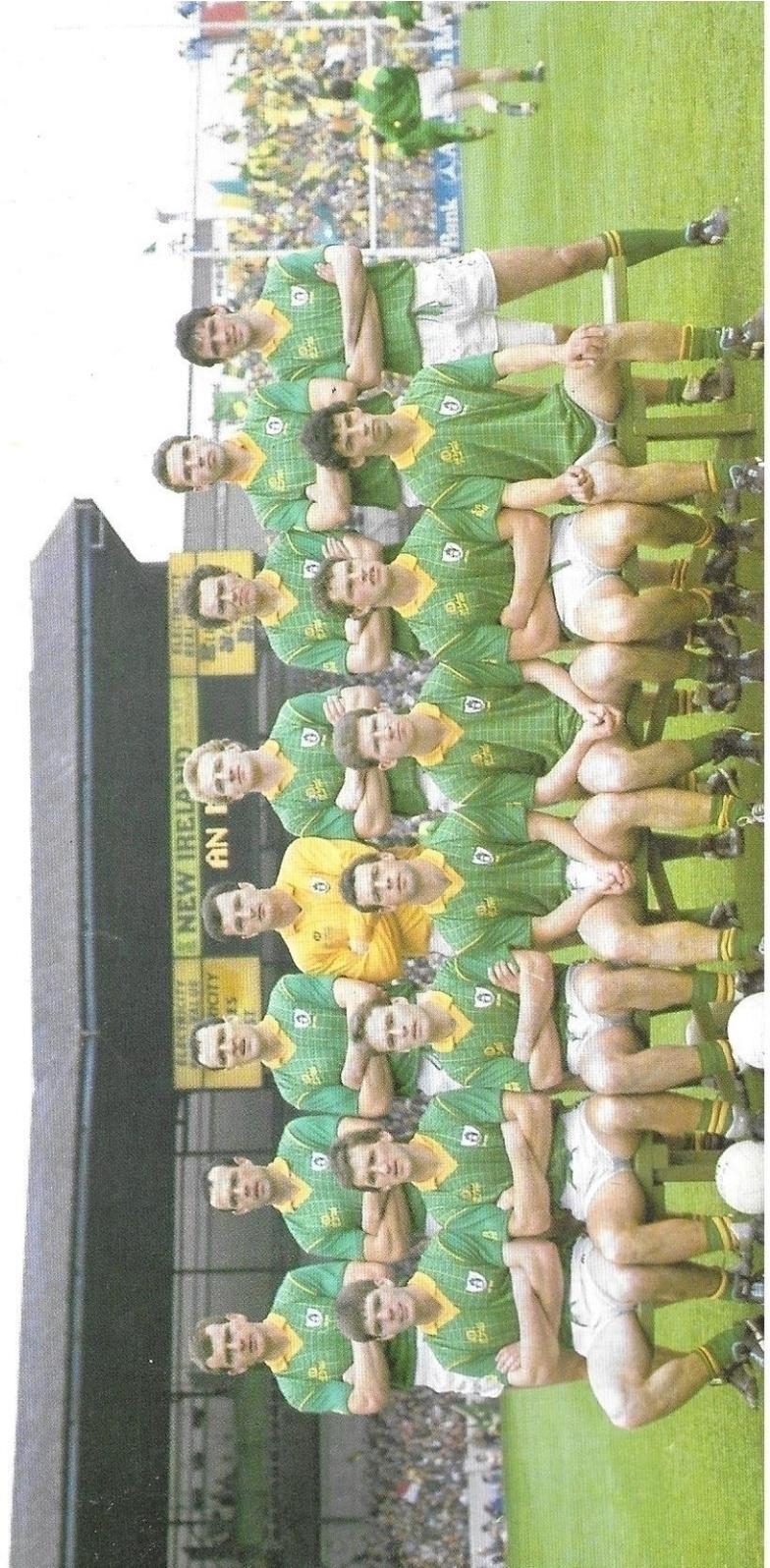


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 All-Ireland Football Finalists 1988

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AN MHÍ

Dathanna: **Glas is Ór**

(1) M. Mac Uilín
MICHAEL McQUILLAN
(St. Patrick's)

(2) R. Ó Máille
ROBBIE O'MALLEY
(St. Colmcille's)

(3) M. Ó Liatháin
MICHAEL LYONS
(Summerhill)

(4) T. Mac Fearghais
TERRY FERGUSON
(Gaeil Colmcille)

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

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

(7) C. Mac Giolla Chomhail
COLM COYLE
(Seneschalstown)

(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) S. Ó Caisil (Capt.)
JOE CASSELS
(Navan O'Mahonys)

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

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

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

(15) B. Ó Floinn
BERNARD FLYNN
(St. Colmcille's)

FIR IONAIÐ: (16) D. Mac Gabhann (**Donal Smyth**) Navan O'Mahonys; (17) M. Mac Cába (**Mattie McCabe**) Senschalstown; (18) P. Ó Liatháin (**Páraic Lyons**) Summerhill; (19) C. Ó Foghlú (**Kevin Foley**) Trim; (20) B. Ó Raghallaigh (**Brendan Reilly**) Dunboyne; (21) P. Ó Foghlú (**Frank Foley**) Trim.

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

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

CORCAIGH

Dathanna: **Dearg is Bán**

(1) S. Ó Ceirin
JOHN KERINS
(St. Finbarrs)

(2) N. Ó Cathaláin
NIAL CAHALANE
(Castlehaven)

(3) C. Ó Corragáin
COLEMAN CORRIGAN
(Macroom)

(4) S. Ó Briain
STEPHEN O'BRIEN
(Nemo Rangers)

(5) A. Ó Daibhis
TONY DAVIS
(O'Donovan Rossa)

(6) C. Ó Cuanacháin
CONOR COUNIHAN
(Aghada)

(7) A. Ó Náisiún (Capt.)
TONY NATION
(Nemo Rangers)

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

(9) T. Mac Cártaigh
TEDDY McCARTHY
(Glanmire)

(10) P. Mac Craith
PAUL McGRATH
(Bishopstown)

(11) L. Toimicín
LARRY TOMPKINS
(Castlehaven)

(12) B. Ó Cofaigh
BARRY COFFEY
(Bishopstown)

(13) D. Ó hAilín
DENIS ALLEN
(Nemo Rangers)

(14) D. de Barra
DAVE BARRY
(St. Finbarrs)

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MICHAEL McCARTHY
(O'Donovan Rossa)

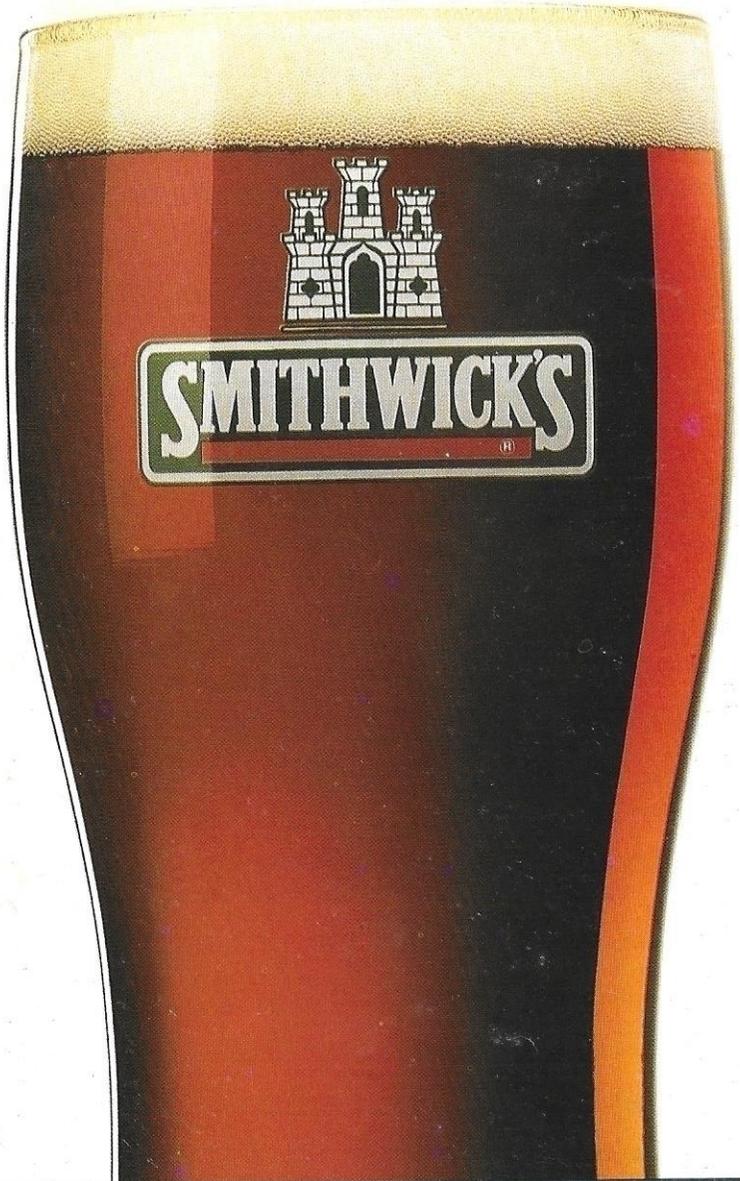
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ROGHNÓIRÍ: Frank Murphy (Blackrock); Sean Murphy (Kilmurry); Bob Honohan (U.C.C.); Pat O'Donovan (Bantry); Billy Morgan (Nemo Rangers).

CORCAIGH	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	45m	Saor-chiceanna
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Hops, yeast, malt and beautiful.

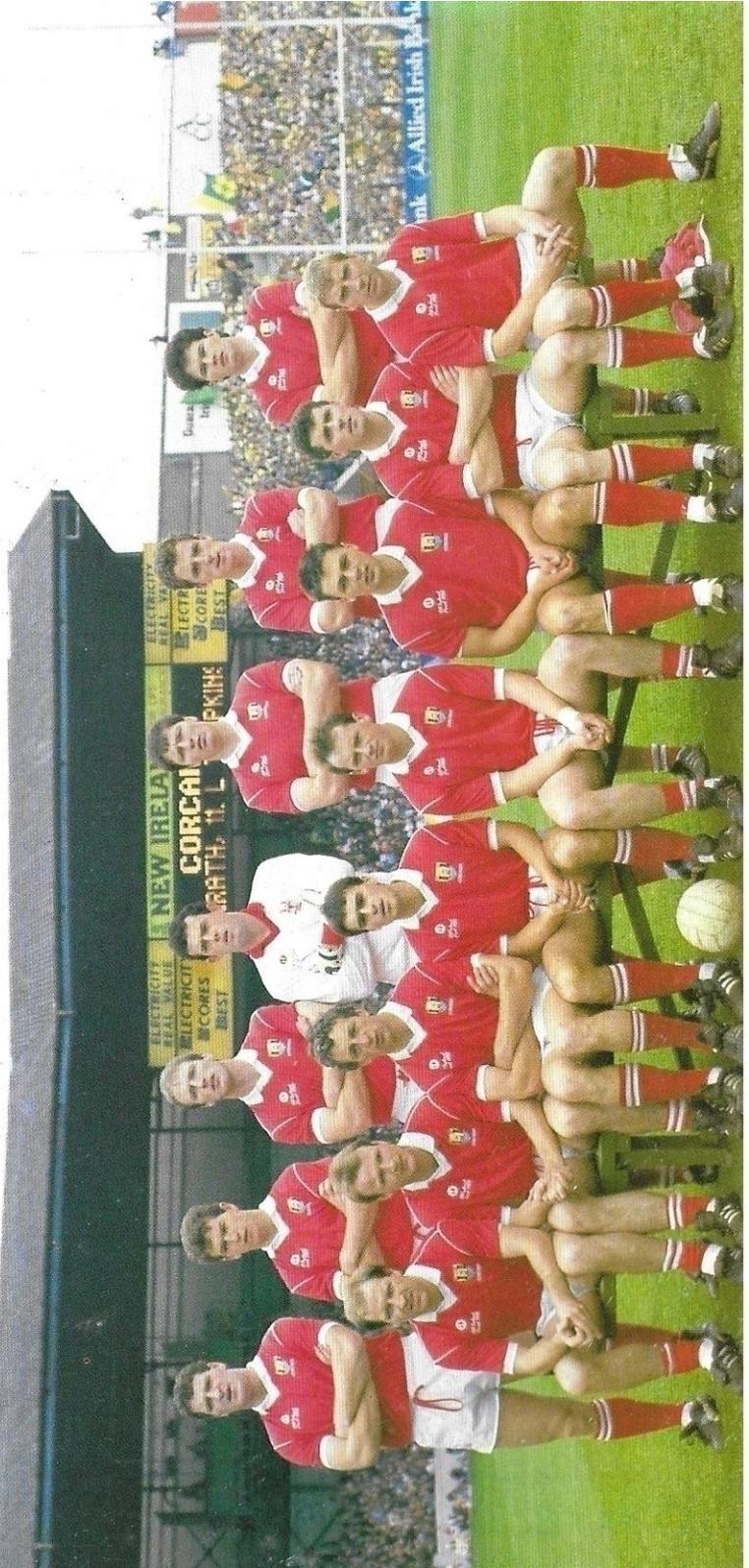


Are you going for a pint?

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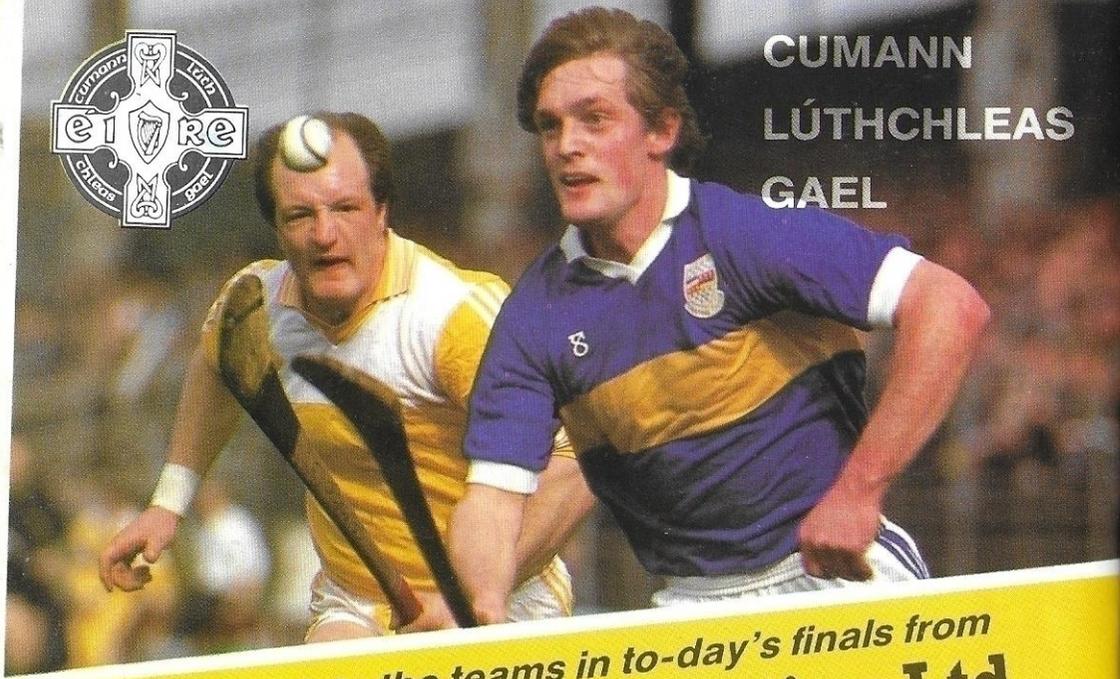
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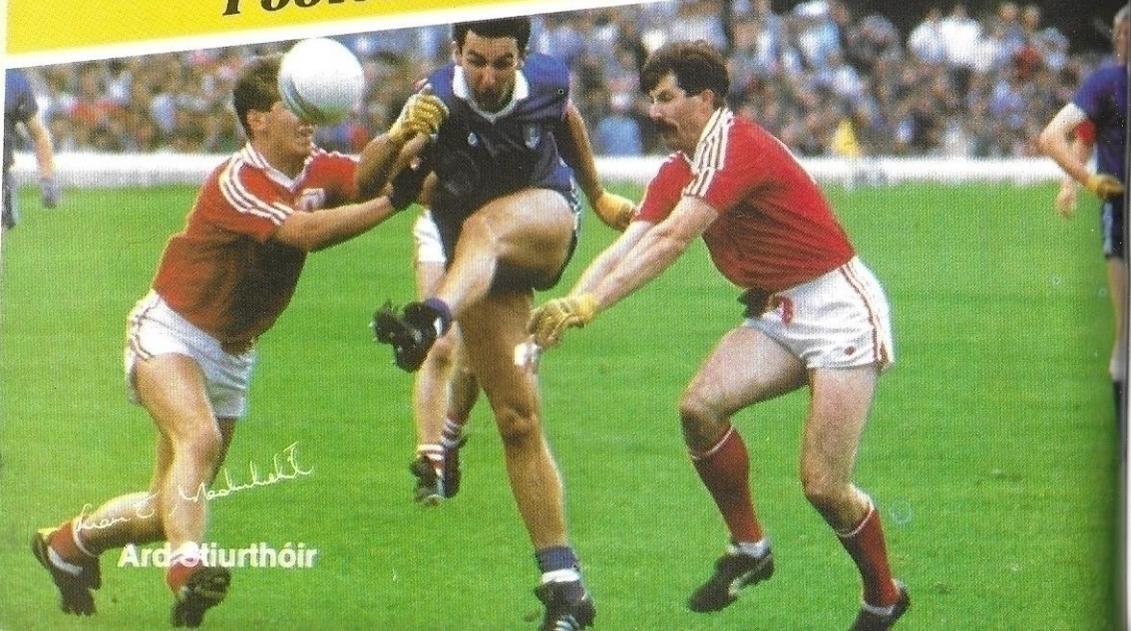




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The Cup that Cheers!

This picture, taken by John Quirke of An Uaimh, shows the four Meath captains who have had the honour of receiving the Sam Maguire Cup on behalf of the Royal County. They are, from left, Peter McDermott, who was captain of the 1954 winning team, Brian Smith (1949), Mick Lyons (1987) and Peter Darby (1967). Meath, of course, has the distinction of being the final team to have possession of the original "Sam" and may also become the first holders of the new trophy today.



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Replay Report

The championships were only seven years old when stalemate reigned at the end of the hour in an All-Ireland final for the first time — the Dublin-Cork clash at Clonturk Park in 1894. But it was to be another 20 years before teams would again finish level in a final, and though well-matched teams have battled for football’s highest honour in the interim, drawn finals have been comparatively rare events and a century of championship combat has yielded only nine indecisive encounters.

Cork and Meath have to date appeared in one replayed final, with both failing to report success — Cork going down to Dublin in controversial circumstances and Meath to Cavan in 1952. The nine replayed finals were:

1894 — Cork 1-2; Dublin 0-5 (unfinished)

A crowd of ten thousand thronged Thurles on the 25th of April, 1895, where the start was delayed by the playing of an unscheduled Tipperary championship game. Dublin with the wind, made most of the early running, but were repeatedly foiled by the brilliance of Mulcahy in the Cork goal. At the interval it was two points to nil in favour of Dublin, and the metropolitans were still two points to the good ten minutes from the end when Dan O’Connell shot the only goal of the game.

Cork maintained the advantage through the field (they were two points ahead as a goal equalled five points at that time), but the game was abandoned following an altercation with one minute remaining.

The Central Council ordered

another replay, but Cork refused to play and Dublin were awarded the championship. Cork were so incensed by the decision that they withdrew from the Association altogether.

1914 — Kerry 2-3; Wexford 0-6.

Dick Fitzgerald’s late point had earned Kerry a replay four weeks previously, and despite the lateness of the setting (November 29) a crowd of 20,000 saw this third meeting of the counties in less than 12 months. As in the drawn game Wexford dominated the opening half and were six points up at the interval. However, after the change of ends Kerry took over: the Slaneysiders’ midfield superiority, which had been a feature of the opening thirty minutes, quickly disappeared, and with replacements, Maurice McCarthy and Jack Rice making a substantial contribution, Kerry surged forward in irresistible waves. Gradually the arrears were cut back and the second goal which put them in front brought no reply from beleaguered Wexford. Well before the final whistle Kerry’s fifth title was assured.

1926 — Kerry 1-4; Kildare 0-4.

Kerry took the field in the shadow of the loss of Jack Murphy, one of the heroes of the drawn game on September 5, when a late goal by Bill Gorman had deprived the Leinster champions of seemingly certain victory.

On this occasion, however, the biggest crowd to attend a sporting fixture in Ireland to that date, saw Kerry, under the inspired captaincy of John Joe Sheehy, put up a much better

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Replay Report Cont.

display, though Kildare still led at half-time by a point. It was wide open for most of the second half, but the only goal of the game, which Tom Mahoney finished from a free by Jer Moriarty, really decided the issue.

Yet, there was only sadness in the Kingdom in the week following this triumph; on the Friday following the game, Jack Murphy was buried in Keelornavogue graveyard outside Cahirciveen.

1937 — Kerry 4-4; Cavan 1-7.

A late point for Cavan which had been disallowed by referee, Mick Hennessy, gave Kerry a second chance which they took with alacrity despite being without Paddy Kennedy and Bill Kinnerk. Yet, Cavan looked slightly the better team in the early stages of the second half after the sides had been level, 1-0 to 0-3 at the interval.

The turning point came when Cavan players stood up expecting a free, but Kerry played on and Tim O'Leary streaked away to score their second goal. From there on Kerry were irrepresible, and though Cavan struck back with a goal and point, Kerry raised two more green flags to run out clear winners by a margin of six points — the biggest winning margin in a replayed final to that date.

1938 — Galway 2-4; Kerry 0-7.

If Kerry had been lucky to gain a second chance 12 months previously, they were decidedly unlucky to be brought to a replay on this occasion, as in the first game the referee has whistled for full-time as John Joe Landers' drive was on its way for what would have been a winning point.

Galway made the early running and entering lost time were comfortably ahead by four points when their supporters, mistaking a whistle for a free for full-time, swarmed onto the pitch.

It took 15 minutes to clear the pitch

by which time half the Kerry team had left the ground. Resuming with eight substitutes, Kerry fought on to score a point and leave Galway vulnerable with a snap goal. But it never came, and Galway took the title as Kerry suffered their first defeat in a final replay.

1943 Roscommon 2-7; Cavan 2-2.

The Ulster champions, who had forced a draw with a last-minute point from John Joe O'Reilly on September 26, were all at sea as Roscommon forced the pace from the throw-in. Two goals, by Frank Kinlough and Jack McQuillan appeared to set the stage for an easy Roscommon victory, but Paddy Boylan and Joe Stafford replied with like scores for Cavan before the interval.

Donal Keenan's impeccable marksmanship kept the Westerner in front, before an incident resulted in a Cavan player being sent off and the referee assaulted. When order was restored, Cavan were in disarray, and Roscommon finished with a flourish to take All-Ireland honours for the first time.

1946 Kerry 2-8; Roscommon 0-10.

An incredible late rally which brought Kerry two goals by Tom O'Connor and Paddy Burke had made this meeting necessary.

Kerry dropped their captain, Gus Cremin, for the second game and led by ace mid-fielder, Paddy Kennedy, looked a much more formidable outfit than in the drawn encounter.

Roscommon led at the interval by two points, but a third-quarter goal by Paddy Burke put the Kingdom ahead. Scores were level for the fourth time when Donal Keenan pointed a free at the 56th minute but Cremin who had come on as a sub, swung over Kerry's eighth point. Roscommon weren't finished and came storming back; but they were finished when Tom O'Connor's free, with goalkeeper Dolan, was bundled to the net. Kerry's replay tradition was restored.

1952 — Cavan 0-9; Meath 0-5.

Edwin Carolan chased a forlorn hope in the left corner which brought Cavan the equalising point after Meath had appeared to have done enough to win the day. The replay was a dour encounter with defences taking most of the honours. Most, but not all of the honours, as on a day of frustration for Meath and Cavan forwards, the Cavan captain, Mick Higgins, in what was to be his last championship game at Croke Park, turned in a splendid display of marksmanship. Rarely in a final had the accuracy of one player been so crucial to the outcome, and Higgins, despite the tremendous pressure, did not fail his county. Of the 14 points recorded (the lowest aggregate for more than a decade) Mick Higgins scored seven, a proportion of the overall score that hasn't been matched by any player in a final since.

1972 — Offaly 1-19; Kerry 0-13.

Both counties availed of the chance to prove that they were capable of providing much better fare than had been served up in the drawn encounter, and Offaly's dazzling opening burst which put them five points up inside ten minutes spelt an ocean of troubles for Kerry.

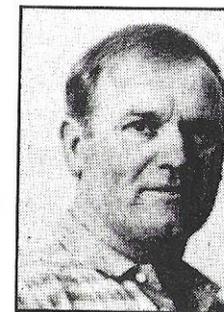
True to tradition Kerry battled back and Mick O'Connell made it level pegging with a point just before the interval. And Kerry appeared to have found the formula when they went two points up by the 47th minute. But then came Paddy Fenning's remarkable goal and suddenly Offaly were men possessed. Willie Bryan, adequate at midfield to that stage, now owned the vital sector, out-fielding, out-manoeuvering and outplaying everyone in sight; McTeague, Murt Connor, Darby and Evans, raised a stream of flags as Kerry wilted, and with Bryan himself contributing four glorious points from play, Offaly swept to a magnificent victory as Kerry slumped to their heaviest-ever defeat in an All-Ireland.



MARTIN HAYDEN (R.I.P.)

Having played for Carlow in this year's Senior Championship, Martin Hayden was tragically killed in a road accident while returning from assisting his club, Éire Óg.
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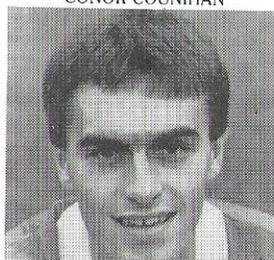
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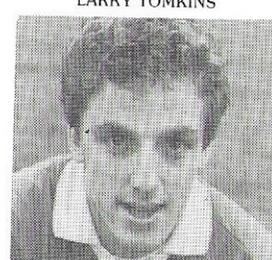
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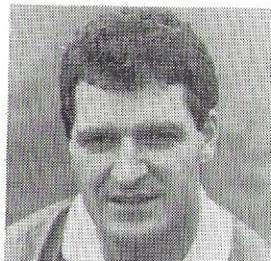
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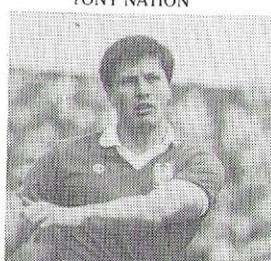
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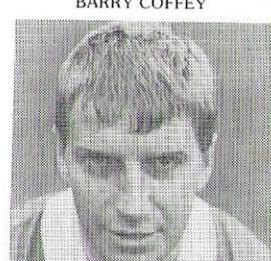
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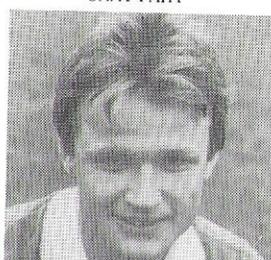
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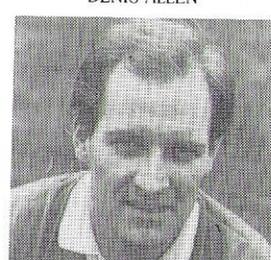
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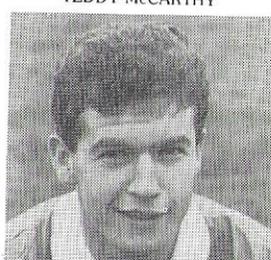
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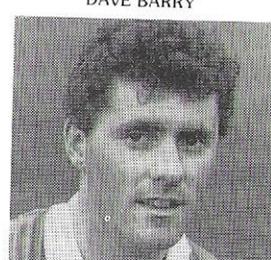
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CORCAIGH

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.

NIALL CAHALANE (Castlehaven). 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.

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.

STEPHEN O'BRIEN (Nemo Rangers). Born 28.12.69. Height 6'. Weight 13st. Occupation, Student. Honours won with his club include one county senior football medal. Honours won with Cork: 2 Munster minor football medals (1986 and 1987) and one Munster S.F. 1988.

ANTHONY DAVIS (O'Donovan 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 Whitegate 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 (Glanmire). Born 1.7.65. Height 5'11". Weight 13st. Occupation, Beamish & Crawford employee. Club honours include 1 Co. Intermediate Championship medal in 1987, and two County Senior Football 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 (Castlehaven). 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.

AN MHI AGUS CORCAIGH

FIVE MAJORS

Both Meath and Cork have had contrasting experiences in provincial finals which featured one of the contestants scoring five goals.

One of Cork's greatest triumphs was in the 1973 Munster final when they beat Kerry by 5-12 to 1-15; the other side of 'five-goal coin' was when they were beaten by Clare by 5-4 to 0-1 in the 1917 provincial final.

Meath conceded five goals in two Leinster finals with (for them) widely different results. In the 1955 final they conceded 5-12 to Dublin and were completely over-run; fifteen years later they again conceded five goals (5-12 to Offaly), but this time Meath's huge points register (2-22) was just good enough to pip Offaly in one of the greatest Leinster finals ever played.

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FORTUNATE SCHOOLBOYS

In the week preceding the 1932 All-Ireland football final between Kerry and Mayo, advertisements in the daily newspapers informed the public that schoolboys could obtain tickets for the game at their local school for the sum of 1d.!

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UNDEFENDED

On two occasions the reigning All-Ireland football champions did not defend their title. Tipperary, champions for the first time in 1889, did not compete in the 1890 championship, and some thirty years later — after they had won their fourth title (1920) — Tipperary took no part in the 1921 campaign.

SEEKING A FIRST

The last occasion on which both teams in a senior final were seeking a first title was when Mayo and Laois were in opposition in 1936. Previous to '36, only once before was there such a confrontation in this century — in 1903 when Kerry and London were the finalists.

Remarkable to relate, in the whole history of the championship, on only five occasions were both finalists seeking a first-ever title!

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LOSING SEQUENCE

Even in their most barren periods, Cork were rarely without a championship win for long, and their longest spell without a win was when after losing the Munster final to Clare in 1917 they were defeated in three consecutive first-round ties — in 1918, '19 and '20.

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BOGEY TEAM . . . BOGEY PROVINCE

Going on their record against the eastern province, Cork have a most difficult task today. The Leisiders first clashed with Leinster opposition in the 1887 championship when they were beaten by Kilkenny at Dungarvan (the only meeting of the counties on the football field).

Two years later Cork beat Wexford in the final, but from that day to this they have enjoyed little luck in clashes with Leinster teams. Dublin have been the 'chief culprits' as far as Cork is concerned as in nine championship games with the Metropolitans, they have been on the losing end every time!

And apart from the 1956

semi-final when they beat Kildare, they have failed to Leinster opponents in every meeting — Wexford (1893), Kildare (1928), Louth (1957), Meath (1967 and 1987) and Offaly (1971).

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ALL IN VAIN

Meath is the only county to have scored 18 times in an All-Ireland football final . . . and lost! This was in 1970 when, in the first 80-minute final, they raised the white flag eighteen times, but it wasn't enough as Kerry scored 2-19 to take the title.

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LEESIDE LORE

Cork was one of the nine counties which took part in the first championship in 1887, but were out of luck when losing to Kilkenny. Since that historic outing at Dungarvan in July '87 Cork have played 231 championship games, 122 of which they have won. They lost 97 times and were involved in twelve drawn encounters.

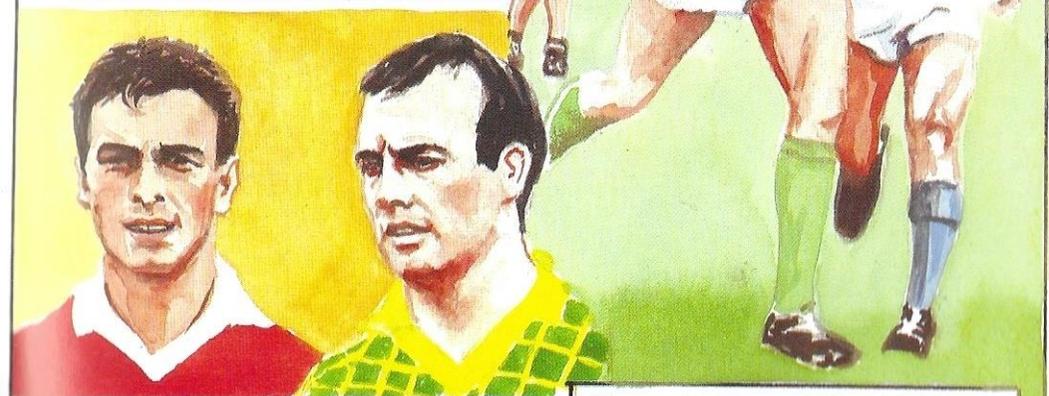
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SCORES FOR AND AGAINST

Cork's biggest win in a championship game was in the 1901 All-Ireland semi-final at Limerick when they crushed Mayo by a margin of 27 points (4-16 to 0-1). And the heaviest defeat sustained by a Cork team was in the 1937 Munster final at Killarney when Kerry won with 21 points to spare (6-7 to 0-4).



THE 1903 ALL-IRELAND HOME FINAL WENT TO A SECOND RE PLAY WHEN KERRY DEFEATED KILDARE 0-8 TO 0-2 AT CORK IN 1905. KERRY WERE ALSO VICTORIOUS IN THE REPLAYED FINALS OF 1914, 1926, 1937, AND 1946. IN THE 1938 RE-PLAY, KERRY LOST TO GALWAY AND IN 1943 ROSCOMMON BEAT CAVAN. IN 1952 CAVAN WERE VICTORIOUS OVER MEATH AND IN 1972 OFFALY BEAT KERRY IN THAT YEAR'S RE PLAY.



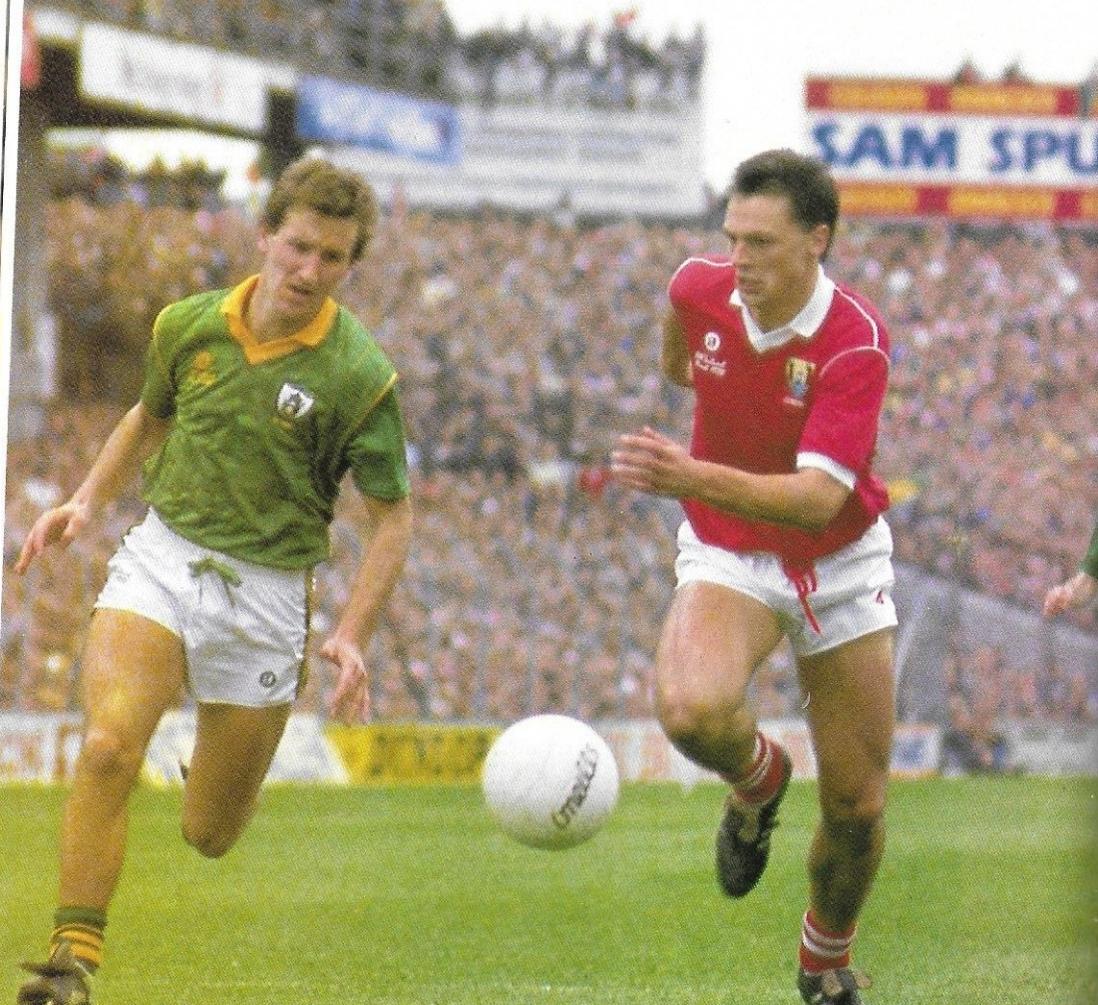
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Tá 'Sam Óg' gan áit chónaithe go fóill agus deallraíonn sé gur leasc leis a intinn a dhéanamh suas idir an Bhóinn agus an Laoi!

Mar adúramar anseo cheana, bhí cluiche maith chugainn sa chraobhchomórtas agus, dairíre, luaireamar é sa chluiche ceannais. Tá mór-bhuíochas tuillte ag foirne na Mí agus Chorcaí.

Agus é sin ráite is cinnte go raibh mí ádh ar mhuintir Chorcaí. Bhí sé deacair go leor orthu a bheith i gcoimhlint leis an Mhí, curaí Uile Éireann 1987 ach, mar bharr donais, go raibh mí-ádh i ndán dóibh ag an noiméad deireannach!

Agus é sin ráite is ar fhoireann Chorcaí féin an locht. Bhí go leor seansanna acu, sa dara leath, chun dhá chluiche a bhuachaint ach, uaireanta, shílfeá nach raibh aithne ag no tosaigh ar a chéile. Murach Larry Ó Toimicín bhéidís náraithe go deo.

Ar an lámh eile, bhí cosantóirí na Mí i mbar feabhais den chuid is mó. Bhí cúpla ocaid sa chéad leath, nuair a bhíodar trí chéile ar fad agus bhí an t-ádh leo nár bhain tosaigh Chorcaí leas níos fearr as na deiseanna a bhí acu. Sa dara leath, áfach, agus lár-páirce tite as a chéile choinnigh siad lena gcéilí comhraic, á gciapadh is á geá sa dóigh nach raibh níos mó ná soiméid acu a n-aighe a dhéanamh suas agus go minic an cinneadh clotaigh déanta acu. Mar sin, thar an seachtó noiméad ní mór lánmharcanna a thabhairt d'fhir taca na Mí, ach go háirithe

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A dhála céanna ag tacaigh Chorcaí — bhíodar éifeachtach, láidir agus in inmhe deileáil le gach cleas a bhí ag tosaigh na Mí agus murach a fheabhas a bhí Brian de Stafort leis na saor-speacanna bhíodar siúd náirithe freisin, cé's moite de Colm Ó Ruairc. Ní féidir a dhéanamh amach cad a bhí ar bun i lár na páirce. Bhí uaireanta ann agus bhí ar a laghad, ochtar imreoir ina

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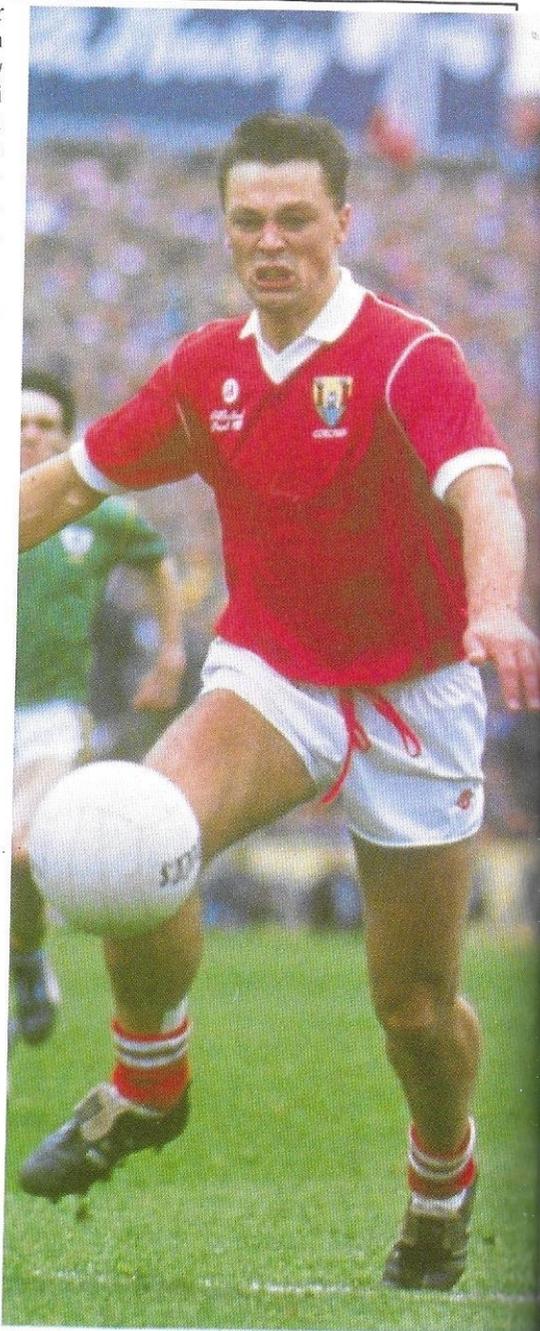
ndrong sa réimse sin den ghort. Ar feadh fiche noiméad ag tús an chluiche bhí fir lárpáirce na Mí-Gerry Mac An tSaoi agus Liam Ó hAodha i mbar a maitheasa; cheap siad gach a thit ina ngiorracht nó sciob siad an pheil ó mhéarach na gCorcaíoch. Annsin tháinig meath in imirt na Midheach agus thosaigh na Muimhneigh ar imirt níos cliste ann. Sa dara leath bhí an lámh in uachtar ag fir na léinte dearga ach ní fheadar cé, go háirithe, a bhí freagrach as sin. Cinnte bhí Shay Ó Fathaigh níos éifeachtaí sa dara leath ach bhí sé ciúin go maith sa chéad leath.

Ga trácht ar an gcluiche seo amháin ní thuigim ó thalamh an domhain cén fáth nach féidir le fir chumasacha, lúthmhara, an pheil a speacadh in ionaid a bheith á h-iompair agus á preabadh go dtí go dtagann beirt nó tríir den fhoireann eile timpeall orthu agus go gcailleann siad an pheil nó go ndéanann siad feall trín í a choinneáil ró-fhada. Is é ainm an cluiche ná peilí (nó 'caid') a chiallaíonn imirt leis an gcois — ní cispheil nó liathroid láimhe é. Is é an leasc seo chun an pheil a speacadh is cionntsiocair leis an gcuid is mó de na feallanna.

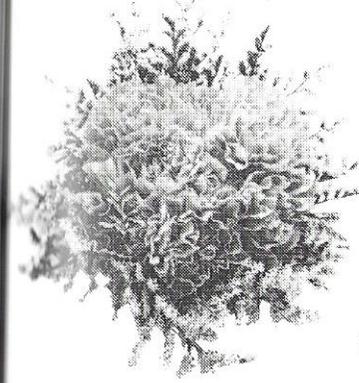
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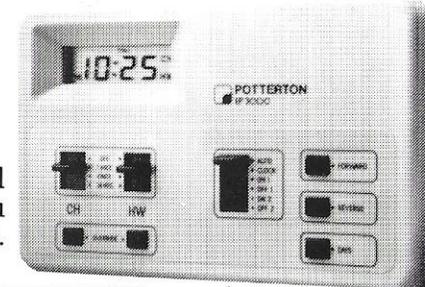


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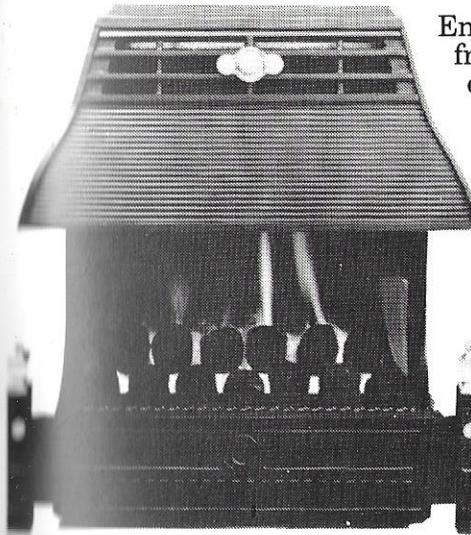
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• After the match inquest? Team Managers Billy Morgan (Corcaigh) on left, and Seán Boylan (An Mhí) are pictured after the drawn Final.

The Royal County

MARGINS — FOR AND AGAINST

The Royal county's biggest win in championship football was in 1979 when Kilkenny were visitors to Navan for the first round which had a full-time scoreline of 6-19 to 0-3. (34 points).

And the heaviest defeat sustained by a Meath fifteen was at Drogheda on July 17, 1901 when, in the opening round of the 1900 championship, they scored only five points to Louth's 6-19 (a 32-point trouncing).

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GREATEST RIVALS

Although Dublin have loomed large on Meath horizons in recent years, Meath's greatest championship rivals, in terms of actual meetings over the years, have been Louth. From their first meeting at Drogheda in 1888 to their most recent clash in this year's championship, these Boyneside rivals have met on 35 occasions. The record reads 13 wins each and nine draws.

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UNBEATEN RUN

As Meath's All-Ireland wins

were all "single achievements", their winning runs were of short duration. The greatest number of games they have gone without defeat is eleven. This sequence started with a win over Kildare in the first round of the 1949 championship through to the drawn Leinster final with Louth in 1950. Louth's win in the replay brought Meath's longest run to a close.

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WITHOUT A WIN

Meath's longest spell without a championship win was the seven games they played between November 1902 and April 1907, when a draw with Wexford was the best result they could manage. During the barren period they lost to Louth, Wexford, Laois, Kildare and Offaly.

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A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENT

When a county regains provincial senior honours after a lapse of more than four decades, it is indeed an occasion for that county. But when the victorious campaign encompasses the defeat of two counties against whom the new holders had

never previously recorded a championship win, that surely is a year of achievement.

And such a year came Meath's way in 1939. Up to the beginning of that season the Royal county had never managed to defeat Wexford or Kildare, but it all came right for them in that fateful year. At Drogheda on July 9, Meath, who had first clashed with Kildare in 1906, finally got the measure of the Lily Whites, winning by 2-10 to 2-8. And three weeks later their cup of joy was overflowing when they took the Leinster title for the first time since 1895 with a first-ever win over Wexford by 2-7 to 2-3.

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MEATH'S FIRST

It is widely accepted that Meath's first national title was when they won the League in 1932, beating Cavan in the final. This is not correct. In fact, Meath had won a national title more than twenty years earlier — the Croke Cup in 1911 — when they beat Waterford in the final at Jones's Road by 1-4 to 0-3.

At that time the competition was confined to the runners-up in the provincial finals.

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A LONG WAIT

When a team is strong enough to reach an All-Ireland final, it is usual for that team to be around for a number of years thereafter, often taking provincial honours, at least.

But this wasn't the Meath experience, as after their narrow defeat in the 1895 final they disappeared from the front rank of strong football counties, and it wasn't until 44 years later that they again emerged on the All-Ireland scene, when they won the Leinster title for the second time — in 1939.

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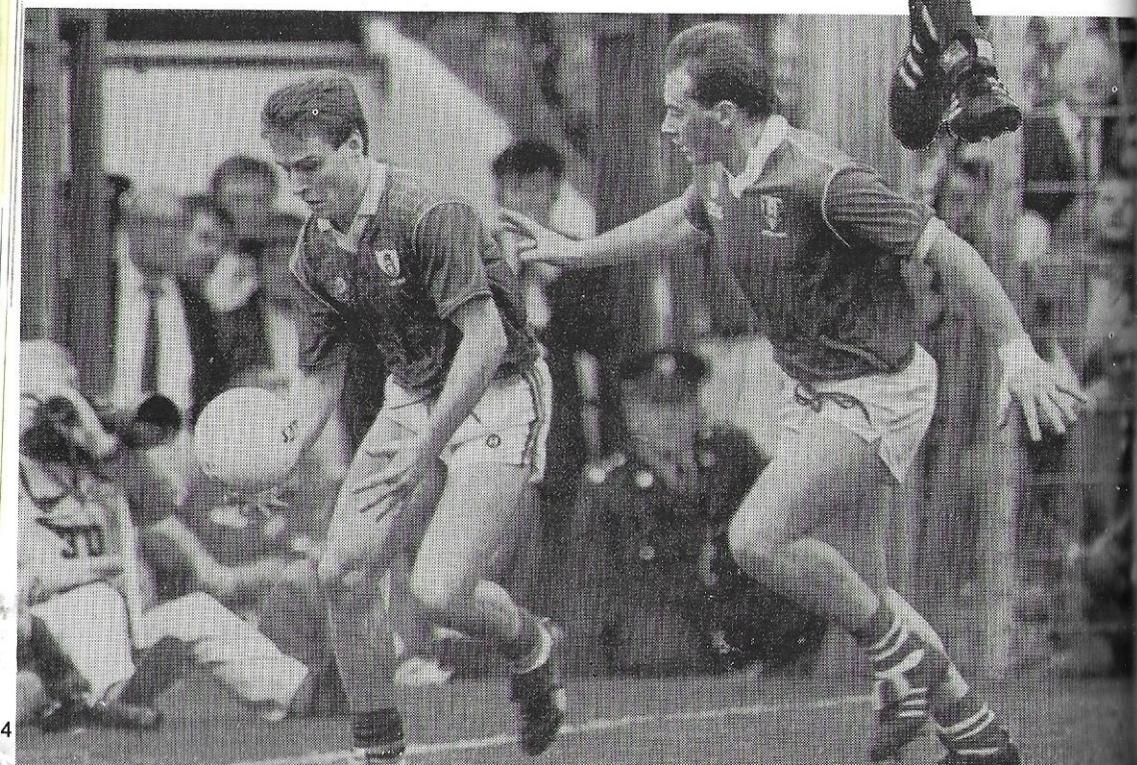
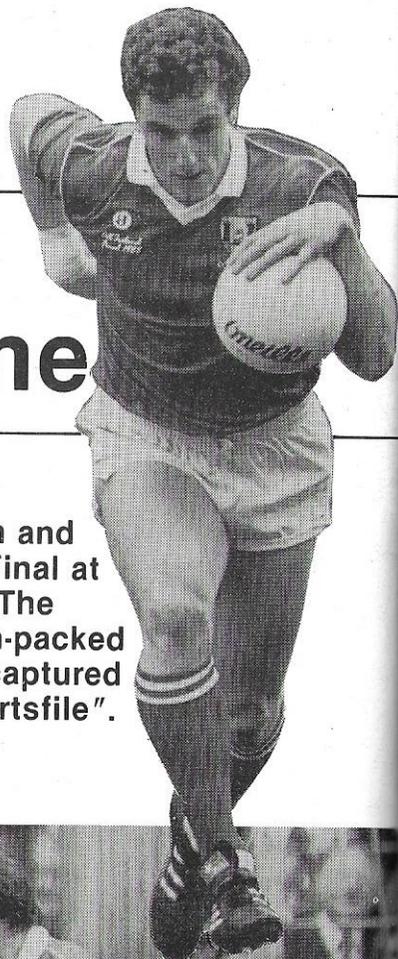
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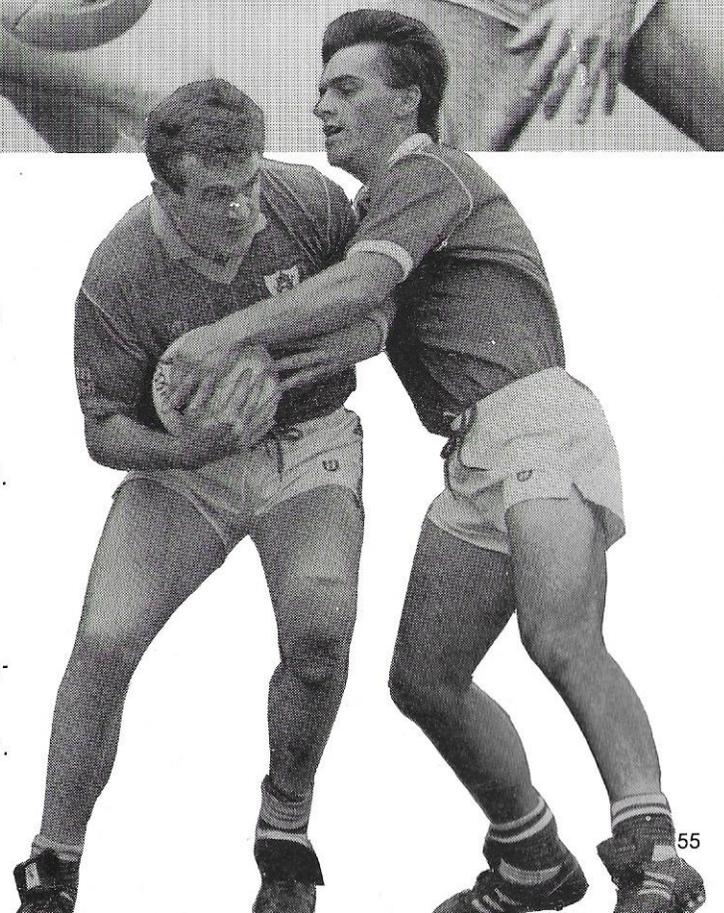


TOP LEFT: One of Cork's stars Barry Coffey sets off on a penetrating run.

ABOVE: Paul McGrath (Corcaigh) gets past Martin O'Connell (An Mhí).

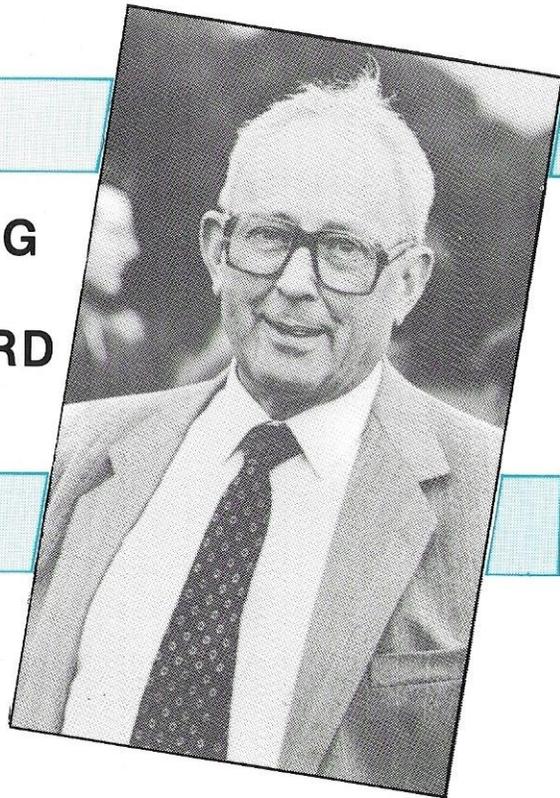
LEFT: Bernard Flynn (An Mhí) tries to escape the attentions of Niall Cahalane (Corcaigh).

RIGHT: Meath's star long-serving Colm O'Rourke runs into the clutches of Cork captain Tony Nation.



Liam Creavin

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Remember 1956? It was the year in which the Russians invaded Hungary, the Suez crisis occurred and Ronnie Delaney won the Olympic 1500 metre title in Melbourne. It seems an awful long time ago. It was also the year in which Liam Creavin first became Secretary of the Meath County Board. He is currently "enjoying" his thirty-third year in this post. Prior to his election he had served as Minor Board Secretary and was also the County Board's first Assistant Secretary. Peter McDermott was Secretary at the time.

Liam was a member of the Parnells Club but when that Club became defunct he was one of the founder members of the O'Mathuna Club in 1948. He became Chairman in 1950 and held that position also in 1951 and 1952. In 1954 he was elected to the position of Treasurer and remained in this post until 1973.

It is, however, as a County Board administrator that Liam's talents have contributed so much to Cumann Luthchleas Gael in Meath. His arrival ►

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on the scene coincided with a bleak and barren period in Meath's footballing history. The glory days of 1947-54 had come to an end and it was not until the mid sixties that the Royal County's footballers again tasted success. Three Leinster titles were the prelude to All-Ireland success in 1967 and during that spell, Liam experienced the onerous tasks normally associated with the position of Secretary with a successful county team. Distribution of tickets, travel and hotel arrangements, team lists and a myriad of seemingly lesser clerical chores had to be looked after.

The demands of the 1967 success were minimal compared with what was to follow. Liam was probably the busiest County Secretary ever, throughout the following winter, as plans for the historic trip to Australia were being made. Indeed his energy and efficiency, along with the splendid organisational ability of Peter McDermott and Fr. Tully helped in no small way towards the fantastic success of the tour.

In the late seventies and early eighties, Meath's standing as a footballing power plummeted but in 1984 the current side began to display its many talents and sure enough the glory days returned. The Gaels of Meath have enjoyed the current successful run but none more than Liam Creavin. Despite the extra burden and an ever increasing volume of hard work the County Secretary maintains his cheerful and pleasant outlook.

Having taught in An Uaimh for almost all of his teaching career and having been principal in Scoil Mhuire for nine years prior to his retirement in 1985 Liam is well equipped for the many and varied problems with which he is regularly confronted. With all the experience of a retired headmaster he deals with these problems in a calm and logical fashion. He is ably supported by his wife Ita, sister of former Meath "great" Frankie Byrne, and his children, four sons and one daughter. When the history of Cumann Luthchleas Gael in Royal Meath is eventually written the name of Liam Creavin will be guaranteed a special place -and that would be entirely appropriate for this great Gentleman and Gael.

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An elusive and smart-moving attacker, who was affectionately known in his playing days as "the man in the cap", McDermott scored many fine goals for Meath. He was their dashing left full when Cavan were beaten in 1949 for the county's first-ever All-Ireland senior football title.

Three years later he was still in the familiar No. 15 jersey as the Royal County went down to Cavan in an All-Ireland final replay. By then the Meath man was also making a name for himself as a referee, and in 1953 he took charge of an historic clash between Kerry and Armagh for the Sam Maguire Cup. The Southerners won that tie.

The wheel turned full circle for McDermott the following September when he was in there on the field of play doing his best to dethrone the Kingdom. His captaincy of the side, in fact, at left full proved a major factor in forging out one of the Royal County's most renowned All-Ireland final triumphs.

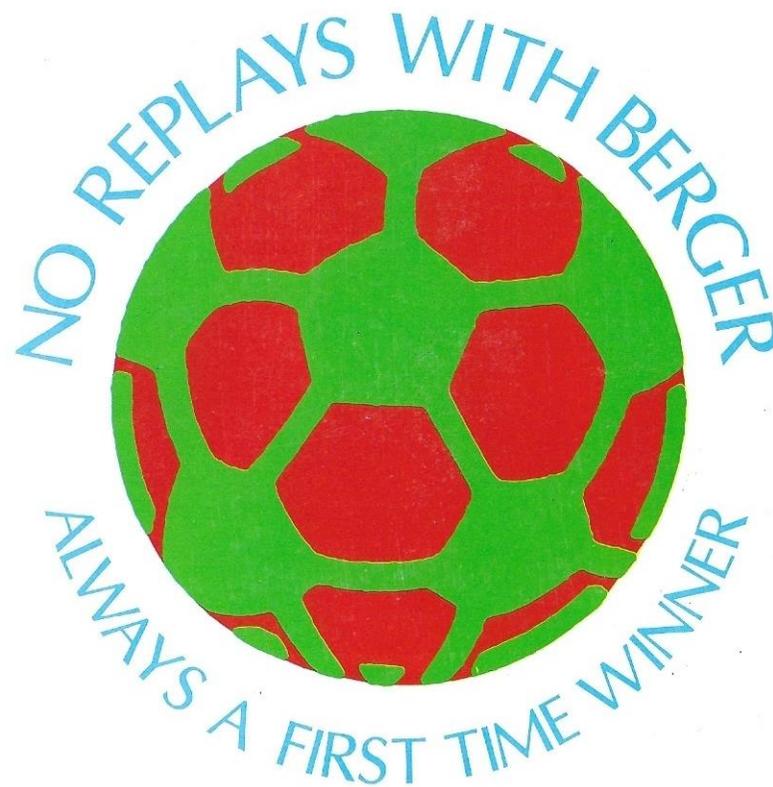
A feature of the record of what was a powerful Meath side around that period was a remarkable spell between the spring of 1949 and the end of 1951. During that time Meath lost only three times in 50 odd games, and won the National League title in addition to the All-Ireland crown.

The League win was gained at the far-off Polo Grounds in New York. McDermott was left full forward in the squad that beat New York, and he proved an exciting goal getter in that glory campaign, he scored six valuable goals.

Understandably enough, the Navan man was an outstanding Railway Cup campaigner during his playing days. He had a winning final debut in 1944 at left half forward, but after that had to settle for runners-up spot in three interprovincial finals.

McDermott, who got among the county senior championship medals with his club, is author of "GAELS IN THE SUN?", an account of the memorable visit to Australia in the spring of 1968 of the Meath team that had won the All-Ireland senior title the previous September.

That tour, it is true to say, helped to pioneer the way for the Test series of games between Ireland and Australia. Appropriately enough, Peter McDermott was Ireland team manager when the Australians visited this country during the Centenary Year for the initial Test proper.



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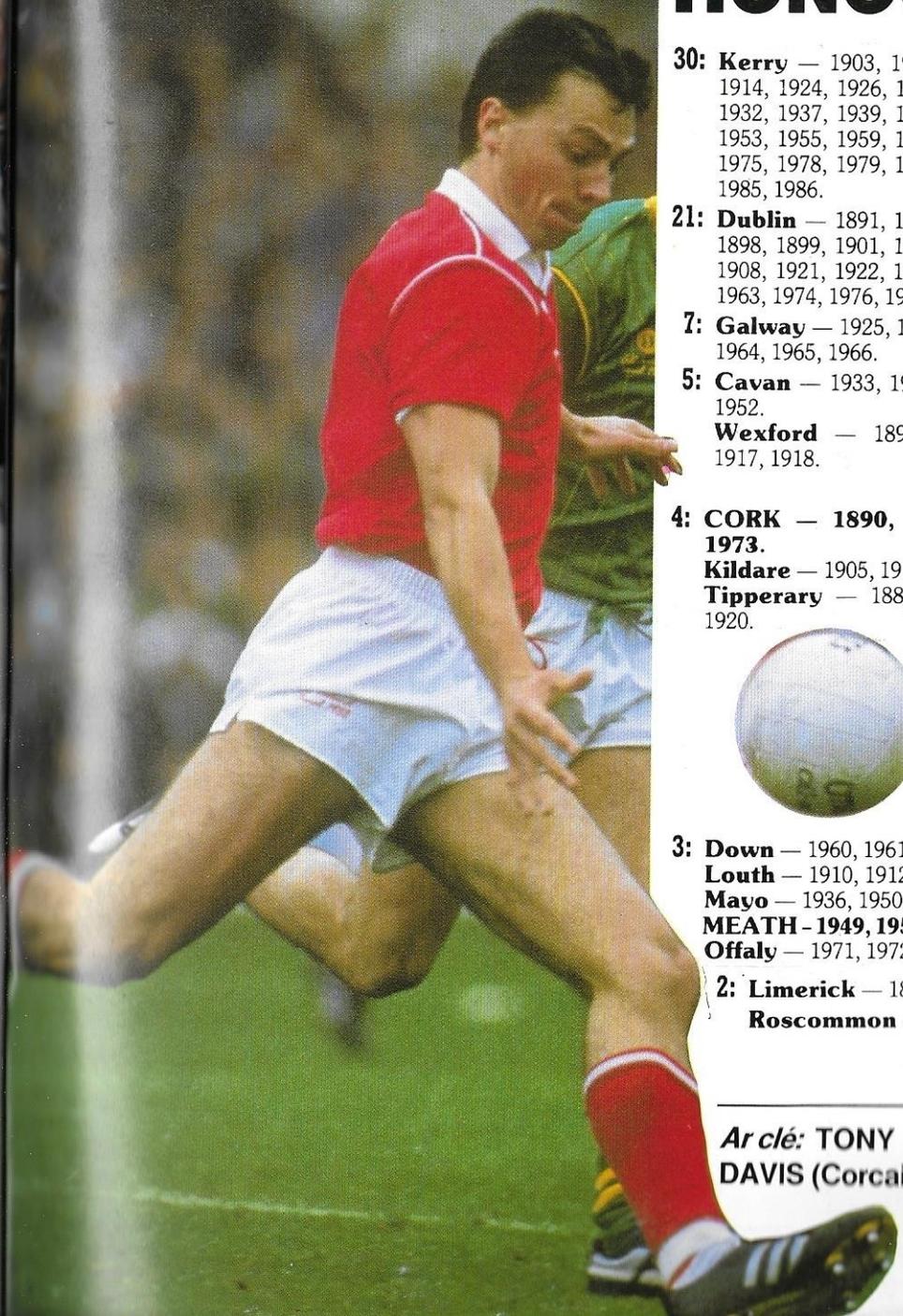
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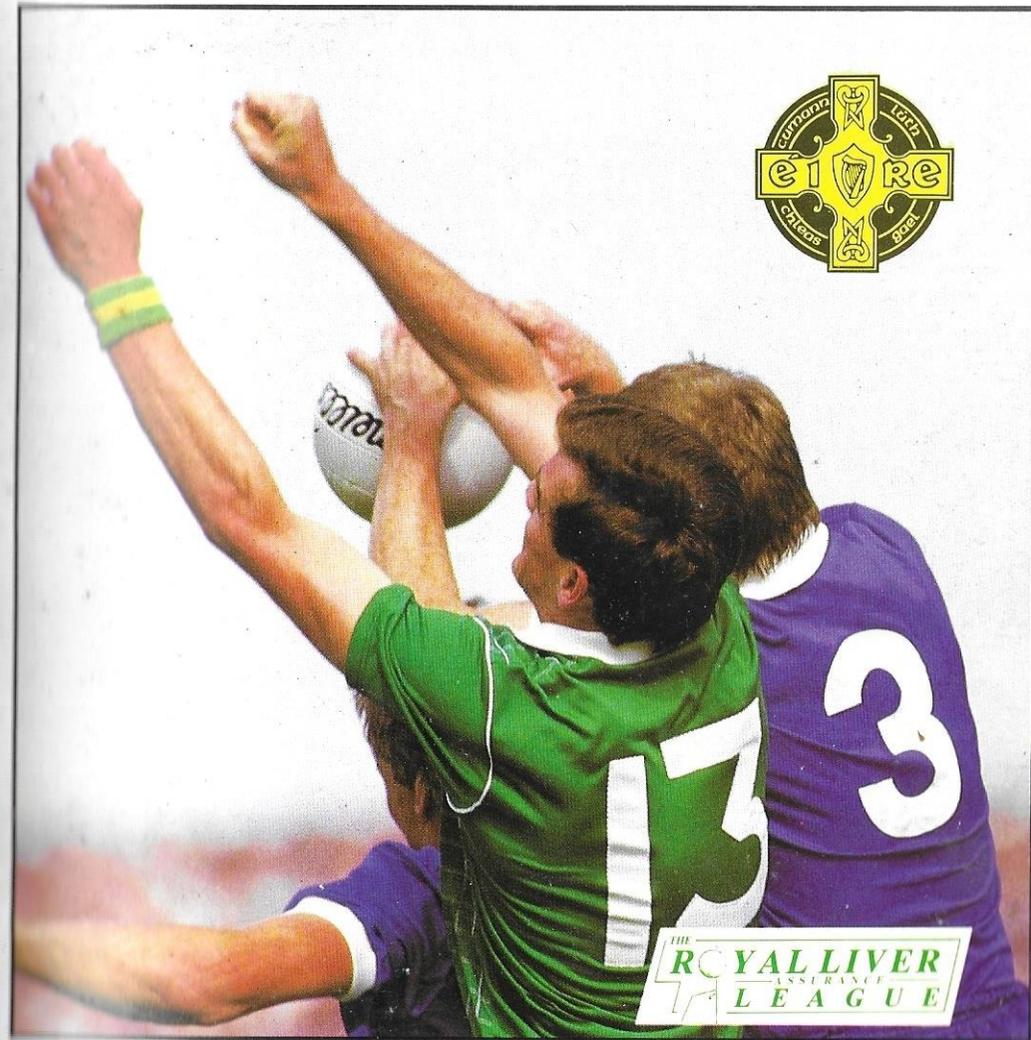
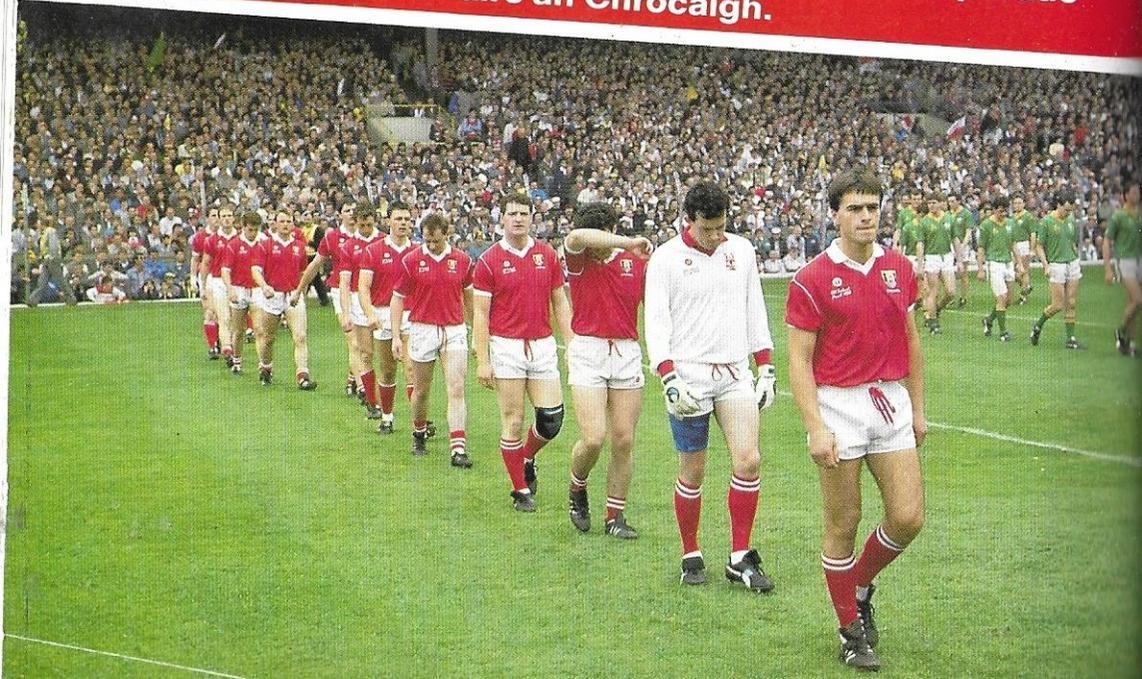


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