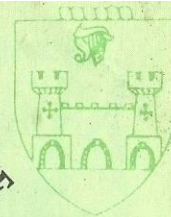




ROYAL LIVER NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE



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SUNDAY, 19th NOVEMBER, 1989

2.30 p.m.

# Dun na nGall

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Whether they are All-Ireland champions or not, there is something special about meeting Kerry in either the National Football League or the Championship. In the history of the G.A.A., Donegal have only met Kerry once in the N.F.L. and, of course, never in the Championship. That first League meeting was in Tralee last year and holds happy memories for Donegal Gaels.

Today's game in Ballyshannon is the first National Football League tie with Kerry on home soil. That makes it a great occasion and one which we have all been looking forward to.

As the 1980s draw to a close the curtain falls on what has been an era of great teams to which Kerry has contributed so much. I take this opportunity on behalf of Donegal GAA followers to acknowledge the star quality of their team performances and to thank them for what they have given to Gaelic football during the '70s and '80s in particular.

With four points from our two games to date, Donegal will press hard for a further victory today, urged on by our loyal supporters. The new rules experiment has added a new feature to this season's league. Even at this stage opinions on the rules are diverse. By the end of the season I have no doubt that there will be a clear consensus from GAA members as to the merits and de-merits of each of the experimental changes and we can then make our views known at National Congress next April.

Finally, I would like to thank the Aodh Ruadh Club for the effort they have put into the arrangements for today's game and for their excellent match programme.

CATHAL O FÁCHTNA,  
Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae C.L.G.

## MATCH PROGRAMME

Programme prepared by Park Committee, Aodh Ruadh G.A.A. Club.

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● COVER PHOTO: Anthony Molloy in an aerial duel in the Armagh game with Paul Carr awaiting the outcome.

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## TODAY'S REFEREE

### MICHAEL KEARINS



Although his playing career was spent with one of the game's less successful counties, Michael Kearins' unique ability as one of the great score-getters in the history of the game made his a household name throughout the country.

He made his senior championship debut for Sligo against Mayo in Charlestown in 1962 and went on to play for seventeen successive seasons in the Sligo jersey — his last game being against Galway in the Connacht semi-final of 1978. The highlight of a distinguished career was undoubtedly his starring role in Sligo's 1975 Connacht Championship triumph.

His talents were recognised nationally when he was selected on the inaugural Carrolls All Stars team in 1971, and he remains one of only two Sligo players ever honoured in the All Stars selection.

His career also embraced many memorable performances for Connacht in the Railway Cup, while at club level with St. Patrick's, Dromard, he won seven senior championship medals, five senior league medals and two junior medals.

In recent years Michael Kearins has become a highly respected referee, taking charge of many important games, including this year's Connacht final and All-Ireland semi-final, and he looks destined for even further honours in this role.

## ROYAL LIVER NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLES

DIV. ONE				DIV. TWO				DIV. THREE (N)				DIV. THREE (S)											
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Donegal	2	2	0	0	4	Meath	2	2	0	0	4	Longford	2	2	0	0	4	Limerick	2	2	0	0	4
Cork	2	1	1	0	3	Roscommon	2	2	0	0	4	Fermanagh	2	1	0	1	2	Kilkenny	2	1	0	1	2
Down	2	1	0	1	2	Antrim	2	1	0	1	2	Galway	1	1	0	0	2	Tipperary	2	1	0	1	2
Kerry	2	1	0	1	2	Wexford	2	1	0	1	2	Westmeath	2	1	0	1	2	Wicklow	2	1	0	1	2
Armagh	2	0	1	1	1	Monaghan	2	0	0	2	0	Offaly	1	0	0	1	0	Carlow	2	0	0	2	0
Cavan	2	0	0	2	0	Louth	2	0	0	2	0	Sligo	2	0	0	2	0	Clare	2	1	0	1	1
Derry	2	0	0	2	0	Tyrone	2	0	0	2	0	Leitrim	2	0	0	2	0	Waterford	2	1	0	1	1

## FORTHCOMING FIXTURES IN DIVISION ONE

**ROUND 4 (Sunday, Dec. 3rd):** Down v Donegal; Dublin v Cavan; Kerry v Armagh; Derry v Cork.

**ROUND 5 (Sunday, Feb. 4th):** Donegal v Derry; Kerry v Cavan; Down v Cork; Armagh v Dublin.

**ROUND 6 (Sunday, Feb. 11th):** Cork v Donegal; Derry v Down; Dublin v Kerry; Cavan v Armagh.

**ROUND 7 (Sunday, March 4th):** Donegal v Dublin; Cavan v Down; Cork v Kerry; Armagh v Derry.

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1. Only one player on Kerry's famous '70s and '80s side started all eight All-Ireland finals in the same position. Who?
2. Who received the Sam Maguire Cup for Kerry in 1975? Captain, Mickey O'Sullivan, today's Kerry manager, was taken to hospital during the game.
3. Who captained Kerry in 1982 when Offaly defeated them in the All-Ireland final?
4. Name the former Kerry All-Ireland footballer who became an international golfer?
5. Name the Kerry team that won the All-Ireland Club Football Championship in 1985?
6. What team won the first official All-Ireland Club Football final in 1971?
7. Name the only other Kerry team to win an All-Ireland Club Football final. They did so in 1977?
8. With what clubs do (a) Michael Sheehy; (b) Ogie Moran play for?
9. Name the Kerryman who holds a record number of Texaco Football of the Year awards?
10. True or false. A Kerry team never won an All-Ireland Senior Colleges Football final.
11. How many All-Ireland Minor Football Championships have Kerry won?
12. Who was the first Kerryman to receive the Sam Maguire Cup?
13. What is the name of the G.A.A. Park in Killarney?
14. What Kerry player scored 3-2 against Dublin in the 1978 All-Ireland Senior Football final.
15. What Kerryman was leading scorer in the country in 1970, scoring 13 goals and 122 points in 26 games.
16. Who scored 2-6 for Kerry in the 1979 All-Ireland final v Dublin.
17. John O'Keeffe won his first All-Ireland senior medal in 1970. In which position did he play.
18. Who was captain of the 1976 Kerry team defeated by Dublin in the All-Ireland final?
19. Who holds the record number of Football All-Stars and how many does he hold?
20. Since 1970 how many times have Kerry been defeated by Dublin in an All-Ireland Senior Football final.

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# THE EXPERIMENTAL RULES

In 1988 the newly appointed Football Work Group under the chairmanship of Tony Hanahoe undertook a detailed review of the football playing rules.

Having examined the situation in some considerable detail, it identified the following shortcomings:

- (a) There is a general lack of knowledge of the rules among players, team officials and, in some instances, even referees.
- (b) The rules are not being applied on a consistent basis, particularly the rule which relates to persistent fouling.

In order to rectify these problems, the Work Group strongly recommend that the rules of hurling and football are codified separately and that they are re-written to ensure that they are easy to read, remember and apply. It also endorsed the efforts which are being made by the Referee's Work Group to have a uniform national system of recruiting, training, assessing and appointing referees. The Referee's Work Group is currently attempting to have these structures established at County, Provincial and National level.

The Work Group was satisfied that the present rules provide for adequate control of the games. It did express concern with the undue amount of time which is being lost due to stoppages. This year's All-Ireland Senior Football Final provides a typical example. Out of a total of 74 minutes and 21 seconds (including injury time) there was 31 minutes 11 seconds playing time and 43 minutes 10 seconds stoppage time. Proposals for change were advanced on the basis that they would:

- (a) Reduce the amount of time lost due to stoppages and hold-ups, particularly those attributable to foul play.
- (b) Provide all players with an equal opportunity to demonstrate individual or team-related skills without undue interference from opponents or environmental conditions.
- (c) Assist the development of discipline and teamwork.
- (d) Provide adequate punishment for infringement and misconduct.
- (e) Contribute to the safety of all players.

A significant amount of time was devoted to discussing the tackle. The Work Group was satisfied that there is adequate provision

within the current legislation to tackle or dispossess a player. It can be achieved by:

- (i) The shoulder tackle with one foot on the ground.
- (ii) Flicking the ball away with the open hand, particularly when it is being toe-tapped or bounced.
- (iii) Blocking down the intended kick or pass.
- (iv) Shadowing or shepherding the opponent forcing him to slow down, stop, turn or move wide and thereby reduce his advantage.

Players, however, very often choose to ignore these methods and resort to a more aggressive form of tackle.

There are a number of reasons which may help to explain why players resort to this type of foul!

- (i) Overpreoccupation with success.
- (ii) Having similar behaviour positively reinforced as a result of winning or receiving approval from team mates, spectators, selectors or the coach.
- (iii) Not being properly penalised or punished.
- (iv) Over anxiety to dispossess or inability to tackle properly.

The Work Group gave consideration to the introduction of a compromise rules type tackle. This proposal was rejected on the basis that it would involve a major structural change within the game and that the present rules provided adequate provision for tackling.

Gaelic football is a physical contact sport which demands skill (technique and judgement), fitness (strength, endurance, speed and flexibility), tactical awareness and commitment. The rules cannot be seen in isolation. Consideration has to be given to the spirit in which they are formulated and intended to be applied. They will only be effective if they are understood and observed by players, enforced by referees and respected by coaches and team officials.

The games, through innovation and analysis, will continue to evolve and change. The experimental rules which are in operation today are intended to facilitate this process and make the game more enjoyable for players and spectators alike.

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Manager — Games Development

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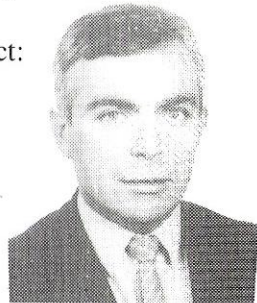
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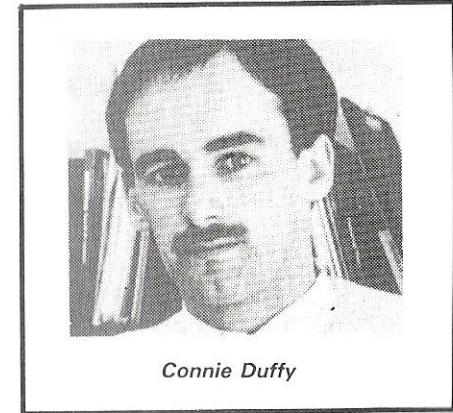
## 'EIGHTIES RECORD FINELY BALANCED AT TWO EACH

A game between Donegal and Kerry is an all too rare occasion but when they do occur they tend to bring out the best in both teams. Today's encounter should be no exception with football the main priority on both sides.

This will be the fifth meeting between the sides in the 'Eighties and with the spoils shared evenly so far, this afternoon's winners not only get those vital N.F.L. points but the satisfaction of knowing they've come out on top in this decade.

The first meeting was back in May 1981 when Kerry visited the county as part of a fund-raising tour for a trip "Down Under". The visitors gave Donegal a lesson in the finer points of the game that day when they trounced them 6-10 to 1-11. The survivors from that historic encounter still in action today are Charlie Mulgrew, Martin McHugh, Paul Carr and Brendan Dunleavy while Charlie Nelligan and Jack O'Shea are the only Kerry men still around.

Their next meeting was a much closer affair. The Centenary Cup meeting in April, 1984, saw 12,000 pack into MacCumhaill Park for the first competitive meeting between these counties since the 1954 Junior (Home) Final. Although Kerry won the day 0-11 to 0-8, it was generally agreed the home side had put up a most impressive display and with a little more luck could have caused an upset. As in the previous match, Nelligan and O'Shea are the only Kerry survivors while for Donegal Matt Gallagher, Brian Tuohy, Sylvester Maguire, Anthony Molloy, Donal Reid, Joyce McMullan, Gary Walsh, Sean and Declan Bonner and Brian Murray had joined Brendan Dunleavy in the panel for this one.



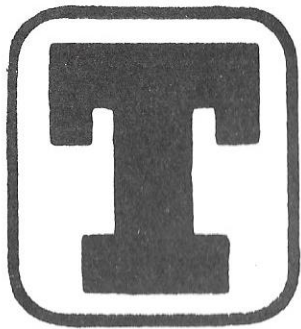
Connie Duffy

The sides met in another challenge match three years later when Kerry were on another tour. This time they discovered the Donegal lads had matured enough to record their first ever victory over a Kerry team with a score of 1-20 to 4-8 to prove it.

Then a year ago, almost to this very day, Donegal captured another notable scalp when they travelled to Tralee and took home both N.F.L. Division One points in an absorbing 1-10 to 0-11 victory. At the time it was said it was Donegal and not Kerry who handed out the lesson in the finer points of football — how the circle had run the full course!

So you see then with two victories each, both sides would like to end this decade of all too few meetings with that extra success to their credit. Will Kerry mark their first league game in this country with a win or can the home side keep up their good run and capture those all important points. Which ever way it ends up this game promises to be an intriguing contest.

# TENNENT'S IRELAND DONEGAL AND TENNENT'S — A WINNING COMBINATION



## KERRY'S WORLD CHAMPION — MAURICE FITZGERALD

The latest star on the horizon of Kerry football is Cahirciveen player, Maurice Fitzgerald. Already an established part of the Kerry attack, Maurice has had success with his marvellous achievements in winning the inaugural World Superkick in Australia recently.

Maurice competed against international opposition from all the other international large ball field codes and emerged on top. In winning this competition he has achieved great personal honour and won new recognition for the skills of Gaelic football among the footballing nations.

A son of Ned Fitzgerald, for many years the inspiration behind St. Mary's Club in Cahirciveen and an All-Ireland medal winner with Kerry against Dublin in 1955, Maurice has been the best underage player to emerge from Cahirciveen since Jack O'Shea. As an under-16 he played senior with South Kerry, winning his place as a corner forward with two kicking feet and

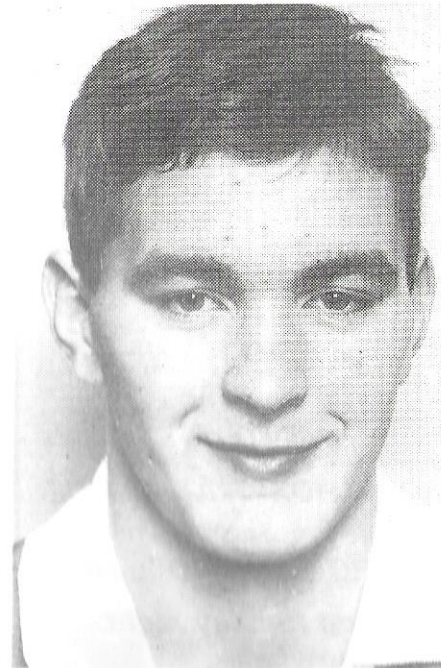
marvellous fielding ability.

In 1988 he missed qualifying for the Kerry minor team by just three days but when he scored 1-18 for Cork University in the Sigerson Cup series he was identified as the man most likely to replace the great Mike Sheehy.

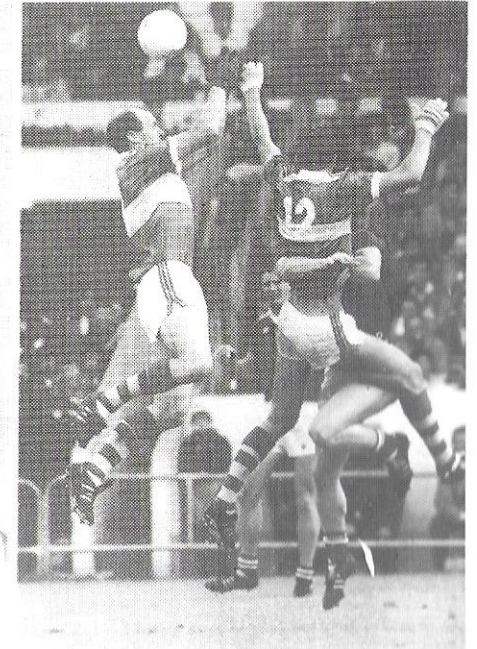
In the '88 Munster Championship he scored six points against Waterford and in the final against Cork went four better with a personal tally of 10 points, three from play. Kerry, of course, failed narrowly to Cork that day.

Throughout the '88/'89 League, this year's Championship and the current League, Maurice Fitzgerald's status as a potentially great Kerry player has grown and his importance to the team is now well accepted.

Definitely a man for the future and one whose achievements to date have, at just 19 years of age, made his name a familiar one in Gaelic football circles.



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# THE KERRY CAPTAINS

To date Kerry have won 30 All-Ireland Senior Football titles, their first, captained by Tom O'Gorman in 1903 and their most recent by Tommy Doyle in 1986.

The following is the list of years and captains:

1903 Tom O'Gorman	1932 Joe Barrett	1969 Johnny Culloty
1904 A. Stack	1937 Miko Doyle	1970 Donie O'Sullivan
1909 T. Costello	1939 Tom 'Gega' O'Connor	1975 Mickey O'Sullivan
1913 Dick Fitzgerald	1940 Dan Spring	1978 Denis 'Ogie' Moran
1914 Dick Fitzgerald	1941 Bill Dillon	1979 Tim Kennelly
1924 P. Sullivan	1946 Paddy Kennedy	1980 Ger Power
1926 John Joe Sheehy	1953 James Murphy	1981 Jimmy Deenihan
1929 Joe Barrett	1955 John Dowling	1984 Ambrose O'Donovan
1930 John Joe Sheehy	1959 Mick O'Connell	1985 Paud O'Shea
1931 Con Brosnan	1962 Sean Óg Sheehy	1986 Tommy Doyle

## SNIPPETS

Mick O'Dwyer has won seven National Football League titles, a national record, which he shares with Jackie Carney of Mayo. O'Dwyer won his medals both as a back and a forward. For the record he won the medals in 1959, 1961, 1963, 1969, 1971, 1972 and 1973.

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Brendan Lynch of Kerry was captain of the Combined Universities team that won their only Railway Cup in 1973. His brother, Paudie, actually captained them in the drawn final against Connacht but missed the replay due to injury. Martin Carney won his only Railway Cup medal on that occasion.

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Dan O'Keeffe, a native of Fermoy, Co. Cork, won seven All-Ireland Senior Football medals for Kerry between 1931 and 1946. He was, of course, Kerry goalkeeper during that period and held the record for football medals until 1985, when Ogie Moran, Paudie O'Shea and Pat Spillane equalled his record. In 1986 these three players went on to win their eighth All-Ireland each and now hold the record jointly, a record which may never be beaten. Ger Power and Mike Sheehy have also won eight All-Irelands but each actually missed playing in a final due to injury and won one of their medals as subs.

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The deeds of Kerry footballers in winning a total of 30 All-Ireland Senior Football titles will guarantee them a place in the folklore of Gaelic Games. However, few know that Kerry first hit the headlines in 1891 when their hurlers defeated Wexford to win their first and only All-Ireland Senior Hurling title. Kerry were represented by the Ballyduff Club and were captained by John O'Mahony. A report of the game in the Irish Independent of the time reveals that "Kerry wore their every day pants and played in their bare feet."

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Mick O'Connell, from Valentia Island, is regarded by many as the greatest football midfielder of all time. In a time when there was less emphasis on super fitness and tight marking, his natural skills of fielding and kicking brought much joy to Gaelic football followers for the 18 years that he wore the Kerry jersey. During his long career he strangely won only four All-Ireland medals in 1959, 1962, 1969 and 1970. In addition, he had the rare experience, for a Kerryman, to be on the losing side in five All-Ireland Senior finals — 1960, 1964, 1965, 1968 and 1972. He was unlucky to be playing in a period when Down and Galway produced exceptional teams, winning six All-Irelands between them in the 60s.

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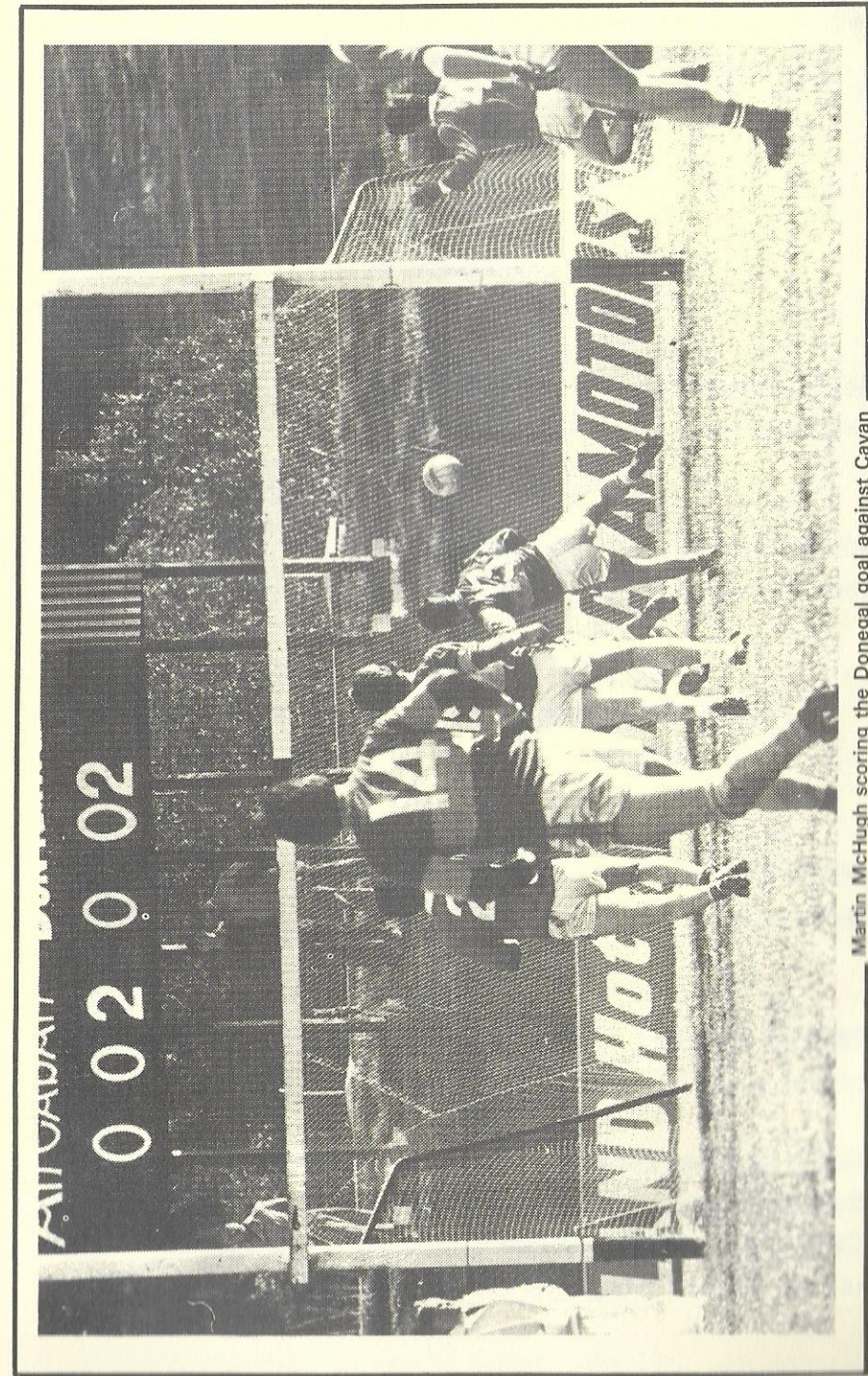
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**MARTIN SHOVLIN**  
(Naomh Ultan)

8  
**MARTIN GAVIGAN**  
(Ardara)

9  
**ANTHONY MOLLOY**  
(Ardara)

10  
**JOYCE McMULLAN**  
(Four Masters)

11  
**CHARLIE MULGREW**  
(St. Eunans)

12  
**GERRY CURRAN**  
(Aodh Ruadh)

13  
**MARTIN McHUGH**  
(Kilcar)

14  
**MANUS BOYLE**  
(Killybegs)

15  
**BARRY McGOWAN**  
(Kilybegs)

**SUBS:** 16, **Danny Gallagher** (Dungloe); 17, **Jim Gallagher** (Civil Service); 18, **Sylvester Maguire** (Aodh Ruadh); 19, **Brian Murray** (Civil Service); 20, **Marty Carlin** (Red Hughs); 21, **Declan Bonner** (Na Rossa); 22, **James McHugh** (Kilcar); 23, **Luke Gavigan** (Ardara); 24, **Diarmaid Keon** (Aodh Ruadh).

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**CONNIE MURPHY**  
(Dr. Crokes)

6  
**AMBROSE O'DONOVAN**  
(Gneeveguilla)

7  
**STEPHEN STACK**  
(Listowel Emmets)

8  
**ANTHONY GLEESON**  
(John Mitchells)

9  
**FINTAN ASHE**  
(Dingle)

10  
**TIMMY FLEMING**  
(Laune Rangers)

11  
**KIERAN CULHANE**  
(Ballylongford)

12  
**JOE SHANNON**  
(Laune Rangers)

13  
**OWEN MOYNIHAN**  
(Austin Stacks)

14  
**MAURICE FITZGERALD**  
(St. Mary's Cahirciveen)

15  
**GERARD MURPHY**  
(Laune Rangers)

**SUBS:** 16, **Jack O'Shea** (Leixlip); 17, **Morgan Nix** (Kerins O'Rahillys); 18, **zism Kearns** (Austin Stacks); 19, **John Lordan** (Castleisland); 20, **Pa Dennehy** (St. Kierans); 21, **Eamonn Breen** (Finuge); 22, **Pat Slattery** (Abbeydorney).

# DONEGAL'S NEWCOMER BARRY MCGOWAN

Today Barry McGowan makes his intercounty debut after an apprenticeship which included two Ulster finals and two All-Ireland semi-finals (u-18 and u-21) and an All-Ireland final when he starred in the Donegal victory against Kerry in Tuam and Roscommon in 1987.

A forward with natural balance, he has all the skill and determination necessary to become one of Donegal's top performers.

He represented Donegal at minor level in 1984 and in 1985 formed part of the forward line which brought Donegal only its second Ulster title ever.

He has won Co. Championship medals for Killybegs at U-12, U-14, U-16, U-18, U-21 and Senior. He was also part of a great Killybegs minor team which won the Ulster Club Minor Championship. He won a McLarnon Cup medal with P.C.C., Falcarragh.

Playing basketball during the winter, he is also a top class soccer player having played with Finn Harps in the League of Ireland, Fanad Utd. in the Ulster Senior League and for Killybegs.

Today Barry joins the fray as a newcomer to the senior ranks but when one looks at the amount this all-round sportsman has packed into his 22 years, it can be seen that he has a lot of experience to call on and it is hoped he can help himself and Donegal to further honours.



## DR. MAGUIRE CUP

While Donegal have yet to bring the Sam Maguire Cup across the Erne, they can boast of having the only other Maguire Cup in the country. The Dr. Maguire Cup, named after the Co. Board's first chairman, is awarded to the Co. Senior champions, and it can claim to be older than Sam as it was awarded for the first time in 1927, one year prior to Kildare winning the first Sam Maguire. The first winners were Ruagairí Leitir Ceanainn.





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## TOM PRENDERGAST — THE DONEGAL CONNECTION

Tom Prendergast was one of Kerry's leading footballers in the 60s and early 70s, winning two All-Ireland titles and many other honours. However, few may recall that Tom made his senior intercounty championship debut in 1964 when he lined out at left half forward for Donegal against Cavan in that year's Ulster semi-final. Donegal lost by 1-9 to 0-7. Later that year Tom had some compensation when he helped MacCumhalls to victory over Dungloe in the Donegal Co. Senior Football final.

When I spoke to Tom a few days ago he recalled with great joy the few short months he spent in the county when he was transferred there by his employers, the Department of Forestry. He recalls playing alongside Sean Young, the former Derry player, and Harry Lafferty on the MacCumhalls side. His first Donegal championship game was against Gweedore in Magheragallon and he still remembers that game as being extremely competitive and marvelled at the enthusiasm of the Gweedore players and supporters. He also recalled some wonderful tournament games in Bellaghy and Lavey, Co. Derry.

After a few short months he was transferred to Ballingearry, Co. Cork, where he recalls playing club football with Cork star, John O'Driscoll's father. He played National League football with Cork for a short period before returning to play with his native Kingdom.

During his period playing for Kerry he had great success, first as a forward but later in his best position at right half back. He played in four All-Ireland Senior Football finals, winning medals in 1969 against Offaly and 1970 against Meath. In 1968 Down proved too good for Kerry in the final and he suffered another final defeat in 1972 when Offaly defeated the Kingdom after a replay, when Tom himself was captain of the team. Tom also won three National League medals and a Railway Cup medal in 1972 when Munster defeated Leinster after a replay.

Tom will be remembered mostly as an outstanding half back, who showed exceptional skill, stamina and commitment and who was an inspiration to his colleagues at all times. He was small in size but extremely well built and destroyed the reputation of many outstanding forwards of the period. These qualities earned him recognition as



Texaco Footballer of the Year in 1970.

On the club front Tom has a unique collection of Kerry Championship medals. He won Co. minor, junior and intermediate medals with his native Keel and two senior football and one senior hurling medal with divisional side, Mid Kerry. He also won a Cork Junior Championship medal with Fermoy when living there for a period late in his career. He was one of the players forced to make way for Mick O'Dwyer's young lions which won the 1975 All-Ireland final and continued to play football 'till 1980.

When his intercounty playing days were over Tom managed Kerry minor teams to Munster titles in 1978 and 1979 and All-Ireland success in 1980.

Tom is now manager/secretary of the Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, a most unique marrying of two of our greatest tourist attractions. He is extremely busy in this position but takes an active interest in GAA affairs generally and his native Kerry in particular.

His introduction to the new rules was at the recent Kerry v Down National League game and he has grave reservations about them. He feels that many of the basic characteristics of Gaelic football are missing from the new game. He is of the opinion that there is not enough "honest to God" shoulder to shoulder contact or high fielding and feels that whatever permanent changes are eventually made should ensure that these two important aspects of the game are retained.

— P. J. BUGGY

# The changing of the guard in two counties

By Michael Daly, Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat



Tom Conaghan and Mick O'Dwyer

Donegal and Kerry have two new managers since the start of the Royal Liver sponsored National League Division One season. Tom Conaghan and a man he, like many others, had great admiration for, Mick O'Dwyer, had to stand aside for Brian McEniff and Mickey O'Sullivan.

Conaghan's three year term will be remembered for the side's attainment of Division One status, the retention of same and their heavy defeat in this year's Ulster Final replay. Added to that is Donegal's first All-Ireland win in 1982 at under-21 level and Tom Conaghan at the managerial helm.

O'Dwyer? Sin sceal eile. There are few managers, past or present who can sit comfortably at his side and think they might have or ever will match his achievements. For it was not only as coach to the Kerry sides that won eight All-Ireland finals between 1975 to '86 that the Waterville native has carved a special niche in football's lore.

No; O'Dwyer had it all, an inter-county career that began as a minor in 1954, selection two years later on the senior squad. He was a playing member of Kerry sides that won seven National League titles in a period from 1959 to 1973. He won All-Ireland senior championship medals in 1959, '62 (as a defender) and two more in 1969 and '70 (as an attacker). With those he has one Railway Cup medal, won in 1972 against Leinster. A prolific score getter, he headed the national chart for competitive and non-competitive games in 1969, '70 and '71.

As a manager he had early success in 1975, winning a senior and under-21 crown and retaining the latter the following year. He will be best remembered, however, for his input into the Kerry four-in-a-row sides of 1978 to 1981.

A lean spell, however, prompted change in Kerry. Cork have won too often in crucial games down Munster way and Kerry have made the painful, and hopefully for them, remedial incision. O'Dwyer has departed from the managerial scene to give way to his 1975 All-Ireland winning captain, 37-year-old Mickey O'Sullivan.

A selector from 1984 to 1987 he has learned through playing experience (like O'Dwyer) and from picking up the crumbs that fall from a wise man's table. It will do him no harm.

At a time when the Kerry 'veterans' are playing key roles at club level in the Kingdom, O'Sullivan has opted for an almost completely new look Kerry side.

Against Down O'Sullivan's side were somewhat unlucky to lose by two points, 3-11 to 0-18. A win following against Derry. Another win today will give him a little latitude to experiment a little further. However, one feels the experimenting in Kerry will not be as bold as in previous years. Kerry now accept the need to settle on the bones of a team well before next year's Munster final. This Kerry side, in time, may prove to be anything but experimental.

O'Sullivan will look for a win to establish some of his trialists, to reassure himself that his judgement is sound. To lose might suggest selection errors in a county which believes it is rich in talent.

To lose for a second year against Donegal will unsettle Kerry supporters many of whom dismiss Ulster football to be all passion and no precision.

And so briefly to the fourth player on this paper stage, Brian McEniff. This is his third time to manage Donegal. Almost a veteran manager of Ulster Railway Cup sides, his contacts with players from Ulster counties and their mentors has allowed him access to genuine assessments of players and teams. With that type of quality information none of the Ulster sides in Division One can hope to spring too many surprises on a well versed Donegal side.

But now it's a meeting with a Munster side, the equation changes and McEniff may know very little about this new Kerry side. Perhaps the same could be said of Mickey O'Sullivan who is trying out so many new lads. Still, McEniff has a record for doing his homework well and his side have amassed two results to enhance that suggestion of good preparation. Mind you the fact they can play a bit is also a help!

And after all, it was probably the prospect of playing the likes of Kerry which among other influences, prompted McEniff, a successful hotelier, to go back into an arena where the foundations of many a shattered dream lie broken.

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## DE LA SALLE, BALLYSHANNON, ARE ULSTER COLLEGES U-16 CHAMPIONS FOR 1989



De La Salle, Ballyshannon, recently won their 2nd Ulster Colleges U-16 'B' Championship when they captured the Herald Cup by defeating Patrician College, Carrickmacross, in Omagh. The final score was 2-5 to 1-7 and the victory brought the Herald Cup back to Ballyshannon for the first time since 1978. For coach and headmaster, Michael McGowan and his dedicated squad it was indeed a sweet victory after a long campaign. De La Salle played seven games in the competition and certainly showed commitment and team spirit that would be the envy of many more experienced sides. While winning point scoring hero, Seamus Gallagher and captain, Donal Buggy, who scored a total of 2-2 from play, were the names most mentioned after the game, every man played his part with all seven defenders excelling when Carrickmacross had the advantage of a strong wind in the second half.

Scorers for De La Salle were: Donal Buggy (2-2), Al Travers (0-1), Seamus Gallagher (0-1), John Muldoon (0-1).

The team was: John Downey (Aodh Ruadh); Keith Doherty (do.), Sean Maguire (Melvin Gaels), Declan Kelly (do.); Alan Sheerin (do.), Fergal McGrath (Aodh Ruadh), Anthony McGrath (do.); Donal Buggy (capt., do.), Michael Baird (Pettigo); Gareth Foley (Melvin Gaels), Aaron Phelan (do.), Al Travers (Aodh Ruadh); Barry Ward (do.), John Muldoon (do.), Brian Roper (do.) Subs., Seamus Gallagher (Melvin Gaels) for Michael Baird; Patrick Daly (Bundoran) for Gareth Foley; Eamonn O'Donnell (Aodh Ruadh) for Brian Roper; Eunan McGrath, Sean Gibbons, Liam Bagnell, Barry O'Neill, Declan Slevin, Keith Brennan, Niall McCready, James Grimes (all Aodh Ruadh).



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## RAILWAY CUP

When Ulster won the Railway Cup recently it brought to 19 the number of Donegal players who have now won Railway Cup medals — Seamus Hoare (4); Sean Ferriter, Bernard Brady, Martin McHugh (3); Columba McDyer, Hudy Beag Gallagher, P. J. Flood, Paul Kelly, Brian McEniff, Finian Ward, Michael Lafferty (2); Frankie McFeely, Neilly Gallagher, Declan O'Carroll, Martin Carney, Michael Carr, Tommy McDermott, Joyce McMullan and Anthony Molloy (1).

## U-21 CONNECTION

Donegal defeated Kerry after a replay to win the 1987 All-Ireland U-21 final. It is interesting to note that of the two panels involved then four players from each county are involved in today's encounter. Kerry have Stephen Stack, Owen Moynihan and Gerard Murphy in the starting line-up with Morgan Nix in the substitutes. Stack and Nix formed part of the U-21 defence while Murphy came on as sub. in the drawn game and was corner forward in the replay. Moynihan was part of the panel. On the Donegal side Manus Boyle and Barry McGowan form part of today's forward line as they did in '87, while Luke Gavigan and Diarmaid Keon who were corner forward and half back respectively in '87, are today listed among the substitutes.

## DONEGAL DEFENSIVE RECORD

After two rounds of the Royal Liver National Football League under the new rules, Donegal's defence have set a record — they are the only team in all four divisions of the League not to have conceded a goal in their two matches — a record which, hopefully, they will maintain today.

## U-21 BREAKTHROUGH

It is unusual for an under-age winning team at any level to come good at senior stage but this is not true of the Donegal All-Ireland U-21 team of 1982. In the first two League matches of this season, the starting Donegal line-up has contained 10 and 11 respectively of the '82 panel. Against Armagh: Matt Gallagher, Brian Tuohy, Donal Reid, Paul Carr, Martin Shovlin, Anthony Molloy, Joyce McMullan, Charlie Mulgrew, Martin McHugh, Marty Carlin and against Cavan Sean Bonner was included from the start. Add Sylvester Maguire, who made an appearance as substitute in both games and this brings the total number used to 12 — an incredible number which augurs well for the team in the future.

## DONEGAL-KERRY ALL-IRELAND FINAL MEETINGS

Donegal and Kerry have met in four All-Ireland finals! The first meeting was back in 1954 when Kerry won by 3-6 to 1-6 in the Junior (Home) Final.

They next met in 1987 and no fewer than three times that year. Victory was to elude a gallant Donegal Vocational Schools side in the All-Ireland final on the last Sunday in April. The final score was Kerry 2-13, Donegal 3-9. It was the turn of the U-21s next. The first All-Ireland final in June ended level — Donegal 1-7, Kerry 0-10 but the replay three weeks later saw Donegal emerge victorious on a 1-12 to 2-4 scoreline.

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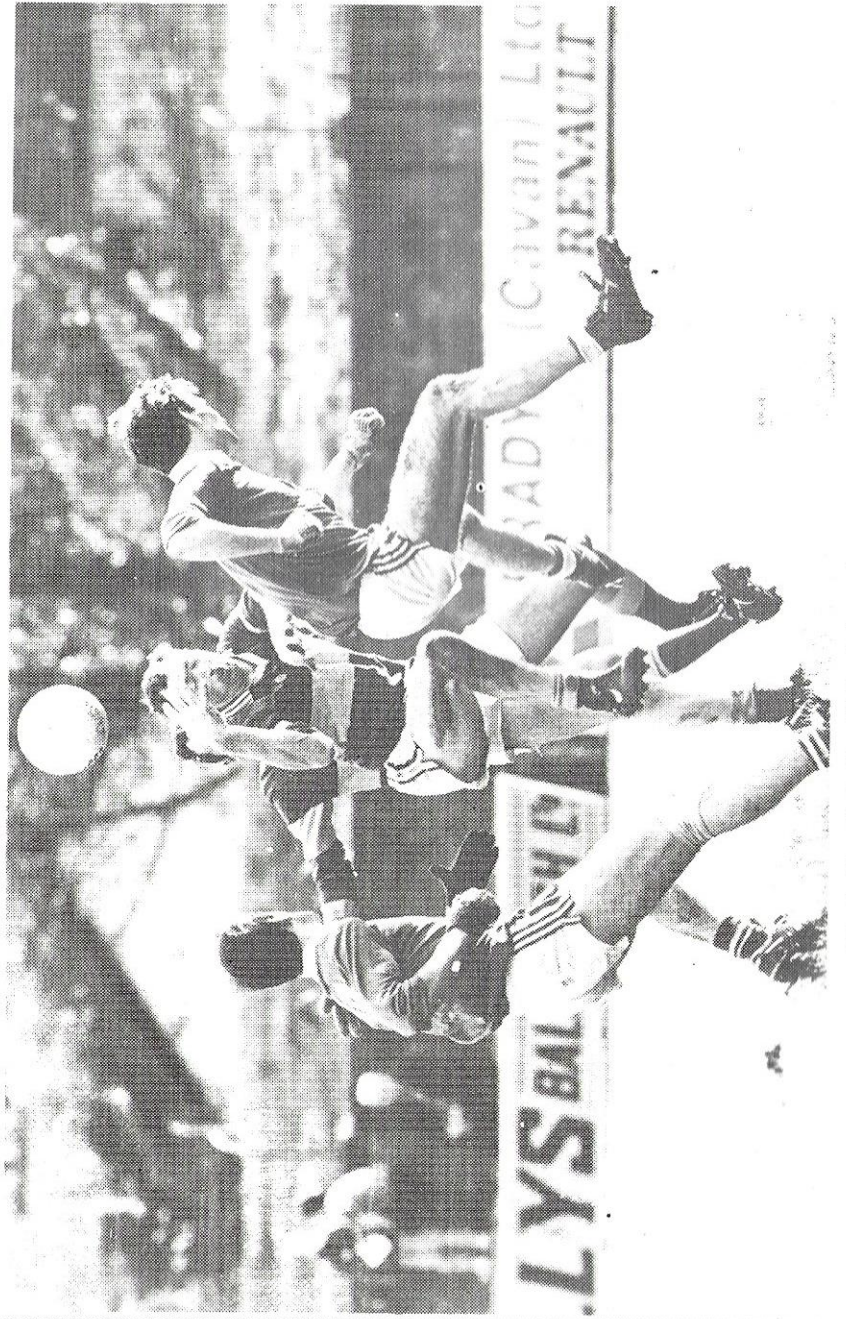
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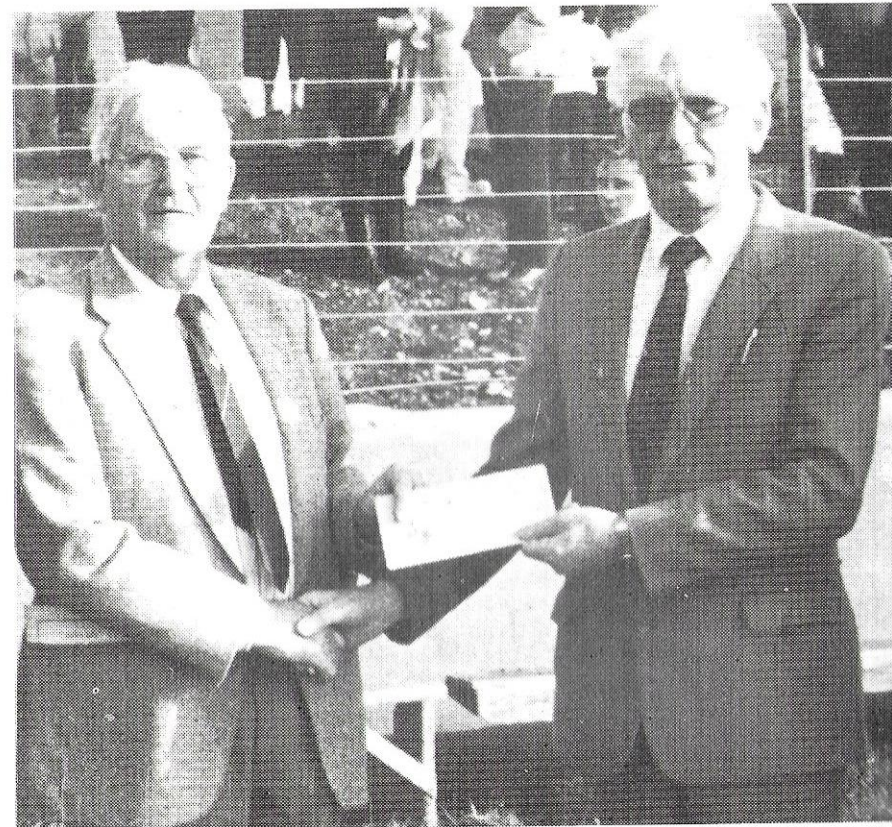
Martin Shovlin in the thick of the action against Cavan

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Royal Liver representative, Jim Keane, Ballyshannon, presents a cheque for sponsorship to Mr. Charlie Faulkner, chairman of the Donegal G.A.A. Board, before the recent home game against Armagh.

## SNIPPETS

Kerry came to open Sean MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey, on April 22nd, 1956, and played a Donegal selection. The Uachtaran of C.L.G., Mr. Seamus Mac Fearáin, opened the park. Mr. John Wilson, current Minister for the Marine, was the referee. There were 5,000 people at the match. the teams were:

DONEGAL: Seamus Hoare (St. Eunans); Jackie McDermott (Ballyshannon), Pat English (St. Eunans), Pearse Dawson (St. Eunans); Jim 'Cookie' Boyle (Dungloe), Joe Carroll (St. Eunans), Peadar McGeehan (St. Eunans); Jim McKeever (Derry), Frankie Brennan (Ardara); Sean O'Donnell (Dungloe), Roddy Gribbin (Derry), Sean McCormack (Ballyshannon); Paddy Carr (Gweedore), Frank Donnelly (Tyrone), Sean Young (Derry).

KERRY: G. Mahoney; Colm Kennealy, Ned Roche, Mickie Palmer; Sean Murphy, Tim Lyons, D. Dillon; Tom Moriarty, D. O'Shea; Paudie Sheehy, John Joe Sheehan, R. Buckley; P. Costello, G. O'Sullivan, Dan McAuliffe.

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Seamus Fitzgerald (Kerry) played for Gweedore in 1971-'72. He was a star right full-back on the Kerry team that won the 1970 All-Ireland. He later tained a Kerry minor side to win an All-Ireland.

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The club has plans in hand for a GAA Centre here which will include a 40' x 20' indoor handball alley, additional toilet facilities for spectators and broadcasting facilities. With the continued support of our local patrons we hope to make progress on this project in the coming year. 1989 has seen the completion of two additional team dressing rooms, GAA shop and further work to improve the grading of the spectator embankments.

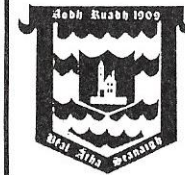
We take the opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to this work. Specifically, with regard to today's game, we wish to acknowledge the continued support of our advertisers and the wholehearted work of our club members and the local Gardai.

— TOM DALY

Runáí, Fr. Tierney Park Committee

### KERRY QUIZ ANSWERS

1, Ogie Moran, who played on the '40' on each occasion; 2, Pat Spillane; 3, John Egan; 4, Mick Morris, who won an All-Ireland in 1969; 5, Castleisland Desmonds, who defeated St. Vincent's, Dublin, in the final; 6, East Kerry; 7, Austin Stacks, Tralee; 8, (a) Austin Stacks; (b) Beale; 9, Jack O'Shea 1980, 1981, 1984, 1985; 10, False, St. Brendan's, Killarney, won it in 1969; they are the only Kerry side to win it; 11, 10, they share the highest number won with Dublin; 12, Joe Barrett in 1929; 13, Fitzgerald Stadium; 14, Eoin Liston; 15, Mick O'Dwyer; 16, Mike Sheehy; 17, Centre Half Back; 18, Ger O'Keeffe; 19, Pat Spillane, who has won nine awards; 20, Once, in 1976.



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## NATIONAL LEAGUES 1988/'89

### 1988/89 NATIONAL LEAGUES GATE RECEIPTS ALLOCATION

The distribution of income from the National Leagues was published recently by the Central Council of the G.A.A. The figures relate to the League which was completed earlier this year. The system offers a rich incentive to teams which make the quarter-finals of the competitions and provides for a financial return to all competing counties. The following tables, which are extracted from the complete financial statement, give a good insight into how the gate money from the Leagues is distributed.

	FOOTBALL IR£	HURLING IR£	TOTAL IR£
Gross Gate Receipts	514,832	475,893	990,725
Deductions:			
Rent and venue expenses	126,523	115,643	242,166
Players injury fund	25,742	23,792	49,534
Public liability insurance fund	25,742	23,792	49,534
	178,007	163,227	341,234
	336,825	312,666	649,491
Allocated as follows:			
Shares to competing counties	224,704	207,101	431,805
Pool allocation	112,121	105,565	217,686
	336,825	312,666	649,491

### 1988/89 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE DISTRIBUTION

#### DIVISION 1

	Ard Mhacha IR£	Áth Cliath IR£	An Mhi IR£	Clarraí IR£	An Dún IR£	Doire IR£	Mul- eachain IR£	Dún na nGall IR£	Iomlán IR£
Ordinary Shares	8,130	17,594	16,896	15,234	7,146	8,317	10,274	9,044	92,635
Share of pool	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Play offs et seq	8,130	17,594	16,896	15,234	7,146	8,317	10,274	9,044	92,635
Overnight Allowance	555	20,314	—	14,047	—	3,173	—	—	38,089
Extra Travel	—	500	—	1,000	—	500	250	500	2,750
	—	305	80	1,060	—	500	260	380	2,585
Totals	8,685	38,713	16,976	31,341	7,146	12,490	10,781	9,924	136,059

### 1988/89 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE DISTRIBUTION

	Ordinary Shares IR£	Share of Pool IR£	Sub-Total IR£	Share of Play offs et seq. IR£	Overnight Allowances IR£	Extra Travel IR£	Iomlán IR£
Division 1	92,635	—	92,635	38,089	2,750	2,585	136,059
Division 2	41,611	7,375	48,986	36,156	2,500	1,300	88,942
Division 3 North	10,602	35,846	46,448	1,570	1,500	410	49,928
Division 3 South	2,314	44,134	46,448	1,727	750	380	49,305
	147,162	87,355	234,517	77,542	7,500	4,675	324,234