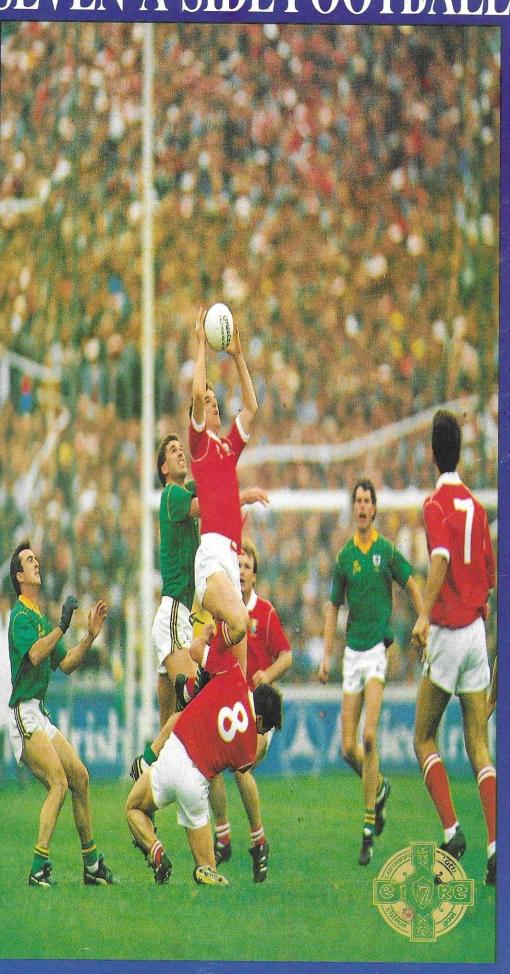


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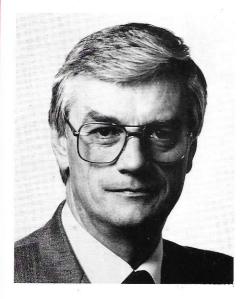
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The organisation of what is now the Premier Football Sevens in the Country is an enormous task and requires the involvement of all club members. I would like to pay tribute especially to the Football Committee and it's Chairman, Myles Clancy, and indeed all club members for their unstinting efforts.

The All-Ireland Sevens enhance to a major degree the All-Ireland Weekend itself and it is a great honour for Kilmacud Crokes to be hosts to such great G.A.A. football stars and Clubs.

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SÉAN DONNELLY, Cathaoirleach, Cill Mochuda na Crócaigh

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YEAR	WINNERS
1973	U.C.D. (Dublin)
1974	Waterville (Kerry)
1975	The Kingdom (London
1976	Raheens (Kildare)
1977	St. John's (Antrim)
1978	Castlewellan (Down)
1979	St. John's (Antrim)
1980	St. Mary's (Sligo)

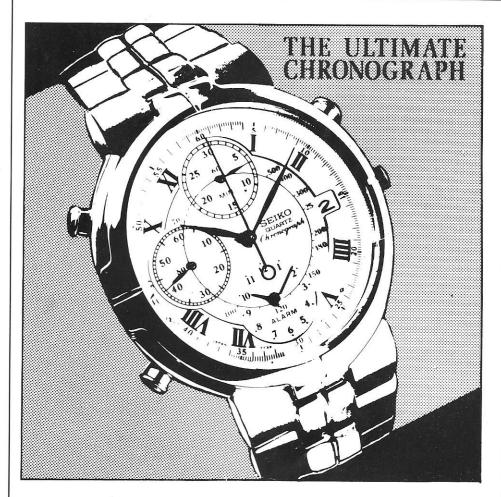
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	RUNNERS-UP
	Shannon Rangers (Kerry)
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	Kilmacud Crokes (Dublin)
	Athlone (Westmeath)
	St. Patrick's Ardagh (Longford)
	St. Mary's (Sligo)
	Kilmacud Crokes (Dublin)
(Glencolmcille (Donegal)

YEAR	WINNERS
1981	Castlewellan (Down)
1982	St. Vincent's (Dublin)
1983	Kilmacud Crokes (Dublin)
1984	Bryansford (Down)
1985	St. Gall's (Antrim)
1986	Bellaghy (Derry)
1987	Mount Bellew (Galway)
1988	Kilmacud Crokes (Dublin)
1989	Clann Na nGael (Roscommon)

	RUNNERS-UP
	Clara (Offaly)
	St. Eunan's (Donegal)
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	St. Gall's (Antrim)
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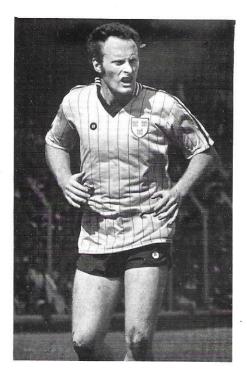
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TODAYS FOOTBALLERS ARE NO WIMPS!

Dr. Noel Mc Caffrey -



Noel McCaffery

Dr. Noel McCaffery is Medical Director of the O'Neills Sports Medicine Centre. He plays his club football with Clontarf and has won Leinster Championships and National League with Dublin. He received an All-Star award in 1988

The old timers are confused and amused by many aspects of Gaelic football to-day. Particularly puzzling for them is the jargon that has grown and continues to grow to describe the litany of injuries which afflict that most delicate of species, to-day's intercountry gaelic footballer. Strained hamstrings, torn calf muscles, pulled groins, capsulitis, bursitis, tendonitis, fascitis, bleedin' footballitis-the list seems endless. They wonder aloud where your blessed hamstring is located in the first place, and how on earth it can be so delicate. They feel they must pack a dictionary with the sambos and and hip flask nowadays when going to watch a game in order to follow what is going on and also to impress less wellinformed spectators. They ogle at the fancy bicycle shorts and fetching thigh bandages available in sundry colours, which decorate the players' exposed and not so exposed parts. They hear players moaning about long seasons, inadequate rest, mental exhaustion, mysterious viruses and all the rest. Rumour has it that players now arrive at games with

suitcases overflowing with lotions, salves, rubs, "smellies" (absolutely vital) and who knows what else-all ozone friendly of course. The gravest deliberations take place before a game about whether or not the ground will "take a stud" before one of umpteen pairs of boots is selected. The concoctions which are drunk before, during and after games and training are becoming more hi-tech and complicated each season-anythingto give you the edge.

And what about those injuries? Are they real or imaginary? Where are the men of yore who never got injured? Are we breeding wimps today who don't want to play at all? In the good old days men worked long hours on the farm, then cycled twenty miles before engaging the enemy. Perish the thought to-day-sure a fella would be worn out totally, unable to defend himself. One set of gear, one pair of boots was loads in those days, but not now.

INTENSE PREPARATION

I propose to defend the modern, much maligned intercounty gaelic footballer. To describe him as delicate is a bit harsh. The major difference between football today and football in the "good old days" lies in the intensity of preparation. Our fathers and grandfathers would occasionally convene in small groups, rarely as entire squads, and practise basically by kicking a ball about. Perhaps they were naturally fit due to their work. Today the lead up to the championship begins in February or March and entails training three or four times per week as well as numerous games. You spend your time either recovering from yesterday's session, preparing for tomorrow's session or doing today's session. It is training, sleep, food and work. Beyond that there simply isn't much time left. Theadvantages of this regime lie in the excellent physical conditioning that results and also the fostering of marvellous team spirit and morale. The togetherness breeds fierce loyalty between players which is worth hundreds of sessions and which is a vital for success in big games.

The inevitable consequence of effort is injury. Most trainers take all due precautions i.e. they are careful aboutwarm-up and stretching routines. Unfortunately this is not enough and

injuries do occur. Some are due to chronically overloading certain parts of the body e.g. achilles tendonitis, patellar tendonitis, while other soccur quite suddenly as a result of one unfortunate twist e.g. knee cartilage injuries and torn muscles. It really is quite laughable to suggest that a player would willingly submit himself to all sorts of punishment in training, only to think up some excuse (injury) to avoid D-Day when the effort is concentrated on a single game and all the months of hard work can either go up in smoke or lead to incredible feelings of euphoria for the playerswho make up the team. Also, in successful, well run county panels, players know that participation in training is necessary if one is to have any hope of making the team. It makes no sense to miss training. Injured players usually hate looking on while their colleagues forge ahead on the fitness front.

Are we training too hard then? If training causes so many injuries why not cut down a bit? This may be a fair arguement but for teams that can get through the training and minimise or quickly treat the injuries which occur, the edge in physical preparation compared with their opponents is a huge advantage. One important aspect of injuries is for players and managers to have the patience and discipline not to rush the return to full training. The return in most cases should be graded and the heartbreak of recurrencies of injuries is most often due to doing too much too soon.

(Scientists talk about exercise addiction as being similar to drug addiction in some ways. When forced to abstain from exercise, some players become cranky, moody, depressed. They require their regular "fix" of exercise. On return to training, they almost undergo a personality change. Exercise becomes almost an obsession. This is well recognised in joggers, but also applies to our very own footballers.)

The upshot of all this is that while there will always be the occasional complainer among us, most modern footballers are very committed to training and playing. They do not welcome injuries and do not feign them. So please give us a break. We may not be as talented as players of earlier days, but we put every bit as much into our football.

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St. Annes (Dublin)

(Blue & White Sash)

The Bohernabreena club reached the semi-finals of this competition in '88 and '89. With players of the calibre of Joe McNally, Alan McNally and Ciaran Walsh and good local support, they can go all the way this year.

Panel:

Sean O'Neill, Mick O'Neill, Ciaran Walsh, David Carroll, Gerry Heaslip, Brian Heaslip, Tom O'Connor, Peter Nolan, Ciaran Richardson, Ciaran Kielty, Stuart Callery, Alan McNally, Joseph McNally, Damien Kelly, Rory Fitzsimmons, Joe Waldren, Niall Byrne.

Cooley Kickhams (Louth)

(Green & Gold)

League and championship winners in Louth last year. Cooley are regular visitors to the Kilmacud Sevens and will not be easy opposition. Their best known player is Louth and Leinster goalkeeper Gerry Farrell.

Panel:

G. Farrell, J. McCarreefer, S. Thornton, B. Burke, J. McDonald, C. McCarragher, P. McCarragher, G. Thornton, E, Rafferty, N. McCarragher, L. McGuigan, P. Boyle, B. Keenan, P. McGuire, A. McGrath.

Baltiglass (Wicklow)

(White & Green)

Leinster and All-Ireland club champoins for the first time this year and must be one of the favourites today. They have a number of experienced inter-county players including Hugh Kenny, Billy Kenny, Kevin O'Brien and Robert McHugh. Kevin O'Brien was a replacement All-Star in 1989. Player Manager, Tommy Murphy, won the B+I sports personality and the Philips Manager of the Month for March.

Panel:

Davy Leigh, Thomas Donohue, Hugh Kenny, Brian Fitzpatrick, Bryan Kilcone, Billy Kenny, Pat Murphy, Raymond Dunne, Paul Kenny, Billy Timmins. Robert McHugh, Liam Morgan, Con Murphy, Anthony Kealy, Kevin O'Brien, Tommy Murphy, Brendan Dooley. Adrian Curry, Tony Mullins, John O'Keefe, Peter Timmins, Tom Fox, Billy Nolan.

Longford Slashers (Longford)

(Sky Blue)

The longford champions won the International Sevens in New York in 1989 against strong opposition including the host club today. Their best player Dessie Barry travelled to the U.S. this year as a replacement All-Star and is a member of the current Australian squad.

Panel:

Dessie Barry, Leonard Dolan, James Halligan, Fintan Flanagan, Michael McCormack, John Barry, Niall Caslin, Peter Fagan, James Diffley, Declan Flanagan, Brian Lawlor, Joe O'Reilly, John Martin.

Eire Og (Carlow)

(Red & White)

Founded in 1956, Eire Og are the most successful Carlow club ever with 17 senior football titles. Current inter-county players include Joe Hayden (member of the panel for the Australian tour) Alan Callinan and Tom Nolan.

Panel:

John Kearns, John Wynne, Derek Wynne, Ritche Moore, Tom Begley, Don Walker, Turlough O'Brien, Alan Callinan, Tom Nolan, Brendan Hayden, Garvan Wane, Daragh Wane, Joe Murphy, Noel Fallon, Willie Quinlan, Anthony Keating, Joe Hayden, Aidan Cooney, Myles Dowling, Paul Hogan.

Kilmacud Crokes (Dublin)

(Purple & Gold)

Winners in 1988 and finalists in 1989, the home team with the advantage of local support must be fancied to qualify for the semi-finals. Great things are expected from Dublin player Niall Clancy. *Panel:*

Niall Clancy, Mick Leahy, Michael Dillon, Tommy Gunning, Bernard Kavanagh, Dermot Maher, Pauric O'Donoghue, Frank Rutledge, John Sweeney, Paul Walsh, Mick Jones, Tom Coughlan, Paul Morrissey.

Glynn-Barntown (Wexford)

(Blue & Green)

This club has made great strides, winning the Wexford Intermediate Championships in 1988 and were unlucky to lose to Duffry Rovers in a replayed senior championship final in 1989. They have reached the final again this year so they are a club making rapid progress.

Panel:

S. O'Brien, J. McDonald, B. Kirwan, J. McGovern, J. Morrissey, J. White, C. James, E. Mahon, L. Kehoe.

Johnstownbridge (Kildare)

(Green, Blue & White)

County Kildare champions in 1988 and 1989, but

were defeated int he semi-final this year.

Johnstownbridge have a strong panel and will be expected to come out of their group in this years.

Sevens

Panel:

G. Ennis, D. Doran, P.J. Doran, K. Cooney, R. Doran, C. Farrell, P. O'Donoghue, J. O'Donoghue, B. O'Donoghue, D. Kerrigan, N. Kerrigan, P. Farrell, K. Flynn, D. O'Brien, A. Sullivan, T. Kerrigan, K. Dixon.

Rosemount (Westmeath)

(Black & Amber)

Rosemount won the Westmeath championship in 1989 for the first time in 36 years. Inter-County players include Tom Darby, John Healy and Pat Fox. This is their first time competing in the All-Ireland Sevens.

Panel

Tom Daley, Pat Fox, Padraig Maxwell, John Fox, Pat Healy, Frank Lynam, Pat Carton, Michael Molloy, Patrick Spellman, David Keane, Tom Geoghegan, Andrew Boland, Noel Lynam, Terence Healy, Johnny Quinn.

ULSTER

St. Eunan's (Donegal)

(Yellow & Black)

The Letterkenny outfit are a good Sevens team and were finalists in the International Sevens in New York in 1989. They were runners up to a St. Vincents team which included Dublin giants Brian Mullins and Bobby Doyle in 1982. The full story is recorded in this magazine by Charlie Mulgrew - Charlie may have a future in sports journalism but I think he would settle for a winners medal today. *Panel:*

C. Mulgrew, P. Carr, B. Tinney, M. Gibbons, L. McGettigan, J. Higgins, P. McLaughlin, J. Dillon, Declan Donegal.

Scotstown (Monaghan)

(Blue & White)

Scotstown are current Monaghan and Ulster champions and have won the Ulster Sevens in Castlewellan on five occassions. They have a strong panel which includes inter-county players Gerry McCarville, Ray McCarron, Eugene Sherry and Bernie Murray, they will be expected to perform well in this years Sevens.

B. Rice, E. Sherry, G. McCarville, S. McCarville, R. McCarron, B. McMerl, S. McKenna, G. McGuirk, K. Boylan, M. Caulfield,

R. McDermot, B. Murray, S. MulliganS. McCasile, S. McGovern, D. Moyna, E. McGinty, N. McGuirk.

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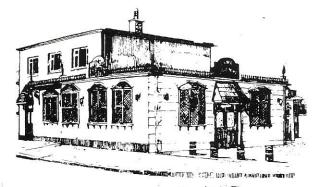
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ULSTER

Armagh Harps (Armagh)

(White & Blue)

With players of the calibre of the Grimley twins, John and Mark, John Toner and Brian O'Kane the Harps will be hard to beat this year. The Grimleys won Railway cup medals earlier this year and are both training with the Irish panel for the matches against Australia.

Panel.

A. McGinn, O. Houlahan, J. Rath, D. Clarke, M. McCoy, J. McConville, A. Moore, J. Toner, P. Finn, J. Toner, M. Grimley, J. Grimley, D. McCoy, E. Kelly, B. O'Kane, M. Gribben, R. Nugent, A. Breen, A. Clarke, H. J. Carroll, G. McGleenan, B. Ryan, P. Toner.

Na Cealla Beaga (Killybegs, Donegal) (Red & White)

Killybegs are a very young team and should do well in this years Sevens especially now that county stars Manus Boyle and John Cunningham are available. The club had six players on the Donegal team that won the All-Ireland U-21 championship in 1987. They were Captain, John Cunningham, Barry Cunningham, Barry McGowan, Manus Boyle, John Gallagher and Conor White.

Panel:

J. Cunningham, B. McGowan, M. Boyle, J. Gallagher, C. Gallagher, P. Carbery, J. White, D. Carbery, D. Boyle, M. Boyle, J. McGuinness, D. McMenamen, B. Cunningham, D. Meehan, B. Cunningham (Jnr.), D. Cunningham.

Sean O'Leary's (Newbridge, Derry)

(Green & White)

Founded in 1925 this club has had a recent run of

success winning the County Championship title in 1989 and the All County League 1988 - 1989. County players include Liam Devlin, Dermot Duggan (Minor) and Paul Gribbin whose father, Roddy, managed Derry.

Steven McErlean, Paul McGrogan, John McErlean, Hugh McGlone, John Mullholland, Brian McErlean, Steven Walls, Paul Gribbin, Martin Gribbin, Paddy Barton, Damien Barton, Kieran Gribbin

Castlewellan (Down)

(Green, White & Black)

Semi-finalists in the International Sevens in New York in 1989, Castlewellan will be expecting to add to their two Kilmacud titles of 1978 and 1981 this year. Holders of eight County Senior Championship titles, their star player is county senior player Martin Caverty.

Mickey McVeigh, Donal Ward, Seamus McCartan, Maurice O'Neill, Frankie Toner, Martin Laverty. Brendan Rodgers, Paul McCabe, Paddy Hardy, Brian O'Neill, Kieran McCabe, Aubey McVeigh, Martin McKibben, Conor O'Neill, Dermot Hawkins.

Omagh St. Endas (Tyrone)

(White & Black)

Narrowly beaten in this years County Senior Championship final Omagh St. Endas are certainly a team to watch. They won both the Senior League and Championship in 1988 and were runners up in the League in 1989. So far they have won all ten of their league games this year to date. Their best known players are Seanie Meyler, Patsy Kerlin and Eugene Bradley who have enough silverware between them to start their own jewellery business.

Panel:

A. O'Neill, G. McCrory,

K. Clarke, L. McSorley,

P. Quinn, S. McRory, P. Friel,

S. Quinn, D. McSorley,

S. Meyler, P. Logue,

M. Flanagan, E. Bradley,

P. Kerlin, P. McElhatton,

B. McKenny, S. Healy,

B. McGinn.

O'Donovan Rossa (Antrim)

(Blue & Gold Band) Antrim county champions in 1989 with six county team players on their panel, this Belfast club could provide some big surprises in this years competition.

Panel:

D. Armstrong, G. Armstrong,

S. Faulkener, H. McGettigan,

A. Murray, M. Barr,

C. Murphy, J. Close;

G. Morgan, M. Brady,

S. Fleming, J. McCloskey.

Bryansford (Down)

(Green, White & Yellow) Bryansford have won the Down Senior Football Championship eleven times and were Ulster Club Champions 1969/70. 12 times winners of the famous Down sevens competitions they have also held the All-Ireland

Sevens title three times, 1972, 1978 (Belfast) and 1985 (Kilmacud). A team to watch in today's competition with five county players on their panel. Panel:

Brendan Corrigan, Gerard Corrigan, Gerard Morgan, Dan Ria, Raymond Harbasson, Gareth Baile, Brian Burns, Michael McLaughin, Paul Boden, Eamon Burns

Kilcar (Donegal)

(Blue & Gold)

Hailed as team Donegal of the eighties after winning their third championship last year. This year the club won their third All-Ireland Gaeltacht championship in the past 4 years. County players include James and Martin McHugh who played for Donegal in their tussle with Meath last month. Panel:

Michael McFadden, Michael Carr, Enda McHugh, James McHugh, Mark McShane, Roger McShane, Maurice Carr, James Carr, Christy Gillespie, John O'Donnell, Neily Byrne, John Doogan.

St. Galls (Antrim)

(Blue & White)

St. Galls have a great record in the All-Ireland Sevens winning, in 1985 and finishing runners up to Bryansford (Down) in 1984. The clubs greates achievement was winning the Ulster Club championship in 1982. County players include Lennie Harbinson and Seamus McGowran (Antrim) and John Rafferty (Armagh). Panel:

Joe Donaghey, Peter Stewart, Mickey Gribben, Seamus McGowran, John Rafferty, Lennie Harbinbson, Mickey Carr, Seamus Og McGourty, Paul McKeown, Pat O'Connor, Sean Burns, Gerry Carey.

St. Johns (Naomh Eoin) (Antrim)

(Blue & White)

Another strong panel for this year's competition from the Belfast club which include their regular county stars, Michael Darragh and Eddie McToal. Still looking to add a third title to two they won in '77 and '79 this year could see them achieve their goal.

Micheal Darragh, Kevin Gough, Eddie McToal, Jim McGuinness, Tony Evans, John Kelly, Paddy Nugent, Turlagh Farram, Jim Wilson, Paddy Hannigan, Andy Healy.

Bellaghy Wolfe Tones (Derry)

(Blue)

A club with a long and prestigious history. They have won fifteen Senior Championships, two Ulster Championships and took the All-Ireland Club title in 1972. They were winners of the Kilmacud Sevens title in 1986. Wolfe Tones have a very strong panel which includes three members of the Derry Senior County team, Danny Quinn, Damien Cassidy and Gerry McPeake and three members of the Ulster Champion county winning team, John Mulholland, Karl Diamond and Eunan Cassidy which should see them doing very well in today's competition.

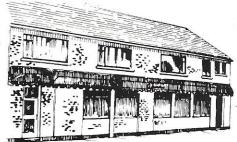
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GENERAL

BRITAIN

Round Towers (London)

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Round Towers have performed well this year and are currently in the semi-final of the London Senior Championship. Their panel includes high fielding John Costello (Laois), Pat Scally (Laois) and John Archbold who won an F.A.I. Cup medalwith Dundalk.

Panel:

J. Costello, T. Brady, P. Guinas, J. Archbold, E. Harrison, A. Brazil, R. Kelly, D. Claffey, F. Cullen, T. Kenigan, J. Tutty, P. Scull J. Cullen, V. Collins.

Thomas McCurtains (London)

(Maroon & White)

Thomas McCurtain are one of the top London clubs and have a strong panel. They stand a reasonable chance of qualifying from the first round especially if Timmy Dowd the former Kerry star hits top form.

Panel:

D. Looney, T. Palmer, J. Keane, M, O'Shea, T. Dowd, P. Lonergan, R. O'Connor, R. Keane, G. Boyce and R. Connelly.

St. Annes (London)

(Green, Red & Yellow)

Founded in 1955, the east London club are making their fifth trip to the All-Ireland Sevens - will it be fifth time lucky. The club really enjoy their visits to Kilmacud. Mark Duggan, captain, is the current London midfielder while Frank "The Bath" Beirne, so called because of his clean play, is a former Roscommon player.

Panel:

M. Duggan, G. O'Brien, F. Beirne, T. C. Dunne, S. Hurton, M. B. Herlihy, D. Herlihy, J. Fullen, G. Taylor, P. McKearney, G. Hurst.

Parnells (London)

(Blue & Gold)

Parnells are current London Senior League Champions and have a stroong panel which includes Ray Hazley (Dublin), John Joyce (Galway), Martin McDonald (Armagh). Most of the remainder of the panel have played for London which makes for an experienced bunch. Panel:

R. Hazley, J. Joyce, M. McDonald, D. Cummins, E. Marray, B. McClean, P. Hoban, B. O'Dwyer, M. McLaughlin, P. Canavan, D. Diggins, P. Gavin, K. Carolan, P. Sammon, S. Wade.

CONNAUGHT

Clann Na nGael (Roscommon)

(Blue & Gold)

Current All-Ireland Sevens Champions, the Roscommon club will be hoping to make up for the disappointment of losing to Baltinglass in the All-Ireland club final by retaining their crown in Glenalbyn today. If Tony McManus and Tom Lennon hit top form they will be hard the beat

P. Naughton. J. Connaughton, M. Keegan,

F. Nicholson, P. McManus, A. McManus,

E. McManus, T. McManus, T. Lennon,

E. McManus, D. Rock, G. Lennon, D. Kennedy, E. Gavin, F. Shine, B. Doyle, L. Kildea, D. Shine,

D. Nolan, K. Gavin.

Mountbellow (Galway)

(Black & Amber)

Mountbellow with Val Daly playing a star role impressed many people when winning the 1987 All-Ireland Sevens. Daly, with fellow county players, Brian Barrett and Michael Gavin will be

hoping to repeat their success this year. *Panel:*

V. Daly, B. Barrett, M. Gavin, F. Gavin, J. Gavin, M. Gavin, M. Somers, J. Disken, P. Fanning, A. Fallon, C. Ryan.

St. Mary's (Sligo)

(Red & Black)

The most successful Sligo team of recent times with eight Sligo Senior Championships, three Connaught Club titles and the All-Ireland Sevens in 1980. Not quite the force of previous years, they still have some good players such as John Kent, Declan McGoldrick (Sligo) and Peter Forde (Mayo).

Panel:

G. Young, J. McLoughlin, D. Lynch, T. Brehony, D. Conlon, Jim Kent, John Kent, H. Gilvarry, P. Forde, D. Downes, D. McGuire, M. Laffey, D. McGoldrick, J. Foy, A. Mitchell.

St. Patrick's (Sligo)

(Red & Green)

Founded in 1958, St. Patricks won the Sligo Senior Championship in 1988 and 1989. Michael Kearins,

one of the best forwards in the game during the seventies and now a top referee was a former player. St. Patricks will however be hard pressed to come out of their group.

Panel:

P. Kilgallen, T. Mahon, S. Reilly, H. Reilly, T. Kilgallen, P. Brady, K. Kearns, G. Bolan, A. Kearns, J. Clarke, O. Kayanagh, T. Clarke

Sean O'Heslins (Leitrim)

(Green & Gold)

The Ballinamore club were defeated by Aughwilliam in the 1989 Leitrim Championship. Their panel includes inter-county players of the calibre of Ollie Honeyman and Ciaran Mahon. Leitrim football has improved sustantially in recent years and this should be reflected by a good performance from the men in green and gold today. *Panel*:

O. Honeyman, J. Honeyman, T. Conlon, C. Harte, G. Smyth, D. O'Brien, P. Martin, P. Kieran, R. Logan, B. Breen, S. Crossan, F. Heavey, J. Heavey, C. Mahon, L. Conlon, P. Reynolds, A. Murphy, J. Martin.

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GENERAL

MUNSTER

St. Senan's (Clare)

(Blue & White)

1989 was a very successful year for the Kilkee club with victories in the Senior Championship, League and U-21 Championship. Hard working runai Sean O' Loingsigh won the Ciba Geiga Clubman of the Year award for Clare. Current county players include Noel Roche familiar from the series of test matches against Australia, Paddy O'Shea, John Enright and Jimmy Murray.

W. McGrath, N. McGrath, G. Jordan, G. Kelly, Pat O'Shea, Paddy O'Shea, N. Roche, M. Comyns, John Murray, Jimmy Murray, B. McNamara, J. Enright, T. O'Neill, G. Fitzpatrick, D. O'Donoghue, D. Deloughery, G. Roche, P. Lynch, M. Conway, J. Garvey.

St. Michael's (Cork)

(Green & Gold)

St. Michael's is the sister club of Blackrock and so most of their players are better known for their exploits with the hurley and sliothar - Jim Cashman, centre-back, is on the Cork hurling team and dual stars Ray Cummins, Tom Cashman and Dermot McCurtain are former players.

Panel

M. Crowley, B. Cooney, D. O'Callaghan, M. O'Neill, A. Barry, I. Ahearne, N. Stack, V. Harrington, N. Fitzgerald, P. Fitzgerald, A. Ryan.

Castleisland Desmonds (Kerry)

(White & Blue)

The Desmonds are regular visitors to the All-Ireland Sevens. Their best performance was in 1987 when they reached the semi-final but lost in a penalty shoot-out. The goalkeeper plays a vital role in Sevens and if Charlie Nelligan is playing he will give them a big advantage. *Panel:*

C. Kearney, C. Nelligan, M. Downey, M. Connor, John London, E. Leonard, T. Roche, D. Buckley, M. McSweeney, D. Browne, B. Lyons, D. Lucey, D. Murphy, D. Lyons.

Clonmel Commercials

(Green & Gold)

Commercial are by far the best known football club in Tipperary. They were formed in 1934 and have won a total of 10 county Senior titles. Many of the todays panel have worn the county jersey.

P. Ryan, R. Forristal, S. O'Loughlin, B. Keane, M. O'Connell, P. Kilkenny, A. Wall, T. Gleeson, D. O'Shea, C. McGrath, J. McNamara, J. Kelly, W. Peters.

Doonbeg (Clare)

(Black & White)

Doonbeg have a great record in Clare, they had a good run in the Munster Club Championship in 1988 and in Gerry Killeen have a very accurate forward

Panel:

N. Dillon, T. Killeen, D. Conway, P. Blake, F. McInerney, M. McInerney, D. Bermingham, P. Conway, J. Downes, G. Killeen. D. Hayes, J. Flanagan, J. Griffen, D. O'Donnell.

Kilrossanty (Waterford)

(Green & Gold)

Kilrossanty G.A.A. club was founded over 100 years ago and are aiming for 3 Waterford titles in a row this year. Inter-county players include Pat Quinn, Pat Hayes and Pat Keating. Darren Mulhearne had the unique distinction of playing minor and senior in last years county final on the same day.

Panel:

P. Quinn, P. Hayes, B. Kirwan, B. Whelan, D. Mulhearne, E. Flynn, R. Power, P. Brazil, P. Keating, T. Keating, M. Hayes.

Kilrush Shamrocks (Clare)

(Green)

One of the three Clare clubs competing today, Kilrush have a long and proud history in Clare football. They hold the record for Senior Championship victories including 5 in-a-row from 1975 - 1979. The clubs most outstanding player is Francie Griffin who played for Munster and is in the panel for the forthcoming Australian trip.

Panel:

A. Burke, B. Howard, J. Kelly, M. Lane, A. Learnihan, M. Meehan, J. Meaney, M. Griffin, F. Griffin, J. Roche, P.Clancy, T. O'Malley, M. Fennell.

St. Nicholas (Cork)

(Black & White)

St. Nicholas were founded in 1902 and were Cork County Champions on five occassions. Their panel includes Cork hurling captain Tomas Mulcahy and current U-21 players Ken O'Neill and John Fox. *Panel:*

D. Donovan, N. Heddernan, D. Ellis, J. Lynch, J. Fox, K. O'Shea, G. Riordan, D. Fagan, V. Heddernan, K. O'Neill, D. Cooper, N. Burns, M. O'Donnell, M. Whelehan, C. McGuckin

Claughaun (Limerick)

(Green & White Hoops)

Claughan completed a very successful decade by winning the Limerick Football Championship for the fifth time. Dual star Danny Fitzgerald is a member of the panel. The team, coached by Mick Graham and managed by John McCarthy, will have tough opposition today. *Panel:*

P. Shier, L. Galligan, J. Brown, B. O'Mara, P. Bennett, A. Moloney, M. Graham, F. Brosnahan, M. Ryan, D. Fitzgerald, F. Glynn, M. Molyneaux, L. O'Connor, P. Galligan, M. Galligan, P. Loughran, J. O'Loughlin, D. Whyte.

Castlehaven (Cork)

(Blue & White Hoops)

Cork & Munster Champions in 1989. Castlehaven reached the semi-finals last year even without Larry Thomkins, Niall Cahalane and John Cleary who were busy winning All-Ireland Senior medals. The above trio will be similarly engaged this year but Castlehaven will still be a major threat. *Panel:*

S. Maguire, D. Cleary, E. Cleary, M. O'Brien, F. Collins, D. O'Reagan, L. O'Connell, J. Nolan, P. Cahalane, M.C. O'Mahony, M. Burns, D. McCarthy, N. Cleary.

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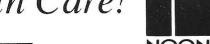
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Clann na nGael



Above:The men of Roscommon who made Cork fight every bit of the way for their place in the final. Front row, from left, Joey Connaughton, Des Newton, Eamon McManus, Paul Earley, Gary Wynne, Tommy Lennon, Tony McManus, Padraig McNeill. Back row, from left; Pat Doorey, Vincent Glennon, Paul Hickey, Tommy Grehan, Paul Staunton, John Newton, Seamus Killoran. Right: Tony McManus in action against Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final.

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Brilliant Record

The word 'phenomenon' might have been invented for Roscommon Club side, and perennial County Champions, Clan na nGael. That they have a staggering fifteen County Senior titles, and seven Connaught titles to their credit, is by any standards admirable; that this Club has achieved such success despite selecting players from just two halfparishes- there is no town 'in' Clan na nGaelmakes the entire success story the material of dreams.

It is of course in recent years especially that Clan na nGael have penned the most exciting chapters in their illustrious history. This year, the all-conquering Club, based at

This year, the all-conquering Club, based at Johnstown, outside Athlone, will attempt to win a seventh consecutive Roscommon Senior County Title. In that period, they have also taken the last six Connaught Club Championships, an era of dominance never

witnessed before by any club in their province.

It means that the present crop of Clan na nGael players- most famous of which are the McManus 'Clan'- Will go down in history as the greatest Club side Roscommon has produced, and arguably one of the Country's finest.

Such a glowing compliment to this Club is sadly scarred somewhat by their frustrating failure to capture an All-Ireland Club Title, after five final appearances in the '80's, and defeat- often agonizingly- in the last four finals.

Sevens Title

There was some consolation however last year when 'Clan' won the All-Ireland 'Sevens' title, with the great Tony McManus in sparkling form. Despite being laden down with titles and medals, it is hardly surprising that

Clan took great pride in this success, representing as it did recognition at National level- acceptance at the best.

Clan na nGael were formed as recently as 1936 when two half-parishes in close proximity to Athlone merged. They were the hurling-orientated Clonown (formed 1888) and Drum (formed 1928).

Great players emerged, although County titles did not begin to 'flow' until the arrival of the 1960's. Those great players of the past include Tony Whyte, P.J. Watson, P.J. Shine and Tony Kenny. It is at present however that Clan na nGael enjoy unprecedented success. Also a magnificent club of the field, their predators on it often dismiss useful Club opposition in Roscommon by 16 and 18 point margins. Nobody in Roscommon, nobody in Connaught and few in Ireland have been able to disentangle the entrancing 'webs' woven by such magnificent footballers as Tony McManus, Earnon McManus Snr., Earnon McManus Junior, Joey Connaughton and Mike Keegan.

Yes, that short passing style has been criticisedyet Clan always comes back.

Perhaps in that perennial quest for the All-Ireland Club title they so richly deserve, Clan will have to forego that short style- time will tell. For the moment, one is left with rich memories such as Clan's defeat of their All-Ireland Champions Burren in a snow-covered Burren in 1989.

All the great qualities were there-grit, style, determination, teamwork and resilience.

Managed again by Donie Shine, Clan are back on the title march again this year. The Clubs of Roscommon, Connaught and Ireland are not sleeping easily.



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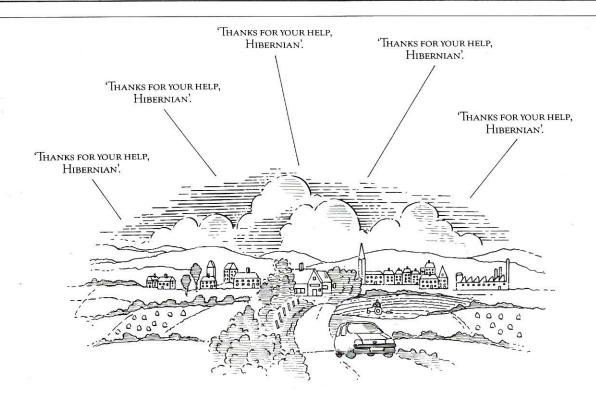
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MC NALLY A STAR FOR CLUB AND COUNTY

Dublin did not win a Leinster football title in any grade in 1990, but even-so club football is very strong in the county, and this season's championships in the various grades have provided top-class fare.

Among the clubs prominent of late is St. Anne's, Bohernabreena, founded in 1937, and now a powerful force in the senior grade. Anne's started the current year on the best possible note when they beat Kilmacud Crokes by 1-11 to 1-9 at O'Toole Park to capture their first-ever Division 1 Senior Football League title.

Prominent in that historymaking win was Joe McNally, who has been a consistant star for both club and county for some time.

Joe was in goal scoring form yet again with Dublin in this year's championship. He collected three to add to a fine tally of goals over the years with the Dubs.. Yet, it was as a goalkeeper that he first wore the county colours as a senior!

That was not surprising, as he had earlier won an All-Ireland minor medal in 1982. His first outing with the seniors was against Armagh in a



Thomas Davies, winners of the Dublin Senior Football Championship 1989.

National League tie in 1982, but subsequently he moved out to the attack, and quickly developed into one of the country's most accomplished attackers, and a forward with a talent for scoring goals.

Mc Nally helped Dublin to their only Sam Maguire Cup win in the last decade in that 1983 All-Ireland final with Galway, and he added a National League medal to his collection in 1987. He has one Railway Cup medal, and

played against the Australian in the Test series.

Joe won his fourth Leinster senior medal last year, and is one of a number of St. Anne's club men who have been to the fore of late with the county senior side.



Joe McNally: scored some great goals in last year's All-Ireland Sevens

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- 2. Why did a goal by Padraig Carney for Mayo against Cavan in the All-Ireland final of 1948 create history?
- 3. Who captained Offaly in their 1982 All-Ireland victory over Kerry?
- 4. The first gaolkeeper chosen as the B + I 'Personality of the Month' was?
- 5. What is the title of Mick O'Connell's autobiography?
- 6. Which county won the first All-Ireland M.F.C.?
- 7. Who was referee of the Dublin v Tipperary game on 'Bloody Sunday' 1920?
- 8. Galway won its' first Connaught Senior Football title in?
- 9. Carlow won its' Leinster Senior Football Championship in?
- 10. What was the nickname of Cavan footballer Phil Brady?
- 11. Who captained Roscommon to All-Ireland success in 1943 and 1944?
- 12. Who won the Centenary Football Trophy in 1984?
- 13. Two U;ster teams contested the 1983 National Football League final. They were?
- 14. Paddy Mackey won four All-Ireland S.F. Medals and one All-Ireland S.H. Medal with what county?
- 15. Louth's captain in their 1957 All-Ireland victory was?
- 16. Winners of the first National Football League were?
- 17. Healy Park is where?
- 18. Martin McHugh of Donegal plays club football for?
- 19. Complete the title of this Fermanagh club-Roslea-?
- 20. In what year did Leitrim win it's only Connaught S.F.C.?

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The Standard of Gaelic Football is getting better!

by Robbie Kelleher

How often do we hear phrases such as "Standards in Gaelic football are not what they used to be", "Players of today are not of the same standard as before"etc. Such assertions used to irritate me a great deal when I was playing and I am sure that they are equally galling to the playing population of today.

The basic objection I have is that in any sport in which performance can be measured scientifically it is clearly demonstrable that today's athletes perform at a higher level than that of the past. You never hear anybody say that Ronnie Delaney ran faster than Eamon Coughlan, because it is easily proven that this is not so. This is not to say that Eamon Coughlan had greater natural talents than Ronnie Delaney. Who knows, if Ronnie had access to modern methods of training and preparation he may well have run faster than Eamon. But there is no denying Eamon did perform at the higher standard. Many commentators on football sports go much further than this. Commentators on English soccer frequently assert that the current standard is below that of the era of Jimmy Greeves, Bobby Charlton and

George Best. Similarly, in hurling there are many who say modern day hurling

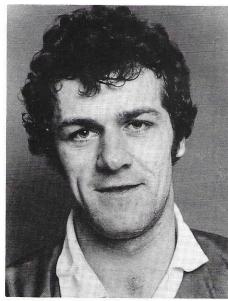
standards are below those of the days of

Dublin v Kerry

Christy Ring and company.

The most recent comment is that the current gaelic football standards are not up to the level of the holycon days of the clashes between Dublin and Kerry in the 1970's. All of these assertions I find difficult to accept. What they are saying in fact is that the Eamon Coughlans of this age are running slower than the Ronnie Delaneys of the past.It is provable in many sports that this is not the case. Why should it be any different in hurling and football? Let me take the issue of the current standard of football vis a vis the Dublin/Kerry era of the 1970's. The first point I would make is that Dublin and Kerry apart (and perhaps Meath) the overall standard in the 1970's was poor enough. You only have to look at the

results of the All-Ireland semi finals of the time- most of them ended in landslides. Even though it may seem a bit arrogant, I often think that we on the Dublin team were rather unlucky to run into such a good Kerry team. If they had not been around I feel we could well have won several more All-Ireland's. Contrast that with the position today. There are now many more teams capable of winning the ultimate prize. Most would readily accept that there is little to choose between Meath, Cork and Dublin. But more recently teams such as Roscommon, Mayo and Donegal have shown that they are capable of getting very close. And, surely it can only be a matter of a couple of years before Kerry return to the premier ranks.



Jack O'Shea- One of the all-time great midfielders and in a great position to compare present teams to those of the '70s

Fitness

Thus I would argue that the **overall** standard is higher now than it was' ten years ago, when Dublin and Kerry emerged as forces in the 1970's they were clearly distinguishable from the rest by their level of fitness and standard of preparation. Nowadays, virtually all teams that have any serious pretensions towards achieving success are as fit and well prepared as we were and I think that the top teams are even fitter. I believe that the same is true in hurling,

even though I would not claim to be a hurling expert. Galway, Cork and Tipperary seem to me to be every bit as good as the Kilkenny and Cork teams that dominated the 1970's.

The final question I might address is, even if the overall standards are as high as before, are the best teams of the 1990's as good as the best teams of the 1970's? In answering that question it is useful, I think, to take the current Meath team as a yardstick. I believe that players such as O'Rourke, Stafford,



Gerry Hargan (Dublin) would probably agree that football standards are higher now.

Flynn, Beggy, O'Malley etc. are better than the Meath team of Ken Rennicks and company, yet we used to beat them only with great difficulty.

Conclusion: I believe that the overall standard of football today is a good deal higher than the general standards of the 1970's and that the very best teams of today would more than hold their own with those of the best of the 1970's

The only exclusion one might make is the great Kerry team of the 1970's/1980's. They were such an exceptionally talented bunch of individuals who all happened to be around at the same time, and maybe some time before, their likes are repeated.

Prophets of doom and gloom abound concerning the G.A.A. Indeed, in terms of organisation and administration, I would be as big a critic as any. Incidentally, I would not say that they are any worse than twenty years ago but they are probably just as bad. But we should look at some of the brighter spots and one of them is, I believe, overall playing standards.

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St. Mary's Carry Sligo Hopes

St. Mary's have a tremendous record in Sligo football, they have a total of eight senior titles and three Connaught titles. They were also winners of the All-Ireland Sevens in 1980. A great record for any club lover, they have knocked of their throne recently by Tubbercurry and St. Patrick's who have won the Sligo championship in 1988 & 1989 St. Mary's possess many quality players such as John Kent, one of the outstanding forwards in Connaught during the 1990's and Peter Forde who played full-back for Mayo in last years All-Ireland final.

Sligo has had two football All-Stars. Mickey Kearins from St. Patrick's was selected on the first Carrolls All-Stars team at left half forward in 1971.

Barnes Murphy from St.

Mary's was centre half back on the 1975 team.

Sligo has won only two Connacht S.F.C Titles. In 1928 captained by Tom Click Brennan from Tubbercurry and in 1975 captained by Barnes Murphy.

Josie Scanlon from Coolera died last July. He was the only Sligoman to captain an All-Ireland Football Champions winning team the junior title of 1935.

He was patron of Sligo Co. Board. at the time of his death

Robbie Henneberry former
St.Mary's and Kilmacud Crokes player
played for Sligo when they beat
London in the 1983 Connacht
Championship at Ruislip.

He played for London when they were again beaten by Sligo in the Championship, again at Ruislip in 1988

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Peter Forde

Peter Forde who played full back for Mayo in last years All-Ireland final against Cork. Peter who now plays his club football with St. Mary's Sligo has All-Ireland Minor and U-21 medals with Mayo

as well as a boxing championship medal to his credit.



St. Patrick's 1988 Sligo S.F. Champions

Back L. to R., Paul Clarke (Manager), Johnny Kiely, Jim Dorran, Gerry Boland, Declan Foley, Stanley Clarke, Padraig Kilgallen, James Kearins, Ted Kilgallen, T.J. Keaveney.

Front L. to R., Brendan Flynn, John Connolly, Thomas Clarke, Noel Kearins, John Kilcullen, Séamus Reilly (captain), Ollie Kavanagh, Thomas Mahon, James Clarke, Leo Boland.

In front Michael Kilcullen, Mascots L. to R. Colm Clarke, James Kilcullen.



title in 1980 and some of the stars of that win are included in this photograph taken in 1986

Back Row L. to R. Damian lynch, Michael

St. Mary's won the All-Ireland Sevens

Back Row L. to R. Damian lynch, Michael Jordan, Tom Breheny, Glen Young, Martin Keaney, Declan Conlon, David Cummins, Mick Laffey, Darren Maguire, Hubert Gilvahy.

Front row L. to R. Joe Sheridan, John Clifford, Eamon Delahunt, Jim Kent, Benny Gilligan, John Kent, Joe Bird, Christy Murphy, Declan McGoldrick, Joe Curley

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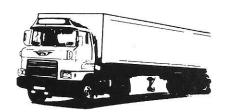
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Ollie Crinnigan-

One of the Great Goalkeepers

One would have to do some record searching in order to see if any other player in the country could equal or beat the number of 'Caps' at Intercounty level achieved by Ollie Crinnigan. He played on 143 occasions with the Kildare Seniors in official competions (i.e. N.F.L. O'Byrne Cup and Leinster Championship), his other appearances at Minor, Under-21 tournament and challenge games are not included. Add to this his selection by the All-Star selectors in 1978, and by the Leinster selectors, to obtain some of the powers and ability of this most unassuming and gentlemenly player.

Ollie attended Clogherinkoe N.S. and Edenderry Vocational School, it was in the latter that his football career took off and his first taste of Inter-county football was in the Offaly green, white and gold, he figured on the Offaly Vocational Schools team beaten in the Leinster final.

About this time too he began his association with Carbury and won medals at U-16 and Minor. Picked by the Kildare Minor Selectors, his outstanding ability as a goalkeeper in this grade was so impressive that he was one of the few to have the honour to play Minor, Under-21 and Senior championship football in the same year, the year was 1965. Ollie took his first major sucess that year at Under-21 level winning a Leinster and All-Ireland Championship medal and was part of the Kildare outfit that went on to win two more Leinster Under-21 Championships in a row, 1966-1967. Having made the Carbury senior team in 1964 at 17 years of age he won his first of six Championship medals in 1965, and has played in 13 Senior County Finals. Ollie played in goal for Carbury for 21 years in the Senior Championship without a break, and during that period it is estimated that he played in excess of 600 games in that position for the club. He had ventured out on occasion in games of lesser importance and would, it is felt, have made a very good outfield player if he had chosen to move in that direction. Though a native of Carrick, Ollie has lived in Newbridge since his marriage in 1971 and since then has travelled faithfully to train and play, at home here in Carbury. He is one of the many players who although domiciled in distant places has retained an unyielding loyalty to his native club. During his long career in goal for Kildare, Ollie played in six Leinster Senior Finals without registering one success

and it is sad that a player with such dedication and ability should leave the arena without registering one major national success at senior level.. Ollie Crinnigan holds records within this country and probably throughout the country that will be hard to beat and his name should go into the annals of the G.A.A. as one of the greatest ever.

Honours

Inter County- All-Ireland Under-21 Medal 1965 • Leinster Under-21 Medals 1965/1966/1967 • O'Byrne Cup Medals 1968/1972/1973 • National League Division II 1974 • Co. Footballer 1973/1978 • Played for Leinster in Railway Cup.

Club- Under-16 Championship Medals 1961/1963 • Minor Championship Medals 1961/1962/1963 • Senior Championship Medals 1965/1966/1969/1971/1972/1974/1985 •Leinster Leader Cup Medals

Carbury- 1984 Senior football champions. Many of this team including Ollie Crinnigs 4th from right back row played on the Carbury team which reached the final of the 1984 Sevens competition.

Medals 1961/1963/1964, together with numerous trophies won in tournament games with both club and county. Leinster Vocational Schools Medal

1961 (with Offaly).

Sevens- Played on the Carbury team which finished runners-up to Ballag (Derry) in the 1986 Kilmacud Sever

Kildare's Golden Era

1965/1972/1982 • Minor League

Although the great Kildare team of fifty years ago failed to win three successive All-Ireland titles, they left an imprint on the game and on the record book. During their Leinster Championship run between the beginning of the 1926 campaign and their defeat at the hands of Wexford in 1932 they contested twenty four Leinster Championship games without conceding defeat- three more than Wexford in their record-breaking run a decade earlier.

Kildare's Leinster story from 1926 to 1932 reads;

1926- Kildare 5-8, Louth 1-5 Kildare 0-6, Dublin 1-3 (replay) Kildare 2-5, Dublin 1-2

1927- Kildare 1-4, Kilkenny 0-2 Kildare 1-6, Meath 1-2 Kildare 0-5, Dublin 0-3

1928- Kildare 0-4, Laois 1-0 Kildare 3-6, Longford 0-2 Kildare 0-10, Dublin 1-6

1929- Kildare 1-5, Meath 0-8 (replay) Kildare 3-5, Meath 0-9 Kildare 2-11, Kilkenny 0-3 Kildare 2-3, Laois 0-6

1930- Kildare 6-7, Offaly 2-4 Kildare 2-11, Wexford 0-5 Kildare 4-4, Laois 1-4 Kildare 0-6, Meath 1-3 (replay) Kildare 2-6, Meath 1-2 1931- Kildare 2-4, Laois 1-6 Kildare 1-4, Meath 1-4 (replay) Kildare 1-5, Meath 0-4 Kildare 2-9, Westmeath 1-6

1932- Kildare 4-5, Louth 0-7

Kildare's history-making run came to an end at Croke Park on June 5th, 1932 when they were beaten by Wexford in the provincial semi-final. Dublin, in their five provincial campaig since 1974 have gone 16 games without defeat in Leinster.

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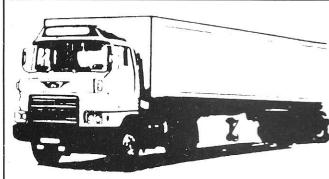
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1989 Runners-up Kilmacud Crokes

Kilmacud Crokes, that most cosmopolitian of G.A.A. clubs, earned the gratitude of players and supporters alike when they inaugrated the All-Ireland Sevens.

Something had been missing from All-Ireland weekends. Everything was centered around the events on Sunday. The occasion was incomplete, not only from a football point of view but socially aswell.

Kilmacud provided a focal point for supporters to converge, have a drink (or two), watch some exciting football and talk about the prospects for the following day.

Entering the club house is always an interesting experience. The diversity of accents - Donegal, Monaghan, Louth, Cork, Kerry and even the odd Dub - massage the ears with their passion.

The press corps have also adopted the sevens as a not-to-be-missed afternoon. From RTE, Des Cahill is a regular, along with Vincent Hogan and yours truly from the Independant. Sean Kilfeather of the Times makes sporadic visits and the animated conversation at the bar has become a feature of the day.

One aspect of the Sevens which is not well known is the press

conference ten days earlier to announce details

Beamish and Crawford house has become a "local" for the sevens faithful. Myles Clancy uses his uncanny power of persuasion each year to gather together a motley group and if the walls could write they would have a best seller.

HIGHEST LEVEL

More important than all that, however, is the opportunity the Sevens affords to players from all over to compete at a high level of competition

Last year Clann na nGael of Roscommon finally broke the All-Ireland hodoo when capturing the title. It provided them with a deserved reward after so many frustrations in the fifteen-a-side version of the game. Players like Val Daly, a winner with Mountbellew two years ago, have produced outstanding performance in this competition and have shown to a wide audience the special talents they possess.

In many ways tomorrow's participants at Croke Park are missing out on something. A camaraderie has built up between players and supporters alike. Friendships are rewarded year after year and contacts made for the rest of the year.

The arguments will rage in the bar today about who will win the big one tomorrow. Everyone will be right. Isn't that always the way when football is discussed. In case you're interested, I believe Meath will win.

1989 Semi-finalists



Castlehaven Co.Cork



St. Annes (Dublin)

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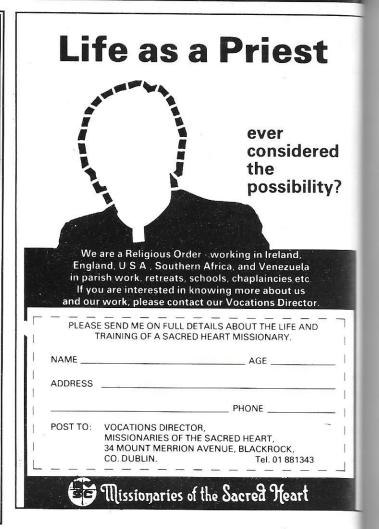
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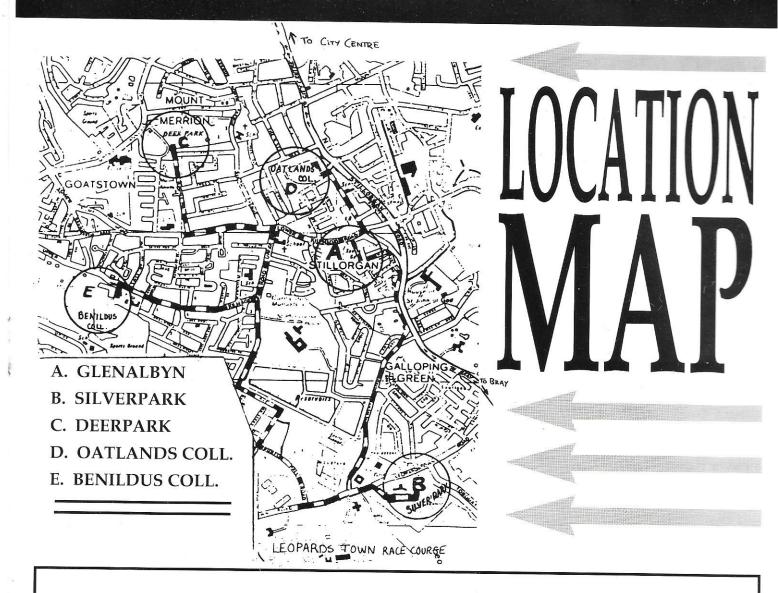
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GROUP 3 SILVERPARK				**	2	
St. Annes (D) v Parnells (L)	11.30	S.1.		St. Annes (D) v Claughaun	12.30	S.1
St. John's v Claughaun	11.30	S.1.		tang and in the 12 of 12	12.30	S.L
GROUP 4 SILVERPARK				A		
Baltinglass v Kilkee	12.00	S.1.		Baltinglass v Knockmore	1.00	S.1
Castlewellan v Knockmore	12.00	S.2.	80	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	1.00	S.2
GROUP 5 GLENALBYN						
Kilmacud Crokes v Rosemount	11.00	G.1.			12.40	G.L
Castlehaven v O'Donovan Rossa	11.25	G.1.			1.05	G.L
Killybegs v Kilmacud Crokes	11.50	G.1.		Rosemount v Castlehaven	1.30	G.1
Rosemount v O'Donovan Rossa	12.15	G.1.	a	*		
GROUP 6 GLENALBYN			a			
Loughinisland v Éire Óg	11.00	G.2.		Castleisland Desmonds v Armagh Harps	12.40	G.2
Armagh Harps v Sean O'Heslins	11.25	G.2.	8		1.05	G.2
Castleisland Desmonds v Éire Óg	11.50	G.2.		Loughinisland v Armagh Harps	1.30	G_2
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Omagh St. Enda's v Round Towers	11.30	B.1		Omagh St. Enda's v St. Mary's	12.20	B.1
Clonmel Commercials v St. Mary's	11.30	B.2.	r.	Clonmel Commercials v Round Towers	12.20	B.2
GROUP 8 BENILDUS						
Bellaghy v Kilrush Shamrock's	11.55	B.1		Bellaghy v St. Patrick's	12.45	B.1
Cooley Kickhams v St. Patrick's	11.55	B.2.		Cooley Kickhams v Kilrush Shamrock's	12.45	B.2
GROUP 9 BENILDUS						
Longford Slashers v Doonbeg	11.30	B.3.		,	12.20	B.3
Kilcar v Sean O'Leary's	11.30	B.4.		Kilcar v Doonbeg	12.20	B.4
GROUP 10 BENILDUS						
Scotstown v Thomas McCurtains	11.55	B.3.			12.45	B.3
Johnstownbridge v St. Michael's	11.55	B.4.		Johnstownbridge v Thomas McCurtains	12.45	B.4

ALL MATCHES IN GROUPS 1, 2, 3, 4 ARE 10 MINS, EACH HALL



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	St. Eunan's v St. Annes (L)	2.00	D.2.				4.30 G.1.	
	St. Annes (D) v St. John's	1.30	S.1.					
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ALL MATCHES IN GROUPS 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10 AND ROUND 4 ARE 8 MING FACH HALF

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COMPETITION RULES

- 1. All games up to and including Quarter Finals except as stated in Rule 15 shall be of 10 mins, each half. Semi Finals and Final shall be of 15 mins. each half.
- A panel of 9 players must be submitted in duplicate to the Organising Committee before commencement of the first game. Only the players this panel may be used throughout the competition. Any team using more than 9 players is automatically disqualified.
- The original team list will be retained by the Organising Committee. A copy of the team list will be sent to the Secretary of the Activities 3. Committee.
- 4. Substitutions can be made as often as wished but only with the consent of the Referee, and from the centre point of each side line.
- The ball from the kick-out must travel outside the 21 yard line.
- Referees are required to submit a report on each game played to the Organising Committee, copy of all contentious reports will be submitted the Secretary of the Activities Committee within seven days.
 - Any team fielding 15 mins. late is liable to disqualification subject to the decision of the official in charge of the ground.
 - There will be ten groups of 4 teams in each section. They will play each other on a league system.
- In the event of two or more teams tieing on top of a group the team with the best scoring difference shall go forward to the Quarter Finals.
- 10. The winners of each group shall go forward to the Quarter Finals which will be on a knockout basis.
- 11. In the event of a draw from the Quarter Final stage, five penalties shall decide the winners of that match using five different players to take penalties. Goals only to count.
- 12. Should there be a clash of colours one side, on the toss of a coin, shall wear jerseys supplied by the Organising Committee.
- 13. The Organising Committee's decision shall be final and binding in all matters relating to this competition.
- 14. Normal G.A.A. Rules will apply in all other cases, except that the ball may not be played backwards whilst in ones own half.
- 15. All matches in groups 1,2,3,4 are 10 minutes each half. All matches in groups in 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and Round 4 are 8 minutes each half.

KNOW THE TEAM BY IT'S COLOUR

OATLANDS GROUP 1

Clann Na nGael Bryansford

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Roscommon Down Cork Wexford

GROUP 2 Galway Antrim Donegal London

Blue & Gold Gree, White & Yellow Black & White Blue & Green

Black & Amber Blue & White Yellow & Black Green, Red & Yellow

Blue & White Sash

Green & White Hoops

Blue & White

Blue & Gold

SILVERPARK GROUP 3

Dublin Antrim Limerick London

Wicklow

Down

Mayo

Clare

Cork

Donegal

Westmeath

Antrim

Dublin

GROUP 4 White & Green Green, White & Black Saffron & Blue Royal Blue & White

GLENALBYN GROUP 5

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Blue & White Hoops Red & White Blue & Gold Band Black & Amber Purple & Gold

GLENALBYN GROUP 6

Castleisland Desmonds Kerry Armagh Harps Sean O'Heslin Éire Óg Loughinisland

Armagh Leitrim Carlow Down

White & Blue White Jersey & Blue Green & Gold Red & White Blue & White

ST. BENILDUS COLLEGE GROUP 7

Omagh St. Enda's Clonmel Commercials St. Mary's Round Towers

Cooley Kickhams

Kilrush Shamrocks

Longford Slashers

Sean O'Leary's

Johnstownbridge

Thomas McCurtain

Bellaghy

Kilcar

Doonbeg

Scotstown

St. Michael's

St. Patrick's

Tyrone Tipperary Sligo London

GROUP 8 Derry Louth Sligo Clare

White & Black Green & Gold Red & Black Blue & White Hoops

Blue

Green

Red & Gold

Red & Green

GROUP 9

Longford Donegal Derry Clare

Sky Blue Blue & Gold, Green & White Black & White

GROUP 10

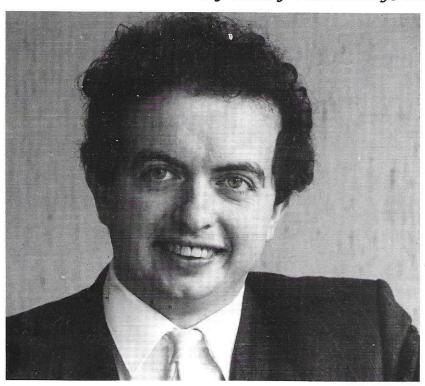
Monaghan Kildare Cork London

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Maroon & White

MY CLUB: FROM CLARE TO HERE!

by Marty Morrissey, R.T.E.



Marty Morrissey.

Quilty is a little fishing village on the west coast of Clare, a few miles south of Miltown-Malbay and about twelve miles north of Kilrush and Kilkee. It boasts one pub, one takeaway, two shops, two caravan parks and a beautiful Church.

Travalling eastwards from Quilty is the village of Mullagh and the townland of Coore. Mullagh comes to life twice a week - Mass on Sundays and "dole day" on Tuesdays! Combined, the three areas make up the parish of Kilmurry-Ibrickane, my parish, my Club.

My own love for the G.A.A. and particularly its games started at home. Despite living the first eleven years of my life in the Bronx, New York with almost every Sunday spent in Gaelic Park, I didn't really play competitive football until my father bought that pub in Quilty. I remember being in dire trouble on one occasion for playing football in the little field 'out the back' while I was supposedly in charge of the shop!

Having completed my Leaving Certificate at St. Flannans College in Ennis where I was fortunate to play on teams that included some highly talented hurlers and footballers, it was decision time-the pub or higher education. I decided on the latter and UCC was the next port of call for young Morrissey. I concentrated in more ways than one on football in Cork and enjoyed Sigerson Cup football with the likes of Sean Walsh, Eoin Liston, Johnny Mulvihill (Kerry), Martin O'Doherty and Sean Murphy, a present Cork selector and Paddy Barrett (Limerick) who recently has made the final trial of 40 for Australia. I decided, with a little persuasion from my Cork friends, to transfer to St. Michaels-from the Blackrock area of the city. Luckily I won a Kelleher Shield with them . St. Michaels and UCC were good for me. I learned more from them in a few short years than I did anywhere else. But above all else, I made good lasting friendships!

TALENTED FOOTBALLERS

But my heart was elsewhere at this stage-back in Quilty and Mullagh where I wanted Kilmurray-Ibrickane to be successful again. I saw some talented footballers coming up and when I was asked to train the under-16 team, I jumped at the opportunity. Two years of hard work resulted in winning the County Championship, followed by a Minor Championship the next season. A member of that team was Pat Burke

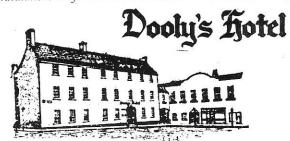
who now plays his football with Kilmacud-Crokes. But club football has been exceptionally good to me-it created not one, but two careers which I never really thought I would have. As a result of our success at club level, I was asked by Sr. Cecilia who is now based in Birr, to coach on weekends, the football team at St. Joseph's, Spanish Point, which had just become coeducational. This I did, and ended up joining the teaching staff for the next four years.

In 1984, Kilmurray-Ibrickane were to play "the ould enemy". Miltown-Malbay in the under-21 Final at Doonbeg. I had since retired from coaching and training the side. Our local postmaster, Patrick Gålvin approached me to do a commentary on the game as they were going to have the match filmed. That first match was filmed from the back of a tractor and trailer in Doonbeg. Pascal Brooks, a cameraman from Ennis and yours truly started on an adventure that would bring us to virtually every part of Ireland-filming County finals, U-21 All-Ireland finals, National League, Dublin Camogie finals, Ladies Football finals, documentaries and even in one case a funeral!

We were fortunate to win two McNamee Awards for the "G.A.A. Video of the Year".. I left teaching two years ago and spent some time gaining experience in Broadcasting with Cork Multi-Channel T.V., Lifestyle in London, Clare FM and now with RTE in Cork. After many years knocking on the door, RTE sport finally gave me a chance in February '89 when they asked me to do a commentary on the Dublin v Armagh NFL game in Croke Part and, so far so good, they seem to be happy with my work.

For the first time in several years I have become involved again with Kilmurray-Ibrickane and usually travel at least once a week to train the team. Next year we will, for the first time, have our own field and you are all invited! And maybe next time the wife, the girlfriend or your pals give you a hard time about your strong commitment to your local club, tell them to stop hassling you because you never know where you may end up as a result of being involved with a club like Kilmurry-Ibrickane.

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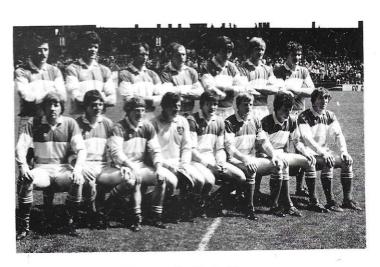
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Offaly senior footballers

This is the team that played Wexford in the 1983 Leinster championship. Many of that team tasted All-Ireland glory the previous year including the great Matt Connor, extreme right, back row.

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Dessie Barry

All-Star Award for the second year in succession. However, he narrowly failed in his bid to gain a place on the Bank of Ireland team as the left corner forward position went to Roscommon ace Tony McManus.

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Liam Tierney

Liam Tierney who gave tremendous service to Mostrim and Longford over the years

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McCartan- Goal of the Year?

There were some fine goals scored in the All-Ireland senior fine this season, with one of mew-comers to the and an example grade. James three of the best. The planned his senior championship Winnaghan at Newry with one of three hit by the Manne men in a five points win. The second was to come a few weeks The Land Comment Park against Armagh Down looked lead and buried as they trailed Armagh with just ten minutes may we all recknied without the walls of woung McCartan. The second a minute he beat the rattle home two and ensure his team of a Both goals were in the tirst, as the marker, cleverly and and then delivered the perfect Warmer to his senior Authoritin career for James Armagh ended hopes in the replay, and

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'Sixties that brought such a welcome wind of change to the scene by winning the league in 1960, the All-Ireland senior crown that September (the first by a team from the six counties), and then by retaining the Sam Maguire Cup the following year. Young James won All-Ireland Colleges' senior football medals with St. Colman's, Newry, in 1986 and 1988, and an All-Ireland minor medal in 1987. He has, then, made a very bright

start to his career in inter-county football.

WINNING DEBUT

Down had a winning debut in 1960 in a National Football League final. They beat Cavan in the first all-Ulster summit. Two years later they regained the crown, and collected their third League in 1968.

The men from the Mournes lost a summit for the first time in 1970, beaten by Mayo, but hit back in great style in 1983 for their next appearance to outscore Armagh in the final.

Down had to wait until last April for their next engagement. A team that

their next engagement. A team that included Paddy O'Rourke, Ambrose Rodgers, Greg Blaney, Mickey Linden and James McCartan went down to Meath by just two points after a very brave effort.

O'Rourke, Blaney, Rodgers and Linden were also in the last title winning side of 1983, while Brendan Mason, who went into the 1990 final as a substitute, held down the left full forward position in



Loughlinstown, finalists in 1987 Sevens



Bryansford- 1984 All-Ireland Sevens champions

the last title winning side.

Mason has been one of Down's leading score-getters in recent times, and was also prominent in the scoring line in the last league run. He contributed a noteworthy 3-10 to the scoresheet over the campaign as a whole.

COLM McALARNEY

Colm McAlarney, who put his skills on parade a number of times in the Kilmacud Crokes 'Sevens", must rank as one of Down's most celebrated footballers ever. In a distinguished career as a senior, he won every major national medal, and his intelligent and purposeful football, and unflagging energy made him a commanding figure. McAlarney was also versatile, as he appeared with the county in defence, at midfield and as a forward.

He won his spurs with the Down senior side in 1966, and was very much to the fore in a golden year that brought the National League and All-Ireland senior titles to the Mournes in 1968. No Ulster team has won the Sam Maguire Cup in the meantime.

He won Railway Cup medals in 1968 at Midfield, and 1971 at centre half forward. He was an All Star in 1975 at Midfield, and 1978 at centre field once again.

Incidentally, it was at centre field as well that Colm helped Down to that last All-Ireland senior final win.

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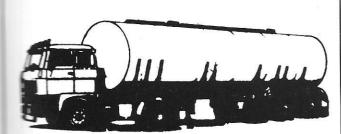
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cotstown have won a number of Ulster club titles but an All-Ireland club title has eluded them. They reached the All-Ireland final in 1979 but lost to a Nemo Rangers side which included Billy Morgan, Jimmy Kerrigan and Dinny Allen.

In 1977, Scotstown began a remarkable sequence that brought them an amazing eight titles in nine seasons.

Over the years many club men have, of course, worn the Monghan county senior jersey. A



Eugene Sherry,

Ray McCarron, fast and accurate forward

Ulster title captain in 1985



Scotstown-1989 Monaghan and Ulster champions

particularly noteworthy feature in this regard was the all Scotstown full back line of Eugene Sherry, Gerry McCarville and Fergus Caulfield that proved a powerful framework of the side that won the Ulster senior football title in 1985 and was only beaten by Kerry in the All-Ireland semifinal after a replay. Sherry was captain of the team.

nother player who has contributed much to Scotstown and Monaghan over the years has been Ray McCarron, a lively and accurate forward.

o, Scotstown step into the 'Nineties' backed by a wonderful tradition and a reputation for title winning performances. Maybe they will start their quest for further glory with a strong performance in Glenalbyn this year.



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16. Laois defeated Dublin 2-1 to 1-0 in 1926/27 final; 17. Omagh; 18. Kilcar; 19. Shamrocks; 20. 1927.

emories of my first **Kilmacud Sevens Tournament** start with an abrupt awakening, being dragged out of bed at 5.00am after 3 hours sleep by Joe Kelly, one of St. **Eunan's fanatical football** headcases. What followed put Nigel Mansell to shame. I know, because I woke up and was handed a plateful of bacon and sausages in some city centre cafe at 8 o'clock. First to arrive at Glenalban were St. Eunan's. Some officials couldn't believe such eagerness (but this was their first meeting with Joe Kelly). Slowly but surely other teams from all over Ireland arived in dribs and drabs.

At this stage much discussion was taking place in the St. Eunan's camp, as to what the first nine would be, since three Donegal U21 players (myself included) who were to play in the All-Ireland semi-final the following weekend had been informed NOT to play.I have never been one to think about tomorrow so I decided to play whereas my colleagues Eunan McIntyre and Paul Carr decided against. Our group played at St. Benildus College. I cannot recall all our opponents but I remember that we had a very close call against Mullingar Shamrocks, eventually beating them by two points. As each game went by our play and understanding improved although you would not have imagined that by listening to the verbal battery from our mentors on the sideline, the aforementioned Joe Kelly, the unsnatchable Joe Winston and James McDaid MD, who was later to become a prominent Donegal TD. We qualified for the quarter finals and

We qualified for the quarter finals and returned to Glenalbyn for our next game against Wicklow's Baltinglass. I cannot remember the final score but I think we ran out easy winners in the end.

We then had a rest period and a tea break. I can tell you it was the most peculiar tea I ever tasted. I think some of our teetotallers might have broken their pledge, and the antics of our team mentors afterwards would bear witness

Memories of the '82 Sevens

Charlie Mulgrew

to this. At this stage we surveyed the remaining contestents and from accounts St. Vincents and Tony Regan's Salthill semed most likely to be in the final reckoning. As for ourselves we now faced a very strong challenge from Navan O'Mahoney's powered by Meath inter-county men Joe Cassells & Finian Murtagh. It was one of the most exciting and tense games I have ever participated in. The score was level on several occasions throughout and the result was in doubt right up to the final whistle. I remember P. Tunney boxing a cross from P. McGettigan to the net, ensuring the narrowest of victories. The other semi-final was also a cracker with Salthill losing out to St. Vincents in a penalty shoot-out.

Donegal Cheers

ur support had grown up to the semi-final when all Donegal men present cheered us on, but now most of the country neutrals were supporting us. At the time most of us were nervous since (Veteran A. Gallagher excluded) this was the most important club match in our lives. There was a parade Amhrán na bhFiann was played, and as darkness fell the game commenced.

I remember the first half of this particularly well since I scored our total score (where did I leave those boots?)Indeed, but for an unfortunate defensive error which allowed Dublin hero Brian Mullins to notch a simple goal, St. Vincents would not have scored at all in this period.

Halftime: St. Eunan's 2-3; St. Vincents 1-0. To this day what happened in the second half mystifies me. St. Vincents went on to score 5 goals and three points to our meagre 3 points. Perhaps the travelling, the games and inexperience took its toll. We were disappointed but delighted to have taken part, I'm sure, in one of the many memorable finals. That day I played against footballers which were household names and boyhood heros of lads up and down the country including myself. I consider this one of the many attractions of this tournament which



Charlie Mulgrew

has become the mecca of 7-a-side football. St. Eunans have played many times since that '82 final but unfortunately have failed to recapture the magic of 1982.

St. Eunans Panel 1982

M. Gibbons, M. Houston, P. Tunney, P. McGettigan, A. Gallagher, J. Gallagher, C. Mulgrew, P. McDaid, M. Mulhern. Mentors

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Sean Walsh
My first introduction to
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fare came in the All-Ireland
Final of 1976, when I came on
as a substitute at centrefield for
Pat McCarthy.

I was just 19 years old and I must admit that the tension was unbearable on the sideline, but on being introduced I just got into the game. We came from 0-5 to 2-5 to get within two points of the blue brigade.

I still believe had my great friend and team-mate Mike Sheehy scored two goal - chances there might have been a different story that September day. It was not to be, and Kerry were beaten in an All-Ireland final in my first appearance.

The 1977 All-Ireland semi-final against the Dubs. was my second championship encounter with the city boys. Many people agree that this was one of the great games of Gaelic football for the spectator, but it was also a great game to play in. The bottom line for me however was that we lost again to the Dubliners in Croke Park, and I was once again a loser.

I got some consolation from the fact that I scored a goal and three points. The goal came when I caught a ball driven in from fifty-five yards out. Three Dublin defenders bore down on me but I somehow eluded them and banged the ball past Paddy Cullen. Seán Walsh remembers the Kerry/Dublin clashes of the seventies and how Kerry finally tumbled in 1978.

GREAT RUN

Other things about that game that stand out are:-

- •Kevin Moran's great 75 yard solo-run • the heartbreak when John McCarthy scored the equalising goal
- •the agony when, with the Dublin defence out of position and Paddy Cullen beaten, Kevin Moran raced in to intercept my goal-bound shot.

We threatened to swamp
Dublin that day but they stopped us and
turned the game around in those final
moments to win one of the greatest
games ever, and Sean Walsh was once
again going home to Kerry without that
elusive All-Ireland medal.

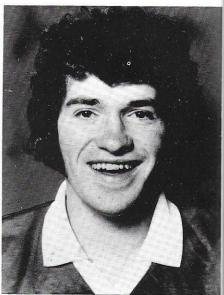
Another memory from that game is while in the Kerry dressing-room before the game, I suggested to

Paudie O'Shea that it might be a good idea at the beginning of the game if I could get inside the Dublin backs, and as Paddy Cullen was clearing the ball to get in a good shoulder charge.

"That's a good idea" says Paudie, "but I would be a little worried about getting back out past the Dublin backs again."

Our victory over Dublin in the 1978 final is one I will never forget for more reasons than the fact that we won. The first twentyfive minutes of the game were a disaster for Kerry. Try as we did we could not get our game together. Then a John Egan goal against the run of play really got us going, and then three minutes before half-time Mike Sheehy got his golden goal.

I really felt we could win then, and Bombers blitz in the second-half ensured victory. The feeling at the final whistle was a mixture of joy and relief; we had beaten the Dubs. at our third attempt and Sean Walsh had finally won that All-Ireland medal.



Mike Sheehy scorer of that famous goal against Paddy Cullen in the 1978 final

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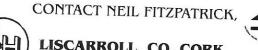
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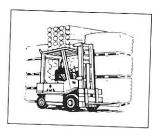
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BACK TO EARTH

By: Dinny Allen. —

hen asked to write an article for Kilmacud Crokes 7-A-Side programme, I sat looking at a pad for half an hour (plenty of time to spare now!) wondering what I would write about. Anazingly, I came up with the idea of mentioning football and the story it carried with it.

From an early age I discovered that with sport in Cork, it is vital that you keep your feet firmly on the ground no matter how good you think you are. There is this cutting sarcastic wit running through the veins of Cork supporters that would bring you back to earth with a jump just when you think you have made it.

"Pack up ya eejit", Stay out of the pub ya dope"

Various names and sayings can shatter a fellow just when his feet are begining to float above ground level.

Things like ("pack up ya eejit") or ("stay out of the pub ya dope") And some other words that you wouldn't hear Mary Poppins saying.



Dinny Allen



Cork Senior Football Team
- Will Larry Thompkins bring Sam back to Cork?

Tom Thumb

A story that sticks in my mind that happened to me and made me feel like Tom Thumb (normallyI'm taller!) happenedin a soccer match between Cork Hibs and Cork Celtic. Yours truly was playing with Cork Hibs and we were losing 2-0,

I wasn't, to say at least, playing out of my skin.

Ten minutes into the 2nd half, twenty thousand people (good old days!) and a mongrel dog runs onto the bush turf of Flower Lodge. The referee stops the match until somebody apprehends the dog. The luckey person was me, who proudly walks to the sideline to drop the dog over the wire into the crowd. Picture the scilence and attention I was getting, as I'm doing this heroic act, a voice from not so afar yells:

"LEAVE THE DOG ON AND GET OFF YOURSELF"

Seventeen years later as I'm lifting that Sam Maguire Cup I'm \$till waiting for some terms of endearment similar to above. They gave me a reprieve for just this time



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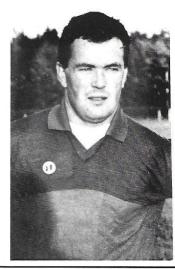
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After some years of near misses, Glynn/Barntown at least won the Wexford intermediate football title in 1988 and last year campaigned in senior ranks for the first time. It was very close to being a dream debut... they reached the county final at the first attempt, led Duffry Rovers by ten points at half time, but had to settle for a draw. They also had their chances in the replay, but were beaten by a Duffry side clinching its fourth successive Co. senior title. They have reached the Wexford county final again this year and will be making their first visit to the All-Ireland Sevens. Unlikely to be first tine lucky but they will be back.



Eddie Mahon

Eddie Mahon is an important figure in the Glynn/Barntown team.

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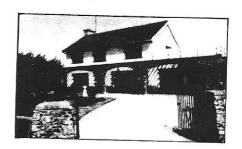
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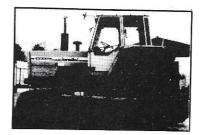
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"UP FOR THE FINAL!"

BY: KEVIN McSTAY



Kevin McStay

I had hoped to pen a few paragraphs concerning humorous incidents on the gaelic football fields, but upon reflection, find it most difficult to recall many, if any at all. Anyway, no such thing as laughs or fun for players the weekend of an All-Ireland Football Final.

In all probability this weekend will represent some of the most serious moments in the lives of players and management concerned with this years final. In months to come (maybe even years!) you might enjoy the memories but the likelihood is the whole weekend will feel like a blur. The majority of players find the build up to these big games quite difficult to find a happy medium in this situation. You try another chapter of that boring book you bought to pass the time; watch the preview of that game on T.V. - God, you've seen that footage at least ten times, and there you are giving those same silly cliched answers to even sillier questions

It's a great pity that our games have become so serious - and an even

greater pity that the humour and crack, that almost by definition, should be part of an amateur game, are now, alas, almost gone. Only recently while reminiscing with friends on the topic, all agreed that our university fixtures and especially the Sigerson weekend (win, loose or draw!) were the highlights. Even that is gone, banished by the authorities when some Larries went over board. Gone forever those great "banquets" where a suit of armour was neccessary to protect yourself from flying uncooked potatoes!!

The Great Test

It's 10:30pm the night before and "Up for the Final" is going strong on RTE. Michael Lyster, County Chairmen, NO tickets, former Greats.....LONG WAITS!! Midnight and wide awake - forget this team concept lark - every man for himself you'll help the team cause when you've mastered your own man. If all fifteen of us win our individual battles - surely we must win the game? Supporters and pundits alike are analysing each pairing wondering who will come out on top. Of course the players will have done this collectively and individually many times, trying to convince themselves and each other, during those long video sessions, team discussions, walks and the long drives to training that they will come out on top. Sunday comes around and a short "run out" after breakfast, trying all the time to relax. The manager instructs all to stay away from the newspapers - they've written us off anyway. God it would be lovely to snatch this All - Ireland. There can be no doubt that the quest for a senior All -Ireland football medal consumes the mind of all ambitious football players. It's a yard stick by which you can be easily measured - you feel almost uncomfortable in the company of those who have them - as if they have passed

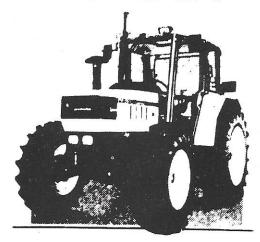
the great test - and you have failed. But the same disappointed men will come back year after year in search of that elusive medal. For the effort they deserve great credit too.

This weekend will see many different types converge on Dublin. The die hard supporter, the one game a year supporter (always the most knowledgeable and the holder of a Hogan Stand ticket of course!!), the fun seeking teams for the Kilmacud Sevens and the serious contestants for the All-Ireland. Whatever grouping you find yourself in have the best time you can. To the players looking forward to Croke Park's biggest day - soak up the atmosphere and get as much from it as you can. Remember anything could happen during the seventy minutes, so you should have a chance at grabbing your reward. Even if it does not work out there is always next year and in all probability come next April /May you'll be out there trying again.



Dermot Flanagan -Second All-Star Award but like McStay still waiting for that All-Ireland medal.

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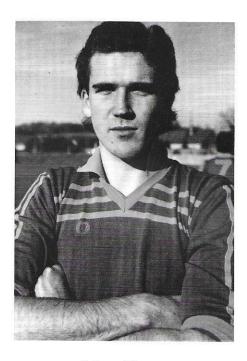
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HISTORIC 7 St FOR BALTINGLASS

altinglass became the first Wicklow Club to win the All-Ireland Club Championships when they defeated Clann na nGael in Croke Park on St. Patrick's day this year.

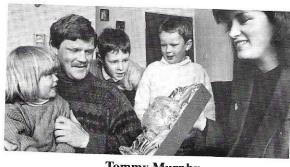
They had earlier accounted for a star studded Castlehaven team in the semi-final.

Baltinglass have won 15 Wicklow Senior titles with 6 of those wins coming in the 1980's.

TITLE WINS 1958, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1971, 1972, 1976, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989.

The basis for the success of the present team was laid in the years from 1976 to 1984 when they won six under-21 titles, four minor titles, five under-16 titles and three under-14 titles. The club are now reaping the benefits of their juvenile policy. There must be a lesson there for other G.A.A. clubs.

Playing in the Leinster Club Championships in the seventies give Baltinglass an idea of what was required to win a Leinster title. They were a young team but they were learning all the time.



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Tommy Murphy at home

with his children, is

Tommy Murphy

1980-Baltinglass beat Longford Slashers in Longford, and Walsh Island in Aughrim before falling to Walterstown in a replayed semi-final. This was the first indication that the team could go all the way

1982-Beaten by Sarsfields, Newbridge in the quarter-final.

1985-Baltinglass defeated Ballymun Kickhams in the first round and went all the way to the final against Portlaoise. The match finished level and in a great game in Athy. Portlaoise finished winners-the dream was getting closer.

1987-Beaten by Parnells in a replayed quarter final.

1988-Beaten again by Parnells in a replayed semi-final. Kevin O'Brien was injured in the drawn match and did not play in the replay.

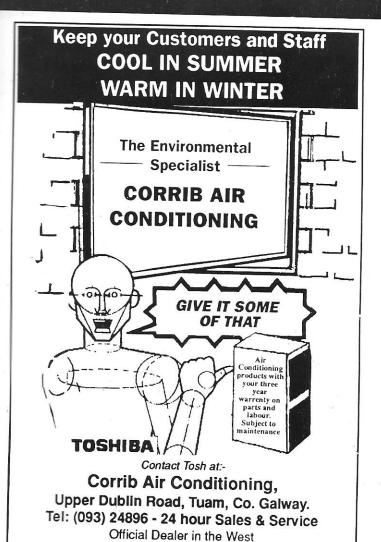
1989-The dream eventually came true and the team went on to even greater heights by winning the All-Ireland on St. Patrick's Day. It was a proud day for Baltinglass and for Wicklow.

BALTINGLASS

Baltinglass, the Wicklow, Leinster and All-Ireland club football champions, have set out on the long road to retain those titles with some impressive victories in the early round of this year's Wicklow



campaign. Winners of the first ever senior All-Ireland title to go to the Garden County, they aren't going to easily relinquish their crowns. This is the side that comprehensively beat Avondale in this year's Wicklow SEC



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BRIGHT FUTURE AS VAL SPARKLES

away can look to a bright future in senior football. That must be the assessment after the unity's gallant two point failure to Roscommon in the Connacht senior championship final earlier this year.

The senior team is essentially a young to fewer than seven of the team that lined with the seven of the team that lined with the seven won All-Ireland minor than 1996. That's an usually generous the second with the seven time, and provides Galway powerful framework of young footballers the they can build for future success.

Let's not forget, either, that Galway Commandent titles at under-21 and minor at further indication that of the healthy of football in the county, and of the high and of rising talent there.

Galways younger footballers are to benefit greatly from the experience from the run in this season's Western series, and this must further help the to the bid next season to win promotion to the National League.

But if young footballers like Allen bland and Francis McWalter, in defense, ergal O'Neill and Thomas Mannion, all as of All-Ireland minor medals four years ere among Galway's leading stars against the Dr. Hyde Park game was still tow case match for the industrial skills ass of one of the longest standing ters of the sideVal Daly.

The Mountbellew club man was the survivor in that game from the last the survivor in that game from the last the survivor in that game from the last the survivor in that game in an All-Ireland senior all final in 1983. He has played many lent games in the county colours since first may his place in the senior team early in but his performance against Roscommon omething special.

LITTERING DISPLAY

He gave a glittering at centre half and, where his flair and guile and finishing ique were very much in evidence as he mated the match with a performance of and skill that must rank as one of the best idual performances in the championship in 1990. Daly Scored Eight Points.

Yes, Galway lost the final, but Daly's ing will be talked about when supporters the final of 1990.

Surprisingly enough it was as a der, rather than as a forward that Val Daly eally captured the national spotlight.

That was back in 1980 when he dazzled at centre half back for Carmelite College, Moate, as they beat St. Patrick's, Maghera, in the All-Ireland College's final at Croke Park. It was clear, then, that here was a young man to keep a close eye on in the years ahead, and Daly has more than fulfilled that great potential.

He has given great service to Galway at senior level over the years, and won his fifth Connacht senior medal in 1987. He was away in Australia with the Ireland team in 1986 on the memorable tour that saw the boys in green win the Test Trophy, and is a former Bank of Ireland All-Star.

The 1986 Galway county senior championship win for Mountbellew was a particularly memorable triumph for Val Daly. He captained and trained the side that beat Miltown in a replay to regain the county crown after a twelve years break.

Daly, who is still only 28, has also put his talents on parade in Kilmacud Crokes "Sevens" in 1987 when Mountbellew lifted the title and Daly was acclaimed as man of the tournament. Val will no doubt be very much to the fore in Galway's bid for a climb back to the top over the coming months.



Val Daly - The Scorer of eight points in this years Connaught final. He inspired Mountbellew to the Seven title in 1987 and will be hoping for a repeat performance this year.

(Photograph courtesy Connaught) Tribune)



Sean Purcell (Galway)
Pictured at the 1989 sevens . Purcell was one
of the all time great forwards. He won his
only All-Ireland medal in 1956 when Galway
defeated Cork. He captained the Galway team
in the 1959 All-Ireland but they failed to old
rivals Kerry.



Mountbellew - All-Ireland Sevens Champions 1987

THE SAINTS HAVE A PROUD RECORD

Laois football champions for 1989 and 1990, St. Josephs, have been to the fore in the code in the county for the past two decades. During that time they have captured seven premier titles and have produced a host of exciting players for their county and province.

St. Josephs are a relatively new club. It was formed in the sixties at under-age level with the amalgamation of forces of a number of junior clubs in the Ballyadams-Luggacurren area. The man most responsible for the dropping of local rivalries for the common cause was local 'master', Tony Byrne.

Tony and a dedicated band first achieved success at juvenile level and then helped the Saints win minor titles in 1967 and '68. Indeed they scored a great double in 1967 winning the junior title as well. Then followed an Intermediate title in 1969. Soon they emerged as a leading force at senior level.

The minor team of 1967 included many names that were to become very well known in following years - names like Tom Garvan, Pat Fingleton, Des

Brennan, Seamus Fleming and Tony O'Brien, all players who later distinguished themselves in the county

If you mention St. Josephs you instantly think of one family above all others - the Brennans. The afore-mentioned Des had a number of other brothers who played with the club, the best known of whom are fair-haired Leo and the irrepressible Kieran.

Kieran was a county stalwart for a decade and more and also was regular on Leinster teams. He played an honest-togoodness, no-nonsense brand of football that warmed him to the fans. He is a gregarious man who enjoys life and enjoys football. He expressed his attitude to life in his uninhibited style. His love for the game tempted him to

take charge of the county squad in the mid to late seventies and he certainly got the best out of his charges. But a car accident forced him to give up his training job for some years. Inevitably he was invited back and this time he spear-headed a fabulous win for his success starved county

> in the National League of 1986. He also forged some famous championship wins including the rout of the up and coming Meath team in the Leinster semi-final of 1985. But he also met with bitter disappointment against Dublin in the

Leinster final of that year and then in the humilitaing defeat at the hands and feet of Wicklow on a hot summers's day in Aughrim a mere month after the

famous successful run in the Leage campaign of the following year. Kieran was the architect in all St.

Joseph's triumphs -

first as a p;ayer and then as the man in

charge. Success for the club was not overnight.

For the record the team that lined out in that never to be forgotten final was: Willie Condron, Mick Knowles, Pat Fingleton, Pat O'Brien, Tom Garvan, Kieran Brennan, Des Brennan, Paddy Doogue, Seamus Fleming, Michael Owens, Tony O'Brien, Leo Brennan, Kevin O'Brien, Derek Brennan, Mick Garvan.

The players had to suffer defeats before

Portarlington in their first final in 1966.

effect when they easily disposed of the

After winning the Intermediate crown in

following year. Portlaoise had been the

gave the Ballyadams boys a real chance

premier final of 1970. But it was only a

series of late lapses on the part of the

inexperienced Saints that enabled the

narrowest of margins.

scoreline.

county town side to pull through by the

First Title

Two years later the title was secured for

the first time. Timahoe, winners in 1969,

provided the opposition but the Saints

went marching in on a 1-7 to 0-7

the ultimate was achieved. At minor

level, for instance, the Saints fell to

But they put this experience to good

same opposition the following year.

1986 they assumed senior status the

football power of the sixties and few

of beating their fancied rivals in the

Jim Campion came on as a sub.

The Saints followed this up with further successes in 1975, '77 and '78. They looked all over winner of the three in a row in 1979 when Portlaoise once again pulled a few late aces out of their bag of tricks to foil them once again by a point. Back came the saints in 1983 and six years later under the guidance of the man himself, Kieran Brennan, a modern day side from St. Josephs emerged. The club has carved a proud name for itself in the past quarter century. They have matched their considerable football skills with a high standard of sportsmanship. They are popular and held in high esteem throughout the lenght and breadth of the land for the fine contribution they have made to the game.

> By Teddy Fennelly (Leinster Express)

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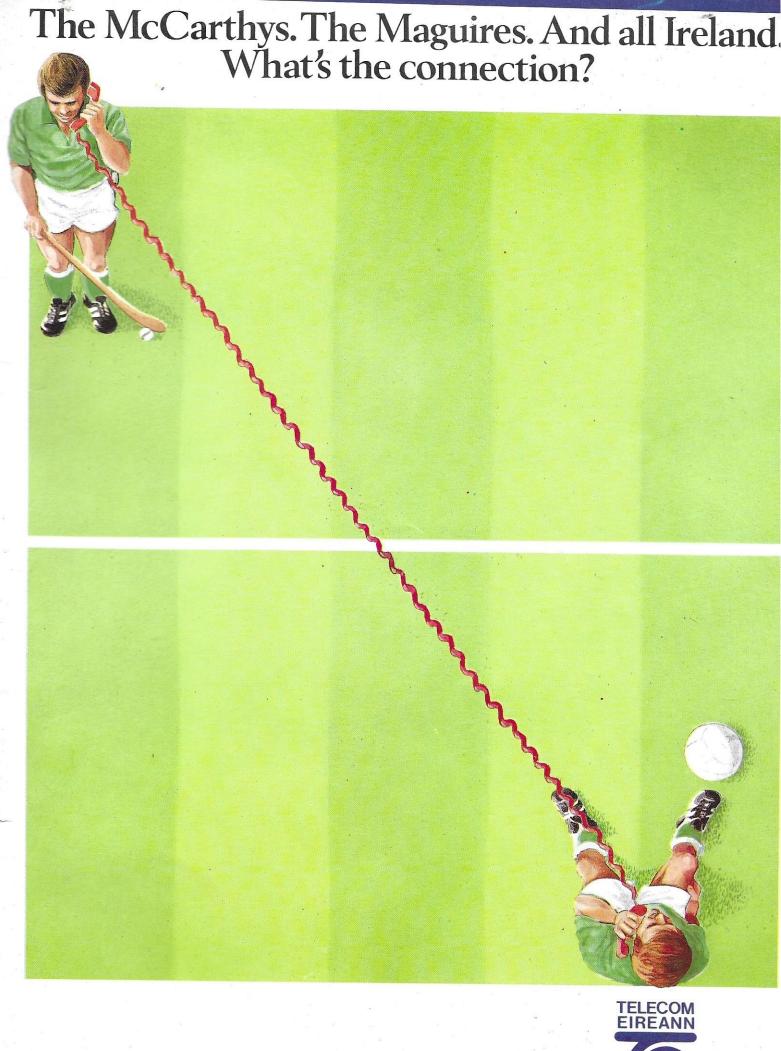
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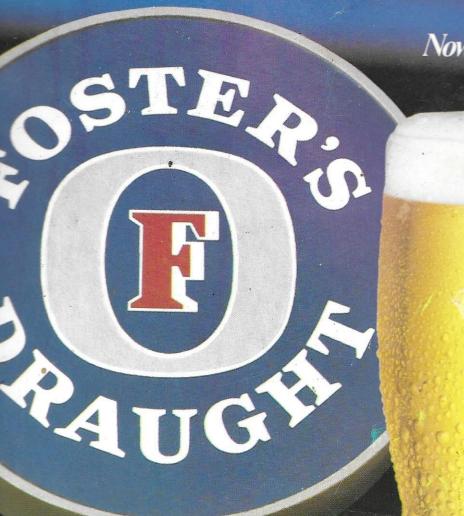
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