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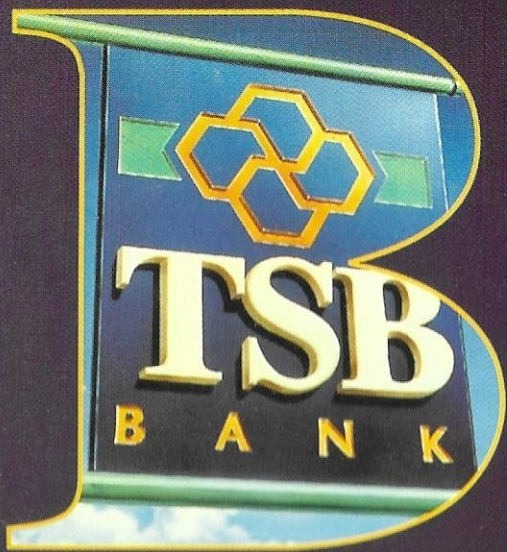
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### MINOR HURLING

## Aontroim v. Port Láirge

12.30 i.n. Réiteoir: P. Ahern (Ceatharlach)

### MINOR FOOTBALL

## Ard Mhaca v. Ros Comáin

2.00 i.n. Réiteoir: T. Howard (Cill Dara)

### SENIOR FOOTBALL

## Dún na nGall v. Maigh Eo

3.30 i.n. Réiteoir: T. Sugrue (Ciarraí)

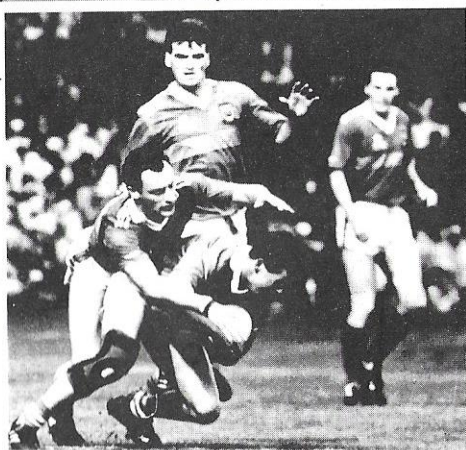
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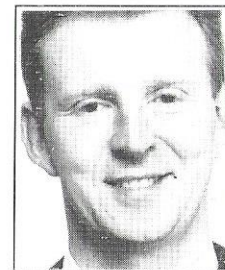
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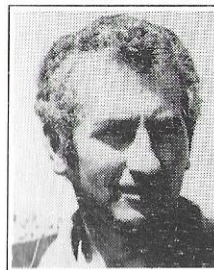
## Na Réiteoirí

### PAT AHERNE (Ceatharlach)



Pat is another busy and active referee. His assignments in recent times included the Leinster Junior Hurling final of last year between Kilkenny and Wexford. This year his record includes, among other matches, a Royal Liver National League game between Dublin and Clare at Parnell Park and the all-Kilkenny Leinster Colleges final in which St. Kieran's beat Callan CBS. A member of the Carlow Town Hurling Club, he has been an inter-county referee for a number of years.

### TOMMY HOWARD (Cill Dara)



An inter-county referee for the last eleven years, Howard had a particularly busy time last year. He took charge of the four games in that exciting marathon that was the Meath-Dublin first round tie in the Leinster senior championship.

He was also the man-in-the-middle in the Leinster final between Meath and Laois and twenty four hours later was in control of the Down-Kerry All-Ireland semi-final.

A member of the Suncroft club, he had refereed many other major games at League and championship level.

### TOMMY SUGRUE (Ciarraí)



He refereed the Meath-Cork drawn game and replay for the 1988 All-Ireland senior title, and was also in charge of the 1990 Royal Liver National League decider, in which Meath beat Down.

The Tralee man has been a referee for a number of years, and his assignments have also included many top matches in championship and League, including All-Ireland finals at junior and under-21. He also officiated as an umpire in the Test matches between Ireland and Australia.



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## Clár an Lae

- 12.30 p.m. Minor Hurling  
Semi-Final:  
**Aontroim v. Port Láirge**
- 01.40 p.m. End of Minor Game.  
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- 02.00 p.m. Minor Football Semi-Final:  
**Ard Mhaca v. Ros Comáin**
- 02.30 p.m. Half Time.  
02.32 p.m. I.N.T.O. Skills Exhibition  
02.40 p.m. Second Half begins.  
03.10 p.m. End of Minor Game.  
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- 03.23 p.m. Paráid Mhór na Fóirne.  
03.28 p.m. Amhrán na bhFiann.  
03.30 p.m. Senior Football Semi-Final:  
**Dun na nGall v. Maigh Eo**
- 04.05 p.m. Half Time.  
04.07 p.m. I.N.T.O. Skills Exhibition  
04.15 p.m. Second Half begins.  
04.50 p.m. End of Game.

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Upper Hogan — new Medical Centre rear of Section P.

#### Lower Cusack Stand:

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First Aid Room — old Hill Dressing Room staffed by St. John Ambulance Brigade.

#### Upper Cusack Stand:

Permanent Medical Station rear of Section N.

#### Hill 16:

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#### Canal:

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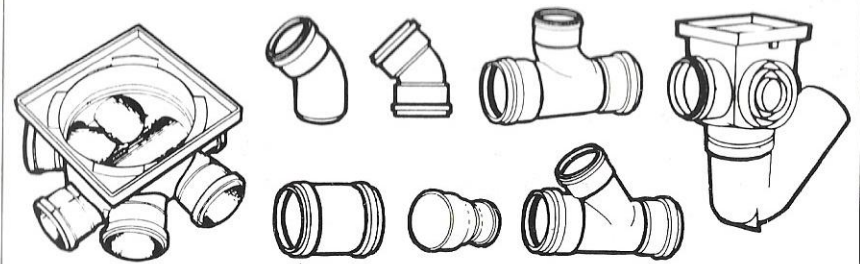
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Team 1 — Green & Red  
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Canal End.

- NATASHA GAUGHAN, Ballina Co. Mayo.
- ORLAITH McCABE, Carlenstown, Co. Meath.
- AUDREY KELLEGER, Barnacoola, Co. Leitrim.
- CONNIE McGOVERAN, Belcoo, Co. Fermanagh.
- EDEL McKENNA, Emyvale, Co. Monaghan.
- CLAIRE HYLAND, Mountbellew, Co. Galway.
- PAMELA HIGGINS, Ballisodare, Co. Sligo.
- AILISH FITZSIMONS, Carlestown, Co. Meath.
- GERALDINE DONOGHUE, Taughmaconnell, Co. Roscommon.
- LOUISE O'HAGAN, Ardboe, Co. Tyrone.

Team Manager:  
Mary Kavanagh

## Girls Football

Team 2 — Green & Gold  
Pitch: defending Cusack Stand.  
Canal End.

- SHEILA TREACY, Belcoo, Co. Fermanagh.
- MARIA FITZPATRICK, Holycross, Co. Down.
- ROSEMARY MOYNE, Muif, Co. Donegal.
- NICOLA KIULT, Magherafelt, Co. Derry.
- SONYA MORGAN, Holycross, Co. Down.
- GRAINNE FERGUSON, Crosskeys, Co. Cavan.
- JOANNE BARRY, Tallanstown, Co. Louth.
- GENEVIVE BEIRNE, Barnacoola, Co. Leitrim.
- DEARBHLA CORR, Crosskeys, Co. Cavan.
- DEIRDRE QUINN, Magherafelt, Co. Derry.

Team Manager:  
Máire Ní Mhaolai

## Boys Football

Team 3 — Green & Red  
Pitch: defending Hogan Stand.  
Hill 16 end.

- LIAM O'REILLY, Shercock, Co. Cavan.
- EDWARD BRENNAN, Rathcormac, Co. Sligo.
- RUAIRI McKENNA, Monaghan.
- MARK BASSETT, Belfast.
- PHILIP GALLAGHER, Rathcormac, Co. Sligo.
- NEIL HENEGHAN, Claremorris, Co. Mayo.
- SEAN FOY, Ballybryen, Co. Offaly.
- VINCENT COSTELLOE, Taughmaconnell, Co. Roscommon.
- JOE NAUGHTON, Ballybryen, Co. Offaly.
- NIALL CLINTON, Mullaghbouy, Co. Louth.

Team Manager:  
Frank Bradley

## Boys Football

Team 4 — Green & Gold  
Pitch: defending Cusack Stand.  
Hill 16 End.

- SEAN McCUSKER, Magherafelt, Co. Derry.
- ALAN PAGE, Mullaghbouy, Co. Louth.
- CIARAN MARTIN, Belfast.
- MICHAEL WALSH, Mayobridge, Co. Down.
- PATRICK GARDINER, Mountbellew, Co. Galway.
- DECLAN McGOVERN, Lisnaska, Co. Fermanagh.
- J. P. O'DONOGHUE, Drumcong, Co. Leitrim.
- PAUL ROUSE, Coalisland, Co. Tyrone.
- SHANE MacFLYNN, Magherafelt, Co. Derry.
- RONAN SEXTON, Mayobridge, Co. Down.

Team Manager:  
Hugh Curran

# 1933 CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING

MAYO 2-15; DONEGAL 2-2

With both counties seeking a first ever title in any grade of football, there was tremendous interest in this "Home" junior football final at Croke Park on October 8. Both teams had qualified with impressive credentials, Mayo accounting for Leitrim, Galway and Carlow, while Donegal had ousted Cavan, Armagh, Derry and Cork.

Donegal opened at a spanking pace and John O'Donnell pointed. Johnny Culkin levelled but Oliver McFadden with a good goal put Donegal three points in front. Mayo responded with a like score but at the interval Neil McGee's goal gave Donegal the edge, 2-2 to 1-3.

An enthralling second half was in prospect but unexpectedly, Donegal faded and Mayo took over completely. Culkin had two points and Carney and Conboy one each before O'Brien's goal opened the floodgates. From there on it was all one-way, with Donegal, despite the efforts of O'Donnell, Gallagher, McGee and McManus, finishing a well-beaten team. The full-time score may have flattered the winners slightly, but the honours rested where they truly belonged.

Mayo scorers: J.Culkin 0-6, J.Carney 0-6, T.Kelly 1-1, H.O'Brien 1-1, P. Conboy 0-1.

Donegal: O.McFadden 1-0, N.McGe 1-0, J.O'Donnell 0-2.

MAYO: Tommy Grier (capt.), Joe O'Gara, Padraic O'Loughlin, "Birdie" Coffey, Bertie Frazer, Jackie Carney, Johnny Culkin, Hugh O'Brien, P.J. Walsh, Mick Rafferty, Tommy Kelly, Paddy Collins, Tommie Ryan, Pat Conboy, Peter Laffey.

DONEGAL: John O'Donnell (capt.), Jim McElhill (gl), Joe Lawn, Thady Diver, Jim Pat McGinley, John Gallagher, Bernard O'Donnell, John Brown, Tom Gallagher, Neill McGee, Pat McManus, Peter Clancy, Kevin Sweeney, Oliver McFadden, Gerry Campbell.



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I dtaca le Maigh Eo de tá sé mar nuaíocht taitneamhach nuair a thagann siad siúd go Páirc an Chrócaigh freisin agus mar sin cuirtear 'Fáilte Uí Cheallaigh' rompu.

I 1988 b'é an dála céanna acu siúd agus a bhí ag Dún na nGall dhá bhliain níos déanaí, is é sin, theip orthu sa chluiche leathcheannais in aghaidh na Mí agus chuaigh An Mhí ar aghaidh chun craobhcluiche na bliana sin a bhuaich.

An difríocht, áfach, idir an dá chontae is ea gur tháinig Maigh Eo ar ais an bhliain dar gcionn ('89); fuair siad an lámh in uachtar ar an gContae Ríoga sa chluiche leathcheannais agus bhí mí-ádh orthu nár bhuaigh siad an chraobh an bhliain sin.

Dhá fhoireann chumasacha, oilte anseo inniu — ceann nár bhuaigh craobh na hÉireann ariamh agus ceann nár bhuaigh le breis is dachad bliain (1951). Is trua

go mbeidh ar cheann acu éirí as an rás anois mar tá neart daoine ar mhór acu é an dá chontae seo a fheiceáil ar liosta na mbuaiteoirí; ach bíonn draíocht ar leith ag baint leis an chéad bhua agus gan aon mhasla a thabhairt d'fhoireann Mhaigh Eo bheadh móramh, ceaptar, ag súil go rachadh Dún na nGall ar aghaidh go dtí an craobhcluiche.

An bhfuilid in inmhe sin a dhéanamh? Níl aon amhras ach gur bhain siad stangadh

## Nuaíocht sna Cluichí Leathcheannais

as lucht leanta na gcluichí nuair a fuairadar an ceann is fearr ar Dhoire, an fhoireann a chloígh curaidh Uile-Éireann '91 tamall roimhe sin. Tá cosantóirí an-láidir acu, fir lár páirce atá thar a bheith cumasach agus tosaigh den scoth; tríd is tríd is foireann ard-éifeachtach iad agus ciall ceannaithe trí bhliana cnuasaithe acu; is dócha go gcreideann siad ag an bpointe seo go bhfuilid in inmhe craobh na hÉireann a bhaint ach a bheith muiníneach astu féin.

Agus cad faoi na Connachtaigh? Bhí bua maith acu sa chraobhcluiche Chúige in aghaidh Roscomáin ach bhí an bua beagáinín smálaithe toisc nach raibh ach ceathrar déag ag 'Ros' sa dara leath. Ní haon locht ar Mhaigh Eo é sin ach i súile na bhfíréan ní

raibh caighdeán maith peile sa chluiche sin.

Tá peileadóirí den chéad scoth ar fhoireann Mhaigh Eo; dáiríre tá triúr nó ceathrar acu ar na peileadóirí is fearr sa tír ach ceaptar nach bhfuil modh imeartha, mar aonad, curtha i gcrích acu; bheadh dian-chluiche eile de dhith orthu chun plean imeartha a oibriú amach agus a chleachtadh.

Tá stíl álainn ag foirne Mhaigh Eo go háirithe ag na mionúir agus is trua nár tháinig siad a dtír ar a n-éifeacht níos minicí. Nuair a bhíodar sa chraobhcluiche i 1989, in aghaidh Chorcaí, thugadar taispeántas den chéad ghrád agus bhí fir na Laoi ag barr feabhais ag an taca sin; mar sin féin, ba bheag nár bhain fir an Iarthair an chraobh an lá sin.

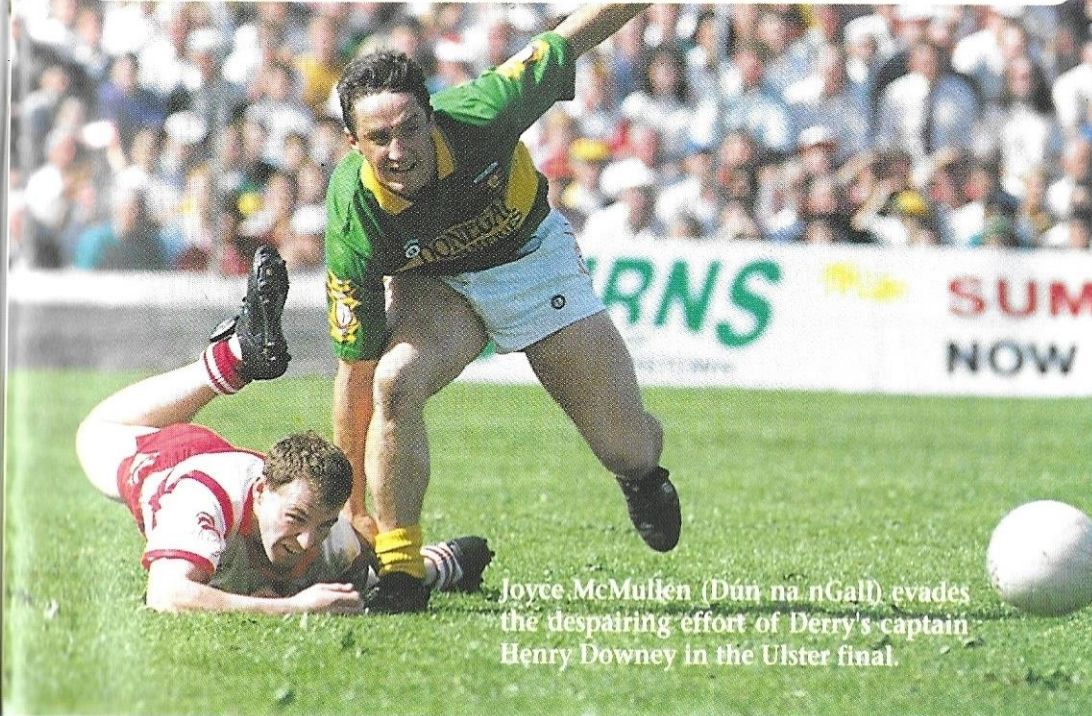
Tá furhmór mhór na fóirne sin os ár gcomhair arís inniu. Beidh cuid acu is dócha ag 'dul ar phinsean' ag deireadh na bliana seo agus ní foláir nó go mbeidh tréan iarracht á dhéanamh acu siúd ach go háirithe, ainm Mhaigh Eo a ghreannadh ar Chorn Mhígh Uidhir den chéad uair ó 1951.

Tá na comhartaí sóirt ann go mbeidh sár-chluiche ann inniu. Is breá an rud é foirne 'nua' a fheiceáil sa chluiche leathcheannais; is lá mór é i gclár an Chumai nn agus cruthóidh sé go bhfuil caighdeán na peile ag dul i bhfeabhas i gcónaí. Go mbeidh rith an ráis ag an fhoireann is fearr agus go mbeidh cluiche glan spórtúil againn.

## UNLIKELY DISTINCTION

None of Donegal's five Ulster final wins was by a wide margin. In all of them the result was in doubt almost to the final whistle, and strangely it was in a Provincial hurling final that Donegal established a scoring record - and established it a long time ago, years before their footballers reached the Ulster final for the first time. This was in 1906 when Donegal, in beating Antrim at Burt not alone created a surprise, but a sensation by the manner in which they did so, run-

ning up a score of 5-21 to the losers' 0-1. And that margin of 35 points was not alone the highest to that date in an Ulster final, but the highest in any province. And 86 years later the 35 points winning margin of Donegal's is still a record, and only twice has any county threatened it - Limerick, when beating Clare by 31 points (11-3 to 1-2) in the 1918 Munster final and Cork, who also had 31 points in hand when swamping Waterford (5-31 to 3-6) in 1982. Donegal and a senior hurling record may appear as something from fiction, but it is a fact of hurling history.



Joyce McMullen (Dún na nGall) evades the despairing effort of Derry's captain Henry Downey in the Ulster final.



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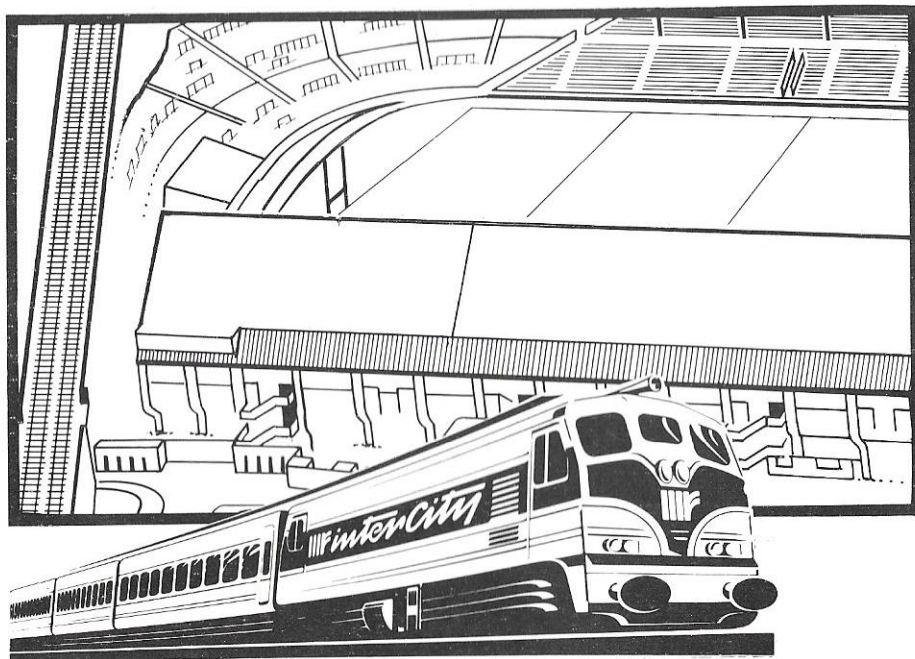
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Although it will be only three years next month since Mayo last appeared in an All-Ireland senior football final, the passage of time has still taken its toll on their selection.

Gabriel Irwin, Peter Ford, Dermot Flanagan, T.J. Kilgallon, Sean Maher and Liam McHale all lined out against Cork for the Sam Maguire Cup tie of 1989, won by the Munster men by three points. All helped to fashion last month's win over Roscommon for the provincial crown.

Anthony Finnerty and Ray Dempsey, who also won Connacht medals in the last final, went into the county's last senior decider. Finnerty also scored the only goal of the game just three and a half minutes into the second half. Brian Kilkelly was Mayo's other substitute against Cork and he also lined out against Roscommon last month.

Another with All-Ireland senior final experience, but stretching back to 1983, is Tomás Tierney. He also provides a Western link with Donegal's semi-final appearance that year.

Tierney, then a member of the Milltown club, went in as a forward substitute for Galway against the

## MAYO RETURN TO CROKE PARK WITH HIGH HOPES

Donegalmen and contributed a point to the win. He held down the right full forward spot in Galway's unsuccessful final bid against Dublin.

Mayo have come back well from their Connacht final replay defeat by Roscommon last year. They had not a successful campaign in the Royal Liver National League, finishing with just two points from their five games in Division I "A".

However, they left that form well behind them in the Connacht championship. Mayo set the seal on their run by beating favourites Roscommon, who were chasing a third successive title, at Castlebar. It was a disappointing match, and the defending champions' cause was not helped by the dismissal of one of their forwards after 28 minutes.

Even so, the home side finished worthy winners. T.J. Kilgallon, who played in the

semi-final draw and replay with Dublin in 1985 and in the 1989 semi-final against Tyrone, turned in a "Man of the Match" display at midfield.

There was also much to admire in the work of Kevin Beirne, team captain Peter Ford and Dermot Flanagan in the full back line, and Kevin Staunton rewarded the selectors for sending him in as a substitute by showing exciting form and scoring three first-rate points.

Ray Dempsey scored the only goal of the game early in the second half, and over-all had a fine match. He also finished as Mayo's leading scorer with 1-2.

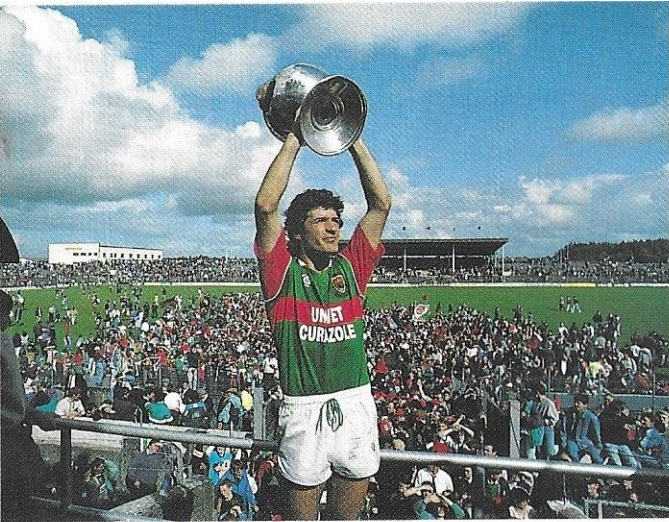
Padraig Brogan, who played earlier this year with Donegal and Ulster, also made an appearance as a substitute in the recent provincial decider and got a point for Mayo.

Mayo are now hoping for a winning return to Croke Park, and so continue where they left off on their last semi-final outing in 1989. They caused an upset by beating a Tyrone team that had a solid framework of survivors from their 1986 Sam Maguire Cup side by 0-12 to 1-6 to chalk up the West's last win at this stage of the series.

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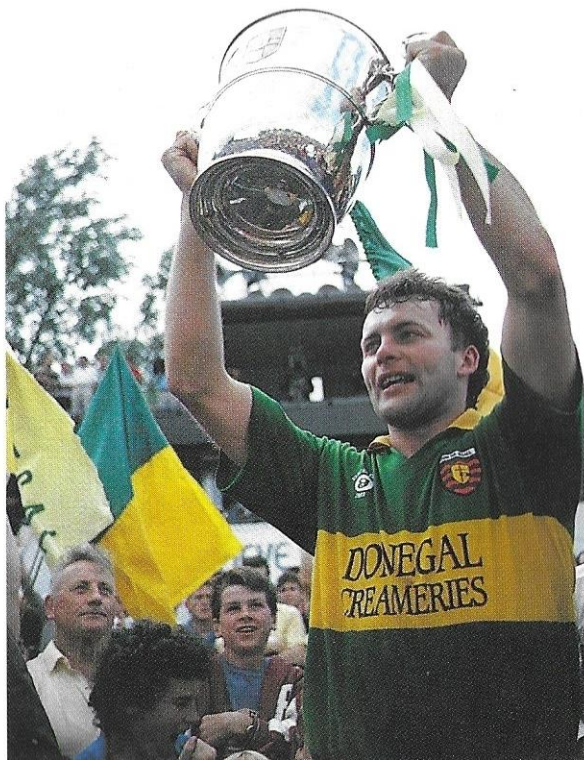
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## TINY TOTALS

A team scoring six points or less in a championship game nowadays would almost certainly be doomed to defeat - and, very likely, a heavy defeat. But Mayo of 70 years ago or so, thanks to their magnificent defenders of that time, managed to survive in championship encounters with scorelines that would ensure their early departure from the race in present-day football.

Mayo first demonstrated how a team could progress without high-scoring forwards when they beat Sligo in the first round at Tubbercurry in 1917, by 0-3 to 0-0 and the following year in the provincial final at Castlerea a scoreline of 0-4 to Galway's 0-1 saw them take the title.

This wasn't Mayo's first flirtation with the 'flag famine', as away back in 1905 in the semi-final of the Croke Cup, they had finished level with Kerry, 0-1 to 0-1 at the end of a hectic hour at the Market's Field in Limerick.

Surprisingly, the early twenties produced some substantial returns by forwards in several Connacht games, but meagre totals were again in fashion when Mayo overcame Galway on the score of 0-3 to 0-2, in the 1923 Connacht final at Parkmore, Tuam. However, it was in 1924 that Mayo brought the art of surviving to a peak when they played an 0-2 all draw in the semi-final with Leitrim at Ballaghadreen and, having won the replay, they went one better (or less) in drawing the final at Ballina where the score was - Mayo 0-1; Galway 0-1 the lowest provincial final aggregate ever recorded, in football or hurling and at any level of competition. Both replays in Connacht produced "normal" scorelines, but Mayo, back to their 'meagre ways' were caught, napping in the All-Ireland semi-final when they recorded a score of 0-1 to Kerrys 1-4. Thereafter, tiny totals were out in Connacht competition, and especially with Mayo who by the end of the decade were running up (and conceding) scores with the best of them - and it has been that way ever since.

## CROSFHOCAL

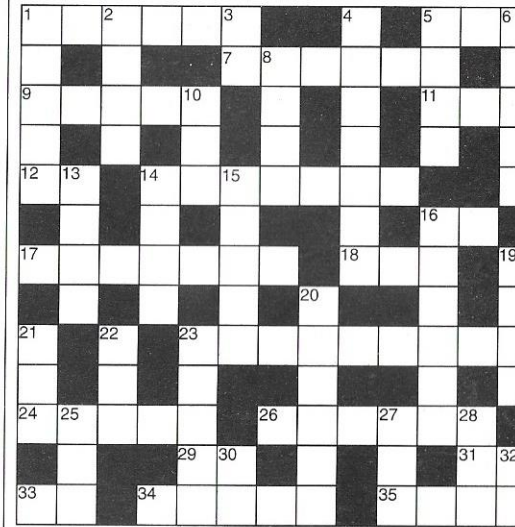
Our special crossword had a distinct North-West flavour, based in the main on football personalities, and in keeping with this latest All-Ireland semi-final featuring the champions of Connacht and Ulster.

### ACROSS

- This bright young talent scored the last senior football championship goal by a Connacht player at Croke Park (6).
- Initials of Galway's left full back in their Royal Liver National League play-off loss to Dublin last March (1,2).
- Christian name of a goalkeeper from Ulster who won a national senior medal earlier this year in a rare success by his county (6).
- This forward scored a late equalising point in a drawn Ulster senior championship game last year, and went on to win an All-Ireland medal (1,4).
- Leitrim's total of Bank of Ireland All-Stars award winners (3).
- Initials yet again. Try the right half back who led Down to their first Sam Maguire Cup win in 1960 (1,1).
- This Monaghan native was chosen as the Bank of Ireland centre half back of 1985 for his only such award (1,6).
- Initials of Mayo's right half back from Hollymount in their unsuccessful 1988 All-Ireland semi-final against Meath (1,1).
- Fermanagh's centre half back in their unsuccessful Ulster senior semi-final against Donegal last June (1,6).
- A colour common to Derry and Mayo (3).
- This Omagh man lined out at right full back for Tyrone in the Royal Liver National League final in May (4,5).
- Paddy from Moycullen lined out at right half forward in the Galway team that beat Donegal in 1983 for the county's last All-Ireland semi-final win (5).
- Jimmy from Ballina Stephenites captained Mayo in their last All-Ireland senior final appearance in 1989 (6).
- Initials of the Clann na nGael clubman who wore the No. 13 jersey for Roscommon in their 1990 All-Ireland semi-final against Cork (1,1).
- Not a member of the Dail, but the initials of Roscommon's centre half back in their last Sam Maguire Cup tie appearance in 1980 (1,1).
- Try the initials of Derry's Royal Liver National League title winning captain (1,1).
- There is by no means a wide this separating the majority of Ulster counties in terms of football standards (5).
- Players are often beaten for possession because they lack this (4).

### DOWN

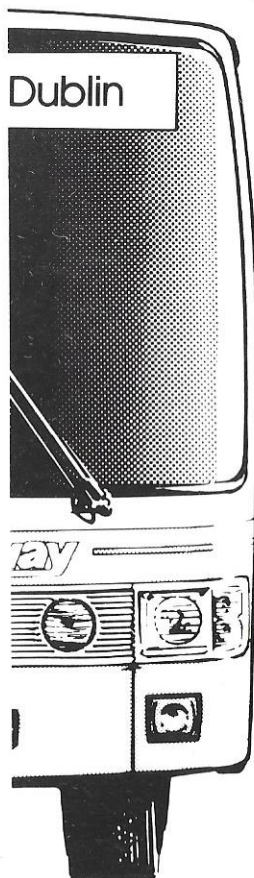
- Christian name of No. 1 across (5).
- Derry scored just one against Tyrone in the Royal Liver National League final in May (4).
- Initials of the footballer in the No. 6 jersey for Tyrone in the above game (1,1).
- Christian name of the Tyrone goalkeeper in the League final (7).



- Another Christian name. Try Connacht's only Bank of Ireland All-Star award winner last year (4).
- This wily campaigner went in as a substitute for Donegal in their drawn Ulster senior championship clash with Cavan and was retained at right half back for the replay (1,4).
- Some counties invariably view an All-Ireland senior final from a distance, for example (4).
- Not advisable to drink this before a game (3).
- Form of a Christian name often associated with a recent G.A.A. President from the West (4).
- Paul has appeared in Donegal's defence in recent times, and lined out at full back against Dublin in the League and in the first round drawn championship clash with Cavan (4).
- Customary way of using (5).
- One for those with long memories. Cavan's left full back in the 1983 Ulster senior final (1,5).
- Christian name of Derry's left half back in the League final win in May (4).
- First round Ulster senior championship losers against Fermanagh earlier in the year (6).
- Initials of Down's left half back in the last Sam Maguire Cup game (1,1,1).
- Form of Christian name favoured by Galway's lone goal scorer in their Connacht championship replay loss to Mayo at Castlebar in June (3).
- Jimmy captained Armagh in their last All-Ireland senior final appearance in 1977 (5).
- The championship hopes of Tyrone came to this at a very early stage of the senior championship (3).
- One of Mayo's most famed footballer. Many would say a folk hero of the county, who has given great service. Initials (1,1,1).
- And so on .... (3).
- This long serving Down footballer, well known as a midfielder, went in as a substitute during the 1991 final win over Meath. Initials (1,1).
- Initials of Connacht's team manager of 1992 (1,1).



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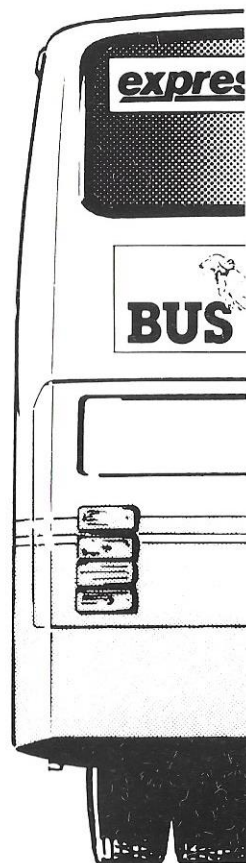
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# Donegal Out to End Croke Park Hoodoo

It is twenty years this week since Donegal, with Brian McEniff as player manager at right half back, made their All-Ireland senior football championship semi-final debut. This will be the county's fifth appearance at this stage of the knock-out series, and a first win is still awaited.

In addition, most of the footballers who carry Ulster's hopes against Mayo were in action in the 1990-91 Royal Liver National League semi-final at Croke Park when the bid for a first final appearance was ended by Kildare, who edged to a one point win.

Nevertheless, Donegal hopes are still particularly high that the side will finally end the Croke Park hoodoo in this unique semi-final. The reason is not hard to find — the county's second half performance against Royal Liver National League champions Derry at Clones.

Their prospects at half time looked anything but good, even though the scores were tied at 0-5 each. A defender was sent to the line by the referee just before half time, and as well as that handicap Donegal faced the wind in the second half.

However, right from the restart they took the game to their more fancied opponents. Displaying courage, commitment and plenty of skill they produced a heart-warming and gutsy performance to well deserve a two points edge at the final whistle. In that 35 minutes period, the squad produced probably the best football and most committed showing from a side in the county in years.

The performance is bound to give the players great confidence in their own ability. The team also backs this up with a rich vein of senior championship experience.

Anthony Molloy, who captained the Ulster title-winning side last month, Donal Reid, Joyce McMullan and Martin McHugh were all on duty when the county lost by a point to Galway in the 1983 All-Ireland semi-final. Reid was then a forward.

This quartet were also in action in the 1990 failure to Meath. Their colleagues included

Gary Walsh, Matt Gallagher, John Cunningham, Martin Gavigan, Martin Showlin, Brian Murray, James McHugh, Declan Bonner and Tony Boyle, who all lined out against Derry at Clones.

In addition, Tommy Ryan went into the 1990 semi-final as a substitute. Manus Boyle, Donegal's top scorer with 1-1, the goal from a penalty was in the substitutes panel for the Ulster final.

Interesting too that McEniff has been associated with every one of the county's Ulster title-winning teams so far. He won medals in 1972 and 1974 and managed the 1983, 1990 and this year's winning sides.

Plenty of experience, then, both on the field and in the dug-out for Donegal as they strive to end their disappointing record at Croke Park and become the first county to earn a Sam Maguire Cup game debut since Tyrone in 1986.

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## MINOR HURLING

It is rarely in the world of minor hurling that the closing stages of the championship produces such a confrontation as does today's semi-final, when Waterford, returning to the scene as Munster representatives after a lapse of 44 years, take on Antrim, who are a familiar force in All-Ireland semi-final competition.

The contrast in their mutual experience of penultimate fare is striking: Waterford have made only one previous appearance at this stage of the championship - in 1948 when they crushed Galway at Croke Park, while Antrim have contested no fewer than 43 semi-finals, the first of those as far back as 1931 when they opposed Galway at Croke Park, and the most recent against Offaly at Dundalk in 1989.

Ironically, today's contestants do have something in common in their backgrounds - they have both won one semi-final, Antrim's lone success being in 1940 when they pipped Laois by a point in a thrilling encounter at Croke Park. But similarities end there, as Waterford, after their 1948 defeat of Galway, went on to take All-Ireland honours by beating Kilkenny, whereas Antrim went down on their All-Ireland final appearance to Limerick

## A Rare Confrontation

And although the paths of Antrim and Waterford have never crossed at minor level, those counties have clashed in other grades of hurling - in the junior "Home" final of 1931 when the Munster men won by a 22-point margin (6-7 to 0-3), and in the 1974 under-21 semi-final when Waterford were also victorious by a 22-point margin at Casement Park (3-18 to 1-2). The counties have also met on a number of occasions in the National League, but overall, the background to this semi-final is meagre by the usual standards.

**SEMI-FINAL SPECIALISTS**  
Waterford may have been on the wrong end of decisions in every grade of championship hurling over the years and at many stages of the competition - provincial first round, semi-final and final ties, as well as in All-Ireland finals - but the Decies do have a record in regard to All-Ireland semi-finals - they have never lost one at any level to any opposition! This is a distinction which only Waterford can claim, and covers senior, junior, under-21 and minor grades. In premier

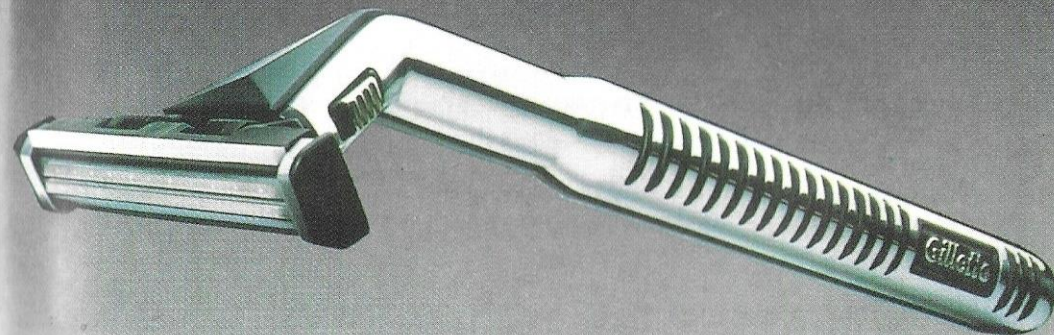
competition they have contested three semi-finals - all against Galway - and they won all three (1938, 1948, and 1951). Their two junior 'semis' were won at the expense of Galway in 1934 and Mayo in 1936 while the minors, of course, on their lone appearance, were victors over Galway in 1948. The most recent demonstration of Waterford's semi-final flair was provided by the under-21 team in 1974 when they beat Antrim in Belfast.

It is interesting to note that Waterford went on to win three All-Irelands - senior (1948), Junior (1934) and Minor (1948) after their semi-final success; but more interesting still is how close they went to winning all the other finals they contested, losing the junior to Westmeath by a point in 1936 (3-1 to 2-5), the senior to Dublin by 1-6 to 2-5 in 1938 and to Kilkenny, by the minimum margin in 1957 (3-12 to 4-10). And the margin of defeat in the 1974 under-21 final was also a point (3-7 to 3-8). Waterford have certainly presented a strong challenge on every occasion that they have come out of Munster.

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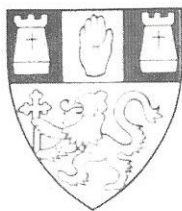
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*Rossa*

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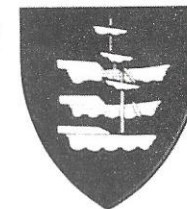
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(14) P. Ó Foghlú  
**PAUL FOLEY**  
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# Port Láirge Munster Minor Hurling Champions 1992

# Aontroim Ulster Minor Hurling Champions 1992



● The Waterford minor hurling team which defeated Tipperary in the replayed Munster final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

● The Antrim team which regained the Ulster minor title when they defeated Down at Casement Park.

## MINOR HURLING

### First In Lifetime For Many Followers for Waterford

Waterford make an All-Ireland minor hurling semi-final appearance for the first time in the lifetime of many followers when they carry the Munster banner again after 44 years.

Paul Flynn was a hero for the county in their first meeting with Tipperary in the provincial final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. He scored two great goals in the last five minutes to earn his side a replay. It was a memorable

day for Flynn, who finished with 3-6.

The replay at Páirc Uí Chaoimh was a thrilling game, and Waterford powered back in the second half from an interval deficit of three points. They struck the decisive blow in the 36th minute when Flynn sent a powerful shot goalwards, and full forward Paul Foley deflected the ball to the net.

Waterford had four games on the way to their third Munster minor hurling championship.

**April 15 — Thurles:** Waterford 1-10; Clare 0-5.

**April 18 — Fermoy:** Waterford 5-14; Kerry 0-5.

**July 5 — Páirc Uí Chaoimh:** Waterford 4-7;

Tipperary 3-10. Draw

**July 24 — Páirc Uí**

### Chaoimh:

Waterford 2-10; Tipperary 0-14. Replay

The new Munster champions scored 12-41 (77 points) and conceded 3-34 (43 points).

Their outstanding marksman is Paul Flynn, who has scored a thundering 6-15 (33 points).

Antrim, the top power in hurling in Ulster, have been walking in the shadows of Down and Derry in under-age competition in recent times. However, they won their way back to the top in the North after four years with a polished and purposeful display in a hard-earned win over a good all round Down side at Casement Park, on a score of 0-12 to 0-7.

## An Antrim Feat

Outside of Ulster, Antrim have invariably found the minor championship a tough and unrewarding grind when opposed by the might of Leinster and Munster representatives. Yet it was against Leinster opposition that Antrim recorded one of their finest achievements in under-age hurling - an achievement that any of the great hurling counties would be proud of - beating Kilkenny at Nowlan park. But this unique victory was not at the All-Ireland semi-final or final stage of the championship, but in the Leinster championship in which Antrim (and Down) were permitted to take part because of the lack of

competition in Ulster in 1980.

And there were no favours granted the "outsiders" when the fixtures were made. Antrim had to make the long journey to Rathdowney for the first round with Laois and though they created something of a surprise by beating the home county by a point, no great significance was attached to the result. But the second round was a truly intimidating assignment - Kilkenny at Nowlan Park. Unbeaten in Leinster for ten years, Kilkenny were expected to make short work of Antrim's ambitions, but with a brilliant display Antrim created a sensation by winning by 2-9 to 1-11 - the only occasion on which a Kilkenny minor team had

been beaten on home soil.

Incredibly, Antrim had to undertake another long journey for the provincial semi-final. Having already clocked almost eight hundred miles for their first two games, they now had to make the longest trek of all - a round trip of more than 400 miles to Wexford. Again the Northern youths performed magnificently, but Wexford held on to win by two points, 1-12 to 1-10. Antrim's astonishing odyssey was over, yet by any standards they had done remarkably well, and the fact that Wexford went on to win provincial honours and contest the All-Ireland final with Tipperary, reflected great credit on an Antrim team which had travelled so far, and in the end for so little.



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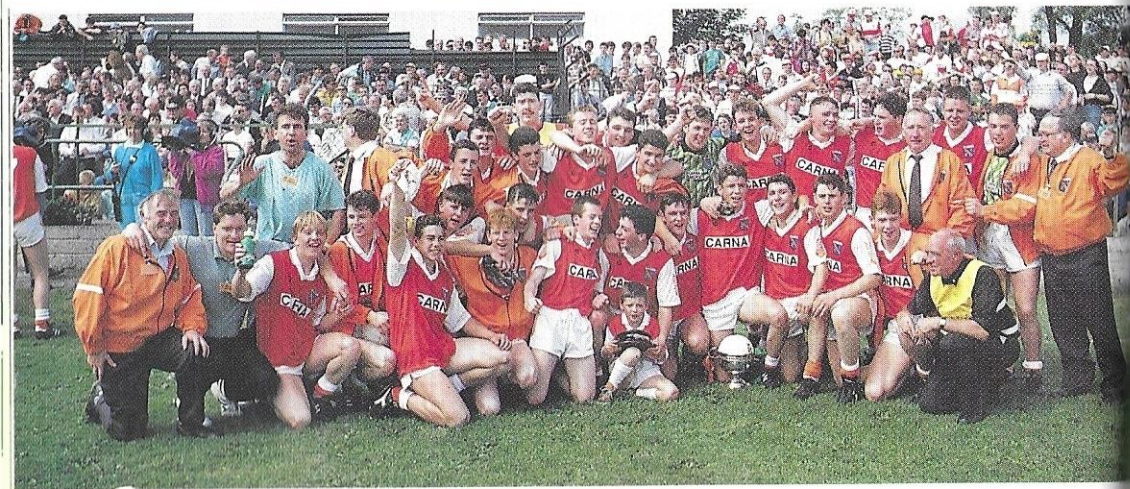
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**TRAINER:** Noel O'Byrne.

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Ulster Minor Football  
Champions 1992



● The Armagh minors celebrate their Ulster Final victory over Donegal at Clones.

## MINOR FOOTBALL

### Armagh and Roscommon Have Sound Credentials

Armagh and Roscommon have the players with the skills and the class to provide an entertaining game, marked by high standard play, when they meet in a novel All-Ireland minor football championship semi-final.

Neither county has celebrated a win at this stage in a long time. Roscommon last reached the final in

1951, and Armagh are bidding for a first outing in the concluding round since 1957.

Armagh surprised many by winning their semi-final against Tyrone, who were well fancied in the North to capture the provincial title this season. They kept the momentum firmly on the rails with a late flourish against Donegal, the defending champions, in the Ulster final at Clones.

Armagh trailed by a point at the end of a low scoring first half, and were two points adrift with only nine minutes remaining. Then, they really got their game together, and sent over six points without reply for a famous 0-13 to 0-9 win.

Roscommon were given a

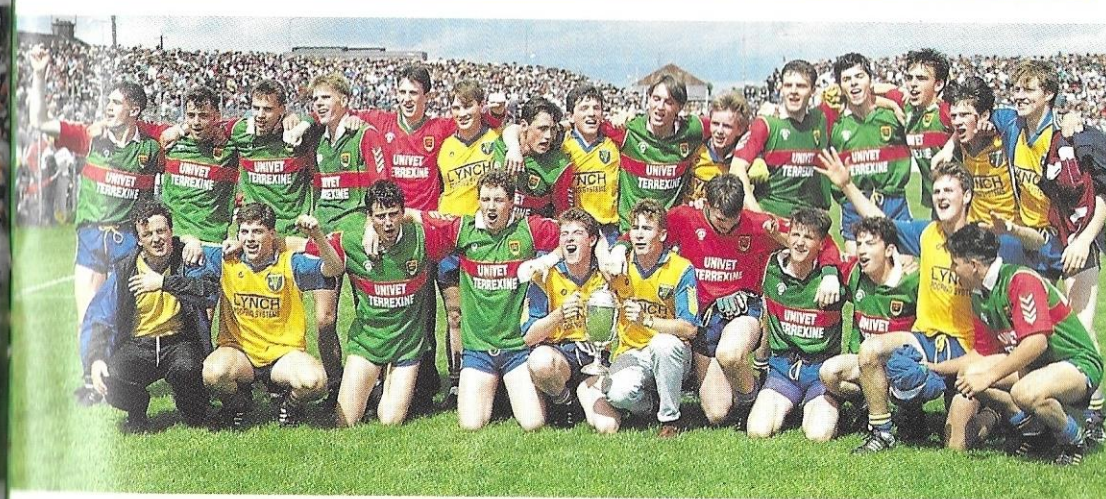
testing time by Leitrim in their opening match of the campaign, a semi-final at Dr. Hyde Park. Corner forward Dermot Washington proved a major influence in the one point win with his expert marksmanship. He hit 1-6.

Mayo also provided Roscommon with a testing time in the Connacht final at Castlebar. The teams were on equal terms with only two minutes remaining and a draw seemed on the cards when up popped full forward Ger McLoughlin to rifle over what proved to be the winning point.

Roscommon lost their last semi-final in 1989 to Derry, and Sligo ended Armagh's hopes in the county's last outing at this stage in 1968.

# Ros Comáin

Connacht Minor Football  
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● The Roscommon minor team in jubilant mood after their victory over Mayo at Castlebar in the Connacht Final.

### Armagh End A Losing Sequence in Ulster

Armagh did more than end a long absence from the Ulster minor football championship Roll of Honour when they beat a fancied Donegal, holders of the title, in the final. That ended a run of six defeats in a final since their triumph in the concluding round of 1968. The latest run boosted their record to nine championships since 1930.

This is how they returned to the top in the north:  
June 7 — Armagh:  
Armagh 1-9; Down 0-11.

June 28 — Casement Park:  
Armagh 3-12; Tyrone 1-8.  
July 19 — Clones:  
Armagh 0-13; Donegal 0-9.

The lads from the Orchard county scored 4-34 (46 points) and conceded 1-28 (31 points).

Diarmuid Marsden sets their scoring standard with 2-10. Niall McGleenan hit 1-8, Barry Hughes 1-4, and Barry O'Hagan 0-5.

Desmond Macklin with 0-4, Paul McNulty 0-2, and Declan Toner 0-1 completed the returns.

#### BACK AFTER THREE YEARS

Roscommon are appearing in a semi-final again after three years, and have now won ten Connacht titles. They had just two games in the West:

June 28 — Roscommon:  
Roscommon 2-11;  
Leitrim 3-7.  
July 26 — Castlebar:  
Roscommon 0-10;  
Mayo 0-9.

The Connacht champions line out with 2-21 (27 points) to their credit, and they had 3-16 chalked up against them.

Dermot Washington is by far their ace marksman with 1-9. Frank Farrell comes next with 0-4, and he is followed by Rossa O'Callaghan 1-0, Adrian Doorey 0-2 and Liam Murphy 0-2.

Kevin Keegan, Keith Murphy, Garry McLoughlin and Conor Connelly with a point apiece completed the scoring for Roscommon.

## MINOR FOOTBALL

### Armagh and Roscommon

# Shades of 41 Years Ago

The clash of Armagh and Roscommon in today's minor football semi-final echoes an All-Ireland final of 41 years ago when those counties were All-Ireland minor finalists in what proved to be their only meeting to date in this grade of football. This game was played before a small attendance on December 16, 1951 and resulted in a five-point win (2-7 to 1-5) for the Connacht team. The lineouts on that occasion were - Roscommon:

P.Muldoon, O.Murray, J.Lynch, E.O'Connor, B.Molloy, T.Finnigan, G.Healy, H.Connelly, J.Raferty, J.O'Brien, J.Campbell, E.Duignan, L.Duffy, M.Shivnan, H.Penny  
 ARMAGH- G.Murphy, G.Donnelly, B.Seeley, D.Skelton, E.Quinn, M.Grimley, B.O'Neill, S.McCresh, A.Dillon, S.Hanratty, S.Crossey, P.Kickham, P.McArdle, D.McCorry, P.Moore. Sub.- A.McMahon.

But both Armagh and Roscommon were involved in the closing stages of the championship many years before this encounter. In fact Armagh was the first Ulster county to contest an All-Ireland minor semi-final

when they opposed Dublin in 1930, a game they lost by two points. And Roscommon's first experience of All-Ireland semi-final combat was in 1939 when they beat Cork by three points, later going on to take All-Ireland honours. Roscommon repeated that success in 1941, beating Kerry on a replay in the semi-final, and when Armagh again emerged as Ulster standard-bearers, they had an easy win over Sligo in the semi-final before overcoming Kerry to annex their first, and only, title to date.

Armagh's last appearance in a semi-final was in 1968 and since then they have had little luck in their efforts to reach this stage of the championship, finding

themselves on the losing end in seven Ulster-finals. Roscommon, by contrast, have been almost 'regulars' at the pennultimate stage, being semi-finalists as recently as 1989 when they lost to Derry.

Whichever team wins today will bridge a wide gap in their county's fortunes, as Armagh are seeking their first semi-final win since 1957 while Roscommon's last success at this stage was in 1951 - the year, incidentally, that produced the one previous meeting of these counties in a minor championship game.

Today's clash will be Armagh's ninth appearance in the semi-final while for Roscommon it will be their tenth and their second in four years.

#### The scorelines of their semi-finals to date:

ARMAGH			
1930 -	Dublin	1-3;	Armagh 1-1
1949 -	Armagh	4-8;	Sligo 0-4
1951 -	Armagh	1-8;	Kerry 1-8
Replay -	Armagh	2-3;	Kerry 0-7
1953 -	Mayo	5-2;	Armagh 3-4
1954 -	Kerry	4-9;	Armagh 0-6
1957 -	Armagh	3-5;	Kerry 3-5
1961 -	Cork	0-12;	Armagh 1-6
1968 -	Sligo	1-6;	Armagh 1-3
ROSCOMMON			
1939 -	Roscommon	0-10;	Cork 1-4
1941 -	Roscommon	2-7;	Kerry 3-4
Replay -	Roscommon	5-7;	Kerry 3-3
1951 -	Roscommon	2-5;	Louth 1-3
1965 -	Derry	4-8;	Roscommon 4-5
1967 -	Laois	2-8;	Roscommon 2-7
1975 -	Kerry	3-12;	Roscommon 0-6
1981 -	Cork	5-11;	Roscommon 3-5
1984 -	Tipperary	2-12;	Roscommon 1-1
1989 -	Derry	4-16;	Roscommon 1-7

# Connacht Successful in Last Semi-Final Clash

Mayo struck a blow for Connacht standards when they beat Tyrone in 1989 in the last All-Ireland senior football semi-final featuring the champions of the West and Ulster.

Eugene McKenna, Tyrone's full forward, scored the only goal of the game thirteen minutes into the second half, but Mayo rallied strongly to finish winners by 0-12 to 1-6.

Tyrone recorded the last win by an Ulster county in this particular series of semi-finals when they beat Galway by 1-12 to 1-9. Brian O'Donnell scored Galway's goal in the first half for what is the last such score by Connacht champions against northern opposition in a semi-final.

Kevin McCabe, who went in as a substitute for Tyrone in their first round loss to Derry in the opening tie of this season's Ulster championship at Celtic Park, hit the Tyrone goal from a penalty kick five minutes from the end.

The 1986 match was watched by an attendance of 26,644 and the last meet-

ing of West and North proved a much bigger draw, 48,177 spectators passing through the turnstiles.

The last game that failed to yield a single goal was the 1965 clash of Galway and Down. The Tribesmen won by 0-10 to 0-7.

The largest attendance at a West-North semi-final since 1962 was 51,541 at the 1965 Galway-Down clash. Three years later the same counties attracted the second best attendance in the period at 50,965.

The last drawn semi-final featuring North and West was the 1977 clash of Armagh and Roscommon. The Orchard County won at the second attempt.

This latest clash brings Donegal and Mayo into opposition in senior championship football for the first time. Donegal have yet to appear in an All-Ireland senior final.

Connacht has not been represented in a Sam Maguire Cup tie since Mayo's appearance of 1989 against Cork.

The following are the results of All-Ireland senior football semi-finals featuring Western and Northern standard-bearers.

1900: Galway	walk-over from Antrim.
1928: Cavan	2-5; Sligo 0-4.
1932: Mayo	2-4; Cavan 0-8.
1934: Galway	1-8; Cavan 0-8.
1937: Cavan	2-5; Mayo 1-7.
1938: Galway	2-10; Monaghan 2-3.
1941: Galway	1-12; Cavan 1-4.
1944: Roscommon	5-8; Cavan 1-3.
1947: Cavan	2-4; Roscommon 0-6.
1950: Mayo	3-9; Armagh 0-6.
1953: Armagh	0-8; Roscommon 0-7.
1956: Galway	0-8; Tyrone 0-6.
1959: Galway	1-11; Down 1-4.
1962: Roscommon	1-8; Cavan 1-6.
1965: Galway	0-10; Down 0-7.
1968: Down	2-10; Galway 2-8.
1971: Galway	3-11; Down 2-7.
1974: Galway	3-13; Donegal 1-14.
1977: Armagh	3-9; Roscommon 2-12. Draw.
Armagh	0-15; Roscommon 1-4. Replay.
1980: Roscommon	2-20; Armagh 3-11.
1983: Galway	1-12; Donegal 1-11.
1986: Tyrone	1-12; Galway 1-9.
1989: Mayo	0-12; Tyrone 1-6.



# Dún na nGall

Dathanna: Uaithne, Ór is Bán

(1) G. Breathnach  
**GARY WALSH**  
*Burren*

(2) B. McGabhann  
**BARRY MCGOWAN**  
*Na Cealla Beaga*

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**DONAL REID**  
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**MARTIN GAVIGAN**  
*Ardara*

(7) M. Seibhleáin  
**MARTIN SHOVLIN**  
*Naomh Ultan*

(8) A. Ó Maolmhuaidh  
**ANTHONY MOLLOY (Capt.)**  
*Ard an Ratha*

(9) B. Ó Múirí  
**BRIAN MURRAY**  
*Civil Service*

(10) S. Mac Maoláin  
**JOYCE McMULLAN**  
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(11) M. Mac Aodha  
**MARTIN McHUGH**  
*Cill Chartha*

(12) T. Ó Riain  
**TOMMY RYAN**  
*Termon*

(13) D. Ó Cnaimhsí  
**DECLAN BONNER**  
*Na Rossa*

(14) A. Ó Baoill  
**TONY BOYLE**  
*Dungloe*

(15) S. Mac Aodh  
**JAMES McHUGH**  
*Cill Chartha*

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ROGHNOÍRÍ: Michael Lafferty, Seamus Bonner, Naul McCole.  
Brian McEniff (Team Manager).

TRAINER: Anthony Harkin.

DÚN NA nGALL	Cúil	Cúillíní	Seachaí	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1adh Leath					
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# Maigh Eo

Dathanna: Glas is Dearg



(1) G. Ó hEireamhóin  
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(2) C. Ó Beirn  
**KEVIN BEIRNE**  
*Claremorris*

(3) P. Mac Giollarnáth  
**PETER FORD (Capt.)**  
*Ballinrobe*

(4) D. Ó Flanagáin  
**DERMOT FLANAGAN**  
*Civil Service (Dublin)*

(5) A. Mag Fhearaigh  
**ANTHONY McGARRY**  
*Parnells (Dublin)*

(6) T. Ó Tíarnaigh  
**TOMÁS TIERNEY**  
*Westport*

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ROGHNOÍRÍ: Tommy O'Malley, Patsy Sheridan, Jim Smith, Brian McDonald (Manager).

TRAINER: Mick McGrehan.

MAIGH EO	Cúil	Cúillíní	Seachaí	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
Iomlán					



# Breen Sets The Scoring Pace

The provincial senior championships did not prove particularly exciting with regard to the quota of noteworthy individual returns provided in all games. Nevertheless, there were still two extra special scoring achievements.

Brian Breen stamped his name early on the scoring returns with a sharpshooting exercise that copper-fastened Leitrim's winning start in the Connacht series at the expense of London at Ruislip in late May.

Breen helped himself to 2-7, with one goal from the penalty spot. All his points were scored from frees, and his tally was just three points short of the Exiles score in that game.

A week earlier a penalty goal helped Maurice Fitzgerald to a place in the leading lists. The Kerry-Cork clash at Páirc Uí Chaoimh in May was just six minutes old when the St. Mary's, Caherciveen, club man goaled from the spot. He also collected eight points, four from frees, and one from a "45" to play a prominent part in fashioning a Kingdom win by ten points.

Peter Lambert set a brisk pace right at the start of the Munster campaign when he chalked up 2-4, a point from a free to steer Tipperary to victory over Waterford at Clonmel.



The leading individual scoring returns in the provincial championships were:

**13 POINTS:**  
2-7: Brian Breen (Leitrim) v. London at Ruislip on May 31.

**11 POINTS:**  
1-8: Maurice Fitzgerald (Kerry) v. Cork at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on May 24.

**10 POINTS:**  
2-4: Peter Lambert (Tipperary) v. Waterford at Clonmel on May 17.

**9 POINTS:**  
2-3: Francis McInerney (Clare) v. Tipperary at Limerick on June 21.

**8 POINTS:**  
1-15: Martin McHugh (Donegal) v. Cavan at Breffni Park on May 24 (Draw).

0-8: Pat Baker (Wicklow) v. Longford at Longford on May 24.

1-5: Larry Giles (Westmeath) v. Carlow at Mullingar on June 7.

0-8: Gary Mason (Down) v. Armagh at Armagh on June 7.

1-5: Ray McCarron (Monaghan) v. Derry at Castleblaney on June 14.

0-8: Ray Dempsey (Mayo) v. Galway at Castlebar on June 21 (Replay).

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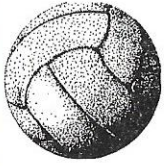
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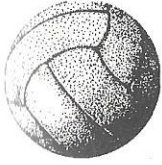


## Ulster Senior Football Champions, 1992

Back row (l-r): Noel Hegarty, Matt Gallagher, Declan Bonner, John Cunningham, Brian Murray, Gary Walsh, Tommy Ryan.  
Front row (l-r): Martin McHugh, Martin Gavigan, Martin Shovlin, Donal Reid, Anthony Molloy (captain), Tony Boyle, Joyce McMullin, James McHugh.



# Maigh Eo



## Connacht Senior Football Champions, 1992

Back row (l-r): Raymond Dempsey, Jarleth Jennings, T. J. Kiggallon, Gabriel Irwin, Tomás Tierney, Tony Morley, Sean Maher, Liam McHate.  
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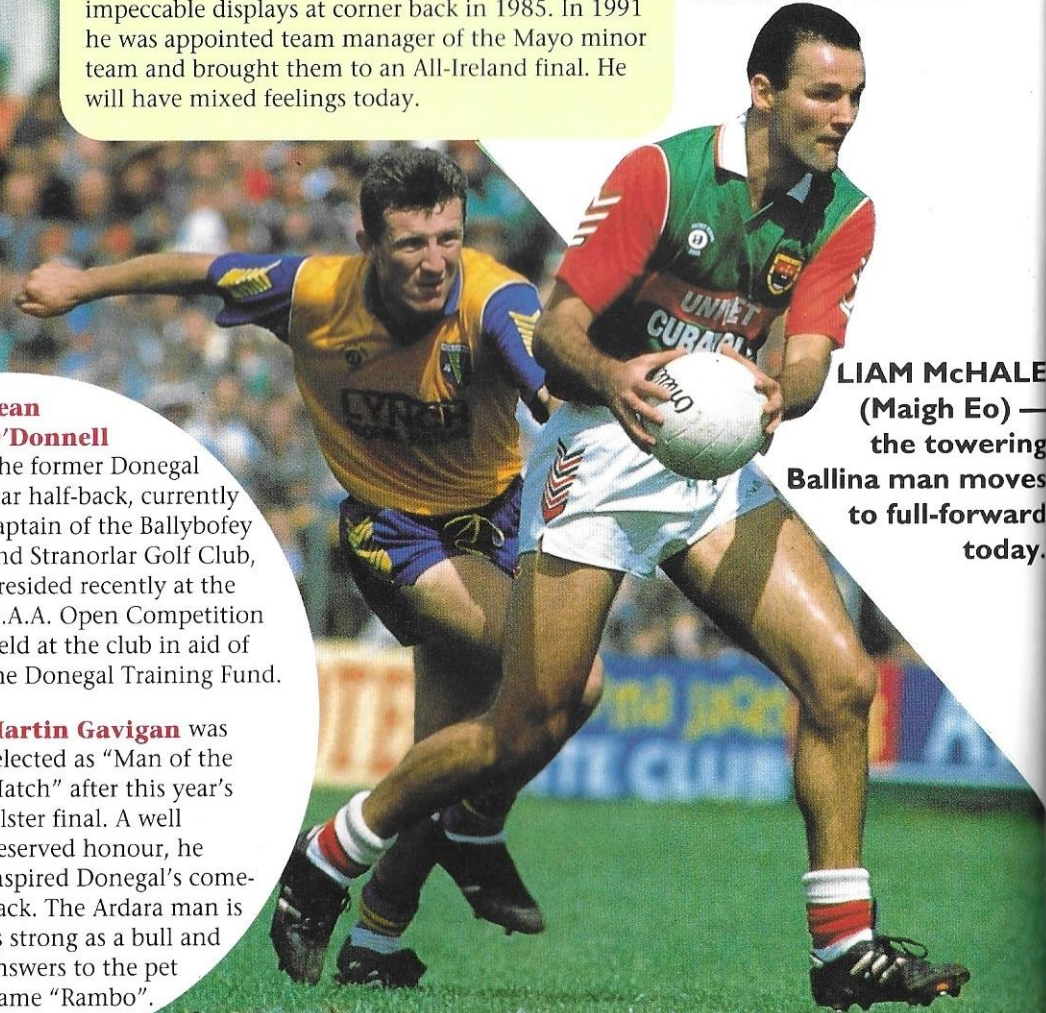
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15. Anthony Finnerty (Moycullen)  
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16. Eugene Lavin (Kiltimagh)  
34-years-old. 13st.10lbs. 6'1". Carpenter.
17. John Finn (Mayo Gaels)  
28-years-old. 12st. 6'0". Company Representative.
18. Joe Gilmore (Parnell's, Dublin)  
29-years-old. 13st. 6'0". Company Executive.
19. Pat Holmes (Castlebar Mitchells)  
26-years-old. 13st.6lbs. 6'2". Bank Official.
20. Willie Joe Padden (Belmullet)  
33-years-old. 13st. 6'1". ESB Employee.
21. Noel Durcan (Ballagherreen)  
28-years-old. 13st. 6'0". Electrician.
22. Brian Kilkelly (Castlebar Mitchells)  
28-years-old. 12st.3lbs. 5'10". Garda.
23. Denis Kearney (Charlestown)  
32-years-old. 13st.7lbs. 6'0". Blocklayer.

## THE MARTIN CARNEY CONNECTION

He was right half forward on Donegal's first ever Ulster title winning team of 1972 and was one of the Donegal stars against Offaly in Croke Park. He played at midfield two years later when losing to Galway when Seamus Bonner was his midfield partner. After that, the Ballyshannon man switched to Mayo where he got employment as a teacher and won provincial medals in 1981, 1985 and 1988, captaining Mayo to success in 1981, giving some impeccable displays at corner back in 1985. In 1991 he was appointed team manager of the Mayo minor team and brought them to an All-Ireland final. He will have mixed feelings today.

## Local Radio

Local radio is making its contribution to the G.A.A. too. M.W.R. F.M. (Mayo) have been covering Mayo's S.F.C. games in a huge way all summer with Jim Carney, Liam Horan and Willie Ryan in charge of commentary and analysis. Donegal is well served too by N.W.R. and by Highland Radio where there is a fine local flavour to the events.



**LIAM McHALE**  
(Maigh Eo) —  
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Ballina man moves  
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today.

### Sean O'Donnell

The former Donegal star half-back, currently captain of the Ballybofey and Stranorlar Golf Club, presided recently at the G.A.A. Open Competition held at the club in aid of the Donegal Training Fund.

**Martin Gavigan** was selected as "Man of the Match" after this year's Ulster final. A well deserved honour, he inspired Donegal's comeback. The Ardara man is as strong as a bull and answers to the pet name "Rambo".



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## THE ROAD BACK TO CROKE PARK

**D**onegal made it four championship wins in four senior clashes with Derry since 1979 when they won the first Ulster final between these counties last month in the last final to be played at the "old style" St. Tiarnach's Park, Clones. An ambitious development scheme is now getting under way at the Monaghan venue.

That was also Donegal's fifth senior championship win over Derry in thirteen games stretching back to 1906. The win boosted the North-West county's Ulster titles record to five since 1972.

Donegal had four games in the North:

May 24 — Cavan:  
Donegal 1-15; Cavan 1-15. Draw.  
May 31 — Ballybofey:  
Donegal 0-20; Cavan 1-6. Replay.  
June 21 — Omagh:  
Donegal 2-17; Fermanagh 0-7.  
July 19 — Clones:  
Donegal 0-14; Derry 1-9.

The new Ulster champions scored 3-66 (75 points) and had 3-37 (46 points) chalked up against them.

As many as fifteen players have shared in their scoring returns with Martin McHugh showing the way on 1-12. Tommy Ryan, who is the only player to have scored in every game so far, comes next with 1-10.

Barry McGowan and Donal Reid each contributed a point apiece.

### BACK AFTER THREE SEASONS

Mayo are representing Connacht as senior football champions for the first time since 1989 when they beat Tyrone in a semi-final and lost the decider to Cork.

This is how they won their 34th provincial senior title since 1901:

#### June 14 — Tuam Stadium:

Mayo 1-11; Galway 1-11. Draw

#### June 21 — Castlebar:

Mayo 1-15; Galway 1-6. Replay

#### July 5 — Castlebar:

Mayo 1-11; Sligo 0-10.

#### July 26 — Castlebar:

Mayo 1-14; Roscommon 0-10.

Declan Bonner hit 0-11, James McHugh 1-6, Tony Boyle 0-6, and Manus Boyle, Joyce McMullan and Brian Murray 0-4 each.

Anthony Molloy 0-2, Barry Cunningham 0-2, and Noel Hegarty, Charlie Mulgrew, Matt Gallagher,

In their four games they scored 15 points fewer than Donegal at 3-51 (60 points). However, they conceded a goal less than the Ulster champions at 2-37.

Ray Dempsey sets the scoring pace for both teams with 1-15. Jarlath Jennings notched 0-11, Noel Durkin 1-3, Anthony Finnerty 0-5 and Liam McHale 1-2.

Brian Kilkelly 0-4, T. J. Kilgallon, Tony Morley and Kevin Staunton 0-3 apiece, and Peter Forde and Pdraig Brogan with a point each added on the other scores for the new Connacht champions.



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# THE SHORT ROUTE

Even those not exactly steeped in the history of gaelic games, are aware that there were strange happenings in the football arena in 1925 which culminated in no All-Ireland final being played and in Galway being declared All-Ireland champions without ever once being near Croke Park. And Mayo was very much at the centre of things as the championship lurched towards the closing stages - when they found themselves in the All-Ireland semi-final without playing even one game in Connacht, and by the time they did oppose Wexford at Croke Park, seven games had already taken place in the West!

The cause of this bizarre development was the number of replays in Connacht where draws and objections (which gave rise to replays) turned the championship into near farce, and when, in mid-August, with not one Connacht tie decided, the Central Council decided to go ahead with the All-Ireland semi-finals, Mayo, who had yet to kick a ball in the championship, were nominated to represent the province, almost certainly because of their being the Connacht holders. So on August 30 at Croke Park, Mayo took on Leinster champions, Wexford who had had the benefit of several hard games on the way to this stage. Despite 'coming in cold' (Mayo), whose last competitive game had been the previous December) proved equal to the task, beating the Slaneysiders by 2-4 to 1-4 to qualify for...well, no-one knew what!

In the meantime Kerry had beaten Cavan in the other semi-final, but an objection and a counter objection which resulted in both counties being put out of the championship, left things very much

up in the air, with some believing that Mayo, by virtue of their semi-final win, should be awarded the championship, but all five Connacht counties were still in the running!

Eventually the race in the West narrowed down to Mayo and Galway who met at Tuam on October 18 with victory going to the Galwegians who were declared All-Ireland champions a few weeks later.

It was indeed hard luck on Mayo at the end of it all, and the fact that they could claim the distinction of being the last county to contest an All-Ireland football semi-final without having played even one provincial championship game, was little enough consolation.

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### Word Puzzle

There are eight title winning teams of 1992 covering inter-county and minor selections, in our Letters Maze. In addition, two provincial club champions of 1991-92 are included.

The teams are listed across in both directions, up, down, or diagonally. The champions hidden in the Maze are:

- (1) All-Ireland junior football.
- (2) Provincial club winners in Munster and Connacht.
- (3) Three Provincial Under-21 football champions.
- (4) Minor football provincial champions in Munster and Leinster.
- (5) Royal Liver National Football League winners.
- (6) Dr. McKenna Cup (senior football) winners.

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### Junior Crossword

There are just six clues, and if all are answered correctly, the centre line down will reveal the name of the county that lost in the Ulster senior football championship last May to Fermanagh.

1. Derry's No. 9 in the Royal Liver National Football League final win over Tyrone last May.
2. A leading scorer this year with Donegal senior footballers.
3. Each team has this ..... the man who receives the cup on final winning day.
4. This Mayo half forward missed the Connacht final win because of injury. He plays club fare with Ballaghaderreen.
5. Mayo's right full back in their Connacht senior final win this year.
6. Enda is Derry's leading score-getter.

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### My Club

Listed below are six goalkeepers, three each from Connacht and Ulster, as well as six clubs. What you have to do is match the goalkeeper with the correct club.

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| 1. Gay Sheerin (Roscommon)    | A. Newtownstewart. |
| 2. Damien McCusker (Derry)    | B. Salthill        |
| 3. Eugene Lavin (Mayo)        | C. Glen            |
| 4. Brendan McCormack (Cavan)  | D. St. Ronan's     |
| 5. Finbarr McConnell (Tyrone) | E. Kiltimagh       |
| 6. Pat Comer (Galway)         | F. Kingscourt.     |

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### Answers

#### My Club

1. and D. 2 and C. 3 and E. 4 and F. 5 and A. 6 and B.

#### Word Puzzle

- (1) All-Ireland junior champions: Wexford.
- (2) Club winners: Dr. Crokes (Kerry) and Corofin (Galway).
- (3) Provincial Under-21 champions: Tyrone, Kildare and Kerry.
- (4) Minor champions: Meath and Cork.
- (5) League winners: Derry.
- (6) Dr. McKenna Cup: Down.

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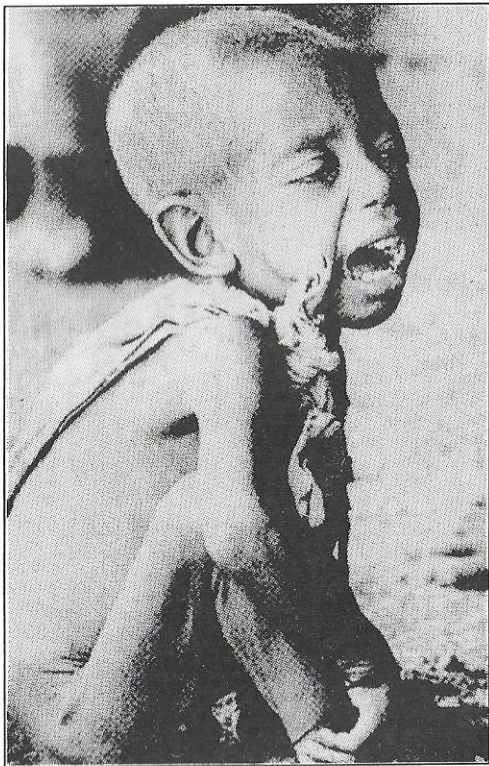
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## Blank Halves

A team failing to score in the first or second half of an All-Ireland semi-final is a rare occurrence in present-day competition, although it has happened quite recently as it had on quite a number of occasions in the distant past. And Mayo have been no strangers to 'blank halves' at this stage of the championship - with varying results. On their very first appearance in 1901, Mayo scored one point in the first half of their clash with Cork at Limerick and nothing at all in the second as they were annihilated by the Munster Champions.

Five years later, at the same venue and against the same opposition, Mayo failed to register in the first half when playing into the breeze (0-0 to 0-9) but in the end lost by a mere four points. And the Westerners had a measure of revenge in the 1916 clash with Cork, when, in the drawn game at Croke Park, they held the opposition scoreless in the closing 30 minutes, but also failed to score themselves, during the period.

But Mayo's most recent experience of the 'dismal noughts' was in 1981 when they scored 1-6 against Kerry in the first half, but were still stalled on that score when the final whistle sounded.

Scoreless halves recall good and bad moments for Mayo.

## Peter Ford The Boxer

Peter Ford, the Mayo captain, is a teacher in Summerhill College, Sligo and is an all-round sportsman, excelling at football, boxing, basketball and hurling, where he learned much from his Galway father, Bob, a former star. He won a Connacht minor championship medal, an All-Ireland U-21 medal in 1982, Sigerson Cup medals in 1980 and '83 under Tony Ryan. Readers may not know that Peter won a National Youth's Heavyweight Boxing title in the National Stadium. But it's football mostly nowadays.

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When Fermanagh reached the All-Ireland junior football final in 1959 it left Donegal with the dubious distinction of being the only county in Ireland never to have contested an All-Ireland final in any grade of football or hurling. That doleful statistic might be said to epitomise Donegal's quest in search of honours in the gaelic football arena, and that search has been conducted with unremitting fervour for 80 years and with rewards that have been totally disproportionate to the spirit and effort involved.

Apart from the All-Ireland arena where Donegal have enjoyed few of fortunes' favours, their struggle for a share of the provincial spoils had, over the years, met with limited success, and indeed, only in recent decades has Donegal's take of Ulster honours been anyway commensurate with their real abilities and potential. For more than sixty years Donegal's ambitions extended no further than a northern title as even a provincial final appearance remained beyond their compass. True, there had been a Donegal presence in the closing stages of the junior championship on three occasions in the 1930s and an All-Ireland semi-final joust with Tipperary at minor level in 1935, but in the premier grade the county met only bitter, frustrating defeat, and the

**DONEGAL'S**  
**LONG**  
**STRUGGLE**

fact that when the Sixties dawned, Donegal was the only county that had never contested an Ulster senior final gives some idea of Tír Connail's isolation in the championship wilderness.

The introduction of the under-21 grade in Ulster in 1963 heralded better days for Donegal, and their success in that inaugural year was splendidly complemented by the appearance of the senior and minor teams in the provincial deciders. Defeat may have been the lot of seniors and minors at the hands of Down - the under-18s by a heart-breaking one point margin - but 1963 could be said to have marked a major psychological breakthrough for Donegal, for almost immediately they were making it to the closing stages of the National League and by the end of the decade they had contested no fewer than four league semi-finals - one of which they lost as a result of a bizarre refereeing

decision - as well as figuring in another Ulster senior final (1966) which they lost to Down by two points.

And then came the great day at Clones in 1972, when rated as outsiders, and having looked the part for a long way, they rallied for a memorable triumph - 2-13 to 1-11 for Tyrone. But having waited so long only made that first Ulster title all the sweeter. Donegal's subsequent display against All-Ireland champions, Offaly was as fine an initial semi-final effort as Croke Park had ever witnessed.

But the semi-final was to present a barrier as formidable, in its way, as the Ulster championship had been for so long. A sizable tally of 1-14 still saw Donegal on the losing end when Galway were opposed in 74, and in '83 it was third time 'unlucky' as a tantalizing point was the margin in Galway's favour. By now, however, Donegal had tasted All-Ireland glory in the shape of the 1982 under-21 title and a repeat performance in '87 pushed them nearer the long-sought goal which they again approached two years ago when they were thwarted by Meath. And now for the fifth time in 22 seasons Donegal face the semi-final barrier - the end of their long struggle again tantalisingly in view.

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## The Year Past - How the Counties Have Fared

### DONEGAL:

October 13 -	Challenge:	Donegal	3-10;	Mayo	2-6
October 19 -	Challenge:	Dublin	3-8;	Donegal	2-11
October 27 -	National League :	Donegal	1-13;	Antrim	0-8
November 10 -	National League:	Donegal	1-7;	Longford	0-1
November 24 -	National League:	Donegal	0-7;	Leitrim	0-4
January 26 -	Challenge:	Donegal	0-11;	Mayo	1-8
February 15 -	Challenge:	Donegal	2-13;	Rest of Ulster	1-5
February 23 -	National League:	Wicklow	2-6;	Donegal	1-6
March 8 -	National League:	Donegal	0-13;	Roscommon	0-6
March 15 -	Challenge:	Donegal	2-12;	Longford	1-3
April 5 -	National League:	Dublin	3-6;	Donegal	1-10
April 12 -	Dr. McKenna Cup:	Monaghan	2-10;	Donegal	1-9
April 26 -	Challenge:	Tyrone	2-12;	Donegal	1-12
May 10 -	Challenge:	Donegal	1-18;	Wicklow	3-12
May 24 -	Championship:	Donegal	1-15;	Cavan	1-15
May 31 -	Championship:	Donegal	0-20;	Cavan	1-6
June 21 -	Championship:	Donegal	2-17;	Fermanagh	0-7
July 5 -	Tournament:	Donegal	0-15;	Meath	0-11
July 19 -	Championship:	Donegal	0-14;	Derry	1-9
Played 19; Won 11; Lost 4; Drawn 4.					

### MAYO:

October 13 -	Challenge:	Donegal	3-10;	Mayo	2-6
October 27 -	National League:	Tyrone	0-18;	Mayo	1-5
November 10 -	National League:	Cork	3-4;	Mayo	0-5
November 24 -	National League:	Galway	1-9;	Mayo	0-7
January 26 -	Challenge:	Mayo	1-14;	U.C.Galway	1-8.
February 2 -	Challenge:	Mayo	1-8;	Donegal	0-11
February 16 -	Tournament:	Mayo	1-17	Down	2-10.
February 27 -	National League:	Dublin	1-9;	Mayo	0-10
March 8 -	National League:	Mayo	3-4;	Armagh	2-4
April 12 -	Challenge:	Leitrim	3-7;	Mayo	2-9
May 10 -	Challenge:	Mayo	3-II;	Clare	1-9
May 17 -	Challenge:	Kildare	1-13;	Mayo	2-7
May 24 -	Challenge:	Mayo	4-6;	Derry	0-10
June 14 -	Championship:	Mayo	1-11;	Galway	1-11
June 21 -	Championship:	Mayo	0-15;	Galway	1-6
July 26 -	Championship:	Mayo	1-14;	Roscommon	0-10
Played: 16; Won: 7; Lost: 7; Drawn: 2					



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# It Happened in the North and West in '92

**L**ive televising of games in Ulster, drawn encounters in both North and West, the downfall of the All-Ireland champions, and new king-pins in both provinces. These are just some of the highlights recalled in our review of the Ulster and Connacht senior football championships of '92.

History was made at Celtic Park on May 17 when Derry entertained Tyrone in an Ulster preliminary round game. Interest in the match was boosted by the clash two weeks earlier of the counties in the Royal Liver National League final, and B.B.C. Northern Ireland televised the match live. That was the first time a game at such an early stage of any senior championship was televised live.

The tie was only five minutes old when Derry midfielder Dermot Heaney opened the goalscoring. He powered through to accept a pass from full forward Seamus Downey and sent a low drive to the Tyrone net. Derry, who won the League final, finished ahead by 1-10 to 1-7.

Cavan captain and centre half forward Damien O'Reilly scored a most unlikely equalising point in the last minute of normal time in a

classic with Donegal at Breffni Park on May 24. He swivelled along the end line and left footed the ball, which looked to be going wide, over the bar.

Donegal bounced back and a magnificent point from a 60 metres free into the wind by Martin McHugh looked to have ensured victory, but once more O'Reilly stepped into the picture and sent a splendid right footed shot over for a point to finish the scoring at 1-15 each.

### VAIN HOPES

Antrim's hopes of a first championship win since 1982 floundered in the rain at Irvinestown, where Fermanagh full forward Dominic Corrigan did much to blue-print a home win. Thirteen minutes into the second half, he punched the ball to the Antrim net to give his side a point lead, and quickly followed with a vital point. Fermanagh went on for a hard-earned but well-merited one point win at the end of May.

The Donegal-Cavan replay at Ballybofey in the rain failed to live up to expectations. The home team proved much too good for Cavan, and recorded their highest points tally in a championship game at 0-20. Cavan scored just 1-6.

The sharpshooting of Brian Breen and better

teamwork helped Leitrim to victory over London as the Connacht championship got under way at Ruislip. London made a brave bid for a first win since beating Leitrim in 1977, but the lethal finishing of Breen, who hit 2-7, and their better combination sent the visitors through in a high scoring match by 3-17 to 2-10.

### HOME LOSS

Armagh lost for the first time in nine championship games at the Athletic Grounds since their loss to Monaghan in 1969 when, despite excellent goalkeeping by Brendan Tierney, they lost to Down. A classic goal by James McCartan three minutes before the half-time break, and excellent free-taking by Gary Mason, who hit seven points from placed balls, and a point from play, featured in Down's winning start to their defence of the provincial and All-Ireland titles. They won by six points.

One of the greatest come-backs in the annals of football . . . that was Monaghan's amazing draw with Derry at Castleblaney in a tie that produced four goals in the last seven minutes.

Derry looked the part of Royal Liver League champions as they built up a 0-10 to 0-1 lead at the interval. Monaghan's point came virtually at the break. The visitors were comfortably ahead apparently seven minutes from full time as they led by seven points, but Monaghan rallied strongly.

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Goals by Stephen McGinnity, Ray McCarron and McGinnity again had them sensationally ahead by two points with only 90 seconds remaining. However, Derry rose to the new challenge and an attack ended with right full forward Declan Bateson scoring a goal that seemed to clinch the tie for the League champions.

But Monaghan refused to surrender, and McCarron won a free. He sent to the unmarked Gerard Moen, who lofted over the bar to tie the scores at 3-8 to the visitors 1-14.

#### COME-BACK DAY

The same afternoon Galway made it a day of dramatic come-backs as they snatched a memorable draw from the jaws of apparent defeat and

so defended an unbeaten record in championship games against Mayo at Tuam Stadium stretching back to 1951.

Like Derry, they allowed a lead to slip away, having pushed ahead by three points after twenty-three minutes, but ten minutes into the second half they trailed by five points. Even though playing with the wind, Galway appeared on their way out, but midfielder Kevin Walsh and substitute Conor O'Dea combined to put Fergal O'Neill in possession, and the left full forward gained a Galway lifeline by sending a ground shot to the net.

Walsh began to dictate matters in midfield for Galway and steadily they reduced their arrears until, with time virtually up, right

full forward Jarlath Fallon sent over a splendid equalising point. The sides finished with 1-11 apiece.

Anthony Molloy celebrated his 100th competitive appearance with Donegal by leading the side from midfield to a resounding Ulster semi-final win over Fermanagh at Omagh in mid-June. Second half

goals by James McHugh and Tommy Ryan sent the Fermanagh tumbling to a 2-17 to 0-7 defeat.

On the same day Derry maintained a proud unbeaten run in competitive games at Celtic Park. The ground was reopened in 1990 after major development work, and the Foylesiders made it six wins in six games by beating Monaghan in their replay by a comfortable eight points.

Mayo and Galway renewed their first round Connacht rivalry on the same day at Castlebar. The home team led by 0-11 to 0-3 at half-time, but did not score again until twenty minutes into the second half. By then Galway had reduced their arrears to five points, but Mayo recovered well to pull away for an 0-15 to 1-6 win.

#### STILL WAITING

Derry did more than knock Down from their throne as Ulster and All-Ireland senior football champions when they beat the Mourne men by 0-15 to 0-12 at Casement Park. Their win means we are still waiting for a county to make a successful defence for the Northern crown since Derry made it two in a row in 1975-1976.

Brian McGilligan and Dermot Heaney dictated matters for most of the game for Derry. Even so Down, despite having a forward sent to the line six minutes into the second half, staged a spirited revival to trail by just a point with eight minutes remaining. The Royal Liver League

champions, however, re-established their dominance and finished deserving winners.

Down were not helped by the loss of Barry Breen, who was unavailable because of injury, and also lost Paul Higgins with an injury after only seven minutes. However, on the day Derry well deserved the tickets to a first final in five years.

#### SUPER SAVES

Superb goalkeeping by wily Gay Sheerin, and a somewhat fortunate goal by Tommy Grehan set the scene for Roscommon's third Connacht senior semi-final win in a row over Leitrim.

Sheerin pulled off superb saves in the first half, and another one near the end when he deflected Liam Conlon's shot over the bar to leave the teams on level terms at the break at Dr. Hyde Park.

After 45 minutes the game appeared to be going Leitrim's way when Conlon punched back a free that appeared to be going wide, and there was wing forward Paul Kieran to collect and crash home a goal to give the visitors a four points advantage.

Roscommon moved upfield, won a free and Tommy Grehan's shot from 46 yards on the right wing went somewhat fortunately in off the right upright at cross bar level to deceive the Leitrim back men and end up in the net. The score gave the champions new encouragement, and they went on to collect a second goal from wily Tony

McManus to clinch a 2-11 to 1-9 win.

Little fancied Sligo gave Mayo a real fright in the second Connacht senior semi-final at Castlebar with a spirited second half revival.

Sligo were seven points in arrears midway through the second half but, prompted by Fintan Feeney and Eamonn Deignan in attack, Shane Tully at midfield, and Declan Keaveney at full back, they rallied well and were in the hunt coming up to ten minutes from the final whistle as they trailed by just four points.

Mayo rose to the challenge and a couple of late points by Ray Dempsey, who was their leading player, steadied the home side and ensured a 1-11 to 0-10 win. Liam McHale and Brian Kilkelly were other stars for the winners.

#### FIVE-STAR SHOW

Donegal regained the Ulster senior title with a five-star show in the second half against Royal Liver National League champions Derry at Clones. The North-West men started the half down to 14 players, a defender having been sent off by the referee just on the interval, and also faced a strong wind.

However, they made light of their handicaps. Spurred on by a superb Martin Gavigan at centre half back, Anthony Molloy, a great-hearted captain and midfielder, and accurate Martin McHugh, they took the game to their fancied opponents right from the restart and, playing some of

the best football by any Donegal side in years, earned a well-merited 0-14 to 1-9 win.

#### BROKEN CROSSBAR

Memories of thirty years ago were revived when the Mayo-Roscommon Connacht senior final was halted for five minutes because of a broken crossbar. Ten minutes into the second half Roscommon defender Enon Gavin, in an attempt to block the ball, missed it and swung off the bar. The woodwork shattered and the bar had to be replaced.

Back in 1962 much the same thing happened in a Roscommon-Galway final at Castlebar. After about six minutes of the second half, Roscommon goalkeeper Aidan Brady swung off the crossbar in an effort to save and Cyril Dunne, rushing in, also caught the bar. It broke and the game was held up for seven minutes while a new one was put in place.

Roscommon won that game, but their hopes of three Connacht titles in succession last July were ended in a disappointing game. The defending champions were down to 14 men after 28 minutes when a forward was sent off by the referee.

Even so Roscommon were a point ahead at the interval, but soon after the restart Ray Dempsey goaled to put Mayo on the road to the title. T. J. Kilgallon had a capital game at midfield and Kevin Staunton, who went in as a substitute, scored three splendid points.



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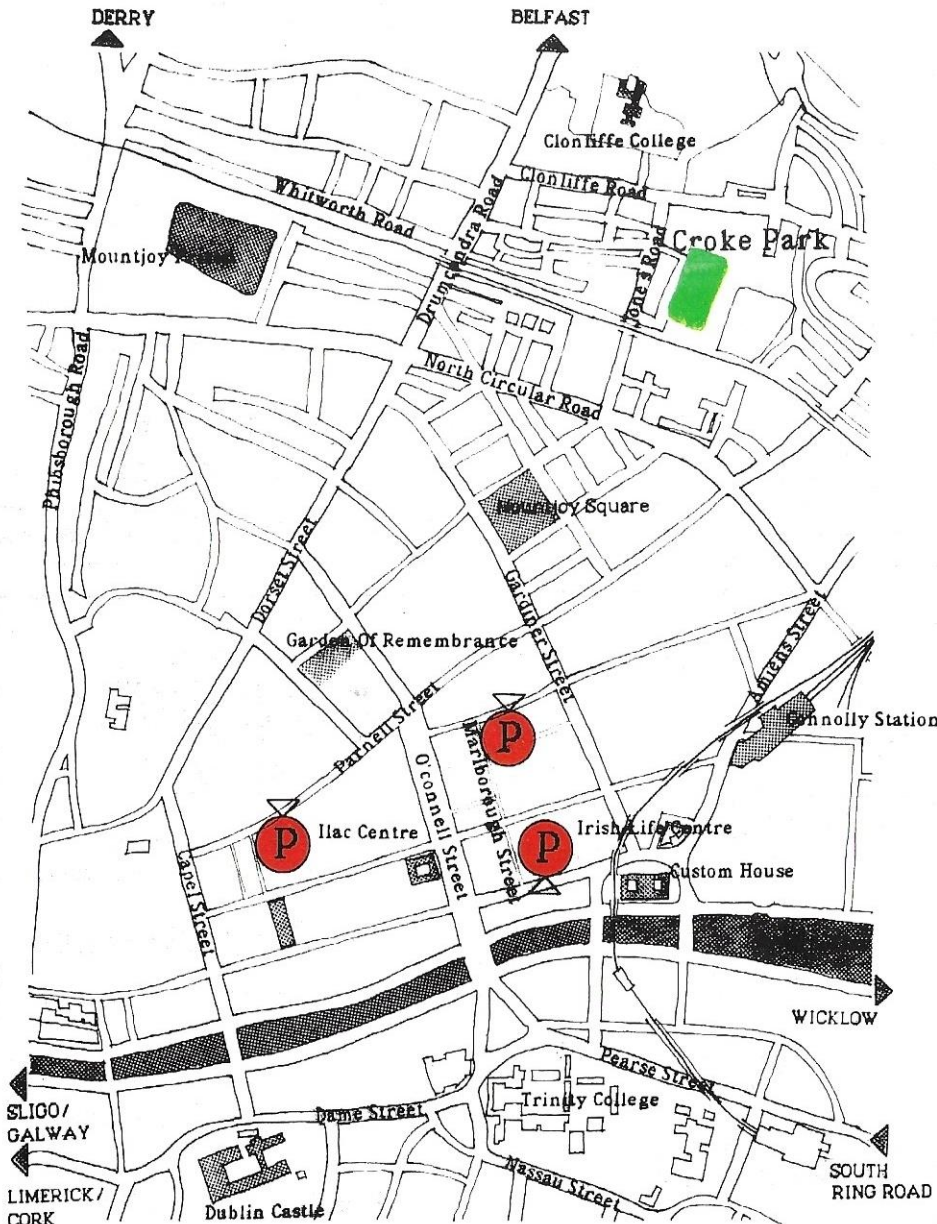
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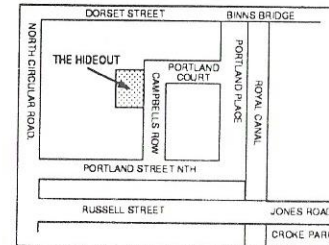
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## Willie Joe Padden

No footballer ever in Mayo has the folk-hero image quite like Willie Joe Padden from Belmullet. The photo of Padden against Tyrone in the semi-final three years ago, with hairnet protecting an injured hand towards the end of that game is to be seen in many Mayo pubs and schools. Willie Joe first played minor for the green and red in 1976 and captained the Mayo team which lost to Down minors in 1977. We reproduce the photograph of Willie Joe taken before the 1977 semi-final with Down. What a marvellous contribution Padden has given to Mayo football.



● Above: Willie Joe Padden (Maigh Eo) — young midfielder of 1977.



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# Croke Park Development

## BACKGROUND

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However, it is no longer a Stadium that meets the needs and expectations of its players and spectators, in terms of safety, quality of viewing, access to and from the Stadium, catering and toilet facilities, and the overall capacity of the ground.

It is against this background that the G.A.A. has decided to develop the ground into a modern Stadium that will rank alongside the great sporting stadia in Europe.

The development will take place in 3 Phases: Phase 1 — The Cusack Stand, Phase 2 — The Canal End, Phase 3 — The Hogan Stand. When complete the new Stadium will seat 79,500

spectators as against 64,000 at present.

This is an exciting development which will result in our members having a venue of which they can be justly proud to showcase our games.

The plans for the development are currently lodged with Dublin Corporation Planning Department for permission to begin work.

Under recently introduced legislation the developers of any major project must commission an independent Environmental Impact Statement to establish exactly what impact the development is going to have on the local area.

There is similar legislation in all EC countries. That Environmental Impact Statement was undertaken for this development by Dublin based planning and development consultants McHugh Consultants. In their Statement they note that: "there are expected to be major beneficial, economic and social impacts in Dublin city in general and in the north

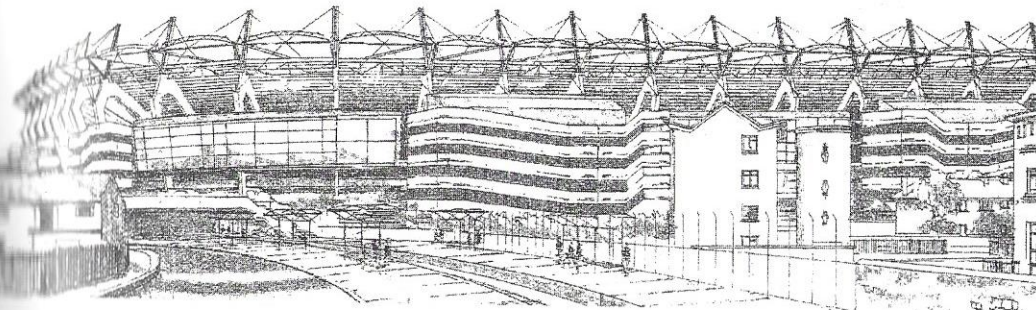
inner city area in particular".

## Special Term Ticket Offer to G.A.A. Clubs

Details of this exclusive offer to our clubs to purchase ten-year Term Seats in Phase 1 — The Cusack Stand, have already been sent to club secretaries. These seat packages, which will be allocated on a first-come basis, offer clubs the opportunity to reserve guaranteed ten-year seats for their exclusive use at All-Ireland Football and Hurling Finals, and replays of finals, for ten years. A preferential rate loan scheme has been arranged for purchasers of Term Tickets. Details of the scheme area available from your club secretary or from Croke Park.

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## Support Sought for Artane Boys' Band

"The country would consider it an absolute void if the Artane Boys Band was not part of the presentation of our major games" — Peter Quinn, Uachtarán, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

"All-Ireland finals would not be the same without the Artane Boys Band" — former Taoiseach Jack Lynch, who won six successive All-Ireland medals with Cork in the '40s.

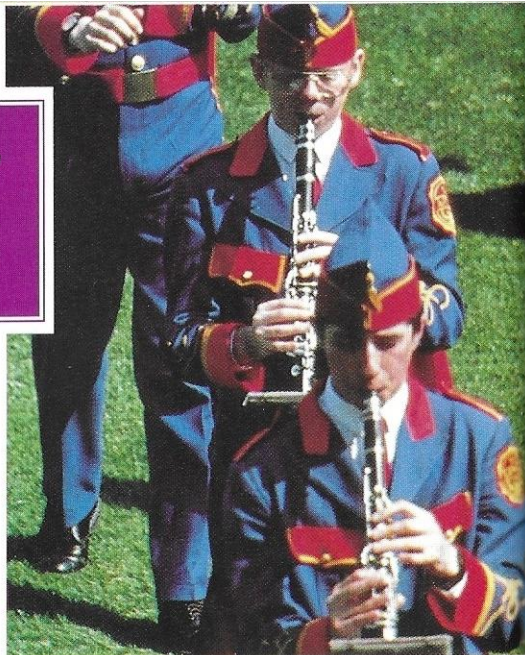
These quotations, from their respective speeches at the launch of the £400,000 Artane Boys Band Development Fund, show their concern for the long-term future of the Band which has thrilled thousands of GAA followers down through successive generations since its first performance at a Gaelic game in 1886.

There are 250 boys attending the Bandroom from Monday to Friday but:

1. The instruments date from 1969 and are mostly second-hand;
2. The uniforms have their origins from material brought from the U.S. by Michael Ó Hehir in the early 1970s.

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3. The bandroom, which dates from 1878, is in urgent need of repair.

The lay Board of Management has appointed a Development Committee to spearhead this major fund-raising campaign. It is hoped to achieve this target as follows:

1. £100,000 from the G.A.A.
2. £100,000 from the Corporate Sector.
3. £100,000 from 'The Friends of the Artane Boys Band'.
4. £50,000 from regional Golf Classics.
5. £50,000 from a local campaign and other sources.

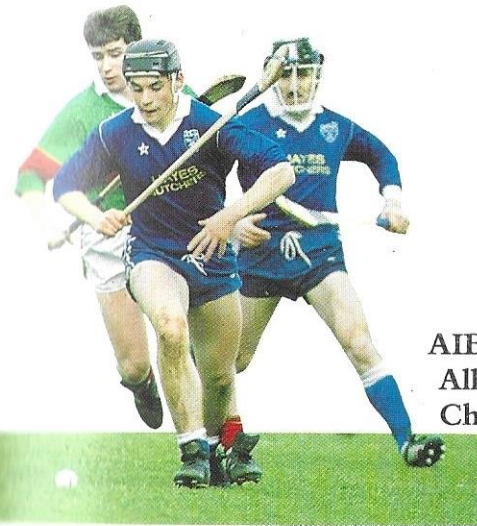
How the Fund will be spent:	
Purchase of instruments	£200,000
Purchase of uniforms	£45,000
Purchase of sheet music	£10,000
Refurbishment of Bandroom	£55,000
Teaching facilities	£10,000
Running costs	£10,000
Investment Fund	£70,000

#### How can you help?

"The Friends of the Artane Boys Band" campaign is being conducted on a county-by-county basis and contributors of £10 to the fund will receive a special pin with the Artane logo.

Subscriptions should be given to your county coordinator or sent to 'Artane Boys Band Development Fund', Account No. 30082457 (sorting code 900017), Bank of Ireland, 2 College Green, Dublin 2.

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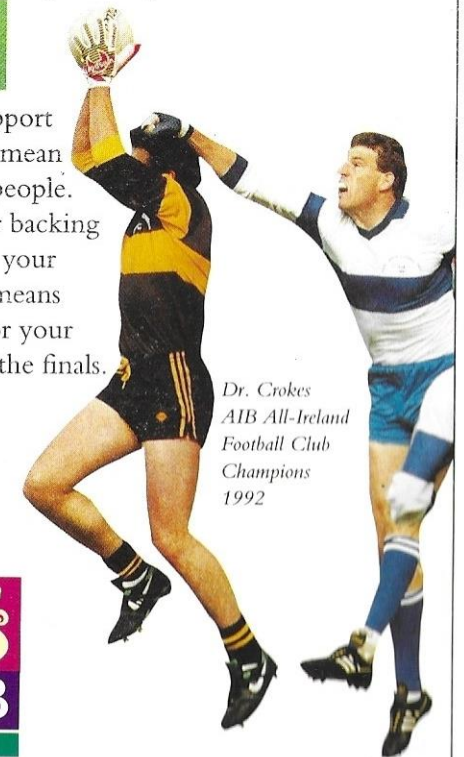


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