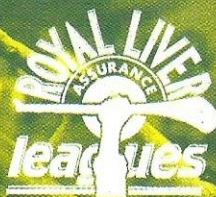


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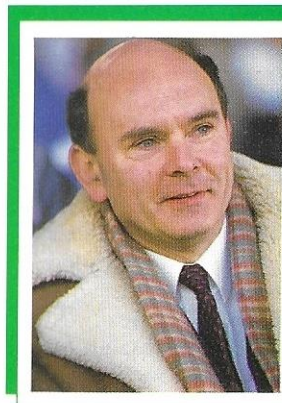
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A cháirde agus imreoirí, cuirim fáilte libh go léir go dtí Páirc an Chrócaigh inniú. Tá súil agam go mbeidh chluichí iontach againn agus tá fhios agam go bhfuil gach éinne ar fuaid na tíre go léir ag fanúint ar an cluiche seo, an chéad uair ina bhfuil Doire agus Tír Eoghain i bPáirc an Chrócaigh i gCluiche Cheannais, Sraith Náisiúnta Peil.

Friends, supporters, players, I am delighted to welcome you all to Croke Park for the first meeting of neighbours and old rivals, Derry and Tyrone in the Royal Liver National Football League final. Both these teams have a proud tradition which they have maintained despite adverse circumstances and resistance of their efforts to promote our games and culture. Because of their outstanding commitment, organisation and dedication at club and county level, they have consistently produced great underage and club teams. The fruits of the collective efforts of a great number of people at all levels in both counties are being realised by their presence here today. They have progressed through the League with style, flair and effectiveness and they have been a credit to Gaelic games and the Gaelic Athletic Association.

I wish Tyrone and Derry well and I am sure that they will furnish us with a game demonstrating the skills and courage which combine to make football such a great spectacle. We would like to extend our thanks to their county board officers and supporters. We are equally appreciative of the efforts expended by all the other competitors in this year's League campaign.

The curtain raiser, the Vocational Schools' final, involves teams from two counties, Kerry and Offaly, who have great records and traditions in the game. It is great to see this tradition manifesting itself at schools' level. I wish them both well today.

I would like to thank today's match officials and their many colleagues who have been associated with the League campaign. Royal Liver Assurance have been a committed and consistent friend to Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and the success and popularity of the National Leagues in recent years has been greatly enhanced by their sponsorship. They deserve our gratitude and support.

Táim fíor buíoch díobh uile.

Peadar Ó Cuinn, Uachtarán, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

Na hUltaigh Abú

Níl aon amhras faoi gur chruthaigh foirne Uladh, sa treimhse 1991/92, go bhfuil an caighdeán is airde peile acu sa tír. Tá craobh uile-Éireann sa pheil shinsear ag an Dún, tá Corn Iarnród Éireann bainte ag an gCúige agus beidh curaidh na Léige Royal Liver ag breith Corn ar ais leo anocht go buachach cathréimeach go dtí an ceathrú pháirc glas'. Ní fios ag an bpointe seo an chuig Doire Cholmille nó chuig Ógmhagh a bhéarfad é ach traoslaítear leis an dá fhoireannn lúfar eifeachtach, Tír Eoghain agus Doire, a shroic an craobhchluiche seo inniu. Traosláitear le gach duine a raibh baint acu leo agus leis an lucht leanta a bhfuil na céadta mílte taistil curtha isteach acu.

Is annamh a fheichtear dá fhoireann ó Chúige Uladh sa choimhlint i bPairc an Chrócaigh i gCraobhchomortas náisiúnta agus cé go bhfacamar Tír Eoghain sa chraobhchluiche in aghaidh Chíarraí i 1986, is fada ó chonaicamar Doire ann.

I 1983 mair a bhí Ardmacha agus an Dún sa chraobhchluiche Léige himríodh i bPairc an Chrócaigh é (an Dún 1-8, Ardmacha 0-8). Sa séasúr 1984/85 bhí an dá chluiche leath-cheannais imearta i bPairc an Chrócaigh agus, iontas na n-iontas bhí ceithre fhoirne ó Chúige Uladh sa choimhlint, eadhon, Ardmacha (1-9) in aghaidh An Dúin (0-6) agus Muineachán (1-6) in aghaidh Tír Eoghain (0-9); seachtain ina dhiaidh sin bhí an athimirt in ardmacha agus bhuaigh Muineachán leis an scór 1-8 in aghaidh 0-8 do Tír Eoghain agus níor mhór am breise a imirt an lá sin.

I mÍríodh an craobhchluicne sin i bPairc an Chrócaigh agus rug Muineachán ar chraobh leis an scór 1-11 in aghaidh 0-9 d'Ardmacha.

Ní fhachtas Doire i gCraobhchluiche sa staid náisiúnta ó 1976 nuair a bhíodar fein agus Áth Cliath i ngleic do chraobh na Léige. Bé an scór an lá sin Áth Cliath 2-10 Doire

0-15. Ach ní cheart dear-mad a dheánadh gur rug club peile ón chontae cáil-iúil sin, Leámhaigh, an chraobh náisiúnta ann i 1991.

Agus caidé mar a thitfidh amach inniu? Ceaptar go bhfuil na tacaigh ag Doire, mar aonad, níos láidre ná a gcromhgha-caithe ar fhoireann Tír Eoghain; isé an barúil choitianta go bhfuil tosaigh na Mí níos éifeachtaí ná tosaigh Átha Cliath agus ar an ábhar sin go mbainfidh Doire an lá. Ach tá sean-taithi na mblianta ag an dá fhoireann seo ar a chéile agus ní feidir a rá le cinnteacht cioca diobh a bhéarfad an bua.

Níl ach craobh amháin Leige ag Doire (1946/47) agus níl aon cheann ag Tír Eoghain. Dáiríre níl an oiread sin chraobhacha Léige Bainte ag Cúige Uladh ó thosaigh an Comortas i 1927. As an 62 craobh ó shin (bhí an comortas ar fionraí ó 1941/42 go dtí 1943/44) rug na hUltaigh seacht gcinn, mar atá, An Dún 4, Cabhán 1, Doire 1 agus Muineachán 1. Is mithid, mar sin go mbeadh na hUltaigh chun tosaigh ar feadh tamaill faoi mar atáid inniu

Ceaptar go mbeidh an bua ag 'contae na dair-duilleoige'. Ach ní mar a síltear bítear!

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FIRST AID:

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Treatment Ambulance — alongside Cardiac Ambulance

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LOWER CUSACK STAND

Treatment Ambulance behind Section 10.

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

One Cardiac/One Treatment Ambulances plus Permanent Medical Station rear of Terrace. E.H.B. Ambulance Control Centre.

CANAL

Permanent Medical Centre under Terrace staffed by St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Site Medical Officer: Dr. Joe Stuart at the Wheelchair Section.

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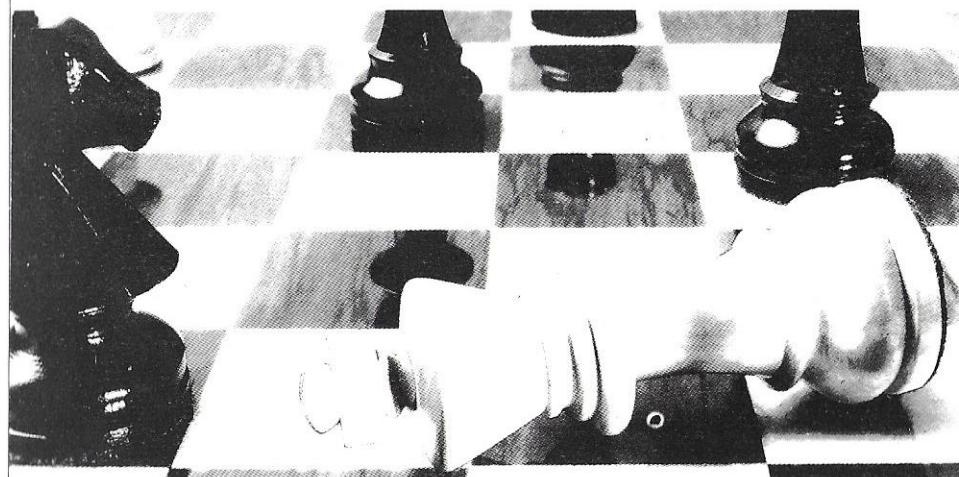
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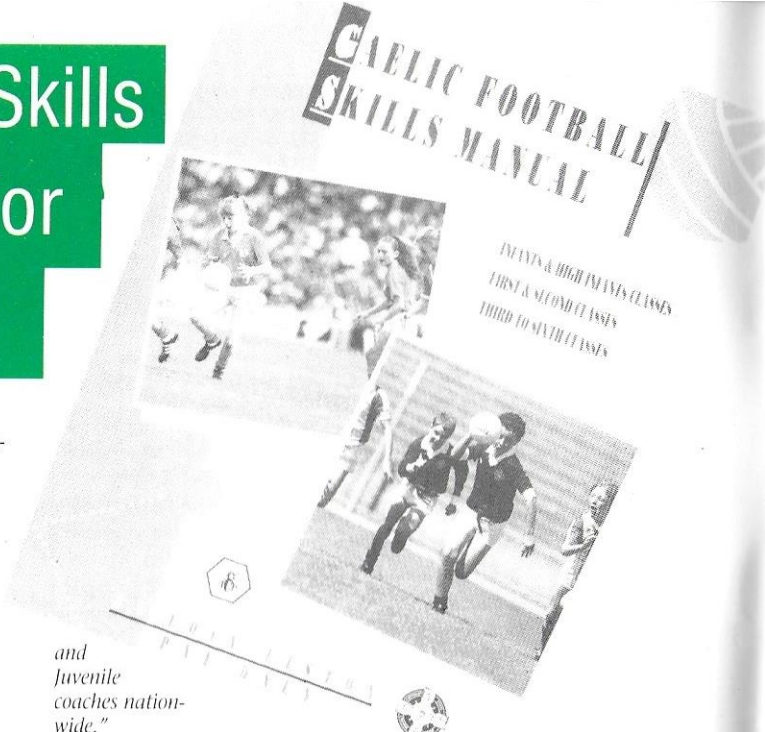
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Seven Years A-Waiting

If Tyrone make a winning debut in the Royal Liver National Football League final, a new name will go on the Roll of Honour for the first time in seven years,

Monaghan made their final debut in 1985, and beat Armagh in the last all-Ulster final by 1-11 to 0-9 for what still ranks as their only title.

A Derry win would also have something of a "first final success". After all, the county has not captured the crown since as far back as 1947, and so a successful outing at headquarters would mean a first final win in the lifetime of many Foylesiders.

This will be the fourth all-Ulster decider. Down won their first title in 1960 when they beat Cavan by 0-12 to 0-9 before a then new attendance record of 49,451 for a League decider. That was also a winning final debut for the Mourne men.

Down were also engaged in the next all-Northern summit in 1983, and they also came out on top in that match to collect their fourth title. They beat Armagh by 1-8 to 0-8.

Then came that Monaghan break-through of 1985.

Ulster last had a direct interest in a final in 1990 when Down lost to Meath by 2-7 to 0-11.

The North is now assured of a complete sweep on major titles over the last eight months or so. Down won the Sam Maguire Cup, Ulster regained the Iarnród Éireann Cup, and now the league crown is bound for the North. This is the first time that Ulster has completed such a treble.

National Football League Title Winners

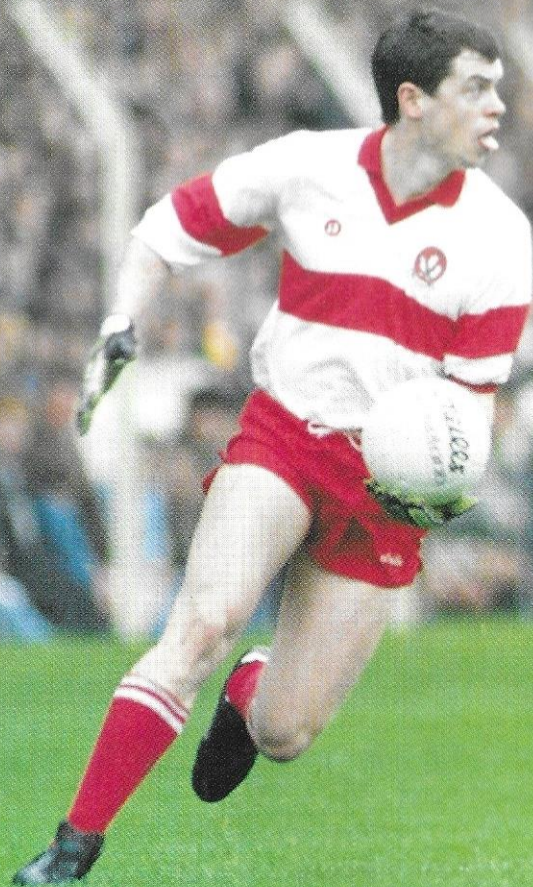
- 15: Kerry:** 1928, 1929, 1931, 1932, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1977, 1982, 1984
- 10: Mayo:** 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1949, 1954, 1970
- 7: Dublin:** 1953, 1955, 1958, 1976, 1978, 1987, 1991.
- 6: Meath:** 1933, 1946, 1951, 1975, 1988, 1990
- 4: Cork:** 1952, 1956, 1980, 1989
Down: 1960, 1962, 1968, 1983
Galway: 1940, 1957, 1965, 1981
- 3: New York:** 1950, 1964, 1967
- 2: Laois:** 1927, 1986
- 1: Cavan:** 1948
Derry: 1947
Longford: 1966
Monaghan: 1985
Roscommon: 1979

The National Football League was suspended from 1942 to 1945 due to World War II.



The League Football Trophy.

Top Scores — Top Scorers



Above: Derry's leading scorer in the League, Joe Broolly, stands in eighth position in the national charts.

While the prize of the League title has still to be won, the contest for the title of top scorer of the 1991-92 competition has already been decided, with Ronan Carolan of Cavan edging out Tipperary's Franny Kelly by a single point — unless, of course, a Derry or Tyrone player produces an astronomical score today. A number of 'regulars' in the top-scorers charts were again prominent this season — Brian Stafford (Meath), Stefan White (Louth), Mick Turley (Laois), Des Barry (Longford) and Brendan Lowry (Offaly) all returning respectable tallies despite the failure of their counties at various stages of the competition. Of today's finalists, five players have 'made'

the chart with Adrian Cush well ahead of rivals and team-mates and in fourth place overall.

But while Ronan Carolan has emerged as the League's outstanding flag-raiser, Franny Kelly has the best average per game (7.4) with Mick Turley, Stefan White, Stafford and Cush also maintaining impressive averages. The list of leading marksmen in the 1991-92 league reads:

| | | Number of Games | Average points per game |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Ronan Carolan (Cavan) | 4-41 (53) | Eight | 6.6 |
| Franny Kelly (Tipperary) | 7-31 (52) | Seven | 7.4 |
| Brian Stafford (Meath) | 0-30 (30) | Seven | 4.3 |
| Adrian Cush (Tyrone) | 1-27 (30) | Seven | 4.3 |
| Ray McCarron (Monaghan) | 4-17 (29) | Eight | 3.6 |
| Gerry Killeen (Clare) | 1-22 (25) | Six | 4.2 |
| Mick Turley (Laois) | 1-20 (23) | Four | 5.7 |
| Joe Broolly (Derry) | 3-14 (23) | Seven | 3.3 |
| Stefan White (Louth) | 1-19 (22) | Five | 4.4 |
| Charlie Redmond (Dublin) | 1-20 (23) | Six | 3.8 |
| Peter Lambert (Tipperary) | 2-16 (22) | Seven | 3.1 |
| Des Barry (Longford) | 2-14 (20) | Five | 3.5 |
| Timmie Cummins (Limerick) | 2-14 (20) | Six | 3.3 |
| Stephen McGinnitty (Monaghan) | 2-14 (20) | Six | 3.3 |
| Niall Finnegan (Galway) | 0-20 (20) | Six | 3.3 |
| Ollie Reel (Armagh) | 2-13 (19) | Five | 3.8 |
| Kevin O'Brien (Wicklow) | 2-12 (18) | Five | 3.6 |
| Anthony Tohill (Derry) | 1-15 (18) | Seven | 2.6 |
| Matt McGlennan (Tyrone) | 2-12 (18) | Six | 3.0 |
| Pat Molloy (Carlow) | 1-15 (18) | Five | 3.6 |
| John Nevin (Carlow) | 0-17 (17) | Six | 2.8 |
| Tony McManus (Roscommon) | 3-8 (17) | Five | 3.4 |
| Brendan Lowry (Offaly) | 3-7 (16) | Five | 3.2 |
| Manus Boyle (Donegal) | 1-13 (16) | Six | 3.2 |
| Danny Fitzgerald (Limerick) | 3-6 (15) | Five | 3.0 |
| Declan Bateson (Derry) | 2-9 (15) | Five | 3.0 |

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THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS FINAL

Kerry and Offaly - The Rewarded ... and the Unrewarded

While it might not be quite correct to say that Kerry and Offaly occupy opposite poles in respect of achievement on the football field, in the quest for honours in Vocational Schools competition, respective 'takes' of All-Ireland titles certainly places those counties in the categories of 'the rewarded and the unrewarded'. And while Kerry's six outright wins to date may not match the Kingdom's achievements in other spheres of endeavour, the green and gold have had far more to celebrate over the years than the luckless midlanders, who, 31 years after their first appearance in a final, are still seeking a first title.

Not that Kerry were an instant success in Vocational Schools competition. Indeed, in Kerry terms 'the Vocational' initially proved an elusive honour, and there was the experience of three final defeats in successive seasons, '65, '66 and '67, before the breakthrough came with the win over Mayo in the 1973 decider. Since then Kerry have pressed on to their present position at the head of the winners' list with six titles to their nearest challengers, Tyrone's five.

Meanwhile, Vocational Schools competition generally was proving a frustrating field for Offaly, as in

keeping with tradition, the county divided its efforts between hurling and football in a manner that few (if any) counties of its size could attempt. Final appearances in both codes met only with disappointment, and on many other occasions, after provincial honours had been annexed, the semi-final proved the end of the line. Into the Seventies and Eighties the pattern of persistent defeat in the closing stages of the 'Vocationals' endured, and when Offaly line out today it will be the 15th final appearance (eleven hurling, four football) of the county. Offaly is the only county that has contested finals in football and hurling and is still without a title in either code. The wearers of the tri-colour jersey have much to strive for today and, despite the grim legacy of failure since 1961, they have much to be proud of.



Above the Offaly team who defeated Mayo by 3-11 to 0-4 at Roscommon. Back (l-r): Michael Dolan, Damian Minnock, Ronan Delaney, Tom Hopkins, Mark Scanlan, Niall Walsh, Lorcan Carey, Colm Quinn, Gerry Lynam, Maurice Cooney, David Bannon, Shane Hand, Derek Coyne, John Kenny, Ken Beatty, Ken Daly. Front (l-r): John Coffey, Ken Concannon, Brendan Wynne, Anthony Kelly, Shane Ryan, David Hughes, Ken Claffey (captain), Tony Dalton, Stephen Byrne, Dermot Cuskelly, Frank Kennedy.

Below the Kerry Vocational Schools senior football team pictured after they defeated Donegal in the All-Ireland semi-final by 4-11 to 3-4 in Ballinasloe. Back (l-r): Michael O'Connor, Michael Fitzpatrick, David Moore, Chris Drummond, Anthony Morris, Denis O'Regan; Peter Wickham, Brian Clarke, Sean Lynch (at rear), John Crowley, John Quilter, Donal Dunlea, Martin Scanlon, James O'Shea. Front (l-r): John Dillon, Gerry O'Carroll, Owen Doherty, Denis Dennehy, Kenneth Boyle, Eamon Ferris (captain), Eamon Griffin, John Buckley, Jerry Murphy.

PATHS TO THE FINAL

OFFALY:

Athlone - Offaly 4-9; Longford 1-2.
Offaly scorers: N. Walsh 1-2, K. Concannon 1-1, C. Daly 1-1, K. Daly 1-0, K. Claffey 0-3, A. Kelly 0-1, D. Cuskelly 0-1.

Terenure - Offaly 2-7; Dublin 1-7.
Offaly scorers: S. Ryan 1-1, M. Cooney 1-0, K. Claffey 0-2, C. Quinn 0-2, A. Kelly 0-1, G. Lynam 0-1.

Leinster Final:
Athy - Offaly 2-5; Wicklow 1-7.
Offaly scorers: M. Cooney 1-0, F. Kennedy 1-0, K. Claffey 0-2, N. Walsh 0-1, S. Ryan 0-1, C. Quinn 0-1.

Roscommon - Offaly 3-11; Mayo 0-4.
Offaly scorers: S. Ryan 1-3, A. Kelly 1-1, D.

• Bannon 0-3, F. Kennedy 1-0, K. Claffey 0-2, C. Quinn 0-2.

• Total score for 11-30 (63); against 3-20 (29).

KERRY:

• Tralee - Kerry 2-10, Cork 2-10.
• Kerry scorers: J. Crowley 1-1, E. Ferris 1-0, B. Clarke 0-4, J. Buckley 0-1, D. Dunlea 0-1, D. Dennehy 0-1, K. Boyle 0-1, G. Murphy 0-1.
• Replay - Ovens - Kerry 2-13; Cork 3-8.
• Kerry Scorers: B. Clarke 1-8, J. Crowley 1-1, G. Murphy 0-3, K. Boyle 0-1.

• Ballinasloe - Kerry 4-11; Donegal 3-4.
• Kerry Scorers: D. Dennehy 2-0, E. Ferris 0-3, J. Buckley 1-0, J. Crowley 1-1, K. Boyle 0-3, J. Carroll 0-2, B. Clarke 0-2.
• Total score for: 6-24 (42) Against 6-12 (30).





Ciarraí

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Castleisland C.C.

(2) M. Ó Scannláin
MARTIN SCANLON
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Killarney C.C.

(4) E. Mac Grífin
EAMON GRIFFIN
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CHRIS DRUMOND
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JERRY CARROLL
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Causeway Comp.

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JOHN CROWLEY
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JOHN BUCKLEY
Rathmore P.P.

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(14) B. Ó Cléirigh
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(15) G. Ó Murchú
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Their One Final Meeting . . . 1986

Kerry 2-7; Offaly 1-4

Failing to make the best use of the breeze left Offaly in dire straits at the interval, as Brendan O'Shea's goal left Kerry sitting pretty with a lead of 1-3 to 0-4, and when Mike Finnegan added Kerry's second 'major' to stretch the lead to eight points with less than 40 minutes gone, it looked like a rout. Offaly, however, inspired by the excellent work of midfielders, James Stewart and Tom Hensey, fought on with vigour and skill and repeatedly menaced the 'Kingdom's' posts; but

missed chances and a stout Kerry defence denied them the necessary scores in a hectic closing quarter.

Kerry scorers: B. O'Shea 1-0, M. Finnegan 1-0, J. O'Shea 0-2, M. O'Dwyer 0-2, P. Casey 0-1, J. Courtney 0-1, P. O'Sullivan 0-1.

Offaly scorers: J. Stuart 1-2, T. Hensey 0-2.

Kerry: Charlie McCarthy, Aneas Looney, Dan O'Connor, Liam Cronin, James Brosnan, Donal Mangan, Tom Lynch, Anthony Gleeson, James O'Shea, Brendan O'Shea, Pat Casey, Pat O'Sullivan,

James Courtney (capt.), Mike Finnegan, Michael O'Dwyer. Subs.: Joe Casey for Lynch, Kevin Moriarity for P. Casey.

Offaly: Michael Molloy, Gary Clarke, David Coffey, Gerry Conroy, Damian Connolly, Brendan Kelly, Tom Coffey, Tom Hensey, James Stuart, Niall O'Shea, Fergal Keenaghan, Barry Scully, David Gorry, Aidan Flynn, Ronald Byrne. Sub.: Pat Carroll for Scully.

It is of interest to note that of the Offaly team, James Stuart and Tom Coffey are current county seniors, while, so far, no member of the Kerry fifteen has graduated to the Kingdom's premier squad. Brendan Kelly and Ronald Byrne won All-Ireland minor hurling medals with Offaly in 1986

SNIPPETS

- Kerry Vocational School trainer and selector Jack O'Connor, Scoil Uí Chonaill, Caherciveen, won an All-Ireland Vocational Schools medal in 1978 (Kerry 0-12; Mayo 1-7), playing at right corner back. Ambrose O'Donovan was midfield on the team.
- Lady selector Ms. Marcia Keane is a games teacher at Killarney Community College. She is the treasurer of Kerry V.E.C. games since 1987, but this is her first year as a selector.
- In recent years four All-Ireland captains, who have lifted the Sam Maguire Cup, distinguished themselves for their county vocational teams in previous years, namely: Ambrose O'Donovan—1984, Kerry captain (1978 All-Ireland Vocational medal); Tommy Doyle—1986, Kerry captain (won All-Ireland Vocational medal '73); Joe Cassells—1987, Meath

captain (played Meath Vocational Schools) Larry Tompkins—1990, Cork captain (captained Wicklow to Leinster Championship win, 1981)

- **Former All-Ireland Vocational medal winners Anthony Gleeson—1986 & 1987; Pa Dennehy—1987; John Cronin—1990 are currently members of the Kerry Senior Panel.**
- *Pat O'Shea and Noel O'Leary winners of All-Ireland Club Championship medals in March 1992 with Dr. Crokes are former Kerry Vocational School players and both are members of the Kerry Senior panel.*
- Top Scorers for Kerry are: **Brian Clarke 1-19**
Kenneth Boyle 1-10
John Crowley 3-4
Terry Murphy 1-8.
- John Buckley, Gerry O'Carroll and substitute Donal Dunlea are

from Knocknagree, Cork, and are students at Rathmore Post Primary School.

- Today is Kerry's twelfth final appearance. They are bidding for their eighth All-Ireland title having won in 1960; 1973; 1977; 1978; 1986; 1987; 1990, and currently lead the roll of honour with seven All-Ireland titles. They suffered four final defeats in 1965; 1966; 1967 and 1982.
- **Kerry team captain Eamon Ferris (Tralee C.C.) is bidding for his 3rd All-Ireland vocational medal today, having won an All-Ireland Vocational medal in 1990 against Cavan. He won an All-Ireland Vocational Inter-Schools medal with his school in 1991 against St. Patrick's, Dungannon.**
- Current Kildare trainer and former Kerry trainer Mick O'Dwyer won a Kerry Vocational Schools medal with Waterville Vocational School in 1950.

Vocational Schools All-Ireland Football Finals

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| 1961 — Templemore: | June 1: | Cork City 7-5; | Offaly 3-8. |
| 1962 — Athlone: | June 21: | Dublin City 3-6; | Sligo 1-1. |
| 1963 — Longford: | May 23: | Dublin City 4-8; | Sligo 0-5. |
| 1964 — Athlone: | May 7: | Galway 0-7; | Offaly 0-4. |
| 1965 — Croke Park: | May 23: | Galway 1-9; | Kerry 1-4. |
| 1966 — Croke Park: | May 22: | Fermanagh 2-7; | Kerry 2-2. |
| 1967 — Croke Park: | May 28: | Tyrone 2-6; | Kerry 1-7. |
| 1968 — Croke Park: | May 31: | Antrim 6-7; | Galway 1-4. |
| 1969 — Croke Park: | April 27: | Tyrone 0-8; | Dublin 1-4. |
| 1970 — Croke Park: | May 10: | Tyrone 3-11; | Clare 2-7. |
| 1971 — Croke Park: | May 23: | Mayo 2-4; | Antrim 0-9. |
| 1972 — Croke Park: | May 14: | Carlow 3-9; | Leitrim 1-5. |
| 1973 — Croke Park: | May 6: | Kerry 3-8; | Mayo 2-6. |
| 1974 — Croke Park: | May 12: | Wicklow 2-7; | Tyrone 1-7. |
| 1975 — Croke Park: | May 18: | Mayo 1-15; | Tyrone 0-11. |
| 1976 — Croke Park: | May 2: | Galway 4-9; | Longford 2-9. |
| 1977 — Croke Park: | April 17: | Kerry 1-9; | Kildare 0-11. |
| 1978 — Croke Park: | April 24: | Kerry 0-12; | Mayo 1-7. |
| 1979 — Croke Park: | May 13: | Derry 2-3; | Mayo 0-9. |
| Replay — Croke Park: | May 19: | Derry 1-5; | Mayo 0-6. |
| 1980 — Croke Park: | April 27: | Derry 2-8; | Wicklow 0-6. |
| 1981 — Croke Park: | May 10: | Derry 1-11; | Cork 2-6. |
| 1982 — Killarney: | April 25: | Mayo 1-9; | Kerry 2-4. |
| 1983 — Croke Park: | April 24: | Wicklow 0-8; | Clare 0-4. |
| 1984 — Croke Park: | April 15: | Donegal 3-9; | Longford 2-3. |
| 1985 — Croke Park: | April 28: | Donegal 3-8; | Cork 1-4. |
| 1986 — Croke Park: | May 4: | Kerry 2-7; | Offaly 1-4. |
| 1987 — Croke Park: | April 26: | Kerry 2-13; | Donegal 2-9. |
| 1988 — Croke Park: | April 17: | Tyrone 1-9; | Mayo 1-4. |
| 1989 — Croke Park: | April 23: | Tyrone 0-13; | Mayo 1-6. |
| 1990 — Croke Park: | April 22: | Kerry 0-11; | Cavan 0-7. |
| 1991 — Croke Park: | May 5: | Cork 2-13; | Galway 1-6. |

Roll of Honour:

- 6 — Kerry
- 5 — Tyrone
- 3 — Galway
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- Derry
- 2 — Dublin City
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- Donegal
- 1 — Fermanagh
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- Cork City.
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Derry Well Geared For Rare Title Bid

Derry have been steadily building up football strength over the past sixteen months or so and have solid grounds for approaching their first National League final appearance since 1976 in an optimistic mood. They have not looked back since losing to Down in an Ulster semi-final replay last July, and an impressive winning run has given them the type of teamwork, skill and assurance necessary in the make-up of any team with designs on national glory.

Derry demonstrated those qualities in fine style in their hard-earned, but fully merited, one point win over Meath in last month's semi-final. That was undoubtedly the best performance in a long time by an Oak Leaf county team at headquarters, which has not been a "happy hunting ground" for Derry teams over the years.

The Northerners took the game to their more experienced opponents right from the throw-in. They played with purpose and confidence and had much the better of the exchanges for most of the game, only to have to fight a strong rearguard action to save the day.

FLATTERED

Meath, six points in arrears with only three minutes remaining, rallied in now typical fashion to get within a point before time ran out. However, Derry were the better all round side and the Leinster champions, while deserving full marks for their rally, were still somewhat flattered by finishing so close to the Northerners at the end.

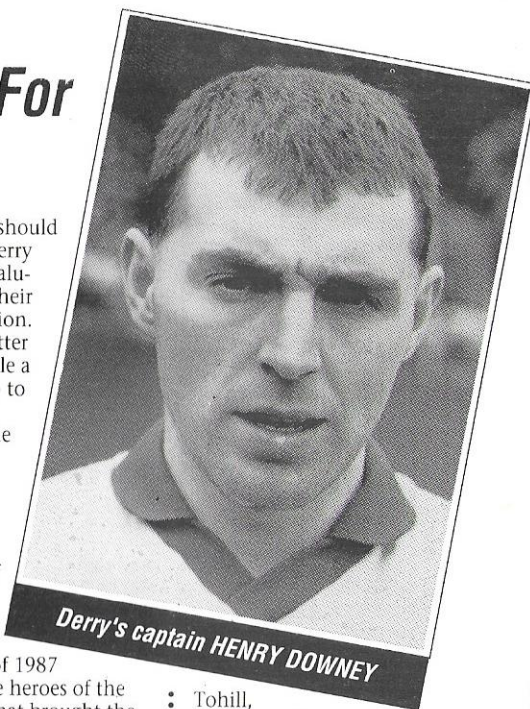
That close call should now provide Derry with another valuable lesson in their football education. Victory, no matter how comfortable a lead coming up to the end, is not assured until the final whistle.

Derry have moulded their present team around some of the survivors of their last Ulster title-winning team of 1987 and some of the heroes of the talented team that brought the All-Ireland minor title to the county in 1989.

Damien McCusker, Danny Quinn and Tony Scullion fill the same positions at present as in the team that lost the last All-Ireland semi-final to Meath. Brian McGilligan was then, as now, at midfield, and Enda Gormley, a free-scoring forward in the 1987 run, is again finding the target for the Foylesiders.

Dermot McNicholl, who was centre half forward in 1987 and has had Australian Rules football experience in the meantime, went in as a substitute against Meath.

Gary Coleman, who was left half back against the Leinster champions, led Derry to their last under-18 national title from centre half and his team-mates included Dermot Heaney, full forward, and the young man who has probably been Derry's most exciting campaigner in the League so far - Anthony



Derry's captain **HENRY DOWNEY**

Tohill, another with Australian Rules football experience. He was at midfield in the minor success.

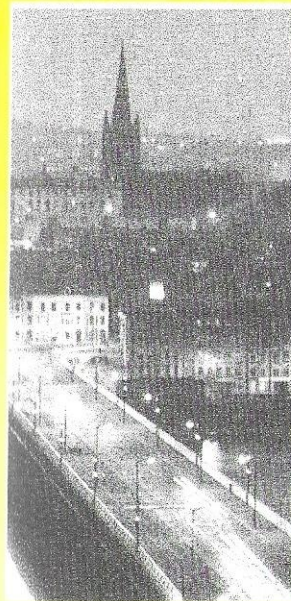
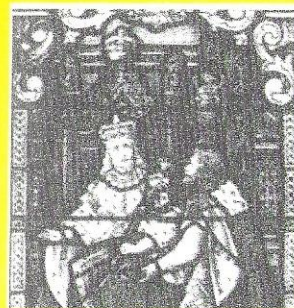
PROGRESS

The blend has gelled really well for Derry so far and they have undoubtedly made solid progress since they beat Tyrone by a point in the Ulster championship at Omagh last summer.

They will appreciate that the O'Neill county have also improved in the meantime and will be buoyed up by that win over the Dubs.. But that showing against Meath showed Derry up in very good light, and coming after such a good and unbeaten run in the current League is bound to give them the confidence that should help them to express their talents to the fullest effect.

Derry in such form will make a tremendous bid to collect a title that has eluded the county for so long.

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Back (l-r): Joe Brohly, Anthony Tohill, Damien McCusker, Eugene Heaney, Danny Quinn,
Dermot Heaney, Colm Rafferty, Brian McGilligan. Front (l-r): Enda Gormley, Kieran McKeever,
Henry Downey (captain), Fergal McCusker, Tony Scullion, Gary Coleman, Gary Magill.



Derry had a promising start to their National Football League finals story, winning their debut game in 1947 at the expense of Clare. A harsh winter of blizzards and heavy frosts, and a reduction in train services affected sport in the opening months of that year.

The National Football League was disrupted, and it was eventually decided that the closing stages of the competition would be confined to the counties leading their respective groups — Derry, Longford, Clare and Wicklow.

Derry eventually won the title with a 2-9 to 2-5 success over the Banner County.

The Oak Leaf County did not reach the final again until 1959 when they lost by a goal to Kerry — 2-8 to 1-8.

Two years later Derry were trounced 4-16 to 1-5 by Kerry in the final, and their only other appearance in the meantime was in 1976 when they played a memorable game with Dublin at Croke Park.

The game provided excellent value for an atten-

DERRY'S WINNING START IN LEAGUE FINALS

dance of 33,845. The teams provided football of a high standard, despite having to contend with a stiff breeze that swirled downfield from the Canal End on gusts of almost gale-force.

Derry had the advantage of the wind in the first half, and had also much the better of the exchanges, but coming up to the interval left full forward Pat Gogarty, put through by Jimmy Keaveney, palmed the ball past Mark McFeeley in the Derry goal, and the Dubs went in at the break only two points adrift — 1-4 to 0-9.

A brilliant movement that started with a clearance up field from right full back Gay O'Driscoll led to Dublin's second goal in the 44th minute. Half forwards David Hickey and Tony Hanahoe kept the movement under way to present Keaveney with a goal chance, and he made no mistake to put the Dubs ahead for the first

time since the opening minutes.

The two points advantage suggested that Dublin would pull away, but Derry rallied to get on level terms with eleven minutes remaining.

Derry's ace marksman Brendan Kelly and Kevin Moran (Dublin) exchanged points, but David Hickey gave the Dubs the edge again with two good points.

The Northerners battled back bravely, and midfielder Tom McGuinness cut the deficit to the minimum, but Derry were unable to get through for the scores to save the day, and eventually lost gallantly by 2-10 to 0-15.

Paddy Cullen had a quiet enough day in the Dublin goal, and another of the current senior county backroom team, Pat O'Neill lined out at centre half back.

Keaveney was top scorer with 1-4, while Brendan Kelly led the way for Derry on six points.

DERRY AND TYRONE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It is no reflection on the efforts of players from Derry and Tyrone in the late Twenties to say that those counties made little impression in the early days of the National Football League — there were many reasons unconnected with footballing skills to account for this — and it was not surprising that the closing stages of the competition did not feature the O'Neill or Oak Leaf counties. Tyrone competed in the first two League campaigns, but Derry, who were experiencing many difficulties in keeping the Association alive, especially in Derry city, did not appear until 1930 and were placed with Tyrone, Donegal and Fermanagh in a second division group. The second round brought Derry and Tyrone into direct confrontation and the tie went on at Dungannon on the last Sunday in August. To say the least, it was not generally regarded as a contest of any importance. The media wasn't interested. Indeed, none of the national dailies carried a report — not even the scoreline — and it was left to the "Ulster Herald" to record what was, in retrospect, an historic encounter. Tyrone, the more experienced team, were always looking the more likely outfit, though they had an interval advantage of just one goal, 1-1 to 0-1. The Derry defence continued to perform magnificently, but

midway through the half goals by Campbell and Shiels really settled the issue as Tyrone went on to win by 3-2 to 0-3.

The teams were:
TYRONE: R. Simpson, J. Hughes, M. Mallon, F. Farrell, E. McGee, V. Campbell, J. H. Campbell, D. O'Rourke, J. McMahon, P. Shiel, J. Cormac, F. McCrystal, H.

The details:

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| 1930-31 — Dungannon: | Tyrone 3-2; Derry 0-3. |
| 1931-32 — Derry: | Tyrone 3-4; Derry 1-3. |
| 1933-34 — Stewartstown: | Tyrone 3-3; Derry 1-3. |
| 1936-37 — Magherafelt: | Tyrone 1-7; Derry 1-5. |
| 1938-39 — Newbridge: | Derry 1-8; Tyrone 1-7. |
| 1939-40 — Omagh: | Derry 1-5; Tyrone 0-6. |
| 1940-41 — Omagh: | Derry 0-6; Tyrone 0-3. |
| 1946-47 — Derry: | Derry 3-6; Tyrone 2-3. |
| 1947-48 — Dungannon: | Derry 4-2; Tyrone 3-4. |
| 1948-49 — Magherafelt: | Tyrone 4-4; Derry 2-5. |
| 1949-50 — Lurgan: | Derry 2-4; Tyrone 2-3. |
| 1950-51 — Draperstown: | Derry 3-6; Tyrone 0-6. |
| 1951-52 — Lurgan: | Derry 3-2; Tyrone 2-5. |
| 1952-53 — Magherafelt: | Derry 1-15; Tyrone 0-7. |
| 1953-54 — Coalisland: | Tyrone 4-6; Derry 2-6. |
| 1954-55 — Armagh: | Derry 1-6; Tyrone 0-4. |
| 1965-66 — Coalisland: | Tyrone 1-6; Derry 1-6. |
| 1966-67 — Ballinascreen: | Derry 1-14; Tyrone 0-7. |
| 1967-68 — Coalisland: | Derry 0-9; Tyrone 0-3. |
| 1969-70 — Ballinascreen: | Derry 1-11; Tyrone 0-8. |
| 1969-70 — Coalisland: | Derry 1-13; Tyrone 0-3. |
| 1973-74 — Omagh: | Tyrone 0-7; Derry 0-4. |
| 1974-75 — Ballinascreen: | Tyrone 1-6; Derry 0-8. |
| 1975-76 — Dungiven: | Derry 0-14; Tyrone 0-6. |
| 1976-77 — Ballinascreen: | Tyrone 0-13; Derry 1-6. |
| 1977-78 — Dungannon: | Tyrone 2-5; Derry 1-7. |
| 1980-81 — Ballinascreen: | Tyrone 0-9; Derry 0-6. |
| 1983-84 — Cookstown: | Tyrone 1-9; Derry 1-3. |
| 1986-87 — Omagh: | Derry 0-6; Tyrone 0-5. |
| 1990-91 — Derry: | Derry 1-6; Tyrone 1-5. |

Donnelly, P. O'Neill, J. J. Doran.

DERRY: (no initials given): McDaid, Halford, Owens, Porter, Doherty, Austin, Harrison, Byrne, Porter, Gilligan, Cox, Rainey, McDaid, McGlinchey, Keyes.

Tyrone also won the next three meetings and it wasn't until 1938 that Derry had their first win. But since then, the Oak Leaf representatives have had slightly the better of the argument, winning, in all, 16 of the 31 meetings to date. Two games were drawn.

Doire

Dathanna: Dearg is Bán



(1) D. MacOscair
DAMIEN McCUSKER
Glen

(2) C. Mac Iomhair
KIERAN MCKEEVER
Dungiven

(3) D. Ó Coinne
DANNY QUINN
Bellaghy

(4) A. Ó Scoilláin
TONY SCULLION
Ballinascreen

(5) E. Ó Dúnaigh
HENRY DOWNEY (Capt.)
Lavey

(6) C. Ó Raifeartaigh
COLM RAFFERTY
Glenullin

(7) G. Ó Colmáin
GARY COLEMAN
Magherafelt

(8) B. Mac Giollagáin
BRIAN MCGILLIGAN
Dungiven

(9) D. Ó hÉanna
DERMOT HEANEY
Castledawson

(10) A. Ó Tuathail
ANTHONY TOHILL
Swatragh

(11) E. Ó hÉanna
EUGENE HEANEY
Castledawson

(12) G. Mac Giolla
GARY MCGILL
Glen

(13) J. Ó Brolaigh
JOE BROLLY
Dungiven

(14) F. Mac Oscair
FERGAL McCUSKER
Glen

(15) E. Ó Garmaile
ENDA GORMLEY
Glen

FIR IONAIÐ: (16) C. Ó Néill (Kevin O'Neill), Bellaghy, (17) S. Ó Dúnaigh (Seamus Downey), Lavey, (18) S. Mac Fhirléinn (John McErlean) Newbridge, (19) D. Mac Níocaill (Dermot McNicholl), Glenullin, (20) S. Mac Oirc (John McGurk), Lavey, (21) D. Ó Caiséide (Damien Cassidy), Sarsfield, Armagh, (22) R. Ó Treasaigh (Raymond Tracey), Dungiven. (23) C. Mac Oirc (Colm McGurk), Lavey.

ROGHNÓIRÍ: Harry Gribben (Newbridge) and Denis McKeever (Ballymaguigan).
Manager: Eamonn Coleman (Ballymaguire) ; Coach: Mickey Moran (Glen).

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Tir Eoghain

Dathanna: Bán



(1) F. Mac Dhónaill
FINBARR MCCONNELL
An Baile Nua

(2) S. Mac Maoilir
SEAN MEYLER
An Ómaigh

(3) E. Mac Giolla Phádraig
ENDA KILPATRICK (Capt.)
Cabhán a'Chaortainn

(4) C. Ó Laitheann
CHRISTOPHER LAWN
Baile na Móna

(5) P. Ó Donnaile
PAUL DONNELLY
Bearach

(6) N. Ó Donnaile
NOEL DONNELLY
An Droim Caoin

(7) F. Ó Doibhlinn
FAY DEVLIN
Ard Bó

(8) C. Ó Corra
CIARÁN CORR
Óileán a'Ghuail

(9) P. Mac Donnchaidh
PLUNKETT DONAGHY
An Maigh

(10) A. Mac Coise
ADRIAN CUSH
Domhnach Mór

(11) E. Mac Gafraidh
EAMON MCCAFFREY
Aireagal Chiarán

(12) B. Ó Garmaile
BRIAN GORMLEY
An Charraig Mhór

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Eaglais

(14) D. Ó hAgáin
DAMIAN O'HAGAN
Óileán a'Ghuail

(15) P. Ó Ceannubháin
PETER CANAVAN
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FIR IONAIÐ: (16) S. Mac Caba (Sean McCabe) Cluain Eo, (17) P. Ó Doibhlinn (Paul Devlin) Baile na Móna, (18) R. Mac an Rothach (Raymond Munroe), An Charraig Mhór, (19) P. Ó Ceannubháin (Pascal Canavan) Aireagal Chiarán, (20) A. Mac Giolla Uir (Henry McClure) Cluain Eo, (21) C. Mac Caba (Kevin McCabe) Cluain Eo, (22) S. Mac an Fhailí (Sean McNally) An Bruachaile, (23) S. Ó Loinsigh (John Lynch) Caisleán na Deirge, (24) A. Ó Cuinn (Tony Quinn), Óileán a'Chuail.

ROGHNÓIRÍ: John Donnelly (Manager).

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INDIVIDUAL SCORING FEATS

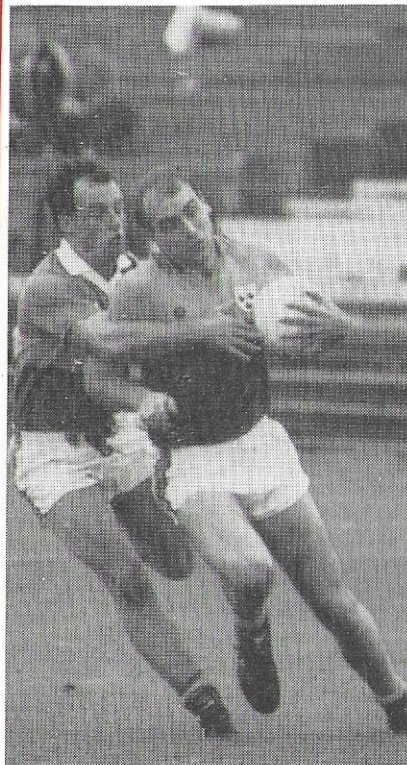
Top teams in opposition rarely produce spectacular individual scoring feats of competitive football, though Matt McClellan's 1-5 against Dublin last November may be cited as an exception to general trends. Of the other three semi-finalists, Anthony Tohill's 0-6 for Derry against Offaly, Adrian Cush's 0-7 in Tyrone's defeat of Roscommon and Brian

Stafford's 0-7 in the defeat of Kildare in the play-off and the six points scored by Kieran Duff against Tyrone in the first game and Charlie Redmond's similar tally against Cork, were the only feats of note among the attackers of the leading powers. However, Joe Kavanagh's 2-3 in Cork's defeat of Dublin was easily the best single return of any forward in Division One.

Not surprisingly, the most spectacular feats were recorded by the lesser lights, with Franny Kelly's 4-3 for Tipperary against Kilkenny being easily the outstanding individual performance of the season, three points better than Ronan Carolan's return against Fermanagh, while Timmie Cummins (Limerick) is a very credible third in the overall list.

The top individual feats to date are:

Franny Kelly (Tipperary) 4-3 v Kilkenny, fourth round at Ardfinnan
 Ronan Carolan (Cavan) 2-6 v Fermanagh, third round at Cavan
 Tommie Cummins (Limerick) 2-5 v Waterford, first round at Limerick
 Tommie Sheehan (Tipperary) 2-4 v Kilkenny, fourth round at Ardfinnan
 Stephen McGinnitty (Monaghan) 2-3 v Sligo, first round at Sligo
 Franny Kelly (Tipperary) 1-6 v Wexford, first round at Wexford
 Gerry Killeen (Clare) 1-6 v Carlow, first round at Carlow
 Ronan Carolan (Cavan) 2-3 v Westmeath, third round at Athlone
 Peter Lambert (Tipperary) 1-6 v Kilkenny, fourth round at Ardfinnan
 Joe Kavanagh (Cork) 2-3 v Dublin, fifth round at Croke Park
 Phillip O'Hara (Westmeath) 0-8 v Louth, first round at Drogheda
 Mick Turley (Laois) 0-8 v Fermanagh, first round at Portarlington
 Matt McGlennan (Tyrone) 1-5 v Dublin, second round at Croke Park
 Ray McCarron (Monaghan) 0-8 v Westmeath, fifth round at Ballybay
 Franny Kelly (Tipperary) 0-8 v Clare, sixth round at Ennis
 Eoin Sheehan (Limerick) 1-5 v Carlow, sixth round at Askeaton.



● Leading the individual scoring table — Franny Kelly (Tiobraid Arann) pictured here in action against John Harrington (Loch Gorman).

UNDER-AGE PLAYERS MAKE THE GRADE WITH TYRONE

Where do all the good under-age players go? That's a question that is asked time and again in Gaelic Games as many minors of great promise fail to live up to their expected potential as seniors and fade from the scene.

The young men of Tyrone football, however, are certainly making a strong impact with the county senior team this season. The side that has earned the county a first Royal Liver National League final appearance has a strong framework of footballers from last year's under-21 team.

It was obvious that the 1991 squad was an exceptionally gifted one. After all, it is not every day that any county hands a Kerry team in any grade a twenty points beating. That's exactly what Peter Canavan and company did at Newbridge, and the 4-16 to 1-5 win proved handsome compensation for Tyrone's failure to the Kingdom in the 1990 under-21 summit.

That 1991 final win must rank as one of the best ever by a Tyrone side. The defence, with Chris Lawn and Barry McGinn to the fore, gave the Kingdom attack little room to scheme scores, and half forwards Adrian Cush, Eamonn McCaffrey and team skipper Canavan displayed high powered football and accurate finishing as they chalked up 4-10 between them of the impressive Tyrone return.

This was the Tyrone title winning side:

Cathal Blee, Damien Hagan, Chris Lawn, Fiacha Devlin, Paul Donnelly, Barry McGinn, Terence O'Neill, Adrian Kilpatrick, Danny Barr, Adrian Cush, Eamonn McCaffrey, Peter Canavan, Ciaran Loughran, Ciaran McBride, Brian Gormley.

Substitutes: Stephen Lawn for Donnelly, Joe Cassidy for Blee.

Chris Lawn, Devlin, Donnelly, Kilpatrick, Cush, McCaffrey, Canavan, Gormley and Stephen Lawn have all worn the Tyrone colours in the 1991-92 Royal Liver National League campaign so far.

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THE FLUCTUATING FORTUNES OF DERRY AND TYRONE

It is doubtful if any two counties have ever experienced the vagaries of fortune which Derry and Down have known over the past ten years in the National League, with hope and despair alternating almost on a regular basis and relegation or promotion never far away. Hereunder, a synopsis of their campaigns over the decade 1981-1991 shows just how familiar those counties have been with the 'ups and downs' of league football.

1981-82 - Derry: Topped Division Two with eleven points from seven games, Beaten in quarter-final by Kerry at Croke Park. **Promoted.**

Tyrone: Finished fourth in Division Two with seven points from seven games. **Remained in Division Two.**

1982-83 - Derry: Finished second from the bottom of Division One table after gaining only four points from seven games. **Relegated.**

Tyrone: Ended the campaign in 5th place in Division Two table with six points from seven games. **Position unchanged.**

1983-84 -Derry: Finished season at the bottom of Division Two after losing all seven games. **Relegated.**

Tyrone: Tied for second place in Division Two with eight points from seven outings. Beat Roscommon in play-off, but lost quarter-final to Down at Lurgan. **Promoted.**

1984-85 - Derry: Finished fourth in Division Three with eight points from seven games. **Position unchanged.**

Tyrone: Finished joint leaders of Division One with Armagh having nine points from seven games. Lost semi-final to Monaghan (replay). **Position unchanged.**

1985-86 - Derry: Topped Division Three table with twelve points from seven games. Beaten by Monaghan in Quarter-Final. **Promoted**

Tyrone: Finished second-last in Division One with four points from seven games. **Relegated.**

1986-87 -Derry: Finished second in Division Two with ten points from seven games. Lost Quarter-Final to Monaghan at Omagh. **Promoted.**

Tyrone: Finished bottom of Division Two table with only

one point from seven games. **Relegated.**

1987-88 -Derry: Finished fourth in Division One with six points from seven games. Beaten by Down in Quarter-Final at Armagh. **Position Unchanged.**

Tyrone: Finished second in Division Three (North) with nine points from seven games. **Position Unchanged.**

1988-89 -Derry: Finished fourth in Division One with eight points from seven games. Beaten by Cavan in Quarter-Final at Croke Park. **Position Unchanged.**

Tyrone: Finished second in Division Three (North) with ten points from seven games. **Promoted.**

1989-90 - Derry: Finished bottom of Division One with two points from seven games. **Relegated.**

Tyrone: Finished joint second with three other counties in Division Two with eight points from seven games. Beat Antrim in play-off, but lost second play-off tie to Meath at Cavan. **Position unchanged.**

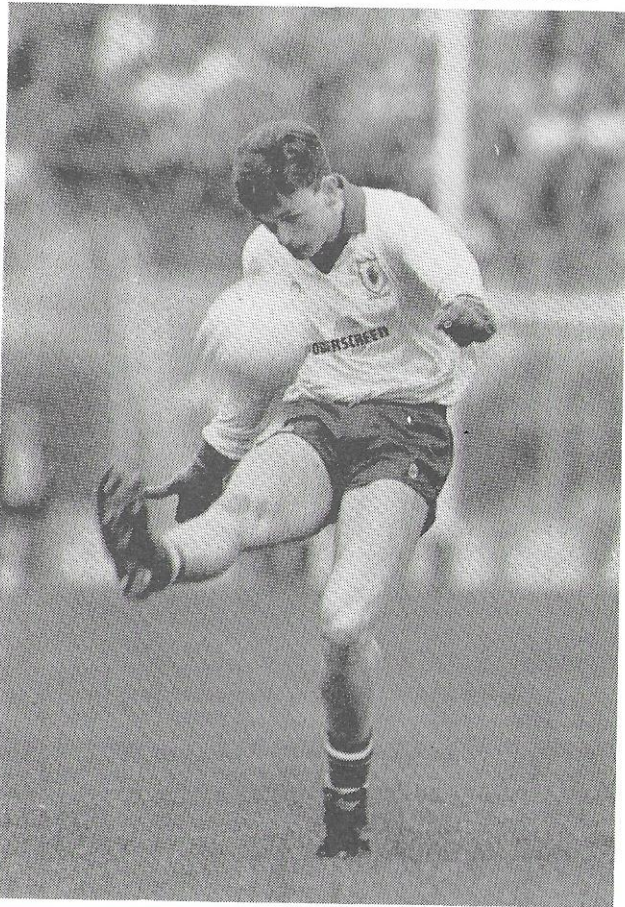
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Tyrone: Topped Division Two with eleven points from seven games. Beaten by Roscommon in Quarter-final at Cavan. **Promoted.**

Tyrone's Young Men Have the Winning Ways

Tyrone make their Royal Liver National Football League final debut with what must surely rank as the youngest-ever selection to appear in the concluding round.

Chris Lawn, Fay Devlin, Adrian Kilpatrick, Eamonn McCaffrey and Brian Gormley, who helped to



● **EAMONN McCAFFREY** — one of Tyrone's young stars.

beat Dublin last time out, were in the team that had a point to spare over Donegal in the Ulster semi-final at under-21 last month. Peter Canavan is also eligible for this grade again this year, but was not available for that match.

All, plus Paul Donnelly and Adrian Cush of the team

that beat the Dubs last month, were in the team that brought the All-Ireland under-21 title to the land of the O'Neills in exhilarating fashion last year.

However, Tyrone do not rely exclusively on youth. Blending in big match craft are Damien O'Hagan and the three substitutes introduced during the semi-final - Plunkett Donaghy, Kevin McCabe and Harry McClure. They were in the team that lost the county's only Sam Maguire Cup tie appearance to Kerry in 1986.

This quartet and Finbarr McConnell, Eanna Kilpatrick and Ciaran Corr were also on duty when Tyrone lost to Mayo in the 1989 All-Ireland senior semi-final.

WINNING WAYS

Tyrone, then, have a blend of wily and seasoned campaigners and young, eager and ever-improving footballers. The young men are also building up winning ways at Croke Park, where so many northern dreams have been dashed.

Winning ways? Many of the new generation of Tyrone seniors did much to fashion the county's sensational four goal win over Dublin in the current League back in November.

That the triumph was by no means a false dawn was proven last time out. Tyrone did not win as handsomely as in the November tie, but still showed tremendous character and spirit in forging out the one point win.

After forty minutes the Northerners trailed by four points and at that stage many were prepared for another collapse by an Ulster team at headquarters despite the encouragement earlier in the day of Derry's semi-final win over Meath.

It was then that we saw the new spirit of the Tyrone men. Instead of adopting a "We now have not a chance of victory" approach, they knuckled down to the new challenge in the style of seasoned campaigners, and steadily got the scores until Matt McGleenan sent over a peach of a point seven minutes from time for what was to be the winning score.

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Overall it was a polished performance by Tyrone and one that showed the players now have a genuine belief in their own ability to produce the winning touch. Admittedly, luck did smile on the Northerners when a shot by Dublin's Paul Bealin came back off the woodwork in the closing minutes, but despite that close call, Tyrone deserved their final ticket.

Tyrone played with plenty of character and skill and did really well to regain the initiative when the match appeared to be slipping away from them in the second half - especially with so many young footballers appearing in a national senior semi-final for the first time and against such a seasoned side as Dublin.

That achievement is bound to boost Tyrone's confidence, and on that form, plus the fact that they now have two successive wins at Croke Park in the League, is bound to put the O'Neill County men in a cool, assured mood for their efforts to record the most noteworthy senior win yet in the annals of the county.

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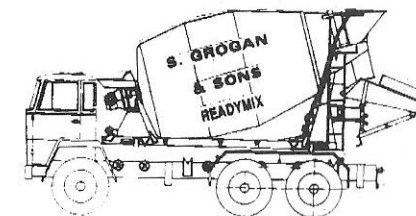


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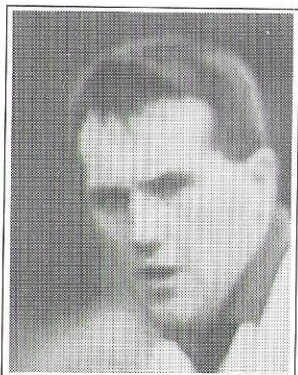
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FOR KEENEST RATES

Tony Scullion and Peter Canavan, whose expertise in different roles contributed richly to earning Derry and Tyrone respectively their places in the Royal Liver National League final, were team-mates in a recent glory day for Northern football.

Scullion led Ulster expertly from left full back to victory over Munster in the first Iarnród Éireann Cup interprovincial final at Croke Park in 1991. Canavan contributed four splendid points to finish the top scorer for Ulster on his interprovincial final debut.

Scullion was on duty again when Ulster retained the title at



● Tony Scullion

**TEAM-MATES
IN MAJOR
WINS BUT
NOW ON
OPPOSITE
SIDES**

Newry in early March when his solid play at No. 4 had a big influence in the final win over Munster to earn him his third interprovincial medal.

Tony is more than an outstanding footballer. He has also campaigned since his school days as a hurler and has made his mark with Derry in the code in the top rank. However, his major triumphs have all, understandably, been in the big ball game.

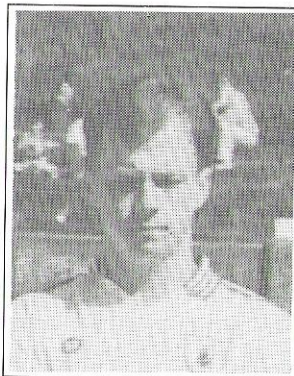
Unlike many in the senior inter-county ranks today, he did not

play minor football with the county, but was left full back in the under-21 side that lost in a final replay to Mayo for the 1983 All-Ireland title.

He has given sterling service to the Derry senior team since winning promotion during the 1983-84 National League and is a brilliant link with the side that last brought the Ulster senior title to the Oak Leaf county in 1987.

Scullion's football at left full back that season was so impressive that he was honoured by the All Stars selectors - his only such award so far.

A member of the Ballinascreen club, Tony played for Ireland against Australia in the



● Peter Canavan

Test series and this season has been one of the most dependable campaigners in Derry's march to this rare final appearance. He is 29.

Canavan is one of the bright young men of football, an incisive and clever forward who has a real flair for getting among the goals and points. He demonstrated this facet - and a so vital one at that - in his days in under-age competitions and is fulfilling his potential now as a senior.

He is an All-Ireland title winning captain on the double as well. He led Tyrone from centre half forward to victory over Mayo in 1989 in a successful defence of the All-Ireland Vocational Schools' title. Peter was also in the side that won the 1988 title. Last year he again excelled as a team leader when captaining the O'Neill County to the All-Ireland under-21 title. His contribution to a run-away win over Kerry at Newbridge in the final was immense. Apart from his good general work, he scored a superb 2-5. That boosted his record for the championship to 8-21 (45 points) in five appearances.

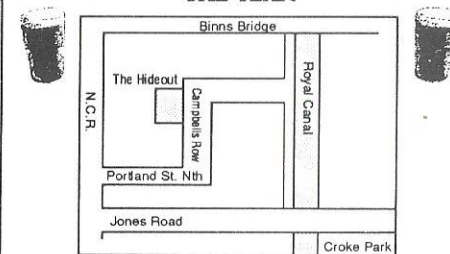
The lively Tyrone raider, then, has already gained considerable All-Ireland championship experience . . . know-how that is proving invaluable in furthering his senior football education. A tireless worker, who never gives less than 100 percent, Peter won an Ulster minor medal in 1988 when he was also on the scoring target in a campaign that ended with an All-Ireland semi-final defeat by Kerry by a point.

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The dissatisfaction expressed regarding the format of the league now drawing to a close is, in a sense, a new development in gaelic affairs, as previous alterations in the format - and there were many over the years - rarely, if ever, provoked adverse comment.

Indeed, change in the structure of the league has been a feature of this competition since its inception and has been accepted virtually without question until now. Change, it would appear, has been inseparable from the League.

There was a change of format after the first league in 1925-26 which had been run on a provincial basis, as the 1927-28 competition (the second campaign) involving 21 counties had three divisions (nine, seven and five teams, the last being the five Connacht counties) with a play-off system at the end. A year later there was a new format: Connacht remained as a separate group, but the other areas were restructured - two six-team groups and one five-team group operating. Into the 1930s that system (or variations of it) continued, with various regional leagues confined to weaker counties.

Change was never far away, however, and in 1933-34 the main contest was reduced to two groups of five teams, the top team in each group qualifying for the final. That format, too,

The Changing Format of the National League

was short-lived, and a year later there was only one group . . . consisting of the nine top-ranking teams, but a semi-final and final were played bringing in the winners of two second-division groups - thought there were two other groups which were excluded!

An historic decision was made for the 1935-36 competition, as for the first - and only - time, a straightforward league system was introduced, with nine counties involved, a second division and three regional leagues. That "pure" league system was abandoned after only one season.

The next format to be tried had two divisions of seven teams each - the table-toppers meeting in the final while a second division of three groups catered for the weaker counties. That system, too, was soon abandoned, and in 1938-39 there was one overall system of eight four-team groups. That experiment had to be abandoned the following year when eight counties dropped out of the league and a restructuring resulted in two groups of four teams and three with three teams. And there was

yet another change before the Emergency closedown when there were four groups - one of seven teams and three of five, the three five-team groups being on a regional basis. Thus in the first 16 years of its existence the National League had featured eleven different systems!

Stability

There was again some tinkering with the system when the leagues resumed in the autumn of 1945, and the 1947-48 season saw the introduction of a remarkable arrangement of two groups confined to Ulster (Cavan were excluded), one of four teams - Cork, Laois, Kildare and Offaly, and six with three teams. This format, however, lasted only two seasons. But an era of stability was at hand. For the next six years Ulster (without Cavan) ran two groups of four teams, the two top teams playing off for the right to contest the league semi-final (this system incorporated the Dr. Lagan Cup competition). In the rest of the country there were four groups - three of six teams and one of five. The odd one out was, in turn, one of the

weaker counties like Kilkenny or Limerick. In 1953 there was yet another change of format. Ulster retained its system, but now there were only three groups covering the rest of the country, and for the next 12 years the league would experience the greatest period of stability it had ever known.

There were no calls for change as the years passed, and the league reached unprecedented heights of popularity with record attendance figures being set up for every stage of the competition.

But change it seemed was endemic in the National

League. In 1965-66, and the following season, only Ulster retained its system; elsewhere there were six four-team groups, but then even Ulster succumbed, and for three years there was a relatively straightforward system of eight four-team groups - with a two-round home-and-away variation being introduced in 1969-70 to provide a minimum of six games for each county. Almost inevitably that too was abandoned and for four years there were four eight-team groups divided equally between the First and Second division. The mid-Seventies saw more change; in 1974-75 and the following season there were five groups (two sevens

and three sixes) before a six-group system (four of five teams, and two six-team) preceded the four Divisions which lasted all through the Eighties and until the format was changed last autumn.

Whatever the 'pros and cons' of the system which has obtained in the season now ending, it is unlikely that the National League will ever enjoy the stability that has been the hallmark of the championship for more than a century. The League, in the 67 years of its existence, has had, excluding minor adjustments, 22 different systems! In the world of field sports this must be unique.

Below: Adrian Kilpatrick, captain (Tir Eoghain) and Tom Grehan (Ros Comáin) in action in the League quarter-final.

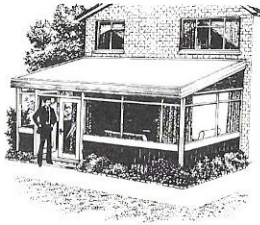




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DERRY'S LAST FINAL

1976 - Dublin 2-10; Derry 0-15

This was Derry's third - and last appearance to date - in a League final, and despite conceding two early scores, with the assistance of the breeze, they were soon making the running. Three points ahead after a quarter of an hour, they were five to the good at the 25th minute, but O'Toole's goal just before the break left Derry with a meagre advantage of 0-9 to 1-4 turning over to face the breeze.

A lesser team might have faded, but Derry didn't, and though Dublin went in front, Brendan Kelly brought the sides level, and then put Derry ahead with ten minutes remaining. Dublin again edged in front, Tom McGuinness reduced the arrears to the minimum, and though the Oak Leaf were at least worthy of another chance, the magnificent Liam Murphy, Peter Stevenson, Anthony McGurk, Gerry O'Loughlin and Gerry McElhinney were denied the reward they so richly deserved.

DERRY: Mark McFeeley, Liam Murphy, Tom Quinn, Peter Stevenson, Gerry O'Loughlin, Anthony McGurk, Michael Moran, Tom McGuinness, Seamus Lagan, Gary McElhinney, Mickey Lynch, Gabriel Bradley, Brendan Kelly, Sean O'Connell, John O'Leary. Subs: F. McCloskey for Lagan, A. McGuckin for Bradley.

An interesting footnote to the game is that Derry was the first team to raise 15 flags in a National League football final ... and lose!

Above the Derry team which played
Dublin in the League Final in 1976. ↑



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A DISMAL DOUBLE

If Tyrone are beaten today, they will not be the first county to fail to take league honours on their first appearance in a final - Dublin, Kildare, Louth, Roscommon, Cork, Cavan, Armagh, Offaly, Carlow, Wexford, Fermanagh and Clare have all had that experience - but they will become a member of a rather exclusive "club" ... the counties which have appeared in All-Ireland and National League finals and have still to win either title. As of now, only two counties share that dubious distinction - Clare, who lost the 1917 final and the League decider in 1947, and Armagh, defeated All-Ireland finalists in '53 and '77 and beaten League finalists in 1983 and '85. This is one "club" that does not have a waiting list for membership.

A MAN APART

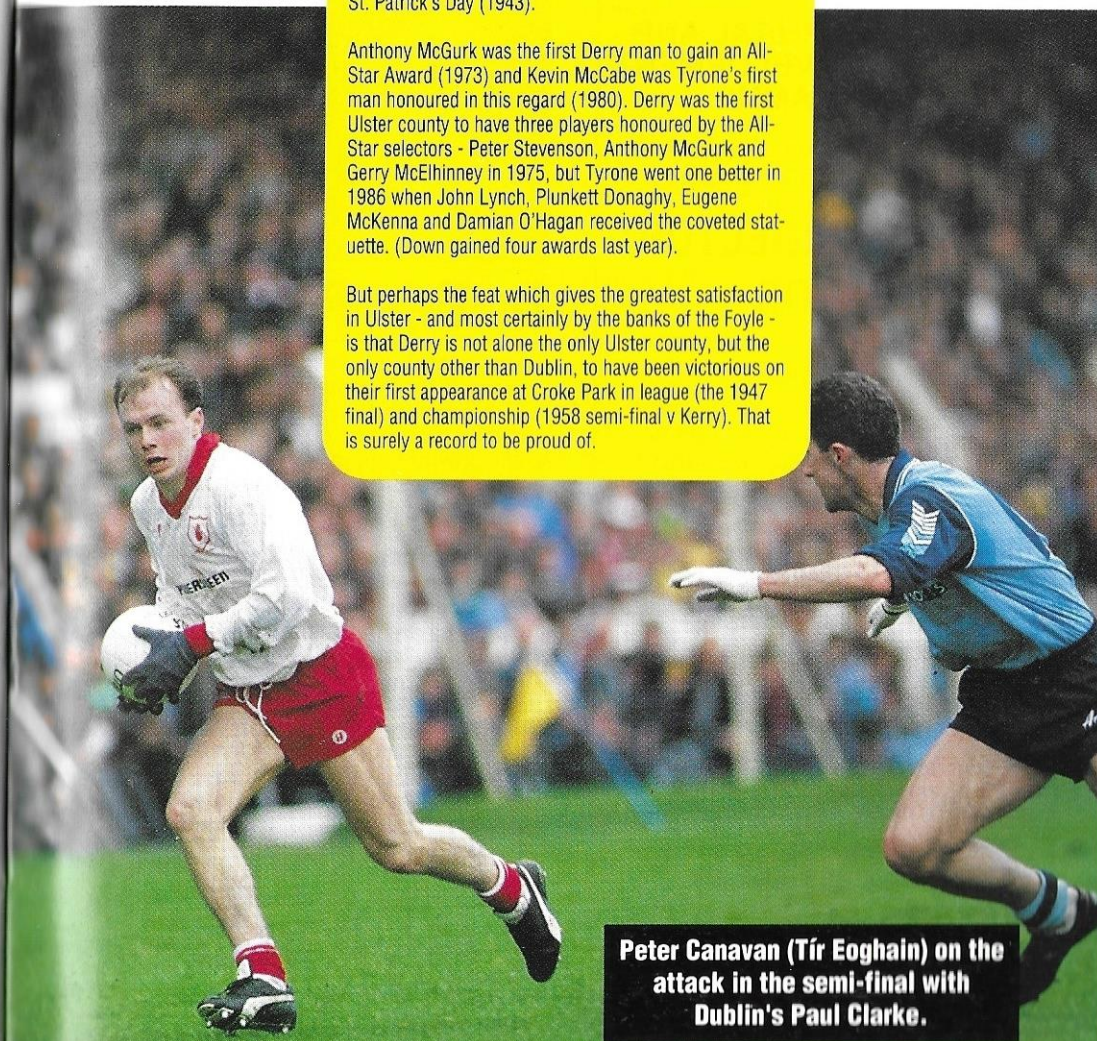
The Texaco Footballer of the Year Award is the highest individual honour to which a gaelic footballer can aspire, and the list of winners since 1958 is a veritable 'who's who's' of gaelic games. All the great names are there, including Jim McCartan, Mick O'Dwyer, Jack O'Shea, Kevin Heffernan, Pat Spillane, Sean O'Neill and Billie Morgan. Every man honoured to date has won at least one All-Ireland medal, and most of them have also gained National League honours - except one. The one winner of football's most prestigious award who never gained a league or All-Ireland medal was Derry's Jim McKeever, one of the greatest midfielders of all time, whose displays in Derry's march to the 1958 All-Ireland defied superlatives. His performances, especially that against Dublin in the final, were such that for the first - and only - time the Texaco Award went to a man who was not a member of the winning team in the final. McKeever's place in gaelic football history is distinguished ... and unique.

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Counties that have failed to garner the honours of the game on a consistent basis do not, as a rule, record noted "firsts", but in a modest way Derry and Tyrone have made football history in league and championship. For instance, Pat Keenan, who captained Derry in 1947, was the first Ulster man to receive the National League trophy and Barney Cullen was the first Tyrone player to win a Railway Cup medal when he was a member of the Ulster team which beat Munster in the 1942 final. Also in the Railway Cup, Sean O'Connell was the first Derry man to captain a trophy-winning Ulster fifteen (1971); Eugene McKenna assumed the same role for Tyrone when Ulster won the cup for the 17th time in 1984. And Paddy Maguire, who, with Kevin Armstrong and Alf Murray, formed one of the greatest half-forward lines in Railway Cup history, was the first Derry man to win a medal on St. Patrick's Day (1943).

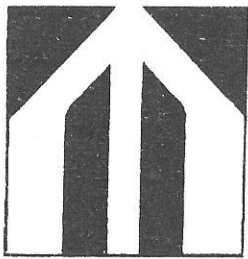
Anthony McGurk was the first Derry man to gain an All-Star Award (1973) and Kevin McCabe was Tyrone's first man honoured in this regard (1980). Derry was the first Ulster county to have three players honoured by the All-Star selectors - Peter Stevenson, Anthony McGurk and Gerry McElhinney in 1975, but Tyrone went one better in 1986 when John Lynch, Plunkett Donaghy, Eugene McKenna and Damian O'Hagan received the coveted statuette. (Down gained four awards last year).

But perhaps the feat which gives the greatest satisfaction in Ulster - and most certainly by the banks of the Foyle - is that Derry is not alone the only Ulster county, but the only county other than Dublin, to have been victorious on their first appearance at Croke Park in league (the 1947 final) and championship (1958 semi-final v Kerry). That is surely a record to be proud of.



Peter Canavan (Tír Eoghain) on the attack in the semi-final with Dublin's Paul Clarke.

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IN THE PROVINCE

Today's final will be the fourth All-Ulster
decider of the National League, and the fif-
teenth overall between teams from the same
province. It might be expected that finals with
a one-province appeal would be poor crowd-
pullers, and though the Monaghan-Armagh
final of 1985 drew the smallest attendance for
almost 20 years, there is no definite pattern, as
evidenced by the attendance figures of such
finals to date - which are:

1926 - New Ross: Laois-Dublin 500
1932 - Killarney: Kerry -Cork 2,200
1946 - Croke Park: Meath-Wexford 18,215
1955 - Croke Park: Dublin-Meath 42,916
1958 - Croke Park: Dublin-Kildare 49,268
1960 - Croke Park: Down-Cavan 49,451
1975 - Croke Park: Meath-Dublin 40,853
1980 - Páirc Uí Caoimh: Cork-Kerry 39,139
1981 - Croke Park: Galway-Roscommon 32,870
1982 - Páirc Uí Caoimh: Kerry-Cork 23,000
1982 - Replay Páirc Uí Caoimh:
Kerry-Cork 27,941
1983 - Croke Park: Down-Armagh 23,340
1985 - Croke Park: Monaghan-Armagh 15,226
1988 - Croke Park: Meath - Dublin 45,516
1988 - Replay Croke Park:
Meath - Dublin 33,260
1991 - Croke Park: Dublin-Kildare 44,532

SOLID LEAGUE

PERFORMANCES BY TYRONE

Tyrone cannot match
Derry's splendid
unbeaten run in
Royal Liver National
Football League games
since the start of 1991,
but they still have turned
in some solid perfor-
mances.

The O'Neill County
opened 1991 on a losing
note, finishing 1-6 to 1-5
in arrears to Derry at
Celtic Park. They recov-
ered to beat Longford (2-
13 to 0-5) at Omagh, and
Leitrim (1-10 to 3-3) again
at Omagh to earn a quar-
ter-final outing against
Roscommon at Breffni
Park.

Poor finishing cost Tyrone
dearly - they had twelve
wides in the first half
alone - as they went down
by a single point, 1-9 to 0-
11.

Tyrone have lost only
once in seven League
games in the meantime,
which gives them a record
of eight wins and three
defeats in League fare
since the start of 1991.

This is their record in the
current competition:

Tyrone 0-18; Mayo 1-5 -
Omagh on October 27
Tyrone 4-11; Dublin 0-11
- Croke Park on November
10
Tyrone 0-11; Cork 0-10 -
Omagh on November 24
Tyrone 2-3; Armagh 1-5 -
Armagh on February 23
Tyrone 0-6; Galway 1-7 -
Tuam on March 8
Tyrone 1-15; Roscommon
1-10 - Breffni Park on
April 5
Tyrone 0-13; Dublin 1-9 -
Croke Park on April 19

Tyrone scored one point
more than Derry at 7-77
(98 points). Their defen-
sive record is not as good
as the Foylesiders as they
conceded twelve points
more at 5-57 (72 points).

But Tyrone have the lead-
ing marksman as far as
the finalists are concerned
in Adrian Cush, who is
seven points clear of
Derry's leader, Joe Brolly.
Like Brolly, Tyrone's ace
marksman scored on
every outing, the only
member of the O'Neill
County side to earn that
distinction.

Cush has 1-27 (30 points).
He is followed well down

the field by Matt
McGleenan on 2-12. Peter
Canavan scored 0-14,
Brian Gormley 1-6, Kevin
McCabe 1-2, Damien
O'Hagan 1-2, and
Plunkett Donaghy 0-5.

Eanna Kilpatrick hit 1-1,
Eamonn McCaffrey 0-2,
and Ciaran Corr 0-2. The
scoring returns were com-
pleted by Paul Donnelly,
Noel Donnelly, Stephen
Lawn and Fay Devlin with
a point each.

Other Games

Tyrone played four games
in the Dr. McKenna Cup
in 1991. They drew with
Derry, won the replay,
beat Antrim 1-17 to 1-8
and lost the final to
Donegal 0-11 to 1-6.

They were beaten by
Derry in last year's Ulster
championship at Omagh
in the first round by 1-9
to 1-8.

This year Tyrone beat
Derry in the McKenna
Cup, 2-8 to 1-9, and lost
next time out to Cavan at
Breffni Park by 1-10 to
1-8.

Tyrone's record in com-
petitive senior football,
League, Championship
and Dr. McKenna Cup
since the start of 1991 is
eleven wins, one draw
and six defeats.

Derry On A Winning Streak

Derry are enjoying a remarkable winning streak in National League football. Victory today would give them their 11th successive win in the competition stretching over two seasons.

The Foylesiders last defeat was in December 1990 when the expert marksmanship of Joe Brolly, who scored 1-5, was not enough to prevent the side from losing to Antrim by 2-9 to 1-11 at Drumsurn. That was Derry's second successive defeat in the 1990-91 League.

Their team included, in addition to Brolly, Damien McCusker, Tony Scullion, Kieran McKeever, Danny Quinn, Brian McGilligan, Dermot Heaney, Gary Coleman and Enda Gormley.

However, Derry finished the League in the spring of 1991 on a high note. They beat Tyrone 1-6 to 1-5 at Celtic Park, Leitrim 2-4 to 0-7, and Longford 2-16 to 1-11, in their remaining games.

Derry was the only county to complete their 1991-92 divisional programme with full points.

This is their record so far in the current League, and the series of wins that boosted their unbeaten run over ten games since that loss to Antrim:

Derry 1-9 Meath 1-7
(Navan, October 27)

Derry 3-6 Kildare 0-7
(Ballinascreen, November 10)
Derry 1-8 Kerry 0-8
(Killarney, November 24)
Derry 1-11 Down 0-7
(Celtic Park, February 23)
Derry 2-13 Offaly 1-7
(Greenlough, March 8)
Derry 1-11 Cavan 0-7
(Irvinestown, April 5)
Derry 0-12 Meath 1-8
(Croke Park, April 19)

The Ulster county scored 9-70 (97 points) and had a 3-51 (60 points) scored against them.

Joe Brolly is comfortably ahead of the field in the Derry scoring chart and also ranks as the only member of the side to have found the target in every game. He has 3-14 (23). Anthony Tohill comes next with 1-15. He scored in every game, other than the quarter-final win over Cavan.

Declan Bateson hit 2-9, Enda Gormley 0-14, Dermot Heaney 0-8, Fergal McCusker 1-3, Colm Rafferty 1-2, and Gary Coleman 1-0.

Seamus Downey 0-2, Brian McGilligan, Gary McGill and Eugene Heaney a point each completed the Derry returns.

OTHER GAMES

Outside of League play, Derry enjoyed mixed fortunes over the last fourteen months. A point from a free with the

last kick of the game by Enda Gormley earned them a 1-7 all draw with Tyrone in a first round Dr. McKenna Cup tie at Ballinascreen late in March 1991.

Kevin McCabe made a return to Tyrone's attack for the replay at the Athletic Grounds, Armagh, in mid-April. He went into the attack as a first half substitute, and helped to fashion a decisive 0-15 to 0-4 win.

Derry had their revenge when they opened their Ulster Championship programme at Omagh against Tyrone in May. A goal six minutes from time by centre half forward Damien Cassidy set the Foylesiders up for a hard-earned 1-9 to 1-8 win.

Derry then beat Monaghan in the knock-out series, and played a draw with Down in the semi-final. Ross Carr, with a magnificent point from a fifty yards free three minutes into injury time, earned the Mourne men a draw: Derry 1-10; Down 0-13.

Down won the replay by 0-14 to 0-9, and their only other competitive defeat was at Omagh last March in a first round Dr. McKenna cup tie with Tyrone. Both counties fielded under-strength and Tyrone won by 2-8 to 1-9.

GOOD RECORD

This means that since the start of 1991 Derry have a particularly good record in competitive football, embracing League, Championship and Dr. McKenna Cup ties.

They have won twelve games, drawn two and lost three.



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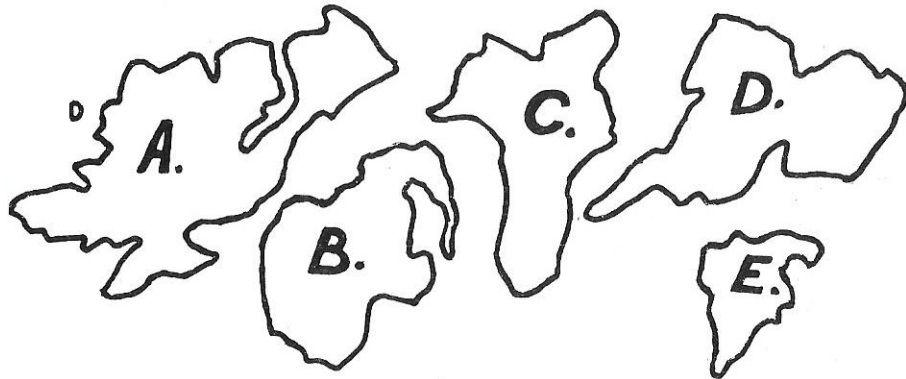
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OUTLINES

Below are the outlines of five Irish counties. The arey:
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Derry are one of nine counties who have made winning debuts in National Football League finals. Laois won the first decider in 1927, and Kerry made their initial appearance winning one the following year.

Meath (1933), Mayo (1934), Galway (1957), Down (1960), Longford (1966) and Monaghan (1985) also all succeeded at the first attempt.

Longford's triumph was unusual compared to the other successes. They met New York in two games with the final decided on aggregate scores. The Midlanders won the first clash at Pearse Park by 1-9 to 0-7, but lost the second encounter at Croke Park by 0-9 to 0-10. However, they took the title on an aggregate score of 1-18 to 0-17.

SEVEN FROM ULSTER

Tryone become the 22nd county to appear in a National Football League final. They are the seventh from Ulster to reach the concluding round.

It will come as a surprise to many to learn that Fermanagh have a final appearance to their credit. The lost in 1935 to a Mayo team then on the crest of a wave. The Connacht men made it six titles in succession between 1934 and 1939.

Cavan were the first Northern county to reach the final, losing in 1931 to Kerry. Derry, Down, Monaghan and Armagh are the other Ulster counties to have appeared in finals.

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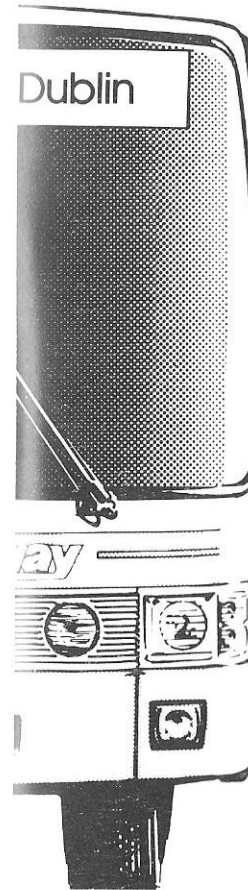
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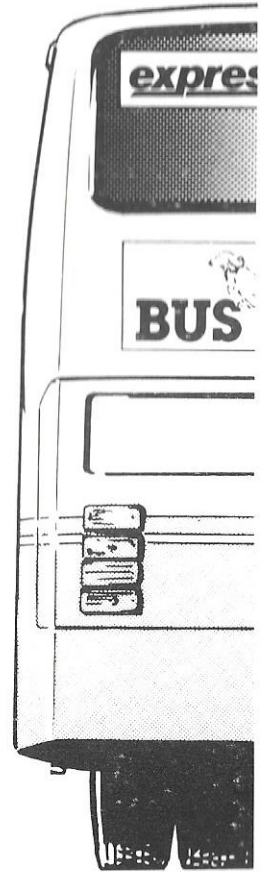
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