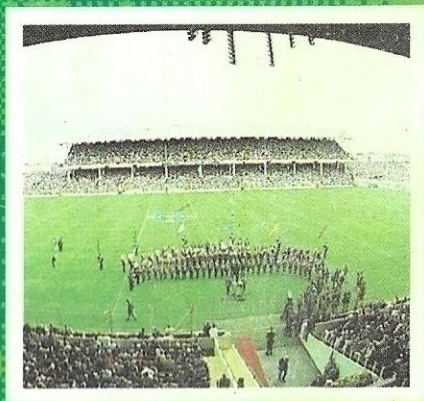


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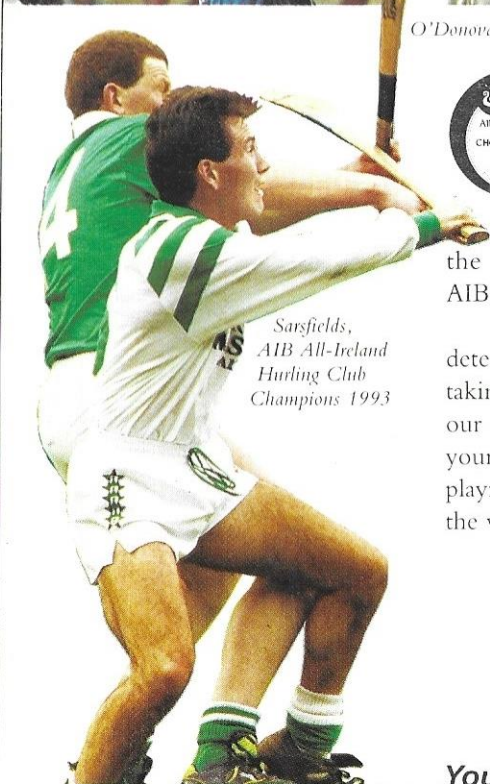
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**Cluichí Ceannais Peile na hÉireann**

*Minor*

**Corcaigh v. An Mhí**

1.30 i.n. Réiteoir: Michael Cranny (An Dún)

*Senior*

**Corcaigh v. Doire**

3.30 i.n. Réiteoir: Tommy Howard (Cill Dara)

*In the event of a draw, replay will be played on 3.10.1993*



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# Na Réiteoirí

## Tommy Howard (Cill Dara)

Tommy Howard takes charge of his first All-Ireland senior football final after some 12 years as a referee. However, he has a wealth of big-match experience, and will always be linked with the four game marathon between Meath and Dublin that delighted the nation in the summer of 1991.

Michael Cranny has made his mark as a referee at home and abroad. He refereed the All-Ireland junior final of 1989, the Ulster senior decider of 1988 and two World Sevens tournament finals in New York.

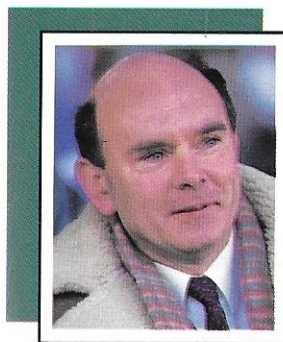
A member of the Warrenpoint club, he won a Down senior football medal, and has been refereeing at inter-county level for eleven years.

His assignments have included, in addition to those listed, a Sigerson Cup (Universities' Championship) decider, and four Down senior football championship finals.

That was the first round Leinster S.F.C. tie. Later that year Howard refereed the Leinster final on a Saturday and the All-Ireland semi-final between Down and Kerry the following day.

Howard was also in control of last year's NFL final between Derry and Tyrone, and the Dublin-Meath Leinster semi-final.

## Michael Cranny (An Dún)



# Teachtaireacht An Uachtaráin

Cuirim fáilte roimh gach aon duine, ó gach áit ar fud na tíre; fáilte faoi leith roimh na Gaeil a tháinig thar sáile cun a bheith linn, agus iad siúd atá ag féachaint ar na cluichí ar fud an domhain. Cuirim fáilte faoi leith roimh na fóirne ó Chorcaigh, ó Dhoire agus ón Mhí atá ag imirt inniú. Tá súil agam le cluichí iontacha spoirtúla.

These are indeed exciting times in the world of Gaelic Games. Different teams consistently emerge to challenge for major honours.

Attendances overall have increased phenomenally. The games are seen right around the world and the Association is embarking on the most ambitious project since the formation of the G.A.A., the redevelopment of Croke Park.

In the last two weeks, the curtain was drawn on a wonderful year for hurling with exceptional All Ireland Finals. Today, we witness the culmination of the football season. It was a season punctuated by games of varying standards, some great games and some perhaps not so good. It was, however, a season of drama, excitement and great entertainment and, for the third consecutive year, different teams contest the Final.

Derry contest their first Final in 35 years following in the footsteps of Down and Donegal. They reached the Final by eliminating both of last year's finalists and the previous year's winners. One can hardly imagine a more difficult route in the quest for Sam. Their presence here today is

testimony to the skill, commitment and resilience of the team and the dedication and vision of their mentors and County Committee. They operate from a limited base and, like all six county teams, in difficult social circumstances, particularly at this time when the success of the G.A.A. and Gaelic Games has inevitably attracted the attention of some who would welcome the demise of the Association and the sports we promote. Derry are indeed worthy finalists.

The resurgence of Cork football has added lustre to our Championship over the last few years. Teams of exceptional ability, with skill and entertainment which attract so many to the game, have consistently emerged. Three years ago Cork achieved the elusive double. Already this year they have been crowned National League Champions in Hurling. Today they seek to achieve another double. In doing so they have consistently reached exemplary standards and they have conquered the adversity of a series of untimely injuries. No county has managed to achieve the status of Cork in both codes and this team is accepted far and wide as one of the best ever to wear the famous blood and bandages jersey.

I wish both teams well and, like many millions of people, I look forward in anticipation to a great game.

In recent years, Cork and Meath have crossed paths on numerous memorable occasions. Today it is the

turn of their minors. Both teams looked infallible in many of the games played in the path to the final. They are a manifestation of the organisation, the dedication and the commitment of many people working at under age level in both counties and they are a clear signal that both counties will continue to make a significant impression on our premier competitions in the years to come. I would like to say to the lads in both teams, enjoy the day and the game and continue your commitment and use of your exceptional skills.

This is a nostalgic day in Croke Park, the last All Ireland Final where we will witness the old Cusack Stand. While I am a little saddened to see a structure that I grew up with go, I am proud to be associated with a new and significant chapter in the G.A.A., a statement of our current status and of our confidence in the future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who supported our development in any way and particularly our Director General, Liam Mulvihill, and his Croke Park staff, whose support and faith will, I am confident, shortly be vindicated.

Táim fíor buíoch daoibh uile.

*Peadar Ó Cúinn*

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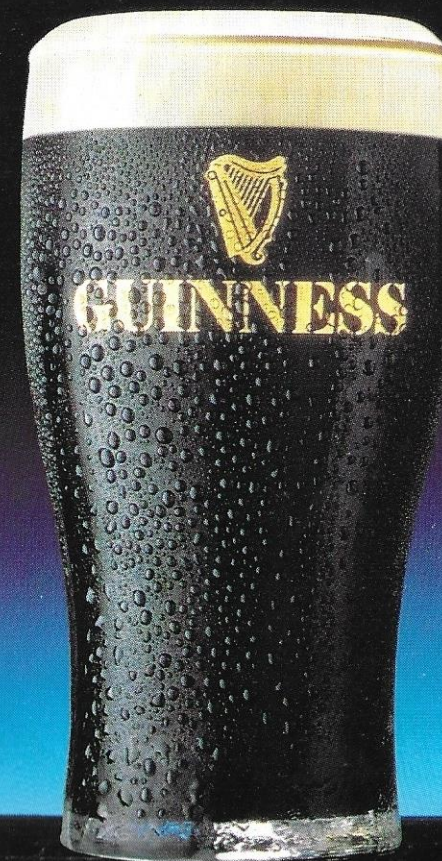
1.25 i.n.	Arrival of Uachtarán C.L.G., Peadar Úas. Ó Cuinn agus bhean; Éirleamh C.L.G. An Dr. Diarmuid Ó Clúmháin, Árdeaspag Caiseal agus Imleach.
1.30 i.n.	Craobh Mionúir Peile na hÉireann AN MHI V. CORCAIGH
2.02 i.n.	GAA/INTO Football Skills Exhibition
2.40 i.n.	End of Minor Football Final.
2.45 i.n.	Presentation of the Minor Trophy by An Dr. Diarmuid Ó Clúmháin.
2.50 i.n.	Artane Boys' Band and the Artane Senior Band recital.
3.00 i.n.	Down Jubilee Team 1968 introduced by Mick Dunne.
3.10 i.n.	Arrival of An Taoiseach via main tunnel.
3.15 i.n.	Foireann Chorcaí amach ar an bPáirc.
3.17 i.n.	Foireann Dhoire amach ar an bPáirc.
3.23 i.n.	Parade begins.
3.28 i.n.	Amhrán na bhFiann.
3.30 i.n.	Craobh Shinsir Peile na hÉireann. CORCAIGH V. DOIRE
4.07 i.n.	Musical Entertainment — Artane Bands.
4.50 i.n.	Senior Game ends.
4.55 i.n.	Presentation of the Sam Maguire Cup to the winning Captain by Uachtarán C.L.G., Peadar Ó Cuinn.



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Canal Medical Centre - rear of Terrace.

Lower Cusack Medical Centre - rear of Section 2/3.

Treatment Ambulance rear of Section 10.

Upper Cusack - rear of Section N.

Treatment Ambulance rear of Section 10.

Hill 16 - Treatment Ambulance rear of Terrace beside Medical Centre.

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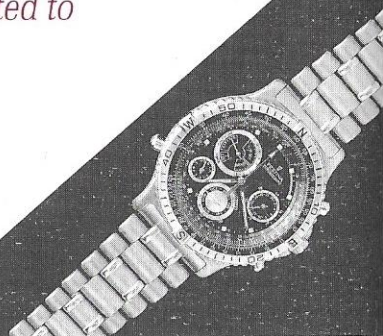
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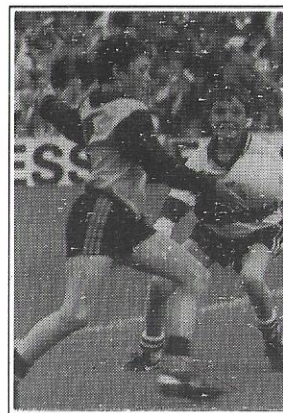
Meath minor star Oliver Murphy made his Croke Park debut as a 12 year old in the I.N.T.O./G.A.A. mini-sevens after leading his Carlanstown school to victory in that year's provincial festival in Navan. He remembers the day as "absolutely brilliant . . . a great day for myself, for the whole family and for my school". These sentiments are echoed in the views of GAA President Peter Quinn who sees the Cumann na mBunscol administered scheme as providing "a wonderful opportunity for boys and girls from smaller schools and clubs to realise the possibility of playing in Croke Park". Several children from Peter Quinn's own Teemore club in Co.

Fermanagh have participated in the mini-sevens. By coincidence, Oliver Murphy's father Benny played minor and senior football for Fermanagh with Peter Quinn.

The I.N.T.O./G.A.A. mini-sevens scheme grew from an initiative in G.A.A. Centenary year by I.N.T.O. President John Joe Connolly, who saw the need to reinforce the long-standing relationship that has existed between Cumann Luthchleas Gael and the primary

teaching profession. The mini-game format was suggested by Liam Ó Maolmichíl, himself a former primary school teacher, having seen children involved during big games in Australia. Liam regards the scheme as having been "a great success and an ideal showpiece for the great work being done in our primary schools. We are delighted to have the children and representatives of the teaching profession involved on the big days in Croke Park."

Two hundred and forty children played in Croke Park in 1993, having been selected after county and regional

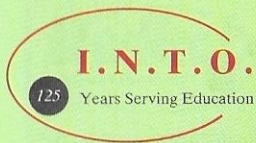


● Liam O'Hare of Cullyhanna, Co. Armagh makes an excellent clearance under pressure during the Dublin v. Derry semi-final.

stages from over 10,000 participants. They keep the attractive gear they wear at today's games and their parents and teachers are guests of Cumann Luthchleas Gael.

G.A.A. development manager Pat Daly sees the mini-sevens as having a critical role to play in promoting the concept of the small-sided game. Pat stresses that as much emphasis as possible must be placed on skill acquisition and on allowing children to express their natural skills. "The mini-game concept allows much more ball contact and is vital for skill acquisition. It also strikes an effective balance between the strong and weak players. Small-sided games are easier to organise and maximise participation and enjoyment."

Like Meath's Oliver Murphy, many other boys and girls have been captivated and inspired by their participation in Croke Park on big match days. Cumann na mBunscol, in association with Cuman Luthchleas Gael and the I.N.T.O., will continue to make possibility become reality for many more boys and girls.



G.A.A./I.N.T.O./Cumann na mBunscol

# Mini Sevens Exhibition



For the Primary schoolboys and girls participating in the Mini-Sevens games at half time, today is a dream come true. They have been successful at the county and regional stages of a 32 countywide programme of Gaelic Games, organised by Cumann na mBunscol, the primary schools Gaelic Games body, in association with the G.A.A. and the I.N.T.O..

These boys and girls, who march behind Cumann na mBunscol's "Scoil Spóirt" banner, were chosen at regional level for the skills they displayed. Today the G.A.A. is host to them, their parents and their teachers, as they give us an exhibition of those skills.

Be generous in your appreciation of their effort and support the work of Cumann na mBunscol in your county.

## Girls' Football

Team U — White & Red (Derry)  
Pitch: defending Cusack Stand Hill 16 End.

- MARY GALLAGHER, Ballybofey, Co. Donegal.
- LYNETT MAGUIRE, Lisnaskeagh, Co. Fermanagh.
- NATASHA O'GARA, Ashford, Co. Wicklow.
- AMANDA CARR, Carlanstown, Co. Meath.
- ELAINE KENNEDY, The Neale, Co. Mayo.
- JENNIFER SCULLION, Coagh, Co. Tyrone.
- SHARON McAREE, Smithboro, Co. Monaghan.
- PATRICIA HAND, Smithboro, Co. Monaghan.
- VIRGINIA DOONA, Beaufort, Co. Kerry.
- MARTINA KEANE, Lavagh, Co. Sligo.

## Girls' Football

Team V — Red & White (Cork)  
Pitch: defending Hogan Stand Hill 16 End.

- JULIE KIRWAN, Clonegal, Co. Wexford.
- AUDREY DIFFLEY, Barnacoola, Co. Leitrim.
- UNA CUSACK, Moyvalley, Co. Kildare.
- ORLA BRENNAN, Bay Estate, Co. Louth.
- MAIREAD McDAID, Taghman, Co. Wexford.
- EMMA MERRIGAN, Beaumont, Dublin 11.
- SHEILA FARRELL, Lanesboro, Co. Longford.
- SARAH KILPATRICK, Sandyford, Dublin 16.
- ANITA O'BRIEN, Aherlow, Co. Tipperary.
- EMMA KEARNEY, Crusheen, Co. Clare.

## Boys' Football

Team W — White & Red (Derry)  
Pitch: defending Hogan Stand Canal End.

- PAUL ROUSE, Coalisland, Co. Tyrone.
- GORDON FARRELL, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin.
- GERALD DONNELLY, Belfast, Co. Antrim.
- ANDREW CASEY, Shrute, Co. Mayo.
- FRANCIS SINNOTT, Co. Wexford.
- CONOR DOWDS, Ballybofey, Co. Donegal.
- PADRAIG JOYCE, Corrandulla, Co. Galway.
- KAROL MAHER, Fethard, Co. Tipperary.
- GLEN Ó RAGHALLAIGH, Dublin 10.
- GARY HALLIGAN, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.

## Boys' Football

Team X — Red & White (Cork)  
Pitch: defending Cusack Stand Canal End.

- BOBBY MURRAY, Tramore, Co. Waterford.
- SEAN MacCIONAITH, Latton, Co. Monaghan.
- GARY McCLOSKEY, Dromod, Co. Leitrim.
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- KEVIN SCALES, Ennistymon, Co. Clare.
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Corcaigh agus Doire! Dearg is bán! Contaethe ó dhá cheann na tire ó thuaidh is ó dheas. Peileadóirí den chéad scoth iad araon. Corcaigh ann le breis is céad bliain, a ghnóthaigh a gcéad chraobh peile i 1890 agus atá tar éis cúig cinn eile a ghnóthú ó shin. Doire nach raibh sa chraobhchluiche ach uair amháin cheana (1958) agus ar theip orthu san iarracht sin.

Corcaigh leis an líon is mó chlub sa tír cé gur leis an iomáint a mbíonn luí ag cuid acu. Doire atá ag brath ar dhornán clubanna tuaithe mar go bhfuil an chathair an-tugtha don

pheil gallda. Ach ní daonra an chontae an treith is tábhachtaí i dtaca le craobh a bhaint ach an diongabháltacht, an aiclíocht agus an sprid i ngach ball foirne ar an lá agus le linn an chluiche

Traidisiún — cad is brí leis nó cén tionchar a bhíonn aige ar fhoireann. Tá traidisiún ag Corcaigh sa pheil agus san iomáint; tá oiread áirithe chraobhacha bainte acu agus cuid mhaith teipeanna chomh maith agus iad faoi scáth Chiarraí ó thús an chéid ar aghaidh. Tá, le blianta beaga anuas, ach go háirithe, an-chúram déanta de na fóirne faoi aois agus anois tá siad ag tógáil air sin.

Ach tá traidisiún ag Doire chomh maith. Bhí ceannas ag foirne Bhreifne ó thuaidh ar feadh i bhfad. Ansin san dachaidí tháinig Aontroim chun tosaigh ach ní raibh san iarracht ann ach rith serraigh.

Ón 'cheathrú pháirc ghlas' a tháinig Ardmhacha i 1953 ach bhí Doire ar na sála acu i 1958 agus cé gur teip a bhí i ndán dóibh araon óna cumhachtaí móra, Chiarraí agus Áth Cliath faoi seac, thugadar taispeántais iontacha den pheil aduaidh. Ba

cheannródaíthe iad agus ghlac An Dún agus Dún na nGall leis an dtreoir!

Ach roimhe sin, fiú, bhí peileadóirí den chéad scoth ag Contae na Duilleoige Darach nuair a bhí Pádraig ("Stickey") Maguire ar fhoireann Uladh 1943 agus 1944 agus bhí Francie Niblock ar fhoireann Uladh 1947. Níos déanaí bhí peileadóirí iomráiteacha ón chontae go minic ar fhoirne Uladh, ar nós Roddy Gribben, Jim McKeever, Paddy Breen, H., F. Gribben agus an duine is cliútaí díobh ar fad, Seán O'Connell a bhí ar cheithre fhoirne Uladh (1962, 1965, 1966 agus 1968) a bhuaigh Corn an Bhóthar Iarainn agus ar cheann 1967 ar theip orthu sa cluiche ceannais.

Tógann sé sin muid go dtí céim eile sa traidisiún ag Doire — bhí Seán mar bhainisteoir/traenálaí ar an fhoireann mhionúir ón chontae a bhuaigh ar chéad chraobh Uile-Éireann i 1965. Agus ar an bhfoireann sin bhí Éamonn Ó Colmáin, Bainisteoir na foirne inniu agus a mhac súid, Gary, ag imirt leo. B'é captaen na foirne mhionúir an lá sin Tomás Ó Díomáin agus tá a mhac siúd ar an bpainéal inniu, Karl. Bhí athair Dhonall Ó Coinne ina lántaca ar an bhfoireann '65.

Mar sin, níl an traidisiún ar fad ag roinnt le Corcaigh a bhfuil daoine ar an

bhfoireann a bhuaigh, boinn Uile-Éireann idir mhionúir, faoi-21 agus shinsir: tá dosaen ar a laghad ar an bpainéal a bhuaigh bonn sinsear agus is comhartha nirt é go bhfuil cuid acu siúd ina bhfir ionaid inniu, ar nós Conor Ó Cuanacháin agus Seán Ó Cléirigh.

Maidir leis an gcluiche féin inniu tá dhá fhíric is gá a lua — níor casadh foireann chomh maith le Doire ar Corcaigh ó 1988 (An Mhí) agus níor casadh líne lán-tosaigh ariamh ar Dhoire atá inchurtha leis an líne atá ag Corcaigh inniu, eadhon, Cóilín Ó Corcora, Seán Ó Drisceoil agus Mícheál MacCárthaigh.

Má mheánn duine an dá rud sin in aghaidh a chéile tagtar go chámh na huilne — an bhfuil an lárpháirc ag Doire agus an leath-líne cosanta, ach go háirithe, in inmhe agus in ann an pheil a choinneáil amach ón líne dáinséarach sin.

Mar adúradh cheana is beag cúl atá á scóráil sna cluichí ceannais le deanaí agus ceaptar go mbeidh an bua inniu ag an bhfoireann a fhaigheann cúl nó ceann breise thar an méid chúil a fhaigheann an fhoireann eile! Tá beirt sár-mhaith ag Corcaigh agus Doire chun speacanna saor a ropadh thar an trasnáin, Coilín Ó Corcora agus Éanna Ó Gormaille faoi seac.

In am an ghátair tá cúlbaire Chorcaí, Seán Ó Céirín, an-mhuiníneach; bhí an iomarca le déanamh in aghaidh Átha Cliath ag Damien MacOscair agus bhí air a líne a thréigint go ro-mhínic chun tacú leis na cosantóirí — rud an-bhaolach nuair atá tosaigh den chinéal atá ag Corcaigh ag luí sa "bhféar fada". Tá súil againn nach mbeidh air bogadh ón líne deireannach cosanta inniu.

Cé a bhuafaidh? Beidh an cluiche seo ar an gceolchluiche is fearr le blianta fada — ba bhreá le furmhór lucht leanta na geluichí go mbaofadh fir Chontae na Duilleoige Darach ach ní gan fáth a geulreann fir An Chontae Réabhlóideach seon orainn; nár bhreá an rud comhscór a bheith ann!

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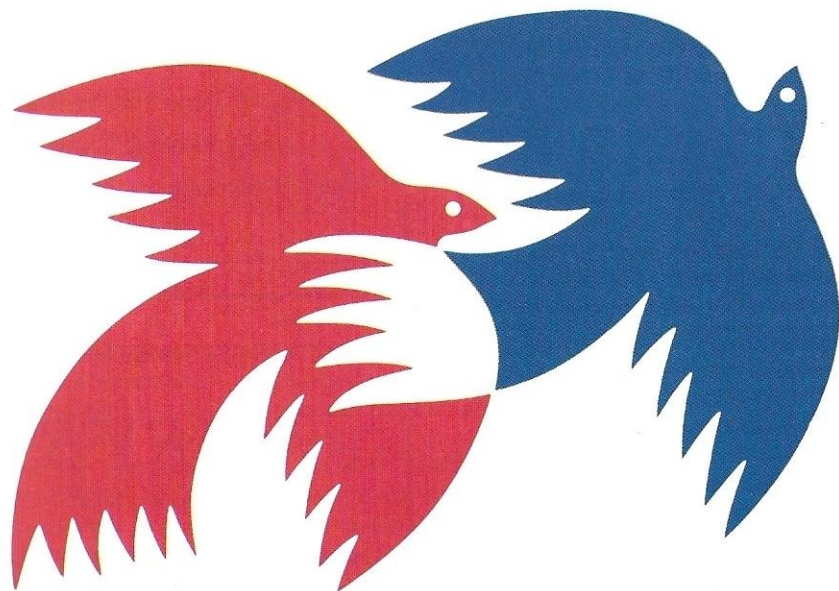
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By the mid fifties Cork were already established as one of the leading powers in junior football when the semi-final draw pitted them against Derry who were making only their second appearance at this stage of the championship in any grade of football.

In the matter of confidence Cork, understandably, had a distinct edge at Navan and it showed as early as the fifth minute when, after Derry had opened with a point from John E. Mullan, a defensive error let Cork in for an easy goal. And Derry morale wasn't helped when

Mullan ballooned a penalty over the bar, though an exchange of points left the situation basically unaltered until Gormley's clearance went to O'Sullivan who promptly shot to the net to leave it 2-4 to 0-3 in Cork's favour at the interval.

Derry reopened vigorously, but it was Cork who scored first when Collins pointed and then there was a huge gap on the scoreboard when O'Sullivan's second goal was supplemented by points from Furlong and Collins. A rout looked a distinct possibility.

But Derry rallied with surprising heart. Mullan hit two points from frees and then goaled a penalty. Two more points and the deficit

was down to a manageable seven points. Cork steadied, however, and as the Derry effort faltered, Collins and Troy had the scores that made it doubly safe.

Cork Scorers: D. O'Sullivan 2-1, E. McAuliffe 1-1, R. Troy 0-2, R. Nutty 0-2, S. Collins 0-2, T. Furlong 0-2.

Derry Scorers: J.E. Mullan 1-2, F. Shiels 0-3, G. Fuller 0-1, P. Heron 0-1

CORK:- L. Power, T. Moynihan, T. O'Callaghan, T. Shanley, T. Connell, B. O'Sullivan, P. Murphy, S. Collins, T. Furlong, D. Murphy, D. O'Donovan, R. Troy, D. O'Sullivan, R. Nutty, E. McAuliffe

DERRY:- P. Gormley, M. Donnelly, W. Gribben, D. Cassidy, M. Higgins, G. Muldoon, P. Smith, S. Young, T. Stephenson, G. McCann, B. Murray, G. Fuller, P. Heron, J.E. Mullan, F. Shields.



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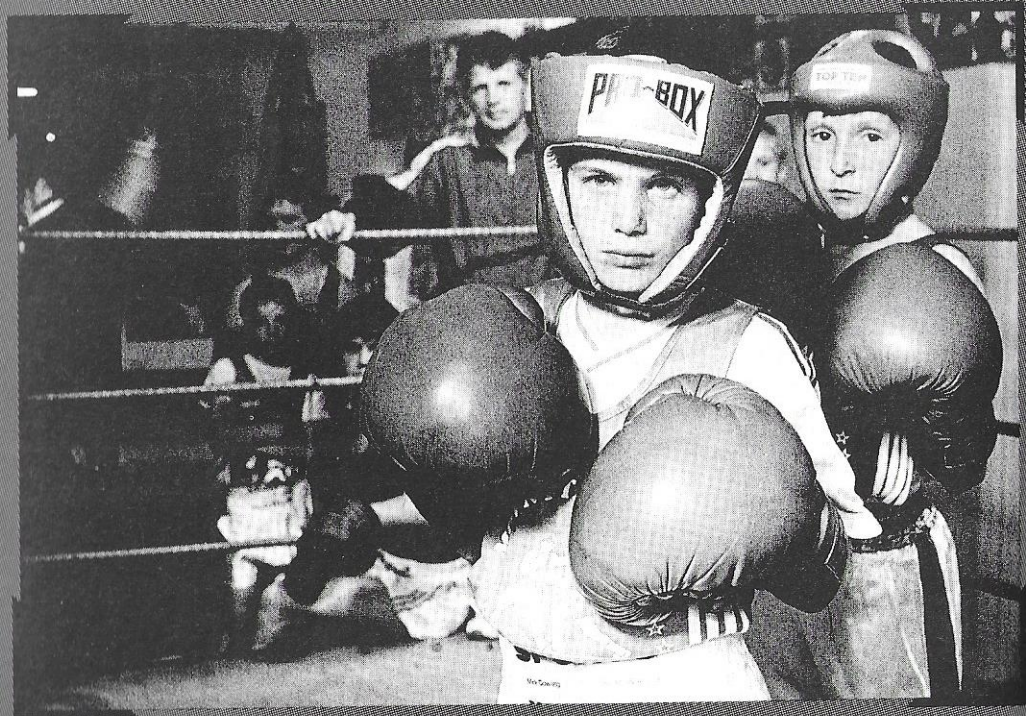
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# LAST FINAL

**1985:  
Cork 0-14; Derry 1-8**

With eight medal-holders from the previous year's triumph, Cork were splendidly armed for this under-21 final against Derry who were seeking their first title since 1968.

Cork opened with flourishing forward movements that often threatened to bring goals, but which usually ended with wides or in the capable hands of Derry keeper, Damian McCusker.

Yet, by the 15th minute, Cork were leading by 0-7 to 0-2, and looking good, but when Derry broke away, only a timely advance by Derry O'Mahony prevented a certain goal, and Cork, despite their distinct territorial advantage, had to be content with an interval lead of 0-9 to 0-5.

Cork's lead was extended on the restart, but it never moved beyond six points in a slow exchange of points that lasted until five minutes from the end when Declan McNicholl sent O'Mahony the wrong way with a

perfectly-struck penalty kick. Suddenly Derry realised that they still had a chance and there was more excitement crammed into the closing five minutes than in the previous 55; and it took a great smothering save by O'Mahony from McNicholl's close-range effort to prevent a replay.

Cork Scorers:- P. McGrath 0-4, C. O'Neill 0-3, M. Slocum 0-2, M. McCarthy 0-2, T. McCarthy 0-2, S. O'Donovan 0-1.

Derry Scorers:- Declan McNicholl 1-2, D. Cassidy 0-1, M. McGurk 0-1, C. McNicholl 0-1, Dermot McNicholl 0-1, T. McKiernan 0-1, D. O'Kane 0-1

Cork:- J. O'Mahony (Nemo Rangers), K. Scanlon (St.Finbarrs), A.

Davis (O'Donovan Rossa), D. Walsh (St.Catherines), D. Cleary (Castlehaven), B. Stack (Doneraile), M. Slocum (St.Finbarr's), D. Culloty (Newmarket), P. Hayes (St.Finbarr's), M. McCarthy (O'Donovan Rossa), Teddy McCarthy (Glanmire), B. Coffey (Bishopstown),

S. O'Donovan (Lough Rovers), C. O'Neill (Midleton), P. McGrath (Bishopstown). Sub.- B. Lane (Lough Rovers) for Culloty.

Derry:- D. McCusker (Glen), J. McGurk (Lavey), F. Burke (Drum), P. McCann (Glen), B. Young (Glen), B. McPeake (Ballinascreen), N. Mullan (Dungiven), D. O'Kane (Glenmullen), B. Healy (Dungiven), Declan McNicholl (Glenmullen), D. Cassidy (Bellaghy), M. McGurke (Moneymore), C. McNicholl (Glenmullen), Dermot McNicholl (Glenmullen), T. McKiernan (Bellaghy). Subs.- P. Bradley for Burke, J. Mulholland for Mullan, C. Barton for McGurk.

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# Derry build winning tradition at Headquarters

The All Ireland senior football final will be an entirely new experience for the Derry players, but they are still unlikely to be unsettled by the big occasion. The men who have earned the county a first outing in a decider since 1958 have built up a winning tradition of late at Croke Park.

Derry beat Meath and Tyrone in the National League in the spring of 1992 and started their defence of the League crown last October with a win over Dublin. Last month, they made it four wins in four outings at headquarters in national competition in 16 months with that memorable All Ireland semi-

final triumph over the Dubs.

Ten of the players who lined out last month played in all four games. Fergal McCusker and Dermot McNicholl went in as substitutes in the semi-final and they too, as a result, appeared in all four matches.

Derry, therefore, are already a very experienced Croke Park team. They have also come through a testing programme, marked by wins over the All Ireland champions of 1991 (Down) and 1992 (Donegal).

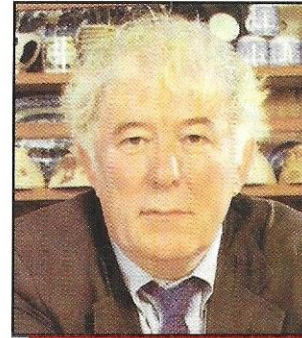
Probably their best performance, however, was against the much fancied League and Leinster champions last month.

Derry displayed skill, commitment and, above all, plenty of character in a game that was the best possible advertisement for football.

The Ulster champions started promisingly with three points in seven minutes, but fell away after that. Had the Dubs made better use of their opportunities, they would have led more convincingly at the interval than by 0-9 to 0-4.

Derry looked anything but probable winners as the match restarted, but they rose to the challenge in great style. The brilliance of Joe Broily in the attack and the introduction of Dermot McNicholl from the substitutes bench did much to spark the come-back.

The Northerners were three points adrift fifteen minutes from the end and then steadily cut into the deficit until Henry Downey gave them the lead with a point seven minutes from time.



● Seamus Heaney

The exchanges were even keener after that, but Derry continued to put strong pressure on the Dublin defence and, two minutes from time, right half back John McGurk sallied up field to send over the winning point - 0-15 to 0-14.

This must rank as one of the best ever displays by a Derry team at headquarters.

Half backs McGurk, Henry Downey and Gary Coleman not only put up a solid barrier to their goal, but each also got on the scoring sheet.

Tony Scullion scaled the heights when moved to full back early on. Anthony Tohill and Brian McGilligan at midfield and Joe Broily in attack were others who stood out as Derry advertised further their right to rank as genuine Sam Maguire Cup contenders.

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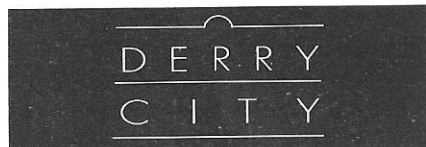
BY SEAMUS HEANEY

I  
*We marked the pitch: four jackets for four goalposts,  
 That was all. The corners and the squares  
 Were there like longitude and latitude  
 Under the bumpy thistly ground, to be  
 Agreed about or disagreed about  
 When the time came. And then we picked the teams  
 And crossed the line our called names drew between us.*

*Youngsters shouting their heads off in a field  
 As the light died and they kept on playing  
 Because by then they were playing in their heads  
 And the actual kicked ball came to them  
 Like a dream heaviness, and their own hard  
 Breathing in the dark and skids on grass  
 Sounded like effort in another world.  
 It was quick and constant, a game that never need  
 Be played out. Some limit had been passed,  
 There was fleetness, furtherance, untiredness  
 In time that was extra, unforeseen and free.*

II  
*You also loved lines pegged out in the garden,  
 The spade nicking the first straight edge along  
 The tight white string. Or string stretched perfectly  
 To mark the outline of a house foundation,  
 Pale timber battens set at right angles  
 For every corner, each freshly sawn new board  
 Spick and span in the oddly passive grass.  
 Or the imaginary line straight down  
 A field of grazing, to be ploughed open  
 From the rod stuck in one headrig to the rod  
 Stuck in the other.*

III  
*All these things entered you  
 As if they were both the door and what came through it.  
 They marked the spot, marked time and held it open.  
 A mower parted the bronze sea of corn.  
 A windlass hauled the centre out of water.  
 Two men with a cross-cut kept it swimming  
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Joe McCarthy wishing Mick McCarthy, Captain Cork Football Team Best of Luck in the 'Final'. Also in the picture is Mick McCarthy's wife Helen of P. J. McCarthy Insurances Skibbereen.

# A Golden, *Golden* Jubilee

When the Kerry football team travelled to Cork for the 1943 Munster semi-final with Cork, they would have been forgiven if they were more than slightly over-confident about the outcome, as not one member of the side could remember when Kerry had last failed to Cork in the championship - and for the simple reason that not one of them had been born when there had been such a happening on the football field.

A year previously, Kerry had beaten Cork by double scores in the Munster final, and there was little about the losers' performance on that occasion to suggest that the days of Kerry's unchallenged dominance in the South were numbered. But they were. It didn't take Kerry long to realise that for the first time in decades they actually had a fight on their hands. At the end it was honours even, but Kerry must have been confident that their replay tradition would see them through.

Five weeks later Kerry

returned to the Athletic Grounds. For the first time ever the crowd at a Munster football championship game exceeded that of a Munster hurling final, and Cork, urged on by a fanatical following, demonstrated that there was a new order in the South. Even an early Kerry goal failed to quench the Cork fire, though that goal was still in Kerry's favour at the break (1-2 to 0-2). But Cork completely dominated the closing half and after "Togher" Casey had shot to the net, the same player had the levelling point and then the winner three minutes from time (1-5 to 1-4). For the first time since 1907 Cork had beaten Kerry in the championship.

One victory, however, did not carry with it the assurance that Cork had arrived; only future events would confirm that, but in retrospect it would be seen that 1943 marked a watershed for Cork football, a year that would mark the dividing line between the time when the Munster championship was a non

event, and the new era with Cork not alone credible challengers to the might of the Kingdom, but All-Ireland contenders of real worth. A Golden Jubilee that deserves to be celebrated in Cork whatever the outcome of today's final.

And the team that recorded that historic triumph 50 years ago was - E. Courtney (Army), P. O'Donovan (St.Nicholas'), J. Hardney (Dromtariffe), G. O'Leary (U.C.D.), J. Lynch (St.Nicholas'), D. O'Connor (Millstreet), T. Crowley (Clonakilty), capt., D.J. Murphy (Dromtariffe), E. Young (Dohenys), J. O'Donovan (Clonakilty), P. Mullen (Army), E. Casey (Macroom), S. Minogue (Dohenys), J. Cronin (Army), J. Aherne (Clonakilty).





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# Munster-Ulster Finals

The meeting of Cork and Derry bridges a gap of 25 years back to the last final between representatives of North and South, when the verdict went to Down at the expense of Kerry. That was the eight final involving these two provinces.

Because of the seeding arrangement in the early years of the championship, it was 1911 before there was a Munster-Ulster final; and that was a big occasion for Cork who routed Antrim with a second-half goal rush. Kerry kept the

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Munster standard aloft when North and South clashed for the second time in another one-sided encounter.

Cavan brought off Ulster's first success in this particular confrontation in 1947, but the overall position reads five-three in Munster's favour with Cork contributing two wins from two appearances.

1911:  
Cork 6-6; Antrim 1-2

1930:  
Kerry 3-11; Monaghan 0-2

1937:  
Kerry 2-5; Cavan 1-8

Replay:  
Kerry 4-4; Cavan 1-7

1945:  
Cork 2-5; Cavan 0-7

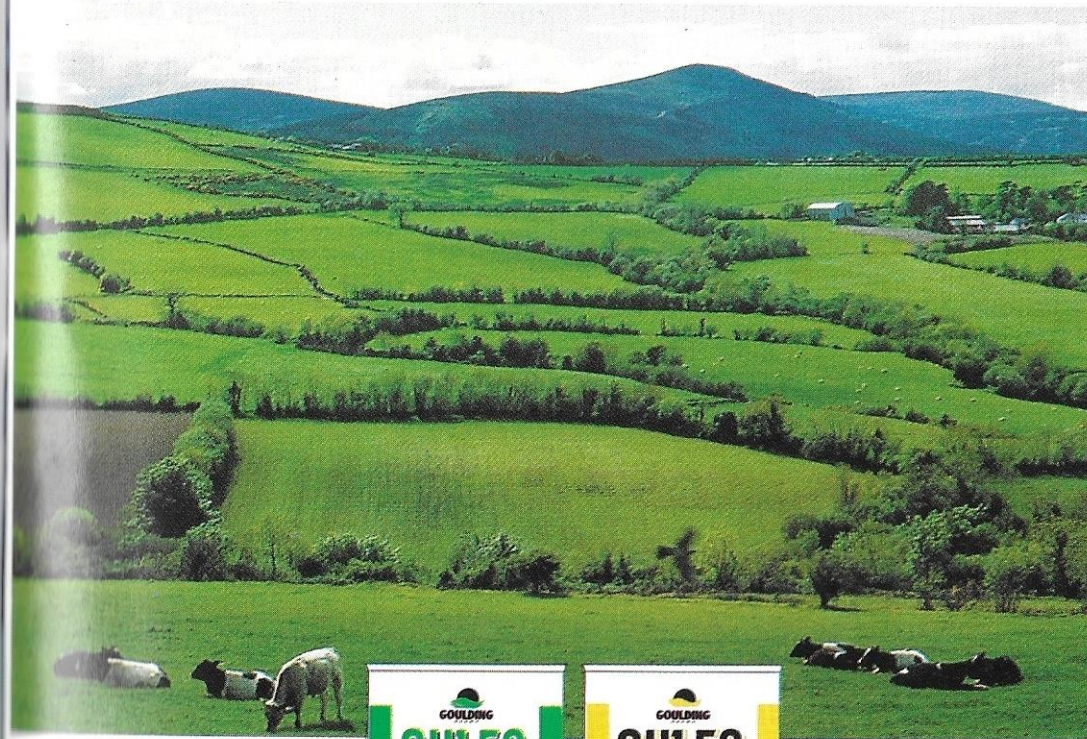
1947:  
Cavan 2-11; Kerry 2-7

1953:  
Kerry 0-14; Armagh 1-6

1960:  
Down 2-10; Kerry 0-8

1968:  
Down 2-12; Kerry 1-13

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7: Galway:	1925, 1934, 1938, 1956, 1964, 1965, 1966.
6: Cork:	1890, 1911, 1945, 1973, 1989, 1990.
5: Cavan:	1933, 1935, 1947, 1948, 1952.
Meath:	1949, 1954, 1967, 1987, 1988.
Wexford:	1898, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918.
4: Down:	1960, 1961, 1968, 1991.
Kildare:	1905, 1919, 1927, 1928.
Tipperary:	1889, 1895, 1900, 1920.
3: Louth:	1910, 1912, 1957.
Mayo:	1936, 1950, 1951.
Offaly:	1971, 1972, 1982.
2: Limerick:	1887, 1896.
Roscommon:	1943, 1944.
1: Donegal:	1992.

### All-Ireland Minor Football Championship

10: Dublin:	1930, 1945, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959, 1979, 1982, 1984.
Kerry:	1931, 1932, 1933, 1946, 1950, 1962, 1963, 1975, 1980, 1988.
8: Cork:	1961, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1972, 1974, 1981, 1991.
6: Mayo:	1935, 1953, 1966, 1971, 1978, 1985.
5: Galway:	1952, 1960, 1970, 1976, 1986.
3: Derry:	1965, 1983, 1989.
Roscommon:	1939, 1941, 1951.
Tyrone:	1947, 1948, 1973.
Meath:	1957, 1990, 1992.
2: Cavan:	1937, 1938.
Down:	1977, 1987.
Louth:	1936, 1940.
1: Armagh:	1949.
Clare:	1929.
Offaly:	1964.
Tipperary:	1934.

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The historic occasion of the signing of the construction contract with John Sisk & Sons Ltd., on 25th August received widespread media coverage. At long last, the Croke Park Development is rapidly becoming a reality. The demolition of the Cusack Stand and the construction of the new Stand will commence tomorrow, 20th September, barring a draw in today's Senior final.

The G.A.A. is raising the cost of constructing the new Stand through the sale of ten-year Term Seats, Cusack Club Seats and 40 Corporate Boxes.

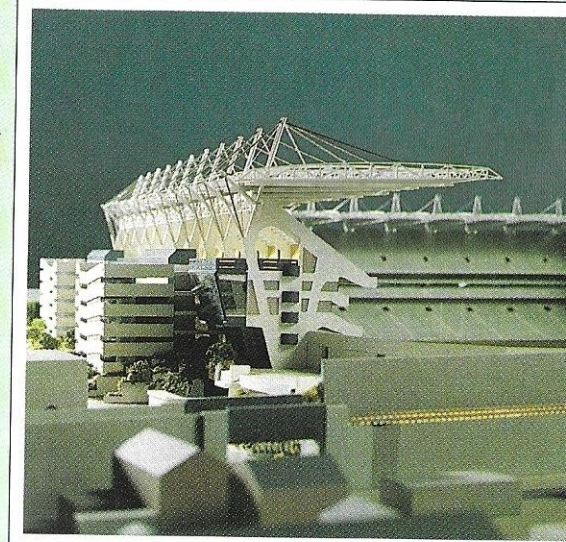
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# The Cusack Stand

## In Tune with the Times

By Pádraig Ó Fainín

Iar-Uachtarán, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

**T**hat September Sunday in 1938, I was in Croke Park for the meeting of Waterford and Dublin in the All-Ireland Senior Hurling final. I had been in "Croker" only once before, in 1936. The 1937 final was played in Killarney and Tipperary beat Kilkenny in that one. Killarney was the venue in 1937 because things were happening in Croke Park. A new and major development was underway and we youngsters were just vaguely aware that a new stand was in the making, and that it would commemorate the name and fame of Michael Cusack. However, as we journeyed to Dublin in the early morning, thoughts of new stands did not occupy the mind. Only the hurling mattered.

Strangely, I have little or no recollection of any publicity attending the opening of a new stand. Perhaps there was none, for public relations were something of an unknown quantity in those days. Indeed, as I, and my company, waited outside Croke Park for the opening

of the gates, there was nothing to warn or prepare us for a first glimpse of the Cusack. The Croke Park I had seen for the first time in 1936 looked "great" to me. There was the old Hogan with all of its historic associations and significance. There was the old Hill 16, then, as now, the preserve of purists who really know their game. And its association with 1916 was ever in mind. Finally, there was the "Long" stand, a covered terracing, primitive by modern standards, yet impressive in its time, and welcome refuge when I used it for the first and only time in the thunder and lightning final of 1939, when torrential rain made my customary spot in the sideline uninhabitable. But, I degress.

Entering Croke Park on that September Sunday in 1938, the familiar scene seemed utterly changed with the new, massive structure dominating the ground, making the old Hogan look puny, and the Long stand shoddy. The contrast was over-powering. Looking across from the sideline seats in front of the old Hogan, the Cusack looked truly magnificent, its sheer bulk almost

overwhelming, as it seemed to reach to the sky and dwarf all about and around it. It was, indeed, a noble edifice, a proud achievement indicative of the Association's ability and will to meet new demands and changing trends.

Before the crowds gathered it looked awesome in its emptiness. And, then, as the seats began to fill, and the thousands took their places beneath its upper deck, it seemed to fit naturally and harmoniously into the general pattern of the grounds. At once, the new Cusack became an integral part of the developing Croke Park, and a sure pointer of things to come. Later the standing accommodation would be transformed into a mammoth lower deck, meeting the growing demand for seats and more seats.

For me, however, the Cusack is the stand I first glimpsed on entering Croke Park in 1938, all of fifty five years ago. Through all those years that daring — for its time — development has served G.A.A. patrons well, and there were many happy only if they could view the

games from its lofty heights.

Now, it has served its purpose, and the work of demolition is about to begin. Soon it will be replaced by a structure that will be untouched anywhere in Ireland and unsurpassed in the world. The new Cusack, with all its modern facilities and increased accommodation will rise on the site and will be not only a fitting monument to Michael Cusack, but a telling, a compelling indication of the forward looking policies and planning of an ever evolving, ever developing Gaelic Athletic Association.

However, as I look at the old Cusack for the last time, there must be a touch of sadness, and more than a little nostalgia mixed with the pride. I was young when the Cusack was young — I have grown old with it. The case of progress must be served but, somehow, I will look across at the Cusack this All-Ireland day, and the memories will come rolling back. Yes, there will be pride, too, in the knowledge that our G.A.A. is in tune with the times and ready for tomorrow's advance.

## And, but for Kerry ... I would have been there

By David Guiney

**S**ome of you are old enough to remember it, many of you, I suppose, may tend to regard it as a time long lost in the calendar of the years ... but, with your indulgence, may I remind you of some of the happenings of 1938?

It was a year that had its tragedies, its happy incidents, its hilarious moments — and also a striking innovation that through the 55 years of its subsequent existence was to become near, dear and treasured to the regular

and loyal citizens of Croke Park.

The world was in some turmoil. In Europe a certain Adolf Hitler was at the head of the German troops as they marched in to establish the occupancy of Austria ... later Czechoslovakia was to be invaded ... the now infamous Munich Pact was ratified when Hitler signed the "Peace Declaration" with Britain.

In Spain, with General Franco and his forces now in ruthless command, the bloody Civil War was at its climax ... and in the Far East the Japanese army marched on towards Canton and

Hankow in its devastation of China ... in Moscow, one Joseph Stalin was a delegate to the U.S.S.R.'s first "Red Parliament"

...

Here at home, under the Constitution of a year earlier, the title of the Irish Free State had been discarded and our country was now known officially as Ireland ... and under the premiership of Eamon de Valera, an accord, under which Britain gave up the naval control of Cobh, Berehaven and Lough Swilly, was signed between Ireland and Britain and the departure of the British forces in occupation of the three ports, and particularly so in Cork, was one of the major news stories of the year.

1938, too, was a year that had

its high moment of farce, provided generously by one Douglas G. Corrigan, later to be immortalised as "Wrong-Way" Corrigan.

Without permit, permission or due notice to anyone, he climbed into a tiny one-seater aeroplane in Brooklyn, New York, took off into the night ... and duly landed in Dublin where he blithely informed everyone that his original intention had been to fly from New York to his native Los Angeles and had made a "slight" mistake by taking a wrong turn and flying in the wrong direction.

In sport in 1938, Gordon Richards was the champion jockey but once again he failed to win the Derby which went to Illois Roussel ... the young Bruce

Whitcombe won the British Open Golf Championship ... and Jimmy Bruen won the Irish Amateur Open and Irish Amateur Close titles ... Joe Louis, the world heavyweight champion dealt summarily with Max Schmeling ... and a little English solicitor, Sydney Wooderson held the world record for the Mile in what was described as an incredible 4-06.2.

However, during 1938 there was also to be a happening of far-reaching importance here in Dublin and in his "G.A.A. — A History", my dear friend Marcus de Búrca emphasises it: "To many members and supporters and especially to tens of

thousands of ordinary playing members, probably the most impressive achievement of the G.A.A. in the 1930s was the erection of the Cusack Stand in Croke Park.

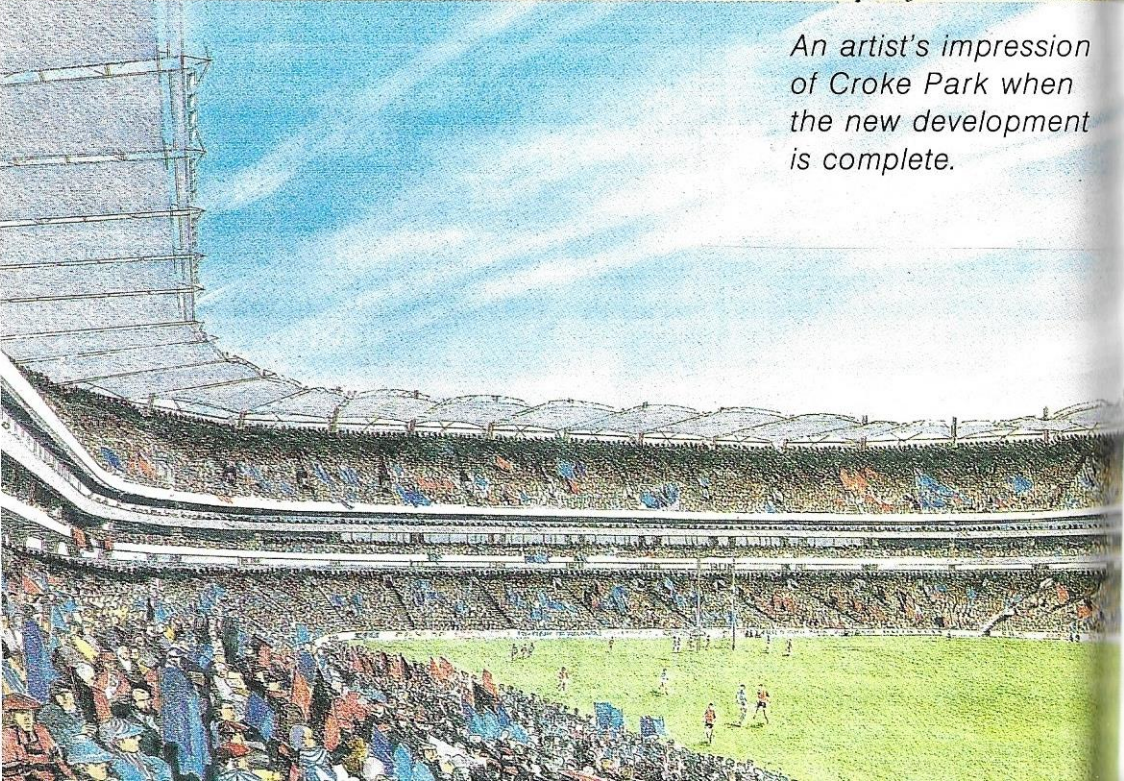
"By any test it was an important event in the history of the Association. The ambitious scale of the project and its successful execution probably did as much for the public image of the Association as it did for the morale of the rank-and-file members.

"Conceived in the Golden Jubilee year of 1934 as a necessary expansionist move and a permanent tribute to the G.A.A.'s founder, the Cusack Stand on its completion became at once a symbol of the new prosperity and permanence of

# YOUR STADIUM



*An artist's impression of Croke Park when the new development is complete.*



# The Cusack Stand

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the Association and solid proof of the leading position in Irish sport attained by the G.A.A.”

The decision to build the new stand was taken in 1934 and tenders were invited in 1935. By then the late Nicholas O'Dwyer had been appointed engineer by the Central Council and on his advice, a tender of £41,000 was accepted from the Limerick firm of McCaffrey and O'Carroll. The contract stipulated that the stand would have to be completed within 18 months from February, 1936.

Marcus de Búrca, who did intensive research into the background of the building of the Cusack Stand for his "History of the G.A.A." quotes Pádraig Ó Caoimh from his Secretary's Report to the 1936 G.A.A. Congress ... "This would be the most extensive scheme ever undertaken by the Association and would involve a covered double-decker stand, the first of its kind in Ireland, and the terracing of Hill 16 to produce an estimated accommodation for 30,000".

The hope, perhaps the belief, then was that the new stand would be ready in time for the 1937 All-Ireland finals in hurling and football and in the early part of that year it appeared that this might be achieved. By the late summer of 1937 most of the stand had been completed but then came a major strike in the building industry, work had to be halted ... and as it transpired the Cusack Stand was not to be finished until the August of

1938.

By then the total cost had gone soaring far beyond the original figure — and the final figure presented to Nicholas O'Dwyer was £58,700 of which, as Marcus de Búrca records, he was to dispute nearly £7,800. Subsequently a substantial reduction was negotiated by Central Council. To meet this bill, the G.A.A. had earlier created a debenture for £35,000 and with this, and greater income and several economies in expenditure, the entire debt was eventually cleared by 1945.

On Sunday, August 21st, 1938, the President of the G.A.A., Pádraig MacNamee of Belfast, the first Ulsterman to head the G.A.A., and he was also to become a good friend to me in later years, formally opened and dedicated the new Cusack Stand — and the game which marked the occasion was the All-Ireland Football semi-final between Kerry and Laois.

For 55 years now the once-new but now old Cusack Stand has held its stately and gracious head over the hallowed ground of Croke Park; from its now well-worn seats the many thousands of different generations have watched the ebb and flow of so many wonderful and memorable games ... and I'm happy to say that I took my place in it frequently.

I saw it for the first time on a day of thunder, lightning and torrential rain when I came all the way from Kanturk to see Cork take on, and lose by a tantalising late point from

Jimmy Kelly, to Kilkenny in an All-Ireland Hurling final I can still remember vividly with some regret.

But I'm afraid the memory is not too good about the first time I sat in the Cusack Stand but I have the suspicion that it may have been in 1947 when Terry Leahy again provided Kilkenny with their last-minute win by shooting a point in perhaps the last second of the game.

It was, however, to become very familiar to me in the years that followed — at one time, before the new Hogan Stand was created, the Cusack Stand also housed the Press and I was to labour happily there with many dear friends, the late John D. Hickey, the late Paddy Purcell .. with Paddy Downey, Peadar O'Brien ... and so many others.

And you know, it struck me just after I started to write this little piece that, but for Kerry, I might have played in Croke Park on that fateful Sunday of August 21st, 1938, when the Cusack Stand was opened to the public for the first time.

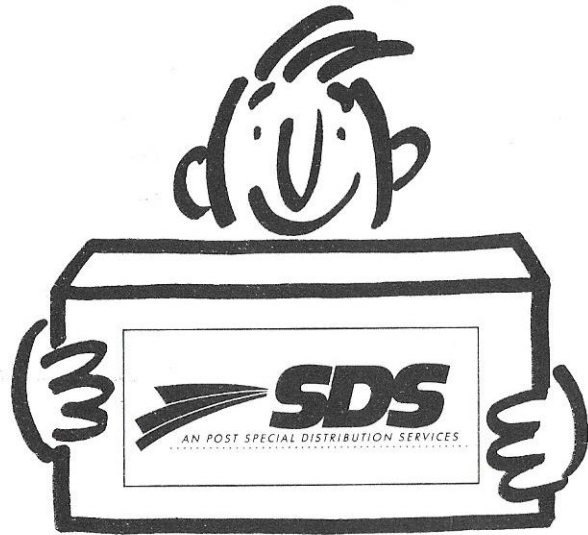
In those days I was in school at the Patrician Academy in Mallow and I had the good fortune to be on the Cork minor team which beat Limerick in the Munster semi-final at Kilmallock ... but then we ran into Kerry in the Munster final at Clonakilty and that, I have to relate, was a humbling and chastening experience for Cork. Kerry, without even exerting themselves, gave us the mother-and-father of a hiding.

But for that .... !



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After a three-year absence, Cork are back in an All Ireland Senior Football Final with a high scoring record behind them, and a good blend of youth and seasoned campaigners.

One of the younger members of the squad, Colin Corkery, at 21, played an outstanding role in getting the Leesiders off to a good start against Clare at Ennis. He scored 2-5 and since then has established himself as by far the leading scorer in the country in championship play.

Good wins followed over Kerry and Tipperary to take the Munster title for the first time since 1990.

Then came a run-away win over Mayo. The Southerners were much the superior side and demonstrated that point from an early stage. They were well on the way to a Sam Maguire Cup tie at the interval as they led by 1-10 to 0-3.

Cork continued to hold the upper hand in the second half and finished the game with a flourish as they scored 3-3 in the last four minutes. At the final whistle, the Leesiders were the most comfortable of winners at 5-15 to 0-10.

## Cork's Blend of Youth and Experience

Five forwards scored a goal each. One of those was John O'Driscoll, who set the seal on a splendid display by scoring 1-3. He has been dogged by injuries during his career, but was right on top of his form in the semi-final and his top class display suggests he could be one of Cork's trump cards.

Corkery continued on the scoring line yet again and finished with 1-6, the goal from a penalty.

But the attack was well supported by the other departments. Cork lined out without Teddy McCarthy because of injury and lost midfielder Shea Fahy with a shoulder injury in the 26th minute.

Fahy and Danny Culloty combined well during their limited partnership to provide the forwards with a good supply. Liam Honohan went in as a substitute for Fahy and struck up a solid partnership with Culloty.

The back division, with Mark

O'Connor gaining in stature as the match advanced, Stephen O'Brien and Ciaran O'Sullivan also to the fore, gave little away.

Cork back up their record with a team that has a nice blend of experience and youth. Players like Michael McCarthy, John O'Driscoll, Barry Coffey, Teddy McCarthy, Shea Fahy, Anthony Davis, Stephen O'Brien and John Kerins are now very experienced All Ireland campaigners.

All are All Ireland senior medalists and their craft should prove a bonus for Cork. Then players like O'Sullivan, Corkery, O'Connor and Joe Kavanagh, all seeking their first senior medals, have blended in really well with the wily campaigners.

The result is that Billy Morgan's outfit has blended this year into the type of combination with the craft, all round-balance and scoring power necessary in the make-up of any side with designs on capturing the coveted Sam Maguire Cup.

*Good Luck & Best Wishes to the Derry Team from*

**Paddy Fullan**

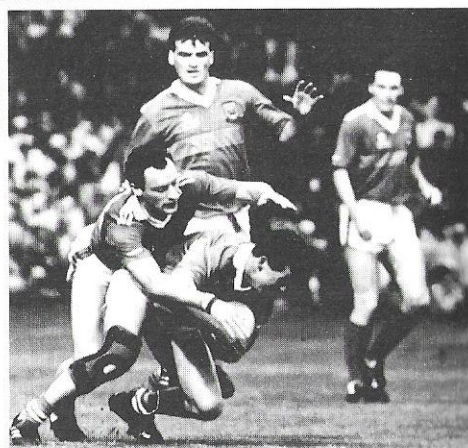
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Although Cork have enjoyed a very successful time in minor football since the early 'Sixties, with eight titles, the county has still not captured the Tom Markham Cup and the Sam Maguire Cup in the same year.

The Markham Cup, the minor prize, was last brought to the county in 1991 when a team that included Brian Corcoran and Joe Kavanagh beat Mayo in the final. The bid to retain the title last year was ended by a Meath team that included a number of their present outfit.

The latest Cork side is another capable one, with top class footballers in all departments, and has left no doubt as to the right to rank as worthy finalists.

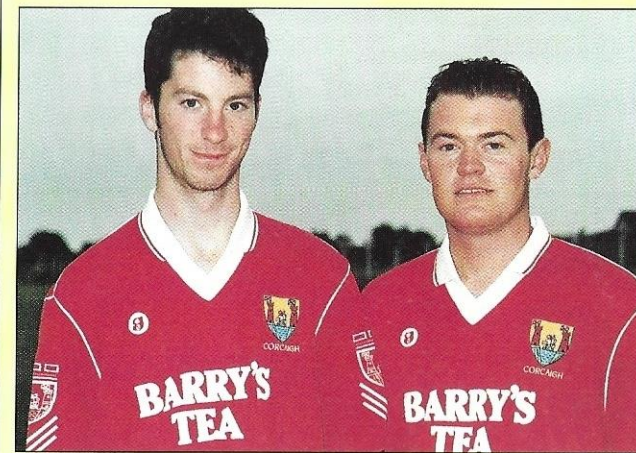
The Leesiders' closest call was at Tralee in early July when it took two very late goals by Alan O'Regan and Seamus Collins to snatch a dramatic 2-7 to 1-9 win over Kerry, who were fancied by many to do well in this season's championship.

Cork displayed a commendable will to win in that game, and they have not been seriously tested in the meantime.

A polished and efficient performance in the provincial final at Thurles ensured a third Munster title on the trot with a good eight points win over Tipperary.

Galway, who came through a testing campaign in

## Cork Minors Seek First Leg of Unique Double



St. Michael's Duo — Dave Dempsey and Ken O'Connell.

Connacht, looked capable of providing the Southerners with a strong test in the All Ireland semi-final. However, the challenge never materialised as Cork, with flair and skill, powered to a run-away win that must surely have surprised even their most ardent supporters.

The Leesiders had the game in safe-keeping as they led at the interval by nine points. They did not concede a single score in that half and notched 2-3.

Galway faced an Everest climb in the second half, all the more so as they were reduced to 14 players when a forward was sent to the line by the referee two minutes before the break.

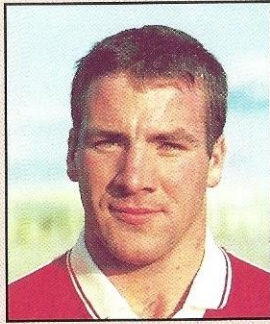
Cork, playing in the style of potential champions, went on to build on their first half showing for a 4-11 to 0-4 win.

Even though the game was disappointing, there was still much to admire in the Cork performance. James Kingston at left full back, Martin Cronin and Jeremiah O'Connell at midfield, John Buckley, Alan O'Regan, Seamus Collins, each of whom scored a goal, were particularly impressive.

Only time will show if Cork are the power they appeared in that game, but the win is bound to put the players in the right frame of mind as they strive to set their seniors a good example with a winning show.

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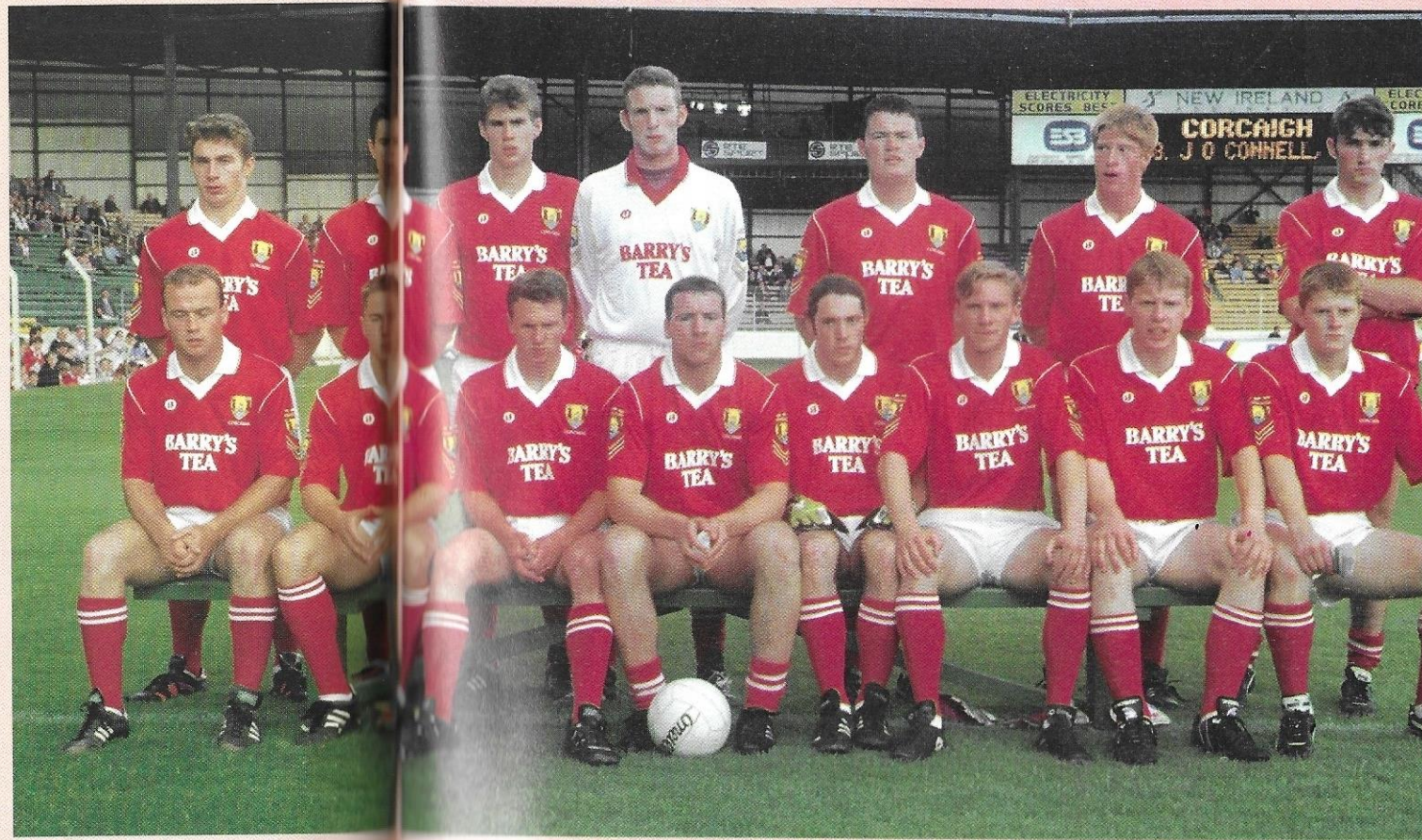
Minor Football Finalists 1993



**BRIAN CUTHBERT**  
CAPTAIN

Back row (l-r): Owen Sexton, Martin Cronin, Alan O'Regan, Des McAuley, Ken O'Connell, Seamus Collins, Shane Prendville.

Front row (l-r): Paul O'Flynn, Jame Kingston, Andy O'Shea, Brian Cuthbert, Jerome O'Connell, John Buckley, Tim O'Mahony, Ger O'Leary.



## Mionúir Chumasacha sa Choimhlint

Is dócha ar bhealach go mbíonn na mionúir faoi scáth na sinsir lá an chraobhchluiche agus is trua sin mar, go hiondúil, bíonn caighdeán na peile inchurtha le, nó níos fearr ná, peil na sinsir.

Is cinnte go mbeidh ard-chaighdeán sa chluiche ceannais mhionúir inniu mar tá dhá fhoireann den chéad scoth faoinár mbráid. Ní bréag a rá ná facthas dhá fhoireann chomh cumasach, agus le stíl agus éifeacht i ngach cearn den pháirc faoi mar a léirigh An Mhí agus Corcaigh sna cluichí leathcheannais. Go háirithe nuair a smaoinítear gurb iad curaidh Uladh, Tír Eoghain, agus curaidh Chonnachta, Gaillimh, faoi seac a bhí mar fhreasúra acu.

Gan trácht ar a chumas a bhíodar ó thaobh na

peile dhe bhí buachaillí scafanta láidir ar an dá fhoireann cuid acu níos mó ná go leor sinsearaigh.

I dtaca le Corcaigh de bhí togha pheileadóirí acu, Diarmuid Ó Conaill agus Máirtín Ó Cróinín i lár páirce agus bhí leath-thosach láir, Alan Ó Riagáin, a bhí ina pheileadóir thar an choiteann agus bhí na tosaigh ar fad an-chliste agus cumasach chun scóranna a fháil. Bhí Eoghan Ó Seasnáin agus a chomhleacaíthe san Cosantóirí faireach, láidir agus in inmhe tosaigh na Gaillimhe a cheannasú.

Anuraidh bhuaigh An Mhí an chraobh seo agus shílfeá nach bhféadfaidís ionadaithe chomh maith a aimsiú do na himreoirí a bhí thar aois i mbliana. Tá leath-dhosaen de na laochra a bhuaigh anuraidh ar an bhfoireann inniu agus, tríd is tríd, deireann na saineolaithe go bhfuil an fhoireann seo inniu chomh maith le curaidh '92. Máisea cloifidh siad buachaillí an deiscirt. Cionnte bhí Barra Ó Sioradáin, Seán

Ó Laitheasa agus Barra Ó Ceallacháin, gan ach an tríúr sin a lua, chomh curasach is a fhacthas le blianta.

Mar sin féin, tá traidisiún ag Corcaigh i dtaca le foirne mionúir den chéad scoth a chur ar an bpáirc agus má sháraigh siad dúshlán Chiarraí agus na Gaillimhe, go háirithe, ní haon dóithíní iad. Beidh spróc eile acu áfach — is é sin, an chéad cuid den "dubailt" a ghnóthú chun na sinsir a spreagadh!

An Contae Ríoga nó An Contae Réabhlóideach — cé acu ag a mbeidh an ceann is fearr inniu? Ceaptar go bhfuil níos mó teacht aniar i gcuraidh Laighean agus os rud é go bhfuil craobh na n-ógánach bainte ag an gcontae cheana go mbeidh na mionúir ar bís chun an sampla a leanúint.

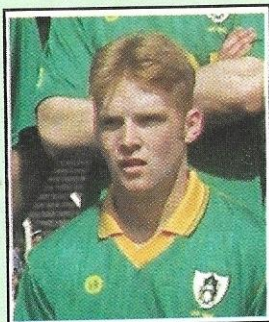
Cibé ar bith, ní haon bhaol don pheil sa dá chontae lomrálteacha seo, An Mhí agus Corcaigh, nuair atá peileadóirí óga den chineál seo ar fáil dóibh.

## History Makers

Five players who line out in today's minor final have already made history by becoming the first Meath players to win two Leinster medals in the under-18 grade: Barry Sheridan (today's captain), Trevor Giles, Niall Creaven, Paul Nestor, Philip Duff and Niall Walsh who were members of the winning panel in 1992. And if Meath win today they will be the first Meath players to win two All-Ireland minor medals; in fact, they will be the first Leinster players to win two awards at this level since Dublin won titles back-to-back in 1958-59. An additional history-making feat (already accomplished) is that this year Meath retained the Leinster minor title for the first time.

# An Mhí

## Minor Football Finalists 1993



**BARRY SHERIDAN**  
CAPTAIN

Back row (l-r): Trevor Giles, Niall Walsh, Alan Finnegan, Paul Nestor, Niall Craven, Hank Traynor, John Lacy, Barry Callaghan.

Front row (l-r): Conor Woods, Ollie Murphy, Barry Sheridan, Paddy Reynolds, Ned Kearney, Nial Farrelly, Darren Fay.



## Minor Scoreboard '93

### ULSTER

May 16 - Irvinestown:  
Fermanagh 1-12; Armagh 0-10  
May 23 - Castleblaney:  
Cavan 2-17; Monaghan 0-13  
May 30 - Páirc An Iúir:  
Derry 1-7; Down 0-9  
June 6 - Ballybofey:  
Donegal 1-9; Antrim 1-5  
June 13 - Athletic Grounds:  
Tyrone 2-14; Fermanagh 2-3  
June 20 - Casement Park:  
Derry 1-14; Cavan 1-8  
June 27 - Breffni Park:  
Tyrone 2-14; Donegal 0-12  
Final - July 18 - Clones:  
Tyrone 1-9; Derry 1-5

### LEINSTER

May 1 - Portlaoise:  
Louth 1-12; Laois 1-10  
May 1 - Pearse Park:  
Offaly 1-10; Longford 1-8  
May 5 - Parnell Park:  
Dublin 0-13; Wexford 0-11  
May 9 - Nowlan Park:  
Wicklow 7-9; Kilkenny 2-9  
May 15 - Castletown:  
Dublin 4-7; Westmeath 2-2  
May 15 - O'Connor Park:  
Offaly 0-11; Carlow 0-11  
May 15 - Dundalk:  
Meath 0-14; Louth 2-5  
May 15 - Arklow:  
Wicklow 2-10; Kildare 0-12  
May 22 - (Replay) Cullen Park:  
Offaly 1-5; Carlow 0-7  
June 27 - Portlaoise:

Wicklow 5-15; Offaly 2-8  
July 4 - Croke Park:  
Meath 2-9; Dublin 0-5  
Final - July 25 - Croke Park:  
Meath 1-16; Wicklow 3-3

### CONNACHT

May 8 - Tuam:  
Galway 1-12; Leitrim 0-8  
June 27 - Carrick-on-Shannon:  
Galway 2-12; Roscommon 3-9  
June 27 - Markievicz Park:  
Mayo 4-11; Sligo 1-5  
Replay - July 3 - Tuam:  
Galway 0-15; Roscommon 1-8  
Final - July 25 - Hyde Park:  
Galway 0-11; Mayo 1-8  
Replay - July 31 - Tuam:  
Galway 3-8; Mayo 1-8

### MUNSTER

May 5 - Kilmallock:  
Cork 1-14; Clare 0-7  
May 6 - Clonmel:  
Tipperary 1-13; Waterford 0-7  
July 8 - Clonmel:  
Tipperary 3-17; Limerick 1-6  
July 9 - Tralee:  
Cork 2-7; Kerry 1-9  
Final - July 18 - Semple Stadium:  
Cork 2-15; Tipperary 2-7

### ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINALS

August 15, Croke Park:  
Cork 4-11; Galway 0-4  
August 22, Croke Park:  
Meath 3-17; Tyrone 0-10

## Third Meeting

*This will be only the third meeting of Meath and Cork in the minor football championship. Their paths first crossed at this level at the semi-final stage in 1977 when Meath won by 0-12 to 1-5. Surprisingly, only three players from that encounter - Liam Harnan, Michael McQuillan and Jimmy Kerrigan - went on to make their names in senior football. Last year's semi-final meeting also ended in Meath's favour (3-13 to 2-13) which leaves the Rebel county still seeking a first win over Meath in minor football.*

*Interestingly, over the years, Cork have met 21 different counties in the under-18 football championship and have failed to record wins over only two of them - Meath, of course, and Offaly to whom they lost the 1964 final.*

## Na Mionúir

**Cork and Meath each played four games on the way to the All Ireland minor football final.**

### Cork's Programme

Cork were first in action:

May 5 - Kilmallock:

Cork 1-14; Clare 0-7

Scorers for Cork: G. O'Leary 1-6, J. Buckley, A. O'Regan 0-2 each, J. O'Connell, P. O'Flynn, S. Collins, B. Cuthbert 0-1 each.

July 9 - Tralee:

Cork 2-7; Kerry 1-9

Scorers for Cork: A. O'Regan 1-2, J. Buckley 0-4, S. Collins 1-0, C. O'Brien 0-1.

July 18 - Thurles:

Cork 2-15; Tipperary 2-7

Scorers for Cork: S. Collins 1-3, A. O'Regan 1-2, J. Buckley 0-4, P. O'Flynn 0-3, J. O'Connell, D. Dempsey, M. Cronin 0-1 each.

August 15 - Croke Park:

Cork 4-11; Galway 0-4

Scorers for Cork: J. Buckley, S. Collins, A. O'Regan 1-1 each, J. McCarthy 1-0, M. Cronin 0-3, J. O'Connell 0-2, G. O'Leary, P. O'Flynn, B. Cuthbert 0-1 each.

## How they won through to the Finals

### Meath's Programme

Meath started their defence of the Leinster and All Ireland titles in mid-May.

May 15 - Dundalk:

Meath 0-14; Louth 2-5

Scorers for Meath: T. Giles 0-5, O. Murphy 0-4, N. Walsh 0-2, A. Finnegan, P. Nestor, P. Duff 0-1 each.

July 4 - Croke Park:

Meath 2-9; Dublin 0-5

Scorers for Meath: P. Nestor 1-2, T. Giles 0-5, B. O'Callaghan 1-0, O. Murphy, A. Finnegan 0-1.

July 25 - Croke Park:

Meath 1-16; Wicklow 3-3

Scorers for Meath: O. Murphy 0-5, P. Nestor 1-1, T. Giles 0-4, B. Callaghan 0-3, N. Walsh 0-2, N. Regan 0-1.

August 22 - Croke Park:

Meath 3-17; Tyrone 0-10

Scorers for Meath: O. Murphy 1-4, B. Callaghan 1-1, N. Walsh 0-4, T. Giles 0-4, P. Duff 1-0, P. Nestor 0-2, N. Farrelly, A. Finnegan 0-1 each.

### Scoring Records

Amazingly enough, Cork and Meath each scored 74 points. The Munster champions chalked up 9-47 and Meath scored 6-56.

Cork conceded two points fewer than the Royal County. The Southerners had 3-27 chalked up against them and Meath conceded 5-23.



### Top Marksmen

*Trevor Giles is the leading scorer as far as the finalists are concerned with 0-18 for Meath. Alan O'Regan leads the way for Cork with 3-7.*



*Today Meath attempt to achieve an Under 21 and Minor double while Cork seek a Minor and Senior double.*

*Two counties have managed the Minor and Under 21 double. In 1975, Kerry won both, beating Dublin 1-15 to 1-10 in the U-21 decider and Tyrone 1-10 to 0-4 at Minor while in 1981 Cork beat Galway 2-9 to 1-6 in U-21 (after a 0-14 to 2-8 draw) and Derry 4-9 to 2-7 in Minor.*

*Minor and Senior doubles in the same year are more common. Kerry have 6: 1931, 1932, 1946, 1962, 1975 and 1980 while Dublin did so in 1958.*

Meath are in line to make history on the double today. Their under-21 footballers won the All Ireland championship last month for the first time and a successful defence of the Tom Markham Cup against Cork would earn the Royal County a first sequence of two national minor championships in succession.

The present minor side has a rich vein of experience. Captain and left half back Barry Sheridan and midfielder Trevor Giles lined out from the start in the side that snatched a dramatic one point win over Armagh last September with an injury time goal.

Paul Nestor, who scored two points against Tyrone last time out, went into last year's final

### The Difficult Double

The minor/senior double, as the record shows, can be an elusive prize, but, and also from the record, it is not nearly as difficult to accomplish as the minor/under-21 double which Meath attempt to complete today. To date, only two counties have annexed both under-age football crowns in the one year - Kerry in 1975 and Cork in 1981. There were seven other occasions on which counties have contested both finals, but double remained beyond the efforts of some fine teams from Derry, Mayo, Down, Kerry and Cork. Until now no Leinster county has managed to reach both finals in one year which must serve as a tremendous incentive to the Royal county youths today.

## MEATH OUT TO MAKE HISTORY ON THE DOUBLE

winning side as a substitute. Philip Duff, who was right full forward a year ago, went in as a substitute in the recent semi-final and scored a goal.

The title holders can also point to good form along the road back to the final. They set the seal on their campaign in Leinster with a convincing final win over Wicklow. The holders were given some worrying moments by Wicklow in the first half and conceded three goals.

However, the ability to send over points kept Meath in touch and they were on level terms at the break by 0-9 to 3-0. Ten minutes into the second half, the scores were still tied, but a penalty goal by Nestor set Meath on the road to a clear-cut 1-16 to 3-3 win.

Much was expected of Tyrone, who presented the semi-final challenge to the holders, but the game failed to come up to general expectations. Top scoring Oliver Murphy was a key figure in enabling Meath to stamp their control on the exchanges from early on.

He found his way through to the Northern net after only seven minutes and, sixteen minutes later, put Barry Callaghan through for a goal.

Those goals put Meath in a very strong position, as they led by 2-9 to 0-4 at the interval despite playing against the wind.

The defending champions did not loosen their grip on the exchanges in the second half and, although they had some bad wides, still finished very convincing winners by 3-17 to 0-10.

Sheridan, in great form at No. 7, Giles and Alan Finnegan, industrious and purposeful at midfield, and Murphy and Callaghan were best for Meath, who impressed as another team of outstanding ability.

A team well capable, in fact, of making a tremendous bid to end a great year in under-age football for Meath with a winning performance.

### The Double Winners

**Only five players have won All-Ireland under-21 and minor medals in the same year - Kerry's Charlie Nelligan, Mick Spillane, Sean Walsh and Jack O'Shea in 1975 and Tony O'Sullivan of Cork in 1981. Only one Meath player is poised to join this distinguished group - ace marksman, Trevor Giles who was a sub on the team that won the under-21 title three weeks back and who lines out at midfield today. Needless to say, if Meath wins, Giles will be the first Leinster player to bring off this particular double.**



# An Mhí

Dathanna: Uairhne is Ór

- Fir Ionaid**  
**(16) Philip Duff**  
*P. Ó Duibh*  
 (Syddan)  
**(17) Nigel Regan**  
*N. Ó Riagáin*  
 (St. Michael's, Carlanstown)  
**(18) Darren Byrne**  
*D. Ó Broin*  
 (O'Mathúna, An Uaimh)  
**(19) Tony McDonnell**  
*A. MacDomhnaill*  
 (Seneschalstown)  
**(20) David Crosby**  
*D. MacCrosain*  
 (Meath Hill)  
**(21) Willie Byrne**  
*L. Ó Broin*  
 (Moynalvey)  
**(22) David Moran**  
*D. Ó Moráin*  
 (St. Michael's, Carlanstown)  
**(23) Stephen Dillon**  
*S. Ó Diallyn*  
 (Seneschalstown)  
**(24) Joe Farrelly**  
*S. Ó Fearghaile*  
 (Walterstown)

**Roghnoirí**  
 Liam Brady  
 (St. Cuthbert's-Bohermeen)  
 Patsy Duff (Syddan),  
 Padraig Dunne (Moynalvey),  
 Benny Gartland (Wolfe Tones,  
 Oristown),  
 John Sullivan (St. Patrick's)  
 Christy Moore (St. Patrick's,  
 Stamullen) (Trainer and Coach).

- 1**  
**NIALL CRAVEN**  
*N Ó Craobháin*  
 (St. Mary's, Donore)
- 2**  
**NED KEARNEY**  
*E. Ó Cearnaigh*  
 (Simonstown Gaels)
- 3**  
**CONOR WOODS**  
*C. Ó Caoillte*  
 (Carnaross)
- 4**  
**HANK TRAYNOR**  
*H. Ó Treinfhir*  
 (Simonstown Gaels)
- 5**  
**PADDY REYNOLDS**  
*P. Mac Raghnaill*  
 (Walterstown)
- 6**  
**DARREN FAY**  
*D. Ó Feith*  
 (Trim)
- 7**  
**BARRY SHERIDAN**  
*B. Ó Sioradáin (Capt.)*  
 (Moynalvey)
- 8**  
**TREVOR GILES**  
*T. Ó Glaisne*  
 (Skyrne)
- 9**  
**ALAN FINNEGAN**  
*A. Ó Finneagáin*  
 (Seneschalstown)
- 10**  
**NIALL FARRELLY**  
*N. Ó Fearghaile*  
 (Round Towers)
- 11**  
**JOHN LACY**  
*S. Ó Laitheasa*  
 (Round Towers)
- 12**  
**NIALL WALSH**  
*N. Breathnach*  
 (Clonard)
- 13**  
**OLIVER MURPHY**  
*C. Ó Murchú*  
 (Carnaross)
- 14**  
**BARRY CALLAGHAN**  
*B. Ó Ceallacháin*  
 (St. Cuthbert's-Bohermeen)
- 15**  
**PAUL NESTOR**  
*P. Mac an Adhastair*  
 (Batterstown)

## AN MHI

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45m	Saor Ciceanna
<b>1adh Leath</b>					
<b>2adh Leath</b>					
<b>IOMLAN</b>					

# Corcaigh

Dathanna: Dearg is Bán



- 1**  
**DES McAULEY**  
*D. Mac Amhlaigh*  
 (Bantry Blues)
- 2**  
**TIM O'MAHONY**  
*T. Ó Mathúna*  
 (Bantry Blues)
- 3**  
**KEN O'CONNELL**  
*C. Ó Conaill*  
 (St. Michael's)
- 4**  
**JAMES KINGSTON**  
*S. MacClochaire*  
 (Caharagh)
- 5**  
**ANDREW O'SHEA**  
*A. Ó Sé*  
 (St. Colm's)
- 6**  
**EOIN SEXTON**  
*E. Ó Seasnáin*  
 (Kilbrittain)
- 7**  
**SHANE PRENDVILLE**  
*S. de Prionbhiol*  
 (Kilmichael)
- 8**  
**JEROME O'CONNELL**  
*D. Ó Conaill*  
 (Fr. O'Neills)
- 9**  
**DAVID DEMPSEY**  
*D. Ó Diomsaigh*  
 (St. Michael's)
- 10**  
**MARTIN CRONIN**  
*M. Ó Croinin*  
 (Nemo Rangers)
- 11**  
**ALAN O'REGAN**  
*A. Ó Riagáin*  
 (Castletownbere)
- 12**  
**JOHN BUCKLEY**  
*S. Ó Buachailla*  
 (Knocknagree)
- 13**  
**SEAMUS COLLINS**  
*S. Ó Coileain*  
 (Carrigtwohill)
- 14**  
**PAUL O'FLYNN**  
*P. Ó Floinn*  
 (Na Piarisigh)
- 15**  
**BRIAN CUTHBERT**  
*B. MacCuibreith (Capt.)*  
 (Bishopstown)

- Fir Ionaid**  
**(16) Pat Mackey**  
*P. Mac Aodh*  
 (Youghal)  
**(17) Niall McCarthy**  
*N. MacCarthaigh*  
 (O'Donovan Rossa)  
**(18) Jonathan McCarr**  
*I. MacCarthaigh*  
 (Ballyvourney)  
**(19) Gerard O'Leary**  
*G. Ó Laoire*  
 (Aghinagh)  
**(20) Colin O'Brien**  
*C. Ó Briain*  
 (Bishopstown)  
**(21) Gavin O'Connor**  
*G. Ó Conchubhair*  
 (St. Vincent's)  
**(22) Tim Coffey**  
*T. Ó Cofaigh*  
 (Ballinascarthy)  
**(23) Rory O'Shea**  
*R. Ó Sé*  
 (St. Vincent's)  
**(24) Pat Mullane**  
*P. Ó Maoláin*  
 (Clyda Rovers)

**Roghnoirí**  
 Michael Ó Lochlainn (Baile an Eas),  
 An tAth. Donncha MacCarthaigh  
 (Oircheann)  
 Padraig Ó Donnabhán (Gorma Be,  
 Donal Ó hAolain (Cill Mhuire),  
 Cochar Ó Caoimh (Mhíchil Naofa)  
**Joint Coaches:**  
 An tAth. Donncha MacCarthaigh  
 (Oircheann)  
 Eamonn Ó Ríain (Cnocán na Bior)

## CORCAIGH

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As is the case with the top totals, the players who occupy the leading positions in the matter of individual scoring feats are from counties that have long since departed the championship scene. And pride of place goes to Stephen Byrne of Wicklow who is unlikely to be toppled from the head of the chart by scoring heroics today - his four goals in the first round, albeit against Kilkenny, being the outstanding single return of the campaign. Ray Gallagher of Fermanagh is only a point behind Byrne, his 1-8 being instrumental in dethroning provincial champions, Armagh, in the first round. Gerry O'Leary is Cork's lone representative in the list as is Oliver Murphy for Meath. Galway's John Concannon, Offaly's Fergal McEvoy and Stephen Byrne (Wicklow) all appear twice in this chart which reads:

## Individual Feats (Minor)

Stephen Byrne (Wicklow)	4-0 v Kilkenny, first round at Nowlan Park
Ray Gallagher (Fermanagh)	1-8 v Armagh, first round at Irvinestown
John Concannon (Mayo)	1-7 v Leitrim, first round at Tuam
Fergal McEvoy (Offaly)	1-7 v Wicklow semi-final at Portlaoise
Gerry O'Leary (Cork)	1-6 v Clare, first round at Kilmallock
Fergal McEvoy (Offaly)	0-8 v Carlow, first round at O'Connor Park
Keith Byrne (Wicklow)	2-2 v Offaly, Semi-final at Portlaoise
Martin Lynskey (Mayo)	2-2 v Sligo, Semi-final at Sligo
John Concannon (Mayo)	1-5 v Galway, Final (replay) at Tuam
Bobby Murphy (Wicklow)	2-1 v Kilkenny, first round at Nowlan Park
Ray Brennan (Cavan)	0-7 v Monaghan, first round at Castleblaney
Mark Rogers (Tyrone)	1-4 v Fermanagh second round at Armagh
Alan Ryan (Dublin)	2-1 v Westmeath, Second round at Castletown
Ronan Rocks (Derry)	0-7 v Cavan, second round at Casement Park
Stephen Byrne (Wicklow)	2-1 v Kildare, second round at Arklow
Oliver Murphy (Meath)	1-4 v Tyrone, All-Ireland semi-final at Croke Park

## Na Captaen

### MEATH'S CAPTAIN: BARRY SHERIDAN

Meath's captain is Barry Sheridan, Moynalvey, who is in his third year on the Minor panel. A sub in 1991, he played at left half back in last year's final v Armagh - a position he again occupies today. His brother Cathal also holds an All Ireland medal from 1990, an All Ireland Under 21 in 1993 and an All Ireland Senior Hurling "B" in 1993. Barry holds two county Minor F.C. medals with this year's final involving his Club to be replayed. He is a Computer Science student at Dundalk R.T.C..

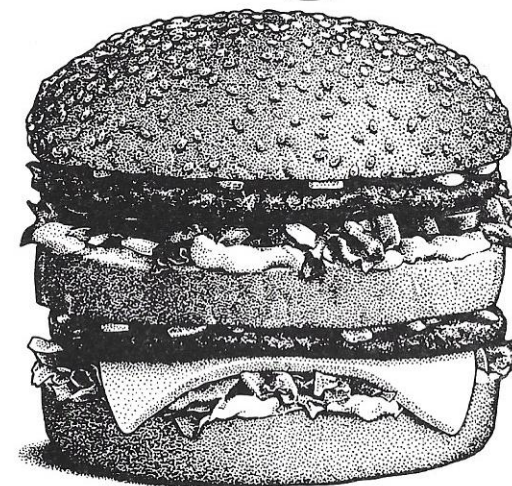
### CORK'S CAPTAIN: BRIAN CUTHBERT

Brian Cuthbert, Baile an Easpaig, attends Coláiste an Spioraid, Naoimh, Bishopstown. He plays football and hurling for school, club and county. He is one of five players on the football panel who played for the Cork Minor hurlers in the Munster hurling final. The other four are David Dempsey, Jerome O'Connell, Séamus Collins and Timmy Coffey.

*A total of 24 players have played for Meath in the championship to date. They are the 15 who start today plus Shane Byrne (Drumconrath), Joe Farrelly (Walterstown), Philip Duff (Syddan), Richie Kealy (Dunshaughlin), Brendan Martin (Simonstown), Willie Byrne (Moynalvey), Nigel Regan (St. Michael's), Darren Byrne (O'Mahony's) and David Moran (St. Michael's).*

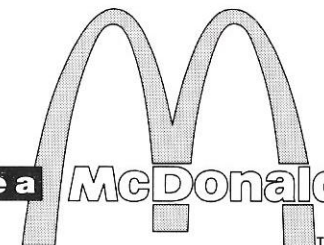
Meath and Cork minors have been dominated the minor championship in the nineties. No other county has got their name on the trophy during the decade so far with Meath winning in 1990, Cork in 1991 and Meath again last year. Can Meath hold on this year for the two-in-a-row, a feat last achieved by Cork during their three-in-a-row in 1967-68-69?

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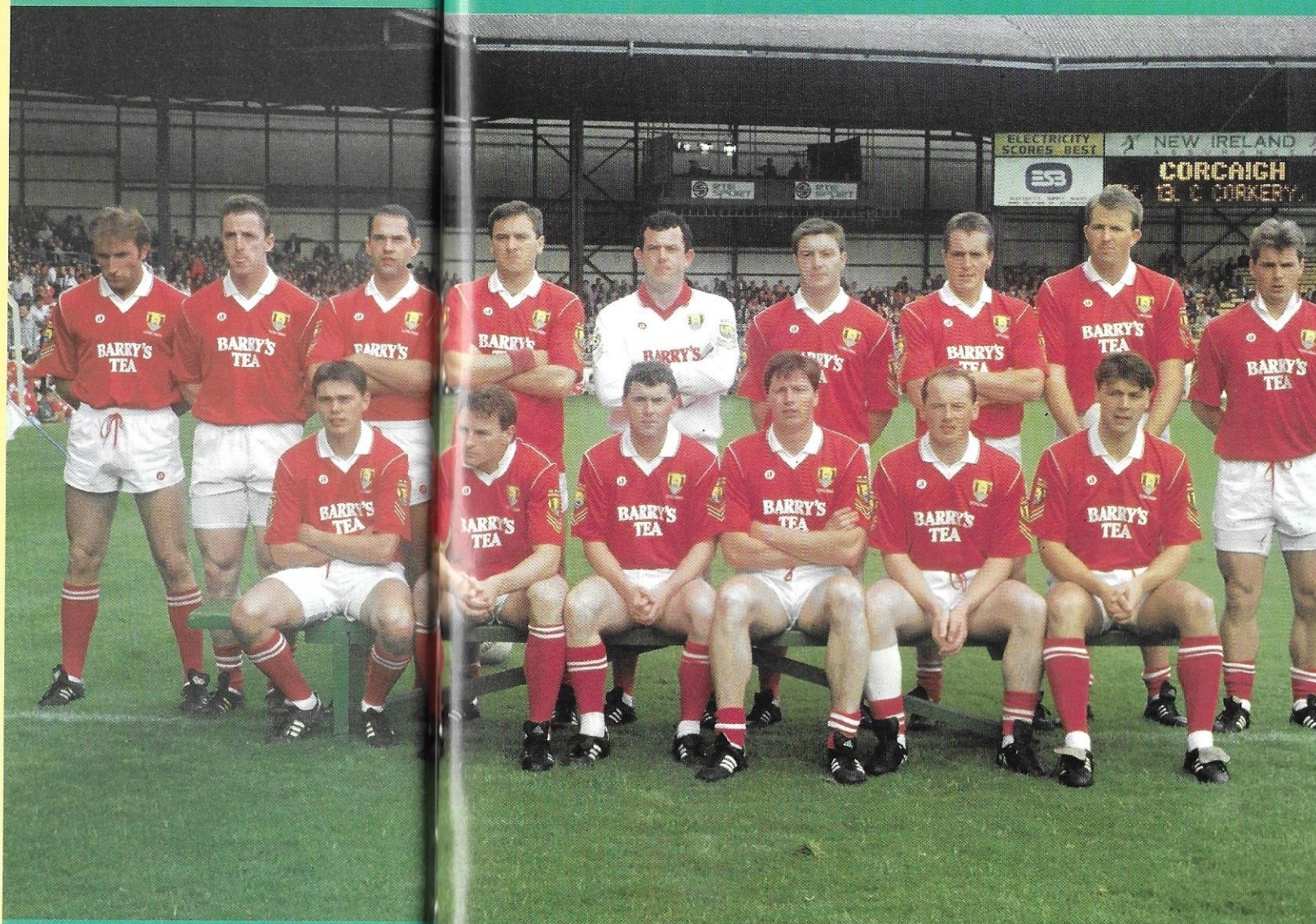
**Michael McCarthy**  
CAPTAIN

McCarthy has found the net on each of his last two championship outings at Croke Park. On St. Patrick's Day, McCarthy hit 1-8 as O'Donovan Rossa drew with Éire Óg, Carlow in the All-Ireland club final, and he helped himself to one of Cork's five goals against Mayo.

Michael captained Skibbereen to their first Cork senior football title last September, and also led the club to their national final replay win over Éire Óg.

Winner of three All-Ireland under-21 medals from 1984 to 1986 inclusive, the Corkman is a very experienced attacker. He has two All-Ireland senior medals, and hopes to receive a major trophy for the third time this year.

McCarthy, of course, led Cork to the Munster final win over Tipperary.



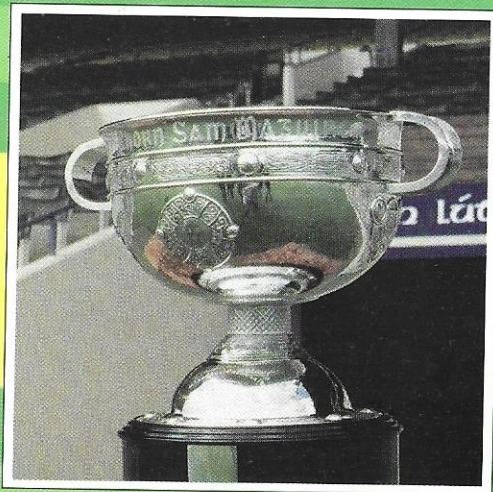
## All-Ireland S.F. Finalists 1993

Back row (left to right):  
Brian Corcoran, Barry Coffey,  
Mark O'Connor, Danny Culloty,  
John Kerins, Joe Kavanagh,  
Ciarán O'Sullivan, Colin Corkery,  
John O'Driscoll.

Front row (left to right):  
Don Davis, Stephen O'Brien,  
Michael McCarthy, Shay Fahy,  
Niall Cahalane, Tony Davis.



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**THE FINA**

Cork and Derry started their senior football campaigns on the same day - May 30. Each county had four games on the way to their historic meeting.

### DERRY'S ROUTE

May 30 - Newry:

Derry 3-11; Down 0-9

Scorers for Derry: Eamonn Burns 1-1, Anthony Tohill 0-4, Richard Ferris 1-0, Dermot Heaney 1-0, Damien Cassidy 0-3, Enda Gormley 0-2, Damien Barton 0-1.

June 20 - Belfast:

Derry 0-19; Monaghan 0-11

Scorers for Derry: E. Gormley 0-7, A. Tohill 0-5, Joe Brolly 0-3, D. Heaney, D. Cassidy, Karl Diamond, Brian McGilligan 0-1 each.

July 18 - Clones:

Derry 0-8; Donegal 0-6

Scorers for Derry: E. Gormley 0-3, D. Cassidy 0-2, D. Barton, Dermot McNicholl, A. Tohill 0-1 each.

August 22 - Croke Park:

Derry 0-15; Dublin 0-14

Scorers for Derry: E. Gormley 0-7, H. Downey 0-2, A. Tohill 0-2, John McGurk, B. McGilligan, Gary Coleman, J. Brolly 0-1 each.

### THE CORK MARCH

May 30 - Ennis:

Cork 2-14; Clare 1-10

Scorers for Cork: Colin Corkery 2-5, Joe Kavanagh 0-3, Teddy McCarthy 0-2, John Cleary 0-2, Michael McCarthy, Ciaran O'Sullivan 0-1 each.

June 20 - Killarney:

Cork 1-10; Kerry 0-10

Scorers for Cork: C. Corkery 0-6, J. Kavanagh 1-2, Larry Tomkins, J. Cleary 0-1 each.

July 18 - Thurles:

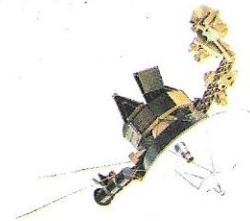
Cork 1-16; Tipperary 1-8

Scorers for Cork: C. Corkery 0-8, M. McCarthy 1-2, John O'Driscoll 0-3, C. O'Sullivan, Barry Coffey 0-1 each.

August 15 - Croke Park:

Cork 5-15; Mayo 0-10

Scorers for Cork: C. Corkery 1-6, J. O'Driscoll 1-3, B. Coffey 1-1, J. Kavanagh 1-1, M. McCarthy 1-0, Danny Culloty 0-2, Don Davis 0-2.

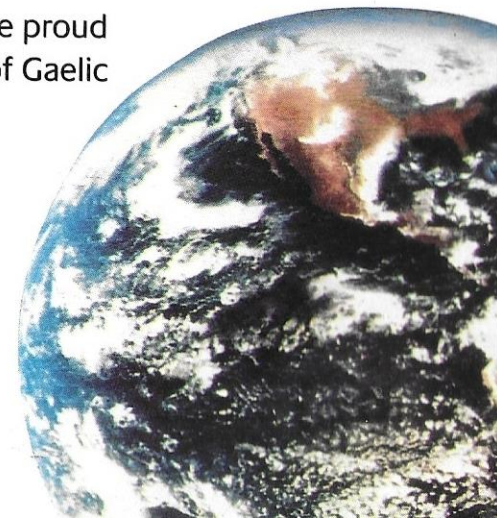


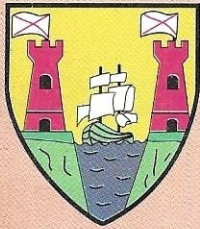
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## Fir Ionaid

- (16) Kevin Dwyer  
C. Ó Duibhir  
(O'Donovan Rossa)
- (17) Mark Farr  
M. Farr  
(Doheny's)
- (18) Conor Counihan  
C. Ó Cuanacháin  
(Aghada)
- (23) Danny Culloty  
D. Ó Cullota  
(Newmarket)
- (20) Liam Honohan  
L. Ó hUanacháin  
(Bishopstown)
- (21) John Cleary  
S. Ó Cléirigh  
(Castlehaven)
- (22) Paul Coleman  
P. Ó Colmáin  
(Grenagh)
- 23) Pat Hegarty  
P. Ó hÉigeartaigh  
(Tadhg MacCarthaigh)
- (24) Brian Murphy  
B. Ó Murchú  
(Clonakilty)

## Raghnoiri

Cristóir Ó Coileain  
(Gleann Bhearracháin)  
Liam Ó Muireagáin  
(Raonuithe Nemo) (Coach)  
Tadhg Ó hUallacháin  
(Baile na Scairte)  
Mairtín Ó Cualaioich  
(Ó Donnabháin Rossa)  
Liam Ó hOdneid (Barra Naofa)

- 1**  
**JOHN KERINS**  
S. Ó Ceirin  
(St. Finbarr's)
- 2**  
**BRIAN CORCORAN**  
B. Ó Corcoráin  
(Erin's Own)
- 3**  
**MARK O'CONNOR**  
M. Ó Conchuhair  
(Bantry Blues)
- 4**  
**NIALL CAHALANE**  
N. Ó Cathalain  
(Castlehaven)
- 5**  
**CIARÁN O'SULLIVAN**  
C. Ó Suilleabháin  
(Urhan)
- 6**  
**STEVEN O'BRIEN**  
S. Ó Briain  
(Nemo Rangers)
- 7**  
**TONY DAVIS**  
A. Ó Dáibhis  
(O'Donovan Rossa)
- 8**  
**SHAY FAHY**  
S. Ó Fathaigh  
(Nemo Rangers)
- 9**  
**TEDDY MCCARTHY**  
T. MacCarthaigh  
(Glanmire)
- 10**  
**DON DAVIS**  
D. Ó Dáibhis  
(O'Donovan Rossa)
- 11**  
**JOE KAVANAGH**  
S. Ó Caomhánaigh  
(Nemo Rangers)
- 12**  
**BARRY COFFEY**  
B. Ó Cofaigh  
(Bishopstown)
- 13**  
**COLIN CORKERY**  
C. Ó Corcora  
(Nemo Rangers)
- 14**  
**JOHN O'DRISCOLL**  
S. Ó Drisceoil  
(Ballingeary)
- 15**  
**MICK MCCARTHY**  
M. MacCarthaigh (Capt.)  
(O'Donovan Rossa)

# Doire

Dathanna: Dearg is Bán



## Fir Ionaid

- (16) Don Kelly  
D. Ó Ceallaigh  
(Ballinascreen)
- (17) Danny Quinn  
D. Ó Coinne  
(Bellaghy)
- (18) Dermot McNicholl  
D. MacNiocaill  
(Glenullin)
- (19) Karl Diamond  
C. Ó Diomáin  
(Bellaghy)
- (20) Eamonn Burns  
E. Ó Broin  
(Ballinascreen)
- (21) Declan Bateson  
D. MacBáth  
(Ballinderry)
- (22) Brian McCormick  
B. MacCormaic  
(Lavey)
- (23) Richard Ferris  
R. Ó Fearghuis  
(Drumsumn)
- (24) Stephen Mulvenon  
S. Ó Maoilmhear  
(Faghannvale)

- 1**  
**DAMIEN McCUSKER**  
D. MacOscair  
(Glen)
- 2**  
**KIERAN McKEEVER**  
C. MacIomhair  
(Dungiven)
- 3**  
**TONY SCULLION**  
A. Ó Scolláin  
(Ballinascreen)
- 4**  
**FERGAL McCUSKER**  
F. MacOscair  
(Glen)
- 5**  
**JOHN McGURK**  
S. MagOirc  
(Lavey)
- 6**  
**HENRY DOWNEY**  
A. Mac Giolla Domhnaigh (Capt.)  
(Lavey)
- 7**  
**GARY COLEMAN**  
G. Ó Colmáin  
(Magherafelt)
- 8**  
**ANTHONY TOHILL**  
A. Ó Tuathail  
(Swatragh)
- 9**  
**BRIAN McGILLIGAN**  
B. MacGiollagáin  
(Dungiven)
- 10**  
**DERMOT HEANEY**  
D. Ó hÉanna  
(Castledawson)
- 11**  
**DAMIEN BARTON**  
D. Bartún  
(Newbridge)
- 12**  
**DAMIEN CASSIDY**  
D. Ó Caiside  
(Bellaghy)
- 13**  
**JOE BROLLY**  
S. Ó Brolaigh  
(Dungiven)
- 14**  
**SEAMUS DOWNEY**  
S. Mac Giolla Domhnaigh  
(Lavey)
- 15**  
**ENDA GORMLEY**  
E. Ó Garmaile  
(Glen)

## Raghnoiri

Eamonn Coleman  
(Ballymaguigan) (Manager)  
Mickey Moran (Glen) (Coach)  
Harry Cribben (Newbridge)  
Denis McKeever (Ballymaguigan)

## CORCAIGH

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## CONNACHT

May 30, Tuam:		
Leitrim	1-12; Galway	1-11
June 6, Ruislip:		
Sligo	0-12; London	0-9
June 20, Markievicz Park:		
Mayo	1-14; Sligo	1-6
June 27, Carrick-on-Shannon:		
Roscommon	1-12; Leitrim	1-10
Final - July 25, Dr. Hyde Park:		
Mayo	1-5; Roscommon	0-7

## LEINSTER

May 16, Pearse Park:		
Offaly	0-22; Longford	0-10
May 23, Wexford Park:		
Dublin	0-11; Wexford	0-7
May 23, Portlaoise:		
Laois	3-10; Louth	1-13
June 6, Croke Park:		
Kildare	2-13; Wicklow	2-11
June 7, O'Connor Park:		
Offaly	0-13; Carlow	0-11
June 7, O'Connor Park:		
Dublin	2-11; Westmeath	0-8
June 13, Portlaoise:		
Meath	1-12; Laois	0-7
June 27, Portlaoise:		
Kildare	2-14; Offaly	0-9
July 4, Croke Park:		
Dublin	1-10; Meath	0-12
Final - July 25, Croke Park:		
Dublin	0-11; Kildare	0-7

## MUNSTER

May 16, Semple Stadium:		
Tipperary	3-18; Limerick	3-8
May 30, Cusack Park:		
Cork	2-14; Clare	1-10

## June 20, Killarney:

Cork	1-10; Kerry	0-10
June 20, Walsh Park:		
Tipperary	3-10; Waterford	0-13
Final - July 18, Semple Stadium:		
Cork	1-16; Tipperary	1-8

## ULSTER

May 16, Irvinestown:		
Fermanagh	1-9; Armagh	1-9
May 23, Castleblaney:		
Monaghan	2-9; Cavan	0-15
Replay - May 23, Athletic Grounds:		
Armagh	4-8; Fermanagh	1-16
Replay - May 30, Breffni Park:		
Monaghan	3-10; Cavan	2-8
May 30, Páirc an Iuir:		
Derry	3-11; Down	0-9
June 6, Ballybofey:		
Donegal	0-12; Antrim	0-9
June 13, Athletic Grounds:		
Armagh	0-13; Tyrone	1-10
Replay - June 20, Omagh:		
Armagh	2-8; Tyrone	0-12
June 20, Casement Park:		
Derry	0-19; Monaghan	0-11
June 27, Breffni Park:		
Donegal	0-15; Armagh	1-12
Replay - July 4, Breffni Park:		
Donegal	2-16; Armagh	1-7
Final - July 18, Clones:		
Derry	0-8; Donegal	0-6

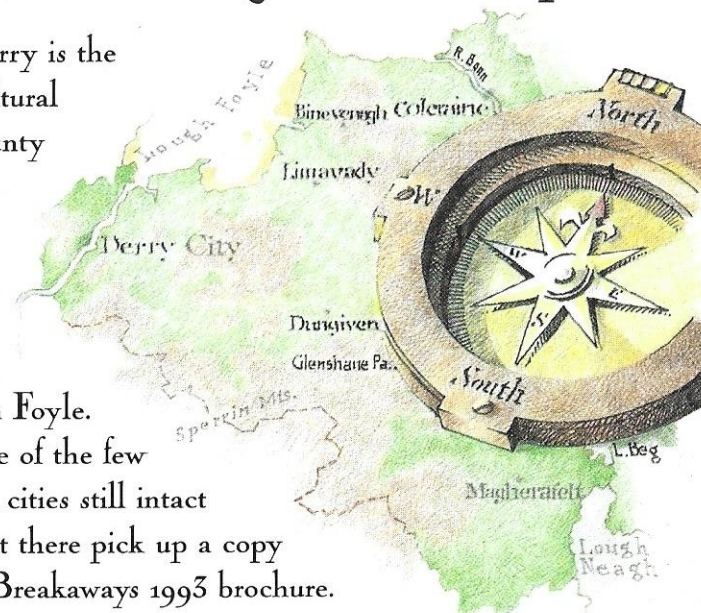
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August 22		
Derry	0-15; Dublin	0-14

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## Saturday

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Gazing across Lough Foyle from the Point Bar, a pint in hand, a plate of mussels at the ready.

## Sunday

A swift eighteen holes at Portstewart. Watch out for those sandtraps.

Making for the summit of Sawel Mountain in the heart of The Sperrins.



## Monday

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Time to head for home.

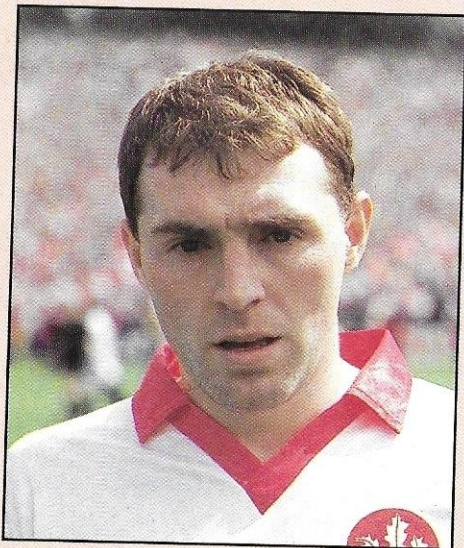
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# Doire



**Henry Downey**  
CAPTAIN

The Lavey clubman is in line to join a select company of team captains. Kevin Mussen, 1960, Paddy Doherty, 1961, and Joe Lennon, 1968, all from Down, are the only men to have brought the Sam Maguire Cup in triumph over the border.

Downey has already captained Derry to national success at Croke Park, having led the Oak Leaf men to the 1991-92 League title.

However, it was as a hurler that he first made his name with Derry. He joined the county senior football team on a regular basis in 1991.

A former St. Patrick's, Maghera, Colleges' player, Downey, now 26, had a superb game last time out and also scored two points in the win over Dublin. He won an All-Ireland club medal in 1991.

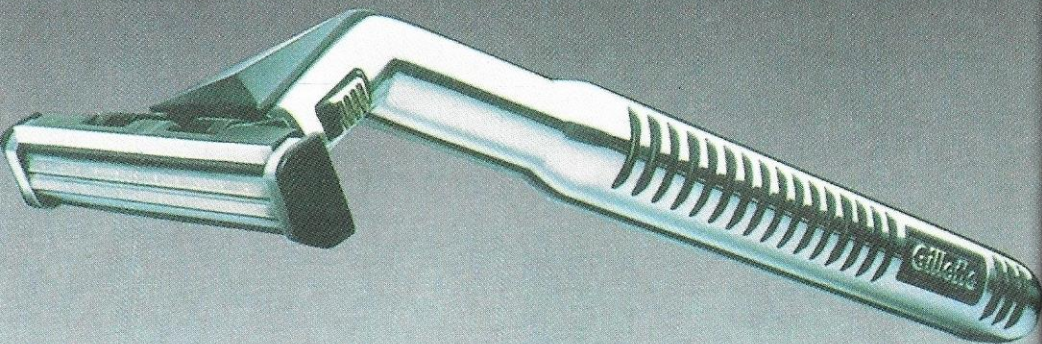


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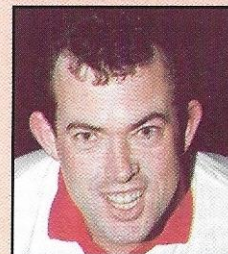
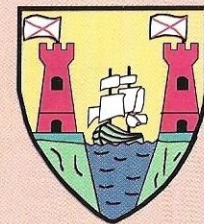


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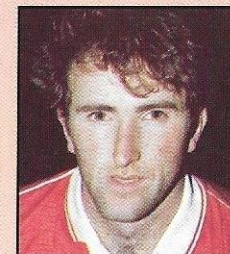
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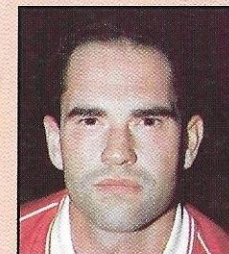
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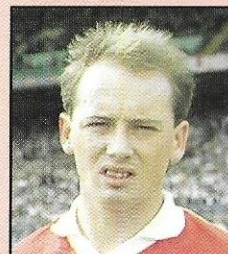
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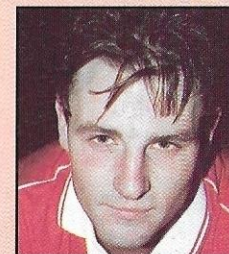
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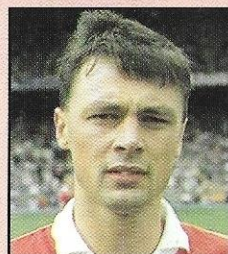
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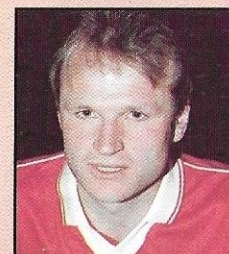
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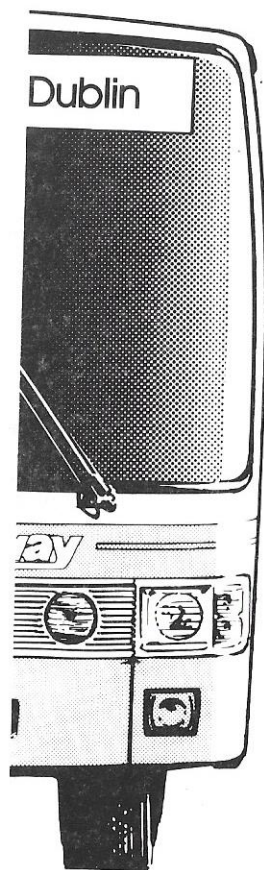


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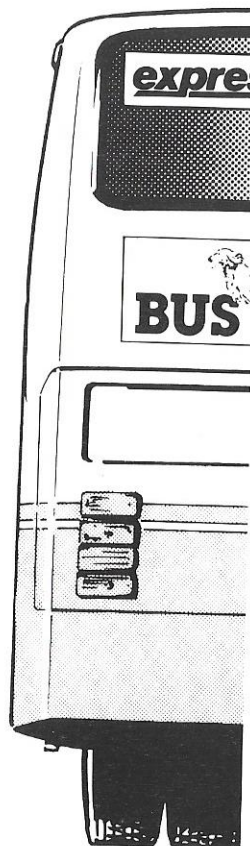
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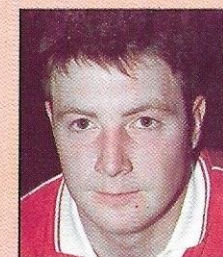
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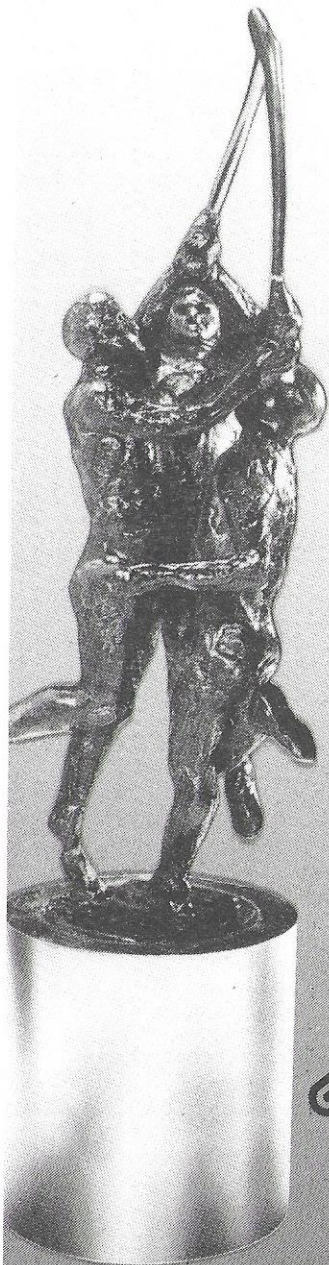
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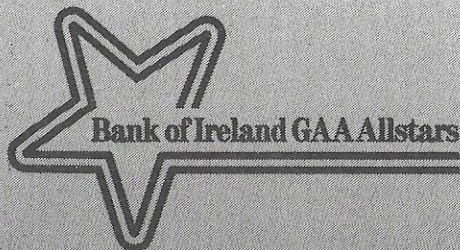
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## Captains All

One quality that will not be in short supply in today's final is leadership, for rarely in an All-Ireland final in either hurling or football can so many players be on parade who have had the experience of captaining teams to victory in National finals. On the Derry side there is Johnny McGurk who led Lavey to win the club championship in 1991; Tony Scullion, who was captain of the Ulster team that took the Railway Cup in the same year and Gary Coleman, the 1989 minor captain.

Cork also boast a club championship captain - Mick McCarthy, O'Donovan Rossa's leader in their first success earlier this year. And three of the team have captained Cork to win the under-21 championship - Niall Cahalane (1984), Tony Davis (1985) and Stephen O'Brien 1989.

This final presents a special challenge for Mick McCarthy, for if Cork win today he will join the select group of players who have captained their club and county to all-Ireland honours - Billy Morgan (Nemo Rangers and Cork 1973), Tony Hanahoe (St.Vincents and Dublin 1976) and Dinny Allen (Nemo Rangers and Cork 1989).

Clearly, if Henry Downey and Mick McCarthy are looking for pointers as to how a victory speech should be made, they don't have far to look.

### The Double Double

Should Cork bring off the senior-minor double today it will mean that for only the second time in the history of the championship that the double-double has been annexed - two counties winning the finals of both grades in the one year. The first occasion was in 1975 when Kilkenny beat Galway (senior) and Cork (minor) in hurling and Kerry overcame Dublin (senior) and Tyrone (minor).

If Cork are looking for signs and omens, they will no doubt note that it was Kilkenny who set up the first leg of the double 18 years ago - as they have already done this year.

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## A LITTLE PIECE OF HISTORY

Although it was a long time ago, I remember it like it was yesterday. We were all getting togged-out for an important championship match when word came around that O'Buachalla, the County selector, had been spotted at the gate.

The whole atmosphere changed, the lads went quiet, it was as if everyone was working out their own game plan, looking for a way to shine.

Well he was out there all right, sitting away from the crowd on a small wooden bench, his collar turned up and his cap pulled firmly down. I expected him to have a clipboard or something, at least a pen and paper. He just sat there, I'll always remember this, with a bar of Cadbury's Chocolate, breaking off squares and popping them into his mouth.

It was a great game, both teams played their hearts out and as you can imagine there were a few spirited individual performances as well.

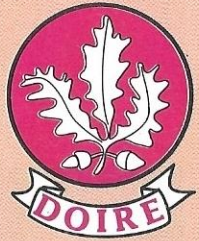
Anyway, it was a close match, there were only two points in it at the end, unfortunately they didn't belong to us. As the final whistle blew, all eyes turned to the bench where he was sitting, but he was gone, he hadn't even waited for the final score.

Three days later O'Buachalla sent word that he wanted me to try out for the County team and the rest, as they say, is history.

The funny thing is, every time I see a bar of Cadbury's Chocolate I think of O'Buachalla and the day I got my first big break.



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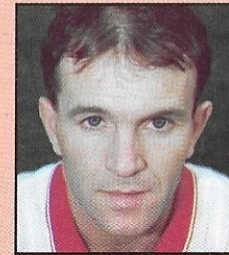
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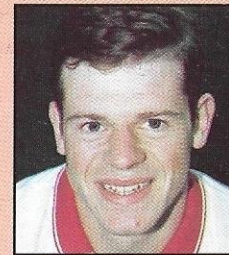
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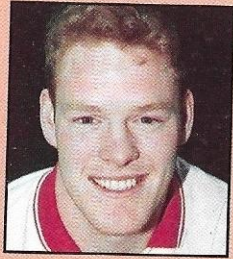
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Social Worker.



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Barrister.



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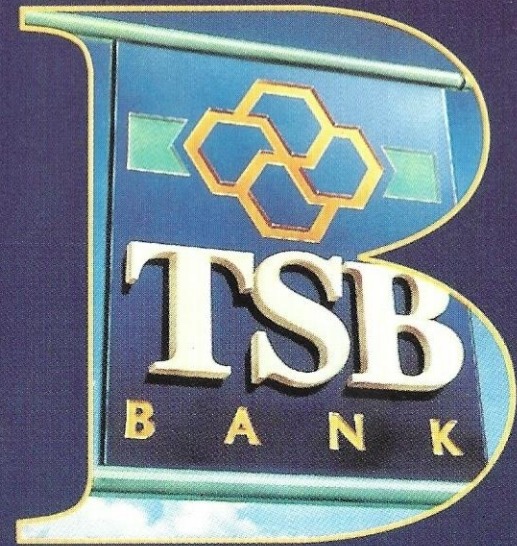
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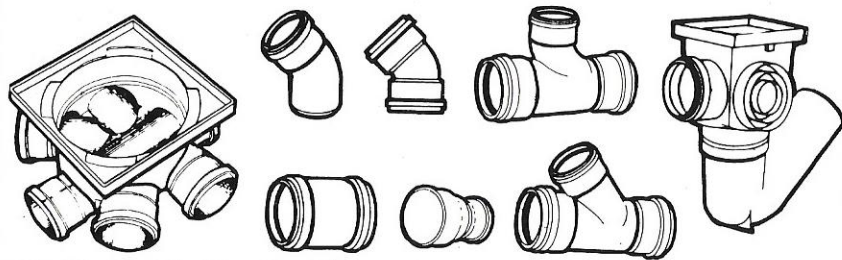
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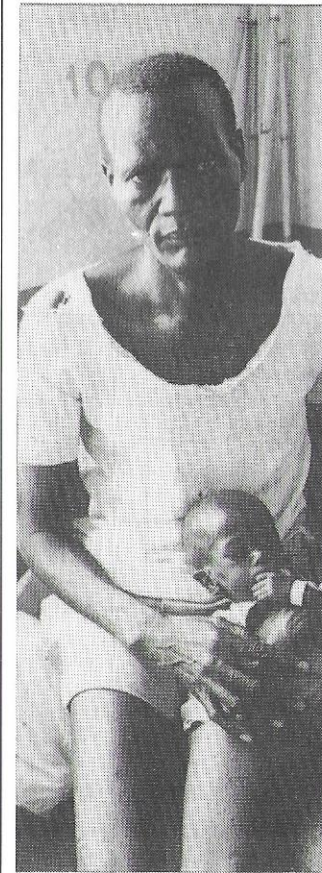
The season began, however, with a veritable glut of spot kicks with four being awarded in the Tipperary-Limerick first-round game at Semple Stadium. Five more were awarded before the end of May, but thereafter defenders in all games - with the exception of the Mayo-Sligo clash in which three square offences were punished - contrived to thwart marauding forwards by less drastic measures.

Pride of place in the penalty parade goes to Limerick's Niall O'Donnell who converted two kicks against Tipperary, while Ray McCarron of Monaghan also found the net with his two efforts, albeit in different games.

The breakdown of the 15 penalties shows that eleven produced goals, three raised the green flag, while one was driven wide - Leitrim's Aidan Rooney qualifying for that unhappy distinction.

It is of interest to note that none of the provincial finals yielded a spot kick and only one of the All-Ireland semi finals.

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| Niall O'Donnell (Limerick) | goal v Tipperary, First round at Thurles       |
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| Ray McCarron (Monaghan)    | goal v Cavan, First round at Castleblaney      |
| Mick Turley (Laois)        | goal v Louth, First round at Portlaoise        |
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| Colin Corkery (Cork)       | goal v Clare, First round at Ennis             |
| Ray McCarron (Monaghan)    | goal v Cavan, First round (replay) at Cavan    |
| Aidan Rooney (Leitrim)     | shot wide v Galway, First round at Tuam        |
| Ray Dempsey (Mayo)         | goal v Sligo, Semi-final at Sligo              |
| Fintan Feeney (Sligo)      | goal v Mayo, Semi-final at Sligo               |
| Fintan Feeney (Sligo)      | point v Mayo, Semi-final at Sligo              |
| Ciaran McGurk (Armagh)     | goal v Tyrone, Second round at Omagh           |
| Colin Corkery (Cork)       | goal v Mayo, All-Ireland semi-final Croke Park |



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It is ironic that despite his marvellous overall returns, Colin Corkery does not solely occupy the number one position in the individual feats chart. He has to share that spot with Niall O'Donnell both having reached a total of eleven points on one occasion. Other players who have featured prominently in the campaign are Peter Lambert (Tipperary), Ray McCarron (Monaghan) and Conan Daye (Wicklow). Surprisingly, and considering the performance of their fellow-countyman, Gregory Biggs in hurling, there is no Derry player in the chart. Incidentally, Donegal were also unrepresented in last year's pre-final list. Fifteen players have recorded eight points or more at various stages of the race and they are:

## Individual Feats

Niall O'Donnell (Limerick)	3-2 v Tipperary, 1st round at Thurles
Colin Corkery (Cork)	2-5 v Clare, 1st round at Cusack Park
Ray Carolan (Cavan)	0-10 v Monaghan, 1st round at C'blaney
Mick Turley (Laois)	1-7 v Louth, 1st round at Portlaoise
Peter Lambert (Tipperary)	2-4 v Waterford, semi-final at Walsh Pk.
Peter Lambert (Tipperary)	0-9 v Limerick, 1st round at Thurles.
Ray McCarron (Monaghan)	2-3 v Cavan 1st round at Castleblaney
Conan Daye (Wicklow)	1-6 v Kildare, 1st round at Croke Park
Niall Buckley (Kildare)	1-6 v Offaly, Semi-final at Portlaoise
Colin Corkery (Cork)	1-6 v Mayo, All-Ireland semi at Croke Pk.
Peter Brady (Offaly)	0-8 v Longford, 1st round at Pearse Pk.
Ray Gallagher (Fermanagh)	1-5 v Armagh, 1st round at Armagh
Fintan Tierney (Sligo)	0-8 v London, 1st round at Ruislip
John Toner (Armagh)	0-8 v Tyrone, Second round at Armagh
Charlie Redmond (Dublin)	0-8 v Derry, All-Ireland semi at Croke Pk.

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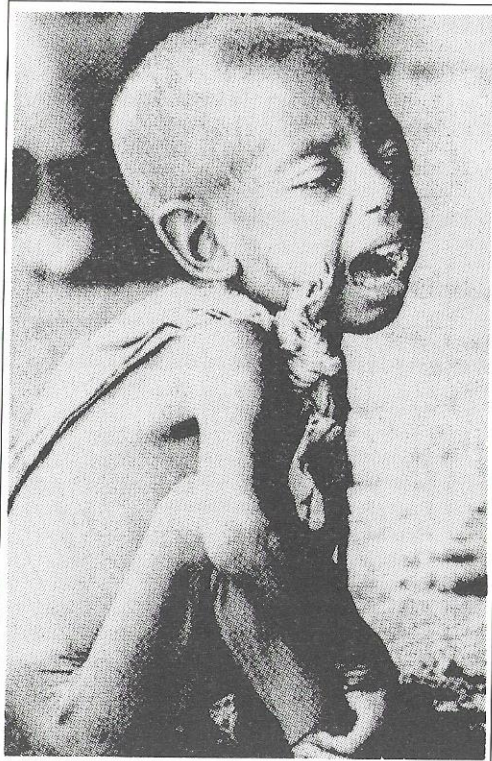
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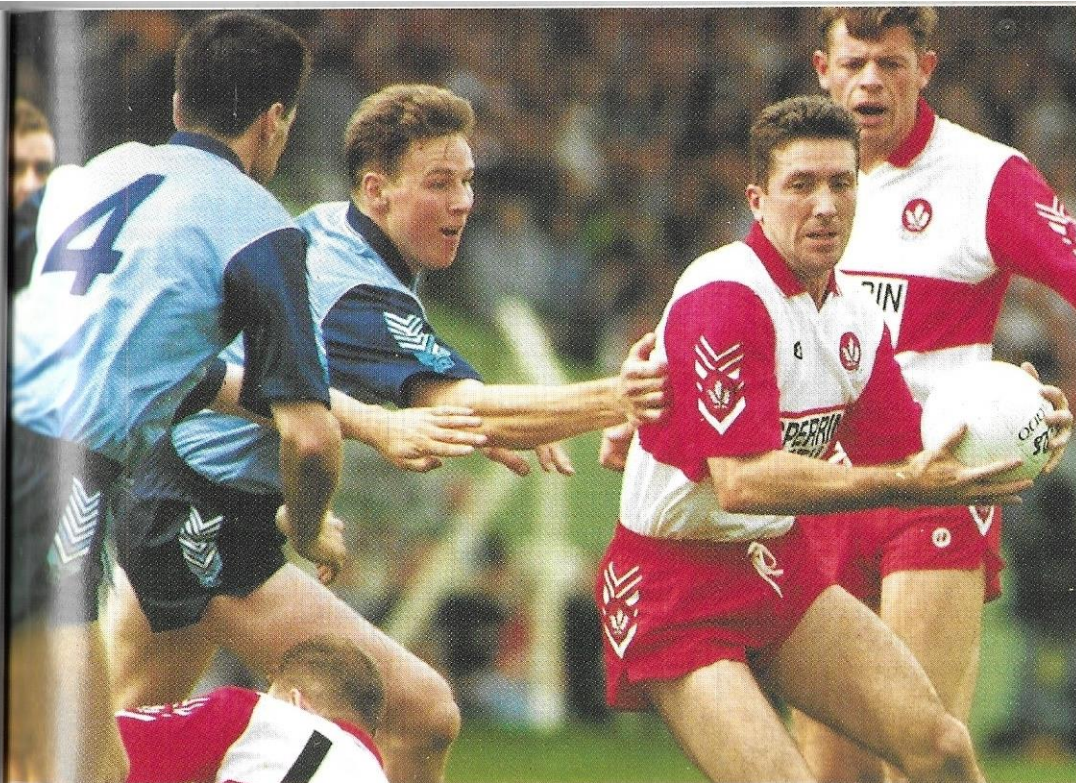
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# Ag Feachaint Siar

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

A low-key opening to the championship saw Laois beat Carlow and Clare overcome Waterford. In the West, Sligo had a comfortable 2-17 to 0-12 win over Leitrim at Sligo, while Fermanagh had two goals to spare (2-8 to 0-8) over wasteful Tyrone at Irvinestown. For the second successive year Dublin departed the race on their first outing. At O'Connor Park, Longford recorded their first-ever win over the capital representatives by 1-12 to 0-12 after the teams had been level six times in the hour.

Ulster had two very one-sided games as Cavan sent Antrim packing on a 5-9 to 1-11 scoreline at Breffni Park, and Donegal, after leading Armagh by six points at half-time, finished winners by 2-10 to 1-3 at Ballybofey. In the first defence of their Munster crown, Cork almost came to grief at Ennis and were lucky to survive by 1-8 to 1-7 - the winning point coming in the second minute of lost time.

Derry's first outing was also their last. In a brawling encounter at Ballinascreen the scores were level four times and four players were sent off before Down squeezed through by 1-8 to 1-6. Offaly beat Louth and Laois easily overcame Kildare while Longford were surprising, but

thoroughly deserving, winners over All-Ireland champions Meath at Mullingar (0-12 to 0-7). Kerry struggled in beating Tipperary by 0-17 to 2-7 at Clonmel, and Down progressed at the expense of Donegal (2-14 to 0-8) at Breffni Park.

Mayo reached the Connacht final by beating Sligo as did Galway by getting the better of Roscommon on a replay - 2-8 to 1-9. The best of the provincial finals was in Connacht where a 56th minute point gave Galway the verdict by 2-10 to 2-9 over Mayo. Laois, having disposed of Offaly, were favourites for Leinster honours, but Longford were rarely in trouble as they stormed to their first title on a 3-9 to 1-4 scoreline. At Killarney, Cork led by a point at the interval, but were eventually beaten by Kerry's flurry of points - 1-21 to 3-8, and Down made the semi-finals with an 0-16 to 1-8 win over Cavan.

Longford almost defied the odds in a grand semi-final in which Kerry had to come from behind to win by 2-13 to 2-11. Two points was also the margin in the second semi-final - Down 2-10; Galway 2-8. And although Down maintained their record vis-a-vis Kerry by a mere two points, the final scoreline of 2-12 to 1-13 was flattering to the losers.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

Longford and Westmeath opened the championship with a drawn game at Mullingar (2-2 to 1-5) as did Carlow and Wexford (2-6 all) at Cullen Park after the Slaneysiders had beaten Kilkenny scoreless at New Ross. Tipperary got by Waterford at Clonmel without too much difficulty (2-7 to 1-2) while Clare had a comfortable six points in hand at the end of their clash with Limerick at Foynes (2-10 to 2-4). Longford and Wexford won the replays in Leinster where Laois had a surprisingly easy passage at Kildare's expense, 4-8 to 1-10, and Louth dismissed Meath by 2-10 to 1-8. There was still a day left in May when the first shock came. Before a huge crowd at Drogheda, All-Ireland champions Dublin trailed by four points at the interval, had a goal disallowed and were eventually beaten 1-6 to 1-5 by Louth.

Up North, Cavan was the team to beat, but no one did.

Monaghan, the most credible opposition to the holders, came from eight points down at the interval to beat Armagh by 3-8 to 3-4, and they then accounted for Antrim, who had ousted Down at Corrigan Park, by 1-10 to 1-3. Derry, like Donegal

and Fermanagh, opted for the junior grade, but failed to Antrim's 'second string' by 4-4 to 2-12 in the provincial semi-final, while Cavan signalled their intentions by crushing Tyrone, 4-10 to 1-3 at Enniskillen.

Leitrim got the better of Sligo at Boyle and Galway, Connacht champions of three years standing, dismissed Mayo by 3-6 to 1-5 at Kiltimagh. Tipperary qualified for the Munster final by beating Clare by two points at Limerick and Roscommon qualified in Connacht with an easy 2-14 to 1-3 win over Leitrim at Carrick-on-Shannon. A penalty goal helped Louth to beat Offaly at Croke Park and Laois overcame Carlow at Athy to set the final scene in the East.

Cork drew with Kerry at the Athletic Grounds (2-3 to 0-9) and then won the replay at the same venue by 1-5 to 1-4. The provincial finals were won convincingly - Cork beat Tipperary by 1-7 to 1-4; Louth trounced Laois (3-16 to 2-4), Cavan held off Monaghan by 2-3 to 0-5 and Roscommon bridged a 28-year gap in overcoming Galway by 2-6 to 0-8 at St. Colman's Park.

The All-Ireland semi-finals provided excellent fare: Roscommon and Louth fought out a tremendous hour before the Westerners survived by 3-10 to 3-6, and Cavan's experience was crucial as Cork went out by the narrowest margin, 1-8 to 1-7.

Roscommon's dream was realised at the second attempt. After a draw (1-6 all) they won a rugged encounter in beating Cavan with some conviction - 2-7 to 2-2.

## SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

There were no surprises in the opening rounds in any of the provinces: Cavan beat Fermanagh at Belturbet, Leitrim beat Roscommon, Mayo downed Sligo, Louth overcame Meath and Tipperary accounted for Cork 1-5 to 0-2 at Thurles. As the various campaigns moved on Carlow, Westmeath and All-Ireland champions, Wexford were convincing winners at the expense of Wicklow, Longford and Kilkenny. Up North, where Derry, Donegal and Fermanagh failed to appear, Monaghan beat Tyrone by 4-4 to 1-0, but were themselves sent packing when, at Duke's Grove, Armagh, they failed to score in the second half as Antrim won by 1-2 to 0-3. Galway, in the first defence of their Connacht title, always had the measure of earnest Leitrim at Elphin in winning by 1-5 to 1-0.

Tipperary continued to impress as they swept past Waterford by 4-4 to nil, and Kerry looked good as they dethroned Clare at Limerick by 5-3 to 1-3. Louth appeared to be on the way to an easy win when they led Dublin by

nine points at half-time at Drogheda, but were holding on grimly in the end, 3-5 to 3-3. At Coothill, Cavan crushed Armagh by 2-4 to nil and Mayo ousted Galway in a low-scoring Connacht final at Castlerea by 0-4 to 0-1.

Cavan were never in trouble as they took Ulster honours with a 3-2 to nil win over Antrim at Belturbet, and at the Cork Athletic Grounds, Kerry forwards failed badly as Tipperary regained the Southern title after a lapse of 16 years on a 1-1 to 0-1 scoreline.

The influenza epidemic which hit Wexford particularly hard led to a hold-up in Leinster. Nominated Louth took on Cavan in the All-Ireland semi-final at Belturbet and won by 2-5 to 1-4 before accounting for Kildare, who had beaten Westmeath, by seven points to one. Activity then ceased until January, when Tipperary just got the better of Mayo 2-2 to 1-4 - the winning point coming in the 60th minute. A week later Wexford won a record-breaking sixth Leinster title in a row with a 2-5 to 1-4 win over Louth after they had led by seven points at the interval. The All-Ireland final was a closely contested affair, in which it took all Wexford's vast experience to deny the eager Premier county men. Ahead at the break by a point the Slaneysiders did just enough to win by that margin (0-5 to 0-4) and became the



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first county to win four All-Irelands in-a-row in either football or hurling.

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

In most parts of the country the G.A.A. had simply ceased to exist as affairs wavered between tragedy and grand farce. Only in Cork and to a lesser extent, Wexford, Kilkenny, Westmeath, Galway and Cavan was there anything approaching properly organised activity. But when it came to the inter-county championship few showed any real interest.

The championship, in fact, saw only four counties take the field. Wexford and Westmeath tried conclusions at the Phoenix Park, where the Lake county, because of the late arrival of some of their players, started two short of a full complement. Even when they were brought up to full strength, they found the Young Ireland-backed Slaneysiders too strong, as indicated by a final scoreline of 2-6 to 0-1.

The Leinster final was a bizarre affair. At Wexford town, Kilkenny were a far

more accomplished team than the homesters and they deservedly led by 0-5 to 0-1 at the end of a robust first half. But when it was time to resume operations, there was no sign of Kilkenny who announced that they were withdrawing because the Wexford players were too rough. Wexford stayed put and were awarded the match by the referee. Compared with the rest of the country, Cork was a marvel of good organisation. A senior championship was run off without a hitch and was won by Dromtariffe, who, unusual for the time, called on many outside players to form the county side. Alas, the team saw little action.

Three times they were fixed to play Kerry who failed to show up on all three occasions, with the result that Cork reached the All-Ireland final without kicking a ball. The final was fixed for Ashtown Trotting Grounds, but took place at the Phoenix Park after it was discovered that the

Secretary had forgotten to have the grass cut. The game lasted 43 minutes, at which stage Wexford were leading by 1-1 to 0-2. A Cork player accidentally struck a Wexford player, but Wexford supporters thought otherwise and a free-for-all developed involving players and spectators. When this was sorted out, the referee sought to put off two players, a decision with which Cork totally disagreed. Cork then departed the scene, and for the second time in the championship Wexford stood alone on the field. The awarding of the title to Wexford left a bad taste in Cork for a long time afterwards.

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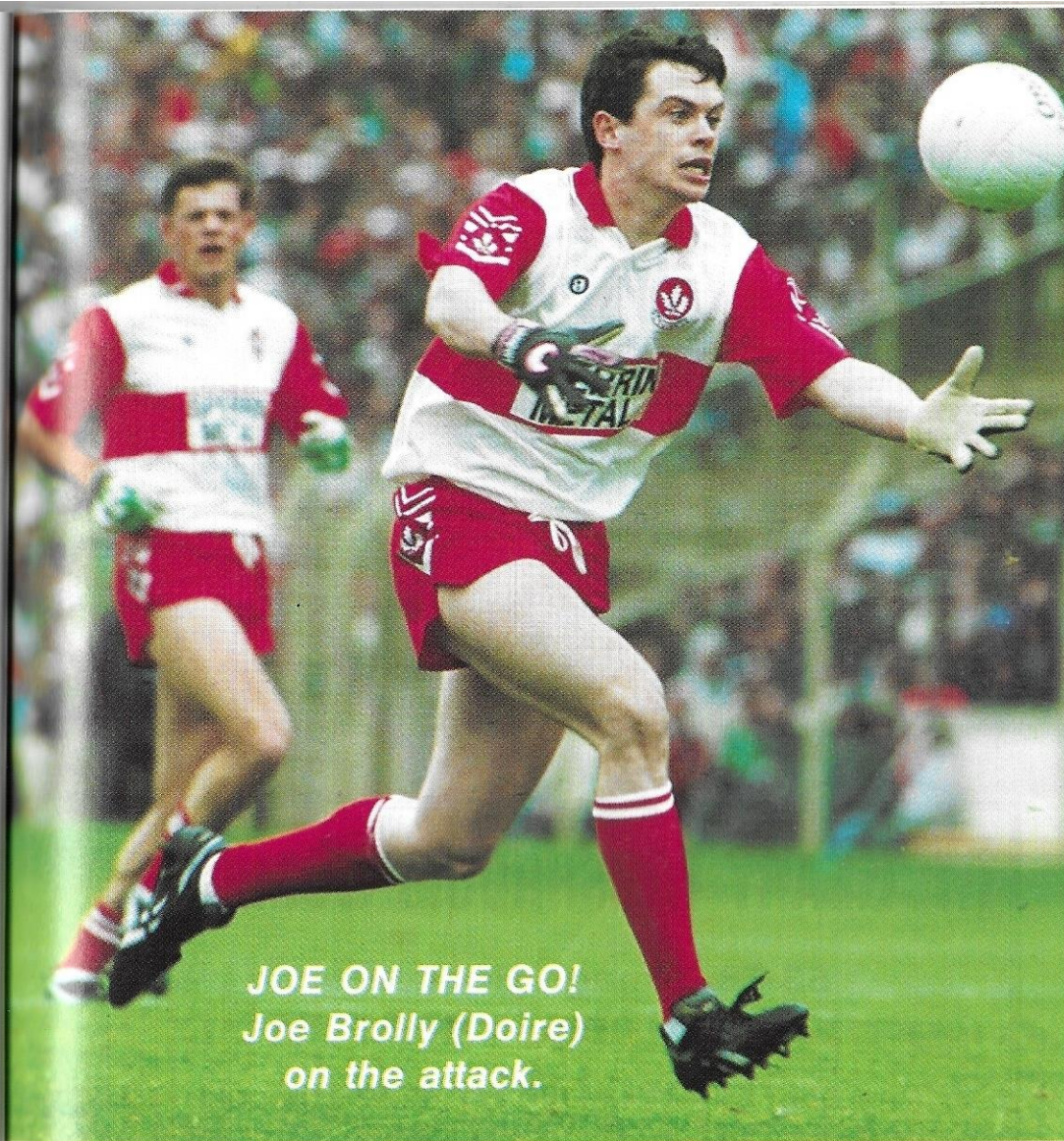
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## McCusker's Goal

Having kept his goal intact through the four games on the way to today's final, Damian McCusker will be striving to become the first goalkeeper to go through a championship campaign from first round to All-Ireland final without conceding a major score since Kerry's Paudie O'Mahony went through a five-match programme in 1975 without once having to retrieve the ball from the back of the net.

The Derry keeper is certainly striving to join a goodly company - a group that includes such celebrated figures as Dan O'Keeffe of Kerry,

Dublin's Johnny McDonnell, Paddy Dillon (Kerry) and Paddy Fallon (Dublin).

But above all else, McCusker will be hoping to avoid the fate that befell two goalkeepers in the distant past who returned clear sheets in a provincial and All-Ireland campaign, but still finished up without a winner's medal - Micko Connole of Clare who denied allcomers as Clare swept to the 1917 All-Ireland final and Cork's John Mulcahy in 1894 who had an even more frustrating experience than the Clareman. Cork had a powerful team that year, beating Limerick by 3-5 to nil, Tipperary twice (as a result

of an objection) 0-6 to 0-2 and 2-4 to 0-1 to reach the final with Dublin.

At Clonturk Park they drew with Dublin 1-1 to 0-6 (a goal equalled five points) and were leading by 1-2 to 0-5 in the replay at Thurles with two minutes to go when the Dublin team walked off. The Central Council surprisingly ordered another replay which Cork refused to play thus forfeiting a possible title. Cork, and Mulcahy in particular, had reason to remember '94.

If Damian McCusker maintains his record today, he will be the first Ulsterman to perform this feat. Indeed, he will be the first goalkeeper outside Munster and Leinster to do so.



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## Top Totals

*Colin Corkery is so far ahead of even his closest challenger in the scores that today’s final - in one respect, at least - is no more than a formality, but a good showing by Enda Gormley could take him from seventh place to second, as Peter Lambert, Charlie Redmond and John Toner have all finished on 24 points - five points ahead of the Derry marksman. Ger Houlihan of Armagh, although positioned in sixth place, has been the game’s leading goal-scorer with four majors to his credit but the best average was recorded by Niall O’Donnell of Limerick whose eleven points in one game put him way ahead of all his rivals.*

The top 18 totals are:

	Number of Games	Average per Game
Colin Corkery (Cork) 3-26 (35)	4	8.75
Peter Lambert (Tipperary) 2-17 (23)	3	7.6
Charlie Redmond (Dublin) 1-20 (23)	5	4.6
John Toner (Armagh) 0-23 (23)	6	3.8
Niall Buckley (Kildare) 1-17 (20)	3	6.6
Ger Houlihan (Armagh) 4-8 (20)	6	3.3
Enda Gormley (Derry) 0-19 (19)	4	4.75
Ray McCarron (Monaghan) 3-9 (18)	3	6.0
Mick Turley (Laois) 1-13 (16)	2	8.0
Peter Brady (Offaly) 0-16 (16)	3	3.3
Ray Carolan (Cavan) 0-14 (14)	2	7.0
Ray Dempsey (Mayo) 2-8 (14)	3	4.6
Fintan Feeney (Sligo) 1-10 (13)	2	7.0
Manus Boyle (Donegal) 0-13 (13)	4	3.25
Anthony Tohill (Derry) 0-12 (12)	4	3.0
Joe Kavanagh (Cork) 2-6 (12)	4	3.0
Kieran McGurk (Armagh) 2-6 (12)	6	2.0
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When I was a prime buck playing football one never took a dive when the brain was stunned and the physiognomy frequently altered by a belt of a fist from an impassioned opponent. One simply would not give it to say to the assailant or to the sideline in general that damage had been inflicted. One carried on and never resorted to the heinous ploy of feigning insensibility in the hope that the culprit might be sent to the line.

More often than not the blows would be accidental or, at worst, delivered in the heat of the moment under extreme provocation.

One's pride was on the line and to find oneself in a horizontal position after a moderate straight left or half-hearted right cross was a sign of premature senility or naked pretence.

Worse still, one could be accused at the tender age of twenty of suffering from osteoporosis of the lower mandible or, as it is more succinctly referred to in pugilistic circles, a glass jaw.

Nobody wanted the name of a glass jaw. The proprietor of such a handicap was as suspect as a cardboard crutch and could let you down when you needed it most.

In fact I have personally

## ... some Heinous Ploys or Injured Impostors

known cases where it grievously militated against the matrimonial prospects of otherwise acceptable young gentlemen. Their prospective fathers-in-law would flinch and shake their heads disapprovingly as though to say that the glass-jawed aspirant to their daughter's hand could not be depended upon as a supportive member of the family. Suppose there was, for instance, a sideline fracas would not the owner of the glass jaw be the first to succumb to one of the wild blows for which such fracas are noted!

Suppose, for instance, a high ball came dropping into the square and that, in leaping for it, the glass-jawed man accidentally brushed against the elbow of the full-back, might not the day be lost and might not the

progeny of the suitor in question be also possessed of the fatal flaw for which their father was sidelined

Today, alas, there are players who will cheerfully take a dive after inconsequential contact with an innocent marker. Covering their faces with their hands they collapse with protracted groans in writhing heaps until the referee, if he is gullible enough, points the finger of dismissal to the sideline and stands imperiously with his hands behind his back, impervious to the pleas of an innocent Gael, another victim of hamstringing and gross deceit.

I have frequently pleaded with the producers of my plays to come with me to playing fields near and far where they might behold for themselves the disgraceful shenanigans of injured impostors who should be on the stage of our professional theatres. With consummate ease they are able to convince referees that they are on the very threshold of death and remember that none of these had ever trod the boards at even amateur level.

There are also some magnificent performances to be seen on our television screens. Fortunately most referees are not so easily duped and I recall a great →

← story in which a known dissembler was knocked out twice in the same contest, or so he would have the referee believe.

When he fell to the ground for the second time clutching a nose which, to the inexperienced onlooker, must have been surely broken in several places the referee pulled him to his feet and shook him soundly, shouting at the same time into the blackguard's ear.

"If" said the referee "you get knocked out for a third time, I'll send you to the line".

The timely ultimatum soon put an end to his posturings.

We had in this part of the world in fairly recent times an elegant half-forward who could collapse like a punctured balloon when fairly beaten for a ball. It was said of him that he was responsible for the sending to the line of fourteen innocent men and I wonder if this constitutes a record!

I was once sent to the line for taking a back swing at a persistent jersey puller. I missed him by a foot but he fell to the ground all the same, a lifeless parody of a once-supple athlete.

To give the referee his due he had some misgivings before pointing to the sideline. He never consulted the linesman for the good reason that linesmen in those days wisely kept their minds to themselves. They, after all,

had to stand for an hour with their backs to the crowd, whereas the referee could run all over the place and find himself out of harm's way. For a moment I thought I was merely to be cautioned but then a bystander who — probably a brother — had been ministering to the

stricken player spoke as follows: "He'll live alright", he said sadly, "he'll do no good". That was the second last time I was sent to the line. The last time was when I ran out of wind in my middle thirties and was summarily dismissed by my own mentors.

## DERRY'S DELIVERANCE

When Fermanagh won the 1943 Ulster junior football final (Ulster was the only province to keep the junior grade going during the Emergency years) it left Derry with the unwanted distinction of being the only county in Ireland that had yet to win a provincial title in any grade of football. It was a distinction that they were to "enjoy" for two years, as in 1945 a determined effort to put Derry's name on the provincial roll of honour proved a resounding success - even if it was only a junior title.

The defeat of the senior team by Donegal in the first round put the pressure on the junior squad who responded magnificently. Opening their campaign with a 5-7 to 0-5 win over Antrim at Castledawson, Derry set down the markers in no uncertain manner, and they followed with another emphatic victory - 3-13 to 0-10 at Donegal's expense at Celtic Park. Conceding ground advantage proved no problem in the semi-final, as at Coalisland Derry were always in control and finished with three goals in hand - 4-6 to 1-6 against Tyrone.

The final with Armagh at Corrigan Park saw both sides score six times in the hour, but it was Derry who hit the vital goals as they won their first Ulster title on the score of 4-2 to 0-6.

The team which recorded this historic triumph was: W. Feery, H. O'Kane, M. Lynch, S. Keenan, J. Hurley, T.E. McCloskey, M. McCann, A.J. McGurk, F. Niblock, T. King, J. Bryson, B. McGuckian, R. Gribben, M. McNutt, J. Cassidy. Substitutes: J. Convery, G. Gallagher, J. Murphy, J.J. Tohill, L. Pimley, J. Harley.

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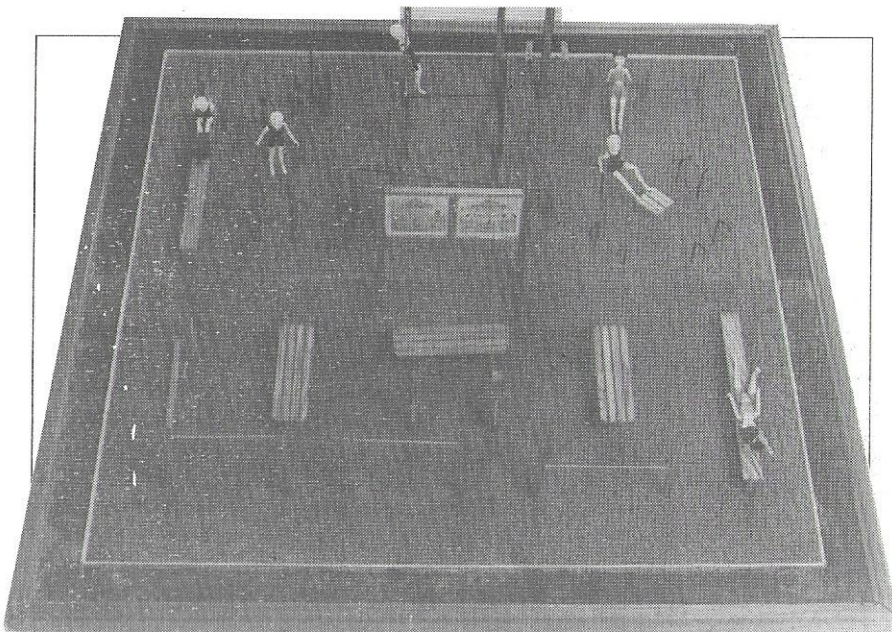
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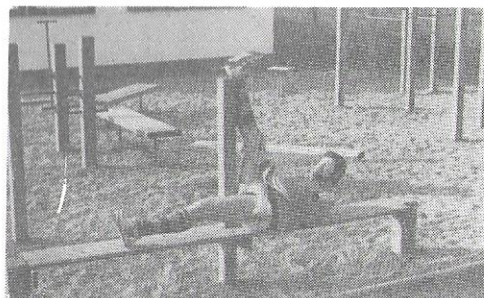
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Scores win matches and John O'Driscoll and Seamus Downey, who wear the No. 14 jerseys in the All Ireland final, are gifted campaigners capable not only of creating opportunities for their colleagues, but also of taking scores themselves.

O'Driscoll made a spectacular return to Croke Park last month. He was a constant threat to the Mayo rearguard, used the ball cleverly and scored an impressive 1-3.

Cork owed a great deal to the Ballingearny man, who showed that injuries during his career have in no way dulled his enthusiasm or skill.

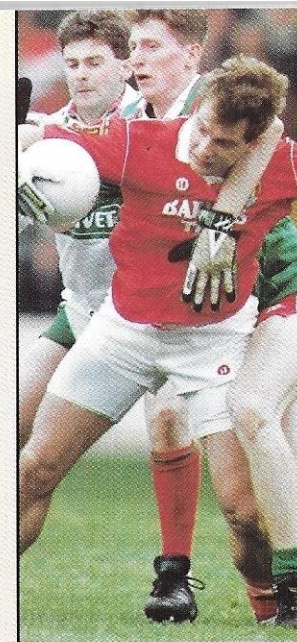
### EFFECTIVE

Downey played a big part in Derry's win over Dublin last time. He was particularly effective in the second half revival that brought Derry back from a five points interval deficit to that famous one point win.

The Lavey clubman did not match O'Driscoll's scoring exploits, but his contribution to the Ulster win was still a big one.

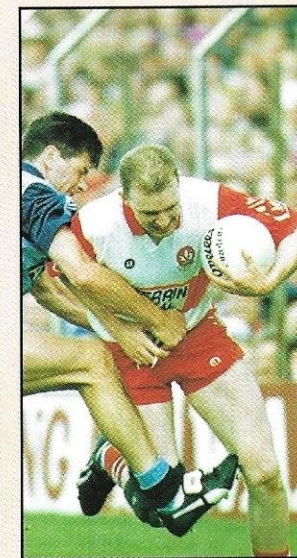
### SPOTLIGHT

O'Driscoll really came to the national spotlight in a big way when he starred for Ireland against Australia during the Test matches "down under" in 1986. Despite his injury problems,



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he has gained plenty of All Ireland experience. He was right half forward in the team that lost the 1987 final to Meath, missed the drawn All Ireland final a year later against the Royal County, but went into the replay as a substitute.

O'Driscoll had better fortune in 1989 and 1990, winning an All Ireland medal each year after going into each final as a substitute.

He is now probably playing the best football of his career and is a forward likely to exert plenty of pressure on the Derry defence.

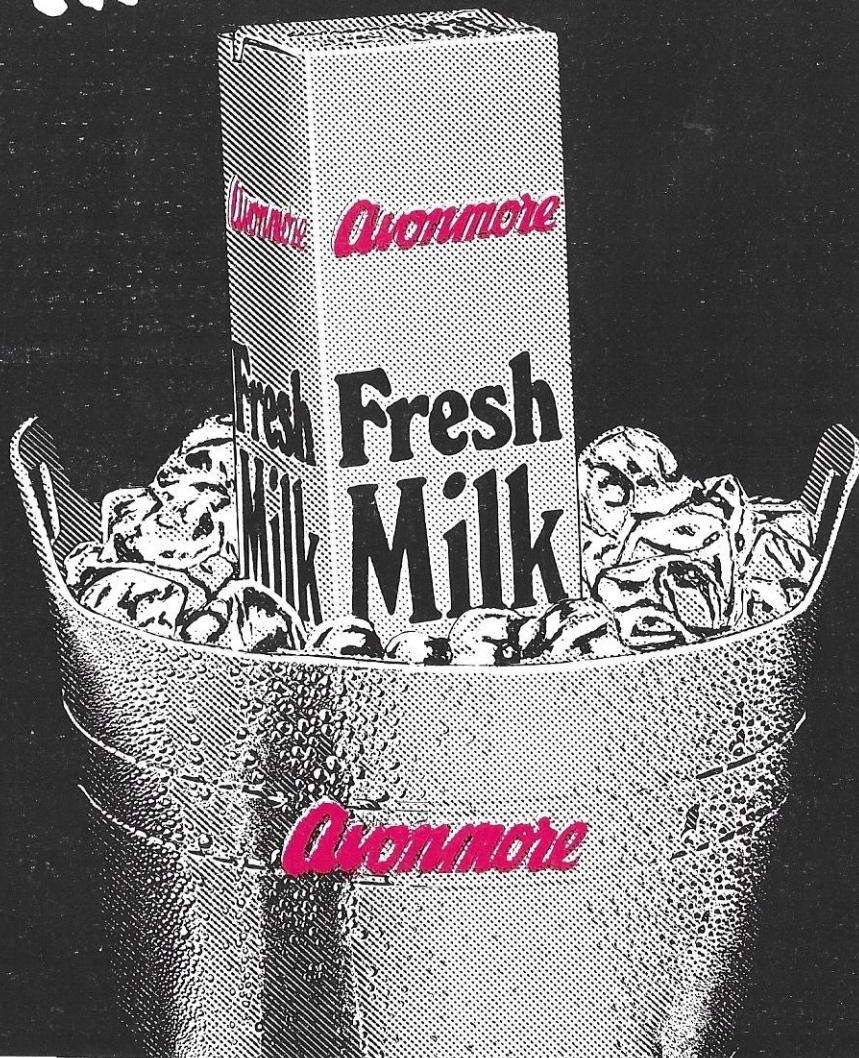
### DEBUT

Downey, of course, is making his senior final debut. He scored a goal when Derry lost the 1992 Ulster final to Donegal, but was not in the side that beat the then All Ireland champions in the provincial decider last July. However, the Lavey man was recalled to the team for the clash with Dublin and fully justified the selectors' confidence.

Seamus is brother of team captain Henry and went in as a substitute in the team that beat Tyrone for the 1991-92 National League title.

Winner of an All Ireland club senior medal in 1991, Seamus Downey is also an accomplished hurler and has worn the Ulster jersey in the code with distinction.

# Taste the freshness!



## Liathróid Láimhe



● Peadar Ó Cuinn, Uachtarán, C.L.G., presents the Independent Newspapers Cup to Eugene Downey (left) and Michael 'Duxie' Walsh, Cill Chainnigh, following their seventh Gael Sport All-Ireland Senior Softball Doubles victory in nine years.

Although the main emphasis is on the All Ireland hurling and football during September, it is an extremely busy time in handball as well with 26 All Ireland Softball finals down for decision throughout the month.

The Minor, Junior and Senior Gaelsport finals take place at Croke Park on the eve of the hurling and football finals and are a feature of the All Ireland weekends for many GAA followers.

The Senior Softball Doubles final, played on 4 September, saw Michael "Duxie" Walsh and Eugene Downey (Cill Chainnigh) take their seventh title in nine years by defeating defending champions Tom Sheridan and James McGovern (An Mhí) 21-7, 21-7. The Kilkenny pair also won the title in 1985 and had a record-equalling five wins in a row from 1987 to 1991.

Michael Finnegan and Raymond Cunningham (An Cabhán) defeated John Noonan

and Pat Doody (Luimneach) to retain their Minor crown while Sean O'Callaghan (Tiobraid Árann) took the Premier County's ninth Junior Singles title at the expense of Tommy Hynes (Loch Garman).

### Will "Duxie" Walsh Have Made History?

Michael "Duxie" Walsh (Cill Chainnigh) may well have made history by All Ireland Football Final day. Should he have defeated Walter O'Connor (An Mhí) in yesterday evening's Gaelsport Senior Softball Singles final, he will have achieved a unique record of nine successive titles to go one better than Paddy Perry

(Roscomáin) who had eight straight wins from 1930 to 1937.

### Increase In Masters Competitions

The addition of sixteen overage competitions during the past two decades or so has meant a huge increase in the level of activity and it also means that players are continuing to play the game for several years longer than before. Among the better known Masters players are former All Ireland hurlers Ned Buggy (Loch Garman) and Eddie Leahy (Cill Chainnigh). Morgan Darcy (Gaillimh), who is a current inter-county hurling referee, is also one of the top overage players as is Muigheo GAA Chairman, Christy Loftus.

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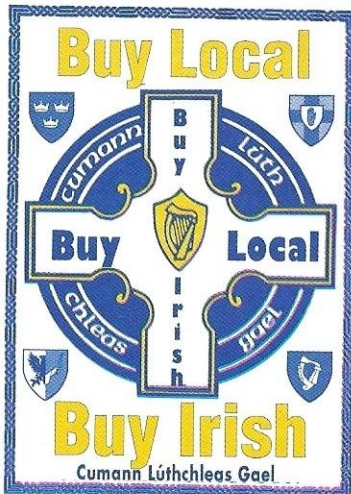
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## Treble Bid

*If Derry triumph today it will mark an historic third successive title for Ulster as never before has the northern province held the crown for three years without a break. Only twice previously has Ulster been poised to bring off the treble. In 1949 Cavan were champions of two years standing when they faced Meath in the final, but there was to be no treble as Meath took the title for the first time.*

*Thirteen years later the cup was in Ulster for two years (courtesy of Down), and though the Mourne men relinquished their Ulster title to Cavan, there were high hopes that the treble could be attained. Alas for Ulster hopes that 1962 semi-final was won by Roscommon - though only by two points. So today, as never before, all Ulster will be behind the province's standard-bearers as the elusive treble hoves in sight. Third time lucky?*



## Doubling Up



Not for the first time, Cork are in search of an elusive prize - the All-Ireland senior and minor football double. The Rebel county will have few happy memories of the last occasion on which they found themselves within hailing distance of this double - in 1987 when they lost to Meath (senior) and Down (minor). Previously they had contested both finals (1967), but they had to settle for a division of the spoils, winning the minor game from Laois and losing the senior to Meath.

As in so many other spheres of gaelic football the minor-senior double has been almost exclusively a Kerry preserve - the Kingdom having annexed both crowns in the one year on no fewer than six occasions.

The fact that only one other county - Dublin in 1958 - has brought off this double, puts Kerry's achievement in perspective. On four other occasions Kerry contested both deciders, but had to be content with a single honour, or, as in 1954, none at all. Apart from Kerry, Dublin and Cork the only counties to contest the senior and minor final were Cavan (1937 and 1952) and Meath (1990).

## A Derry Distinction

In the matter of All-Ireland titles Derry may not compare with the traditional powers such as Kerry, Dublin and Cork who have garnered scores of honours over the years. But Derry, alone of all 32 counties, can claim to have been successful on their first ventures outside Ulster in all four grades of football.

In 1950 the Oak Leaf county contested their first All-Ireland semi-final (junior versus Limerick) and emerged victorious by a wide margin. Eight years later, as Ulster senior champions for the first time, they recorded the famous victory over Kerry and on their All-Ireland minor semi-final debut in 1965 they downed Roscommon. This unique quartet of first-time victories was completed by the under-21's comprehensive win over Kerry at Ballinascreen in 1968.

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# Facts and Figures

To date the 1993 senior championship has yielded a total of 38 goals and 1,506 points (1620), to which the principal contributors were Cork with 9-55 (82), Armagh with 8-48 (72), Dublin with 3-57 (66) and Tipperary with 7-36 (57). Derry occupies fourth place with 3-38 (47).

The biggest score recorded by any team was Cork's 5-15 (30) in the semi-

final with Mayo, while the smallest was Donegal's 0-6 in the Ulster final against Derry.

The highest scores in the four provincial championships were Tipperary's 3-18 (27) in the first round against Limerick; Mayo's 1-14 in the Connacht semi-final with Sligo and Offaly's 0-22 against Longford at Pearse Park. Up North, Donegal's 2-16 against Armagh in the semi-final replay was the best return which gives the Tír Connail men the interesting distinction of scoring the highest and lowest totals of the Ulster

campaign.

Fermanagh recorded the best score by a losing team, their 1-16 (19) against Armagh in the first-round replay being two points better than Wicklow (2-11 v Kildare) and Limerick (3-8 v Tipperary).

In what was ultimately a most disappointing season for them, Offaly can claim the distinction of having recorded more scores in 70 minutes than any other county (22) which they did against Longford in the first round - one better than Tipperary's 21 against Limerick, also in the first round.

## CORK AND DERRY

### Other Meetings

Although Cork and Derry have never met in the championship at senior level, they are not exactly strangers in the football arena, though neither can they be described as great rivals, as their clashes in competitive football amount to a grand total of five league meetings. All of these are of relatively recent vintage, the first being the semi-final tie in 1976 when Derry won a close encounter at Croke Park by the minimum margin. That game, incidentally, was their only meeting at headquarters, the other four being at Ballinascreen and Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Previous meetings have rarely any relevance to current engagements, and this is especially so in the case of Cork and Derry whose most recent joust was four years ago when Cork, as reigning All-Ireland and National League champions, made a long (and fruitful) trip to Ballinascreen. The home side were in the game with a real chance for only the first quarter at which stage the sides were level, 1-3 all. Then Cork, with Dave Barry showing the way, started to pull away and by the end of the third quarter they had stretched the lead to eleven points.

A Johnny McGurk-Rory Scullion inspired revival was short lived and Cork were running on at the finish when they had nine points in hand. Considering the final scoreline there was only a point between the respective top scorers - Dave Barry 2-3 and Rory Scullion 2-2.

Since that meeting both teams have experienced many changes, with Cork having only six links and Derry five. The sides that did duty at Ballinascreen four years ago were:

Cork:- M. Kearns, M. Lynch, D. Walsh, J. Kerrigan, M. Slocum, C. Counihan, S. Coughlan, S. Fahy, D. Cullott, N. Twomey, D. Barry, J. O'Driscoll, C. O'Neill, B. Coffey, M. McCarthy

Derry:- D. McCusker, K. McKeever, T. Scullion, P. O'Donnell, J. O'Neill, B. McPeake, G. McPeake, E. Heeney, D. Barton, S. Shivers, P.J. McCormack, J. McGurk, R. Scullion, L. Devlin, M. Berryman. Subs: P. Gribben for Berryman, E. Gribben for McPeake.

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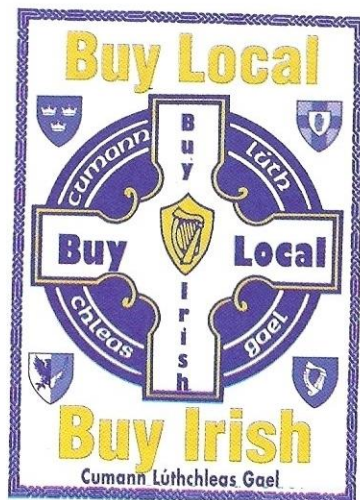
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## A Derry *Double*

**O**n their way to today's final Derry won four games, which included a rare double - victory over last year's All-Ireland finalists, Donegal and Dublin. Not surprisingly, only exceptional teams have accomplished this feat and Derry can claim to be the only Ulster county to have done so.

The Kildare team of 1905 was the first to overcome the reigning champions and the runners up - Kerry in the final after they had beaten Dublin in the provincial semi-final. Wexford accounted for Louth and Antrim on the way to the 1913 All-Ireland final and then 23 years passed before Laois put out Kildare (runners up) and Cavan (champions) in 1936. In 1947 Cavan recorded wins over Roscommon and Kerry and 27 years on, Dublin's thrilling run in to the title saw them beat Cork and Galway, the 1973 finalists. The last such double before Derry's feat in recent months was when Kerry beat Galway and Dublin on the way to All-Ireland honours in Centenary year.

But beating the previous year's finalists is no guarantee of All-Ireland success. Of the six teams that brought off this double four went on to take the title but Laois (1936) and Wexford (1913) were defeated in the final.



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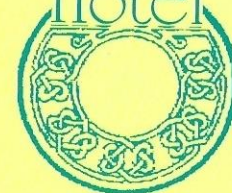
Twenty questions to test your memory on Senior Football Finals.

- 1 Denis Allen earned a special place in the annals of Munster football when he led Cork to the 1989 All-Ireland senior final. Why?
- 2 When did Derry last win an All-Ireland title in any grade of football?
- 3 Who captained Derry to the last National Championship triumph?
- 4 Tommy Sugrue (Kerry) refereed the 1988 All-Ireland Senior Football final. True or false?
- 5 Name the goalkeepers on duty in the 1991 All-Ireland senior final.
- 6 Kevin Mussen has a special place in the annals of All-Ireland Senior Football finals. What is that unique distinction?
- 7 Derry lost their only All-Ireland Senior Football final appearance in 1958 to Dublin. Were they beaten by four, six or eight points?
- 8 Cork were engaged in the last drawn final. In what year did that game go to a replay?
- 9 What unique distinction did Teddy McCarthy earn with Cork in 1990?
- 10 Who captained Dublin when they beat Derry in the 1958 summit?
- 11 Who captained Cork in their unsuccessful bid in 1988 for the Sam Maguire Cup?
- 12 Jimmy Barry-Murphy won his first All-Ireland senior medal in football, and not hurling. True or false?
- 13 Who was the leading scorer in last year's final?
- 14 Henry Downey, who leads Derry in this bid for All-Ireland glory, is no stranger to action in a national senior final at Croke Park. Why?
- 15 John O'Driscoll appears in a starting lineout in an All-Ireland senior final today for the first time. True or false?
- 16 Joe Brolly, Derry's 'Man-of-the-Match' in the semi-final win over Dublin, played club football in Dublin for a time. Name the team he assisted during his stay in the capital.
- 17 What county represented Ulster in an All-Ireland Senior final for the first time?
- 18 Tyrone lost their All-Ireland senior final debut to Kerry in 1986. Who captained the O'Neill County in that game?
- 19 Donegal's win over Dublin at this stage last year resulted in a new name on the All-Ireland title winning list for the first time in how many years?
- 20 In what year did an Ulster county last make a successful defence of an All-Ireland senior title.

# Freagraí

- 1 Allen became the first man to bring the new Sam Maguire Cup to bring Munster.
- 2 1989 when they took the minor crown.
- 3 Gary Coleman from centre half back.
- 4 True.
- 5 Neil Collins (Down) and Michael McQuillen (Meath).
- 6 He captained Down to the 1960 title and became the first to carry the Sam Maguire Cup in triumph over the Border.
- 7 Six points (2-12 to 1-9).
- 8 1988 when they lost to Meath at the second attempt.
- 9 He became the first to win All-Ireland senior medals in football and hurling in the same year.
- 10 Kevin Heffernan.
- 11 Tony Naton.
- 12 True. He was in the team that beat Galway footballers in 1973.
- 13 Mannus Boyle with nine points for Donegal.
- 14 He was in the Lavey team that won the All-Ireland club title in 1991. False. He lined out at right half for ward in 1987.
- 15 Trinity Gaels.
- 16 Antrim, who lost to Cork in 1911, although at that time club teams represented each county in the final.
- 17 Eugene McKenna.
- 18 21 years. Offaly joined the ranks in 1971.
- 19 1961, when Down retained the Sam Maguire Cup.
- 20 He was in the Lavey team that won the All-Ireland club title in 1991.

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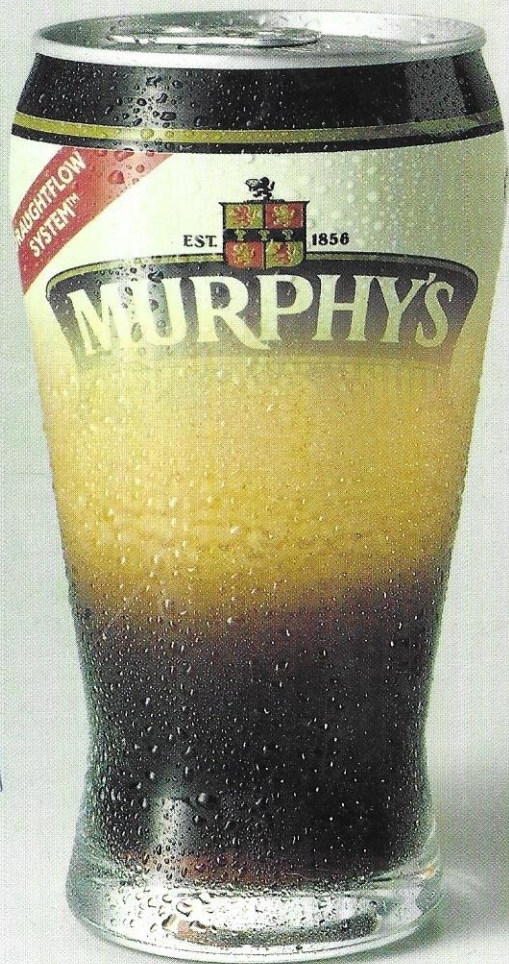
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