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Draws made for Football Championships

THE football draws at the adjourned convention were held last Friday night in Timahoe, with a number of mouth-watering prospects on the calendar for the start of the various championships.

The one that does stand out is in the U-21 FC, where the 1994 surprise champions, Crettyard, take on the 1994 finalists, Portarlinton.

Also, County Champions St Josephs will have a tough passage if they hope to reach the knockout stages, with Stradbally, Portlaoise, Spink and Timahoe also in their group.

The Harps, playing in their first year in the senior football championships, will compete for a knock out place with Emo, Annanough, O'Dempseys, Annanough and the previous Intermediate champions, Killeshin.

But the real battle will take place in Group C, where four of the eight quarter finalists of last year are drawn together, and with Crettyard also on a high after their U-21 success, this should be a cracker of a group.

The draws for the championships are as follows

SFC

Group A - Emo, Killeshin, Annanough, O'Dempseys, Harps.

Group B - St Josephs, Spink, Timahoe, Stradbally, Portlaoise.

Group C - Portarlinton, Crettyard, Park/Ratheniska, The Heath, Graiguecullen.

Group D - Ballyroan, Ballylinan, Barrowhouse, Courtwood.

IFC

Section A - Portlaoise, Mountmellick, Graiguecullen, Portarlinton.

Section B - St Michaels, Portarlinton, The Rock, Rosenallis.

JFC 'A'

Castletown v Ballyfin, Winners v Portlaoise; St Manmans v Arles, Winners v St Josephs; Crettyard v Stradbally, Winners v Ballyroan; St Lazerians Abbeyleix v O'Dempseys.

JFC 'B' (Football Area)

Crettyard v Arles, Winners v Portarlinton; Spink v Annanough, Winners v Ballylinan; St Michaels v St Josephs; Barrowhouse v Killeshin, Portlaoise v The Heath, Courtwood v Stradbally, The Rock v Timahoe, Ballyroan v Emo.

JFC 'B' (Hurling Area)

Ballyfin v Borris-in-Ossory; Camross v Kilcotton; Rosenallis v St Fintans Mountrath; Clough/Ballacolla v Trumera; St Manmans v St Fintans Colt; The Harps v Rathdowney; Errill v Park/Ratheniska; Mountmellick v Ballinakill.

U-21 FC

St Lazerians Abbeyleix v Ballylinan/Arles, Winners v St Josephs/Barrowhouse; O'Dempseys v Stradbally; St Colmans v Sarsfields; The Harps v Courtwood/Emo; Graiguecullen/Killeshin v St Michaels; Crettyard v Portarlinton; The Heath/Park v Portlaoise; St Manmans v Don Boscós.

MFC

O'Dempseys v Crettyard, Winners v Ballylinan; Emo v Ballyfin, Winners v The Rock; St Manmans v St Michaels, Winners v Graiguecullen; Rosenallis v St Lazerians, Winners v Stradbally; Ballyroan v The Heath, Winners v Mountmellick; Portlaoise v The Harps, Winners v Portarlinton; St Josephs v St Colmans; Killeshin v Ballinakill.

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FÁILTE

Donegal got a great start to this years League winning three consecutive games under new manager P.J. McGowan, their only defeat being at home to Kildare. The Lilywhites also put a stop to Laois' run and a further defeat by Dublin leaves them on 4 points trailing Donegal on 6 points.

Today's game is crucial particularly for Laois as the quality of teams in Division 1 means that any one of them could still possibly be relegated and every point is precious.

Donegal have been at the top for a number of years and are extended a warm welcome to O'Moore Park today.

Laois are striving to reach that level but this year alone have beaten the All-Ireland champions of the last two years and today will be anxious to make it three out of three today.

The home county of course defeated Donegal in last years League quarter final at Croke Park only to lose to Armagh at the next stage.

During the 1980s Donegal were a particular thorn in Laois side defeating them twice in All-Ireland U/21 Football semi-finals and going on to win the titles.

We heartily welcome Donegal to O'Moore Park today and look forward to an excellent game of football.

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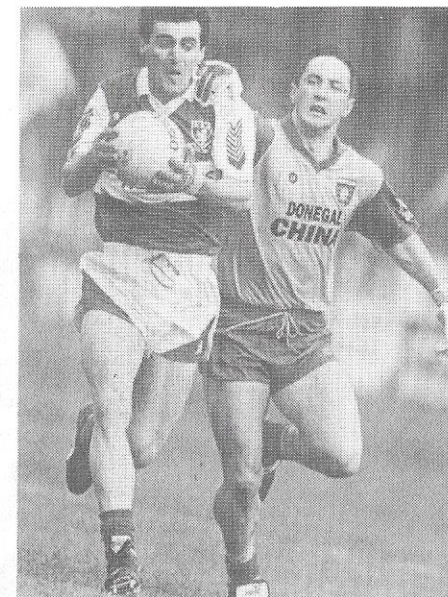
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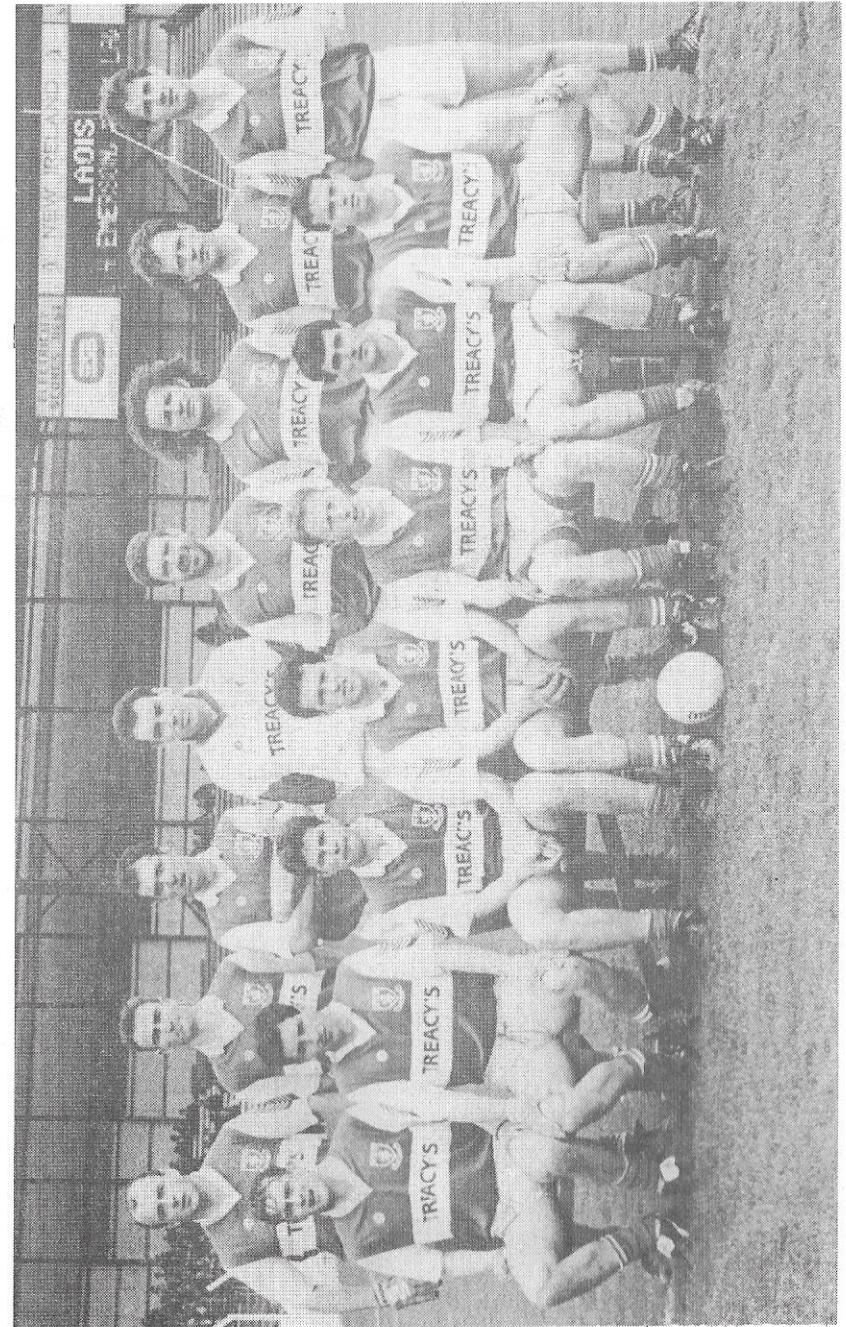
On the Leinster side are Tony Maher, Denis Lalor, Hughie Emerson and Tony McMahon, while Ulster seeking 6 titles in succession will have Donegal men Bryan Murray and Matt Gallagher.

LAOIS u-21's TO DEFEND TITLE

LAOIS u-21 footballers will after all defend their Provincial title. Sincere gratitude is expressed to the members of the Leinster Council for changing their earlier decision.

Congratulations are extended to the Committee headed by Central Council delegates, Dick Miller, Martin Stapleton, Michael Martin and Frank Keenan and the Laois Leinster Council delegates, Tom Hassett and Jim Kavanagh.

Laois play Kildare in the first round on 20th March with the winners playing Carlow.



The Laois SF team which beat Donegal in the NFL last season. (Back, l/r) Leo Turley, Liam O'Connor, Tom Conroy, Tony McMahon, Pat Roe, Hugh Emerson, Martin Dempsey, George Doyle. (Front, l/r), Damien Delaney, Eamon Lacey, Tom Bowe, Denis Lalor, Michael Lawlor, Aidan Lacey, Tommy Smith.

CATCH THE MATCH IN THE STAR

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LAOIS

Gorm is Bán

(1)
EMMET BURKE
Emmet de Búrca
(St Joseph's)

(2)
ADRIAN PHELAN
Adrian Ó Faoileán
(Portarlinton)

(3)
MARTIN DEMPSEY
Mairtín Ó Díomasaigh
(St Joseph's)

(4)
TOM CONROY
Tomás Ó Conraí
(Portlaoise)

(5)
A.N. OTHER

(6)
DENIS LALOR
Donnacha Ó Leathlobhair
(The Heath)

(7)
GEORGE DOYLE
Seoirse Ó Duill
(Courtwood)

(8)
TONY MAHER
Antóin Ó Meachair
(Stradbally)

(9)
P.J. DEMPSEY
P.J. Ó Diomasaigh
(St. Joseph's)

(10)
TONY DUNNE
Antóin Ó Doinn
(Harps)

(11)
HUGH EMERSON
Aodh Mac Emire
(Portarlinton)

(12)
MICHAEL LAWLOR
Micheál Ó Leathlobhair
(Emo)

(13)
TOM BOWE
Tomás Ó Buaigh
(Park/Ratheniska)

(14)
DAMIAN DELANEY
Damien Ó Dubhláine
(Stradbally)

(15)
LEO TURLEY
Leon Mac Toirealaigh
(O'Dempseys)

Fir Ionad: (16) Tony McMahon (A Mac Mathúna) Ballyroan; (17) Aidan Lacey (A Ó Laisigh) St Joseph's; (18) Eamon Delaney (E Ó Dubhláine) Stradbally; (19) Michael Dempsey (M Ó Diomasaigh) St Joseph's; (20) Liam O'Connor (L Ó Conchur) Graiguecullen; (21) Eamon Lacey (E Ó Laisigh) Ballylinan; (22) John O'Connell (S Ó Connall) Courtwood; (23) Michael Turley (M Ó Toirealaigh) Whitehall Colmcilles; (24) Edward Flanagan (E Ó Flannagáin) Park/Ratheniska; (25) John Irwin (S Ó hÉireamhóin) Ballyroan; (26) Noel Roe (N Ó Rua) The Heath.

DUN NA nGALL

Glas is Óir

(1)
GARY WALSH
Gearoid Breathnach
(St Joseph's)

(2)
JOHN JOE DOHERTY
S. S. Ó Dochartaigh
(Burren)

(3)
EUGENE MAC MENAMIN
Éoin Mac Menamin
(Naomh Columba)

(4)
MATT GALLAGHER
Mairtín Ó Gallchóir
(Naomh Adhamhain)

(5)
MARK CROSSAN
Marcús Mac Chrossaín
(Naomh Brid)

(6)
JOHN CUNNINGHAM
Sean Mac Cuinneagáin
(Naomh Adhamhain)

(7)
MARTIN SHOVLIN
Mairtín Ó Sheibhleáin
(Na Cealla Beaga)

(8)
JOHN BAN GALLAGHER
Sean Bán Ó Gallchóir
(Naomh Ultan)

(9)
BRIAN MURRAY
Brian Ó Muraí
(Na Cealla Beaga)

(10)
BARRY MCGOWAN
Barraí Mac Gabhainn
(An Stát Sheirbhis)

(11)
JOHN GILDEA
Sean Mac Giolla Dé
(Na Cealla Beaga)

(12)
JIM MCGUINNESS
Seamus Mac Aghasa
(Naomh Conaill)

(13)
JOHN DUFFY
Sean Ó Dufaigh
(Aodh Ruadh B/S)

(14)
TONY BOYLE
Antoine Ó Baoill
(An Clochan Liath)

(15)
MANUS BOYLE
Manús Ó Baoill
(Na Cealla Beaga)

Fir Ionad: (16) Paul Callaghan (Pól Ó Ceallacháin) Beart; (17) Eamon Mac Menamin (Eamón Mac Menamin) Nac Cumhalls; (18) Damien Conlon (Damien Ó Conallaín) Aodh Ruadh B/S; (19) Tom Ryan (Tomas Ó Ruann) An Tearmain; (20) Gerald Kelly (Gearoid Ó Ceallaigh) Aodh Rua K/G; (21) Declan Bonner (Deaglan Ó Cuaimhsí) Na Rossa; (22) Mark McShane (Marcus Mac Seain) Cill Chartha; (23) Damien Diver (Damien Ó Duibhir Ard an Ratha); (24) Sean Boyle (Sean Ó Baoill) Cloich Ceann Fhaola.

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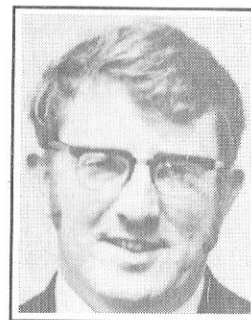


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| 4. Loch Garman Iarmhi v Cill Mhantain | 11.6.1995 | Wexford Athlone |
| 5. Lu v Cill Dara | 28.5.1995 | Newbridgh |
| 6. Lu Cill Dara v Ath Cliath | 18.6.1995 | To be arranged |
| 7. Laois v Ceatharloch | 18.6.1995 | Portlaoise |

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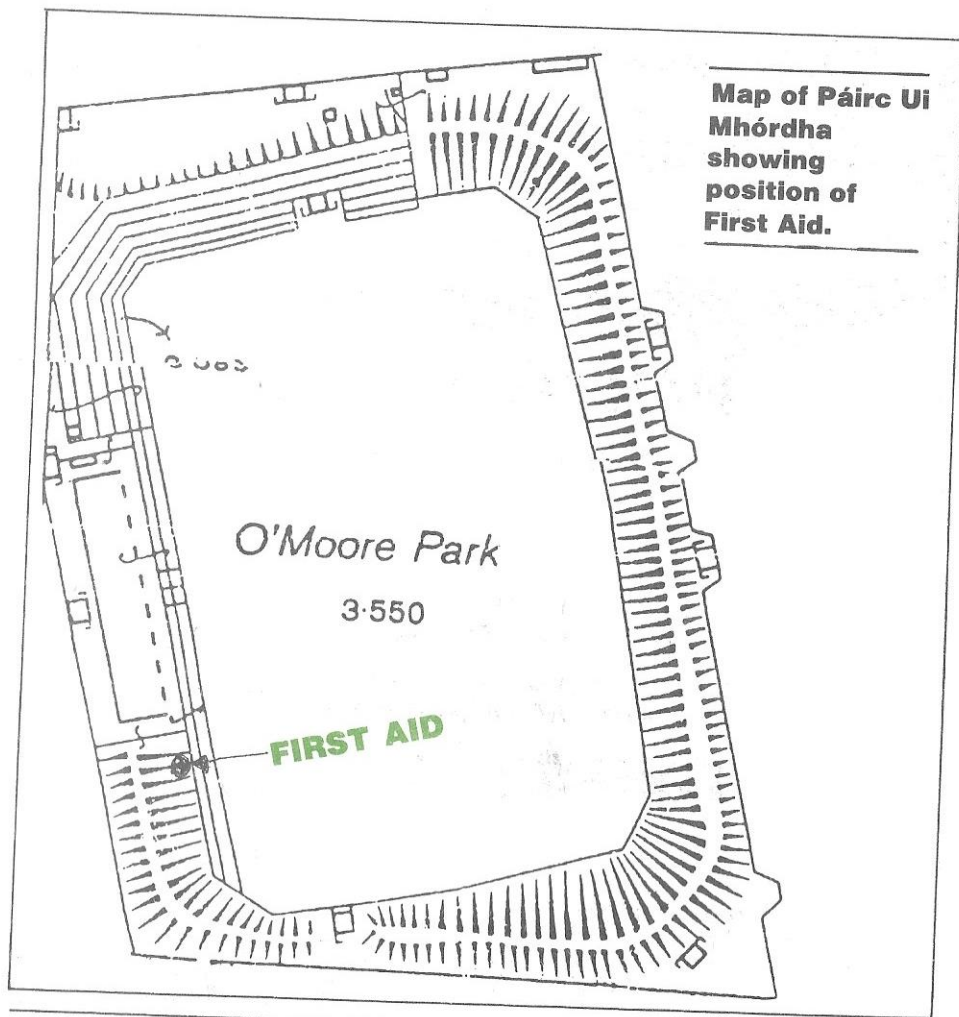
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