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Sinsir

An Mhí v. Maigh Eo

3.30 i.n. Réiteoir: P. McEnaney (*Muineacháin*)

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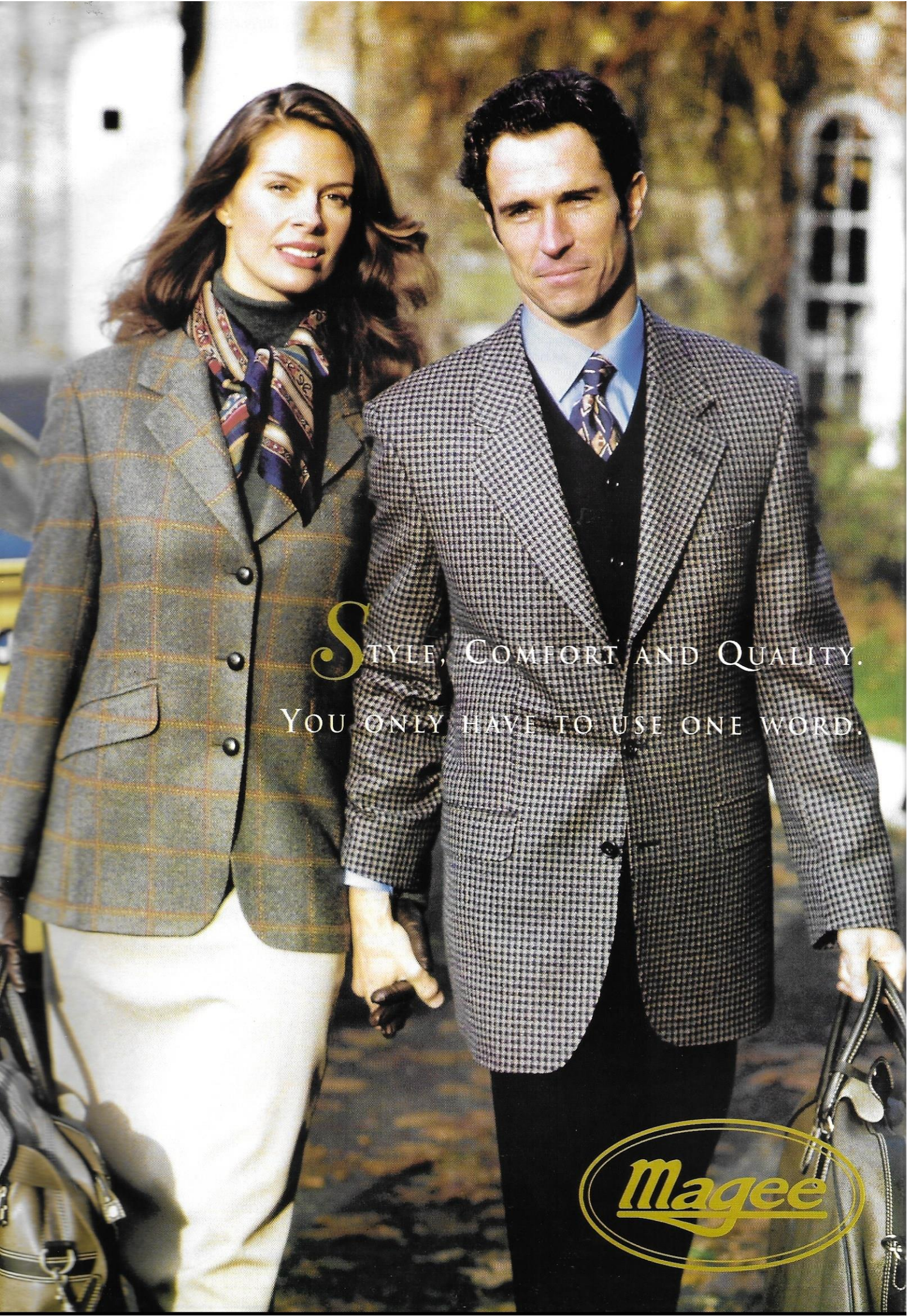
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Our cover shows Evan Kelly
(An Mhí) and David Nestor
(Maigh Eo) in action in their
respective semi-final games
against Tír Eoghain and Ciarraí.

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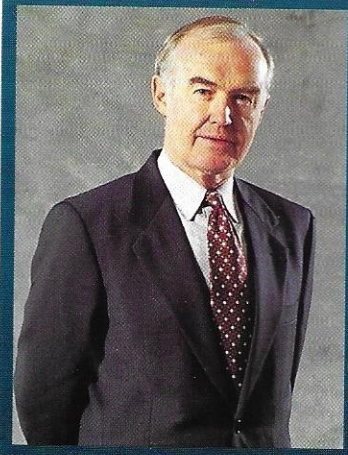


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- Conor Clarke, CBS Primary School, Armagh.
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- Michael Doherty, Scoil Aodh Rua agus Nuala, Donegal.
- William Ryan, Scoil Mhuire, Ballyboden, Dublin.

Team X

Meath – Green and Gold
Pitch: Defending Hogan
Stand - Canal End.

- David Hickey, Glenbeg/Carriglea N.S., Waterford.
- Kevin Bull, St. Mary's N.S., Drogheda, Louth.
- Pádraig Murtagh, St. Colmille's N.S., Aughnaciffe, Longford.
- Christopher Lynch, Carlanstown N.S., Meath.
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- Denis Glennon, Scoil Bhríde, Croghan, Offaly.
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- David Byrne, St. Patrick's BNS, Wicklow.
- John Goold, St. Colman's N.S., Macroom, Cork.

Girls' Football

Team Y

Mayo – Green, Red & White
Pitch: Defending Hogan
Stand - Hill 16 End.

- Sarah McDermott, Riverstown N.S., Sligo.
- Noelle Beirne, Scoil Mhuire N.S., Bornacoola, Leitrim.
- Joanne Quinn, St. John's P.S., Swatragh, Derry.
- Sharon Warde, The Neale-Glencorrib, Mayo.
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- Cheryl McNally, St. Mary's P.S., Newtownbutler, Fermanagh.
- Nicole Leggett, Kilmaleck N.S., Cavan.
- Laura Quinn, St. Francis N.S., Donegal.
- Melissa O'Connell, Kilkrisheen N.S., Clare.

Team Z

Meath – Green and Gold
Pitch: Defending Cusack
Stand - Hill 16 End.

- Mary Rennicks, Cortown N.S., Meath.
- Sarah Sheehan, Coosan N.S., Westmeath.
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Arr. J. Lynch
- 2.54 i.n.:** Taoiseach's Salute –
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Kevin Cahill (Maigh Eo)
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Maigh Eo Chun Cáil Chonnachta a Athmhúscailt?

Nuair a chéad casadh Maigh Eo agus An Mhí ar a chéile, sa chluiche leathcheannais 1949, bhí ré órga an dá chontae iomráiteacha seo ag tosú. Bhí an ceann is fearr ag an gContae Ríoga an lá úd (14 Lúnasa) agus chuaigh siad ar aghaidh chun a gcéad chraobh peile sinsir a ghnóthú nuair a chloígh siad An Cabhán sa chluiche ceannais.

An bhliain dar gcionn bhain fir na bPáirc Céide an dara craobh don chontae (rug siad an chéad cheann i 1936). Agus sa chraobhchluiche i 1951 bhaineadar díoltas amach nuair a cheannsaigh siad An Contae Ríoga leis an scór 2-8 v. 0-9. Chuaigh An Mhí ar aghaidh chun craobh eile a bhaint i 1954. Is trua a rá nár bhain na hIartharaigh aon chraobh ó shoin. San idirlinn ghnóthaigh An Mhí trí chraobh eile i 1967, 1987 agus 1988 agus anois táid sa cúigiú háit, in eindigh le Loch Garman, An Cabhán agus An Dún i liosta na mbuaiteoirí le cúig chraobh.

Ar ndóigh, sa bhliain dheiridh, 1988, nuair a rug An Mhí Corn Somhairle Mhig Uidhir b'iad Maigh Eo a chloígh siad sa chluiche leath-cheannais. An bhliain dar gcionn chuaigh Maigh Eo ar aghaidh go dtí an craobhchluiche (versus Corcaigh) a chaill siad le trí chúilín.

Ní raibh mórán daoine ag ceapadh go mbainfeadh Maigh Eo craobh Chonnachta i mbliana; chuaigh sé rite leo Ros Comáin a cheannsú sa chluiche leathcheannais agus bhí curaidh 1995, An Ghaillimh, ag cruthú go maith. Mar sin féin bhí cuma ar fhoireann Mhaigh

Eo go raibh tonchar mór orthu ag an mbainisteoir úr, Seán Ó Mocháin a bhí, tamall roimhe sin, mar bhall cruthanta d'fhoirne eile ón chontae agus a bhí tar éis a chumas bainisteoirachta a chruthú leis An Clár. Chloígh siad fir na dTreibh réasúnta easca ach fós níor chreid an daoscarslua go mbeadh an ceann ab' fhearr ach ar Chiarraí sa chluiche leath-cheannais. Bhí agus ní raibh aon amhras faoina gcumas.

I gcás An Chontae Ríoga bhí tógáil ar siúl ag an mbainsiteoir cliúteach, Seán Ó Baoighealláin, ar feadh cúpla bliain. Bhí turas réasúnta éasca acu i gcomortas Laighean cé go raibh na saineolaithe ag ceapadh go raibh Laois chun bata is bóthar a thabhairt do gach foireann eile sa Chúige. Ní hamhlaidh a bhí agus bhí fir An Chontae Ríoga le dul i ngleic, uair amháin eile, leis an 'seanamhaid' Áth Cliath, curaidh Uile-Éireann 1995. Anuas ar gach deacracht eile a bheadh sa chluiche sin bhí an cuimhne faoin léasadh a thug na 'Jacks' dóibh i 1995 ag goilliúint go mór ar lucht leanta na Mí.

De réir cosúlachta níor chuir sé isteach ar an bhfoireann agus chruthaigh an meascán de shean-

fhondúirí agus dhaoine óga, úra ró-mhaith do churaidh Laighean agus Uile-Éireann 1995.

Ar nós a gcéilí imeartha ón Iarthar ní raibh na saineolaithe ró-dhócasach faoina seansanna in aghaidh Thír Eoghain a bhí tar éis éacht a dhéanamh in Ultaibh agus a raibh mí-ádh orthu sa chraobhchluiche 1995 nár bhain siad comhscór amach. Ach bhain siad an lá leis an scór 2-15 v. 0-12 rud a fhág gurb iad is rogha na coitiantachta chun craobh na hÉireann 1996 a bhaint.

Conus, máisea, a sheasann an dá fhoireann chruthanta seo inniu? Níl aon amhras faoi ach go bhfuil an dá fhoireann is fearr sa tír faoinár mbráid anseo. Tá cluiche den scoth ag teastáil chun an chraobhchomortas peile a ardú go leibhéal na hiomána a raibh lucht leanta, agus neart eile, an-tógtha leis i mbliana.

Ceaptar go bhfuil fir ghloiuil Mhaigh Eo agus fir scafanta na Mí in ann agus in inmhe a leithéid a dhéanamh. Beidh choimhlint ghéar i lár an ghoirt áit a bhfuil dís den chéad scoth ag An Mhí, Mac Diarmada agus Mac Aonghusa. Ach má tá céilí comhraic inchurtha leo tá Liam Mac Éil agus Daithí Ó Brádaigh le fainic amháin — ní mór do Liam 'imirt' ar feadh seachtó nóiméad. Beidh an leathlíne tosaigh ag Maigh Eo, Séamus Ó hOráin, Colm Mac Meanmain agus Muiris Ó Sioradáin in ann an lámh-in-uachtar a fháil sa réimse sin páirce agus beidh an choimhlint idir Seán Ó Cathasaigh agus fear lántaca na Mí — Darren Fay an-spéisiúil.

Tá leathlíne tosaigh ard-éifeachtach ag An Mhí, chomh maith, go háirithe

Graham Mac Oireachtaigh; má's féidir le Pádraig Mac Thomáis laincis a chun air beidh éifeacht An Chontae Ríoga laghdaithe go mór. Ach an lá go mbíonn duine amháin ciúnaithe éiríonn le duine éigin dá chomhghleacaithe éacht a dhéanamh mar chúiteamh agus níl duine níos fearr chuige sin ná Tomás Ó Dubhda, captaen na Mí i lár an líne. Níl aon amhras ach go bhfuil Séamus Ó Nailín, céile imeartha Ó Dubhda, ard-éifeachtach agus beidh an choimhlint eatarthu rí-spéisiúil.

Má tá laige ar fhoireann Mhaigh Eo ceaptar gur so líne lántaca atá sé — ní mór, mar sin, don chúlbaire Seán Ó Nailín a bheith ansocair agus ar a airdeall an t-am ar fad más áil leis na hIartharaigh an chéad chraobh ó 1951 i leith a ghnóthú don chontae. Tá lántosaí na Mí tapaidh, cliste agus in ann scóranna a ghnóthú fiú leis an caolseans; má stophtar iad 'go mídleathach' tá Trevor Giles in ann cúlíní a aimsiú ón dá thaobh le saor-speacanna.

Tá sé deacair rogha a dhéanamh eatarthu ach má éiríonn le fir lárpaírce na Mí 'ceangal na gcúig gcaol' a chur ar a gcéilí comhraic, faoi mar a rinne siad in aghaidh Thír Eoghain, beidh an lá leis an gContae Ríoga. Má éiríonn le Maigh Eo caoga faoin gcéad dena liathróidí a cheapadh sa réimse sin páirce beidh caoi an-mhaith ag na hIartharaigh 'Sam' a bhreith trasna na Sionna den chéad uair ó 1966!

Guítear rath orthu araon agus ar a lucht stiúrtha agus táthar ag súil le cluiche den scoth gan ghairbhe. Go maire siad.

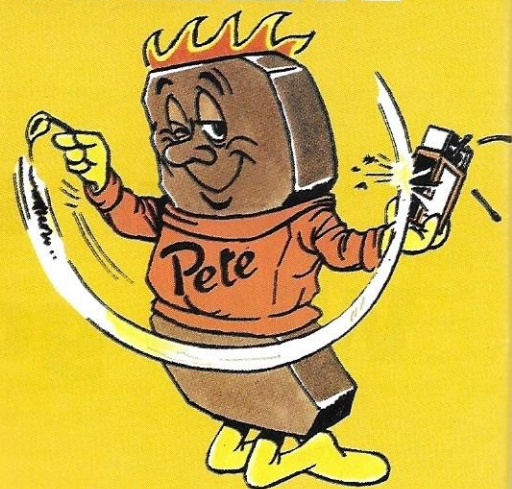
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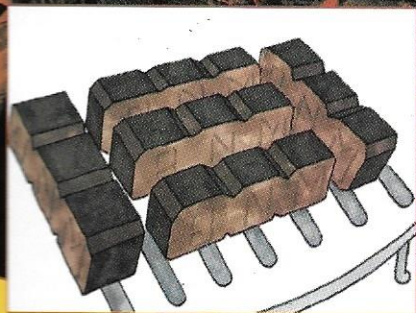
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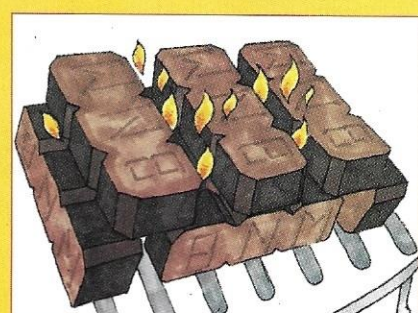
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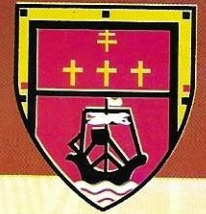
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BORD NA MÓNA 



Maigh Eo agus An Mhí... Their One Final - 1951



Mayo 2-8; Meath 0-9.

From the moment that these counties had played an epic league "Home" final the previous April, which Meath won by 0-6 to 0-3, they were installed in many quarters as likely All-Ireland finalists, and when they duly came through to the final, expectations of another great encounter were widespread. But expectations were not realised in what turned out to be the most disappointing final since Mayo had swamped Laois in 1936. Of this game, an "Irish Independent" scribe had this to say - "A Meath team that toiled laboriously with its football, a side which might be said to have trundled through the second half, was defeated much more decisively by the champions, Mayo, than the score of 2-8 to 0-9 suggests at Croke Park yesterday in one of the most disappointing finals for years. Had the standard of the opening half been maintained, the game would not by any means have been a great one, but in comparison with what followed, the first period does, in retrospect, deserve a high rating".

And it might be said that it was Mayo's first-half goals which killed the game stone dead as, aided by the strong breeze, Meath would have needed an interval cushion of six or seven points to have faced the second half with any hope of success.

Meath's troubles began at midfield where Pdraig Carney and Eamon Mongey were nearly always in control against Des Taaffe and Paddy O'Connell, and later Taaffe and Mattie McDonnell. Yet Meath had three points on the board, (Christo Hand, Jim Reilly and McDonnell), before Tom Langan side-stepped Paddy O'Brien to shoot a magnificent goal at the 12th minute, and from here on, though they were still in touch on the scoreboard, it was all beginning to unravel for the Leinster champions. But Meath, through some hard grafting, went into a two-point lead as the game neared the halfway mark, but then Carney's point was followed by Joe Gilvarry's goal which left Mayo leading by 2-3 to 0-8 with wind advantage to come.

Through a dreary second, Mayo's dominance through the field was only sporadically challenged, but the scores, laced with an inordinate number of wides, came with surprising slowness. Carney had one from a free, Irwin one from play before Carney popped two more frees over the bar.

Meath's only score of the second half, a point from Frankie Byrne, did little to raise Royal county hopes, and perhaps the number of wides rather than the score-line gives the true picture - 16 by Mayo and only two (one in each half) by Meath. Long before Carney closed the scoring, only Kevin McConnell, Christy Hand and Mick O'Brien

were holding their own against the rampant Westerners.

Mayo scorers: P.Carney 0-6, T.Langan 1-0, J.Gilvarry 1-0, E.Mongey 0-1, P.Irwin 0-1.
Meath: P.McDermott 0-3, P.Meegan 0-2, C.Hand 0-1, J.O'Reilly 0-1, D.Taaffe 0-1, M.McDonnell 0-1.

Mayo - Sean Wynne, John Forde, Paddy Prendergast, Sean Flanagan (capt), Joe Staunton, Henry Dixon, Peter Quinn, Eamon Mongey, John McAndrew,

Paddy Irwin, Pdraig Carney, Sean Mulderrig, Mick Flanagan, Tom Langan, Joe Gilvarry.
Sub - Liam Hastings for Dixon.

Meath - Kevin Smyth, Mick O'Brien, Paddy O'Brien, Kevin McConnell, Jimmy Heery (capt), Charlie Kelly, Christo Hand, Des Taaffe, Paddy Connell, Frankie Byrne, Mattie McDonnell, Paddy Meegan, Brian Smyth, Jim O'Reilly, Peter McDermott.

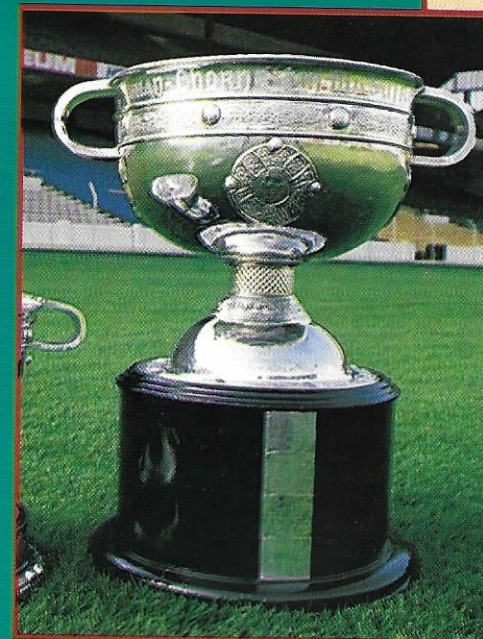
Subs - Paddy Dixon for Hand, Hand for Heery.

The Sam Maguire Cup

The new Sam Maguire Cup was first on "offer" in 1988 when Meath, captained by Mick Lyons, and Cork, led by Tony Nation, played a draw.

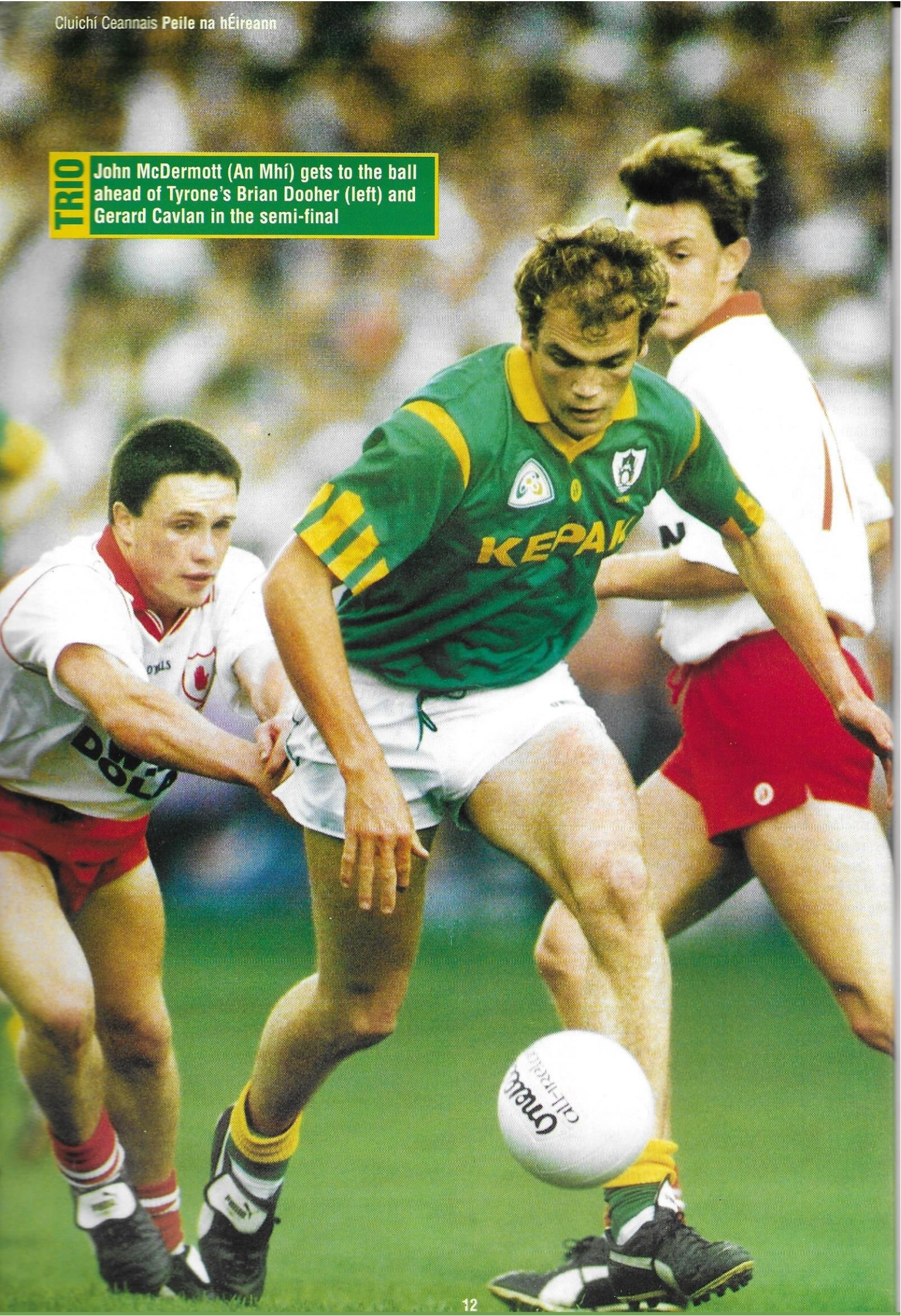
Joe Cassells was named as Meath's captain early in 1988, but missed a number of championship games because of injury. However, he went into the drawn final as a substitute, regained his place for the replay and took over the role of captain. Meath won and Cassells earned a special place in the new Sam Maguire Cup story.

Since then the Cup has been presented to Dinny Allen (Cork) in 1989, Larry Tompkins (Cork) in 1990, Paddy O'Rourke (Down) in 1991, Anthony Molloy (Donegal) in 1992, Henry Downey (Derry) in 1993, D.J. Kane (Down) in 1994 and John O'Leary (Dublin) in 1995.



TRIO

John McDermott (An Mhí) gets to the ball ahead of Tyrone's Brian Dooher (left) and Gerard Cavlan in the semi-final





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Laois out to follow Westmeath's headline



Laois bring a refreshing wind of change to the All-Ireland minor football championship final scene as they strive to mark the county's first appearance at this stage in 29 years by capturing this title for the first time ever.

The O'Moore county put up some sharpshooting displays on the way to their first Leinster title since 1967. They ensured that ranking with a resounding display of marksmanship when seeing off Dublin's challenge in a final replay at Tullamore where they rifled home 2-18 and conceded just 1-8.

Laois did not score as freely as in earlier games in their semi-final against a much vaunted Donegal — despite the perfect start of a goal after only two minutes. Stephen Kelly gathered from Danny Doogue to shoot home.

Sixteen minutes later Laois looked to be heading for a good win when a high ball by Danny Doogue was fisted to the Donegal net by Kevin Fitzpatrick to give the Leinster champions a 2-3 to 0-2 advantage. At half-time Laois were ahead by 2-5 to 0-4.

Laois still looked comfortably in command seven minutes into the second half as they led by 2-7 to 0-6. However, Donegal began a great comeback that left them with a last gasp opportunity to earn a draw with a free from virtually the last kick of the game.

The Ulster champions conceded just a single point

in the last 23 minutes as they steadily pulled themselves back into the game until they trailed by just a single point. With time almost up they were awarded a free less than 30 yards from the Laois goal and Donegal immediately sent in the left-footed John McLoone from the substitutes bench to take the kick.

McLoone's well directed kick-dropped short and Laois goalkeeper Robert Darby collected securely and cleared as the final whistle sound. Laois 2-8, Donegal 1-10.

Despite the closeness of the call, Laois were still deserving winners. They gave a purposeful and

wholehearted display with right half back Niall Collins setting an inspiring standard with his polished play.

Noel Garvan and Martin Delaney had much the better of the exchanges in the first half. They were not as dominant in the second but still had some good moments and Delaney also helped himself to three points. In short, he played a real captain's part.

Top scoring Danny Doogue had to retire after only two minutes of the second half with an injury but prior to that he had played his part will even if he did not get on the scoresheet.

Christ Conway and Kevin Fitzpatrick in attack

were others who did much to earn a rare glory day for Laois, who now hope to emulate the achievement last September of Westmeath, who won their initial crown. Eight of the present Laois squad were in action last year when the county lost the Leinster final after three memorable games with Westmeath.

Laois have so far won only one All-Ireland football title at any level — the junior championship of 1972. The minor footballers are determined to set that right in this first final against Kerry since their initial final appearance back in 1932.



Today, Laois is appearing in its first All-Ireland Minor Football final since 1967, when they were defeated by Cork. Our picture shows the team that won the 1967 Leinster title with a victory over Dublin by 2-8 to 2-7 at Droichead Nua.

Back row (l-r): Cormac Murphy, Willie Monaghan, Seamus Fleming, Anthony Burke, Enda Condron, Ivor Houlihan (R.I.P.), Bobby Millar.

Front row (l-r): Pat Fingleton, Stephen Allen, Johnny Lalor, Mick Murphy, Syl Furey, John Mangan, John Kavanagh, Aiden O'Brien.

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Kerry in form to improve Minor titles record

Although the defeat of the seniors by Mayo in the semi-final was a big disappointment, 1996 will still rank as a good year for Kerry if the minors follow the success of the under-21 team in last Sunday's national summit by returning home with the Tom Markham Cup for the All-Ireland championship.

Kerry have a reputation second to none in minor football and on their last appearance in a final in 1994 beat Galway to regain their outright position on top of the chart with 11 titles, one more than Dublin. The latest group of footballers are sure to make a tremendous effort to increase the county's lead on top of the Roll of Honour.

The Kingdom looked the part in a high scoring campaign in Munster, but did not live up to that reputation last time out when seeing off Mayo by two points. They had to work really hard and they also recorded, at 1-8, their lowest return of the series so far.

Kerry started their campaign as far back as April and good wins over Limerick, Waterford and Cork for a first provincial title in two years boosted hopes of a return to the top naturally.

However, Mayo proved that the road to glory was still a rocky one. Slippery underfoot conditions made it difficult for the teams, but Kerry and Mayo still provided an entertaining game.

A vital moment came after 19 minutes when the

Munster champions were awarded a close-in free. Almost before anyone knew what was happening quick-thinking full forward Gareth Clifford powered the ball to the net for what was to prove a very crucial goal.

That score gave Kerry a 1-3 to 0-1 lead, but Mayo did not panic. They stuck resolutely to their task and were just 1-3 to 0-3 adrift at the interval. Ten minutes into the second half the issue looked finely balanced as Mayo came back to level the scores at 0-6 to 1-3.

Kerry rose to the new challenge in fine style and they had the edge in the exchanges over the remainder of the game to pull away for a well-deserved if hard-earned 1-8 to 0-9 win.

The Munster champions

played fast, clever football all through. The foundations of their success were laid in defence, where Kenneth Leen, Michael McCarthy and Owen O'Connell formed a masterly full back line that conceded just a single point from play during the hour.

Left half back Pa Murphy, leading scorer Liam Murphy and Noel Kennelly, who was the top scorer for Kerry on the day with four points, as well as goal scorer Clifford were others key figures in the victory.

Despite the fact that Kerry did not score as freely as in earlier games they still had good cause to feel pleased with their overall win, as Mayo were a strong and well-drilled side.

Kerry cornerback Kenneth Leen is cool and calm as he collects the ball to break up a Mayo attack in the semi-final.



Seeking a Minor First

For the second year in succession the minor final presents a pairing with one of the teams seeking a first All-Ireland title. Teams bidding for a first title, or even appearing in a final for the first time are rare enough occurrences in recent times. In fact, over the past 30 years only two new faces have appeared on the final-day scene - Kildare in 1973 and Sligo in 1968. Laois, though they are seeking the crown for the first time, are not newcomers to the final, having previously contested the finals of 1932 and 1967.

In the former year, Kerry, who were bidding to retain the title they had won for the first time twelve months previously, were Laois's opponents, and their meeting at Roscrea was a curtain-raiser to the All-Ireland

junior hurling semi-final between Dublin and Cork.

The respective credentials were perfectly in order: Kerry had beaten Limerick and Cork readily in Munster and then Galway with points to spare in the semi-final. In a highly competitive Leinster campaign Laois had disposed of Kildare, Westmeath and Louth before scoring freely over Antrim at Dundalk.

With the breeze behind them Laois made the running in the early stages, went a point up in the first minute when J.J.Reilly was on target, and though Kerry had their share of the exchanges, their only reply during the first 20 minutes was a Charlie O'Sullivan point by which stage Laois had put 1-3 on the board. However, A spurt just before the interval saw the

O'Sullivans bring Kerry back into contention with the scores which left it 1-3 to 1-2. Early second-half misses by both sides preceded three Kerry points and when Laois attacked, Brendan Reidy between the Kerry posts was unbeatable. Laois continued to have a fair share of the exchanges, but in the matter of raising flags it was all Kerry and the O'Sullivans, McMahon, Ronan and Weir tacked on the scores which left Kerry winners by 3-8 to 1-3.

The teams in that only meeting of Kerry and Laois at minor level were:

Kerry - B.Reidy, F.O'Neill, E.Healy, J.P.Doyle, P.McMahon, P.Ronan, S.McCarthy, J.O'Sullivan, T.Weir, P.McMahon (Listowel), T.Wrenn, P.Ferriter, M.Brosnan,

T.Leary, C.O'Sullivan.
Laois - E.Roche, P.Hinchion, J.Hyland, W.Troy, J.Nolan, M.Fanning, J.Shortt, S.Harkins, P.Mulhall, W.Delaney, J.J.Delaney, J.J.Reilly, J.Meehan, M.Cahill, T.Kehoe.

Since that meeting 64 years ago the fortunes of these counties took vastly different routes; Kerry going on to become one of the great powers of under-18 football while Laois managed to reach only one final in the interim - in 1967 when they were crushed by Cork in a hopelessly one-sided encounter.

Surprisingly, these two fine minor teams did not produce many outstanding senior players. On the Kerry side only Charlie O'Sullivan and Tim O'Leary went on to win All-Ireland senior medals, while Bill Delaney (he played 14 years for Leinster) and Syd Harkins were the only players from the losing side to make an impression later on in senior ranks.

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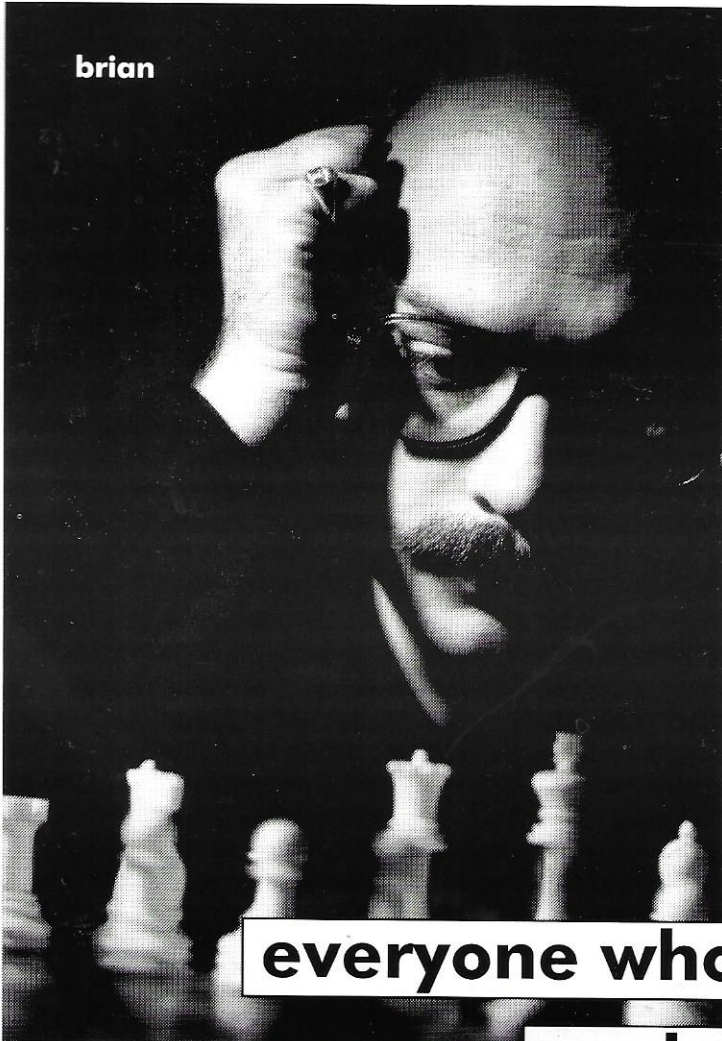
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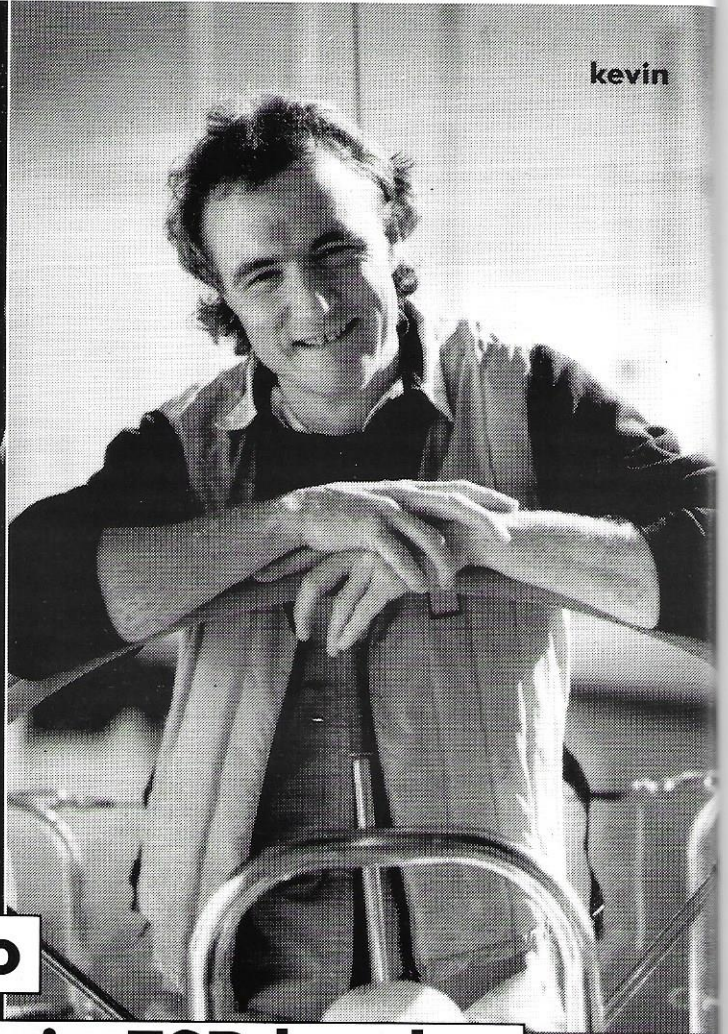
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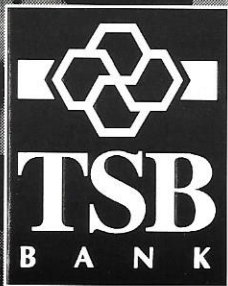
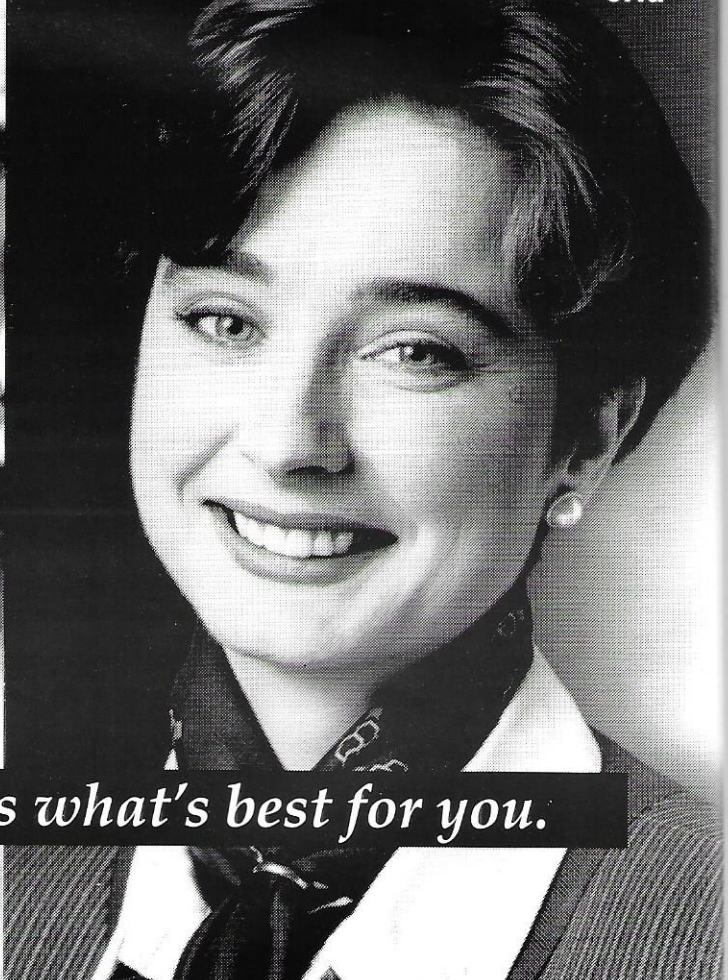
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Foireann Mhionúir Laois



The Laois team which defeated Donegal at Croke Park in the All-Ireland Semi-final.

Back row (l-r): Ken Dunne, Shane Hennessy, Chris Conway, Noel Garvan, Stephen Kelly, Robert Darby, Martin Buggy, Owen Delaney, Kevin Fitzpatrick, John Paul Keogh, Eddie Kinsella, Diarmuid Mullins.

Front row (l-r): Colm Parkinson, Pauric Langton, David O'Hara, Martin Delaney (captain), Niall Collins, Danny Doogue, Derek Conroy, Brian McDonald, Thomas Mulligan. **Seated:** Tom Lynch.

Minor And Senior...An Elusive Double

A player holding an All-Ireland senior and minor medal is difficult to meet in Mayo and Meath. In fact, despite their great deeds in the distant past at both levels, no Mayo man has ever collected both awards. And the number of Mayo players who have featured in both minor and senior finals is also surprisingly small.

The first Mayo man to actually play in minor and senior finals was Peter Solan of Islandeady who was on the minor team which lost to Tyrone by a point in 1947 and then collected a senior medal in 1950 when Mayo regained the title after a lapse of 14 years.

That was as near as any Mayo player came to bringing off this particular dou-

ble, but when Mayo reached the 1989 All-Ireland senior final the team included only one of the successful 1985 minor team, Michael Fitzmaurice of Lacken. Michael J. Mullin (Kilmaine), who was full-forward in the '85 win, was a substitute on the 1989 senior side.

The '89 team also included T.J. Kilgallon who had won an All-Ireland minor medal when Mayo beat Dublin in 1978. And that exhausts the list of Mayo men who have really challenged for this elusive double.

To date Meath have fared little better than Mayo in this regard. Their 1957 minor team - rated by many as one of the greatest under-18 sides ever - pro-

duced only one senior medalist - Bertie Cunningham - who was the only one of the '57 panel on duty when Meath won the senior title exactly ten years later.

The 1987-88 All-Ireland team had, of course, no background of All-Ireland minor success - only Liam Harnan and Michael McQuillan had ever played in a minor final - which clears the way for no fewer than eight Meathmen to complete the double today - Conor Martin, Enda McManus, Graham Geraghty and Cathal Sheridan from the 1990 minor squad, and another quartet from the 1993 team - Paddy Reynolds, Darren Fay, Trevor Giles and Barry Callaghan.

New Names

Last year's first-ever win by Westmeath brought the number of counties that have won the under-18 title to 17. Should Laois win today it will mean that two new names will have gone on the Roll of Honour in successive years, something that last happened in the mid-sixties when Offaly's 1964 win was followed by Derry's 1965 triumph. Previously, Louth (1936) and Cavan (1937) were new names following each other, while Tyrone, who won the 1947 and '48 crowns, were followed by Armagh in 1949.

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The Kerry team which defeated Mayo at Croke Park in the All-Ireland Semi-final.

Back row (l-r): Noel Kennelly, Tommy Griffin, Garrett Clifford, Kenneth Leen, Kenneth O'Keefe, Michael McCarthy, Pa Murphy, Michael D. Cahill.

Front row (l-r): Eoin O'Connell, William Harmon, John Lynch (captain), Tomás Ó Sé, Bernard O'Connor, Paul McCarthy, Liam Murphy.

1996 Minor Football Scoreboard

Leinster

1st Round

4th May at Wexford

Wexford 1-11; Wicklow 0-11

4th May at Longford:

Kildare 3-7; Longford 0-13

4th May at Tullamore:

Offaly 0-12; Meath 0-12

5th May at Callan:

Carlow 0-11; Kilkenny 1-6

replay

11th May at An Uaimh:

Meath 1-15; Offaly 2-11

2nd Round

18th May at Droichead Nua:

Dublin 2-8; Kildare 1-10

18th May at Wexford Park:

Laois 3-14; Wexford 1-5

18th May at An Uaimh:

Meath 0-13; Louth 0-3

19th May at Cullen Park:

Westmeath 3-9; Carlow 1-5

Semi-Finals

30th June at An Uaimh:

Dublin 0-10; Meath 0-8

7th July at Croke Park:

Laois 1-1; Westmeath 1-9

Final

28th July at Croke Park:

Laois 0-15; Dublin 2-9

replay

3rd August at Tullamore:

Laois 2-18; Dublin 1-8

Ulster

Preliminary Round

26th May at Clones:

Donegal 4-8; Down 1-5

1st Round

31st May at Irvinestown:

Donegal 4-15; Monaghan 0-2

2nd June at Celtic Park:

Derry 0-15; Armagh 1-11

9th June at Omagh:

Fermanagh 1-8; Tyrone 0-9

16th June at Casement Park:

Antrim 1-11; Cavan 1-7

Semi-Finals

30th June at Clones:

Derry 0-18; Fermanagh 1-9

7th July at Clones:

Donegal 4-20; Antrim 0-3

Final

28th July at Clones:

Donegal 0-9; Derry 0-9

replay

4th August at Omagh:

Donegal 0-9; Derry 1-5

Munster

1st Round

23rd April at Tralee:

Kerry 1-14; Limerick 1-4

24th April at Pairc Ui Rinn:

Cork 2-18; Tipperary 1-4

Semi-Finals

10th July at Thurles:

Cork 3-19; Clare 2-7

11th July at Killorglin:

Kerry 1-17; Waterford 0-6

Final

21st July at Pairc Ui Chaoimh:

Kerry 3-9; Cork 2-6

Connacht

1st Round

11th May at Corofin:

Sligo 2-11; Galway 1-8

Semi-Finals

23rd June at Hyde Park:

Mayo 3-9; Roscommon 1-3

29th June at Carrick-on-Shannon:

Sligo 3-10; Leitrim 1-8

Final

21st July at Castlebar:

Mayo 0-10; Sligo 0-10

replay

28th July at Markievicz Park:

Mayo 2-3; Sligo 0-8

All-Ireland Semi-Finals

11th August at Croke Park:

Kerry 1-8; Mayo 0-9

18th August at Croke Park:

Laois 2-8; Donegal 1-10

Laois's Bogey

In their years of achievement and promise - the late thirties - it is generally acknowledged that but for Kerry, Laois would have won at least one All-Ireland senior final.

It might be said that Kerry were Laois's bogey

county from the outset as in all the championship games between these counties, Kerry have reigned supreme - and they have met in all four grades of football. The first was the 1932 minor football final which Kerry won by 3-8 to 1-3.

Five years later they were senior semi-finalists. Laois looked to have the beating of Kerry, but had to settle for a 1-6 to 2-3 draw at Cork. Kerry won a controversial replay by 2-2 to 1-4 at Waterford.

The 1938 Kerry-Laois clash at Croke Park (the

Cusack Stand was officially opened that day) was also an historic occasion as it marked the last semi-final in successive years involving the same counties. The result was a Kerry win by 2-6 to 2-4 as a great closing rally by the Midlanders just failed.

A few seasons on the scene of Laois-Kerry rivalry switched to the junior grade when they were All-Ireland semi-final opponents in 1941 at Portlaoise where Kerry forced a draw - 3-9 to 4-6. A fortnight later, however, at Killarney the 'Kingdom' surprisingly romped home by 3-7 to 1-0.

And the newly inaugurated under-21 championships in 1964 brought Kerry and Laois into opposition when they contested the first All-Ireland final in the grade at Croke Park. But for Laois the new competition had an old familiar ring about it as Kerry won by 1-10 to 1-3.

Four grades, four Kerry victories. As bogies go not overly impressive; but Laois will probably consider it enough to contend with at the moment.

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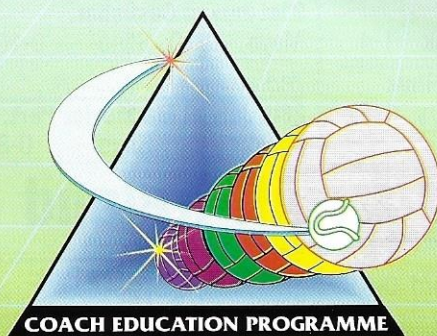
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Bhí buachaillí chontae Uí Mhórdha sa chraobhchluiche arís i 1967 nuair a chloígh Corcaigh iad. Anuraidh (1995) bhí trí chluiche (dhá athimirt) acu in aghaidh An Iarmhí i gceabhbhluiche Laighean. Mar is eol, bhain buachaillí Uisnigh an bua le cúpla cúlín sa tríú iarracht agus chuaigh siad ar aghaidh chun craobh na hÉireann a bhuanach den

chéad uair ariamh. Mar sin, tá an fhoireann Laoiseach seo cruthanta mar tá beagnach a leath na foirne ó 1995 ag imirt inniu.

I dtaca le buachaillí na Ríochta bhí ard-chluiche idir iad féin agus Corcaigh i gceabhbhluiche na Mumhan; ní mór cuimhneamh air gur cloígh Corcaigh mionúir Thiobraid Árann roimis sin agus b'iad an Chontae Phríomha curaidh na Mumhan i 1995. Cé go bhfuil deich geraobh acu níor bhain Ciarraí ceann ó 1988 i leith; bhíodar sa chraobhchluiche i 1990 nuair a bhí an ceann is fearr ag An Mhí orthu.

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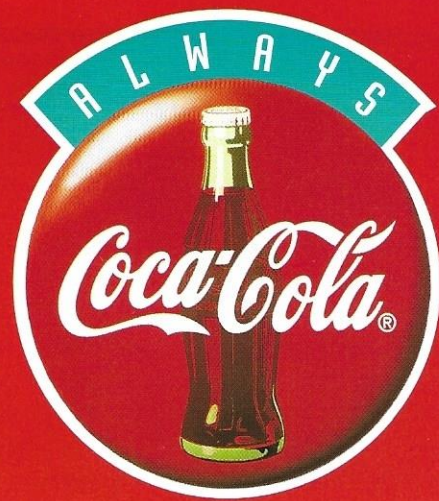
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Minor Paths to the Final

Ciarraí

Kerry are appearing in an All-Ireland minor final after an absence of two years. They regained the Munster crown after a break of two years and their latest success in the South boosted their record of provincial championships to 31 since 1931.

23rd April at Tralee: Kerry 1-14; Limerick 1-4.

Scorers - Liam Murphy 0-7, Noel Kennelly 1-2, John Lynch 0-1, Ian Twiss 0-1, Michael D.Cahill 0-1, Enda Galvin 0-1, Mick O'Shea 0-1.

11th July at Killorglin: Kerry 1-17; Waterford 0-6.

Scorers - Liam Murphy 1-8, William Harmon 0-2, Aodan McGearailt 0-2, Gareth Clifford 0-2, Noel Kennelly 0-1, Michael D.Cahill 0-1, Bernard O'Connor 0-1.

21st July at Páirc Uí Chaoimh: Kerry 3-9; Cork 2-6.

Scorers - Gareth Clifford 1-3, Noel Kennelly 1-1, Liam Murphy 0-3, Bernard O'Connor 1-0, John Lynch 0-1, Ian Twiss 0-1.

11th August at Croke Park: Kerry 1-8; Mayo 0-9.

Scorers - Noel Kennelly 0-4, Liam Murphy 0-3, Gareth Clifford 1-0, Aodan McGearailt 0-1.

Total Scored 6-48 (66 points); Total Conceded 3-25 (34).

Round	1	2	3	4	Total	Points
Liam Murphy	0-7	1-8	0-3	0-3	1-21	24
Noel Kennelly	1-2	0-1	1-1	0-4	2-8	14
Gareth Clifford	—	0-2	1-3	1-0	2-5	11
Bernard O'Connor	—	0-1	1-0	—	0-1	4
Aodan MacGearailt	—	0-2	—	0-1	0-3	3
William Harmon	—	0-2	—	—	0-2	2
John Lynch	0-1	—	0-1	—	0-2	2
Ian Twiss	0-1	—	0-1	—	0-2	2
M. D. Cahill	0-1	0-1	—	—	0-2	2
Enda Galvin	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	1
Mick O'Shea	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	1

Laois

Laois have qualified for an All-Ireland minor football final for the first time since 1967 when they lost to Cork. They have still to win the title. On the way to the latest summit Laois won their first Leinster minor title in 29 years and only their fourth since 1932.

This is their record so far:

18th May at Wexford Park: Laois 3-14; Wexford 1-5.

Scorers - Chris Conway 1-6, Danny Doogue 2-3, Colm Parkinson 0-1, Martin Delaney 0-1, Stephen Kelly 0-1, Kevin Fitzpatrick 0-1, Brian McDonald 0-1.

7th July at Croke Park: Laois 1-11; Westmeath 1-9.

Scorers - Chris Conway 0-4, Danny Doogue 0-3, Martin Delaney 1-0, Stephen Kelly 0-2, Niall Collins 0-1, Pdraig Langton 0-1.

28th July at Croke Park: Laois 0-15; Dublin 2-9.

Scorers - Danny Doogue 0-4, Chris Conway 0-3, Kevin Fitzpatrick 0-3, Brian McDonald 0-2, Stephen Kelly 0-2, Noel Garvan 0-1.

3rd August at Croke Park: Laois 2-18; Dublin 1-8.

Scorers - Danny Doogue 1-6, Martin Delaney 1-1, Chris Conway 0-3, Stephen Kelly 0-3, Kevin Fitzpatrick 0-2, Brian McDonald 0-1, Colm Parkinson 0-1, Eoin Delaney 0-1.

18th August at Croke Park: Laois 2-8; Donegal 1-10.

Scorers - Stephen Kelly 1-1, Martin Delaney 0-3, Chris Conway 0-2, Kevin Fitzpatrick 1-0, Noel Garvan 0-1, Niall Collins 0-1.

Total Scored 8-66 (90 points); Total Conceded 6-41 (59).

Round	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Points
Danny Doogue	2-3	0-3	0-4	1-6	—	3-16	25
Chris Conway	1-6	0-4	0-3	0-3	0-2	1-18	21
Stephen Kelly	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-3	1-1	1-9	12
Martin Delaney	0-1	1-0	—	1-1	0-3	2-5	11
Kevin Fitzpatrick	0-1	—	0-3	0-2	1-0	1-6	9
Brian McDonald	0-1	—	0-2	0-1	—	0-4	4
Colm Parkinson	0-1	—	—	0-1	—	0-2	2
Niall Collins	—	0-1	—	—	0-1	0-2	2
Noel Garvan	—	—	0-1	—	0-1	0-2	2
Pdraig Langton	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	1
Eoin Delaney	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-1	1

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Individual Feats

David McGinley looks certain to emulate the feat of Laois's Ian Fitzgerald who led both the overall and individual lists last year. The Donegal's youngsters excellent 3-5 against Down in the preliminary round of the Ulster championship was never seriously threatened in the course of the minor championship. In fact, he himself was one of only four players to get within a major of his total - the others being Liam Murphy, Lyndon Reilly and Kevin McCarthy.

Danny Doogue of Laois is the only other player besides McGinley who appears twice in this chart. A special mention has to be given to Doogue's team mate Chris Conway who appears in the chart for the second year running.

Overall 14 players (15 last year) recorded eight points or better in an hour's football, and they are:

David McGinley (Donegal)	3-5 v Down - <i>preliminary round at Clones</i>
Liam Murphy (Kerry)	1-8 v Waterford - <i>semi-final at Killorglin</i>
David McGinley (Donegal)	1-8 v Monaghan - <i>1st round at Irvinestown</i>
Kevin McCarthy (Cork)	1-8 v Clare - <i>semi-final at Thurles</i>
Lyndon Reilly (Mayo)	2-5 v Roscommon - <i>semi-final at Hyde Park</i>
Gerard Cassidy (Derry)	0-10 v Armagh - <i>1st round at Celtic Park</i>
Danny Doogue (Laois)	1-6 v Dublin - <i>Leinster final replay at Tullamore</i>
Chris Conway (Laois)	1-6 v Wexford - <i>2nd round at Wexford Park</i>
D White (Meath)	1-6 v Offaly - <i>1st round replay at An Uaimh</i>
Danny Doogue (Laois)	2-3 v Wexford - <i>2nd round at Wexford Park</i>
Peter McHugh (Donegal)	3-0 v Monaghan - <i>1st round at Irvinestown</i>
S McDonnell (Armagh)	0-8 v Derry - <i>1st round at Celtic Park</i>
D Connolly (Offaly)	0-8 v Meath - <i>1st round replay at An Uaimh</i>
Brian Moran (Galway)	1-5 v Sligo - <i>1st round at Corofin</i>

Top Scorers

Whatever the outcome of this afternoon's minor final, the premier position in the top scorer's chart has already been secured by David McGinley. The Donegal sharpshooter scored a splendid 4-31 in his county's six outings.

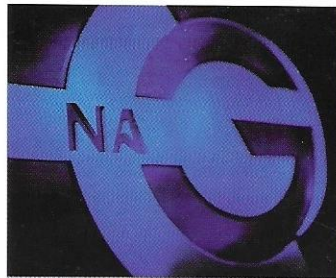
However, although first position has been decided upon, the minor placings are still very much up for grabs. Currently lying second is Laois's Danny Doogue, with Liam Murphy of Kerry just a further point behind in third. Chris Conway (who finished 3rd last year) currently lies fifth, three points behind team-mate Doogue, and is well in the hunt for another top three finish. Two others on view today - Noel Kennelly and Stephen Kelly - could well improve on their current positions.

In all, 14 players (17 last year) recorded twelve point or better totals in the course of the '96 minor championship and they are:

David McGinley (Donegal)	4-31 (43 points)
Danny Doogue (Laois)	3-16 (25)
Liam Murphy (Kerry)	1-21 (24)
Gerard Cassidy (Derry)	0-23
Chris Conway (Laois)	1-19 (22)
Lyndon Reilly (Mayo)	2-16 (22)
Peter McHugh (Donegal)	6-1 (19)
D White (Meath)	1-15 (18)
Kevin McCarthy (Cork)	1-13 (16)
Fionan Murray (Cork)	4-3 (15)
Noel Kennelly (Kerry)	2-8 (14)
D Connolly (Offaly)	0-13
Stephen Kelly (Laois)	1-9 (12)
Alan Beale (Cork)	2-6 (12)

Out of reach – Donegal's goalkeeper David Green stretches in an attempt to block Stephen Kelly's shot in the semi-final last month.



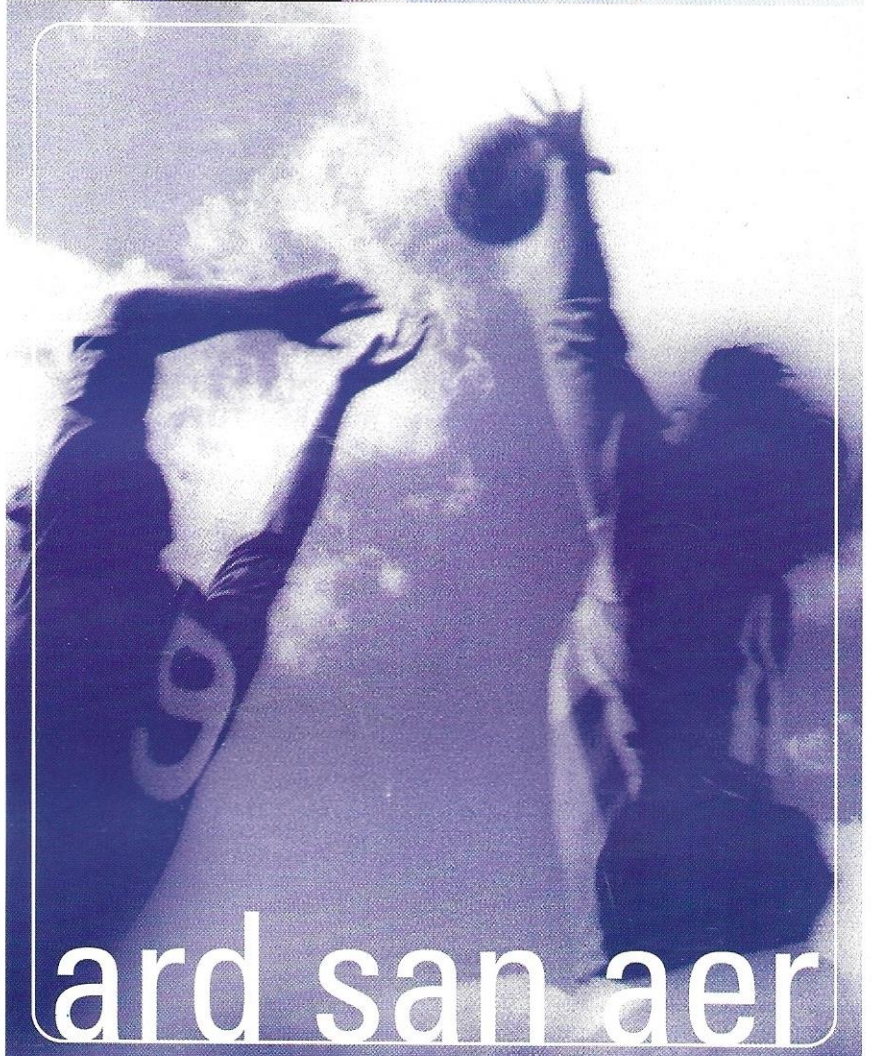


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Ciarraí



Dathanna: Uaithne, Ór is Bán

An Captaen



John Lynch

John was at midfield in the Intermediate School, Killorglin, side that won the All-Ireland Colleges' senior football title last April for the first time. Earlier he won his first Corn Uí Mhuiri (Munster Colleges' Championship) medal.

The Kerry captain also holds an All-Ireland under-14 medal as well as county medals at minor and under-21.

He has been a big influence on Kerry's progress so far with his consistent football and leadership.

Roghnóirí

Charlie Nelligan (*Desmonds*) Trainer,
Seán Walsh (*Moyvane*),
Mickey Sheehy (*Austin Stacks*),
Junior Murphy (*St. Mary's*),
Derry Crowley (*Glenflesk*).

Path To The Final

23rd April at Tralee

Kerry 1-14; Limerick 1-04.

11th July at Killorglin

Kerry 1-17; Waterford 0-06.

21st July at Páirc Uí Chaoimh

Kerry 3-09; Cork 2-06.

11th August at Páirc an Chrócaigh

Kerry 1-08; Mayo 0-09.

- 1**
KENNETH O'KEEFE
C. Ó Caoimh
(Rathmore)
- 2**
KENNETH LEEN
C. Ó Laighin
(Austin Stacks)
- 3**
MICHAEL McCARTHY
M. Mac Cártaigh
(Kilcummin)
- 4**
OWEN O'CONNELL
O. Ó Conaill
(Laune Rangers)
- 5**
PAUL McCARTHY
P. Mac Cártaigh
(Kilcummin)
- 6**
TOMÁS Ó SÉ
T. Ó Sé
(Gaeltacht)
- 7**
PA MURPHY
P. Ó Murchú
(Glenbeigh/Glencar)
- 8**
JOHN LYNCH
S. Ó Loingsigh (Capt.)
(Laune Rangers)
- 9**
JOHN SUGRUE
S. Ó Siochrú
(Renard)
- 10**
NOEL KENNELLY
N. Mac an Fhailí
(Listowel Emmetts)
- 11**
BERNARD O'CONNOR
B. Ó Conchúir
(St. Mary's)
- 12**
LIAM MURPHY
L. Ó Murchú
(Gneeveguilla)
- 13**
MICHAEL D. CAHILL
M. D. Ó Cathail
(Rathmore)
- 14**
GARETT CLIFFORD
G. Ó Clúmháin
(Austin Stacks)
- 15**
IAN TWISS
I. Twiss
(Milltown/Castlemaine)

Fir Ionaid

- (16) **Tommy Griffin**
T. Mac Griffin
(Dingle)
- (17) **William Harmon**
L. Ó hArgadáin
(Milltown/Castlemaine)
- (18) **Trevor McKenna**
T. Mac Cionnaoith
(Finuge)
- (19) **Aodan MacGearailt**
A. MacGearailt
(Gaeltacht)
- (20) **Martin Beckett**
M. Beicéid
(Dr. Croke's)
- (21) **Pat Healy**
P. Ó hÉilí
(Glenbeigh/Glencar)
- (22) **Michael Broderick**
M. Ó Bruadair
(Castleisland Desmonds)
- (23) **Enda Galvin**
E. Ó Gealbháin
(Finuge)
- (24) **Kevin Lynch**
C. Ó Loingsigh
(Castleisland Desmonds)

Ciarraí

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seacháí	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
IOMLÁN					

Roll of Honour All-Ireland Minor Football Champions

The Tom Markham Cup

The winners of the All-Ireland minor football championship are presented with the Tom Markham Cup. The trophy commemorates a Dublin Gael, Tom Markham, who gave great service to the games and the G.A.A. and was first awarded for the 1940 final.

Louth were the initial winners. Roscommon brought the trophy west in 1941 and Kerry recorded Munster's first win in 1946. A year later Tyrone brought the Cup north for the first time.

- 11: Kerry: 1931, 1932, 1933, 1946, 1950, 1962, 1963, 1975, 1980, 1988
- 10: Dublin: 1930, 1945, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959, 1979, 1982, 1984
- 9: Cork: 1961, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1972, 1974, 1981, 1991, 1993.
- 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.
- Westmeath: 1995.





Laois



Dathanna: Gorm is Bán

- 1**
ROBERT DARBY
R. Mac Diarmada
(Stradbally)
- 2**
PAURIC LANGTON
P. Langtún
(Park/Rathinska)
- 3**
MARTIN BUGGY
M. Ó Bogaigh
(The Rock)
- 4**
DAVID O'HARA
D. Ó hÉara
(The Heath)
- 5**
NIALL COLLINS
N. Ó Coileáin
(Portlaoise)
- 6**
DEREK CONROY
D. Ó Conraoi
(The Rock)
- 7**
COLM PARKINSON
C. Mac Peáircín
(Portlaoise)
- 8**
MARTIN DELANEY
M. Ó Dubhshláine (Capt.)
(Portlaoise)
- 9**
NOEL GARVAN
N. Ó Garbháin
(St. Joseph's)
- 10**
OWEN DELANEY
E. Ó Dubhshláine
(Portlaoise)
- 11**
CHRIS CONWAY
C. Ó Conbhui
(Arles)
- 12**
STEPHEN KELLY
S. Ó Ceallaigh
(St. Joseph's)
- 13**
BRIAN McDONALD
B. Mac Donaill
(St. Michael's)
- 14**
DANNY DOOGUE
D. Ó Duaga
(Graiguecullen)
- 15**
KEVIN FITZPATRICK
C. Mac Giolla Phódraig
(Portlaoise)

Fir Ionaid

- (16) **Ken Dunne**
C. Ó Duinn
(Graiguecullen)
- (17) **Tom Lynch**
T. Ó Loingsigh
(Abbeyleix)
- (18) **John Paul Kehoe**
S. P. Mac Eochaidh
(O'Dempsey's)
- (19) **Diarmuid Mullins**
D. Ó Maoláin
(Portlaoise)
- (20) **Tom Mulligan**
T. Ó Maolagáin
(Portlaoise)
- (21) **Eddie Kinsella**
E. Cinsealach
(Stradbally)
- (22) **Shane Hennessy**
S. Ó hAonasa
(The Heath)

An Captaen



Martin Delaney

Martin spent a number of years in Meath, where he played with the Skryne club. He also represented the Royal County in under-14 football.

The family is now living in Laois and the current county captain was in last year's county minor panel that lost the Leinster final to Westmeath after three memorable games.

Martin's father, also Martin, won county hurling medals with Camross.

The current team leader has been a key figure in the Laois success story so far as a purposeful and hard-working midfielder.

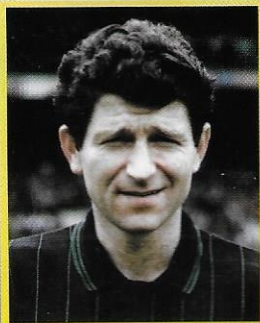
Roghnóirí

Gabriel Lawlor (*Emo*) Manager
Brian Delaney (*Portlaoise*),
Oliver Phelan (*Ballyfin*).

Laois

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
IOMLÁN					

An Réiteoir Brian White (Loch Garman)



A former hurler and footballer, Brian refereed his third Leinster senior final in July and is now one of the most experienced referees in the country.

A member of the Rathgarogue-Cushinstown club, he won intermediate medals in both football and hurling.

As a referee he has controlled senior championship games at All-Ireland level and was the man-in-the-middle for the 1993 National

League final and replay. He has officiated at senior championship fare in Munster and Connacht. Last May he took charge of the Down-Downegul Ulster championship at Clones.

His other assignments in a busy season included the Donegal-Cork National League semi-final in April and the Meath-Carlow Leinster championship clash in June, both at Croke Park.

Path To The Final

18th May at Wexford Park
Laois 3-14; Wexford 1-05

7th July at Páirc an Chrócaigh
Laois 1-11; Westmeath 1-09

28th July at Páirc an Chrócaigh
Laois 0-15; Dublin 2-09

3rd August at Tullamore (Replay)
Laois 2-18; Dublin 1-08

18 August at Páirc an Chrócaigh
Laois 2-08; Donegal 1-10

The Double

- Leinster completed the All-Ireland senior and minor football titles double last September when Westmeath beat Derry for a first under-18 championship and Dublin outscored Tyrone.
- That was the first Leinster minor and senior double since Dublin beat Kerry at Minor and Offaly ended the Kingdom's hopes of a record fifth successive senior crown in 1982.
- A Meath win would also give Leinster the first double of All-Ireland senior hurling and senior football titles since 1983 when Kilkenny won in hurling and Dublin beat Galway in football.
- In 1990 Cork completed the big double of All-Ireland senior hurling and football titles in the same year and Teddy McCarthy became the first — and so far — only man to capture the two top awards in the one year.
- That was the first senior double by any county since Tipperary in 1900.
- A Mayo win over Meath would earn the Western county a noteworthy League and Championship double over the Royals in the same year. The Westerners beat Meath by 2-10 to 1-10 in a Church and General National League quarter-final at Dr. Hyde Park back in late March.
- If Meath came out on top history will be made as the success would mean that the new Sam Maguire Cup, first competed for in 1988, would be raised in triumph by a Leinster county captain on successive years for the first time.

Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of Introduction of Toe-to-Hand to Gaelic Football

During the All-Ireland semi-final of 1921, Mayo v. Dublin, the great Olympic athlete from Kiltimagh, Seán Lavan, playing for Mayo, soloed up the field and scored the winning point only to have it disallowed by the referee as he claimed there was nothing in the rule book to cover it.

This was the first time that the toe-to-hand technique was used in inter-county football. The match was drawn and Mayo were beaten by Dublin in the replay.

Not long afterwards the toe-to-hand technique became an integral part of the game of Gaelic football as we know it today.

A Bid For History from Division Three

If Mayo win today they will have recorded a unique feat in the history of gaelic football - emerging from the Third Division of the National League to take All-Ireland honours.

The record shows that third division teams are rarely in contention in the closing stages of the championship, and it is now more than nine years since a team from this section won a provincial title, which was when Galway won through in Connacht in 1987. However, they lost the semi-final to Cork.

On two occasions, Laois, toiling in the third division, managed to make it to a provincial final - in 1985 when they lost to Dublin and in 1991 when they went down to Meath.

It will be ironic indeed if Mayo succeed today as representatives of a lower league grouping as, on the ten occasions they set out in search of championship honours as National League champions, they succeeded only once (1936); of the other nine times on which they challenged, they never once reached the All-Ireland final.

But no matter what fortune today brings, Mayo have already made history as the first team to contest the final having spent the previous winter competing in Division Three.

ONE WAY

Despite the fact that the breeze that blew from end to end of the Jones's Road pitch on the occasion of the 1895 All-Ireland final between Meath and Tipperary was not a particularly strong one, it did appear that it had a very definite bearing on the trend of the scoring. Meath, who had its assistance in the first half, managed to score three points before the interval with the Munster champions still to raise a flag.

But on the turnover it was Tipperary who did the scoring - they shot four points without a Meath reply, which gave them the title, 0-4 to 0-3 - the smallest aggregate score ever in a final.

SEEKING A FIRST

The last occasion on which the All-Ireland football final was contested by two counties both of whom were seeking their first title was exactly 60 years ago when Mayo and Laois were in opposition. Previous to the 1936 final one has to go back to 1903 when both Kerry and London were titleless when they faced each other at Jones's Road on November 12, 1905. (The championship was running two years late.)



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Mayo comeback augurs well for a rare title win

Few who saw Mayo crash to Derry by eight points in a Church and General National League semi-final in April would have been prepared to forecast that the Western county would be back at headquarters in mid-September challenging for the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior title.

The comeback must rank as one of the best features of the championship season so far. It also stamps this Mayo team as a very capable combination and one well equipped for the bid to end many years of frustrations and disappointments by capturing the county's first title in 45 long years.

Mayo regained the Connacht title after a three years break following some good performances. They clinched the championship with an exciting final win over Galway at Castlebar, where they finished with four points to spare.

In the All-Ireland semi-final against a fancied

Kerry side, Mayo gave Connacht standards a great boost with the best display by a Western side in years at Croke Park as they won more clear-cut than the 2-13 to 1-10 scoreline suggests.

Full forward John Casey played an outsize role in the Mayo success. He had an outstanding game and proved a constant threat to the Kerry back division. Casey also chipped in with four invaluable points.

David Nestor was another who caused plenty of problems for the Munster rearguard with his clever play.

James Nallen at centre half back was most dependable and also showed his forwards the way by scoring Mayo's first goal.

Mayo had the better of the exchanges early on but still led by only 0-5 to 0-4 after 27 minutes. Four minutes later Nallen started a movement that brought James Horan and Liam McHale into play before the centre half back himself

was on hand to collect the final pass and went on to score a splendid goal.

MISJUDGED

The Connacht champions had no time to celebrate as Sean Burke was back with a long delivery that Mayo goalkeeper John Madden misjudged and the ball finished in the net to leave the Kingdom just a point adrift.

It was then that we saw the character in the Mayo team. They did not allow heads to drop but came back strongly with three points without reply to lead by 1-8 to 1-4 at the change of ends.

The second half exchanges proved keen enough and after 29 minutes Mayo were just two points clear. Maurice Sheridan eased their worries with a fine point and Horan completed the scoring in the 31st minute when he sent in a shot from 40 yards that finished up directly in the Kerry net.

Mayo played with great poise and assurance all through and looked like probable winners for most of the game. In addition to those already mentioned, midfielder Pat Fallon and Colm McManamon also made vital contributions.

That impressive success, coming after some disappointing displays at Croke Park in recent times, is bound to prove a tremendous boost to morale for Mayo. They will certainly not be in the least overawed by Meath's reputation either.

Weigh in the all round talent and class in the side and Mayo look well placed to make a tremendous bid to end Connacht's hunger by bringing the title back to the province after an interval of 30 years.

As Mayo have not won the title in an even longer period, victory would be greeted with much the same emotion as Wexford's hurling breakthrough earlier this month.

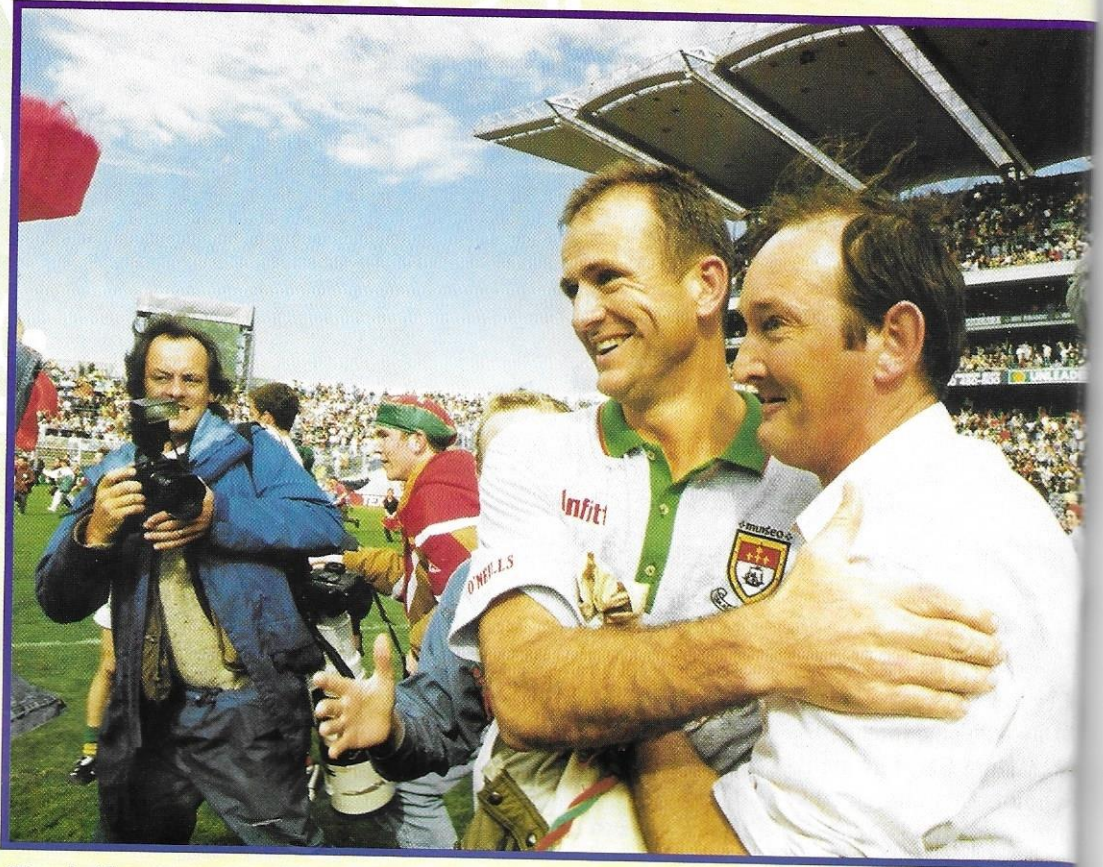
Boylan and Maughan

Managers with contrasting records

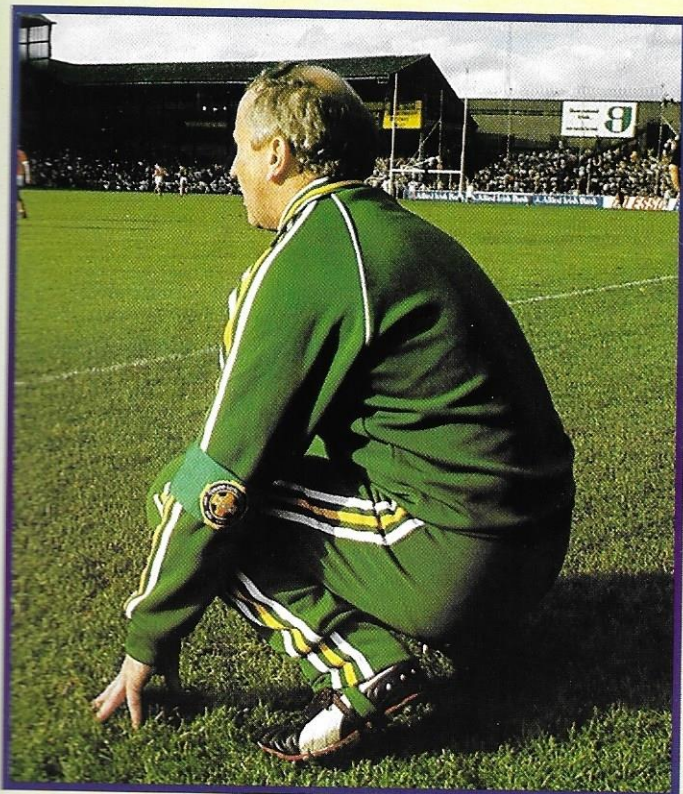
SEAN BOYLAN, who has been through it all before, and JOHN MAUGHAN, a newcomer to the tensions and atmosphere of football's game of the year, have been hard-working and important figures as team managers in the campaigns that have earned Meath and Mayo the right to meet for the Sam Maguire Cup.

BOYLAN is in his 14th season as the Royal County manager and he has enjoyed remarkable success. A former inter-county hurler, Sean guided Meath to their All-Ireland senior title wins of 1987 and 1988 and to the National League triumphs of 1988, 1990 and 1994.

The Dunboyne man's expertise also played a big



Mayo's Manager, John Maughan after the semi-final victory over Kerry.



Meath's Manager, Seán Boylan.

part in Meath's great comeback from their crushing and demoralising ten points Leinster final defeat by Dublin last year to their first final outing in five years.

MAUGHAN is a former Mayo senior inter-county footballer, whose career came to a premature end because of a knee injury. Although in inter-county management for a much shorter than his Meath counterpart, the Connacht champions, manager has had important successes.

John guided Clare in 1992 to their first Munster senior football championship in 75 years to bring a welcome change in the

scene. Last year he took over as Mayo manager and the county won the Division III of the Church and General National League title without losing a point in the 1995-96 campaign, and then went on to regain the provincial crown after three years.

Now comes the greatest test of all — the bid for Mayo's first All-Ireland senior crown in 45 long years.

Sean Boylan and John Maughan will be two of the men most intensively associated with the final — officials whose behind the scenes efforts will be vital to their county teams in their efforts to capture the ultimate honour.

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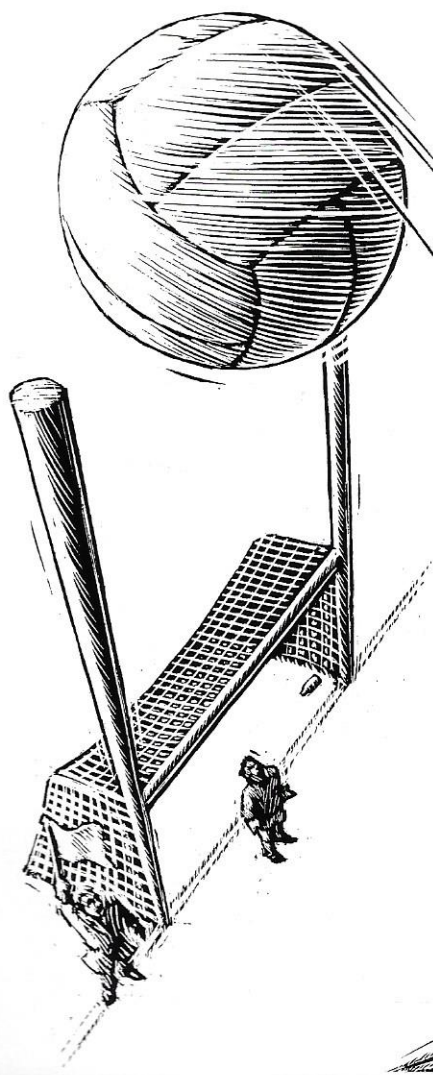


FINAL DAY

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It's the Final Day nobody imagined. Meath and Mayo have defied all the odds in coming together today for the All-Ireland Football Final. And as the fans gather in Croke's they're all wondering the same thing - Can the men from Mayo go all the way against the mighty side from Meath. After witnessing Meath's spectacular win against Tyrone they know they have their work cut out for them.

Whatever way it ends, it's full steam ahead for Iarnród Éireann and, as always we're here to take you there.



We're here to take you there!



An Mhí



Back row (l-r): Trevor Giles, Graham Geraghty, John McDermott, Jimmy McGuinness, Martin O'Connell, Brendan Reilly, Barry Callaghan.

Front row (l-r): Paddy Reynolds, Evan Kelly, Colm Coyle, Mark O'Reilly, Conor Martin, Tommy Dowd, Darren Fay, Enda McManus.

Meath's path to this year's final

Meath have qualified for the first All-Ireland senior football final since losing to Down for the 1991 title. Along the way they regained the Leinster championship after a break of five years to bring their record to 18 crowns since 1895.

They had four games on the way to the final and this is how they qualified

16th June at Croke Park:

Meath 6-24; Carlow 0-6

Scorers - Trevor Giles 0-6, Evan Kelly 0-5, Brendan Reilly 0-3, Barry Callaghan 0-3, Tommy Dowd 0-2, Graham Geraghty 0-2, Mark O'Reilly 0-1, Paddy Reynolds 0-1, Donal Curtis 0-1.

7th July at Croke Park:

Meath 2-14; Laois 1-9

Scorers - Trevor Giles 1-3, Brendan Reilly 1-2, Graham Geraghty 0-3, Evan Kelly 0-3, Tommy Dowd 0-2, Barry Callaghan 0-1.

28th July at Croke Park:

Meath 0-10; Dublin 0-8

Scorers - Trevor Giles 0-4, Tommy Dowd 0-2, Brendan Reilly 0-2, Barry Callaghan 0-1, Evan Kelly 0-1.

18th August at Croke Park:

Meath 2-15; Tyrone 0-12

Scorers - Graham Geraghty 1-4, Barry Callaghan 1-3, Brendan Reilly 0-5, Trevor Giles 0-3.

Total Scored: 4-63 (75 points);

Total Conceded: 1-35 (38 points).

Round	1	2	3	4	Ttl	Pts
Trevor Giles	0-6	1-3	0-4	0-3	1-16	19
Brendan Reilly	0-3	1-2	0-2	0-5	1-12	15
Graham Geraghty	0-2	0-3	—	1-4	1-9	12
Barry Callaghan	0-3	0-1	0-1	1-3	1-8	11
Evan Kelly	0-5	0-3	0-1	—	0-9	9
Tommy Dowd	0-2	0-2	0-2	—	0-6	6
Mark O'Reilly	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	1
Paddy Reynolds	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	1
Donal Curtis	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	1

Top Individual Return

Graham Geraghty took over this role on the Meath scoresheet by helping himself to 1-4 in the semi-final win over Tyrone last month.

Just Three

As our scoring chart above reveals, only Trevor Giles, Barry Callaghan and Brendan Reilly scored in each of Meath's four games on the way to the summit.

Best Match Score

Meath opened their campaign with a score of 0-24 and that now stands as their best return in a single game so far. Laois with 1-9 and Tyrone 0-12 recorded the highest tallies against the Royal County.



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Conor Martin
(Ballivor)



Age 24. 5'11". 12st.6lbs. Foreign Exchange Dealer. 1 Leinster M.F.C.; 1 All-Ireland M.F.C.; 1 Leinster U-21 F.C.; 1 All-Ireland U-21 F.C.; 1 Leinster S.F.C..

2

Mark O'Reilly
(Summerhill)



Age 19. 5'9". 12 st. Student. 1 Leinster M.F.C.; 1 Leinster U-21 F.C.; 1 Leinster S.F.C..

3

Darren Fay
(Trim)



Age 20. 6'2". 14st.4lbs. Joiner. 1 Leinster U-21 F.C.; 1 Leinster S.F.C..

4

Martin O'Connell
(St. Michael's)



Age 33. 6'1". 13st.2lbs. Meat Wholesaler. 2 All-Ireland S.F.C.; 6 Leinster S.F.C.; 3 N.F.L.; 3 All-Star Awards; 1 Railway Cup; 1 Centenary Cup; Meath Footballer of the Year 1990; 1 Meath J.F.C.; 1 Meath I.F.C..

5

Colm Coyle
(Seneschalstown)



Age 33. 5'10". 12.7lbs. Service Station Contractor. 2 All-Ireland S.F.C.; 5 Leinster S.F.C.; 2 N.F.L.; 2 Railway Cup; 1 Centenary Cup; 1 Meath S.F.C.; Meath Footballer of the Year 1992.

6

Enda McManus
(St. Peter's, Dunboyne)



Age 24. 6'0". 13st.8lbs. Office Manager. 1 Leinster M.F.C.; 1 All-Ireland M.F.C. (captain); 1 Leinster U-21 F.C.; 1 All-Ireland U-21 F.C.; 1 Leinster S.F.C.; 1 Leinster J.F.C., 1 Meath I.F.C..

7

Paddy Reynolds
(Walterstown)



Age 20. 5'10". 11st.8lbs. Farmer. 1 Leinster M.F.C.; 1 Leinster U-21 F.C.; 1 Leinster S.F.C..

8

Jimmy McGuinness
(Dunsany)



Age 23. 6'2". 13st.10lbs. ESB Employee. 1 Leinster U-21 F.C.; 1 All-Ireland Under-21 F.C. 1 Leinster S.F.C.; 1 N.F.L..

9

John McDermott
(Skryne)



Age 26. 6'3". 15st.5lbs. Company Representative. 2 Leinster U-21 F.C.; 2 Leinster S.F.C.; 1 N.F.L.; 1 Railway Cup; 1 Meath S.F.C..

10

Trevor Giles
(Skryne)



Age 21. 5'10". 11st.2lbs. Student. 2 Leinster M.F.C.; 1 All-Ireland M.F.C.; 2 Leinster U-21 F.C.; 1 All-Ireland U-21 F.C.; 1 Leinster S.F.C.; 1 N.F.L.; 1 Sigerson Cup; 2 Meath S.F.C.; 1 Leinster Colleges S.F.C..

11

Tommy Dowd
(Dunderry)



Age 26. 5'11". 12st.6lbs. Aluminium Fabricator. 1 Leinster U-21 F.C.; 1 Leinster J.F.C.; 3 Leinster S.F.C.; 2 N.F.L.; 1 Railway Cup; 1 Meath I.F.C.; 1 Meath S.F.C.; 3 All-Star Awards; Meath Footballer of the Year 1995; 1 Meath I.H.C..

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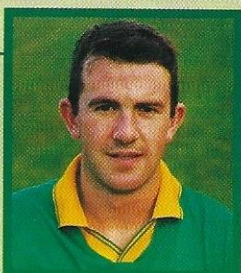
Graham Geraghty
(Seneschalstown)



Age 23. 6'. 12st.6lbs. Company Rep. 1 Leinster M.F.C.; 1 All-Ireland M.F.C.; 2 Leinster U-21 F.C.; 1 All-Ireland U-21 F.C.; 1 Leinster S.F.C.; 1 N.F.L.; 1 Railway Cup; 1 All-Star Award; 1 Meath S.F.C.; Meath Young Footballer of the Year 1993; Meath Footballer of the Year 1994.

13

Evan Kelly
(Drumree)



Age 22. 5'11". 13st. Fitter. 1 Leinster S.F.C..

14

Brendan Reilly
(St. Peter's, Dunboyne)



Age 27. 5'10". 13st.5lbs. Fitter. 1 Leinster U-21 F.C.; 2 Leinster J.F.C.; 4 Leinster S.F.C.; 1 All-Ireland S.F.C.; 3 N.F.L.; 1 Meath J.F.C.; 1 Meath I.F.C.; 1 Meath I.H.C..

15

Barry Callaghan
(Dunderry)



Age 20. 6'. 13st.7lbs. Joiner. 1 Leinster M.F.C.; 1 Leinster U-21 F.C.; 1 Leinster S.F.C.; 1 Leinster Colleges' S.F.C.; 1 Meath S.F.C..

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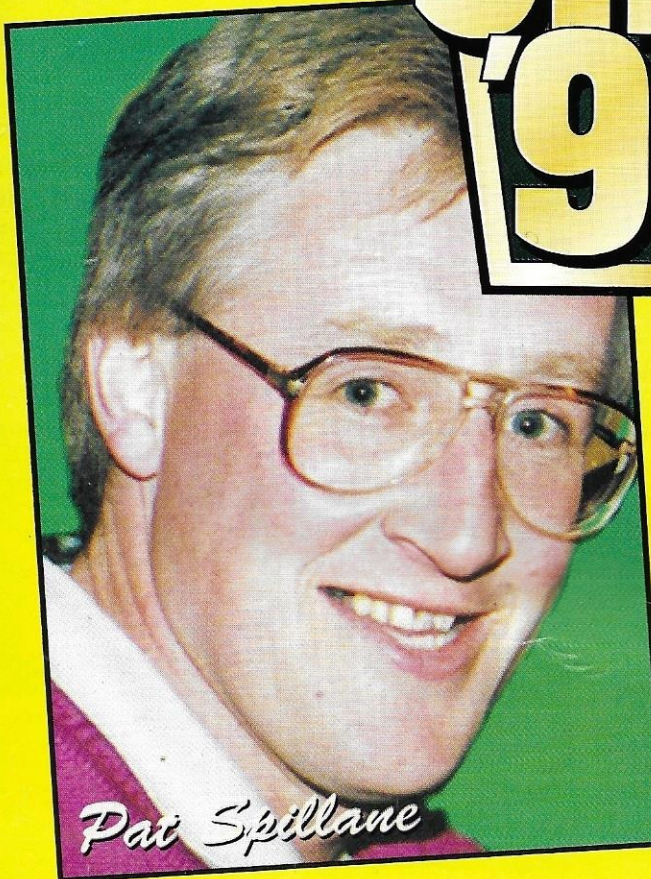
16. Ronan Finnegan (Kilmainhamwood)	30-years-old.	6'1"	13st.x4lbs.	Cabinet Maker
17. Jody Devine (Ballinlough)	27-years-old.	5'11"	12st.5lbs.	Company Representative
18. Donal Curtis (Rathkenny)	23-years-old.	5'11"	11st.8lbs.	Greenkeeper
19. Ollie Murphy (Carnaross)	20-years-old.	5'9"	12st.6lbs.	Electrician
20. Kevin Cahill (Mullingar Shamrocks)	26-years-old.	6'1"	13st.3lbs.	Meat Processing Manager
21. Stephen O'Rourke (Dunderry)	20-years-old.	6'2"	14st.0lbs.	Barber.
22. John Brady (Navan O'Mahoneys)	22-years-old.	6'0"	12st.7lbs.	Office Clerk
23. Colm Brady (Simonestown Gaels)	26-years-old.	6'2"	14st.2lbs.	Leinster Coaching Director.
24. Cathal Sheridan (Moynalvey)	23-years-old.	5'10"	13st.12lbs.	Nurse

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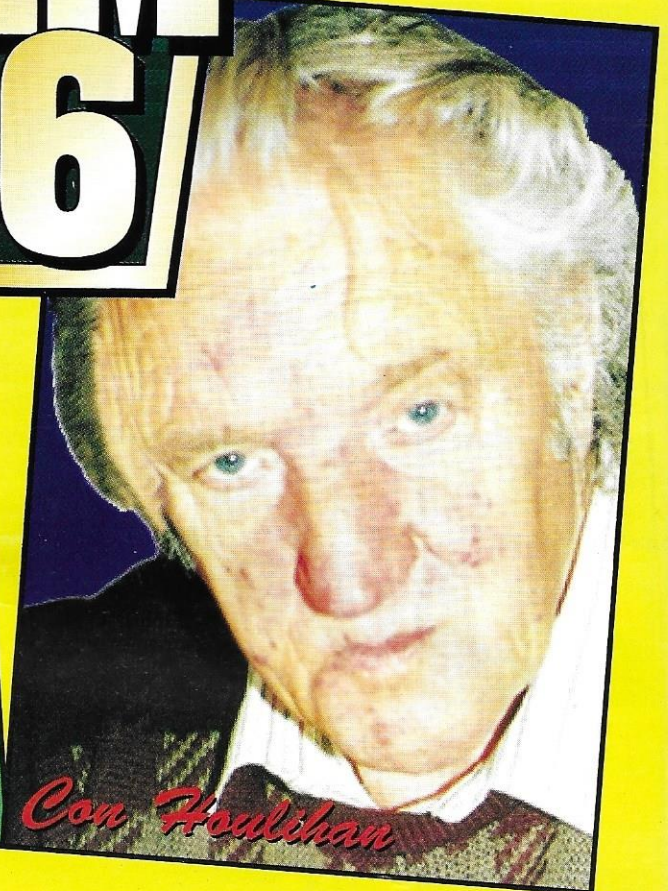
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1996 Senior Football Scoreboard

Leinster

Preliminary Rounds

12th May at Cullen Park:

Carlow 4-17; Wexford 1-11

12th May at Pearse Park:

Wicklow 2-11; Longford 2-10

26th May at Droichead Nua:

Carlow 4-10; Wicklow 3-10

1st Round

9th June at An Uaimh:

Dublin 1-18; Westmeath 0-9

Louth 3-8; Offaly 0-12

16th June at Croke Park:

Meath 0-24; Carlow 0-6

Laois 3-9; Kildare 0-13

Semi-Finals

30th June at An Uaimh:

Dublin 1-9; Louth 0-8

7th July at Croke Park :

Meath 2-14; Laois 1-9

Final

28th July at Croke Park:

Meath 0-10; Dublin 0-8

Ulster

Preliminary Round

26th May at Clones:

Down 1-9; Donegal 0-11

1st Round

2nd June at Celtic Park:

Derry 1-13; Armaagh 1-6

9th June at Omagh:

Tyrone 1-18; Fermanagh 0-9

16th June at Casement Park:

Cavan 1-15; Antrim 1-11

23rd June at Clones:

Down 0-14; Monaghan 0-9

Semi-Finals

30th June at Clones:

Tyrone 1-13; Derry 1-8

7th July at Clones:

Down 1-13; Cavan 0-13

Final

28th July at Clones:

Tyrone 1-9; Down 0-9

Munster

1st Round

12th May at Kilmallock:

Cork 2-19; Limerick 1-6

19th May at Clonmel:

Kerry 2-15; Tipperary 1-7

Semi-Finals

22nd June at Dungarvan:

Kerry 3-16; Waterford 0-8

23rd June at Ennis:

Clare 0-10; Cork 1-7

replay (after extra-time)

30th June at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Cork 2-16; Clare 1-16

Final

21st July at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Kerry 0-14; Cork 0-11

Connacht

1st Round

26th May at Markievicz Park:

Sligo 1-11; Galway 1-11

2nd June at Ruislip:

Mayo 1-11; London 1-5

replay

9th June at Tuam:

Galway 0-19; Sligo 2-7

Semi-Finals

16th June at Tuam:

Galway 2-13; Leitrim 2-11

23rd June at Hyde Park:

Mayo 0-14; Roscommon 0-11

Final

21st July at Castlebar:

Mayo 3-9; Galway 1-11

All-Ireland

Semi-Finals

11th August at Croke Park:

Mayo 2-13; Kerry 1-10

18th August at Croke Park:

Meath 2-15; Tyrone 0-12

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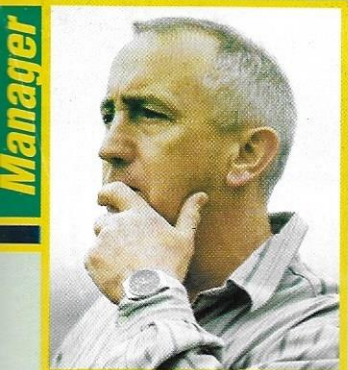
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An Captaen
Tommy Dowd

Tommy has been in the inter-county senior ranks since 1990 and went in as substitute against Cork in the Sam Maguire Cup tie that year. He was on duty from the start against Down in the All-Ireland senior final a year later. Dowd gave a man-of-the-match display when helping Dunderry to a winning Meath county senior final debut last October. He has two Leinster under-21 medals, three provincial senior souvenirs and won All-Stars trophies in 1991, 1994 and last December.

Tommy was to the fore in Meath's last National League title win two years ago and he has also represented Leinster in the interprovincial championship. He played a big part with his leadership and performance in earning Meath their first appearance in five years.



Manager
Seán Boylan

Roghnóirí:

Seán Boylan (*St. Peter's, Dunboyne*)
Manager,
Frank Foley (*Trim*),
Eamon O'Brien (*Walterstown*).

2
MARK O'REILLY
M. Ó Raghallaigh
(Summerhill)

5
COLM COYLE
C. MacGiolla Chomhaill
(Seneschalstown)

8
JIMMY McGUINNESS
S. Mag Aonasa
(Dunsany)

10
TREVOR GILES
T. Ó Glaisne
(Skryne)

13
EVAN KELLY
E. Ó Ceallaigh
(Drumree)

1
CONOR MARTIN
C. Ó Máirtín
(Ballivor)

3
DARREN FAY
D. Ó Féich
(Trim)

6
ENDA McMANUS
E. Mac Mánaís
(St. Peter's, Dunboyne)

9
JOHN McDERMOTT
S. Mac Diarmada
(Skryne)

11
TOMMY DOWD
T. Ó Dúda (Capt.)
(Dunderry)

14
BRENDAN REILLY
B. Ó Raghallaigh
(St. Peter's, Dunboyne)

4
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M. Ó Conaill
(St. Michael's)

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PADDY REYNOLDS
P. Mac Raghnaill
(Walterstown)

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GRAHAM GERAGHTY
G. Mag Oireachtaigh
(Seneschalstown)

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BARRY CALLAGHAN
B. Ó Ceallacháin
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(16) **Ronan Finnegan**
R. Ó Fionnagáin
(Kilmainhamwood)

(17) **Jody Devine**
S. Ó Dáimhin
(Ballinlough)

(18) **Donal Curtis**
D. de Curtéis
(Rathkenny)

(19) **Ollie Murphy**
O. Ó Murchú
(Carnaross)

(20) **Kevin Cahill**
C. Ó Cathail
(Mullingar Shamrocks)

(21) **Stephen O'Rourke**
S. Ó Ruaic
(Dunderry)

(22) **John Brady**
S. Ó Brádaigh
(Navan O'Mahonys)

(23) **Colm Brady**
C. Ó Brádaigh
(Simonstown Gaels)

(24) **Cathal Sheridan**
C. Ó Sireadáin
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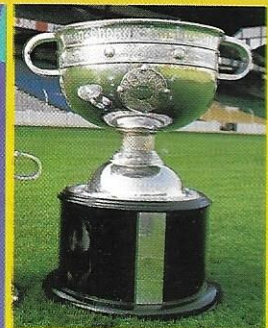
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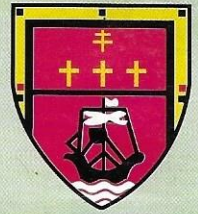
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		Donegal:	1992.



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S. Ó Madáin
(Ballycastle)
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C. Ó Muircheartaigh
(Shrule/Glencorrib)
- 3 KEVIN CAHILL**
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(Ballaghaderreen)
- 4 DERMOT FLANAGAN**
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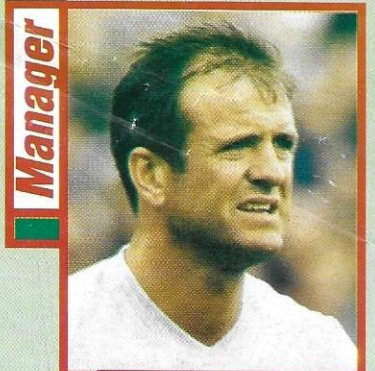
An Captaen

Noel Connelly

Mayo's captain made a number of appearances with the county senior side before earning a regular place in the side at the start of last season's Church and General National League.

Connelly was a big influence in the march that earned Mayo the Division III League title last season to ensure promotion to Division II for the up-coming test. He also played an important role as captain and a half back in the county's progress to this first final appearance in seven years.

Noel led Hollymount to their last Mayo county senior title in 1994 at left half back. He did not play minor with the county but lined-out in the under-21 grade and, of course, won his first provincial senior medal last July.

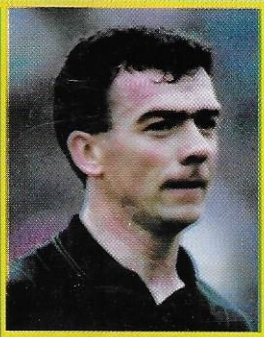


Manager

John Maughan

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Tommy O'Malley (*Castlebar*).



An Réiteoir Pat McEnaney (Muineachán)

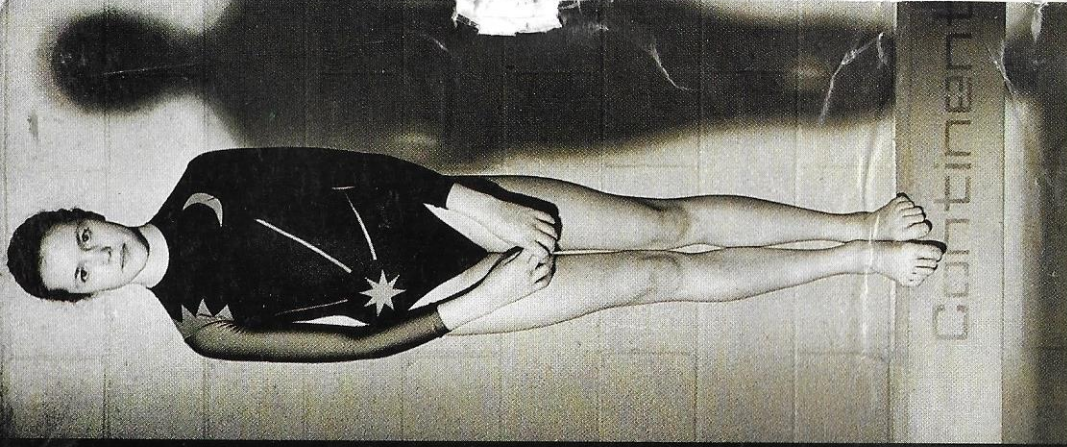
Pat is the first Monaghan man to referee an All-Ireland senior football final since Seamus Murray in 1980.

A member of the Corduff club, McEnaney won minor and junior championship and Junior League medals as a player and represented Monaghan at under-21.

Now 34, he has been refereeing for some nine years and has controlled major games at provincial and

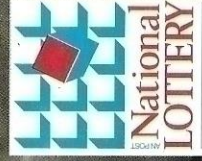
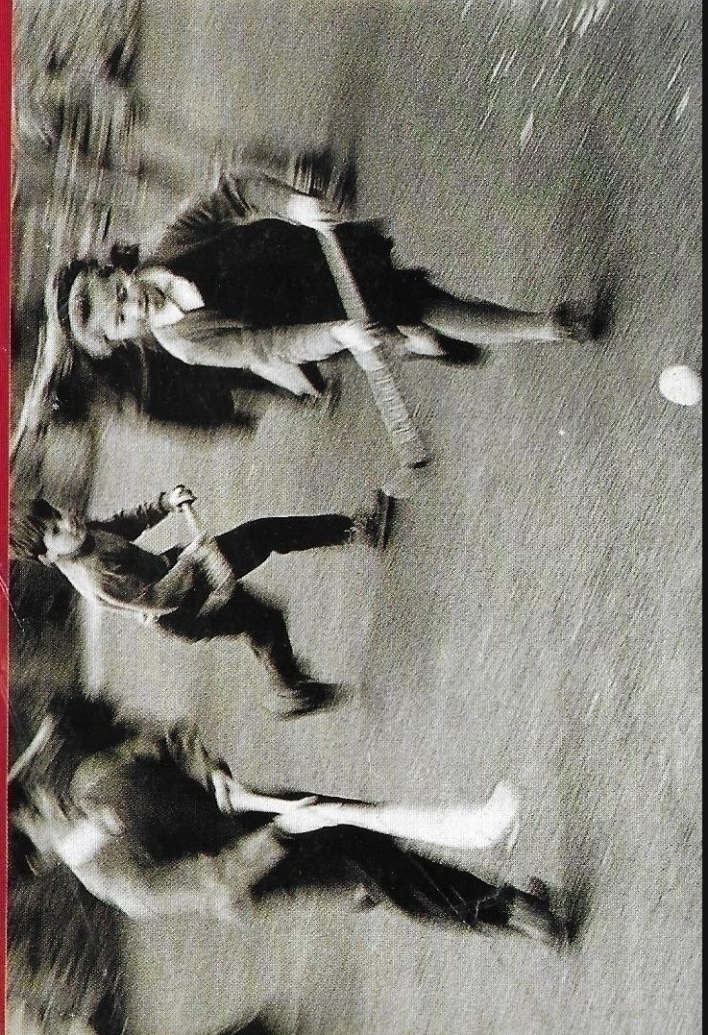
national level. This year his heavy programme has included the AIB All-Ireland club final between Laune Rangers, Killoeglin, and Éire Óg, Carlow, on St. Patrick's Day, games in the Church and General National League and his second Ulster senior final in succession in July.

Pat refereed last year's All-Ireland semi-final meeting of Dublin and Cork.



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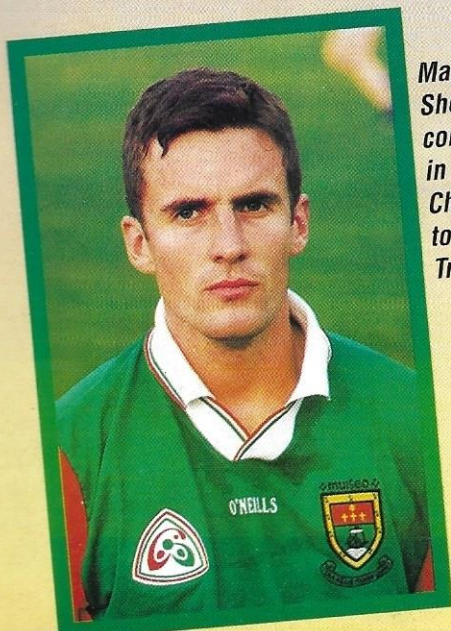
Last year Tyrone's Peter Canavan took the scoring honours in the championship. This year, the best the Northerner can hope for is the runners-up position as his 3-15 trails Maurice Sheridan of Mayo by three points. Connacht's leading marksman needs only a relatively modest return to stay in the premier position as Trevor Giles (his only serious challenger) is seven points behind in fifth place. Realistically, it's between these two as Brendan Reilly, Graham Geraghty and Barry Callaghan have too much ground to make up.

In average terms, Anthony Keating leads the way with seven points per game, ahead of Sheridan's 6.75, and Aidan O'Keeffe's 6.5, although the Banner man did have an extra half hour of extra time.

Compared to twelve months ago, the big fallers are Colin Corkery (2nd to 12th), and Charlie Redmond (3rd to 11th), whilst going in the opposite direction is Anthony Keating (14th to 3rd). For the second year running Jarlath Fallon scored 0-11 in the championship, although this saw him drop three places to 18th.

The top 20 for the '96 championship to date are:

Maurice Sheridan (Mayo)	1-24	(27 points)
Peter Canavan (Tyrone)	3-15	(24)
Anthony Keating (Carlow)	1-18	(21)
Maurice Fitzgerald (Kerry)	2-15	(21)
Trevor Giles (Meath)	1-16	(19)
Dara Ó Cinnéide (Kerry)	1-16	(19)
Shay Walsh (Galway)	1-15	(18)
Joe Kavanagh (Cork)	0-15	
Brendan Reilly (Meath)	1-12	(15)
Niall Finnegan (Galway)	1-11	(14)
Charlie Redmond (Dublin)	0-13	
Colin Corkery (Cork)	1-10	(13)
Paul Taylor (Sligo)	1-10	(13)
Gregory McCartan (Down)	1-10	(13)
Aidan O'Keeffe (Clare)	0-12	
Graham Geraghty (Meath)	1-9	(12)
Adrian Cush (Tyrone)	0-11	
Jarlath Fallon (Galway)	0-11	
Barry Callaghan (Meath)	1-8	(11)
Willie Quinlan (Wicklow)	3-2	(11)



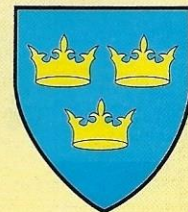
Mayo's Maurice Sheridan has a commanding lead in the Top Scorers Chart over his rival today, Meath's Trevor Giles.

Individual Feats

With names like Maurice Fitzgerald, Colin Corkery, Peter Canavan and Charlie Redmond dominating this category last year, it is nice to see two players from the less-successful counties leading the way this term. The preliminary rounds in Leinster saw the best 70 minute scoring performances this year, with Anthony Keating and Dessie Barry keeping the umpires busy on the opening day of the championship, each recording an eleven-point total to top the list.

Today's finalists are represented by Maurice Sheridan and Graham Geraghty, but it will take an outstanding performance from either or a respective teammate to deny the two Leinster men their share of the accolades. In all, eighteen scoring performances (22 last year) of seven points or better were recorded and they are:

Anthony Keating (Carlow)	1-8 v Wexford: <i>preliminary round at Cullen Park</i>
Dessie Barry (Longford)	2-5 v Wicklow: <i>preliminary round at Pearse Park</i>
Peter Canavan (Tyrone)	1-7 v Fermanagh: <i>1st round at Omagh</i>
Maurice Sheridan (Mayo)	0-9 v London: <i>1st round at Ruislip</i>
Dara Ó Cinnéide (Kerry)	1-6 v Tipperary: <i>1st round at Clonmel</i>
Maurice Fitzgerald (Kerry)	0-8 v Mayo: <i>All-Ireland semi-final at Croke Park</i>
Shay Walsh (Galway)	0-8 v Sligo: <i>1st round replay at Tuam</i>
Derek Duggan (Roscommon)	0-8 v Mayo: <i>semi-final at Hyde Park</i>
L O'Brien (Wexford)	0-8 v Carlow: <i>preliminary round at Cullen Park</i>
Peter Canavan (Tyrone)	1-5 v Derry: <i>semi-final at Clones</i>
Paul Taylor (Sligo)	1-5 v Galway: <i>1st round at Markievicz Park</i>
Maurice Fitzgerald (Kerry)	2-2 v Waterford: <i>semi-final at Dungarvan</i>
Willie Quinlan (Carlow)	2-2 v Wexford: <i>preliminary round at Cullen Park</i>
Anthony Tohill (Derry)	0-7 v Armagh: <i>1st round at Celtic Park</i>
Ronan Carolan (Cavan)	0-7 v Antrim: <i>1st round at Casement Park</i>
Aidan O'Keeffe (Clare)	0-7 v Cork: <i>semi-final at Ennis</i>
Anthony Keating (Carlow)	0-7 v Wicklow: <i>preliminary round at Droichead Nua</i>
Graham Geraghty (Meath)	1-4 v Tyrone: <i>All-Ireland semi-final at Croke Park</i>





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Maigh Eo



Back row (l-r): Liam McHale, Pat Holmes, Pat Fallon, Maurice Sheridan, John Madden, John Casey, James Nallen, James Horan, Kevin Cahill.

Front row (l-r): Kenneth Mortimer, David Nestor, Dermot Flanagan, Noel Connelly (captain), Ray Dempsey, Colm McManamon.

Mayo's path to the 1996 final

Mayo line out today in an All-Ireland senior football final for the first time since 1989. They regained the Connacht title after an interval of three years and now hold 36 provincial crowns since 1901.

Like Meath, Mayo had four games on the way to the summit. This is their record so far:

2nd June at Ruislip:

Mayo 1-11; London 1-5.

Scorers - Maurice Sheridan 0-8, Declan Sweeney 1-0, Liam McHale 0-1, Noel Connelly 0-1, Ray Dempsey 0-1.

23rd June at Dr. Hyde Park:

Mayo 0-14; Roscommon 0-11.

Scorers - Maurice Sheridan 0-6, Liam McHale 0-2, James Horan 0-2, Colm McManamon 0-1, James Nallen 0-1, Ray Dempsey 0-1, David Nestor 0-1.

21st July at Castlebar:

Mayo 3-9; Galway 1-11.

Scorers - Maurice Sheridan 1-3, John Casey 1-2, Ray Dempsey 1-0, Anthony McGarry 0-1, James Horan 0-1, Colm McManamon 0-1, P.J. Loftus 0-1.

11th August at Croke Park:

Mayo 2-13; Kerry 1-10.

Scorers - Maurice Sheridan 0-6, John Casey 0-4, James Horan 1-1, James Nallen 1-0, David Nestor 0-1, Noel Connelly 0-1.

Total Scored: 6-47 (65 points);

Total Conceded: 3-37 (46 points).

Round	1	2	3	4	Ttl.	Pts.
Maurice Sheridan	0-8	0-6	1-3	0-6	1-23	26
John Casey	—	—	1-2	0-4	1-6	9
James Horan	—	0-2	0-1	1-1	1-4	7
Ray Dempsey	0-1	0-1	1-0	—	1-2	5
James Nallen	—	0-1	—	1-0	1-1	4
Declan Sweeney	1-0	—	—	—	1-0	3

Round	1	2	3	4	Ttl.	Pts.
Liam McHale	0-1	0-2	—	—	0-3	3
Noel Connelly	0-1	—	—	0-1	0-2	2
Colm McManamon	—	0-1	0-1	—	0-2	2
David Nestor	—	0-1	—	0-1	0-2	2
P.J. Loftus	—	—	0-1	—	0-1	1
Anthony McGarry	—	—	0-1	—	0-1	1

Top Individual Return

Maurice Sheridan opened the Mayo campaign with what now ranks as the best individual return by a player from the county at 0-8 against London.

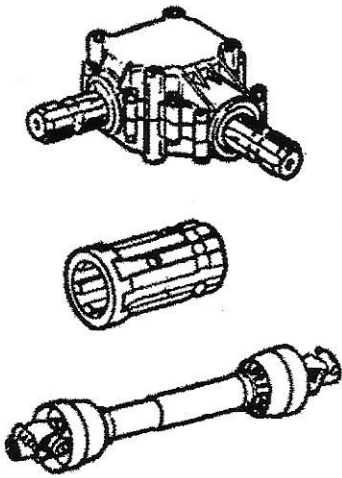
On His Own

Sheridan is also out on his own as the only member of the Connacht side to have scored in every game so far.

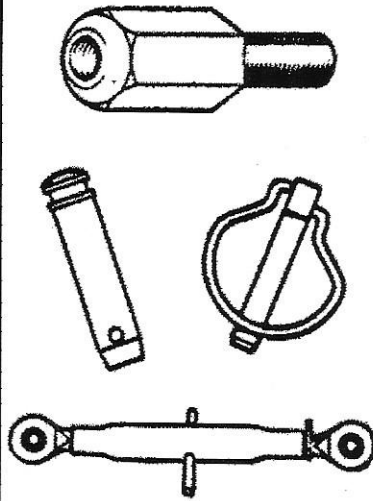
Best Match Score

Mayo recorded their best match total last time out at 2-13 against Kerry. The Connacht final return by Galway at 1-11 is the best against the current Connacht champions.

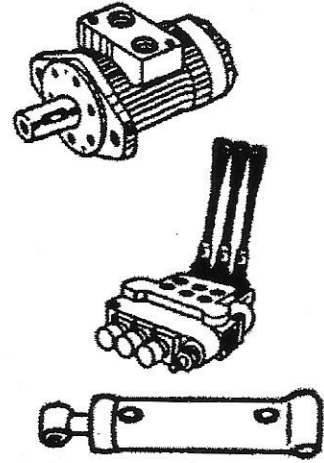
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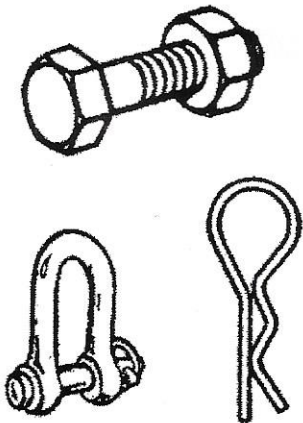
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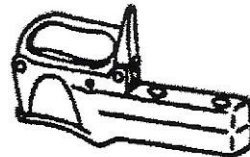
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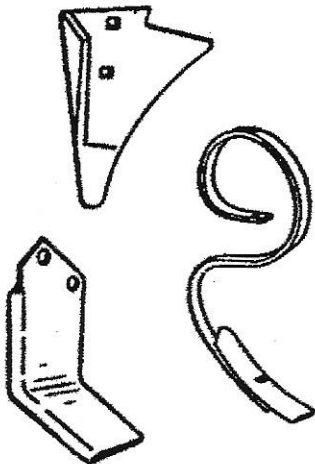
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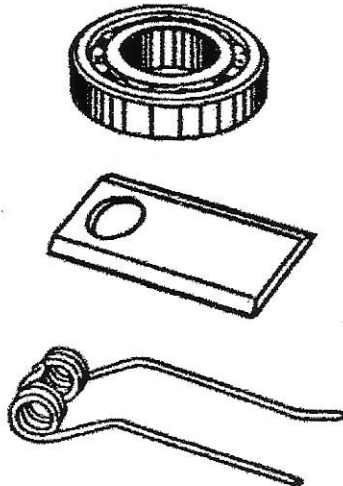
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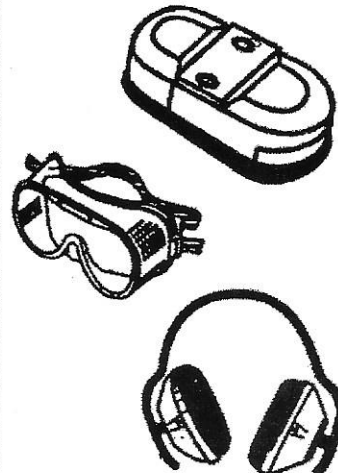
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SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Maigh Eo



1

John Madden
(Ballycastle)



Age 22. 6'0". 13st.5lbs. Student. 1 Connacht S.F.C.; 2 Connacht U-21; 2 All-Ireland U-21 Runners-up; 1 All-Ireland Junior; 1 Connacht Junior; 1 FBD League.

2

Kenneth Mortimer
(Shrule/Glencorrib)



Age 22. 5'9". 11st.10lbs. Bank Official. 1 Connacht M.F.C.; 1 All-Ireland Minor Runners-up; 2 Connacht Under-21; 2 All-Ireland U-21 Runners-up; 1 Connacht Junior; 1 Connacht S.F.C.; 2 FBD Leagues.

3

Kevin Cahill
(Ballaghderreen)



Age 24. 6'0". 13st. Accountant. 2 Connacht S.F.C.; 1 Connacht Junior; 2 FBD Leagues; 1 Trench Cup.

4

Dermot Flanagan
(Ballaghderreen)



Age 34. 6'0". 13st.8lbs. Barrister. 6 Connacht S.F.C.; 2 All-Stars; 1 N.F.L. Div. II; 1 Connacht M.F.C.; Sigerson Cup; 1 FBD League.

5

Pat Holmes
(Cavan Gaels)



Age 29. 6'0". 13st.9lbs. Bank Official. 5 Connacht S.F.C.; 1 Connacht U-21; 1 All-Ireland Senior Runners-up; 1 Hogan Cup with St. Jarlath's Tuam; 2 FBD Leagues; 1 Connacht Club; 1 All-Ireland Club Runners-up.

6

James Mallen
(Crossmolina)



Age 22. 6'3". 12st.7lbs. Student. 1 Connacht S.F.C.; 1 Connacht U-21; 1 All-Ireland U-21 Runners-up; 2 FBD Leagues.

7

Noel Connelly
(Hollymount)



Age 24. 5'11". 11st.7lbs. Quantity Surveyor. Team captain; 2 Connacht S.F.C.; 1 FBD League.

8

Liam McHale
(Ballina Stephenites)



Age 30. 6'5". 15st.7lbs. Salesman. 5 Connacht S.F.C.; 1 NFL Division 2; 3 Connacht Under-21; 1 All-Ireland Senior Runners-up; 1 FBD League.

9

David Brady
(Ballina Stephenites)



Age 22. 6'2". 14st. Student. 1 Connacht S.F.C.; 2 Connacht U-21; 2 All-Ireland U-21 Runners-up; 1 FBD League.

10

James Horan
(Ballintubber)



Age 24. 6'1". 13st. Distribution Manager. 1 Connacht S.F.C.; 1 FBD League.

11

Colm McManamon
(Burrishoole)



Age 24. 6'2". 14st. Electrician. 3 Connacht S.F.C.; 2 FBD Leagues; 2 Connacht Vocational Schools.

12

Maurice Sheridan
(Balla)



Age 23. 6'0". 13st.3lbs. Student. 1 Connacht S.F.C.; 1 Connacht U-21; 1 Connacht Minor; 1 Sigerson Cup with UCB; 1 All-Ireland Minor and 1 All-Ireland U-21 Runners-up; 2 FBD Leagues.

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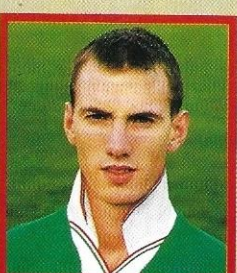
David Nestor
(Ballyhaunis)



Age 22. 5'8". 11st. Student. 1 Connacht S.F.C.; 1 All-Ireland Junior; 2 Connacht U-21; 1 Connacht Junior; 2 All-Ireland U-21 Runners-up; 1 Sigerson Cup; 1 FBD League.

14

John Casey
(Charlestown)



Age 22. 6'1". 12st.7lbs. Student. 1 Connacht S.F.C.; 2 Connacht U-21; 2 All-Ireland U-21 Runners-up; 2 FBD Leagues.

15

Raymond Dempsey
(Knockmore)



Age 25. 6'1". 13st.5lbs. Insurance Official. 4 Connacht S.F.C.; 2 FBD Leagues; 1 All-Ireland Senior Runners-up; 1 Connacht Club.

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23-years-old.

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17. Peter Butler (Knockmore)

28-years-old.

5'9"

12st.

Carpenter.

18. Pat Fallon (Balla)

30-years-old.

6'2".

13st.9lbs.

Bank Official.

19. Gary Ruane (Bohola/Moy Davitts)

23-years-old.

5'10"

12st.7lbs.

Plumber.

20. Kevin O'Neill (Knockmore)

23-years-old.

6'2"

12st.7lbs.

Finance Company Rep.

21. Anthony Finnerty (An Ceathrú Rua)

34-years-old.

5'11"

13st.2lbs.

Student.

22. P.J. Loftus (Crossmolina)

25-years-old.

5'11"

13st.7lbs.

Fisheries Employee

23. Michael Gardiner (Ballyboden St. Enda's)

27-years-old.

6'0"

12st.

ESB Employee.

24. Anthony McGarry (Parnell's, Dublin)

31-years-old.

5'9"

11st.12lbs.

Systems Analyst.

Last Meeting... Last March

**Mayo 2-10;
Meath 1-10.**

The generally accepted gap in standards between Division One and Division Three was never in evidence in this quarter final tie of the National Football League at Dr. Hyde Park, in which Mayo upset the odds, and Meath, in fashioning a victory and a place in the semi-final.

And of the merit of the victory there wasn't the slightest doubt. Indeed, six points rather than three would have been more representative of the play in a game that had its periods of turbulence, in one of which Tommy Dowd received marching orders after only ten minutes play, but 'parity' was restored when he was joined on the line by Kevin Cahill just before half time.

But the game had its positive side and had a sensational opening when Conor Martin advanced to foul the unmarked David Nestor and from the resul-

tant penalty Anthony Finnerty cracked the ball home with confidence and accuracy.

That was the start the outsiders needed. With Liam McHale providing the midfield pull, Finnerty and Dempsey schemed endlessly to push Mayo ahead by six points. By the halfway stage, however, Meath were only two points in arrears after Trevor Giles had converted a penalty and Donal Curtis and Jody Devine pointed (1-4 to 1-6).

Meath missed a couple of likely chances on the restart before Mayo took it up again with points from Finnerty and Golding. But the Royals, for whom Martin O'Connell, Graham Geraghty, Curtis and Darren Fay were now playing magnificent football, remained in hot pursuit and it wasn't until Dempsey's goal was followed by a David Brady point that the issue was finally decided.

Mayo scorers: R. Dempsey 1-3, A. Finnerty 1-2,

R. Golding 0-2, J. Casey 0-2, D. Brady 0-1.

Meath scorers: T. Giles 1-3, G. Geraghty 0-3, O. Murphy 0-1, J. Devine 0-1, E. Kelly 0-1, D. Curtis 0-1.

Mayo - John Madden, Ken Mortimer, Kevin Cahill, Dermot Flanagan, Pat Holmes, James Nallen, Anthony McGarry, David Brady, Liam McHale, James Horan, Ray Dempsey, Robert Golding, David Nestor, John Casey, Anthony Finnerty.

Subs - Diarmuid Byrne for Nestor, Colm McMenamon for Horan.

Meath - Con Martin, Kevin Macken, Darren Fay, Martin O'Connell, Pat Reynolds, John Brady, Conor Murphy, Trevor Giles, Jimmy McGuinness, Ollie Murphy, Brendan Reilly, Graham Geraghty, Jody Devine, Tommy Dowd, Evan Kelly.

Subs - Donal Curtis for Conor Murphy, Conor Murphy for Devine, Raymond McGee for Reynolds.

Third Attempt For A Third Medal

Apart from the more immediate goal of regaining the All-Ireland title for Meath, Colm Coyle and Martin O'Connell will today be striving to become the first Meathmen to win three All-Ireland senior medals.

The only survivors of the 1987-88 winning combination, the St. Michael's and Senechalstown stalwarts have already had two shots - as did many of their contemporaries - at a third award - in 1990 when they lost to Cork, and in '91 when they gave way to Down. However, whether it is 'third time lucky' or not, the durable Meath duo, by just appearing in today's final, will make a piece of Royal county history as the only Meathmen to take part in five All-Ireland senior finals.



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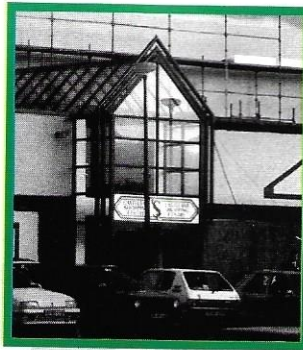
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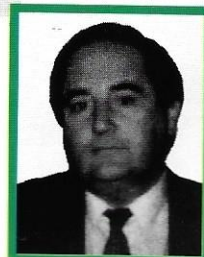
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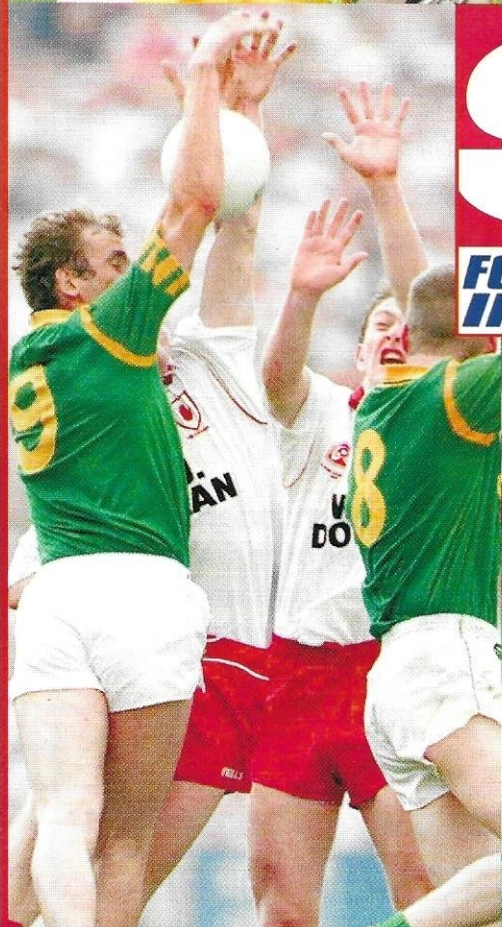
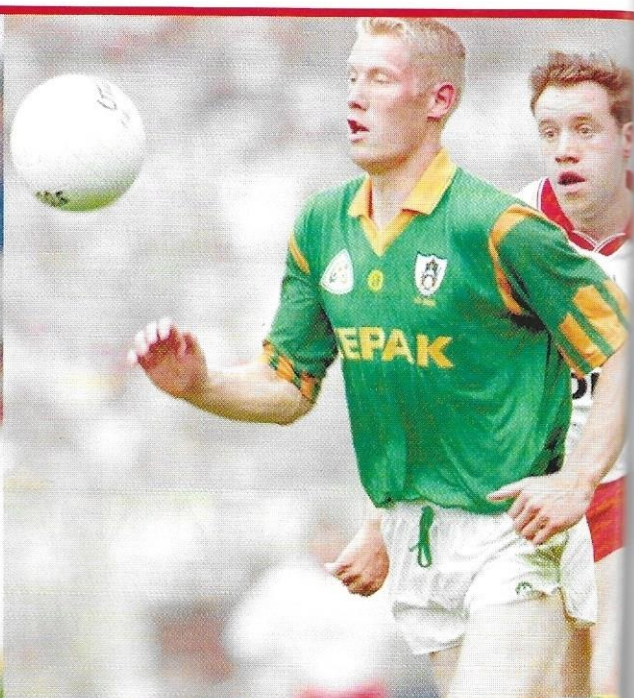


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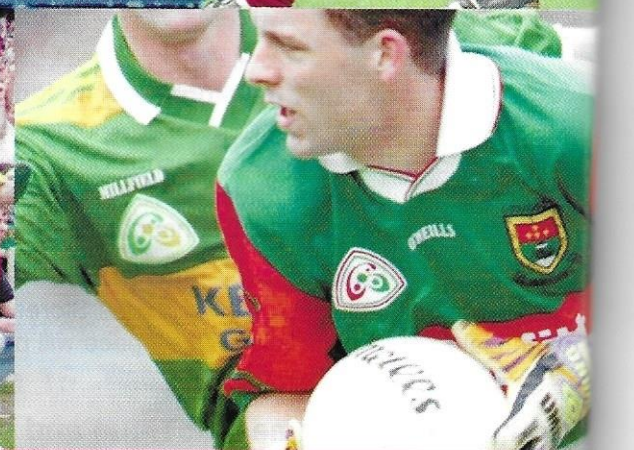
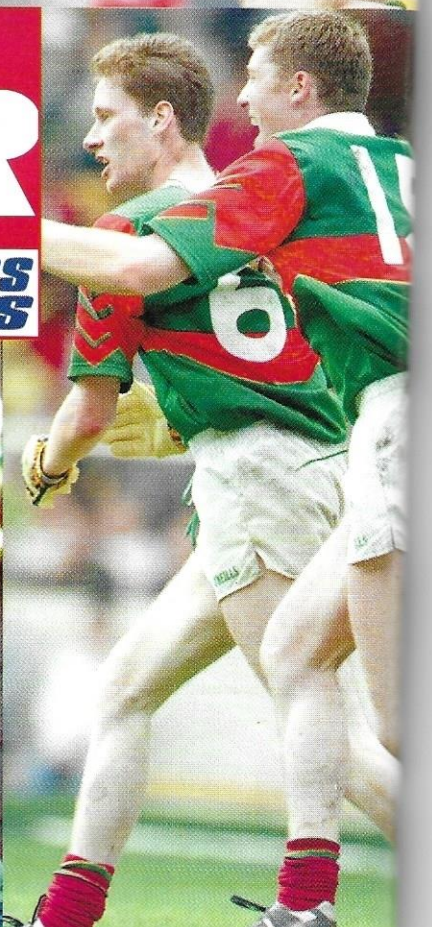
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Anthony McHugh, James McTigue and staff wish the Mayo team every success today!



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TODAY'S GAME IN TOMORROW'S ST

Meath make progress since defeat by Mayo

Will it prove a case of third time lucky for Meath in an All-Ireland senior football championship final in the 'nineties'? That is a key question as the Royal County bid in this Bank of Ireland decider to go one better than in 1990 when they lost at this stage to Cork and a year later when final ambitions were dashed by Down.

Meath, with a generally young team, have made solid progress since losing unexpectedly to Mayo in a Church and General National League quarter-final at Dr. Hyde Park late in March. They climaxed a good campaign in Leinster by scoring a hard-earned but well-merited two points win over defending provincial and All-Ireland champions, Dublin.

That title winning side included Mark O'Reilly, Darren Fay, Paddy Reynolds, Trevor Giles and

Barry Callaghan, all of whom won Leinster under-21 medals earlier in the season and were subsequently in the team that lost the under-age semi-final to Cavan following a replay.

This quintet also played their parts in excellent style in forging out Meath's win last time out over the county that many expected to win the Sam Maguire Cup this year — Tyrone.

However, the semi-final was a personal triumph for another of Meath's bright young aces, Graham Geraghty, winner of All-Ireland medals at minor in 1990 and under-21 in 1993. He was in tremendous form at half forward and provided one of the best individual performances in football in years when orchestrating the Royals decisive nine points win. He also scored 1-4.

Geraghty's goal after 28 minutes also did much to steady the Royals after a somewhat last-lustre start.

Tyrone led by 0-3 to no score after eight minutes. Meath did come back to level matters at 0-4 each, but the Ulster champions took control again and went two points clear before Geraghty set the seal on a good move by beating Finbarr McConnell with an low and hard shot to the Tyrone net.

That goal helped Meath to go to the dressing rooms at half time on equal terms — 1-6 to 0-9. The exchanges continued to prove keen in the second half until a Geraghty point after twenty two minutes gave the Leinster champions a goal advantage.

DOMINANCE

Meath then took control and sent over five unanswered points to stamp their dominance on proceedings and effectively took their place in the decider. They finished with a flourish as Brendan

Reilly found Geraghty who went off on a dazzling run before passing to Callaghan, who sent the ball to the net with his hand. That was after 35 minutes and Meath's last score of the game.

Overall, it was an authoritative performance by Meath. Although Geraghty captured most of the honours he had many willing supporters. Jimmy McGuinness and John McDermott climbed to the skies with eye-catching high-fielding displays that made them masters at midfield.

Brendan Reilly, who scored five points and O'Reilly, Fay and Reynolds in defence were others who left their imprints on a splendid victory.

Meath, will today be striving to erase the memories of the two final defeats of this decade by taking the title back to the county for the first time since the great days of the late eighties when the Royals won successive All-Irelands in 1987 and 1988.



Penalty Parade

To date the 1996 championship has seen ten penalties awarded. This is an increase on last year when final day was reached with only seven penalties awarded. The two years prior to that saw 14 ('94) and 15 ('93) penalty awards in the championship. The success rate for spot kicks which declined dramatically between 1993 (2.4 points per penalty) and 1995 (1.57) has however, shown significant improvement this term. The ten kicks produced seven goals and two points with only one kick failing to raise a flag of any colour. This gives an average of 2.3 points per penalty.

Last year three goalkeepers - Niall O'Donnell (Louth), John O'Connor (Monaghan), and Paul O'Dowd (Cavan) all successfully kept out penalties, but this term only Waterford's Tom Brennan could make a similar claim, although Derry's Jonathan Kelly did deflect Ger Houlihan's effort over the bar.

One pattern that is emerging over the past couple of seasons is defences' ability to discipline themselves when the stakes are highest. Apart from 1994, when four penalties were awarded in the seven major games (four provincial finals, two All-Ireland semi-finals and the final), 1993 and 1995 saw no penalties given in the big seven, and this year just one has been awarded in the six played so far.

Provincially, Leinster audiences saw three penalties, two of which produced goals (the same as last year); Connacht spectators saw three (an increase of one) all of which registered a green flag; Ulster continues to under perform in both awarding and converting penalties with a single white flag saluting its lone penalty; but Munster, where no penalties were awarded last year, saw three awarded this season of which two found the net. Overall, Connacht, which had the poorest conversion record for penalties in 1994, now has the best with a perfect 100% record.

The ten penalties awarded in the '96 championship and the results are:

12th May

Colin Corkery (Cork)	"goal"	v Limerick
Joe Hayden (Carlow)	"point"	v Wexford

26th May

Conan Daye (Wicklow)	"goal"	v Carlow
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2nd June

Ger Houlihan (Armagh)	"point"	v Derry (Jonathan Kelly save)
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9th June

Paul SeEVERS (Sligo)	"goal"	v Galway
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16th June

Shay Walsh (Galway)	"goal"	v Leitrim
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22nd June

Maurice Fitzgerald (Kerry)	"goal"	v Waterford
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Maurice Fitzgerald (Kerry)	"saved"	by Tom Brennan (Waterford)
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7th July

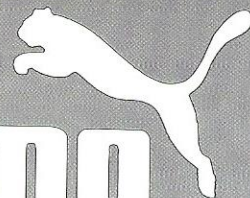
Trevor Giles (Meath)	"goal"	v Laois
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21st July

Maurice Sheridan (Mayo)	"goal"	v Galway
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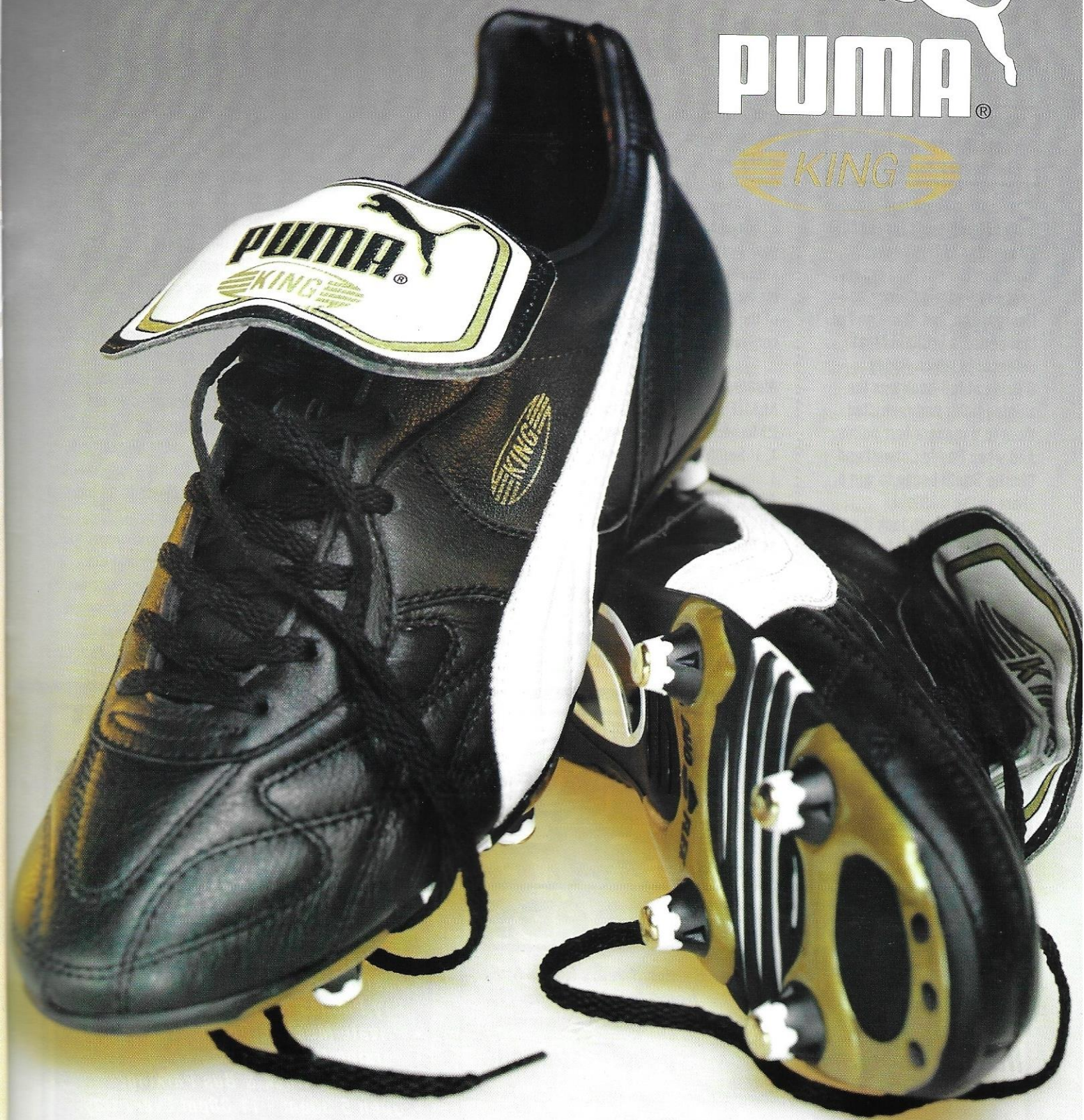
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1949:
Meath 3-10; Mayo 1-10.
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Favourites Mayo laid siege to the Meath posts for the first 20 minutes of this encounter thanks to the midfield dominance of Padraig Carney and Henry Dixon, but at the end of that period a brilliant Meath defence, in which Paddy O'Brien at full-back was the shining light, had restricted them to a meagre four points. And when Paddy Connell and Charlie Smith began to win a share of the midfield exchanges, Meath took it up to lead by 0-5 to 0-4 at the break.

Mattie McDonnell's fortuitous goal after Mayo had drawn level proved to be the parting of the ways, as the score inspired Meath to play magnifi-

cent football and when Paddy Meegan drove in the second goal it was obviously Meath's day.

As the game entered lost time a forlorn Mayo rally brought a goal from Tom Langan, but almost immediately McDonnell hit one in reply - the best score of the day which left Meath convincing winners.

Meath scorers:

M.McDonnell 2-1, F.Byrne 0-5, P.Meegan 1-1, P.McDermott 0-1, B.Smith 0-1, W.Halpenny 0-1.

Mayo: P.Carney 0-7, T.Langan 1-0, L.Hastings 0-1, M.Flanagan 0-1, P.Solon 0-1.

Meath - Kevin Smyth, Mick O'Brien, Paddy O'Brien, Kevin McConnell,

Jimmy Heery, Paddy Dixon, Christo Hand, Paddy Connell,

Charlie Smith, Frank Byrne, Brian Smith, Mattie McDonnell, Paddy Meegan, Bill Halpenny, Peter McDermott.

Subs - Des Taaffe for Charlie Smith, Paddy Carolan for Brian Smith.

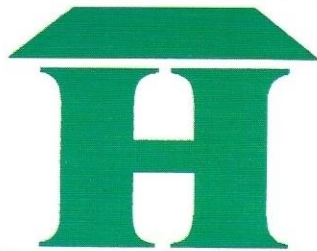
Mayo: Tommy Byrne, Peter Quinn, Paddy Prendergast, Sean Flanagan, Billie Kenny, Eamon Mongey, Sean Mulderrig, Padraig Carney, Henry Dixon, Liam Hastings, Tom Langan, Joe Gilvarry, Peter Solon, Mick Caulfield, Jimmy Curran.

Subs - Mick Flanagan for Hastings, John Gilvarry for Kenny, John Forde for Mulderrig.

1967:
Meath 3-14; Mayo 1-14.
(Attendance 42,958)

A winning margin of six points suggests a win accomplished with some degree of ease, and perhaps in the end it was. But for a long way Mayo were in contention, and indeed, for a time looked like winners. With Peter Moore off form, Terry Kearns was carrying an extra work load at midfield where P.J. and Willie Loftus were working industriously for the Westerners. The first quarter saw an exchange of points which conferred an 0-4 to 0-3 advantage on the Westerners, but "Red" Collier's long range goal helped Meath to an interval lead of 1-8 to 0-8.

The first ten minutes of the second half saw Mayo draw level, but then a four-minute spell which saw Meath surge three goals clear, ended the game as a contest, as late scores



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did no more than put a respectable appearance on the scoreboard.

Meath Scorers:

T.Brennan 1-2, N.Curran 0-3,
M.Kerrigan 0-3, P.Mulvaney 0-3,
P.Moore 1-0, P.Collier 1-0,
M.Mellett 0-2, O.Shanley 0-1.

Mayo: J.Corcoran 0-8,
I.Nealon 1-1, S.O'Down 0-2,
W.Loftus 0-1, J.Gibbons 0-1,
M.Ruane 0-1.

Meath: Sean McCormack,
Mick White, Jack Quinn, Peter
Darby, Pat Collier, Bertie
Cunningham, Pat Reynolds,
Peter Moore, Terry Kearns,
Tony Brennan, Matt Kerrigan,
Mick Mellett, Paddy Mulvaney,
Noel Curran, Oliver Shanley.

Sub - Austin Lyons for Collier.

Mayo: Malachy Gallagher, John
Carney, Ray Prendergast,
Seamus O'Connor, Joe Earley,
Johnny Farragher, Mick Flatley,

P.J.Loftus, Willie Loftus,
Seamus O'Dowd, Joe Langan,
Joe Corcoran, John Nealon,
M.J.Ruane, John Gibbons.

Subs - John Morley for
Earley, M.J.Reddy for
Farragher, Farragher for Flatley.

1988:

Meath 0-16; Mayo 2-5.
(Attendance 39,023)

A game that seemed to be drifting to an utterly one-sided conclusion, was brought to life by two goals and one that was disallowed. And it was the 'major' which failed to meet with the approval of the umpires that created most of the after-match discussion, as it was, at best, a marginal decision and one that saved Meath from the agony of defending a one-point lead at the end.

Meath, without appearing to dominate, had forced the pace from an early stage and with Brian Stafford displaying impeccable marksmanship, moved smoothly to an 0-8 to 0-2 lead at the break.

This lead was extended to ten points before Liam McHale, placed by Anthony Finnerty finished to the net, and when Finnerty added number two, Meath's alarm was palpable. But the Westerners' rally died after McHale's flick was deemed to have been made 'inside 5' and Meath survived with just a little more comfort.

Meath Scorers: B.Stafford 0-9,
C.Coyle 0-3, C.O'Rourke 0-2,
D.Beggy 0-1, M.McCabe 0-1.

Mayo: A.Finnerty 1-1,
L.McHale 1-0, M.Carney 0-2,
N.Durkin 0-1, D.Kearney 0-1.

Meath: Michael McQuillan,

Robbie O'Malley, Mick Lyons,
Pauric Lyons, Kevin Foley,
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Bernard Flynn.

Subs - Colm Coyle for Gillic,
Joe Cassells for Beggy, Finian
Murtagh for Flynn.

Mayo: Eugene Lavin, Jimmy
Brown, Michael Collins, Denis
Kearney, Frank Noone, Dermot
Flanagan, John Finn,
T.J.Kilgallon, Sean Maher,
Anthony Finnerty, Liam
McHale, Noel Durkin, John
Lindsay, Jimmy Burke, Martin
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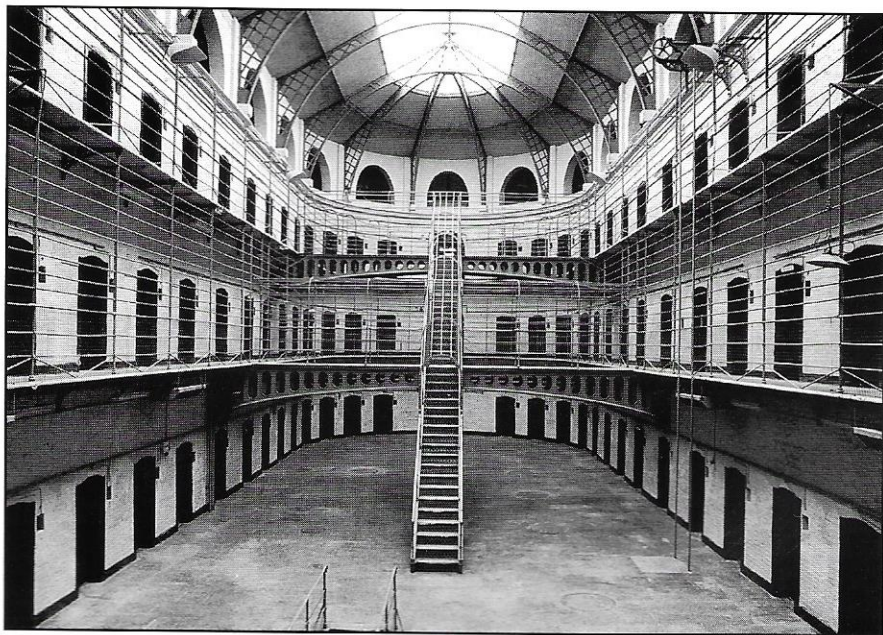
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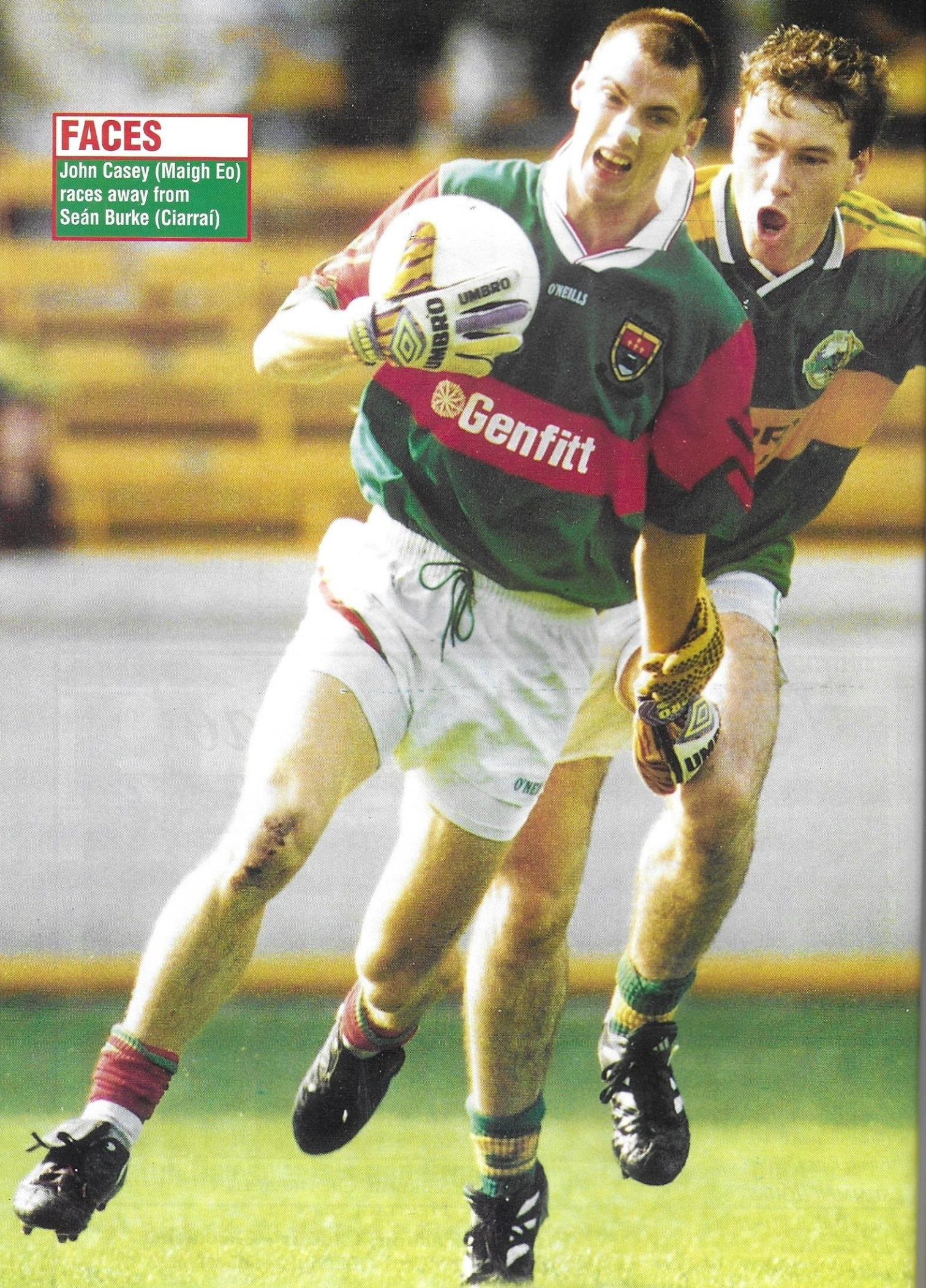


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1896: Exactly one hundred years ago, the pairing of Limerick and Dublin in the football final was not - for whatever reason - a great attraction and a crowd of only 2,800 watched the 1896 game in which Bill Murphy's 1-1 was the best return of the day as Limerick took their second - and last - football title.

1906: Ten years on Dublin and Cork fought out the decider at the Athy Show Grounds where the attendance reached an acceptable 6,000 as Dublin took 1906 honours on a 0-5 to 0-4 score with the winners' Tom Walsh's 0-2 the best individual score.

1916: The final brought a new pairing of Mayo and Wexford to Croke Park - but only a crowd of 3,000, mainly because of transport difficulties, saw Sean Kennedy score 2-1 of Wexford's 3-4 to Mayo's 1-2 (Tom Boshell got the Mayo goal).

1926: In the celebrated drawn game between Kerry and Kildare, 37,500 spectators saw Jack Gorman score 1-2 of Kerry's 1-3 (Kildare 0-6). The replay attracted 35,000 as Tom Mahony's 1-1 steered Kerry to one of their greatest triumphs (1-4 to 0-4).

1936: Mayo's day came at last, and it brought a torrent of scores as Paddy Moclair's 1-5 topped the scorers' chart in a 4-11 to 0-5 win over Laois. A crowd of 50,165 saw one of the most disappointing finals of the thirties.

1946: An attendance of 75,771 watched Kerry come from behind to force a 2-4 to 1-7 draw with Roscommon. Tom O'Connor shot a vital 1-2 for the Kingdom. And though Donal Keenan's 0-7 was the best return in the replay, Kerry took the title (2-8 to 0-10) before the biggest replay attendance to that date (65,661).

1956: This Galway-Cork final will always be recalled for the scoring feats of Frank Stockwell, who in shooting 2-5 set up the record for a sixty-minute final that has never been bettered for a decider of this time span. 70,772 were present to see the Tuam man make history.

1966: Playing in his fifth final, Galway's Mattie McDonagh accounted for 1-1, which gave him the top spot, as Meath went down on an 0-7 to 1-10 scoreline before an attendance of 71,569.

1976: By his own standards, Jimmy Keaveney did not hit an overly impressive total in this final tilt with

Kerry; nonetheless his 1-2 was the top individual return as Dublin regained the title on a 3-8 to 0-10 scoreline watched by a crowd of 73,588.

1986: The first-ever meeting of Kerry and Tyrone provided a memorable final at which the attendance was 68,628. Kerry came from seven points down to win by eight (2-15 to 1-10) as Pat Spillane and Mikey Sheehy with 1-4 each shared the scoring honours.



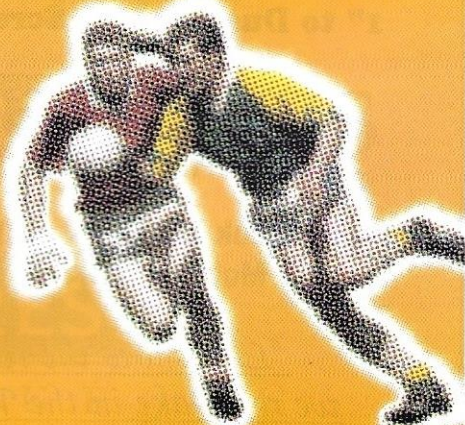
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Believe it or not, an All-Ireland was once almost played on a Monday. This happened in 1890 when Cork and Wexford were finalists. The All-Ireland semi-final between Cork and Armagh was played on Sunday October 25 and it was intended that the winners would play Wexford in the final the same day. However, as the semi-final ran late it was found impossible to stage the final before darkness set in, so it was decided that the game between Cork and Wexford should be played the following day. The Cork team turned up at Clonturk Park at the appointed hour, but there was no sign of Wexford

who had gone home, leaving word that they couldn't afford to wait over. Thereupon the referee awarded the title to Cork, but his decision was later rescinded by the Central Council who ordered the game be played. Eventually it was, but only after several delays, 19 months later!

AN EXTRA ENGAGEMENT

Playing in an All-Ireland final is rightly considered a task to absorb any man's complete attention for one day. But the Meath team which contested the county's first All-Ireland final in 1895 were made of stern stuff, and apparently not averse to some extra activity on the day of the final with Tipperary. Part of the

programme at Jones's Road that day was the long kick championship of Ireland for which a number of the Meath players had entered. And the fact that they had to wait around for more than an hour after their narrow defeat by Tipperary, while the hurling final was played, did not deter any of them from taking part, as the captain, Mick Murray, P. Clarke, J.W. Toombe, J. Elliott and P. Fox all competed. Alas, they had no luck either as the competition was won by a Tipperary entrant.

GOALING BROTHERS

All-Ireland teams featuring two - or even three - members of the same family are not a rarity on the gaelic football scene; but

instances of brothers scoring goals in the same All-Ireland final are rare indeed. In fact, it happened only twice - on occasions 20 years apart and both involved Mayo.

The first goaling brothers were the Kennedys of Ne Ross, Sean and Gus who both found the net in the Wexford-Mayo final in 1916. And the Castlebar Munnelly's joined the distinguished Slaneyside duo when Mayo won their first title in 1936 as Josie's 2- (he was the top scorer of the day) was supplemented by Paddy's 1-0 in the historic 4-11 to 0-5 win over Laois. Considering how difficult it is to score goals in All-Ireland finals nowadays, the distinction enjoyed by the Kennedys and Munnellys is likely to be theirs for some time.

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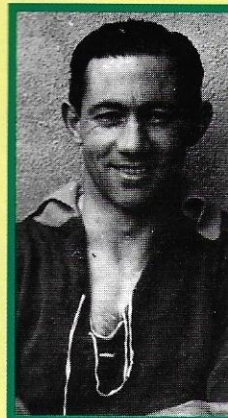
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A BUSY MAN

In an inter-county career that stretched over 15 years, Meath's Peter McDermott, the legendary 'man with the cap', - pictured on right without the famous cap - acquired many distinctions, but surely the most remarkable of these was on the occasion of the 1954 All-Ireland final when he combined two demanding roles with tremendous efficiency - that of holding the left corner-forward position on the team and that of County Secretary.



Usually, senior posts at any level in the G.A.A. are manned by men who have put their playing days behind them, but incredibly, Peter McDermott took on duties as a top official while still on duty with the county team.

One can only imagine the demands on his time and ability in the weeks leading up to the final, but clearly he managed quite well and crowned a momentous career with an All-Ireland win - apart from acquiring the distinction of being the only active County Secretary ever to play in an All-Ireland final.



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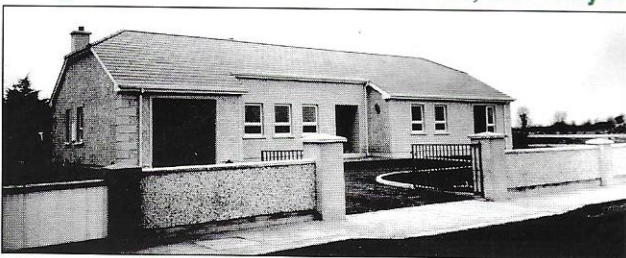


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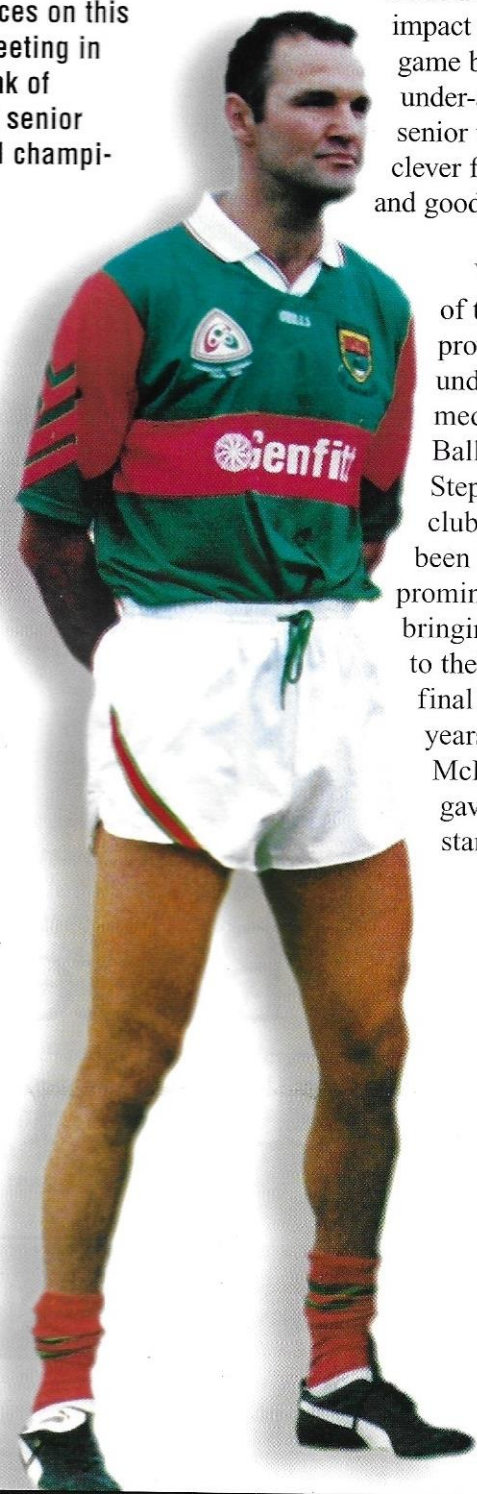
GERAGHTY AND McHALE

Graham Geraghty and Liam McHale, two footballers who have sharply contrasting records in terms of medals wins, are among the players who may well exercise vital influences on this rare meeting in the Bank of Ireland senior football championship final.

McHALE

has been much longer in the senior inter-county ranks than Geraghty, who is 23. Although he has still to win a national medal, Liam has made a strong impact in the game both at under-age and senior with his clever football and good fielding.

Winner of three provincial under-21 medals, the Ballina Stephenites clubman has been very prominent in bringing Mayo to their first final in seven years. McHale gave an outstanding



a talented duo ready to shine

display, featuring high class fielding in what many rated a Man-of-the-Match performance, in the Connacht final win over Galway and also had a big in the semi-final success over Kerry.

The towering McHale — he stands 6'5" — is also a basketball international. He helped Mayo to win the Church and General National League Division III title last season and with it promotion to Division II for the 1996-97 series.

A versatile footballer who has also made his mark in attack, McHale won his fifth Connacht senior medal last July and was at left midfield in the Mayo team that lost the 1989 final to Cork.

GERAGHTY

is playing some of the best football of his career this season and this one-time defensive ace has contributed a big part in attack in earning Meath this final appearance after an interval of five years. His quality performance in the semi-final win over Tyrone — he highlighted his display by scoring 1-4 — brought a bonus with selection as the

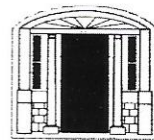
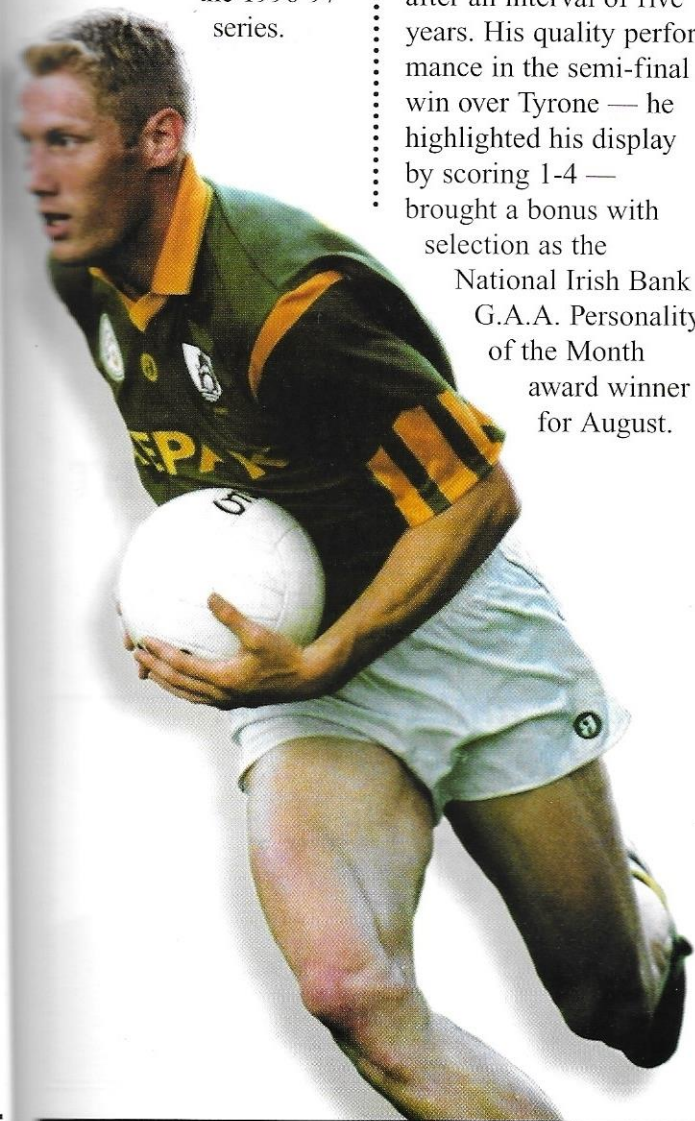
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The Seneschalstown clubman enjoyed considerable national success at under-age level. He won an All-Ireland medal at minor in 1990 and at under-21 three years later. Geraghty, who has been in inter-county senior for close on five years, was also a half back in the Meath team that last won the National League title in 1994.

Graham was moved up to the attack by the senior selectors early this year and this polished

and industrious footballer with the sharp turn of speed has made a great success of his new role. So much so, that he must be well in contention this year to add a Powerscreen All-Stars trophy as an attacker to the All-Stars award he gained as a defender in 1994 at right halfback.

Liam McHale and Graham Geraghty are footballers, then, with the credentials to provide some of the best moments of the final.



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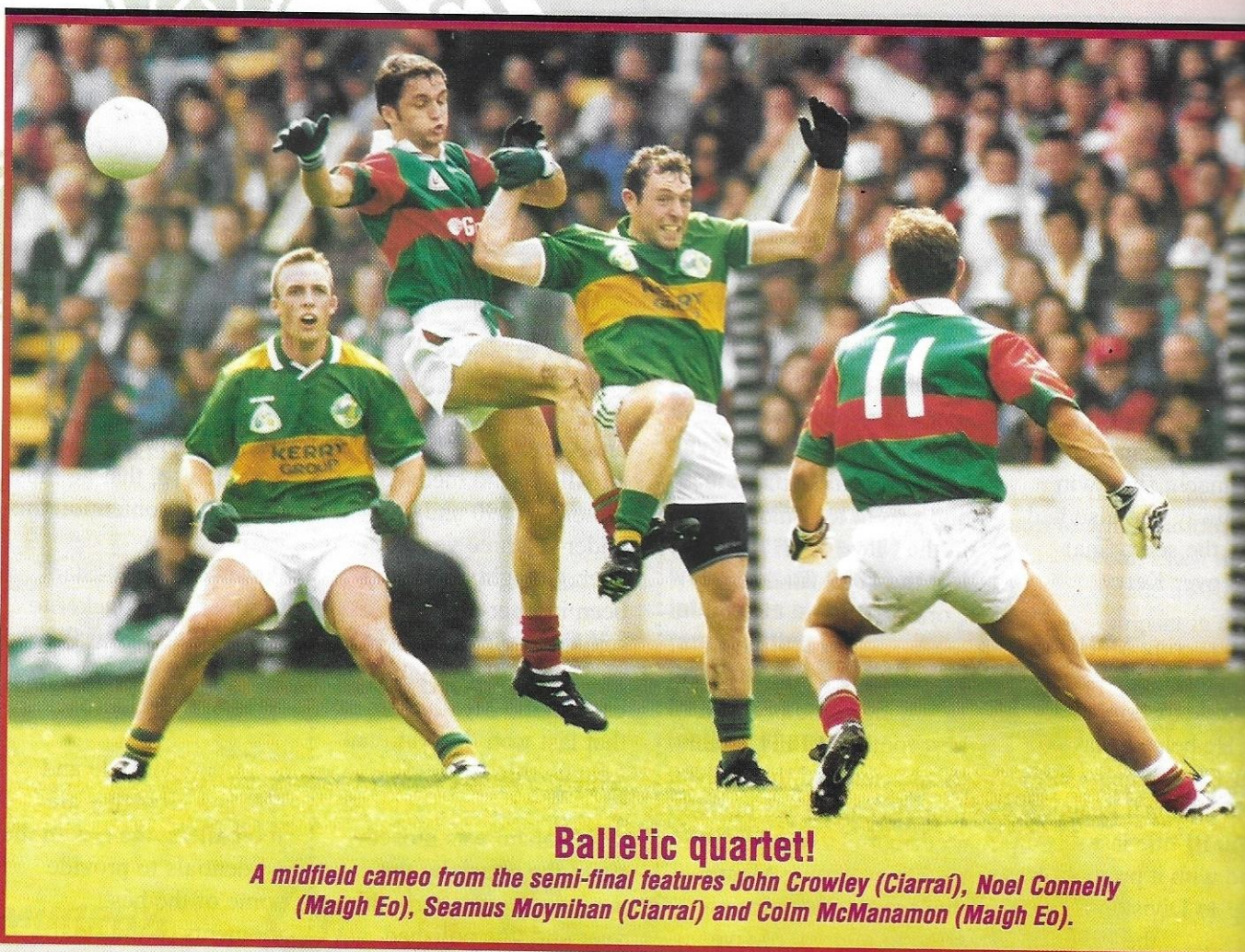
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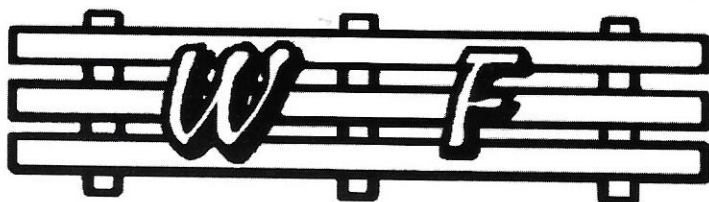
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A MINOR DISTINCTION

The names of players who have won All-Ireland senior medals with two counties have been faithfully recorded, and rightly honoured, and they are not few in number. But only one player has won All-Ireland minor medals with two counties - Donal Brady, who helped Louth beat Kerry to win the 1936 title, before moving to Cavan the following year; and when that county qualified for the final he was on the team that won Ulster's first All-Ireland minor title - incidentally, also beating Kerry. It is a distinction that he is likely to retain.



Mayo, led by Sean Flanagan, march out in the 1950 final against Louth. Sean Flanagan is followed by Padraic Carney, Eamonn Mongey, Peter Quinn, Peter Dolan and Paddy Prendergast. Mayo won the first of their "back-to-back" titles on a scoreline of 2-5 to 1-6, and went on to retain their title in 1951 by defeating Meath in the final by 2-8 to 0-9.

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Cúig Bliana Fichead Ó Shoin (1971)

The early rounds in Leinster were devoid of surprises, as Wicklow comfortably accounted for Wexford by 4-6 to 2-8; Laois beat Carlow by 4-12 to 2-7; Meath overcame Westmeath with traditional ease (1-14 to 0-9) at Tullamore, though Offaly laboured to produce their expected 1-7 to 0-3 win over Longford at Mullingar. Kildare, after a drawn game, beat Louth by 0-11 to 1-5 and Laois progressed with a 2-9 to 0-5 win over Wicklow at Carlow, and then confirmed themselves as genuine contenders by beating Dublin by 3-8 to 0-13, also at Cullen Park. Although Meath were reigning Leinster champions, their 4-8 to 2-12 semi-final defeat by Kildare was not regarded as a surprise, nor was Offaly's 2-12 to 0-10 win over Laois in the second semi-final. But the final was utterly disappointing. Offaly were never challenged, and having led Kildare by 1-11 to 0-1 at the interval finished easy winners by 2-14 to 0-6.

Up North, Fermanagh, Tyrone, Monaghan and Donegal were all first-round casualties as Down showed their paces in beating Donegal by 3-14 to 3-6. Derry struggled, but still managed to beat Antrim (0-8 to 0-4), but Down only scraped past Cavan (0-11 to 2-3) at Castleblaney. At Casement Park, Derry ousted Armagh with a

fair degree of comfort (3-12 to 1-10), and returned to Belfast to lose the provincial final in a high-scoring encounter with Down (4-15 to 4-11).

The "formalities" in Munster were quickly completed with Tipperary, at the expense of Waterford, and Clare, at the expense of Limerick, qualifying for the semi-finals which produced expected results as Kerry beat Tipperary by 1-14 to 1-7 at Killarney, and Cork, at Doonbeg, easily accounting for Clare (2-12 to 0-5). Kerry were seeking a fourth Munster title in a row at the Athletic Grounds. They didn't get it; Cork, inspired by Denis Coughlan, hit them with an 0-25 to 0-14 blockbuster which didn't flatter the winners.

In Connacht, Mayo got over Leitrim with little difficulty (5-7 to 2-4), but Galway dismissed them at Tuam by 1-7 to 0-7. Sligo downed Roscommon (0-10 to 1-5) and though Micky Kerins hit 1-8 in the final at Castlebar, Sligo had to settle for a 2-15 all draw. A fortnight later they missed the title by a point at the same venue as Galway won by 1-17 to 3-10. In the All-Ireland semi-finals Offaly conceded their first goal of the championship and still beat Cork by 1-16 to 1-11, while in a disappointing encounter Galway beat Down readily by 3-11 to 2-7.

In the final Offaly were lucky to be only five

points in arrears at the break; then switches of position and personnel transformed the side which swept to an historic first title on a 1-14 to 2-8 scoreline.

Caoga Bliain Ó Shoin (1946)

Cavan, seeking an eight successive Ulster title, opened their campaign with a huge 8-13 to 3-2 win over Tyrone at Omagh, and then routed Donegal - who had beaten Monaghan - by 5-8 to 0-3, also at Omagh. Armagh knocked out Down (1-10 to 0-4) at Newcastle, and Derry, easy winners over Fermanagh, were ousted by a sprightly Antrim side (1-11 to 0-10) and the Glensmen qualified for the final with a surprisingly easy win over Armagh at Armagh (1-12 to 0-6). Appearing in the final for the first time since 1925, Antrim were not overawed as they ran up an interval lead of 2-5 to 0-4, and they just held out against a storming Cavan finish, 2-8 to 1-7.

In Leinster three first-round ties were easily won - Meath beating Longford by 2-11 to 0-8 at Mullingar, Louth ousting Wicklow (3-8 to 2-2) and Offaly slipping past Westmeath by 2-6 to 0-4 at Mullingar. Kildare and Carlow provided great entertainment - a 2-3 all draw at Athy and another cliff-hanger at Dr. Cullen Park which Kildare won by 3-5 to 2-7. In an amazing encounter at Athy, Dublin failed to score against the wind and Laois in the first half; scored

five points in the second half but were beaten by Laois (1-3 to 0-5). Laois came from behind to beat Offaly at Tullamore (1-7 to 1-5) while a goal decided the Louth-Meath clash at Drogheda as the home team advanced, 1-6 to 0-3. Both semi-finals were won by second-half rallies, Laois coming from seven points down to beat Louth (1-9 to 0-10), and Kildare hitting champions, Wexford with three second-half goals to win by 3-3 to 0-10 at Carlow. The final was won by Tommy Murphy's immaculate place-kicking; he accounted for eight points in Laois's 0-11 to 1-6 win over the Lily Whites.

Out West, Sligo had promised much when trouncing Leitrim (6-10 to 0-6), but failed to last against Mayo in the semi-final at Ballina (2-9 to 2-6). Roscommon got a half hour from Galway in the second semi-final at St. Coman's Park, where the score was 0-7 to 0-6. The final at Ballinasloe ended in confusion. Roscommon appeared to have won by 1-4 to 0-6 when they were allowed a disputed goal, but the Connacht Council ordered a replay, and this time there was no disputing the outcome as Roscommon on home soil, coasted to 1-9 to 1-2 victory.

The biggest attraction of the championship year was the first-round meeting of Kerry and All-Ireland champions, Cork at Ennis where an own goal scored by a Cork defender ensured a Kerry victory on the score of 1-

to 0-7. Clare emerged as the most credible contenders from the lesser lights and they kept Kerry in sight to the very end. Indeed, as with the first round, the only goal of the hour decided the issue, and this was notched by Kerry forward Jackie Lyne in the second half (1-6 to 0-7). The final was a one-sided romp for Kerry after a close enough first half at the end of which Waterford trailed by only two points, 1-1 to 0-6. The half-time score of 2-16 to 2-4 tells its own story.

The Antrim-Kerry semi-final was a controversial affair as Kerry's rugged defensive tactics stopped the flying Northern attack. Kerry went through on a 2-7 to 0-10 scoreline. The Roscommon-Laois game was a much better contest. This time, however, Laois's comeback bid failed - but only just as Gerry Dolan's save between the Roscommon posts deprived them of an almost certain winner in last time (3-5 to 2-6).

The final went to a second meeting. Roscommon appeared to have won it when they led by six

points as the hour drew to a close. Then late-late goals by Paddy Burke and Tom O'Connor provided Kerry with another chance (1-7 to 2-4). And the 'Kingdom' took it; they dropped their captain and brought him on in the last quarter of the replay as their replay luck held once again (2-8 to 0-10).

Cúig Bliana Seachtó Shoin (1921)

The War of Independence disrupted activity in three provinces, but Leinster managed to stage more than half its programme while the conflict still raged. Meath and Dublin opened the campaign on the first day of May at Croke Park, but it proved to be one of the poorest games of the year. Meath, who had managed to score only one point in the 1920 championship, went one worse on this occasion as they failed to score at all in reply to Dublin's 3-6. Kildare, Dublin's only real opposition, beat Laois by 2-3 to 1-2 at Athy on May 8th, and returned to that venue five weeks later to

crush Carlow by 9-8 to 1-1. Louth downed Westmeath with ease (4-4 to 0-1) at the An Uaimh Show Grounds and were themselves easily eliminated by Dublin, 2-6 to 0-3 at Croke Park where Wexford also came unstuck (0-3 to 2-7) against the all-conquering Metropolitan. But Dublin almost slipped against Kildare in the final, as they settled for a 0-6 to 1-3 draw after the Lily Whites had missed a likely winner in the closing stages. But there was no doubting the better team in the replay as three goals by Stephen Synott saw Dublin safely through (3-3 to 1-2).

The Ulster campaign dragged out for almost two years: Cavan beat Fermanagh (1-2 to nil); Antrim beat Down by 1-5 to 1-2; Monaghan accounted for Armagh by 0-3 to 0-1; and Derry beat Donegal by 2-1 to 0-3. Cavan and Monaghan played a draw (2-1 all) before Monaghan advanced, 2-1 to 0-2. Derry, with a 1-4 to 0-3 win over Antrim, reached the Ulster final for the first time only to lose to Monaghan by 0-1 to 2-2.

The South, which had seen so much fighting, failed to organise and in the Spring of 1923 with the All-Ireland still to be decided, the Munster Council nominated Tipperary and Kerry, the 1920 finalists, to play the 1921 final. But even that fixture fell through when Kerry failed to appear.

In Connacht, only three counties mustered, but it was June 1922 before Mayo and Galway met at Tuam, with Mayo winning by 2-4 to 0-3. The final was delayed until March 1923, and at Castlerea an own goal by a Roscommon defender was a help - though a not decisive one - in Mayo's 1-4 to 0-1 victory.

Mayo then got through to the All-Ireland final by way of a walk over from Tipperary, but Dublin got it tough enough from Monaghan at Dundalk where they won by 2-8 to 2-2.

Against the odds, Mayo kept the final open until well into the second half. In arrears 0-1 to 0-4 at

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the break, it wasn't until Dublin's Bill Fitzsimmons scored the only goal of the day, that the result became obvious. Mayo went down on their second final appearance by 0-2 to 1-9 - a scoreline that did them little justice.

Céad Bliain Ó Shoin (1896)

Neither Connacht nor Ulster could offer a championship presence, though in Mayo and Galway there was no lack of club activity, with teams from Claremorris, Castlebar, Ballyhaunis,

Dunmore and Tuam engaging in quite a number of local and cross-border tournaments.

But the inter-county scene was left to Munster and Leinster. In the latter province, for the second year running, seven counties participated with Offaly making their championship debut - an unsuccessful one against Louth (1-2 to 1-6) in the first game of the campaign on November 29 at Jones's Road. At the same venue a week later, Kildare beat Wexford by 0-6 to 1-2, and when the competition resumed in March '97 Meath, in first defence of their provin-

cial title, beat Louth by 1-6 to 1-2 at An Uaimh. Meath then beat Kilkenny by 1-10 to 0-4 and then spent five months in idleness as the powers-that-be attempted to find a date and venue for the final with Dublin who had held off a strong semi-final challenge from Kildare (2-15 to 1-11). The final eventually went on at Bryanstown near Drogheda on October 24. Dublin made the early running and led by 1-4 to 0-1 at the break, and were awarded the game when Meath walked off following a disputed goal which left the score 2-4 to 1-5.

Limerick proved to be something of a surprise packet in the South by beating Cork (newly returned to the fold) and Tipperary, the All-Ireland champions, by 2-4 to 0-1. The final was unfinished as Waterford walked off following Limerick's fourth point which they disputed (0-4 to 0-1).

In the All-Ireland final Limerick ran up an interval lead of 1-4 to 0-1, and then fell back to defend their advantage. They just succeeded, as Dublin, over-eager to get goals, failed by a point (1-5 to 0-7).

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The Croke Cups had a chequered existence, as in their almost 20 years from 1896 until they were suspended in 1915 - possibly because of wartime travel restrictions - being first competed for in a straight-forward inter-county competition akin to the championship, then as trophies for the All-Ireland winners. For a couple of seasons the original format was restored and in their last years as a competition confined to the runners-up in the provincial finals.

The finals in both codes - especially in the early years - drew crowds as big as those attending All-Ireland finals. One of the more pleasing aspects of the Croke Cups was that it enabled a number of counties to record their first wins in a national competition - Clare, Galway and Laois (hurling), and Mayo and Meath in football. It is of interest to note that Mayo's Croke Cup win in 1908 - they retained it the following year - came 28 years before their first All-Ireland title win in 1936, while Meath's Croke Cup success in 1911 predated their All-Ireland breakthrough of 1949 by 38 years!

It might be true to say that Mayo were the specialists of the Croke Cup as they were one of only two counties to appear in four finals and shared, with Cork, the distinction of winning it twice (Dublin won it three times). In fact, Mayo was the only county to retain this trophy and did it with an almost entire club team - the Ballina Stephenites. Incidentally, when the competition was suspended after the 1915 final, of the nine counties that had won the Croke Cup, Mayo and Meath were the only ones without an All-Ireland title.

The details of the finals:

1896	Dublin	0-4;	Tipperary	0-3
1897	Wexford	1-11;	Cork	0-2
1898-1903 Cup presented to the All-Ireland winners				
1904	Tipperary	0-5;	London	0-2
1905	Kildare	1-9;	Mayo	0-0
1906	Suspended			
1907	Kerry	2-6;	Mayo	2-3
1908	Mayo	1-8;	Kerry	0-5
1909	Mayo	1-8;	Wexford	0-5
1910	Cork	3-3;	Galway	0-1
1911	Meath	1-4;	Waterford	0-3
1912	Dublin	1-3;	Clare	1-0
1913	Louth	2-2;	Cork	1-1
1914	Cork	2-1;	Louth	0-3
1915	Dublin	0-8;	Roscommon	0-1

Half-back Bulwark

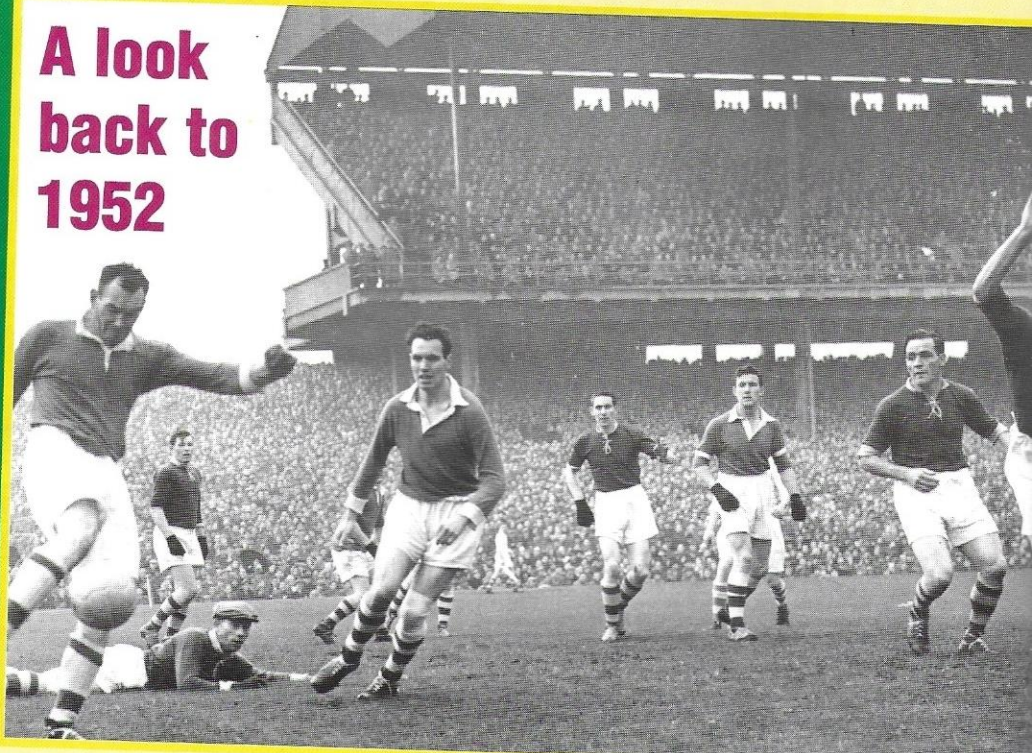
Pat Holmes (Maigh Eo) puts up strong resistance to the efforts of Billy Ó Sé (Ciarraí).



SMALLEST ATTENDANCE

While anyone with even a faint interest in gaelic games knows that the biggest crowd ever to watch a football final was 90,556 (Offaly v Down, 1961), not many are aware that an attendance of only 200 saw Dublin beat London in the 1908 final. A number of factors contributed to this remarkable occasion, notably the weather which was so bad that at the appointed time fewer than a dozen spectators had filed into Jones's Road. When the game eventually got under way more than an hour later the attendance had 'swollen' to 200 who saw a poor game which Dublin won easily.

A look back to 1952



The 'Gunner' Brady (An Cabhán) clears his lines against Meath in the 1952 All-Ireland final. Peter McDermott, "the man with the cap", lies on the ground. This was Cavan's last All-Ireland S.F. title win, which was in a replay on a 0-9 to 0-5 scoreline.

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The Attendance Saga

There is a widespread belief - and not just in relation to Gaelic games - that in the long ago, huge crowds thronged every game of importance and that the years have seen a gradual slide in public interest. And while it is true to say that there has been a lessening in support for some events in the G.A.A. calendar - the Railway Cups being a good example - the overall picture is quite impressive as the attendances at several major fixtures this season demonstrate. But even without the Meath-Dublin and hurling semi-final figures, the returns generally have shown an upward movement despite the live television coverage of so many of the more important encounters.

With this in mind it is instructive to study the attendance figures for major G.A.A. games at 25-year intervals - 1946, 1971 and the present year.

The All-Ireland football final figures, still to come, of course, for 1996 are irrelevant in comparing the three years, as safety factors and not public interest dictate just what the attendance at a present-day final will be, currently about 65,000.

The games covered in this survey are the provincial finals in hurling and football, the National League finals, the All-Ireland semi-finals in both codes and the Railway Cup finals.

Leinster Hurling Finals

1946 - Kilkenny v Dublin at Portlaoise	16,890
1971 - Kilkenny v Wexford at Croke Park.....	19,344
1996 - Wexford v Offaly at Croke Park	34,365

Leinster Football Finals

1946 - Laois v Kildare at Croke Park	(record) 27,353
1971 - Offaly v Kildare at Croke Park.....	34,253
1996 - Meath v Dublin at Croke Park.....	55,182

Munster Hurling Finals

1946 - Cork v Limerick at Thurles	39,000
1971 - Tipperary v Limerick at Killarney.....	31,118
1996 - Limerick v Tipperary at Limerick	43,525
Replay at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.....	40,000

Munster Football Finals

1946 - Kerry v Waterford at Tralee.....	8,000
1971 - Cork v Kerry at Cork.....	28,347
1996 - Kerry v Cork at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.....	36,405

Ulster Football Finals

1946 - Antrim v Cavan at Clones.....	15,000
1971 - Down v Cavan at Clones	25,000
1996 - Tyrone v Down at Clones	33,000

Ulster Hurling Finals

1946 - Antrim v Down at Corrigan Park	4,000
1971 - No final	
1996 - Antrim v Down at Casement Park.....	3,000

Connacht Football Finals

1946 - Roscommon v Mayo at Ballinasloe.....	12,340
Replay at Roscommon	18,000
1971 - Galway v Sligo at Castlebar.....	19,000
Replay at Castlebar.....	20,000
1996 - Mayo v Galway at Castlebar	17,000

Connacht Hurling Finals

1946 - No final	
1971 - No final	
1996 - Galway v Roscommon at Hyde Park.....	1,500

All-Ireland Hurling Semi-Finals

1946 - Kilkenny v Antrim at Croke Park.....	15,655
Cork v Galway at Birr	15,630
1971 - Tipperary v Galway at Croke Park	15,022
Kilkenny v London at Croke Park	2,000
1996 - Galway v Wexford; Antrim v Limerick.....	61,937

All-Ireland Football Semi-Finals

1946 - Kerry v Antrim at Croke Park	30,051
Roscommon v Laois at Croke Park	(record) 51,275
1971 - Galway v Down at Croke Park	36,052
Offaly v Cork at Croke Park	38,000
1996 - Mayo v Kerry at Croke Park.....	33,165
Meath v Tyrone at Croke Park	59,272

National Hurling League Finals

1946 - Clare v Dublin at Limerick.....	7,500
Replay at Croke Park.....	12,362
1971 - Limerick v Tipperary at Cork.....	19,030
1996 - Galway v Tipperary at Limerick.....	25,000

National Football League Finals

1946 - Meath v Wexford at Croke Park.....	18,215
1971 - Kerry v Mayo at Croke Park.....	25,000
1996 - Derry v Donegal at Croke Park	24,227

Railway Cup Finals

1946 - Munster v Leinster (hurling & football).....	35,170
1971 - Munster v Leinster (hurling)	
Connacht v Ulster (football)	20,306
1996 - Leinster v Munster (f) at Droichead Nua	1,000
Leinster v Munster (h) at Ennis	2,000

The above chart shows a number of interesting trends. In Leinster, attendances at both hurling and football finals would appear to have increased, although there have been some bigger attendances at finals in the recent past. Connacht has just about held its own, though here again bigger crowds have seen a number of provincial finals over the years. However, the weather and live television undoubtedly contributed to this year's figures.

Munster hurling has maintained its attraction for the fans; but not too much should be read into the figures for the football deciders in the years quoted.

In Ulster, the civil unrest undoubtedly kept this year's hurling attendance down, but over the years the football has maintained its attraction.

The National Leagues present a picture of competitions holding their own, but the Railway Cup figures speak for themselves.

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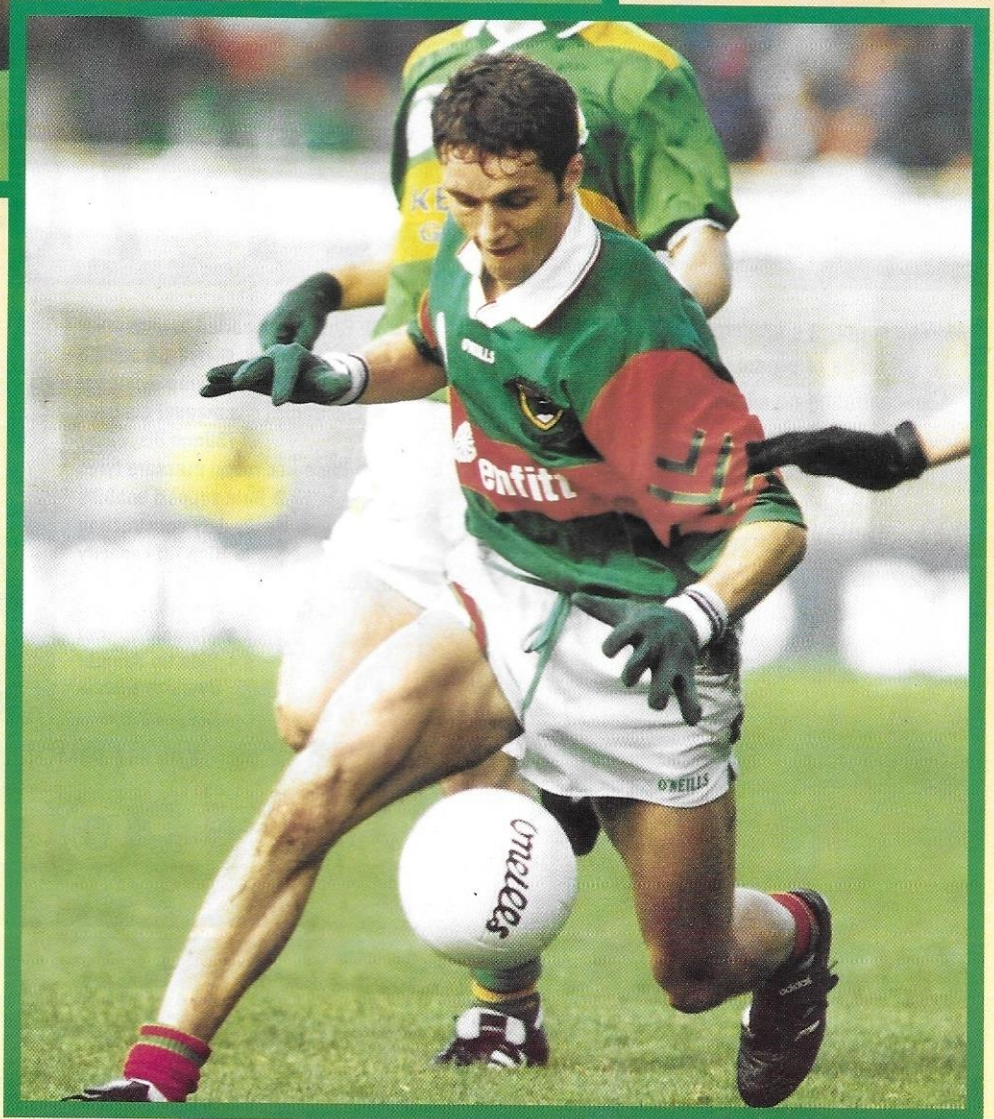
The Rolls of Honour for the All-Ireland Championships in Senior and Minor Football have one remarkable similarity — each title has been won by seventeen counties. Both title lists are also headed by the same two counties — Kerry and Dublin — in the same order, but their dominance in the Minor list is not so great as the Seniors. Approximately one-third of the Minor titles have been annexed by these two counties, while almost 50% of the Senior titles rest in the Capital and the Kingdom.

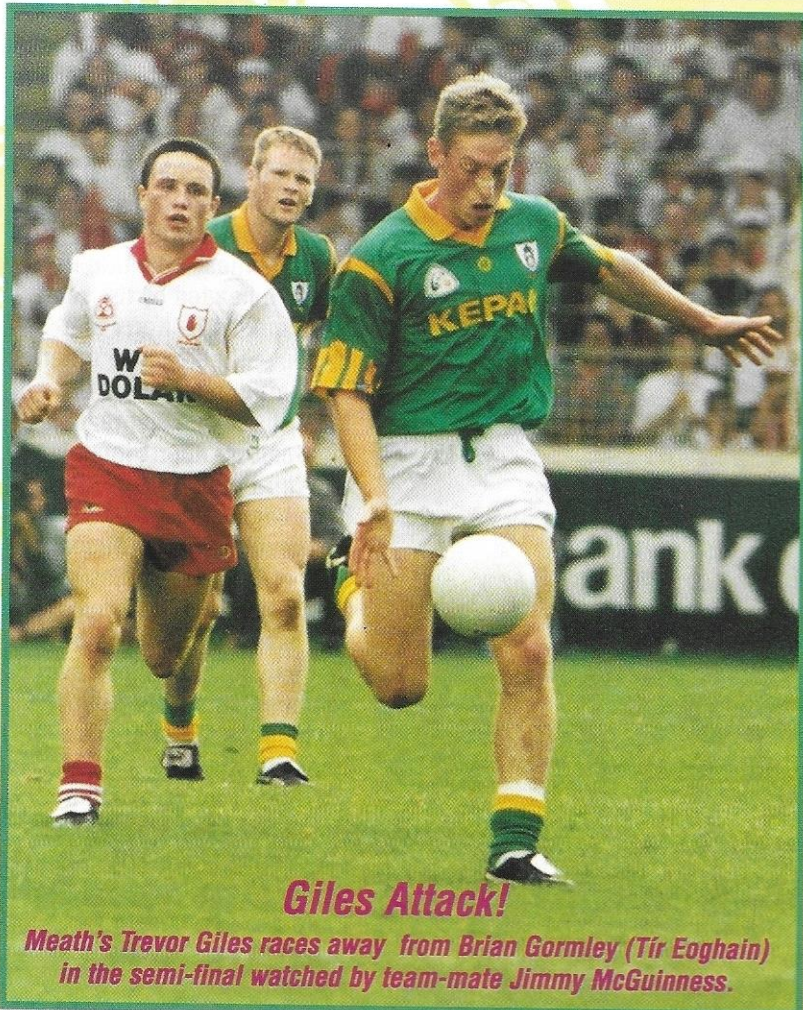
It is also interesting to note that only four counties have won the Senior title without winning the Minor crown — Donegal, Kildare, Limerick and Wexford. The four counties which have done the opposite — winning Minor titles but not Senior — are Tyrone, Armagh, Clare and Westmeath.



CAPTAINS IN ACTION

One of these men will take home the Sam Maguire Cup today — Meath's Tommy Dowd (above) and Mayo's Noel Connelly.





Giles Attack!

Meath's Trevor Giles races away from Brian Gormley (Tír Eoghain) in the semi-final watched by team-mate Jimmy McGuinness.

UNLUCKY CAPTAIN

The history of the All-Ireland championship abounds with stories of hard luck, near misses and many other misfortunes which have deprived outstanding players of well-deserved rewards. But Cavan man, Tom O'Reilly experienced more than his share of All-Ireland trauma as he acquired the distinction of being the only man to captain three All-Ireland losing teams. "Big Tom" as he was particularly known, was a member of the Cavan team which won the 1935 final, but thereafter it all went wrong for him. Captain of the team that lost the 1937 final to Kerry on a replay - after a dubious refereeing decision denied them the first day — he was again at the helm when Cavan lost to Roscommon on a replay in '43. And that unwelcome treble was completed when the team he led in the 1945 final went down to Cork.

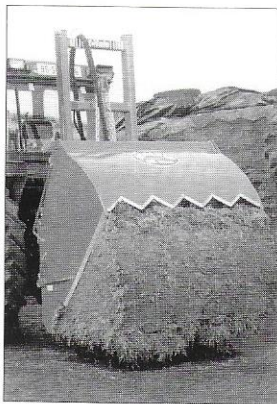
FAIR ENOUGH

Games - even very important ones - were often postponed for the most frivolous reasons in the early days of the G.A.A. They were also postponed for unusual, though reasonable enough, reasons; but the reason for the delaying of the Cork-Wexford final in 1890 was probably the most unusual ever. Midleton were the Cork representatives in that final (only club selections were allowed at that time) and they sought - and got - a postponement of the grounds that the All-Ireland clashed with the month-long fair in Midleton!

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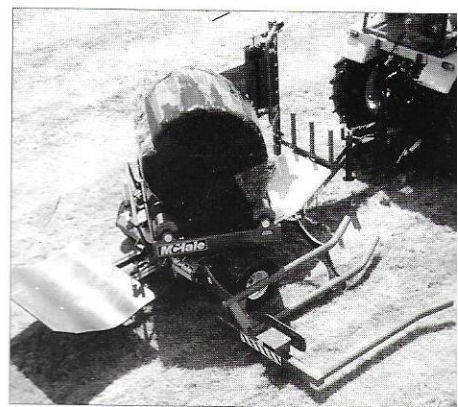
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'Duxie' Walsh Extends Records



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Michael 'Duxie' Walsh of Kilkenny extended his all-time handball records by winning his 12th successive All-Ireland Senior Softball Singles title at Páirc an Chrócaigh on the eve of the All-Ireland hurling final.

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FROM THE SPOT

The first man to take (and score) a penalty in an All-Ireland senior football final was Mayo's Padraig Carney. The Swinford marksman made that piece of football history in the 1945 Cavan-Mayo final when he beat J.D. Benson from the 'spot' in the second half of a remarkable game, as Mayo staged a comeback which saw them wipe out arrears of 12 points only to lose to a late point from a free.

UNDER TWO FLAGS

Although quite a number of men have won All-Ireland medals with two counties, the honour of being the first man to record this particular feat was Corkman, Ted Downey. Downey helped his native Midleton win the 1890 title for Cork and some years later moved to Dublin where he threw in his lot with the Metropolitans, and was a member of the team that won the 1897 title - incidentally, beating Cork in the final.



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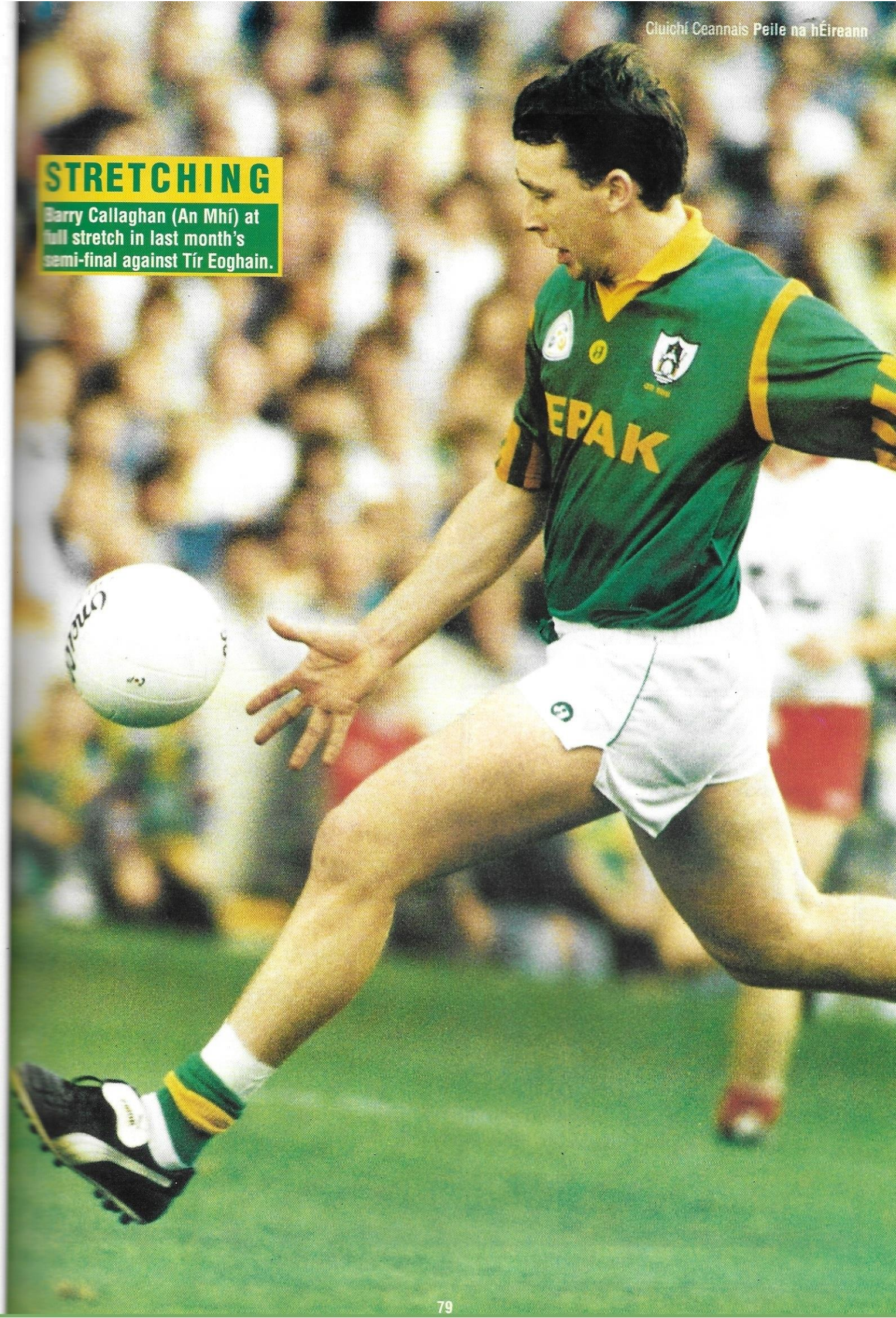
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Barry Callaghan (An Mhí) at full stretch in last month's semi-final against Tír Eoghain.





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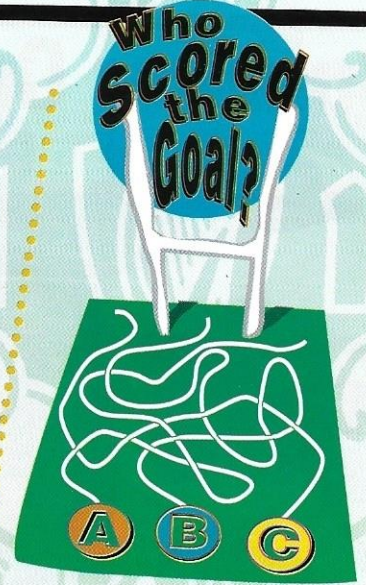
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Cúinne na nÓg!

Hidden in the maze are eight players names, four from each of today's senior finalists. Can you find them?

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2. We hope nobody has this today.
3. A place to play.
4. What each team hopes to win today..
5. How the neutrals would like today's game to be..

Tráth na gCeist

1. The Stephenites club is in Meath. True or false?
2. Which county won last year's All-Ireland Minor Football title?
3. Which county holds the greatest number of Minor Football titles?
4. How many counties have won the All-Ireland Minor Football championship?
5. Who were the defeated semi-finalists in this year's All-Ireland Senior Football championship?
6. The Dunderry club is in Co. Meath. True or false?

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2. Westmeath.
3. Kerry with 11 lead Dublin in second place with 10.
4. 17.
5. Tyrone and Kerry.
6. True.

The hidden word: IMIRT

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Find The Players

Summer Camp Success for Meath



Meath footballer, Trevor Giles, with some children at a launch of a G.A.A. Summer Camp. Also in the picture is James Battersby.

The Meath GAA Summer Camps 1996 have proved to be another major hit with children and parents alike. Over 1,800 children attended the camps, an increase of 800 on last year. There was also a rise in the number of camps held in the county with an extra 6 hurling and 5 football camps added to the list. The following chart highlights the success of the Summer Camps in the county.

Year	No. of Camps	Attendance
1993	1	168
1994	5	615
1995	10	1,074
1996	21	1,805

This was the second year in which transition year students made a major impact on the summer camps. In Meath, 23 students coached the skills of hurling and football at the camps and they played a major role in the success of the camps. A special word of thanks to those coaches and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Another feature in the success of the camps was the visits of the top Meath stars in Gaelic football and hurling. All of today's Meath panel and

indeed some past stars attended the summer camps to answer questions, sign autographs and watch the youngsters and future stars of Meath football. Their visits were very much appreciated by the children and coaches alike and we wish them the very best of luck today.

Thanks must also go to Colm O'Rourke for kindly sponsoring Meath kits to be used as prizes at each of the football and hurling camps.

We would also like to extend

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In conclusion, we would also like to extend our thanks to all the coaches, the chairman and members of the Coaching Monitoring Committee, to the officers of Cumann na mBunscoil, to the club co-ordinators, to the Leinster G.A.A. Directors and finally to the chairman of the Meath County Board, Mr. Fintan Ginnity.

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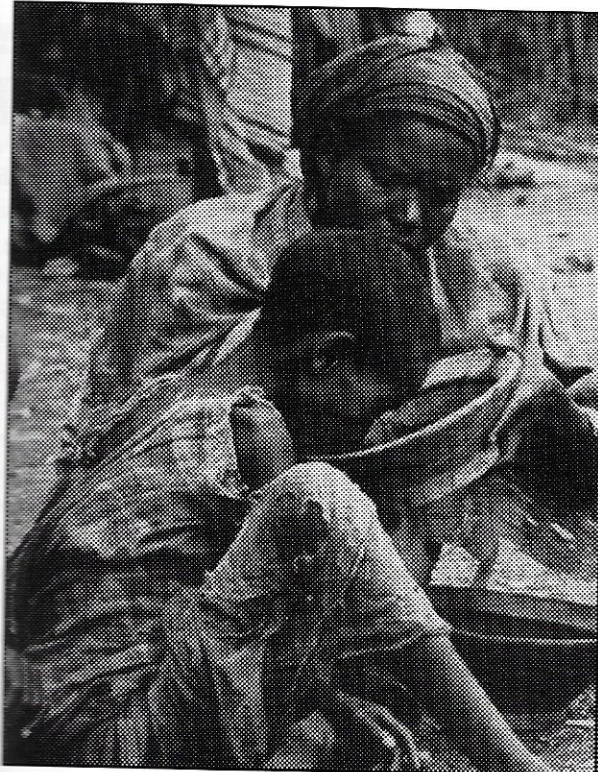
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Twenty questions to test your memory on Senior Football Finals.

- 1 When did Mayo last appear in an All-Ireland senior final?
- 2 Who captained the Western county in that game?
- 3 What distinction did Joe Cassells earn when he led Meath to their last Sam Maguire Cup win in 1988?
- 4 Did Meath score a goal in their last All-Ireland senior final appearance in 1991?
- 5 Who captained the Royal County in that game?
- 6 Only one goal was scored in last year's All-Ireland final. Who was on target in that game?
- 7 Meath's left full back in the 1991 All-Ireland senior football final recently completed a spell as manager of an Ulster county. Who is he?
- 8 What county last brought the All-Ireland title to Connacht?
- 9 When did Meath last beat a Connacht side in a senior final?
- 10 Mayo beat Meath in the 1951 final to retain the All-Ireland crown. Was that the Western county's first or second time to make a successful defence of the championship?
- 11 Who refereed last year's All-Ireland senior final?
- 12 What was unusual about the All-Ireland senior final of 1947?
- 13 Who was the first Connacht man to captain more than one Sam Maguire Cup winning team?
- 14 What score did Peter Canavan (Tyrone) record in last year's summit with Dublin?
- 15 Colm Coyle won an All-Ireland senior medal as a defender with Meath. True or false?
- 16 Who ranks as the last Connacht man to captain an All-Ireland senior title winning team?
- 17 What was the last final that failed to yield a single goal?
- 18 What county first brought the Sam Maguire Cup to Connacht?
- 19 In what year did an All-Ireland senior final last end in a draw?
- 20 When did Meath last lose a final to a Western side?

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- 1 1989 when they lost to Cork.
- 2 Right full back Jimmy Brown.
- 3 He became the first to be presented with the new Sam Maguire Cup.
- 4 Yes, one.
- 5 Liam Hayes from midfield.
- 6 Charlie Redmond (Dublin) after 25 minutes.
- 7 Terry Ferguson.
- 8 Galway in 1966 when they won their third successive title.
- 9 Meath have still to beat Connacht opposition in a final.
- 10 First.
- 11 Paddy Russell (Tipperary).
- 12 The game was played at the Polo Grounds, New York — the only All-Ireland senior football final played outside of this country.
- 13 Jimmy Murray (Roscommon) in 1943 and 1944.
- 14 0-11.
- 15 True. He went in as a substitute in the 1991 final win and was right half back in the 1992 that retained the title a year later.
- 16 Enda Colleran, of Galway, in 1966.
- 17 1992 — Donegal 0-18, Dublin 0-14.
- 18 Galway in 1934.
- 19 1988 when Meath and Cork finished all square. Meath won the replay.
- 20 1966 to Galway.



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Jubilee Team – Uíbh Fháilí 1971 and 1972



Pictured at the Irish Nationwide Building Society GAA Jubilee Awards dinner in the Bridge House, Tullamore, to honour the Offaly 1971 and 1972 All-Ireland football champions were:

Front row (l-r): Liam Claffey (rep. the late Kieran Claffey); Liam Hanlon; Tony McTague (captain, 1972); Jack Boothman, President, G.A.A.; Mark Mulcahy, Irish Nationwide Building Society; Willie Bryan (captain, 1971); Ken Furlong (rep. Martin Furlong) and Daithí Murphy.

Centre row (l-r): Sean Cooney; Greg Hughes; Paddy Fenning; Sean Lowry; John Smith; Eugene Mulligan; Jody Gunning and Seamus Darby.

Back row (l-r): Paddy McCormack; Mick O'Rourke; Murt Connor, Noel Kinnarney; Larry Coughlan; Rev. Nicholas Clavin; Martin Heavey; Mick Wright; Mick Ryan; Kevin Kilmurray and Sean Evans.

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(Mary Duane, Erin's Isle, GAA Club).

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(Ronan Coffey, Rathnew GAA Club).

"This course was a most enjoyable learning process

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(John Trapper Dalton, Dublin GAA Senior Football Team — Strapping and First Aid)

"I found the range of subjects covered to be of enormous benefit to me. I was very impressed with the quality of the lectures, the expertise and professionalism of all concerned".

(Anne Keenan-Buckle, Olympian and International Athlete)

Full course details are provided in the advertisement in this programme.

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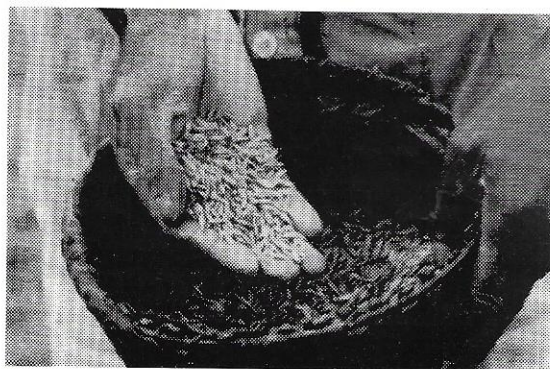
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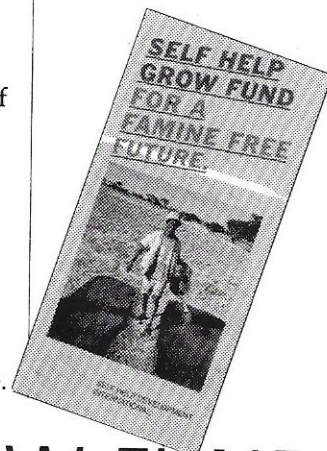
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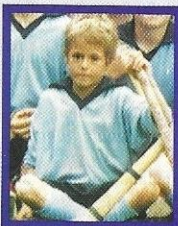
Maurita and Gerry Moylan



Performing before large crowds is no bother to talented, award-winning apprentice jockey Gerry Moylan, who rides for Kevin Prendergast. In the past two weeks he has ridden in Fairyhouse, the Curragh and Galway where he notched his 19th winner on Monday last on *By Charlie Allen* for Pat Flynn. Today he plays the role of spectator as he watches his little sister, Maurita, entertain the crowd in the half-time mini-game. Gerard himself played here in a hurling final with Holy Trinity Primary School for Donaghmede and performed as umpire/linesman for the mini-sevens when he was 12.

Maurita wants to follow in big brother's footsteps and become a jockey. In the meantime, football and camogie for school and club (Trinity Gaels) occupy her time. She is a Charlie Redmond fan and greatly admires the skills of Dublin hurling goalie, Brendan McLoughlin.

Maurita is the youngest of eight children. Gerry comes fourth in line. He will be rooting for the Kerry Minors today as he has a close affinity with the Kingdom. He has had a winner at Tralee races for the past 4 years. His greatest success to date was the Carling Gold Cup at the



Gerry Moylan when he played in Croke Park in a Cumann na mBunscol final.

Tralee Festival on *Command and Control*, for John Mulhearn, in 1993. This year he won the Derrinstown Apprentice Race on *Swift Cert* for Pat Flynn. Gerry played Gaelic football in Kerry when he represented Holy Trinity School in the annual exchange with Cahirciveen.

In 1982 Maurice Fitzgerald played against Vinny Murphy when both were 12 years old and extremely talented youngsters.

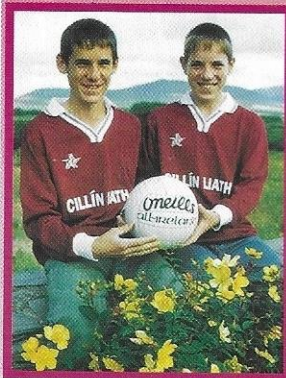
Hazel, Bernice, Paul, Clifford, Marcus, Jamie (who is a linesman today) and their mother, Vera, will be watching closely today as Maurita holds centre-stage. She fancies Mayo for the Senior title and expects them to pull away in the final furlong and win by a short head.

Since the 10th birthday celebrations were launched in colourful fashion at the National Football League final on May 5th, it has been a momentous year for the INTO/GAA Mini-Sevens.

In excess of 35,000 children participated in this year's scheme. The standard of play has been exceptional. Crowd reaction at the big games has been phenomenal and Wexford's Rory McCarthy became our first Mini-Sevens senior All-Ireland medal winner. Today Meath's Darren Fay, Paddy Reynolds, Mark Reilly and Oliver Murphy retrace their Mini-Sevens steps and bid for All-Ireland Glory. It has been a year to remember.

Jerry Grogan, P.R.O.

Aodán O Conchúir / Déaglán O Suilleabháin.



Teachers and pupils in the small Cillín Liath N.S. in the beautiful parish of Dromod in South West Kerry will be extremely proud today as Aodán Ó

Conchúir takes the field to complete a unique Mini-Sevens double with classmate, Déaglán Ó Suilleabháin, who played during the Kerry v. Mayo semi-final.

Both boys play their club football with Piarsaigh na Dromoda — a proud club which this year celebrates its fiftieth year, having been founded in 1946 by the famous Seán 'hard' Ó Curráin. Four successive South Kerry Mini-Sevens and two county successes is an impressive haul for their school. The victories were masterminded by school principal, Denis Fenton, himself a former Cahirciveen CBS and Waterville star, and supportive staff members.

Aodán Ó Conchúir, who plays today, is confident that the Kerry Minors can add the title to last weeks under-21 success and he will be cheering for a namesake, Bernard O'Connor,

from Cahirciveen today. Aodán is a defender-cum-midfielder and kicks with both feet. He greatly admires Dara Ó Cinnéide and Peter Canavan. He figured prominently in his school's success in the Mini-Sevens and played in three of the South Kerry finals. Aodán is related to Kerry Senior and U-21 selector Jack O'Connor who has also had a great success with Kerry Vocational Schools' teams. An uncle, Des Sheehan, is a local sporting hero. Tá súil ag Aodán bheith thar nais i bPáirc an Chrócaigh lá éigin eile ag caitheamh geansaí na Ríochta.

Déaglán Ó Suilleabháin (on right) is considered one of the most talented juveniles in South Kerry and has played in all four South Kerry finals, the first when he was only 8-years-old. This 'ciotóg' is a big fan of Dara Ó Cinnéide and neighbour Maurice Fitzgerald. Blur is his favourite band and he also enjoys soccer and basketball. Déaglán is South Kerry U-12 captain and owes his stamina and strength to a ten mile round-trip on his bicycle for every training session and match. When not playing football this young athlete pursues a rather unusual hobby. He is a prominent participant in drag-hunting — an ancient Irish hunting pastime involving Beagle hounds and a healthy outdoor lifestyle. He two Beagles 'Sport' and 'Singer' have brought him two wins, a second and a fourth placing this season. Tá Gaeilge den scoth ag an bhfear óg seo agus ceapann sé nach fada uainn an lá go mbeidh 'Sam' ar ais ina áit dúchais.

Niamh Winters and Maria Geraghty



Niamh Winters and Maria Geraghty from Drogheda who carry the INTO/GAA Mini-Sevens banner today.

Niamh is the granddaughter of the late Seamas Daly of Mulranny. Seamas won an All-Ireland Minor Football medal with Mayo in 1936, he was a member of the beaten Mayo team in the 1948 All-Ireland final and injury prevented Seamas playing in the Mayo victories of 1950 and 1951.

He was a county team selector for most of the sixties and selector, trainer and manager of the Mayo team that won the National Football League in 1970. He was a selector with John O'Mahony when Mayo reached the All-Ireland final of 1989. Seamas won six Mayo Senior Championship medals with Castlebar Mitchels, the first of them at the age of thirteen.

Seamas and Dr. Mick Loftus founded in 1988 the 'Red and Green Trust Fund' set up to help ex-Mayo footballers in need and he was treasurer until his death.

Maria Geraghty's father, P.J., is the Cumann na mBunscol representative on Árd Chomhairle, he was National Co-ordinator of the INTO/GAA Mini-Sevens from 1989 to 1995 and is secretary of Cumann na mBunscol in Louth since 1977.

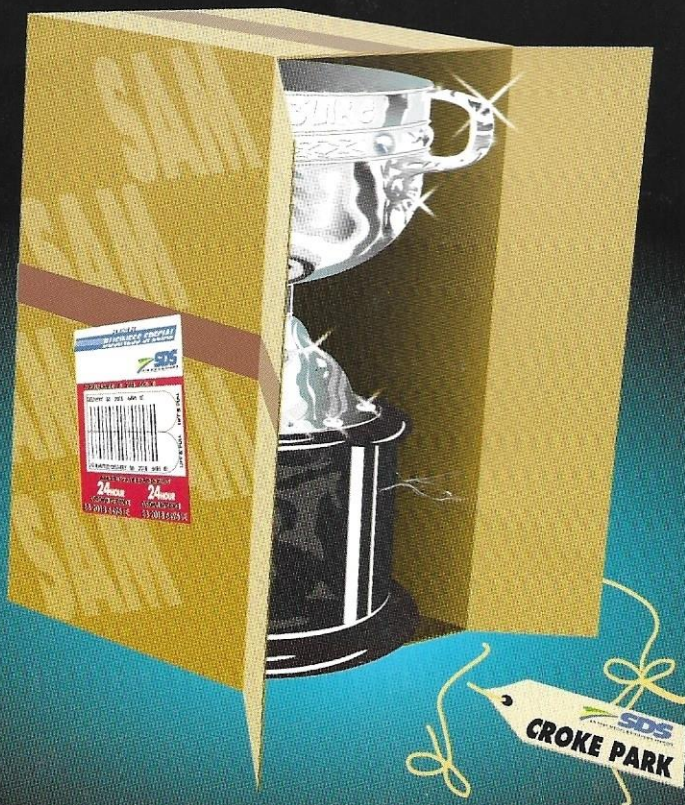
Five-in-a-row for Kerry



Senator Joe O'Toole, who hails from Dingle, represented the INTO at the All-Ireland semi-final and met Laura Ross and Margaret from Ballyduff N.S., Déaglán Ó Suilleabháin from Cillín Liath N.S. and Lixnaw man Timmy Maher, who is National Co-ordinator of the INTO/GAA Mini-Sevens.

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