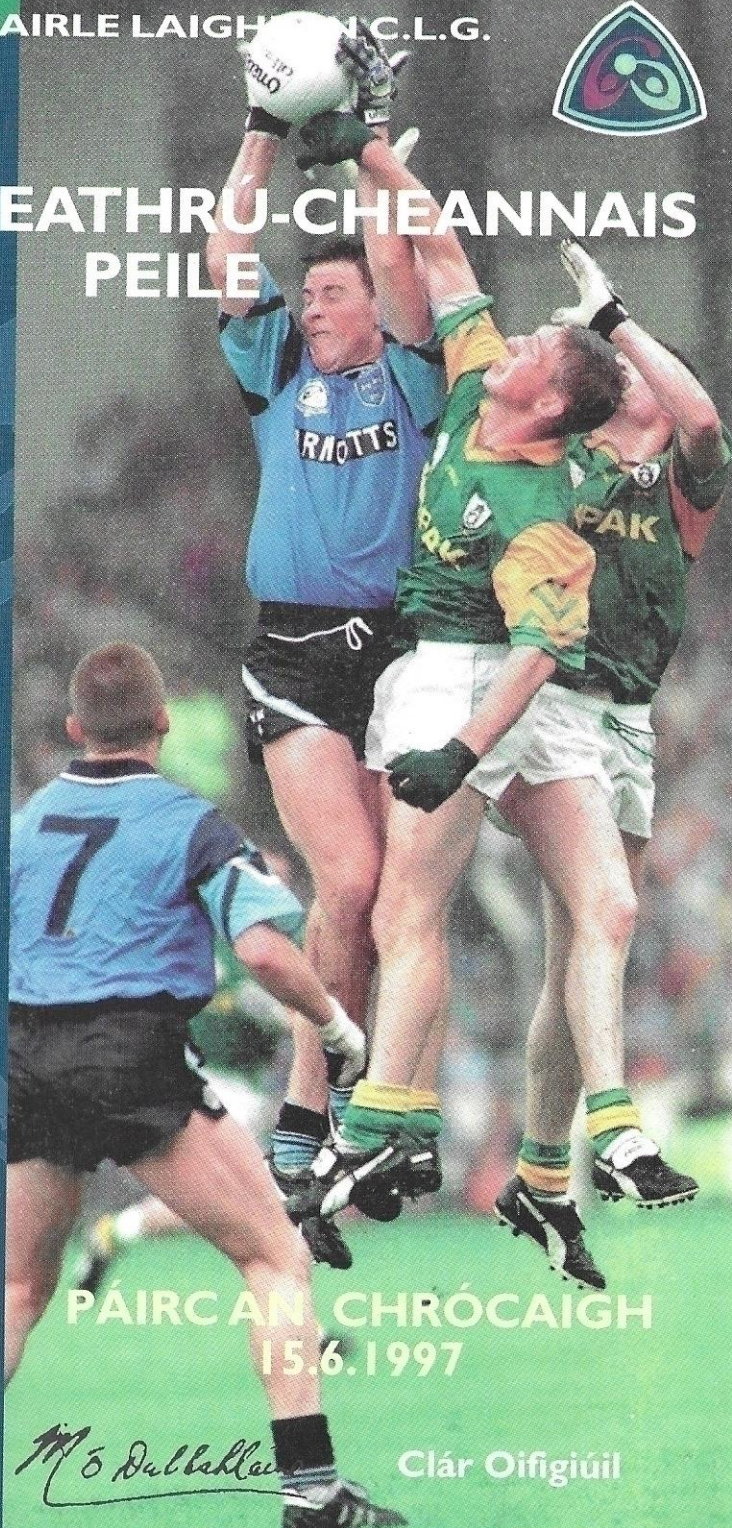




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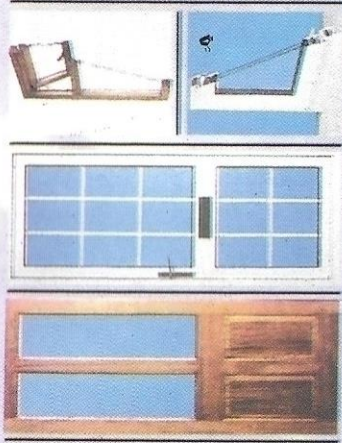
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Cill Mhantain v. Uibh Fhaili

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Réiteoir: Paul McGann (Iarmhí)

Linesmen: Joe Woods (Ath Cliath) Standby Ref;
 and Gay McCabe (Ath Cliath)

3.15 p.m.

An Mhí v. Ath Cliath

(MEATH)

(DUBLIN)

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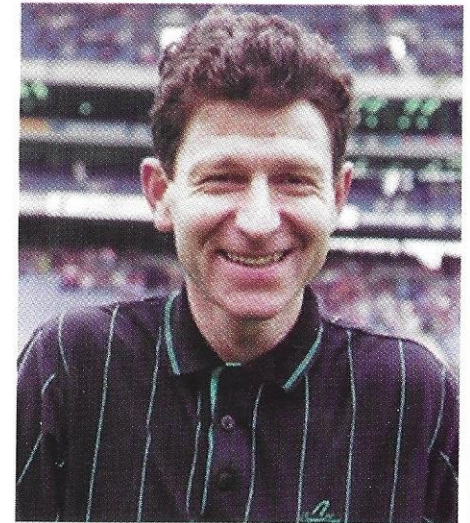


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The Meath team which defeated Mayo in last year's All-Ireland Senior Football replay. At back, from left: Trevor Cline, Graham O'Raghty, John McDermod, Jimmy McGuinness, Barry Callaghan, Martin O'Connell, Colin Brady, Tommy Dowd (Captain) and Brendan Reilly. In front, from left, Paddy Reynolds, Mark O'Reilly, Colm Coyle, Conor Martin, Darren Fay and Enda Molloy.



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O’Toole Goal Clinches 77 Final As Royal Challenge Fails

LEINSTER FOOTBALL FINAL 1977

Dublin 1-9
Meath 0-8

A crowd of 46,044 saw Dublin retain their provincial title with a score of 1-9 to 0-8 in the 1977 Leinster Final, played at Croke Park on July 31st.



**Anton O’Toole -
the Dublin goalscorer.**

It was a dour, tough game. The marking was close, the tackling by both sides was good and there was little room for free movement. The close marking led to 48 frees and a few bookings for minor incidents.

The day was warm and sultry and there was little breeze as Dublin played into the canal goal in the first half. They were led for just four minutes from the 13th to the 17th when Jimmy Keaveney brought the scores level for the second time in the game.

Eight minutes later, Meath should have had a goal when Ken Rennicks and John Gibbons combined to put Peter Cromwell clean through. With only Paddy Cullen to beat, Cromwell shot well but Robbie Kelleher appeared from nowhere to deflect the ball for a ‘50’.

Dublin went on to lead, 0-5 to 0-3 at half time but it was a tribute to the Meath defence that Dublin had to depend on Jimmy Keaveney for three of those points from frees.

Dublin were 0-5 to 0-4 in front when Brian Mullins initiated the only goal of the game, finished to the Meath net by Anton O’Toole.

Between that and the finish, Meath had chances to get on terms but inaccuracy from placed balls cost them dearly.

That goal seemed to drain the heart out of Meath but their defence stayed resolutely firm and denied Dublin the avalanche of scores that was expected following the goal.

Dublin: Paddy Cullen, Gay O’Driscoll, Sean Doherty, Robbie Kelleher, Tommy Drumm, Kevin Moran, Pat O’Neill, Brian Mullins, Alan Larkin, Anton O’Toole, Tony Hanahoe, David Hickey, Bobby Doyle, Jimmy Keaveney, John McCarthy. Sub.: Fran Ryder.

Meath: Ronan Giles, Michael Collins, Kevin McConnell, Dave Rennicks, Phil Smith, Mick Ryan, Martin Coyne, Joe Cassells, Gerry McEntee, Olly O’Brien, Ken Rennicks, John Gibbons, Cormac Rowe, Matty Kerrigan, Peter Cromwell. Subs.: Gerry Farrelly, Brendan Murray.

Referee: Seamus Aldridge (Kildare).

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The Dublin team that defeated Louth in last year's Leinster Senior Football Championship. Back row, left to right, Joe McNally, Charlie Redmond, Paul Bealin, John O'Leary, Brian Stynes, Paddy Moran and Keith Barr. Front row, left to right, David Martin, Jim Gavin, Damian O'Brien, Mick Deegan, Niall Guider, Dessie Farrell, Eamonn Heery and Paul Curran.



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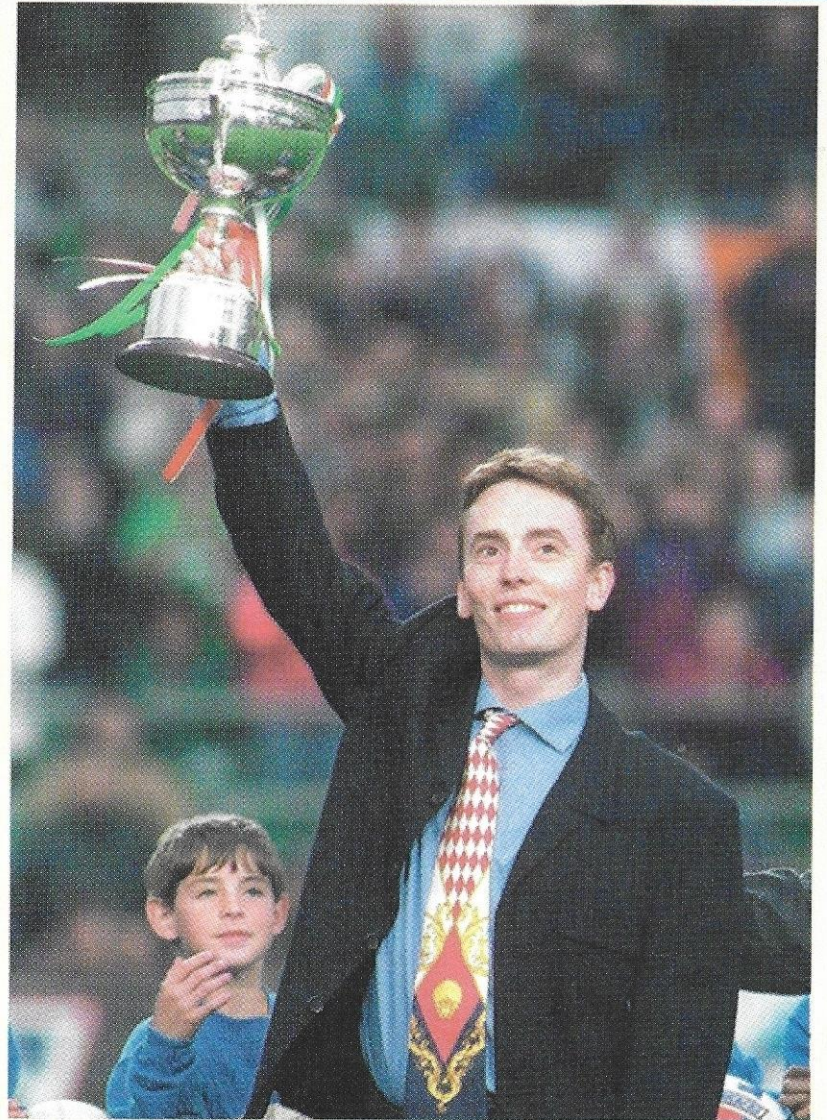
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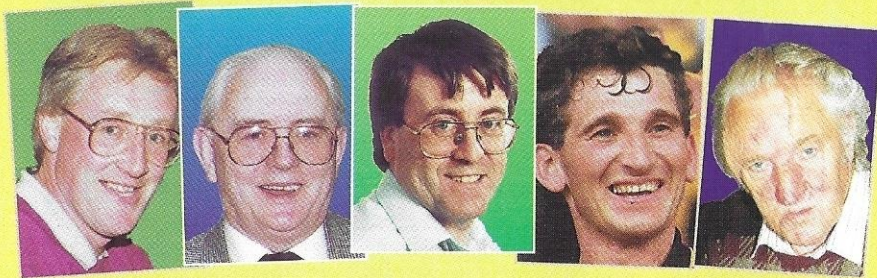
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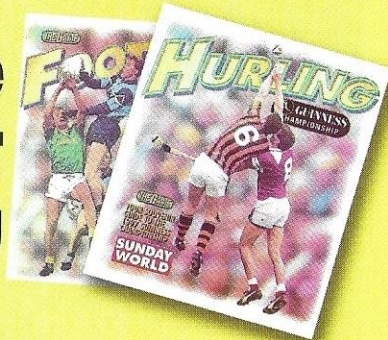
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1964

Meath 2-12
Dublin 1-7

The Leinster Senior Football Championship Final played at Croke Park on July 26th, 1964, saw All-Ireland Champions Dublin unceremoniously knocked from their proud perch by a superbly fit Meath team that went from strength to strength and had gained complete mastery long before the final whistle. In fact, the margin of eight points only faintly represented a marked superiority that brought the Leinster crown to the Royal County for the first time since 1954.

McNamee opened the scoring with a Meath point in the fourth minute and ten minutes later Shanley punched a point from a free by Carty. Dublin drew level with scores from Coen and Ferguson but Meath regained the lead when Shanley added points before a cross by Coen was punched to the Meath net by McDonald. Coen added a point from a free and Carty replied for Meath before Casey had a Dublin point in the 25th minute. Walsh (Meath) and Coen (Dublin) exchanged points to leave the half time score, 1-6 to 1-5 in favour of Meath.

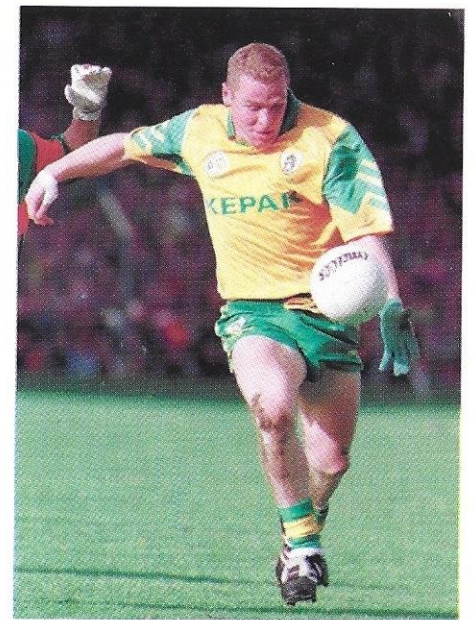
In the first minute of the second half, Walsh pointed a Meath free and McDonald replied with a punched point for Dublin. Meath, however, then hit the high spots and points from Walsh and Shanley were followed by a goal from substitute Mulvaney. McNamee added a point and after McDonald had pointed for Dublin, Meath finished with several

wides and points from McNamee and Walsh (free).

Meath: P. Cromwell, D. Donnelly, M. Quinn, P. Darby, P. Collier, B. Cunningham, P. Reynolds, J. Quinn, P. Moore, D. Carty 0-2, T. Browne, J. Walsh 0-4, G. Quinn, K. McNamee 0-3, O. Shanley 1-3. Sub.: P. Mulvaney 1-0.

Dublin: P. Flynn, L. Hickey, L. Foley, C. Kane, M. Kissane, P. Holden, M. Fox, D. Foley, S. Behan, R. McDonald 1-2, M. Whelan, S. Coen 0-3, G. Davey, M. Casey 0-1, D. Ferguson 0-1. Subs.: E. Breslin, D. McKane, E. Fahy.

Referee: John Dowling (Offaly). Attendance: 57,133.



Tommy Dowd - powered Meath to All-Ireland victory in 1996.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 22nd, 1997

CROKE PARK

Guinness Leinster S.H.C. Semi-Final (2.30)

Guinness Leinster S.H.C. Semi-Final (4.15)

N.B. Hogan Stand, only, is all ticket. Tickets (€10.00 each) available from County Secretaries or direct from Leinster Council G.A.A., Portlaoise, Co. Laois. Usual concessions for senior citizens, students and children will apply in all other areas of the stadium.

Kilkenny v. Dublin

Offaly v. Wexford

SUNDAY, JUNE 29th, 1977

NAVAN/NEWBRIDGE (3.30 p.m.)

Bank of Ireland Leinster S.F.C. Semi-Final

Preceded by Leinster M.F.C. Semi-Final

N.B. This game will be "all ticket".

Louth v. Offaly/Wicklow

Dublin v. Wicklow

SUNDAY, JULY 6th, 1977

CROKE PARK

Bank of Ireland Leinster S.F.C. Semi-Final

Preceded by Leinster M.F.C. Semi-Final

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Kildare v. Meath/Dublin

Meath v. Laois



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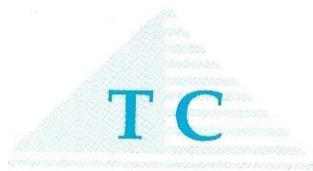
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5 Five Goal Rout In '55

Dublin Dethrone Champions Meath

	1955
Dublin	5-12
Meath	0-7

Five goals in this Leinster Senior Football Final, played at Croke Park, on July 24th, 1955, brought All-Ireland title-holders, Meath, toppling from their throne. The attendance of 48,360 witnessed what could only be described as a rout - enlivened only by the quality of Dublin's football.

Meath were first to score - a point from Duff but Olly Freaney and Tom O'Brien exchanged points before Dessie Ferguson equalised. O'Boyle pointed Dublin ahead again and dreams of a close struggle collapsed and Meath's All-Ireland crown began to totter when Kevin Heffernan blasted home the first of the goals.

Duff replied with a Meath point but this was followed by Dublin's second goal, scored by O'Boyle. Both sides exchanged points before Cathal O'Leary took a pass from Kevin Heffernan and blasted the ball to the net. Dublin led 3-5 to 0-4 at half time.

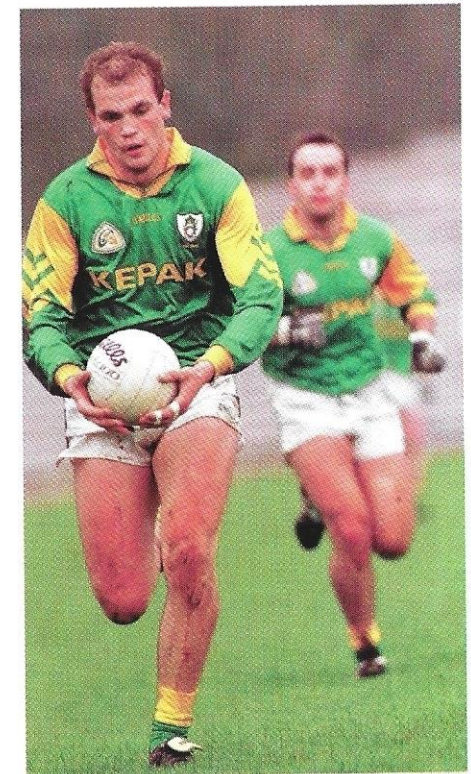
Meath had points from Duff and Smith immediately after the restart but Dublin replied with points from Haughey and Freaney before Dessie Ferguson booted the ball to the net. It was Dublin all the way after that and Meath could do nothing to stop the rampant challengers who went on to win by 20 points, and take the title for the first time since 1942.

Dublin: P. O'Flaherty, D. Mahony (Capt.), J. Lavin, M. Moylan, W. Monks, N. Allen, N. Maher, J. Crowley, J.

McGuinness, D. Ferguson, O. Freaney, C. O'Leary, P. Haughey, K. Heffernan, S. Boyle.

Meath: P. McGearty, K. Lenehan, P. O'Brien, K. McConnell, F. Byrne, P. McKeever, E. Durnin, P. Connell, T. Duff, M. Grace, R. Smyth, T. O'Brien (Captain), M. McDonnell, T. Moriarty, J. Reilly. Sub.: P. Ratty for McConnell.

Referee: Willie Goodison (Wexford).



*John McDermott - Meath's towering
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Each school participating in the programme was invited to send one footballer and one hurler/camogie player to the Fun Day. These players were chosen by the Dublin County Board coaches and teachers in the primary schools. They were the players who were deemed to have improved the most over the year.

On the day, the children engaged in fun activities in both hurling and football. They were presented with a specially designed Bank of Ireland t-shirt which they wore for the day. At lunch time the children and teachers were treated to refreshments. In the af-

ternoon, some very enjoyable mini-games were played.

The children were obviously delighted with the t-shirt they received. They were also delighted to meet Dublin footballers, Paul Curran and Keith Barr and hurlers, Brendan McLoughlin, Colin Fetherston, Shane Dalton and Simon Byrne. Other guests who attended were Jimmy Keaveney, Pat Daly, Coaching and Games Development Manager, Croke Park, John Bailey, Chairman, Dublin County Board, Peadar MacCanna, Humphrey Kelleher and Maeve Costello.

The day ended with an address by Jerry Grogan, National P.R.O., Cumann na mBunscol and Donal Hickey, Development Officer, Dublin County Board, who thanked the teachers and parents and Bank of Ireland for their continued support and involvement in the coaching scheme.



Pictured at the Dublin G.A.A./Bank of Ireland Fun Day in Parnell Park. From left (adults), Keith Barr (Dublin captain), Peadar MacCanna, Bank of Ireland, Humphrey Kelleher, Bank of Ireland, Paul Curran, Dublin footballer, Eoin Kelly, Bank of Ireland and Cyril Duggan, Coaching Director.



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10.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

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6th classes); St. Colmcille's, August 25th to 28th incl.; Donaghmore/Ashbourne, August 25th to 28th incl.

HURLING

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Dunboyne, July 1st-4th incl.; Donaghmore/Ashbourne, July 7th to 10th; Boardsmill, July 14th to 17th incl.; Kilmessan, July 21st to 24th incl.; St. Pat's, Stamullen, July 28th to 31st incl.; Navan O'Mahony's, August 5th to 8th incl.; Kells, August 18th to 21st incl.; Athboy, August 25th to 28th incl. Contacts: James Battersby (088) 678909; Christine O'Brien (087) 439290.

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Clara & Ferbane: July 29th-August 1st incl. (football, hurling, camogie).

Banagher: August 19th-22nd incl. (football, hurling, camogie).

Shinrone: August 26th-29th incl. (football, hurling, camogie).

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DUBLIN

WEEK 1

JUNE 30th TO JULY 4th

1H: Good Counsel, hurling; 2H: Naomh Olaf, hurling; 3H: St. Jude's, hurling; 4H: Kevin's, hurling; 5H: Setanta, hurling; 6H: St. Peregrine's, hurling; 7F: Wanderers, football; 8F: Naomh Fionnbarra, football; 9F: Round Towers, Lusk, football; 10F: Whitehall/Colmcille, football; 11F: St. Killian's, football; 12F: O'Dwyers, football; 13F: Naomh Barróg, football; 14F: St. Brigid's, football; 15F: O'Toole's, football; 16F: St. Mark's, football; 17F: St. Maur's, football; 18F: Fingal Ravens, football; 19F: Round Towers, Clondalkin, football.

WEEK 2

JULY 7th TO 11th

19H: Round Towers, Clondalkin, hurling; 20H: Crumlin, hurling; 21H: Naomh Mearnóg, hurling; 22H: Whitehall Colmcille, hurling; 23H: St. Killian's, hurling; 24H: O'Toole's, hurling; 25H: St. Mark's, hurling; 26H: St. Maur's, hurling; 27F: St. Jude's, football; 28F: Naomh Barróg, hurling; 29F: St. Mary's, Saggart, football; 30F: St. Oliver Plunkett's/Eoghan Ruadh, football; 31F: Scoil Uí Chonaill, football; 32F: St. Peregrine's, football.

WEEK 3

JULY 14th TO 18th

33H: O'Dwyer's, hurling; 34H:

Fingallians, hurling; 35H: St. Oliver Plunkett's/Eoghan Ruadh, hurling; 36H: Scoil Uí Chonaill, hurling; 37H: Skerries Harps, hurling; 38H: St. Vincent's, hurling; 39H: Commercials, hurling; 40F: Naomh Mearnóg, football; 41F: St. Finian's, Swords, football; 42F: Clann Mhuire, football; 43F: Innisfails, football; 44F: Parnells, football; 45F: St. Finian's, Newcastle, football; 46F: Ballymun Kickhams, football.

WEEK 4

AUGUST 11th TO AUGUST 15th

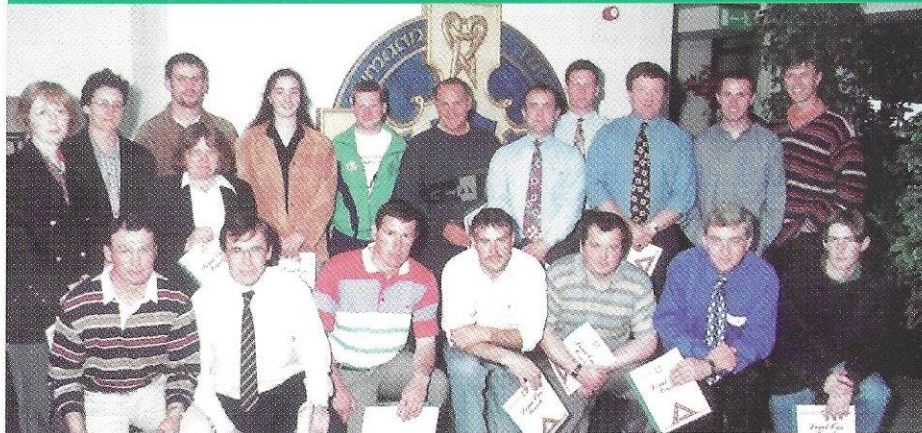
47F: Beann Éadair, football; 47H: St. Brigid's, hurling; 48F: St. Vincent's, football.

WEEK 6

AUGUST 25th TO 29th

68H: Clontarf, hurling; 69H: Faughs, hurling; 70H: Lucan Sarsfields, hurling; 71H: Cabinteely, hurling; 72H: Ballinteer St. John's, hurling; 73H: Clanna Gael-Fontenoy, hurling; 74H: Thomas Davis, hurling; 75H: Liffey Gaels, hurling; 76F: Good Counsel, football; 77F: Naomh Olaf, football; 78F: St. James Gaels, Robert Emmet, football; 79F: Raheny, football; 80F: Craobh Chiarain, football; 81F: St. Sylvester's, football; 82F: Kilmacud Crokes, football; 83F: St. Monica's, football; 84F: Templeogue, football; 85F: Ballyboden St. Enda's, football.

coaches ...



Coaches from An Mhí who received their Level 1 certificates at a presentation ceremony in Croke Park this May. Back row, Nuala Carberry, Patricia O'Brien, Oliver Flood, Maire de Burca, Catriona Ó Murchú, James Battersby, Seamus Heaney (Course Organiser), Shay Lane, Oliver Cudden, Liam Buggy, Alan Kavanagh and Colm Brady (Comhairle Laighean). Front row, Brendan Beakey, Pat Sheridan, John McCloskey, Jim Barrett, Joe Davey, Matt Donoghue and Alan Lynch.

Goal Famine Ends

When Matt Connor shot home Offaly's goal in their game against Laois at Tullamore in 1979, he bridged a gap of 30 years, back to Offaly's last Championship goal at O'Connor Park, against Westmeath in 1949.

Long Wait

While Dublin won their second provincial title within twelve months of their first triumph, Meath, who took their first Leinster crown in 1895 had to wait 44 years (until 1939) before re-entering the honours list.

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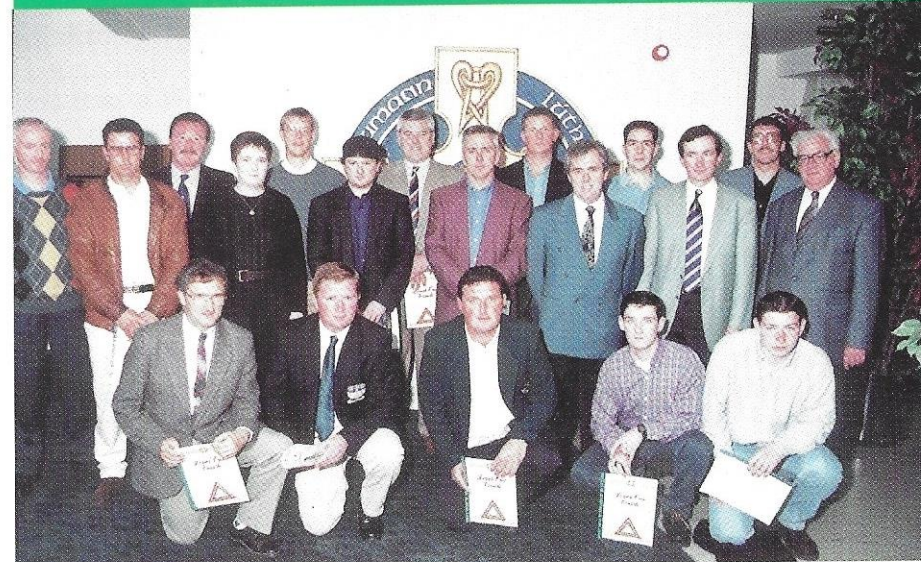
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9. R. Danne
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Baltinglass
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KEITH BYRNE
Shillelagh
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STEPHEN BYRNE
Shillelagh
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JONATHAN BEHAN
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An Tochar

FIR IONAIÐ: 16. C. Ó Coirc, **KEN QUIRKE**, Baltinglass; 17. S. Ó Neill, **SHANE O'NEILL**, Donard/Glen; 18. D. Ó Cofaigh, **DARREN COFFEY**, Rathnew; 19. M. Mac Muireartaigh, **MICK MURTAGH**, Dunlavin; 20. S. Ó Núalláin, **SEAMUS NOLAN**, An Tochar; 21. C. Mac Seanáin, **KIERAN SHANNON**, Annacurragh; 22. D. Ó Faoláin, **DAVID WHELAN**, Baltinglass; 23. E. de Faoite, **EAMON WHITE**, Rathnew; 24. F. Ó Maolagáin, **FERGAL MULLIGAN**, An Tochar.



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EAMONN HEERY
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Ballyboden/St. Enda's
9. P. Ó Bealáin
PAUL BEALIN
Ballyboden/St. Enda's
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JIM GAVIN
Round Towers
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12. P. Ó Cléirigh
PAUL CLARKE
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CHARLIE REDMOND
Erins Isle
14. M. Ó Gealbháin
MICK GALVIN
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Eoghan Ruadh*
15. J. Ó Sciorlóig
JASON SHERLOCK
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Meath Mini Games Teams

BOYS FOOTBALL

School: Carlanstown N.S. and
Kilbeg N.S.

Teachers: Tony Kearney and Mar-
tin Maloney.

Carlanstown N.S. and Kilbeg N.S.
combined this year to participate in the
Mini Sevens. These are both three-
teacher schools in a rural parish in
North Meath - Martin O'Connell's
parish.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

School: Saint Oliver Plunkett School, Navan.
Trainer: Micheál Rea; **Principal:** John
Hand.

Girls football started in St. Oliver's in 1994
with great local support from Simonstown
Gael. Since then, we have won two Division
1 titles and reached another semi-final along
with the G.A.A./I.N.T.O. Mini Sevens title this
year. Several past pupils have represented
Meath at all levels both in ladies and mens foot-
ball - Colm Brady being the most famous.

Team: 1. Lisa Maroney, 2. Linda Gorman,
3. Rosemary Tobin, 4. Celestine Keveney, 5.
Jackie Shiels, 6. Sarah Breen, 7. Jane Brady.
Subs.: 8. Sinéad Flanagan, 9. Christina Mona-
ghan, 10. Joy Booth.

Dublin Mini Games Teams

BOYS FOOTBALL

Team: William Crampton, Holy
Trinity N.S., Donaghmeade; John
Sutherland, Holy Trinity N.S.,
Donaghmeade; Michael McLough-
lin, St. Joseph's B.N.S., Terenure;
Ciaran Jennings, St. Joseph's B.N.S.,
Terenure; Eoghan O'Gara, St.
Joseph's B.N.S., Terenure; John
Ryan, St. Brigid's B.N.S., Killester;
Daragh Pelly, St. Brigid's B.N.S.,
Killester; Kevin Egan, St. Brigid's
B.N.S., Killester; Niall O'Shea,
Bishop Galvin N.S., Templeogue;
Mark Donovan, Bishop Galvin N.S.,
Templeogue.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Jacqueline Murphy, St. Francis
Xavier N.S., Coolmine; Carmel Todd,
St. Francis Xavier N.S., Coolmine;
Claire Gallagher, St. Francis Xavier
N.S., Coolmine; Laura Conlon, St.
Fiachra's S.N.S., Beaumont; Sinead
Tyrrell, St. Fiachra's S.N.S.
Beaumont; Sarah Pope, St.
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Michelle Flanagan, St. Aidan's S.N.S.,
Brookfield.

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Wicklow Mini Games Teams

BOYS FOOTBALL

School: Ashford N.S.
Teachers: Vincent Wallace, Fiona
O'Connor.

This was the first year that Ashford N.S.
won the Mini-Sevens in Wicklow. Twenty
schools took part in this year's competition
and it was interesting that two of the smaller
schools contested the final, Ashford narrowly
defeating a gallant Knockanannateam. They
will be cheering on their teacher, Conan
Daye in today's big match.

Team: 1. Laurence Newsome, 2. Joseph
Cosgrave, 3. Keith Robinson, 4. Brian
Fagan, 5. Brendan Manning, 6. Kevin
Purcell, 7. Ian Keogh, 8. Brian Long, 9. Niall
Mooney, 10. Eoin O'Shea.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

School: Roundwood N.S.
Teachers: Paraic Corbett and Eithne
Kavanagh.

The school has won the Church & General/
I.N.T.O. Mini Sevens four times - 1989, '91,
'94 and '97 in Wicklow. Seven past pupils have
played in Croke Park. Three of these have won
All-Ireland honours with Wicklow. Success at
primary school level has led to the formation of
a thriving club, "An Tochar", which has won
four senior, one under 16 and one under 14
County Championships. They beat Scoil
Chualann, Bré in this year's Mini Sevens Final.

Team: 1. Tammy Breen, 2. Orla Molloy, 3.
Joanna Cullen, 4. Sarah-Jane Cullen, 5. Linda
Ferguson, 6. Claire Crowley, 7. Lisa-Maria
Brady, 8. Grainne Jackson, 9. Christine Shortt,
10. Carmel Magee.

Offaly Mini Games Teams

BOYS FOOTBALL

School: Ballybryan N.S., Rhode, Co.
Offaly.

School Principal: Stephen Darby.

Former pupils who are All-Ireland
medal winners - Eugene Mulligan,
Seamus Darby, Stephen Darby,
Johnny Mooney and Charlie Conroy.

Team: 1. Patrick McDonnell, 2.
Brian Darby, 3. Paraic Sullivan, 4.
Niall McNamee, 5. Aaron Morris, 6.
Bobby McDonnell, 7. Niall Spain, 8.
David Lalor, 9. Michael Shanahan, 10.
Jody Kavanagh.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

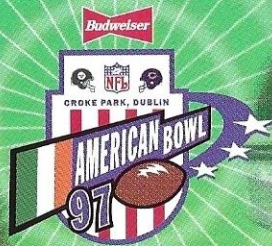
School: St. Rynagh's N.S., Banagher.
Teachers: Brendan Hanamy, Mark
McLoughlin and James Scully.

Girls football was introduced into the
school in 1990. Since then, St. Rynagh's
have won several county competitions and
four I.N.T.O. Mini-Sevens titles. The ap-
pearance of the team at the Mini Sevens
Regional Final in Navan last month and here
in Croke Park today will provide precious
memories for all involved.

Team: 1. Louise Molloy, 2. Triona Ryan,
3. Gemma Flynn, 4. Niamh Kirwan, 5.
Elisha Kelly, 6. Laura Sullivan, 7. Arlene
Meaney, 8. Vicki McCormack, 9. Sinead
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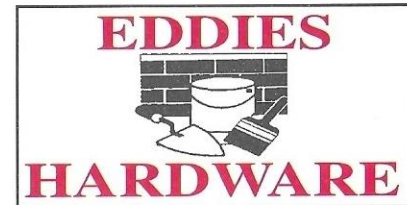
OFFALY CLAIMS TO FAME

Offaly went through the Leinster campaign in 1971 without conceding a goal, having beaten Longford 1-7 to 0-3, Laois 2-12 to 0-10 and Kildare 2-14 to 0-6 in the final.

Offaly is the only Leinster county to have beaten Kerry in a replay in an All-Ireland Final. Over the years Kildare, Wexford, Louth, Dublin and Laois all succumbed to the Kingdom's replay "magic", but in the 1982 All-Ireland replay, Offaly finally shattered Kerry's dominance in this respect.

Clara in Offaly was the first club affiliated to the GAA. They earned this distinction on December 15th, 1884.

Eugene Mulligan (Rhode) was the first player to be nominated on his own for a position on a GAA All-Star team. This happened in 1971 and later that year he was selected as Offaly's first Texaco Award winner.



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Leinster Senior Football Championship 1994

Late Equaliser Earns Wicklow Replay

Offaly 1-9
Wicklow 0-12

When Offaly and Wicklow met in the first round of the Leinster Championship at Aughrim on the second last Sunday in May, 1994, the game was regarded as a contest between two "no hope" sides in view of the recent form of the two teams; it was four years since Wicklow last won a Championship game, while Offaly had declined to Division 4 status in the N.F.L.

Yet the sides combined to provide as exciting a 70 minutes as one could wish for. Maybe the standard of football was lacking in real quality, but there was an abundance of incidents and a level of exciting tension that ensured that few of the estimated 5,000 spectators left before the final whistle.

Wicklow, although playing against a stiff breeze, dominated the opening 35 minutes, so much so that they were not in the least flattered by their 0-9 to 0-3 interval lead. Such was Wicklow's superiority during the opening half that one shuddered to think what the second half held in store for the visitors.

But what a change the second half brought, a couple of switches seemed to do the trick and suddenly Wicklow were dancing to the Offaly air. It helped of course that Wicklow were down to 14 men, Paul Allen getting the line after just four minutes of the second half. Substitute Padraig Dunne levelled the game for Offaly in the 49th minute and Vinny Claffey put them ahead in the 61st minute. It took an injury time point from Wicklow substitute Trevor Doyle to send the game to a replay in Tullamore six days later.

Offaly: Seamus Kelly, Tom Coffey,

Finbar Cullen, David Foley, Padraig Moran (Captain), Ken Kelleghan, Phil O'Reilly, Ronan Mooney, David Coffey, Kevin Flynn, Peter Brady (1-1), John Kenny (0-1), John Carroll, Sean Grennan (0-1), Vinny Claffey (0-5, 0-4 frees). Subs.: Padraig Dunne (0-1) for O'Reilly, Aidan Stewart for Kelleghan, Jody Kennedy for Carroll.

Wicklow: Tommy Murphy, Tom Keogh, Hugh Kenny (Captain), Mick Murtagh, Donal Lenehan, Billy Kenny, Ashley O'Sullivan, Raymond Danne, Fergus Daly (0-2, 0-1 free), Paul Allen (0-1), Pat Byrne, Kevin Cunningham, Conan Daye (0-5, 0-3 frees), Darren Coffey, Kevin O'Brien (0-3). Subs.: Terry Allen for Coffey, Trevor Doyle (0-1) for O'Brien.

Referee: Joe Woods (Dublin). Substitute Paul Whelan (Wexford) replaced the injured Woods with eight minutes remaining in the game.

REPLAY OFFALY THROUGH AFTER REMARKABLE RECOVERY

Offaly 3-11
Wicklow 0-14

The replay in Tullamore on May 28th followed much the same pattern as the drawn encounter, with Wicklow taking the game to Offaly from the throw-in and completely dominating for long periods, so much so that they led by 5 points with 10 minutes remaining. However, Offaly performed another Houdini act which produced an avalanche of scores to turn the 5 points deficit into a 6 point winning margin.

The first half saw scores level on numerous occasions. However, thanks to a

Vinny Claffey goal, Offaly went in leading by 1-5 to 0-7 at the interval. On the resumption Wicklow completely dominated proceedings and for 25 minutes they enjoyed the freedom of O'Connor Park as they mesmerised Offaly with some stylish passing moves, and even if their finishing was not all that impressive, they still appeared to have the game in safe keeping as they led by 0-14 to 1-6 after 60 minutes.

The first hint of a home revival came when Peter Brady placed his skipper, Padraig Moran for a thundering drive which came back off the crossbar. That was the spark that ignited the fire, for with super-sub Padraig Dunne being sprung from the bench and Jimmy Stewart coming into his own when switched to midfield, Offaly started motoring in earnest. Points by Claffey and Sean Grennan were followed by a cracking goal from Moran to leave the sides level 2-8 to 0-14. There was no way back for the visitors, who by now had become thoroughly demoralised and dis-

organised. Points by Brady and Claffey were followed by a Jimmy Stewart goal to complete one of the most remarkable recoveries seen at the venue for many a long day.

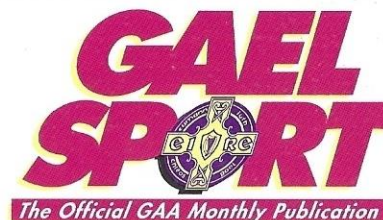
Offaly: Seamus Kelly, Tom Coffey, Finbar Cullen, David Foley, Padraig Moran (Captain) (1-0), Ken Kelleghan, James Brady, Ronan Mooney, David Coffey, Kevin Flynn, James Stewart (1-0), John Kenny, Peter Brady (0-5, 0-4 frees), Sean Grennan (0-1), Vinny Claffey (1-4, 0-3 frees). Subs.: Michael Devine for Foley, Padraig Dunne (0-1) for Kenny.

Wicklow: Tommy Murphy, Hugh Kenny (Captain), Tom Keogh, Billy Kenny, Mick Murtagh, Raymond Danne (0-1), Donal Linehan, Pat O'Byrne, Fergus Daly, Kevin Cunningham (0-2), David Whelan, Ashley O'Sullivan (0-3), Conan Daye (0-5, 0-2 frees), Fergal Donoghue, Trevor Doyle (0-3). Subs.: Brendan Daly for H. Kenny, Darren Behan for Whelan, Kevin O'Brien for O'Sullivan.

Referee: Pat Casserly (Westmeath).

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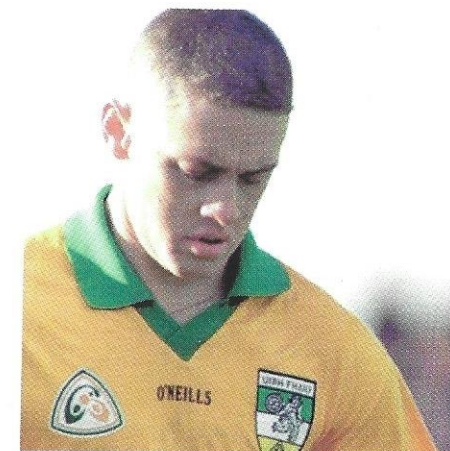
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Dreaded Noughts

Offaly and Wicklow both have had the dismal experience of finishing a championship game without raising a flag. The Garden County's day of the dreaded noughts was in the 1891 semi-final with Dublin at Clonturk Park on October 25th when represented by Rathnew, they had no answer to the powerful Metropolitan, going down by 4-11 to nil.

Offaly went one better (or worse?) in that on two occasions they failed to raise a flag in a Leinster Championship game. The first was in 1901 when they were crushed by Louth (2-16 to nil) at Jones' Road in the first round, and 16 years later it was also in an opening round tie that the forwards failed completely as Laois romped home by 2-7 to 0-0 at Ballyduff Park.



Pádraig Kelly, Offaly — he kept a clean slate in the replay game against Westmeath.

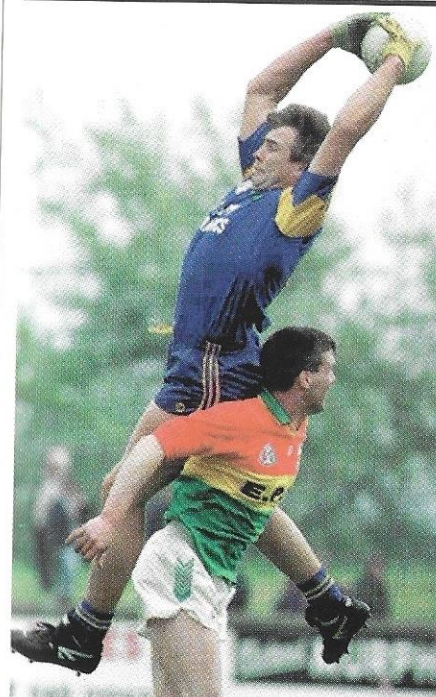
wicklow's Internationals

The 1936 All-Ireland Junior Championship was notable for the fact that there was no entry from Britain which meant the "Home Final" between Wicklow and Mayo was, for once, the final proper. There was an interesting development from the non-appearance of the exiles in the final, as it was decided to stage "Internationals" between Ireland and Britain in both codes instead.

The decision brought further honours to Wicklow, as no fewer than eight of the All-Ireland winning team were selected to play against Britain at Croke Park on October 4th with Martin O'Neill being honoured with the captaincy.

The team which beat the exiles in this unique "international" was: J. Sexton, Kildare; A. Golden, Mayo; P. Nolan, Wicklow; W. Durcan, Mayo; R. Elliott, Wicklow; P. O'Brien, Kerry; M. O'Brien, D. Kerrigan, D. Dalton, all Wicklow; M. O'Malley, Mayo; P. Russell, Waterford; T. Tyrrell, Wicklow; P. Smith, Cavan; M. Keating, Wicklow; M. O'Neill, Wicklow, captain.

Sadly, this experiment in "international competition" was never repeated.



Fergus Daly - the Wicklow midfielder demonstrating his high fielding skills.

Dublin v. Meath

THE OLDEST OF RIVALS

Today marks the Golden Jubilee of Dublin and Meath clashes in the Leinster Senior Football Championships, with Dublin holding a 12 game advantage over their neighbours from the Royal County, having won 27 to Meath's 15 with no fewer than 7 games ending level including that never to be forgotten saga in 1991 when they drew on three occasions before Meath eventually came out on top by a single point.

The full list of previous meetings is:

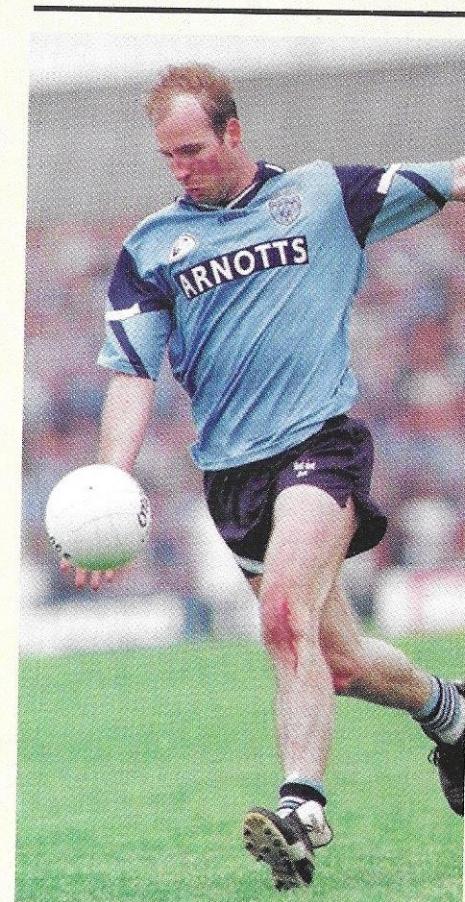
- 1894:-** Final: Clonturk Park, Dublin 0-4, Meath 0-4; Replay: Navan, Dublin 0-2, Meath 0-2; Second Replay: Clonturk Park, Dublin 1-8, Meath 1-2.
- 1895:-** Final: Jones' Road, Meath 0-6, Dublin 0-2.
- 1896:-** Final: Bryanstown, Dublin 2-4, Meath 1-5.
- 1908:-** First Round: Jones' Road, Dublin 1-8, Meath 0-1.
- 1911:-** Semi-Final: Jones Road, Meath 2-3, Dublin 0-2.
- 1919:-** Second Round, Navan, Dublin 0-7, Meath 0-2.
- 1921:-** First Round: Croke Park,

Dublin 3-6, Meath 0-0.

- 1923:-** Final: Croke Park, Dublin 3-5, Meath 0-0.
- 1924:-** First Round, Navan, Dublin 2-6, Meath 1-4.
- 1930:-** Semi-Final: Drogheda, Meath 3-6, Dublin 1-4.
- 1932:-** First Round: Drogheda, Dublin 3-6, Meath 0-4.
- 1933:-** First Round: Drogheda, Dublin 1-8, Meath 1-4.
- 1934:-** Semi-Final: Drogheda, Dublin 2-8, Meath 1-9.
- 1940:-** Semi-Final: Newbridge, Meath 1-7, Dublin 0-5.
- 1941:-** Second Round: Drogheda, Dublin 1-8, Meath 1-6.
- 1942:-** Semi-Final: Drogheda, Dublin 3-5, Meath 1-10.
- 1944:-** First Round: Drogheda, Dublin 1-8, Meath 1-6.
- 1945:-** Second Round: Drogheda, Meath 3-6, Dublin 4-3; Replay: Croke Park, Meath 2-12, Dublin 1-10.
- 1951:-** Second Round: Drogheda, Meath 0-11, Dublin 1-5.
- 1952:-** First Round: Drogheda, Meath 2-7, Dublin 2-5.
- 1953:-** First Round: Navan, Meath 2-6, Dublin 2-5.

- 1955:-** Final: Croke Park: Dublin, 5-12, Meath 0-7.
- 1958:-** Second Round: Drogheda, Dublin 1-12, Meath 2-7.
- 1961:-** Semi-Final: Navan, Dublin 4-14, Meath 1-7.
- 1963:-** Second Round: Croke Park, Dublin 2-6, Meath 2-5.
- 1964:-** Final: Croke Park, Meath 2-12, Dublin 1-7.
- 1974:-** Final: Croke Park, Dublin 1-14, Meath 1-9.
- 1976:-** Final: Croke Park, Dublin 2-8, Meath 1-9.
- 1977:-** Final: Croke Park, Dublin 1-9, Meath 0-8.
- 1980:-** Semi-Final: Navan, Dublin 3-13, Meath 2-7.
- 1983:-** Semi-Final: Croke Park, Dublin 2-8, Meath 2-8; Replay: Croke Park, Dublin 3-9, Meath 0-16.
- 1984:-** Final: Croke Park, Dublin 2-10, Meath 1-9.
- 1986:-** Final: Croke Park, Meath 0-9, Dublin 0-7.
- 1987:-** Final: Croke Park, Meath 1-13, Dublin 0-12.
- 1988:-** Final: Croke Park, Meath 2-5, Dublin 0-9.
- 1989:-** Final: Croke Park, Dublin 2-12, Meath 1-10.
- 1990:-** Final: Croke Park, Meath 1-14, Dublin 0-14.
- 1991:-** First Round: Croke Park, Meath 1-12, Dublin 1-12; Replay: Croke Park, Meath 1-11, Dublin 1-11; Second Replay: Croke Park,

- Meath 2-11, Dublin 1-14; Third Replay: Croke Park, Meath 2-10, Dublin 0-15.
- 1993:-** Semi-Final: Croke Park, Dublin 1-10, Meath 0-12.
- 1994:-** Final: Croke Park, Dublin 1-9, Meath 1-8.
- 1995:-** Final: Croke Park, Dublin 1-18, Meath 1-8.
- 1996:-** Final: Croke Park, Meath 0-10, Dublin 0-8.



Brian Stynes for Dublin — will line out at midfield today against Meath.

Wicklow v. Offaly

Previous Championship Meetings

Despite meeting in the Leinster Championship way back in 1898, Offaly and Wicklow have clashed on only six occasions in Leinster contests and ironically Wicklow have not defeated Offaly in Championship football since that initial outing in 1898. Indeed, Offaly and Wicklow were due to meet a year earlier in 1897, but Offaly conceded a walk-over.

The results of the previous encounters are:-

- 1898: Jones Road, Wicklow 1-11, Offaly 0-4.
- 1940: Naas, Offaly 1-13, Wicklow 1-5.
- 1967: Croke Park, Offaly 0-13, Wicklow 0-7.
- 1977: Croke Park, Offaly 0-19, Wicklow 0-7.
- 1994: Aughrim, Offaly 1-9, Wicklow 0-12; Replay: Tullamore, Offaly 3-11, Wicklow 0-14.

1977 OFFALY OVERWHELM WICKLOW At Croke Park

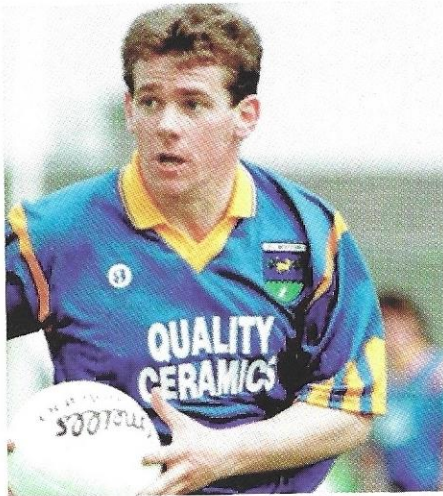
Offaly 0-19
Wicklow 0-7

The scoreline tells the story of this disappointing first-round encounter.

Both sides were seeking to put some bad experiences behind them. Offaly had fallen a long way from the standards of 1969-'73 while Wicklow had not recorded a championship win since 1971. And the Garden County's travail was not destined to end before one of the smallest attendances at a championship game for years.

Wicklow scored first and last, but in between Offaly, without ever looking the part of world-beaters did enough to avoid any serious threat to their position.

Scores were level at the eighth minute, but the competitive element was on the wane from the moment that Paddy Fenning put Offaly ahead. By the interval it was 0-12 to 0-2, and if the subsequent efforts of the



Conan Daye - the accurate Wicklow left full forward.

O'Toole's and Doyle's were never less than praiseworthy, they never really posed a threat to the winners.

Offaly: J. Murphy, M. Fitzgerald, E. Mulhall, M. Wright, E. Mulligan, R. Connor, P. Fitzgerald, J. Mooney, W. Bryan, G. Carroll, V. Henry, P. Fenning, J. Dunne, E. Lowry, G. Hickey. Sub.: H. Kennedy.

Wicklow: B. Finnegan, L. McGraynor, J. Lyons, P. Doyle, J. Byrne, M. O'Toole, G. Farrell, P. O'Toole, P. Quinn, W. Alexander, P. Burke, M. Doyle, T. Murphy, M. Coffey, J. Lynch. Sub.: F. Newsome, G. Graham, L. McLoughlin.

1967 OFFALY TOO GOOD FOR WICKLOW At Croke Park

Offaly 0-13
Wicklow 0-7

With wins over Wexford and Laois behind them, Wicklow were well prepared for

this quarter-final clash with Offaly who were making their championship debut and the manner in which the Garden County opened suggested that a third successive win was well within their compass.

Three Wicklow points inside six minutes rocked Offaly, but failed to dismay them, and as the midfield of Bryan and Hughes came to terms with the opposition, the pendulum swung slowly to the Faithful County.

By the interval, Offaly were 0-7 to 0-4 ahead and the lead was stretched in the third quarter before Wicklow staged a brief rally. But the rally gradually fizzled out and only the heroic defence offered by Paul O'Neill, Andy Phillips and Jack Fitzpatrick kept the arrears to reasonable proportions.

Offaly: M. Furlong, M. Ryan, J. Smith, J. Egan, J. Grogan, P. McCormack, J. Hanlon, G. Hughes, W. Bryan, R. Scally, J. Cooney, T. McTeague, T. Greene, S. Evans, J. Malone. Sub.: A. Hickey for Bryan.

Wicklow: A. Phillips, M. Lalor, B. McCarthy, T. Wall, P. Corrigan, J. Fitzpatrick, T. Clarke, W. Cuffe, N. Scott, P. Clarke, T. Scott, A. Norton, W. Norton, W. Kelly, M. McNamee. Subs.: P. O'Neill for Wall, J. Coates for Cuffe.

1940 SECOND HALF RALLY SEALS OFFALY VICTORY

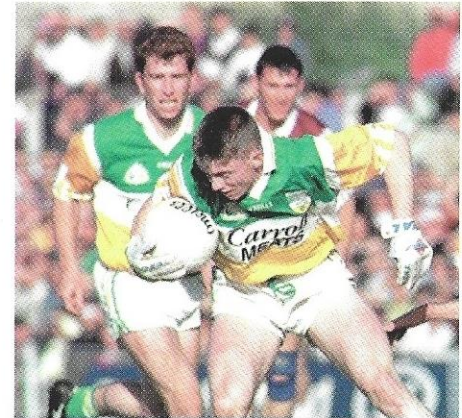
At Naas

Offaly 1-13
Wicklow 1-5

Wicklow were still striving to make their mark since returning to senior ranks three years earlier and they got the start they wanted when Nolan and Timmons forced the ball past goalkeeper Gibney after only three minutes play.

But Offaly steadied quickly and points by Quinn, Hipwell and Hanlon brought them level. Another Hanlon point put them ahead before Tom Mulhall burst through for a great goal. Wicklow, however, had the better of the closing minutes and points by Lawless (2) and Byrne left them only a point adrift at the break, 1-3 to 1-4.

Kelly levelled at the 34th minute but then Offaly took over and gradually pulled away, thanks to a steady stream of points by Hanlon, Hughes, Mulhall and Quinn.



Cathal Daly - a key figure in the Offaly defence.

1898 THE FIRST ENCOUNTER At Jones Road

Wicklow 1-11
Offaly 0-4

Offaly were seeking their first ever win in championship football in this game played in almost summer-like conditions on the third Sunday of November (1899) in the Championship of 1898. The midlanders, however, did not have much time to appreciate the setting as from an early stage they were under heavy pressure from a much fitter opposing 17. Still, with the slight wind at their backs, they just about held their own in the opening half hour and, indeed, managed to turn over leading by 0-4 to 0-3.

But the second half was almost totally in favour of the Wicklow men, and when the points registered by Jordan and Behan were supplemented by a goal from O'Neill, the game collapsed as a contest despite the sterling defence offered to the end by Downes, Flattery, Malone and Mullins.

Wicklow: J. Smullen (Capt.), T. O'Carroll, E. McCall, H. Doyle, J. Sinnott, J. Gorman, M. Doyle, J. Kavanagh, C. McGraeren, T. Gill, J. Jordan, M. Keogh, J. O'Neill, P. Behan, J. Cramlin, W. Nolan, J. Wynne.

Offaly: J. Downes (Capt.), J. Rowe, J. Guinan, J. Flattery, J. Curran, W. Malone, M. Shelly, H. Mullins, J. Geoghegan, J. Kinahan, R. Murphy, P. Quinn, J. Kilmurray, P. Forrester, F. Reynolds, K. Nevin and S. Hughes.



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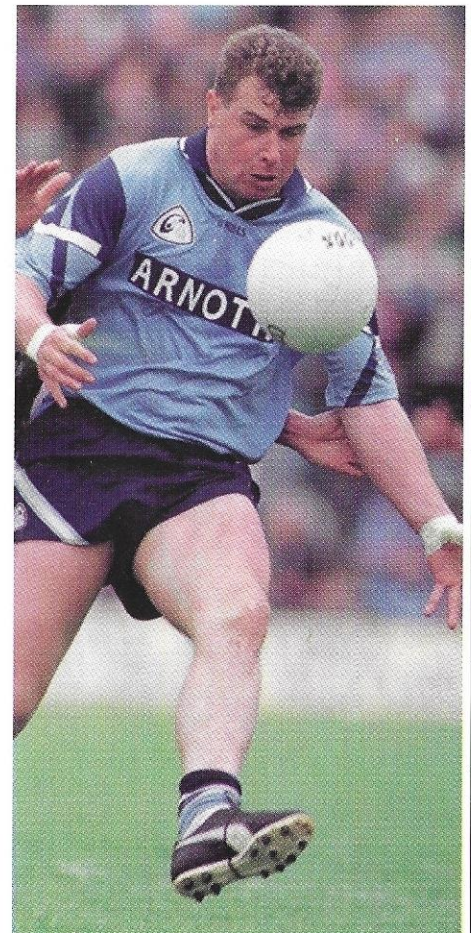
An Historic Miss

A dispute about the venue led to the fixture being abandoned and deprived Wicklow of the distinction of taking part in what would have been the first ever Championship game in 1897.

How it came about is part of an intriguing scenario surrounding the draws for the first round in that inaugural year. Twelve counties entered the football competition and Wicklow and Clare were fixed to play their tie at Athlone on Tuesday, July 19th, five days before the next two games involving Waterford, Louth, Kilkenny and Cork, were down for decision.

But it appears that even at that early stage of the championship, there was a special glamour attached to playing in Dublin, although the GAA did not own any pitch in the Capital. Wicklow simply objected to playing down the country when the other ties had the setting of Elm Park on the South side of the city, and a statement issued by Wicklow officials complained that “... while Waterford, Louth, Meath, Galway, Wexford and Limerick are accorded the privilege of playing at Elm Park Merrion ... we must decline to ask any team to go to Athlone this season for a match ...”.

No doubt the Wicklow decision to pull out of the Championship was made on perceived point of principle, but in retrospect it was a pity that they did so, thus missing the chance to make history.



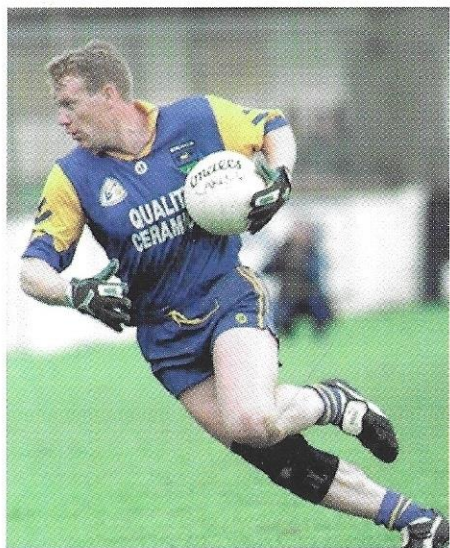
Deep in concentration is Dublin's sharpshooter, Charlie Redmond.

Wicklow's First

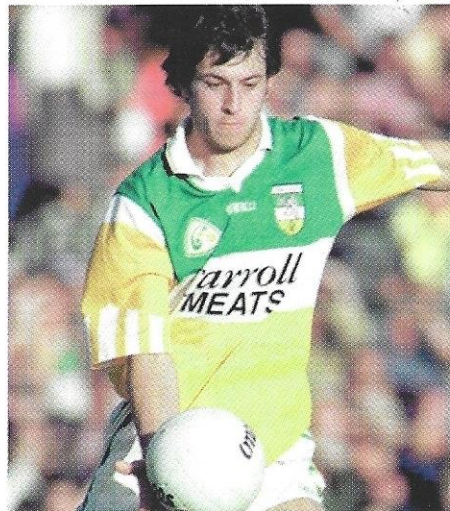
While Wicklow's list of honours won may not compare with that of Offaly, the Garden County can still claim that in several ways they were ahead of Offaly. For instance, Wicklow contested their first Leinster Senior Final in 1897, ten years before Offaly made an appearance at this stage of the Championship.

Wicklow also won their first Leinster title (Junior 1906) 35 years before Offaly won theirs. And perhaps even more noteworthy is the fact that Wicklow won an All-Ireland football title (Junior 1936), 28 years before The Faithful County had their historic first success (minor) in 1964.

Events of recent years obviously reflect more credit on Offaly, but Wicklow can still claim some significant "first" vis-a-vis Offaly.



Kevin O'Brien, Wicklow, one of the top forwards in the country.



Roy Malone, Offaly, a forward with exceptional talent.

Step by Step

When Offaly set out in the mid-Seventies to rebuild their fortunes in the wake of the post 1972 slump, the rehabilitation proceeded literally step by step. In 1976, Offaly lost their first round to Meath. A year later they made it to the second round where Wexford sent them packing and in 1978 the end of the line came at the semi-final stage when Dublin won the clash in Portlaoise. Twelve months later, Offaly reached the Provincial final but that was as far as they went as Dublin's late flourish won the day.

Progress was maintained, however, and in 1980 their exit was at the All-Ireland semi-final stage (to Kerry) and it was to Kerry that the verdict was conceded in the 1981 All-Ireland Final.

But the final step in 1982 when Eugene Magee's persistence and patience paid off in the shape of the dramatic win over the "Kingdom". If it had been a long haul, it showed that a county willing to lay its plans carefully and take it a step at a time can make it to the top.

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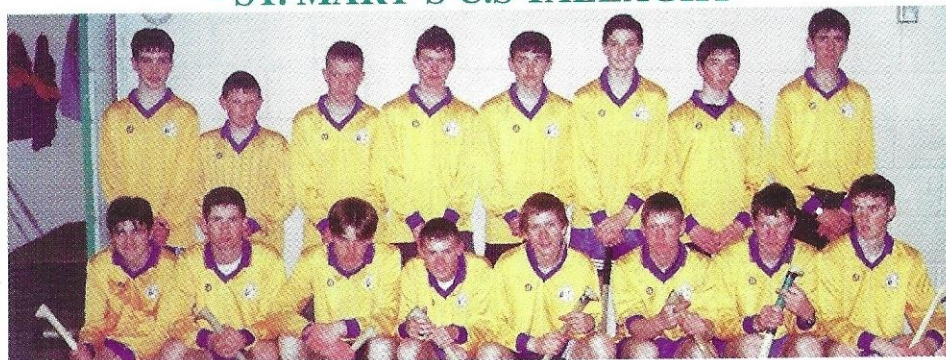


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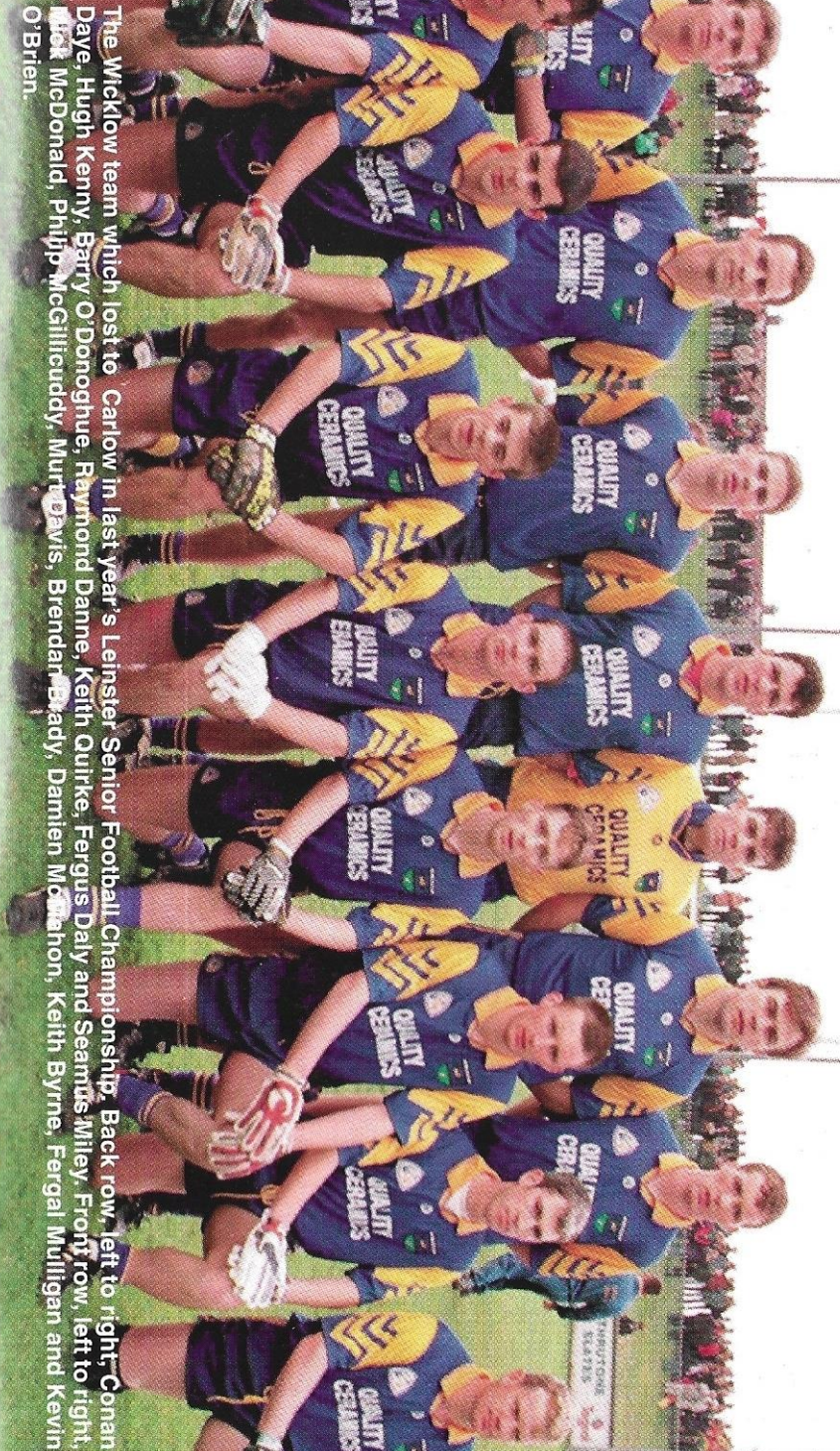
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12. The G.A.A. reserves the right for its servants or agents to remove from the stadium any person who does not comply with the Ground Regulations or whose presence on the ground could reasonably be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to other spectators.

Medical/Lost Children

Medical

Upper Hogan: Medical Centre rear of Press Area.

Lower Hogan: Treatment and Cardiac Ambulance rear of Section G/L.

New Stand Lower: Medical Centre rear of Section 301.

New Stand Upper: Medical Centre rear of Section 701.

Treatment and Cardiac Ambulance rear of Stand.

Medical Personnel on duty on Premium & Box Level.

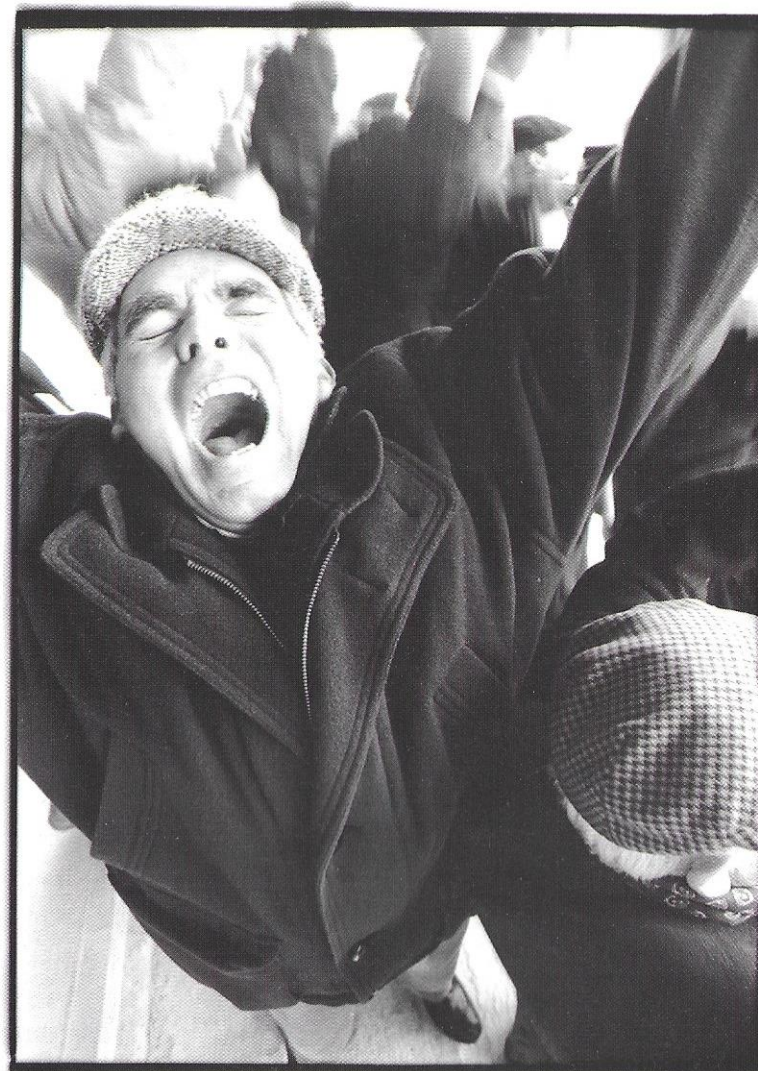
Hill 16: Treatment Ambulance beside Treatment Centre rear of Terrace.

The Site Medical Officer will be situated on the pitch in front of the Nally Stand.

All Treatment Centres are staffed by St. John's Ambulance Brigade members.

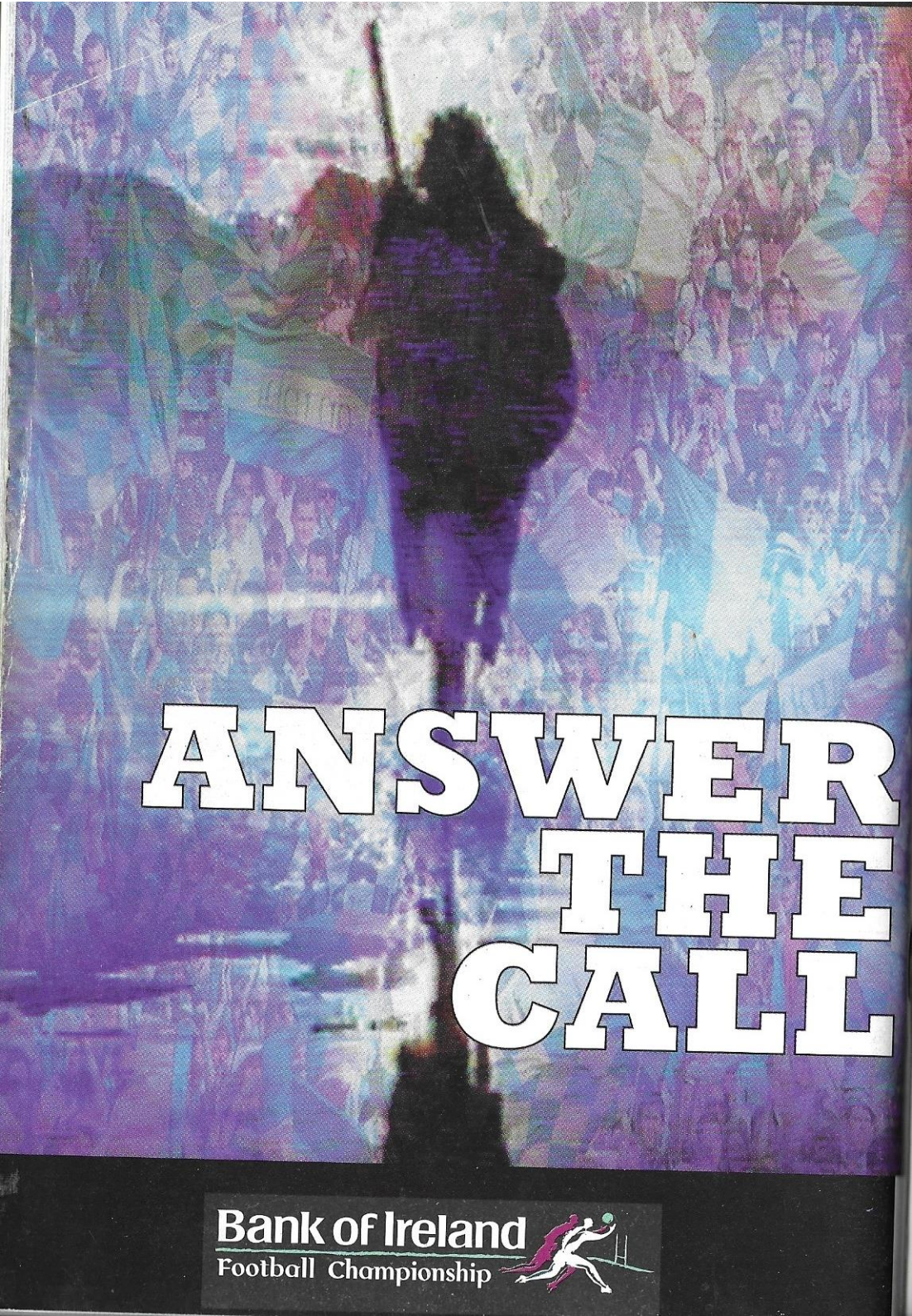
Lost Children

Lost Children can be collected at the above Medical Centres.



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