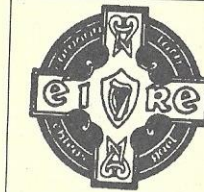




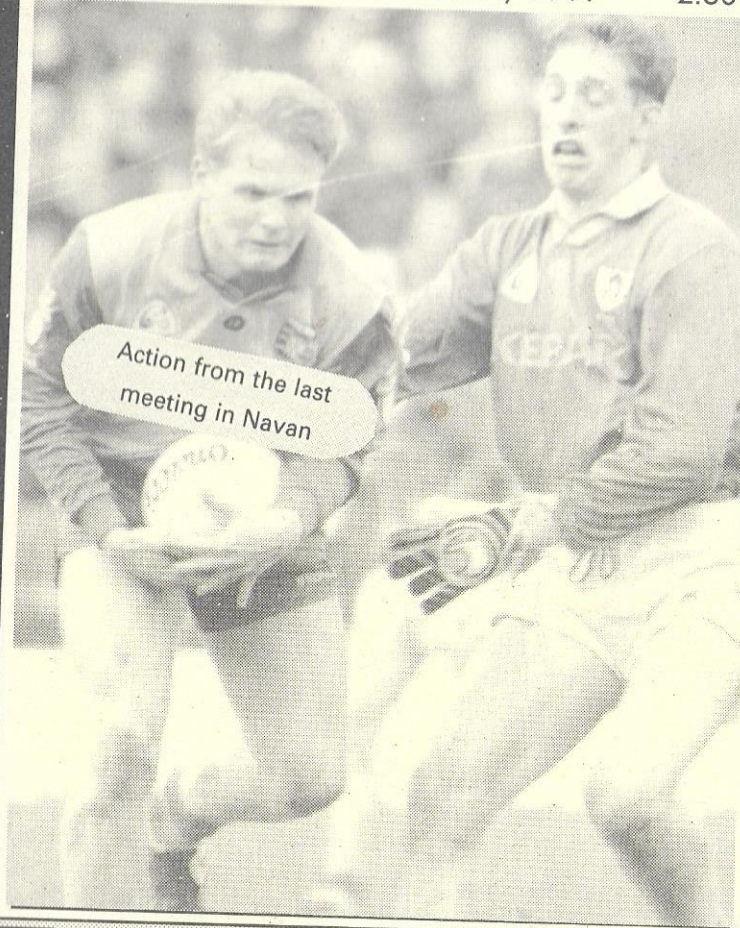
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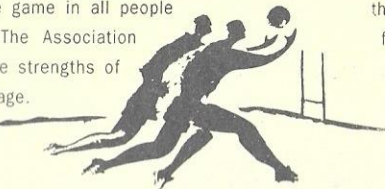
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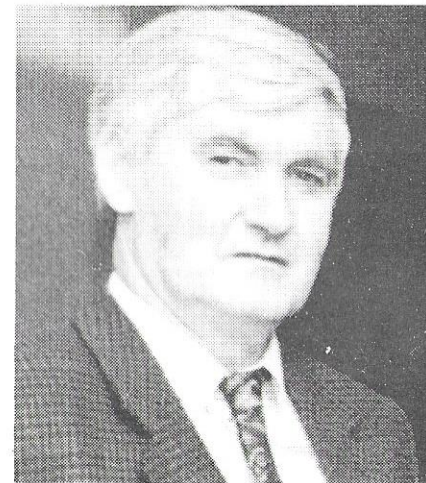
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DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kildare	4	3	0	1	4-42	3-35	6
Cork	4	2	2	0	1-43	4-28	6
Kerry	4	2	0	2	4-42	4-38	4
Donegal	4	1	2	1	6-29	4-33	4
Cavan	4	1	1	2	3-32	1-41	3
Tyrone	4	1	1	2	4-30	4-26	3
Meath	4	1	1	2	3-28	3-41	3
Derry	4	1	1	2	0-34	2-38	3

Games today: Kildare v Derry; Donegal v Meath; Kerry v Tyrone; Cork v Cavan
Feb. 16: Derry v Donegal; Meath v Kildare; Trone v Cork; Cavan v Kerry.
March 2: Meath v Derry; Kildare v Donegal; Tyrone v Cavan; Kerry v Cork.

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Laois	4	3	0	1	6-30	5-29	6
Louth	4	3	0	1	2-37	3-30	6
Armagh	4	2	1	1	5-34	4-31	6
Dublin	4	1	2	1	1-27	1-30	4
Leitrim	4	1	1	2	3-43	4-38	4
Mayo	4	1	1	2	4-32	4-32	4
Clare	4	1	0	3	2-20	2-22	2
Monaghan	4	1	0	3	5-29	5-40	2

Games today: Clare v Mayo; Leitrim v Armagh; Laois v Monaghan; Dublin v Louth.
Feb. 16: Armagh v Clare; Mayo v Leitrim; Louth v Laois; Monaghan v Dublin.
March 2: Mayo v Armagh; Leitrim v Clare; Louth v Monaghan; Dublin v Laois.

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Down	4	4	0	0	6-58	2-30	8
Roscommon	4	4	0	0	4-39	2-32	8
Antrim	4	2	0	2	4-29	2-39	4
Westmeath	4	2	0	2	1-41	2-31	4
Wicklow	4	2	0	2	5-33	5-33	4
Galway	4	1	0	3	7-32	3-38	2
Longford	4	1	0	3	2-40	7-44	2
Wexford	4	0	0	4	1-25	7-50	0

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Offaly	4	4	0	0	6-50	2-28	8
Fermanagh	3	3	0	0	4-40	0-26	6
Carlow	4	3	0	1	2-42	1-37	6
Sligo	5	3	0	2	6-66	3-44	6
Waterford	5	3	0	2	5-40	6-41	6
Tipperary	4	2	0	2	6-43	2-42	4
Limerick	4	1	0	3	1-30	6-40	2
Kilkenny	4	0	0	4	3-20	8-57	0
London	5	0	0	5	1-38	6-54	0

Games today: Antrim v Roscommon; Galway v Down; Wicklow v Longford; Westmeath v Wexford.
Feb. 16: Down v Antrim; Roscommon v Galway; Wexford v Wicklow; Longford v Westmeath.
March 2: Roscommon v Down; Galway v Antrim; Wexford v Longford; Westmeath v Wicklow.
Games today: Carlow v Offaly; Waterford v Tipperary; Fermanagh v Kilkenny; London v Limerick.
Feb. 16: Offaly v Fermanagh; Limerick v Tipperary; Carlow v Kilkenny; Sligo v Waterford.
March 2: Offaly v Limerick; Fermanagh v Carlow; Kilkenny v London; Tipperary v Sligo.
March 16: Kilkenny v Offaly; Carlow v Limerick; Waterford v Fermanagh; London v Sligo.
To be arranged: Fermanagh v Tipperary.

O'Connell - the old boy - still breaking new ground

Martin O'Connell's flirtation with controversy as a result of an incident during the All Ireland semi-final against Tyrone brought one of Meath's most loyal footballing servants somewhat reluctantly into the spotlight.

O'Connell, despite having played for Meath - on and off - since his National League debut in 1982, seems to have avoided much of the hype and hoopla enjoyed (endured?) by such as Mick Lyons, Liam Hayes, Bernard Flynn, David Beggy and Colm O'Rourke, to name just a few of the big name players he partnered to Leinster and All Ireland success.

When it came to finals O'Connell's photograph more so than his thoughts tended to appear in national and local papers. After all he was a butcher with Sam Black and the picture editors just loved a shot of Martin holding a meat cleaver to which the sub editors would add the inevitable headline "Dublin for the chop".

However, O'Connell's penchant for breaking or equalling some very long held records in Meath, allied to his faultless performances in the '96 championship have prompted inevitable attention.

In Meath they can rattle of his 'vital statistics' without blinking an eye. Last November's announcement of selection on the Powerscreen All Star side brings to four his collection of such awards. he and Tommy Dowd with four awards each hold the Meath record.

However, he has achieved one very special milestone, the only Meath player to win three All Ireland medals while on the field of play, which is a subtle distinction which the stats freaks have not overlooked!

Apart from that there are six Leinster medals for Meath which enjoins him in rather special company -- with 'the man in the cap', Peter McDermott.

While those records may be the stuff of pub quiz questions, there can be little doubt that they give some indication of a remarkable career.

O'Connell started in the Autumn of '82 in a meath jersey against Cavan in Kingscourt.

He had to wait two years for his championship debut, that came in '84 at Mullingar against Westmeath but 52 championship outings later he has seen the good and the bad times as a meath player.

Remarkably he has played in every position on the field for Meath - including goals when Conor Martin got injured in a tournament game.

From the highs of 1986 to the lows of a Leinster final defeat by dublin in '95 O'Connell, along with another great survivor from 'the ould days' Colm Coyle, has seen Meath scale the heights, recover from the lows and in 1996 invent an All-ireland winning side which many in Meath suspected last January was not possible.

Young players who watched him in awe in Croke park now sit beside him in the dressing room, players who he says are "full of confidence", players who he says ask and give tips because he firmly believes "you're never too old to learn" when it comes to football.

Although Martin O'Connell may not field today for Meath because of a back injury, it would seem certain he is determined to continue to break Meath records and the hearts of players from Donegal, Dublin and elsewhere with his perceptive brand of defensive football.



Martin O'Connell, in action against Donegal in the 1990 All-Ireland semi-final, with Joyce McMullan in close attendance.

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PLAYER PROFILE

Brian Roper

Occupation:

Monumental
Sculptor

Date of Birth: 5th
December, 1974.

Height: 5.6".

Weight: 11 stone.

Club: Aodh Ruadh

Fav. Position:

Centre-half
forward.

Honours with Club:

1 S.F.C., 1 U-21, 2
Minor, 1 Ulster
Minor, 3 U-17, 1
Herald Cup.

Honours with County:

Ulster and U-21 medals.

Intercounty Debut: 15-10-
1995.

Toughest Opponent: Don't
want him to know.

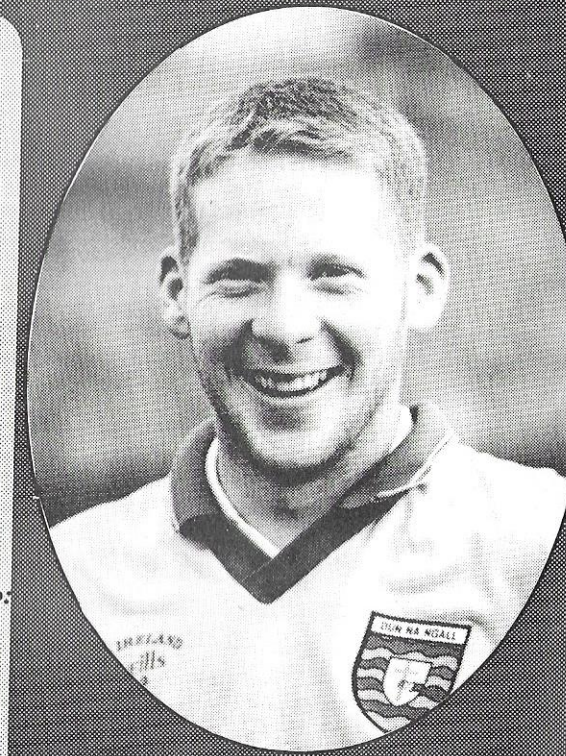
Favourite Ground: Croke
Park

Boyhood Heroes: Martin
McHugh, Jack O'Shea.

Favourite Other Sports:

Soccer, Outdoor
Pursuits.

Influence on Your Career:



My family and Josie Boyle.

Most Memorable Game:

Donegal winning the All-
Ireland in 1992.

Biggest Disappointment:

Losing every game.

Ways of Improving the

Game: Allow players to
pick ball off the ground.

Dislikes about the GAA: Not

enough attention to
players.

Hopes for 1997: To win

Ulster.

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le: Séamus de Faoite, (Oifigeach na Gaeilge)

Le beagnach cúig mí anuas d'fhulaing peil na Mí tréimhse maslach. Leis an fhírinne a rá, b'fhéidir go mbeadh an focal clampar níos oiriúnaigh. Déan dearmad do scéal Pháirc an Chrócaigh agus do thoradh an lae sin i Meán Fomhair. Scríobhadh a lán faoi agus níor moladh aon chuid dó go speisialta acu sin nach n-abrann aon rud maith in am ar bith fá dtaobh d'ár gcluichí naisiúnta.

Thóg muintir na Mí go bog é agus níor dhúirt siad dada fán léirmheastóireacht ón taobh amuigh. Tá siad ag atógail go mall fadálach. Tá fhios ag Dia nár bhain siad Craobh na hÉireann in aisce. Tháinig siad, bhí láimh an uachtair leo agus thuill siad a mbua. Ní raibh dabht ar bith fána ná baltacht. Dúradar nach mbeadh lá eile ag an bPaorach agus sheasadar an fód go deireadh ama.

Tubaiste a bheadh ann dúinne i nDún na nGall a bheith ar mhalairt intinne fúthu, nó easurraim a thabhairt dóibh. Tá foireann na Mí láidir agus daingean. Tá sé ar a gcumas peil mhaith a imirt nuair atá gá leis. Imríonn siad i gconaí le plean agus téann siad sa tóir ar an bhua agus ní go ró-mhinic a chlaonadar ar shiúil

uaidh.

D'fhulaing muid féin ár sciar do thrioblóidí chomh maith. Gan trácht ar ghortaithe, níor imigh scéal Nua Eabhrach go fóill agus tá sé ar gciapadh i rith na hama. Tá "P. J." ag déanamh a dhícheall le cúrsaí a réiteach. Tá an t-Sraith tábhachtach agus tá toiseach na Craoibhe ar an t-súl againn. Ní raibh muid ariamh chomh mór as alt agus atá muid. B'fhéidir go dtarlóidh míorúilt!

Caithfidh Dún na nGall an bhua a bheith acu inniu. Bheadh cailliúint tubaisteach dúinn. Ní bheidh mórán maith críochnú ar chomh scór. Nuair a chuimníos go bhfuil an chéad dhá chluiche eile ar shiúil as baile, caithfidh siad an cluiche seo a imirt go cinnte dearfa agus le dea-mhian agus le barr lasrach agus thar gach rud eile le rún buaite ina gcofí.

Tá foireann na Mí ar an bhád chéanna. Caithfidh siadsan an bhua a fháil fosta, ach tá siad i staid níos fearr nó muidinne.

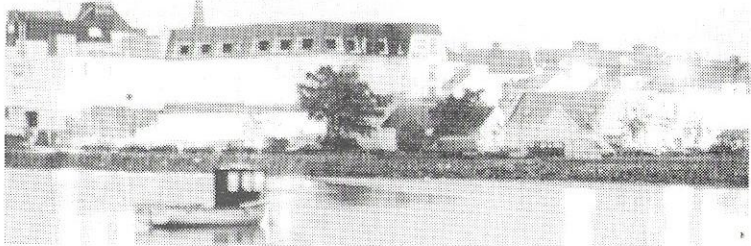
Beidh sár-chliche againn. Beidh sé comhgarach i ndeireadh na dála. Tá a lán peileadóirí maithe óga againn agus tá seans acu inniu. Ní loicfidh siad orainn.

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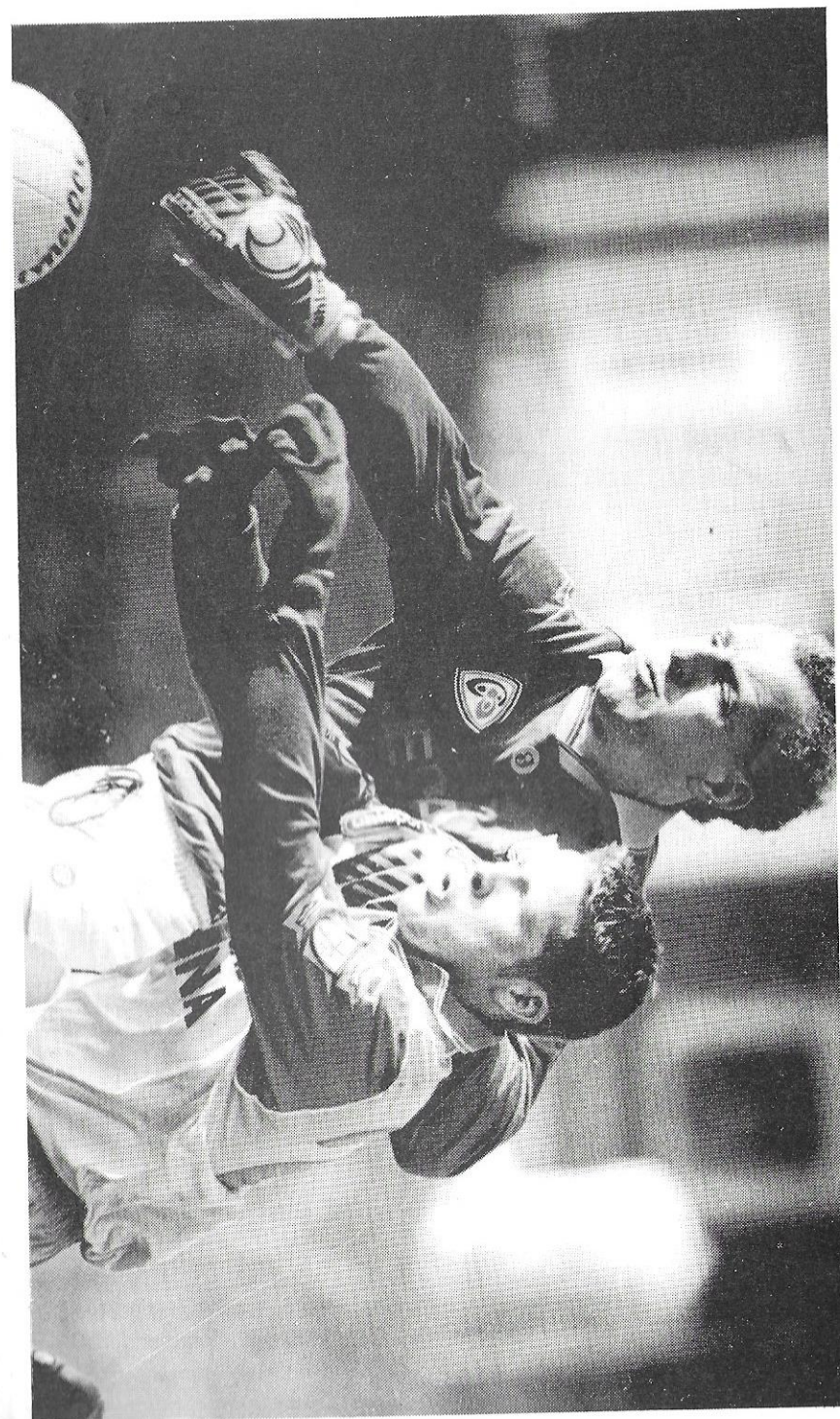
	1 P. O Ceallachain PAUL CALLAGHAN (Burt)	
2 P. Mac Fhionnghaile PETER MCGINLEY (Killybegs)	3 M. O Gallchoir MATT GALLAGHER (Naomh Brid)	4 S. Mac Eoin SEAN McEWEN (St. Eunans)
5 O. O Riada OLLIE REID (Red Hughs)	6 S. O Cuinneaghain JOHN CUNNINGHAM (Killybegs)	7 M. O Seibhleain MARTIN SHOVLIN (Naomh Ultan)
	8 M. O Colla MARTIN COLL (Gweedore)	9 B. O Muiri BRIAN MURRAY (Kilcock)
10 S. Mac Aoidh JAMES McHUGH (Kilcar)	11 S. Mac Giolla De JOHN GILDEA (Naomh Chonaill)	12 A. Mac Suibhne ADRIAN SWEENEY (Dungloe)
13 B. O Roipear BRIAN ROPER (Aodh Ruadh)	14 A. O Baoill TONY BOYLE (Dungloe)	15 P. O hEigheartaigh PADDY HEGARTY (N. Columba)

SUBS: 16, G. O Breathnach (Gary Walsh, Burren); 17, M. Mac an Chrosain (Mark Crossan, St. Eunans); 18, D. Mac Conmara (Dessie McNamara, Bundoran); 19, M. O Baoill (Mark Boyle, Killybegs); 20, R. Mac Lochlainn (Ronan McLoughlin, Burt); 21, S. Mac Fhinneachta (Seamus McGinty, MacCumhails);

An Mhí 0-13

	1 C. O Mairtin CONOR MARTIN (Ballivor)	
2 M. O Raghallaigh MARK O'REILLY (Summerhill)	3 D. O Feich DARREN FAY (Trim)	4 M. O Conaill MARTIN O'CONNELL (St. Michaels)
5 D. De Curteis DONAL CURTIS (Rathkenny)	6 E. Mac Manais ENDA McMANUS (St. Peters, Dunboyne)	7 P. Mac Raghnaill PADDY REYNOLDS (Walterstown)
	8 C. O Cathail KEVIN CAHILL (Mullingar Shamrocks)	9 S. Mac Diarmada (capt.) JOHN McDERMOTT (Skryne)
10 T. O Glaisne TREVOR GILES (Skryne)	11 T. O Duda TOMMY DOWD (Dunderry)	12 G. Mac Oireachtaigh GRAHAM GERAGHTY (Seneschalstown)
13 E. O Ceallaigh EVAN KELLY (Drumree)	14 N. Mac an Adhastair NIGEL NESTOR (Drumree)	15 C. Mac Murchaidh OLIVER MURPHY (Carnaross)

SUBS: 16, C. O Suilleabhain (Cormac Sullivan, St. Patricks); 17, T. O hAinli (Tom Hanley, Athboy); 18, P. S. Mac Uilic (P. J. Gillic, Carnaross); 19, S. O Bradaigh (John Brady, Navan O'Mahoneys); 20, S. O Daimhin (Jody Devine, Ballinlough); 21, S. O Fearaile (Joseph Farrelly, Baile an Bhaitiaraigh); 22, R. Mac Aoidh (Raymond McGee, Coill Chille Maighneann); 23, E. O Gibne (Eamonn Gibney, Slane).



Action from the last meeting

PLAYER PROFILE

Barry Callaghan

Date of Birth: 27th
June, 1976

Height: 6'

Weight: 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ stone.

Club: Dunderry

Honours: 1 All-Ireland
SFC, 1 Leinster SFC,
1 Meath SFC, 1
Leinster MFC,
Leinster A Schools.

Other Honours:
Athletics, 1 Leinster
4 x 100.

Intercounty Debut: v
Carlow, first round
c'ship, 1996.

Toughest Opponent:
Darren Fay.

Favourite Ground:
Croke Park

Hobbies: Fishing, Shooting,
Horsing.

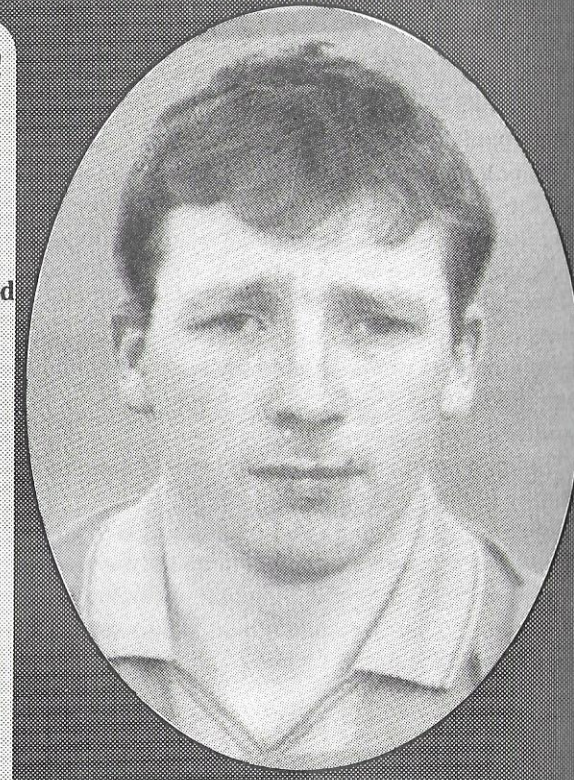
Fav. Position: Centre half-back.

Fav. Players: Mike Sheehy,
Colm O'Rourke, Liam
Harnan.

Influence on Your Career:
Parents.

Highpoint of Career to date:
Winning the 1996 All-Ireland
title.

Biggest Disappointment:
Losing Minor All-Ireland '93.



*Other Players with Promising
Future:* Ollie 'Dasher' Conway.

Ways of Improving the Game:
Suspensions for a specific
number of games instead of
duration of time. A mark for a
catch as in Australian Rules
Football.

Dislikes about the GAA: Lack of
financial compensation for
players.

*Person who you would like to
meet:* Clint Eastwood.

Feile Peil na nOg – Donegal 1997/'98

This June 27/28/29 sees the arrival in Donegal of the GAA's festival of football for U-14 boys and girls, the Feile Peil na nOg, which is being held in the county for the first time.

The competition, which was held in Mayo in '95/'96, sees teams from all over the 32 counties as well as teams from London, Warwickshire, Glasgow, New York and all the clubs in the host county. The total number of teams taking part in Mayo in 1996 was 105 (73 boys and 32 girls teams).

The Feile is split up into five divisions based on standard of teams with 16 teams in each division, 8 of which will come from Donegal, with the other 8 being made up of the champions from other counties. With four sections in each division the winners of each section play semi-finals and finals to decide the winner of that division.

The girls competition in 1996 had 32 teams (2 divisions of 16 each), the number having increased from 8 in 1994 to 16 in 1995 and 32 in 1996. Each club in the county will be hosting a visiting team in their community and will be responsible for that team for the weekend. The main base for the competition in Donegal is Ballybofey with the parade on Friday opening the celebrations with the culmination being on Sunday with the finals taking place, commencing at 11 a.m.

The following is the weekend's programme of events:

FRIDAY 27th JUNE

- 2 p.m. Teams registration for parade.
 3 p.m. Teams parade through Ballybofey to MacCumhaill Park.
 4 p.m. Parade reaches MacCumhaill Park where teams are greeted by Uachtarain Cumann Luthchleas Gael who presents each team with the Feile pendant.
 7.30 p.m. Home team plays visiting team at their home venue.

SATURDAY 28th JUNE

- 10.15 a.m. - 12.30 a.m. Section games at central venues on a round robin basis with top team in each section qualifying for semi-finals.
 1.15 p.m. Skills competition (one player from each team at each venue).

Semi-finals at 7 locations.

- 6 p.m. Semi Final No. 1.
 6.45 p.m. Semi-final No. 2.
 7.30 p.m. Skills semi-final.

- 9 p.m. Civic Reception.
 9.30 p.m. Social function.

SUNDAY 29th JUNE

- 10 a.m. Feile Mass.
 11 a.m. Feile Skills final.
 12 a.m. Boys Final Division 5.
 12.45 a.m. Boys Final Division 4.
 1.30 p.m. Ladies Final Division 2.
 2.15 p.m. Boys Final Division 3.
 3 p.m. Ladies Final Division 1.
 3.45 p.m. Boys Final Division 2.
 4.30 p.m. Boys Final Division 1.
 5.15 p.m. Presentation and Close.

Note: There will be no domestic fixtures in the county that weekend.

The following gradings is where the Donegal teams will play in each section (each section will include 2 teams from other counties)

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
<i>Section A</i> Four Masters Aodh Ruadh	<i>Section A</i> N. Columba Kilcar	<i>Section A</i> Bundoran St. Nauls	<i>Section A</i> Moville Malin
<i>Section B</i> Killybegs Ardara	<i>Section B</i> Glenfin N. Chonaill	<i>Section B</i> Downings Termon	<i>Section B</i> N. Ultan N. Brid/Pettigo
<i>Section C</i> St. Michaels Cloughaneely	<i>Section C</i> Dungloe Gweedore	<i>Section C</i> Milford Fanad Gaels	<i>Section C</i> Convoy Red Hughs
<i>Section D</i> St. Eunans MacCumhails	<i>Section D</i> Buncrana Urris	<i>Section D</i> Glenswilly Robert Emmets	<i>Section D</i> Carndonagh Muff

Division 5 (not yet finalised): Burt, Naomh Mura, Na Rossa, N. Mhuire (Annagry), Letterkenny Gaels, Naomh Colmcille, Naomh Pdraig (Lifford).

**Sean Mac Conaill, Chairman, Organising Committee,
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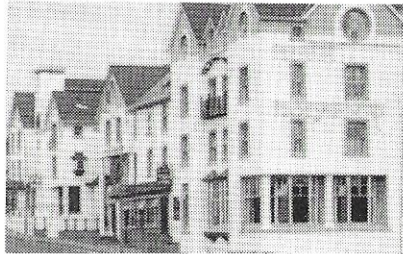
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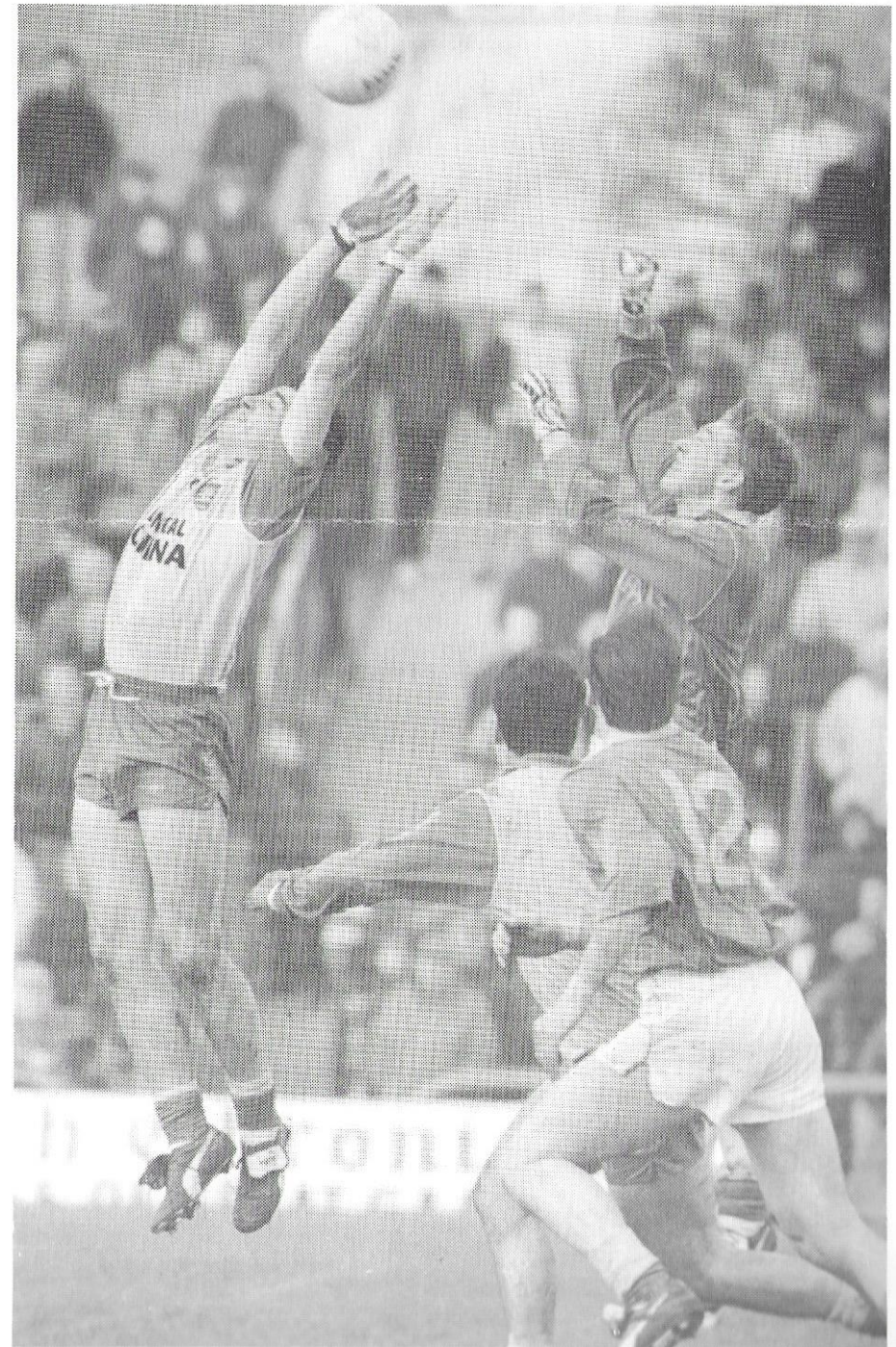
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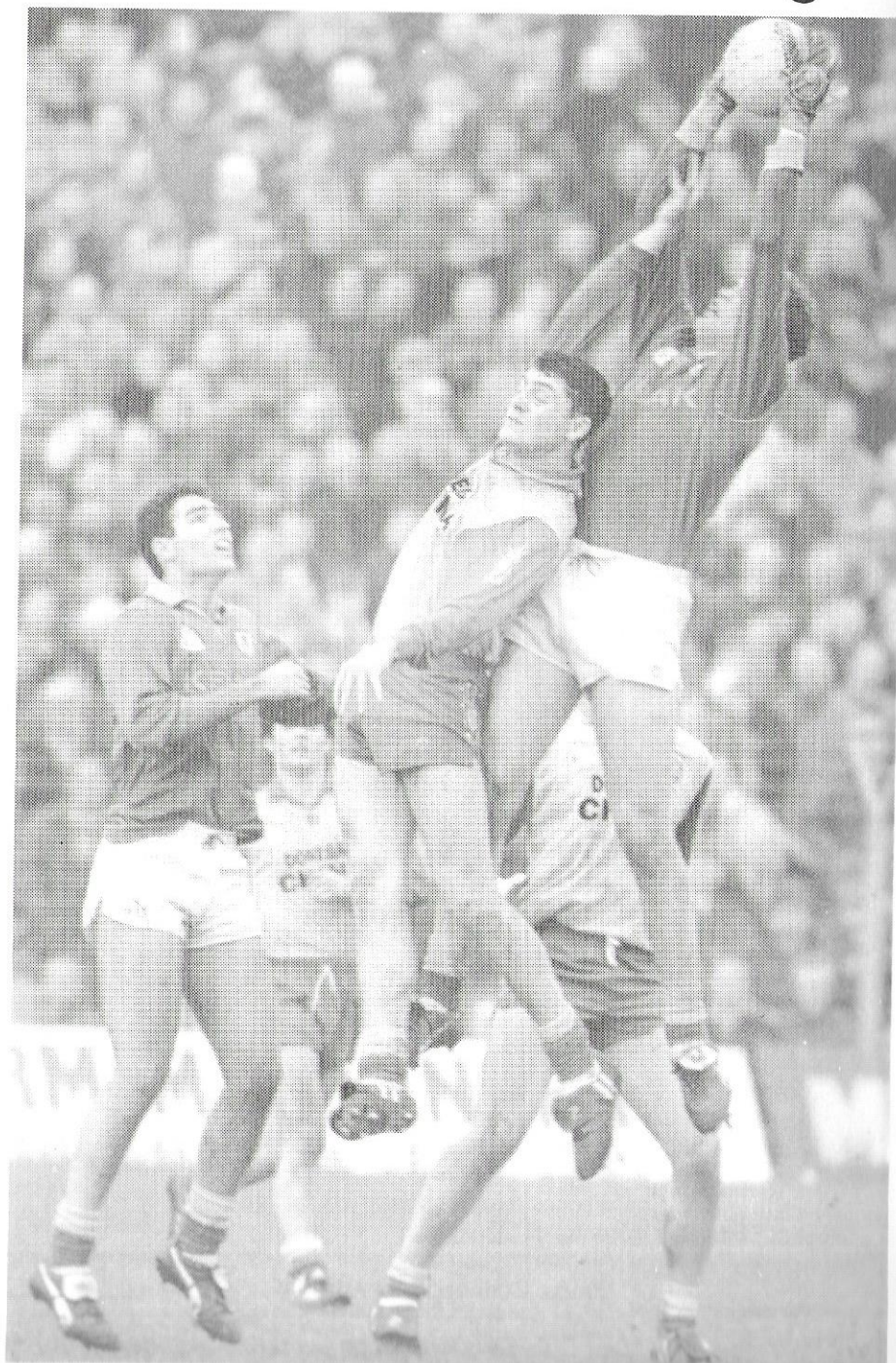
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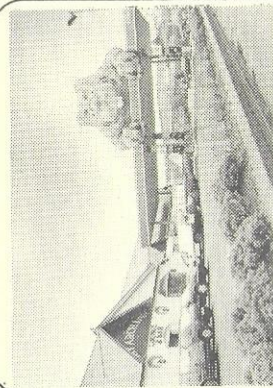
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