



Cluichí Ceannais

Peile na hÉireann

Páirc an Chrócaigh,
27 Meán Fómhair, 1998

Kieran Ó Maolshúichéil
Árd Stiúrthóir

Clár Oifigiúil

£2.00 (incl. VAT)

Bank of Ireland

Football Championship



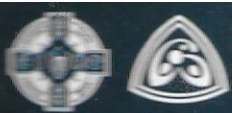
ASK NOT
WHAT YOUR
COUNTY
CAN DO
FOR YOU



Bank of Ireland

Football Championship





Cluichí Ceannais Peile na hÉireann

Mionúir

Laois v. Tír Eoghain

1.30.i.n.

Réiteoir: Michael Curley (Gaillimh)

Linesmen: B. Gorman (Ard Mhacha) **STAND-BY REFEREE**
E. Neary (Sligeach)

Umpires: Martin Fenton, Patsy Griffin, Gerry Guinan, Tom Chambers.

Sinsir

Cill Dara v. Gaillimh

3.30.i.n.

Réiteoir: John Bannon (Longfort)

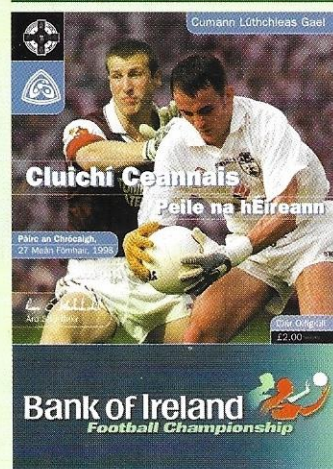
Linesmen: N. Barrett (Corcaigh) **STAND-BY REFEREE**
B. White (Loch Garman)

Umpires: Peter O'Reilly, Johnny Marlowe, Tommy McCormack, Mick Doherty.

Amhrán na bhFiann

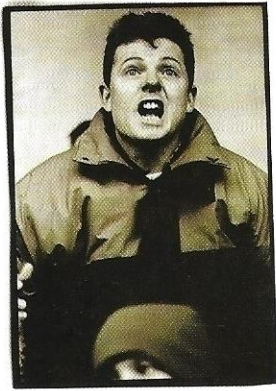
Sinne Fianna Fáil,
Atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn,
Buíon dár slua
Thar toinn do ráinig chugainn
Faoi mhóid bheith saor,
Sean-tír ár sinsear feasta
Ní fhágfar faoin tíorán ná faoin tráill.
Anocht a théam sa bhearna baoil
Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil
Le gunna scréach faoi lámhach na bpiléar,
Seo libh canaig amhrán na bhFiann.

Ár gClúdach



Our cover features
Gary Fahy (Gaillimh) and
Brian Lacey (Cill Dara).

DBA



0-0 0-0



0-1 0-0



0-2 0-0



1-2 0-0



1-3 0-0



1-5 0-0



1-5 1-0



1-5 1-3



1-5 2-3

The AIB Club Championships. Proudly sponsored by AIB Bank.



Teachtaireacht an Uachtaráin



Chéad míle fáilte romhaibh ar fad go dtí Páirc an Chrócaigh do Chluichí Ceannais Peile na hÉireann 1998. Ba mhaith liom fáilte ar leith a chur roimh na foirne, na hoifigigh agus an lucht leanúna ó Chill Dara, Gaillimh, Tír Eoghain agus Laois. Táimid go léir ag tnúth le cluichí breátha spóirtúla ó na foirne inniu.

Gan dabht ar bith chabhraigh na sár-chluichí a bhí againn go dtí seo sa chomórtas craoibhe i mbliana le hiomhá na peile a athnuachan os comhair an phobail. Dar ndóigh tá foirne nua tar éis teacht chun tosaigh arís i mbliana i ngrád na sinsir agus múscialonn sé sin suim an phobail i gcoitinne.

Bhí lá stairiúil cheana féin ag Cill Dara nuair a ghnóthaigh siad Craobh Laighean don chéad uair ó 1956. Bhain a ucht leanúna dílis an-sult as an éacht sin agus inniu tá siad ag súil go n-éireoidh lena laochra peile Craobh na hÉireann a ghnóthú don chéad uair ó 1928. Gabhaim buíochas le Gaeil Chill Dara a d'fhan dílis don pheil i rith na mblianta fada dorcha ó 1928 i leith.

Dar ndóigh tá sé tamall de bhlianta ó ghnóthaigh Gaillimh Corn Mhic Uidhir freisin. Níor éirigh leo Craobh Sinsir na hÉireann a bhuaich an ré na sár-laochra i 1966. Tá muintir na Gaillimhe agus Chonnachta uile ag súil go n-éireoidh leo an bearna fada sin a dhúnadh inniu.

Bhí bliain rathúil eile againn i mbliana i gcomórtas na mionúir. Tá Tír Eoghain agus Laois ar ais arís linn sa chluiche ceannais agus tréaslaim a ndea-obair leo siúd atá ag cur na peile chun cinn sa dá chonad. Is soiléir go bhfuil rath ar a gcuid oibre. Tá Laois ag lorg an tríú craobh mionúir as a chéile agus is iontach an éacht atá curtha i gcrích acu le ceithre bliana anuas. Gan dabht, tá laethanta órga i ndán do Laois sa pheil amach anseo.

Anuraidh bhí bliain thubaisteach ag Tír Eoghain nuair a chailleadar duine dá laochra óga ar pháirc na himeartha, Paul McGirr, beannacht Dé lena anam. Arís eile i mbliana, tharla tragóid uafáis in Omaigh, a chuir as go mór do Ghaeil Thír Eoghain agus na hÉireann. Déanaim comhbhrón ó chroí leo siúd ar fad a chaill gaolta sa tragóid sin agus guím go dtiocfaidh biseach iomlán orthu siúd a gortaíodh agus a loiteadh san uafás céanna. Iarraim ar ballraíocht uile an Chumainn, sa bhaile agus i gcéin, tacú leis an gCumann sa bhfeachtas bailiúchán airgid atá bunaithe againn ar son na ndaoine a maraíodh agus a gortaíodh san Omaigh ar an lá dubh dorcha úd.

Ní raibh sé éasca ag peileadóirí óga Thír Eoghain dul sa choimhlint i gcluiche leath-cheannais na hÉireann tar éis na tragóide

sin. Léiríodar crógacht agus misneach thar a n-aois agus guímid gach rath orthu inniu.

Fearaim fíorchaoín fáilte romhaibh ar fad a tháinig abhaile go hÉirinn chun freastal ar chluichí ceannais an lae inniu. Fearaim fáilte speisialta roimh na peileadóirí, idir fhir agus mhná, a d'imir sna comórtais idirnáisiúnta peile i rith na seachtaine seo caite. Tá súil agam gur bhain sibh sult agus taitneamh as an tseachtain agus gabhaim buíochas an Chumainn libh ar fad as ucht bhur ndea-obair ar ár sôn i gcéin.

Guím gach rath ar na réiteoirí John Bannon agus Mick Curley, a bheas i bhfeighil ár gcluichí ceannais inniu. Tá Cumann Lúthchleas Gael go mór faoi chomaoín ag réiteoirí na tíre as ucht a ndéanann siad ar son ár gcluichí. Is den riachtanas é go dtabharfaí ómós cuí dóibh i gcónaí. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh réiteoirí an lae inniu taitneamh as a lá mór i bPáirc an Chrócaigh.

Tá focal molta speisialta tuille ag RTÉ i mbliana arís de thoradh ghairmiúlacht agus caighdeán a gcraolacháin i rith an tséasúir. Gabhaim buíochas le Teilifís na Gaeilge, Raidió Éireann, Raidió na Gaeltachta BBC, UTV agus na stáisiúin raidió áitiúla a rinne sár-obair chraolacháin freisin. Leanann na páipéir náisiúnta agus áitiúla ár n-imeachtaí go rialta agus glacaim buíochas leo ar fad as ucht a bhfuil déanta acu i mbliana chun ár gcluichí a chur os comhair an phobail. B'í seo an chéad bhliain againn ag obair le Setanta ó thaobh chraoladh idirnáisiúnta ár gcluichí ar an teilifís. Tréaslaim a ndea-obair leo agus is cúis áthais dúinn sa Chumann go rabhamar ábalta ardú meanman a thabhairt dár n-imearcánaigh ar fud an domhain i rith an tséasúir.

Ba mhaith liom buíochas an Chumainn a ghabháil le Banc na hÉireann atá mar phríomh-urraithe againn ar an gcomórtas craoibhe sa pheil le cúig bliana. Chabhraigh a gcumas mar-gaíochta agus bolscaireachta go mór le hiomhá na peile a ardú os comhair an phobail i rith na mblianta sin. Táimid go mór faoina gcumaoín as ucht a dtacaíocht airgeadais agus tá sé ag cabhrú go mór le forbairt na peile sna condaetha ar fud Éireann.

Ar deireadh, guím beannachtaí an Chumainn oraibh ar fad. Gabhaim buíochas libh as ucht bhur dtacaíocht agus bhur ndílseacht do Chumann Lúthchleas Gael agus dár gcluichí. Bainigí sult agus taitneamh as cluichí agus imeachtaí an lae inniu.

Seosamh Mac Donncha

**Seosamh Mac Donncha,
Uachtarán C.L.G.**

Clár an Lae

1.13 Ln. Foireann Mhionúir Thír Eoghain amach ar an bPáirc.

1.15 Ln. Foireann Mhionúir Laoise amach ar an bPáirc.

1.25 Ln. Arrival of Uachtarán C.L.G. Seosamh Mac Donncha agus a bhean; Éirleamh C.L.G. An Dr. Diarmuid Ó Clumháin, Ardeaspag Caiseal agus Imleach. **Salute.**

1.27 Ln. Arrival of An Taoiseach. **Salute.**

1.30 Ln. Craobh Mhionúir Peile na hÉireann. **Laois v. Tír Eoghain.**

2.40 Ln. End of Minor Football Final.

2.45 Ln. Presentation of the Minor Trophy by An Dr. Diarmuid Ó Clumháin.

2.54 Ln. Goal Charity Run — Sonia O'Sullivan

2.58 Ln. Cork 1973 Jubilee team introduced by Mick Dunne.

3.04 i.n. Paths to the Final - Big Screen.

3.09 i.n. Foireann Na Gaillimhe amach ar an bPáirc.

3.12 i.n. Foireann Chill Dara amach ar an bPáirc.

3.19 i.n. Uachtarán na hÉireann introduced.

3.20 i.n. An tUachtarán meets the teams.

3.23 i.n. Parade begins.

3.28 i.n. Amhrán na bhFiann.

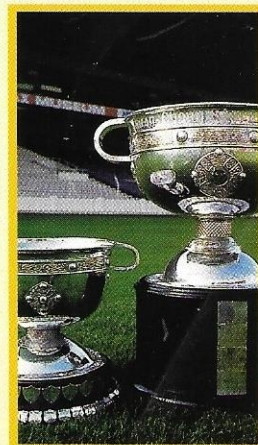
3.30 i.n. Craobh Shinsir Peile na hÉireann. **Cill Dara v. Gaillimh.**

4.08 i.n. Salute to the Counties - The Artane Bands with Paul Hennessy.

4.15 i.n. Second half begins.

4.50 i.n. Senior game ends.

4.55 i.n. Presentation of the Sam Maguire Trophy to the winning captain by Uachtarán C.L.G., Seosamh Mac Donncha.



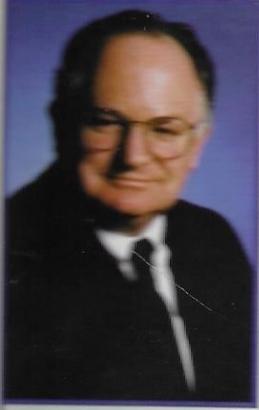


Raidió na Gaeltachta

ar fud na tíre

GACH LÁ 0800 - 1930 ar 92 - 94FM agus 102.7FM

A Message from Bank of Ireland



Today is perhaps the most eagerly awaited Bank of Ireland Football Championship Final for many years. There were very few who at the outset of the Championship predicted that today's protagonists would contest the 1998 Final. The game has created unprecedented excitement and hysteria in the towns, parishes and villages of Kildare and Galway. Equally, from the perspective of neutral GAA fans today's game is generating unbelievable interest - all in all, a game for all of us to savour.

Both teams and their supporters have had a long wait since they last tasted All-Ireland success. Galway's, and indeed Connacht's, last title was in 1966 while Kildare have to go back to 30th September, 1928 for the most recent of their four titles. Today the famine will be over for one or other.

The loyalty and county pride exhibited by GAA supporters is one of the unique aspects of this great game. This year we have sought (through our advertising and promotional campaign) to pay tribute to the many loyal supporters throughout the length and breadth of the country. Our hope is that by so doing we have in some way embellished what has already been a truly memorable Bank of Ireland Football Championship.

Ar deireadh, go n-éirí go geal le peileadóirí agus muintir Chill Dara agus muintir na Gaillimhe inniu. Pé foireann a bhuann tá súil agam go mbaireann sibh go léir taitneamh as an lá speisialta seo.

Des O'Reilly,
General Manager, Bank of Ireland.

Bank of Ireland

Football Championship



Ground Regulations – Páirc An Chrócaigh

- All persons entering this ground are admitted only subject to the following Ground Regulations and to the Rules and Regulations of the Gaelic Athletic Association. Entry to the ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all these Rules and Regulations.
- Fireworks, smoke canisters, bottles, glasses, cans, flags, banners, poles and other similar articles or containers, including anything which could or might be used as a weapon, are not permitted within the ground, and any persons in possession of such an article or container may be refused entry or ejected from the ground.
- Spectators are not permitted to bring alcohol into the ground/arena.
- The climbing of walls, stands or other buildings in the ground is forbidden.
- Excessive noise such as that from the use of radio sets or other appliances and behaviour likely to cause confusion or nuisance of any kind including foul or abusive language is not permitted in any part of the ground.
- Under no circumstances is it permitted to throw any objects onto the pitch.
- Unauthorised persons are not permitted to enter upon the field of play and shall be ejected.
- Any person who fails to comply with the instructions from a steward may be ejected from the ground.
- The stadium management reserve the right of admission.
- The stadium management reserves the right to refuse admission to or to eject any person who refuses to be searched by a police officer.
- Any person who remains in a gangway or aisle may be ejected from the ground.
- 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.

• C.C.T.V. is in operation at this stadium.

Medical / Lost Children

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.

Canal End: Medical 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.

Artane Boys' Band and Senior Band

Music Programme

Musical Director:
Ronan O'Reilly
Tenor: Paul Hennessy

12.35 i.n.:
"The Thunderer" J.P. Sousa
"On the One Road" A.J. Potter
"Who fears to speak" J. Lynch

1.00 i.n.:
"Dublin Millennium March" F. O'Carroll
"King Cotton" J.P. Sousa
"Lord of the Dance" R. Saucedo

1.25 i.n.:
Arrival of Uachtarán C.L.G., Seosamh Mac Donncha and the G.A.A. Patron, An Dr. Diarmuid Ó Clúmháin. **Salute.**

1.27 i.n.:
Arrival of An Taoiseach. **Salute.**

2.04 i.n.:
"The Foggy Dew" J. Lynch.

3.04 i.n.:
Cork '73 Jubilee Team.
"The Banks of my own lovely Lee" J. Lynch.

3.09 i.n.:
Salute to Galway.

3.12 i.n.:
Salute to Kildare.

3.19 i.n.:
Presidential Salute.

3.20 i.n.:
Uachtarán na hÉireann meets the teams.
"The Star of the County Down" Arr. J. Lynch

3.23 i.n.:
March melodies for the Parade of the Teams.
Arr. J. Lynch.

3.28 i.n.:
Amhrán na bhFiann
Arr. A.J. Potter

4.08 i.n.:
Salute to the supporters of both Senior Teams with Paul Hennessy.
"Galway Bay" Arr. R. O'Reilly.
"The Curragh of Kildare" Arr. J. Lynch.

I.N.T.O. / G.A.A. Mini-Sevens



Peil (Buachaillí)

Team U

Cill Dara - White

Pitch: Defending Hogan Stand - Hill 16 End.

1. John Rowley, St. Marnock's N.S., Portmarnock, Dublin.
2. Stephen Darcy, St. Brigid's N.S., Bagnalstown, Carlow.
3. Pádraig Ó Néill, Crookstown N.S., Kildare.
4. Steven Toughey, Scoil Eoin Phóil, Tullamore, Offaly.
5. Andrew Shortall, Holy Trinity N.S., Donaghmede, Dublin.
6. Jamie Fennelly, Monroe N.S., Kilkenny.
7. Seán Reilly, St. Paul's N.S., Navan, Co. Meath.
8. David Tynan, Killenard N.S., Laois.
9. Damien Breen, Kilgobnet N.S., Kerry.
10. Marc Wilson, St. Patrick's P.S., Aghagallon, Armagh.

Team V

Gaillimh - Maroon & White

Pitch: Defending Cusack Stand - Hill 16 End.

1. Denis Dolan, St. Patrick's B.N.S., Ballinamore, Leitrim.
2. Paul Mullin, Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál, Ballymote, Sligo.
3. Mark Killeen, Mullagh N.S., Clare.
4. Niall Duffy, Castleblayney B.N.S., Monaghan.
5. Oisín Doherty, Scoil N. Iosaef na hUillí, Donegal.
6. Kevin Murphy, Belclare N.S., Galway.
7. Daniel Doona, Kilgobnet N.S., Kerry.
8. Ruairí Brennan, Ballinagh N.S., Cavan.
9. Neal Heaney, St. Peter's P.S., Belfast, Antrim.
10. Stephen McCann, St. Patrick's P.S., Annaghmore, Tyrone.

Peil (Cailíní)

Team W

Cill Dara - White

Pitch: Defending Hogan Stand - Canal End.

1. Kathy Whyte, Queen of Angels N.S., Wedgewood, Dublin.
2. Michelle O'Brien, St. Paul's N.S., Navan, Meath.
3. Vicky O'Gara, Scoil na Coróine Mhuire, Ashford, Wicklow.
4. Ashley Duffy, Rampark N.S., Dundalk, Louth.
5. Claire Sutton, Ballyroan G.N.S., Laois.
6. Caroline Doyle, St. Colmcille's N.S., Aughnacliffe, Longford.
7. Treacy Bambury, Ballyduff N.S., Kerry.
8. Jessica Curley, Ballyroan G.N.S., Laois.
9. Louise Connolly, Broomfield N.S., Monaghan.
10. Ciara Crinion, Holy Family N.S., Rathcoole, Dublin.

Team X

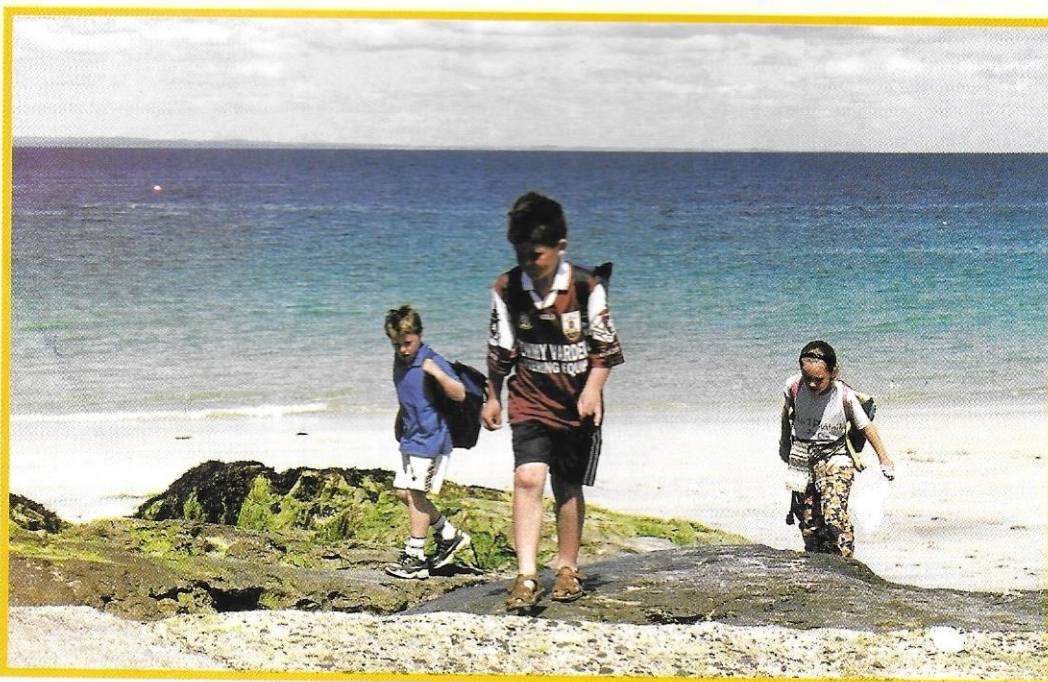
Gaillimh - Maroon & White

Pitch: Defending Cusack Stand - Canal End.

1. Aileen Barron, Kinsalebeg N.S., Waterford.
2. Emma Orr, Clohogue N.S., Castlebaldwin, Sligo.
3. Laura McQuaide, Mullansaskea P.S., Enniskillen, Fermanagh.
4. Therese Mylotte, St. John the Baptist N.S., The Neal, Mayo.
5. Eimear Connellan, Coosan N.S., Westmeath.
6. Martina Reilly, Donaghpatrick N.S., Galway.
7. Maura McHugh, St. Mary's N.S., Ardara, Donegal.
8. Leanne Higgins, Ballyguilteneane N.S., Glin, Limerick.
9. Orla Saunders, St. Malachy's P.S., Belfast, Antrim.
10. Ciara Farrell, Dernakesh N.S., Coothill, Cavan.

Football Fever in the Aran Islands

Schoolchildren make their way home on Inis Oírr, September 1998.



Public Telephone Locations

Hogan Stand

- Pay Phone and Card Phone beside the entrance to **Section P Lower Hogan Stand** opposite the main sweet shop.
- Pay Phone beside the **stairs to Upper Hogan Section P/R**, close to the Information Box.

New Stand


- **Level 3**, Pay Phone at rear of Sections 309/310.
- **Level 5**, Card Phone/Credit Card Phone at rear of Section 510.
- **Level 6**, Call Card at elevator opposite Box 633.
- **Level 7**, Pay Phone next to lift at rear of Section 708.




**Follow your dreams
with the Eircell GAA All Stars.**





 **100 YEARS OF ENERGY IN IRELAND**



Kildare make a rare final appearance backed by a proud record

Kildare line-out in an All-Ireland senior football final for the first time since 1935 buoyed up by an impressive record that includes wins over the last three Bank of Ireland All-Ireland champions—Dublin (1995), Meath (1996) and Kerry (last year).

They also ended many years of disappointment and heartbreak by regaining the Leinster title after 42 frustrating years with a well merited win over Meath's squad.

Despite that long-awaited breakthrough there were some who felt that Kildare's winning streak would come to an end in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland semi-final against title specialists Kerry.

But the Lily Whites silenced the doubters with a display of fast, clever football as they edged to a famous victory by a single point.

They also displayed in that game character and real desire not to allow glory easily pass them by.

They were dealt a severe blow when ace midfielder Niall Buckley had to withdraw with a thigh injury but made light of that set-back.

Then, when Kerry looked like taking control as they took a two points lead after sixteen minutes, the Leinster champions rose to the challenge and finished the half the stronger to earn an 0-5 to 0-4 interval lead.

After moving into a four points lead early in the second half, Kildare were rocked by a Johnny Crowley goal, but they did not panic and hit back to lead by three points with ten minutes remaining.

However, they failed to score after that but still played with plenty of skill. Kerry strove strenuously to save their title and scored two points but Kildare played with purpose and held out for a 0-13 to 1-9 win, their most important success in years.

The Leinster champions had many stars, but top of the list was right full back Brian Lacey. One of their most commanding figures all sea-

son, he gave a high quality performance as he made an outstanding contribution in ensuring that the defence provided a solid barrier to the Kildare goal.

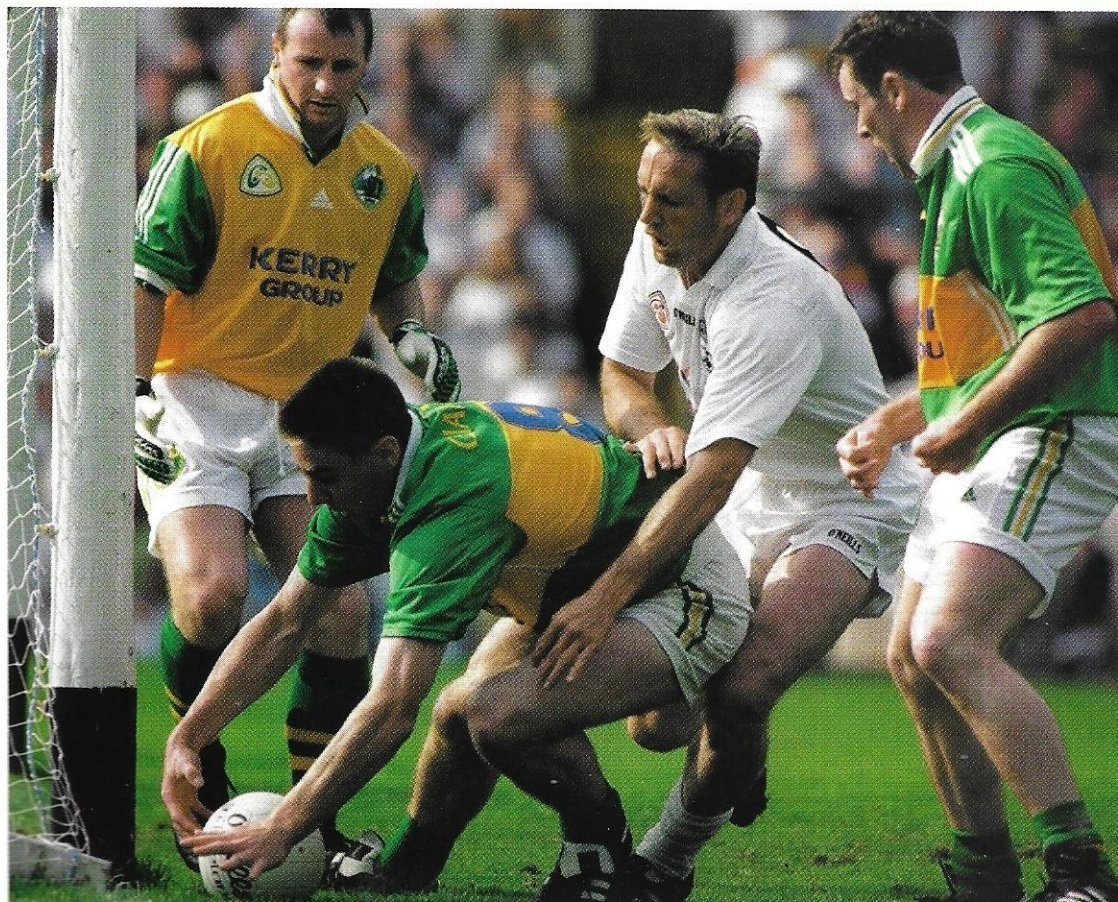
Team captain Glen Ryan was another to play a prominent part in moulding the defence into a tight, disciplined unit. He really came into his own in a big way in the second half. At the other end of the field Karl O'Dwyer set a high standard with his leadership and creative play at full forward. He also contributed three valuable points.

Declan Kerrigan was another forward to show up well. His good work and positional play at centre half forward did much to prompt the attack into top gear.

High-fielding Dermot Earley and Willie McCreery at midfield also left their impressions on the game in fine style.

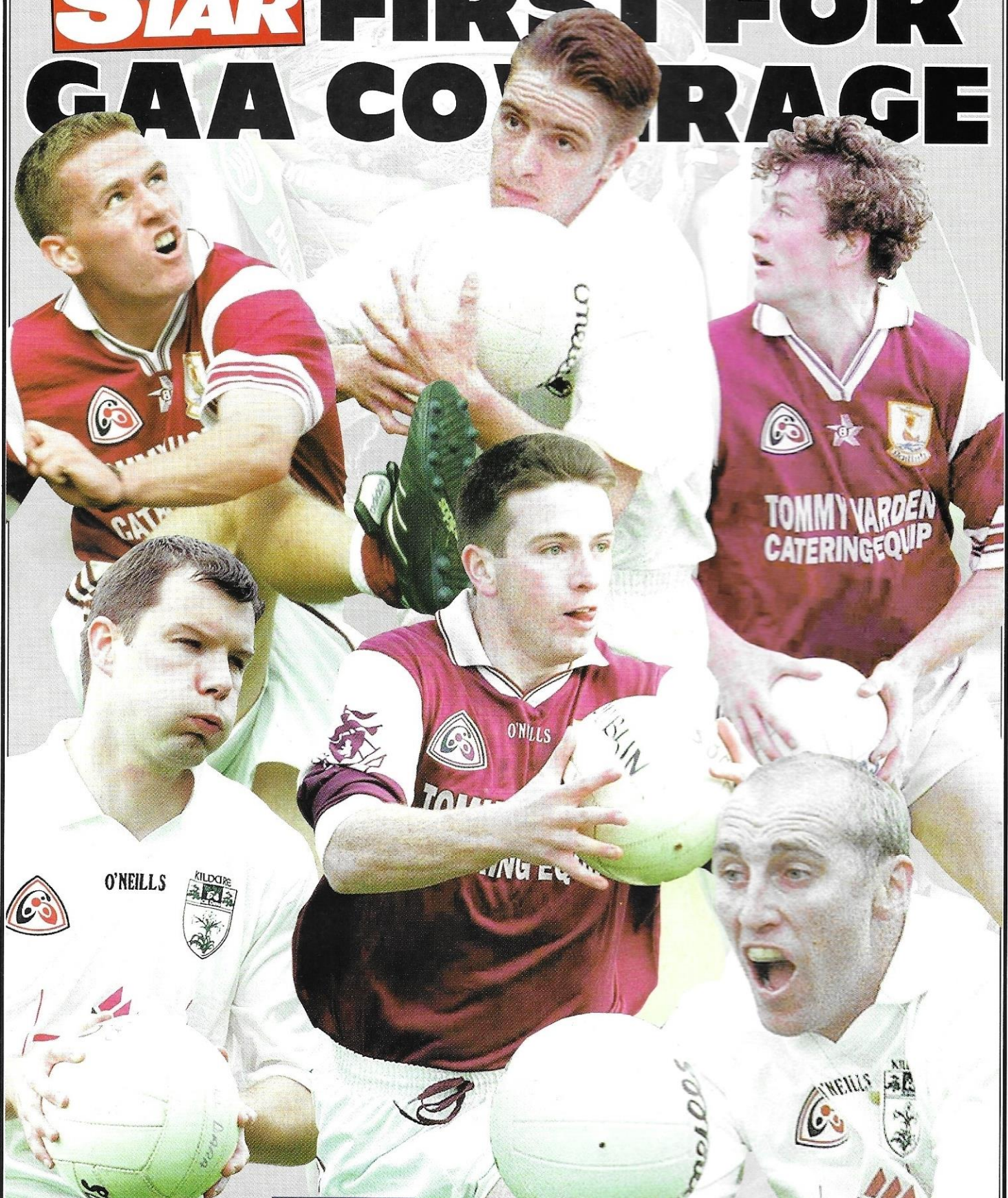
Kildare have undoubtedly come a long way this season. They are now a well-balanced and clever side, gaining in confidence with every match and well-equipped to make a winning bid to mark in this first final appearance in the lifetime of so many.

Willie McCreery creates anxiety in the Kerry defence during the semi-final last month.



THE STAR

FIRST FOR GAA COVERAGE



CATCH  EVERY MONDAY

AND THE BEST OF THE ACTION EVERYDAY IN 

'BE IRISH - BUY IRISH'

Galway bid to end Connacht titles famine



When Galway completed a memorable treble of All-Ireland senior football titles from 1964 to 1966 inclusive, few could then have envisaged that as the century neared a close the county—and indeed the province of Connacht—would still be waiting to celebrate another Sam Maguire Cup triumph.

Can the province's latest standard-bearers finally end the titles famine? Only time will tell but Galway have genuine grounds for optimism about their prospects.

The Tribesmen come to headquarters with much in their favour. They had a testing time in Connacht, where they set the seal on their campaign by beating Roscommon in a replay in extra time to regain the provincial crown after three years.

Then they gave a stylish display of clever football when beating Derry, who were strongly fancied by many to win the All-Ireland title this year, by a point in the semi-final.

That was Galway's best performance at Croke Park in a long time. They took the game to their fancied opponents from the throw-in and their speedy movements and intelligent play earned them a comfortable interval lead of 0-10 to 0-4.

Derry restarted in encouraging style with three unanswered points in the opening twelve minutes but Galway responded in fine style with a Padraig Joyce point from a free to take an 0-11 to 0-7 lead.

Galway continued to play with style and purpose and finished good winners by 0-16 to 1-8. Derry's goal was from a penalty.

Joyce's excellent free-taking was a feature of the semi-final. He converted six and sent over two points from play to make a big imprint in fashioning the win.

Michael Donnellan was another forward to stamp his personality impressively on the game. He was in great form as he worked tirelessly, used the ball intelligently and sent over a brace of points.

Kevin Walsh and Seán Ó Domhnaill did well at midfield while the Galway defence kept a tight rein on the Derry forwards.

Ray Silke proved an inspiring captain and pivot and Seán Óg de Paor and Tomás Meehan were others to show up well at the back.

Credit must also go to goalkeeper Martin McNamara, who denied the Ulster champions morale boosting scores with three brilliant saves.

The semi-final win is bound to prove a tremendous boost to Galway's morale and should help them to settle down quickly and not be easily hustled into making mistakes.

In Gary Fahy, Tomás Mannion, Silke, de Paor, Walsh, Jarlath Fallon and Niall Finnegan they also have players now with considerable big-match experience as they all appeared at the semi-final stage last year for the second time.

Galway have, of course, earned Connacht direct interest in a Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football final for the third year in succession.

They have the form and the players to make a tremendous effort to go one better than Mayo in 1996 and again last year.

Galway manager John O'Mahony celebrates reaching the All-Ireland final with jubilant supporters after the defeat of Derry in the semi-final.



Céilí Iomeartha Cáiliúla Nár Casadh ar a Chéile ó 1919!

Tá sé do-chreidte nár casadh Cill Dara agus Gaillimh ar a chéile i gcrabhbhluiche peile na sinsear ach uair amháin agus é sin chomh fada siar le 1919 nuair a bhí an tír fós faoi réimeas eachtrannaigh! B'é an chéad uair é do Fhír na dTreibh dul an fhad sin sa chomortas; bhí seantaithe ag Cill Dara ar an lá mór ag síneadh siar go dtí 1903 nuair ba ghá trí chluiche a imirt (dhá athimirt) sula raibh an bua ag Ciarraí orthu.

I 1905 bhain Fir na Máighe Chill Dara a gcéad chraobh agus bhain sid díoltaas amach nuair a chloígh Roseberry Na Mistéalaigh Thrá Lí leis an scór 1-7 v. 0-5. Ina dhiaidh sin b'iad Átha Cliath, Lú agus Loch Garman a bhí chun tosaigh i gCúige Laighean agus is i 1919 a bhain Cill Dara craobh an Chúige arís. Mar ba nós ag an tréimhse sin b'é Caragh, curaidh Chill Dara, a bhí ag seasamh an fhóid an lá sin (26ú lá Mheán Fómhair) ach i gcás na nGaillimheach bhí rogha an chontae i gceist - an scór 2-5 v. 0-1.

Bhí na Gaillimhigh ar ais i bPáirc an Chrócaigh arís i 1922 agus b'é Béal Átha na Sluaighe a sheas an fóid in aghaidh Ó Tuathail (Átha Cliath) - arís bhí teip i ndán do Ghaillimh ach an taca seo ní raibh ach dhá chúilín le spáiríl ag na 'Dubs' 0-6 v. 0-4. I 1925 bhain na hIartharaigh a gcéad chraobh agus i 1926 bhí Cill Dara ar ais agus casadh iad féin agus Gaillimh ar a chéile sa chluiche leathcheannais i bPáirc an Chrócaigh agus arís bhí an bua ag na 'Lilywhites' - an scór 2-5 v. 0-2. Féach go raibh an scór in aghaidh na Gaillimhe mar an gcéanna leis na scór i 1919.

Bhuaigh Ciarraí an crabhbhluiche an bhliain sin tar éis athimirt agus b'shín tús le ré orga peile Chill Dara mar sa da bhliain ina dhiaidh sin bhain siad craobh Uile-Éireann agus bhíodar i gcrabhbhluichí 1929, 1931 agus 1935 - agus, mar adeirtear, b'shín deireadh ré agus níor chualthas trácht orthu arís go dtí 1956 nuair a bhain said craobh Laighean tar éis bliain is fiche.

Tháinig na Gaillimhigh chun cinn go mór ón am gur imigh Cill Dara i léig. I 1934 bhain siad an dara craobh Uile-Éireann (v. Áth Cliath) agus i 1938 bhí an ceann is fearr acu ar fhir scafanta na Ríochta tar éis athimirt. I 1956 nuair a bhíodar ag triall ar a gceathrú craobh bhuail siad in aghaidh Thír Eoghain sa chluiche leathcheannais agus bhí Cill Dara sa chluiche leathcheannais eile versus Corcaigh; mar ar tharla bhí bua éasca ag Corcaigh agus ar an ábhar sin níor casadh céilí imeartha an lae inniu ar a chéile arís go ceann naoi mbliana déag agus trí scór (79)!

D'fhéadfadh duine a rá go raibh aistear níos éasca ag Gaillimh i mbliana ná mar a bhí ag Cill Dara; bheadh breall orthu faoi sin. Bhí Maigh Eo i gcrabhbhluichí 1996 agus 1997 agus an chuma orthu gurb iad ríthe Chonnachta ar feadh thréimhse eile iad. Chuaigh fir groíúla na Gaillimhe go dtí Caisleán an Bharraigh agus chuir siad deireadh le réimeas fhir na bPáirc Céide. Ach bhí aistear dian fós rompu; tháinig rábairí Ros Comáin anoir go Tuaim agus, ar a dtáirseach féin, thugadar dúshlán fhir na dTreibh agus bhain comhscór amach. San athimirt i bPáirc de híde chuaigh sé rite le Gaillimh an cluiche a bhuan agus bé meancóg chúlbáire 'Ros' a thug an deis doíbh cúl a ghnóthú agus an chraobh a bhaint. Bé go raibh scannradh curtha ar na Gaillimhigh rinne an dá chluiche sin, ach go háirithe, an t-uafás maitheasa doíbh. Sa chluiche leathcheannais bhí sé soiléir go raibh a ré caite ag Doire Cholmcille agus ní raibh aon bhaol go gcaillfeadh na Gaillimhigh.

I gcás Chill Dara bhí an cluiche in aghaidh Laoise éasca go maith doíbh. Ba scéal eile é in aghaidh Átha Cliath agus cé go raibh Cill Dara níos éifeachtaí ná a gceilí comhraic lig siad do na 'Dubs' comhscór a bhaint amach! Arbhé an seanscéal é? Éifeacht gan críochnúlacht. Sa dara cluiche níor fhág siad aon amhras in aigne éinne go raibh siad in ann agus in inmhe freasúra ar bith a

chloí agus bhí uchtach agus dóchas mór iontu ag tabhairt aghaidh ar An Mhí an fhoireann a chráidh anuraidh iad le dhá athimirt. D'eirigh leo seaimpíní 1996 a smachtú ar deireadh cé go raibh rian den éiginnteacht orthu ag druidim chun chríoch an chluiche.

Bhí curaidh 1995 agus curaidh 1996 curtha faoi chois ag Cill Dara agus an chuma ar an scéal go raibh an Bainisteoir, 'Micko' Ó Duibhir, tar éis creideamh iontu féin a dhingeadh isteach iontu. Agus bhí an creideamh sin de dhith agus iad ag tabhairt aghaidh ar churaidh 1997, Ciarraí.

An uair dheireannach gur shroich Cill Dara an cluiche leathcheannais (1956) b'iad curaidh na Mumhan, Corcaigh, a chuir deireadh lean n-aistear. An t-am seo, áfach, bhí an Bainisteoir is cliútaí in Éirinn acu agus, níos fearr fós, duine a thuig a chomh Chiarraígh agus a nós imeartha. Tar éis dian-chluiche d'éirigh leo agus tá peidhre nua foirne againn sa chraobh-chluiche.

An nuacht a ghineann spéis sna cluichí craibhe agus tá an choimhlint idir Cill Dara agus Gaillimh chomh tarraingteach agus a fhéadfaí a shamhailt. Is beag duine atá beo gur cuimhin leo 1919. Mar chomparáid idir inné agus inniu smaoinigh ar an uair dheireannach a raibh Cill Dara sa chraobh-chluiche - sa chuid is mó den tír, faoin dtuaithe ach go háirithe, is ar ghleásanna criostail le cluaisíní a bhíothas ag éisteacht le crabhscaoileadh an chluiche (Cill Dara v. An Cabhán); ní bheadh glór Mhiceál Uí Eithir le cloisteáil go ceann trí bhliana eile agus b'é an tinreamh ag an gcluiche 50,380!

Cé a bhuaídh inniu? Tá na tosaí ag Gaillimh, mar aonad, níos fearr ná iad siúd ag Cill Dara cé go bhfuil Máirtín Ó Loingsigh agus Karl Ó Duibhir níos dainséaraí ná éinne de tosaí na Gaillimhe. Tá an cúl báire ag Gaillimh ar an duine is fearr sa tír. Tá beirt i lár na páirce ag Gaillimh, Breathnach go speisialta, ard-éifeachtach ach má bhíonn Niall Ó Buachalla leigheasta ón ghortú, a choinnigh as an cluiche leathcheannais é, cóthromóidh sé an suíomh sa chearn sin den pháirc. Tá an leathlíne cosanta ag Cill Dara níos láidre ceaptar ach tá Ray Ó Síoda i lár an líne leathchosanta ag an hIartharaigh gan locht.

Diongbháiltacht! Nuair a bhíonn céilí comhraic réasúnta cothrom is é an fhoireann a sheasann go diongbháilte in aghaidh gach mí-ádh agus in aghaidh gach droch-bhreithúnas, dar leo, a bhainfidh an lá, fiú in aghaidh céilí imeartha a ceaptar a bhaith níos fearr ná iad. An bhfuil sé ag Cill Dara? An bhfuil sé ag an Gaillimh? Bí cinnte go bhfuil agus máisea tiocfaidh an crú ar an táirne nuair is ga scór níos airde ná an fhoireann eile a ghnóthú.

Ceaptar go mbeidh an lá le Cill Dara cé go bhfuiltear beagáinín amhrasach faoin líne dheiridh cosanta. An fáth adeirtear seo ná má tá cúl amháin le gnóthú is iad na 'Lilywhites' a ghnóthóidh é! Beidh gliondar ar a lán má tá an breithúnas sin i gceart cé gur mhaith le móran daoine go dtógfá 'Sam' thar Sionainn siar i mbliana. Smaoinigh nár éirigh le Gaillimh craobh na hÉireann a bhaint ó 1996 i leith nuair a bhí críoch lena ré orga siúd a mhair ó 1963 go 1966.

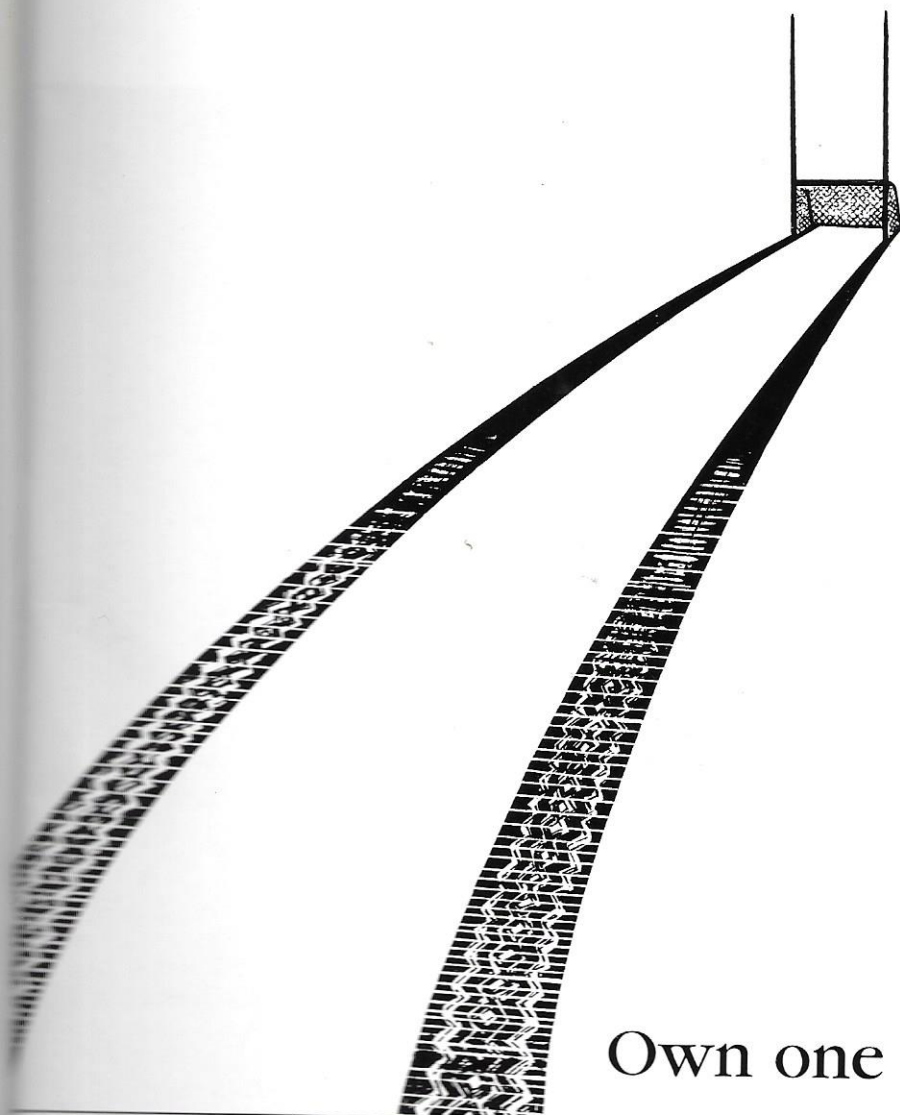
Don staraí tugtar liosta na bhfoirne a bhí i gcrabhbhluiche 1919:

Cill Dara: L. Stanley (captaen), L. Ó Cribín, S. Ó Conluain, S. Ó Mórán, T. Ó Góilín, M. Ó Buachalla, S. Ó Conchúir, P. Ó Dubhghaill, M. Ó Bradáin, G. MagAnnaidh, S. Ó Raghallaigh, C. Ó Floinn, B. MacLéid, S. Ó Conchubhair, P. 'Joyce' Ó Conluain.

Gaillimh: T. MacAogáin (captaen), D. MacAogáin, S. MacAogáin, P. Ó hUiginn, M. 'Nacker' Breathnach, P. de Róiste, S. Ó hAiní, G. MacSheoinín, L. Ó Raifeartaigh, M. Ó Flannaile, A. de Búrca, G. Ó Féinneadh, M. Breathnach, T. MacDomhnaill, M. MagAmhlaoidh.

A good coach can
only take you so far.

A Nissan will take
you all the way.



Own one and you'll understand.

Finals Digest

Minor and Senior Double

The All-Ireland minor and senior football titles were last brought to Leinster in the same year in 1996. Laois beat Kerry for a first-ever under-18 title and Meath outscored Mayo in a senior final replay.

The last Leinster double recorded on the same day was in 1995 when Westmeath captured their first-ever All-Ireland minor championship and Dublin beat Tyrone in the Sam Maguire Cup tie.

An All-Ireland for Galway

An All-Ireland senior football title has already been brought to Galway this year. Indeed, Corofin made history on the double when they beat Erin's Isle, of Dublin, in the AIB All-Ireland club final on St. Patrick's Day.

That was not only the first win by a Galway club but also the first success by any side from Connacht.

Ray Silke captained Corofin and his colleagues included Martin McNamara.

Galway's Mayo Connection

Stephen Joyce, a Galway selector, won an All-Ireland Vocational Schools medal with Mayo in 1975 while a student at Ballinrobe V. S. Joyce, of Clonbur, won five Connacht senior football medals between 1982 and 1987 and a National League medal in 1982.

A First for Kildare

Pat Dunny, a member of the Kildare backroom team, helped the county to bring the All-Ireland under-21 football title to Leinster for the first time by beating Cork in a classic in the second final of this championship in 1965.

McCarthy Cup and Maguire Cup.

With the Liam McCarthy Cup now in triumph in Offaly, a Kildare win would earn Leinster the McCarthy Cup-Sam Maguire Cup double again after two years.

Wexford won the hurling title and Meath the football crown in 1996.

slips through the net.



The Donnellan Connection

Michael Donnellan is proudly maintaining a great family tradition. His grandfather, Mick, won an All-Ireland senior medal in 1925 and his father, John, captained Galway to their Sam Maguire Cup win in 1964.

John also won All-Ireland senior medals in 1965 and 1966.

Nor is that the end of the story. His Uncle, Pat Donnellan, helped Galway to their All-Ireland senior title wins of 1965 and 1966.

Big Crowds

Kildare's opening Bank of Ireland Leinster senior football clash with Dublin, which ended in a draw, attracted an attendance of 60,058 at Croke Park.

The replay, also at Croke Park, drew an attendance of 58,427.

The Kildare-Meath Leinster final brought 62,504 to Croke Park. And Kildare's outing against Kerry in the semi-final last month brought 60,052 spectators to headquarters.

Laois unbeaten at Minor in over three years

Laois last lost a minor football championship game on August 12, 1995 at Tullamore when they lost to Westmeath in a second replay in the Leinster final.

Since then Laois have contested seventeen games and won them all.

Brian McDonald played in every game in the winning streak and scored 4-59 (71 points). He failed to score in just two games—against Westmeath in round two at Croke Park in 1996 and against Donegal in that year's semi-final.

Minor Records

Laois are appearing in their fifth All-Ireland minor football final. They beat Kerry in 1996 and Tyrone last year as against defeats by Kerry in 1932 and Cork in 1967.

Tyrone have won three and lost three in their All-Ireland minor final appearances.

They beat Mayo in 1947, Dublin in 1948 and Kildare in 1973 and lost to Cork in 1972, Kerry in 1975 and Laois last September.

Medals Treble

Brian McDonald, of Laois, bids for a third All-Ireland minor football medal. This has so far been achieved once in football—by Brendan Reidy, of Tralee, the Kerry goalkeeper in their 1931 to 1933 inclusive title wins.

Jimmy Doyle (Tipperary) won three All-Ireland minor hurling medals, 1955-57, while Martin O'Doherty won minor hurling and football medals with Cork in 1969 and a hurling medal in 1970.



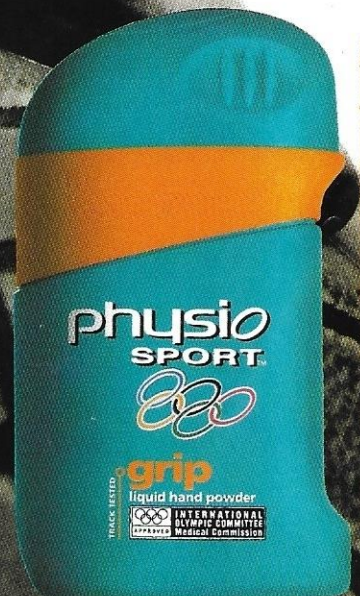
The men in black for the Lilywhites-

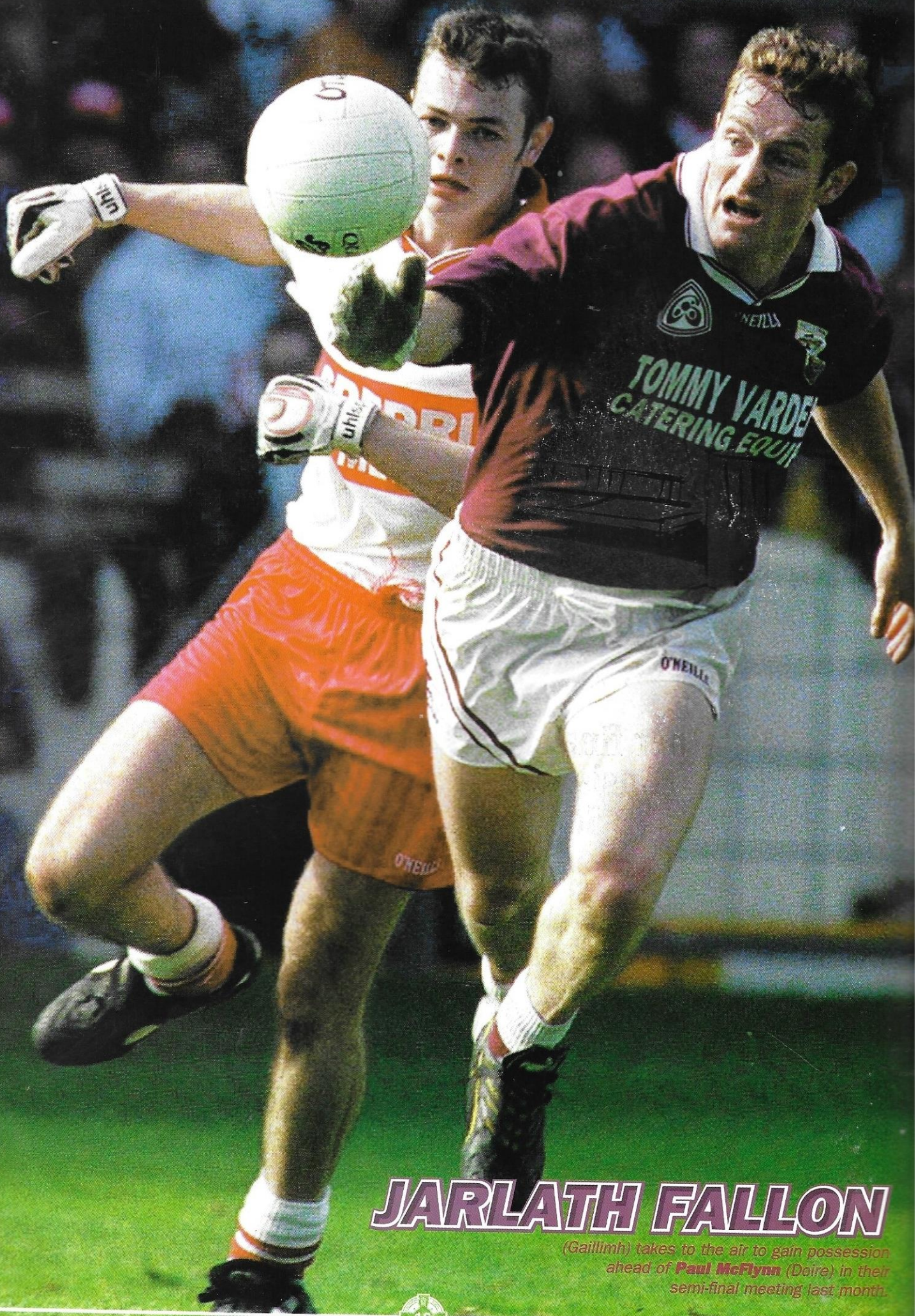
Piarras Eoghan Ó Mídheach pictured with his hero, Kildare goalie Christy Byrne

not through your hands.

Physio Sport™ Grip is a new liquid hand powder that gives you maximum grip to help prevent the slipping, and loss of control, that can come when your hands aren't dry enough.

NEW Physio Sport™ Approved by the International Olympic Committee Medical Commission.

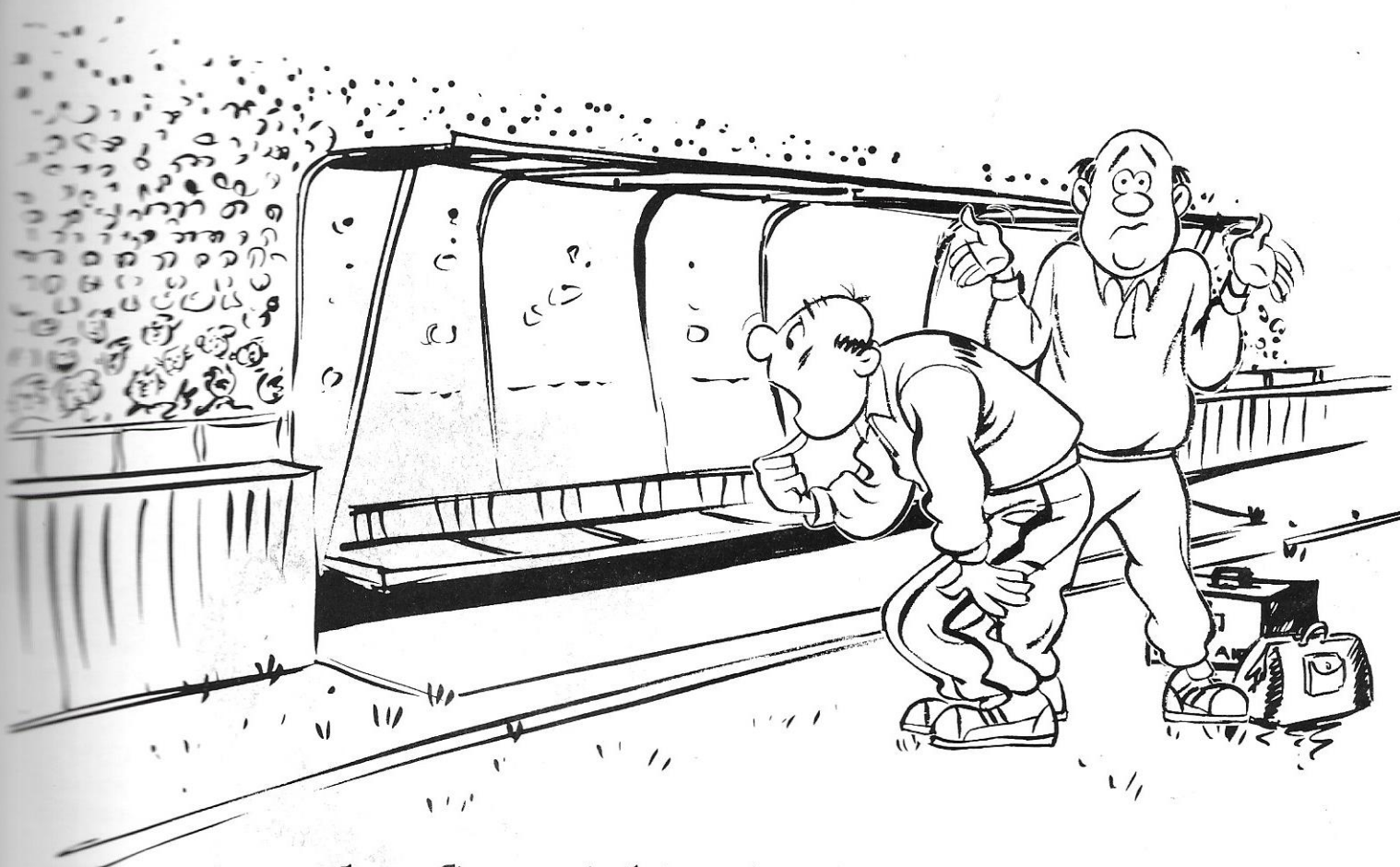




JARLATH FALLON

(Gaillimh) takes to the air to gain possession ahead of **Paul McFlynn** (Doire) in their semi-final meeting last month.

There's no substitute



No other financial institution can compete with the consistently high interest rates paid by Irish Nationwide. So, for the best return on your savings, there's only one choice. Irish Nationwide.



IRISH NATIONWIDE
BUILDING SOCIETY

**SPONSORS OF THE JUBILEE AWARDS AND GREAT TEAMS
OF THE PAST FOR 17 YEARS**

The 1998 recipients of the Football Jubilee Award are All Ireland Champions Cork 1973

IRISH NATIONWIDE BUILDING SOCIETY, NATIONWIDE HOUSE, GRAND PARADE, DUBLIN 6.

A Perfect Combination



IRELAND'S LEADING NAME IN PVCu FASCIA & SOFFIT

- ▷ Designed for easy installation, it's a better board to work with.
- ▷ A complete fascia and soffit system, accessories include easy to fit internal and external angles, gable boxes and finials.
- ▷ Eavemaster is competitively priced, maintenance free and totally weatherproof.
- ▷ Eavemaster's decorative ogee moulded fascia and attractive board-effect soffit will enhance the appearance of any new or existing building.



- ▷ Classic is an elegant, ogee style rainwater system.
- ▷ It offers a choice of external fascia brackets or concealed internal brackets and either square or circular downpipes.
- ▷ The system is anchored at outlets, angles and unions, thus controlling the effects of thermal movement.
- ▷ Classic is the ideal choice where appearance, performance and capacity dictate the use of a rainwater system, other than half-round or square.

The sculpted lines of Eavemaster and Classic gutter offer the perfect combination.

Delivery is quick and reliable and backed by the kind of service and support one would expect from MFP, leaders in manufacturing plastic building products.



The clear choice

Goals flair bring Laois close to a rare minor titles treble

A feature of the Laois march to a third successive All-Ireland minor football final has been the team's ability to score goals. Only once, in the opening game against Longford, did the team fail to score a goal.

Some of the goals also came at crucial stages. Take the Leinster final win over Dublin, for example.

The Dubs were moving well and had built up an 0-5 to 0-1 lead after 18 minutes, but coming up to half-time Michael Clancy found his way through to the challengers net to earn Laois an interval lead of 1-3 to 0-5.

Early in the second half Dublin were two points ahead but once again Clancy found the net for Laois. That goal helped the defending champions on the way to a three points win.

Clancy again demonstrated his goal-scoring flair in the semi-final win over Kerry. He availed of a high ball from Brian McDonald into the Munster champions goalmouth to collect a first half goal.

Despite that score, Laois trailed by 2-2 to 1-4 at the interval and then appeared to have a real job of work on hands as they had played with the breeze.

Champion Style

But in the style of real champions they stepped up considerably on their first half showing. Playing with

determination and style, they were on level terms a minute after the restart as a result of a Brian McDonald point and went on for a hard-earned but well-merited 1-10 to 2-5 victory.

Brian McDonald, holder of two All-Ireland minor medals, had another fine game for Laois and also contributed three valuable points.

Goal expert Clancy (he has scored four in the series so far) and Kieran Kelly, last year's All-Ireland title winning captain, were other giants in attack.

John Behan, in the No. 9 jersey, led the team in impressive manner, and the defence, with Brian Gaynor and Aidan Fennelly, made Kerry work hard for scores.

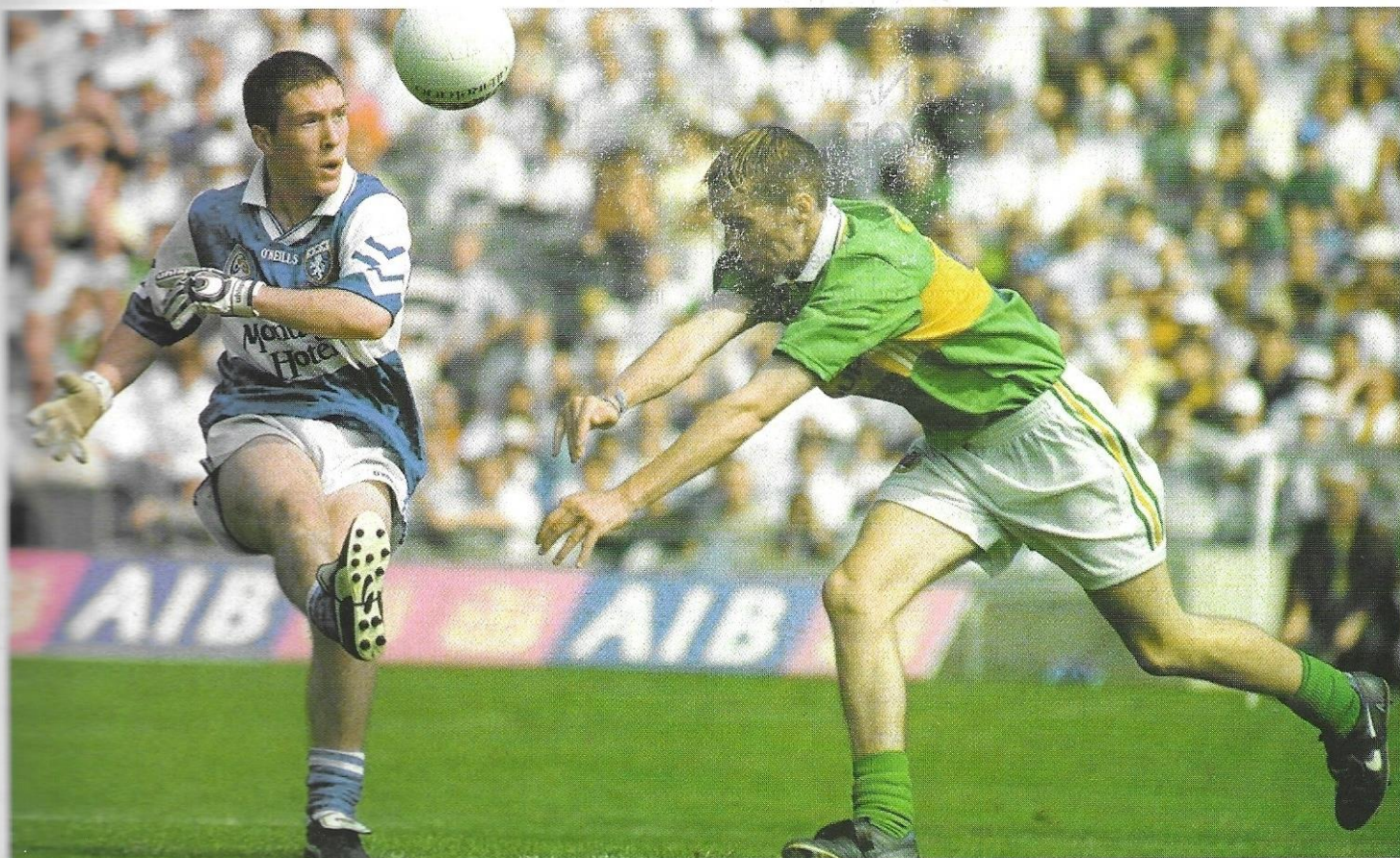
The Laois team, which in addition to Brian McDonald and Kelly, has another link with last year in Brian Fitzpatrick, has displayed plenty of spirit, football ability and a cool, confident approach in the march to the final.

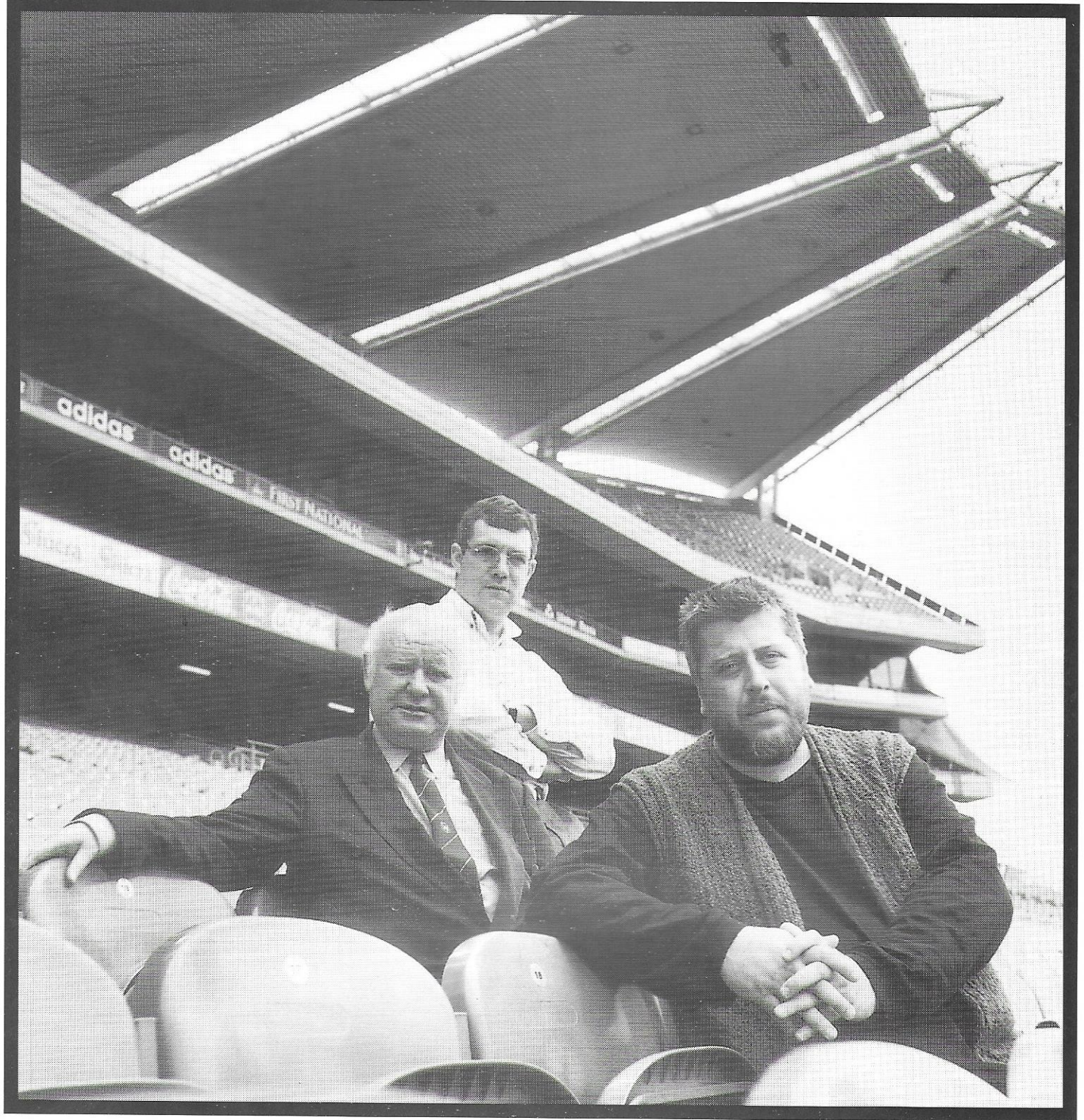
This Laois team is well up to the high standard set by the last two All-Ireland title-winning teams and is well geared to make a tremendous bid for a rare treble of All-Ireland titles in the minor football championship.

Na Mionúir



Michael Clancy (Laois) gets in his kick at goal despite the attentions of **Ronan O'Connor** (Ciarraí)





The All-Ireland Football Final.

Live coverage this Monday in the colour Sport Supplement in
The Irish Times with Sean Kilfeather, GAA Correspondent
Seán Moran and Tom Humphries.



Tyrone strive to end a Northern losing run

Victory for Tyrone in this "repeat" of last year's All-Ireland minor football final would complete an outstanding titles double this season for the county.

Last May Tyrone beat Offaly at Croke Park in the All-Ireland Vocational Schools final with a team that included Gavin Devlin, Peter O'Neill, Kevin Hughes, Eoin Mulligan and Enda Gormley, all of whom have been in action in the minor championship.

The Ulster champions go into this final against a background of disappointing results for Northern teams in minor finals in the nineties.

Since Derry last brought the trophy North in 1989, Armagh (1992), Derry (1995) and Tyrone (last year) have all failed at the final hurdle. Tyrone have much in their favour as they bid to end this losing sequence.

Team captain Cormac McAnallen, Kevin Hughes, Stephen O'Neill and Brian McGuigan, all of whom won Ulster medals for the second successive year in July, now bring All-Ireland final experience to their football.

Tyrone also lineout backed by good form. After drawing with Down in the opening round they found the winning formula in the replay and have gone from success to success in the meantime.

Adversity

They also proved last time out against Leitrim at Croke Park that they are not upset by adversity. Late in the week before that game they lost regular midfielder Kevin Hughes because of an ankle injury but that set-back did not upset their rhythm.

Martin Hughes, a substitute throughout the Northern campaign, stepped into a rearranged side at centre half forward and took his big chance in expert fashion. So much so that he finished as top scorer on the day for both teams with 1-2.

The goal came after sixteen minutes and gave Tyrone a comfortable 1-5 to 0-1 lead. They were well on the way to the final at the interval with an advantage of 1-8 to 1-2.

The Ulster champions conceded just a single point in the second half as they ran out good winners by 1-14 to 1-3.

This was another good performance by the O'Neill County, even though their forwards still squandered some good scoring opportunities.

Still, Martin Hughes, who is no relation of midfielder Kevin Hughes, Aidan Lynch, Ryan Mellon

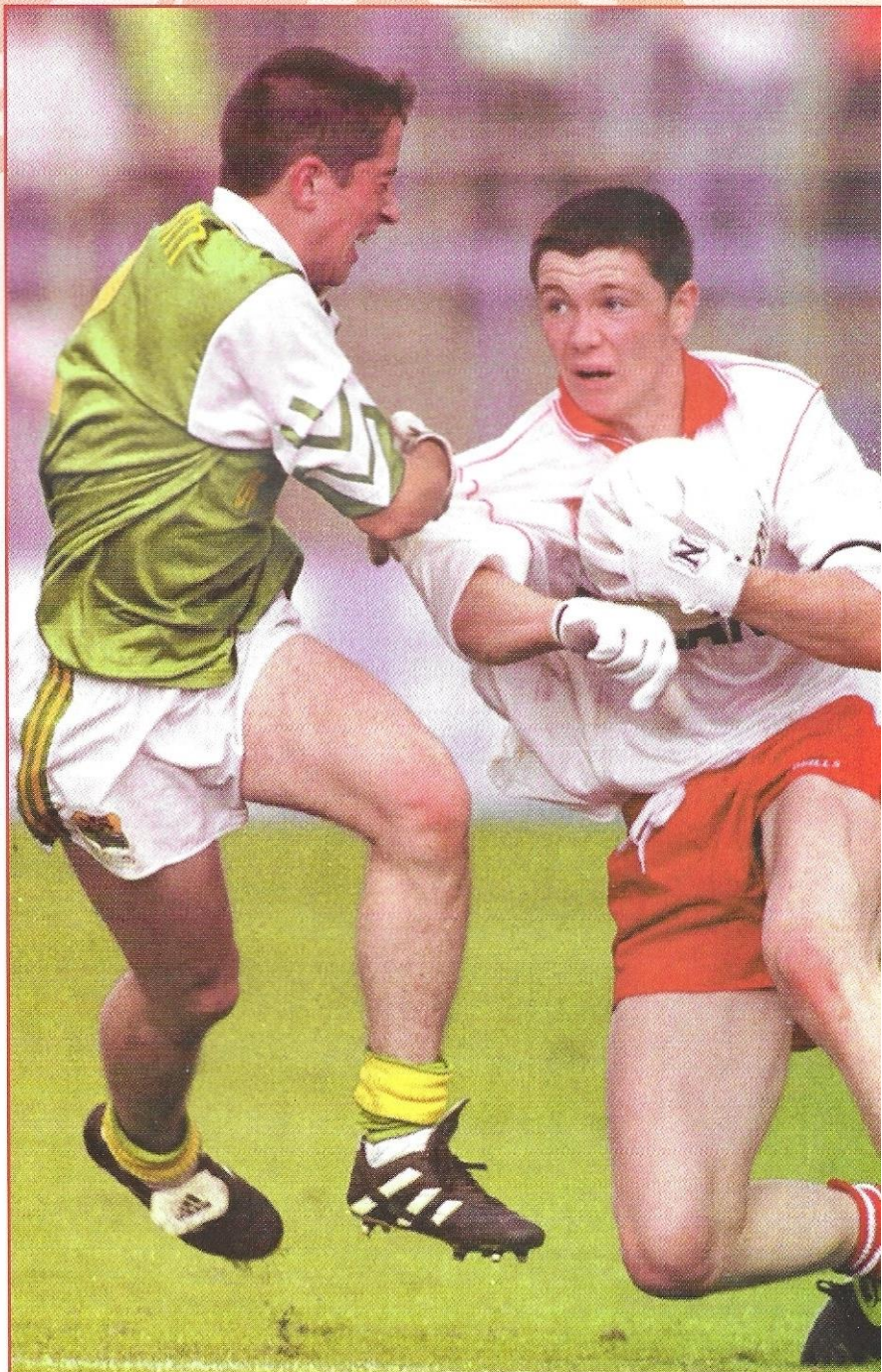
and their co-attackers combined well and finished with a good tally.

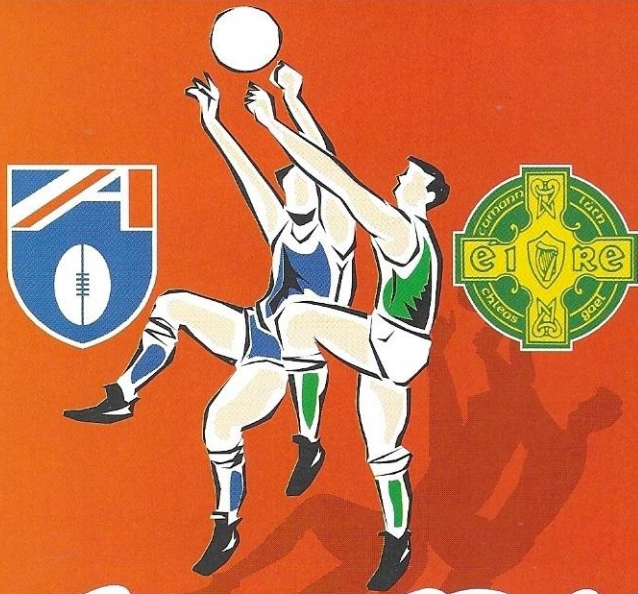
McAnallen and Eoin Mulligan at midfield and defenders Ciaran Meenagh, a member of last year's substitutes panel, but who did not appear in the final, and Peter O'Neill also showed up-well.

A good record, then, by Tyrone, since the county's defeat at this stage a year ago, and one that indicates they will not be easily denied this time of a title that has eluded the county since as far back as 1973.

Na Mionúir

Enda McGinley in action for Tyrone against Leitrim in the semi-final





Coca-Cola®

INTERNATIONAL RULES SERIES

IRELAND V. AUSTRALIA

Croke Park,

Sunday 11th & 18th October, 1998

Tickets on sale from GAA Museum, Croke Park,

or from The Ticket Hotline:

1850 450 500

TICKET PRICES:

Hogan:	Adult:	£12.00
New Stand Lower:	Adult:	£12.00
New Stand Upper: Supervised Club & School Groups:		
£3.00 Pre-issued individual Tickets only		
Hill 16:	Adult:	£5.00
	Students:	£3.00
	Juveniles:	£2.00
Nally:	Senior Citizens:	FREE

Concessions:

Family Tickets (2 Adults & 2 Juveniles):	£25.00 Pre-issued Ticket only
2 Adult Match Tickets - Pre-paid:	£20.00 Pre-issued Ticket only

Individual Feats

Although Wayne McCarthy may well be denied the overall scoring honour (Brian McDonald is just four points behind), the Metropolitan ace looks likely to take the individual title as his ten points against Meath was the only occasion in this year's championship that a double-digit return was recorded. Three players - Shane Canning, Glen Loughran and Michael O'Shea - all came within a point of McCarthy's total and are tied for second place.

Surprisingly, neither of today's finalists provide a performance of eight points or better and in all eleven returns (14 last year) of that stature were recorded in the '98 minor championship and they are:

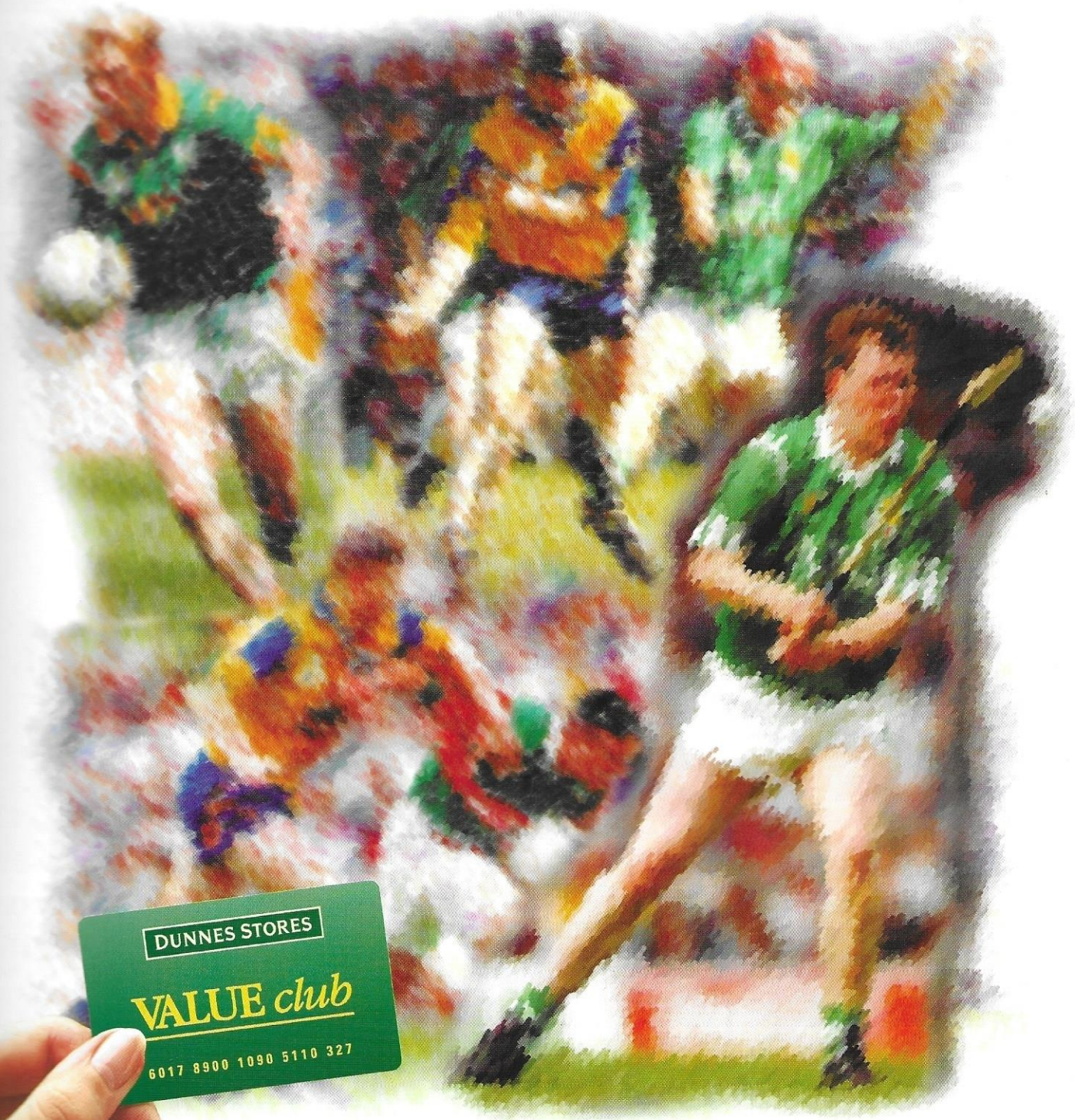
Wayne McCarthy (Dublin)	0-10
v Meath - 1st round replay at An Uaimh	
Shane Canning (Leitrim)	1-6
v Galway - semi-final at Tuam	
Glen Loughran (Meath)	1-6
v Dublin - 1st round replay at An Uaimh	
Michael O'Shea (Clare)	1-6
v Waterford - 1st round (league) at Dungarvan	
Wayne McCarthy (Dublin)	0-8
v Laois - Leinster final at Croke Park	
Alan O'Donovan (Galway)	0-8
v Mayo - 1st round at Tuam	
Anthony Hannon (Wicklow)	0-8
v Westmeath - 1st round at Mullingar	
Barry Myles (Kildare)	1-5
v Carlow - 2nd round at Dr.Cullen Park	
Andrew Coleman (Cavan)	1-5
v Fermanagh - 1st round at Breffni Park	
Aidan Fagan (Down)	1-5
v Tyrone - preliminary round at Omagh	
B Hennessy (Carlow)	2-2
v Kilkenny - 1st round at Dr.Cullen Park	

North and East ... Minor Finals

Today's final meeting of Leinster and Ulster representatives will be the 11th in a series going back 61 years. Of the ten meetings to date each province has had five victories and today Laois have the opportunity of giving Leinster the lead in the series for the first time.

The results of the ten meetings to date are:

1937	Cavan	1-11;	Wexford	1-5
1948	Tyrone	0-11;	Dublin	1-5
1957	Meath	3-9;	Armagh	0-4
1959	Dublin	0-11;	Cavan	1-4
1973	Tyrone	2-11;	Kildare	1-6
1977	Down	2-6;	Meath	0-4
1989	Derry	3-9;	Offaly	1-6
1992	Meath	2-5;	Armagh	0-10
1995	Westmeath	1-10;	Derry	0-11
1997	Laois	3-11;	Tyrone	1-14



Better Value for
all Ireland champions

DUNNES STORES

For Even Better Value!



*Brophy Farrell & Co MIAVI
Auctioneers Valuers Estate Agents
MAIN STREET, NEWBRIDGE, CO. KILDARE. TELEPHONE: (045) 431327
FAX: (045) 431503 E. MAIL brf auct @ iol.ie*

Welcome to the Wedding of the Decade

After 70 years apart
they're back together

Lily & Sam



SELLING PROPERTY IN CO. KILDARE SINCE 1952

PATRICK J FARRELL

AND COMPANY
SOLICITORS

NEWBRIDGE
CO. KILDARE
TEL: (045) 431542

Email: pjf@iol.ie

The biggest cases we've fought and won...

The largest settlements achieved for clients...

The biggest deals put to bed...

None of this even compares to seeing Kildare in Croke
Park on All-Ireland final day!

Please note: Our offices will be closed tomorrow and maybe Tuesday
and perhaps Wednesday...

Patrick J Farrell
Niall Farrell
Pauline M Doyle
Evelyn Mackenzie-
Smith





Laois



The Laois team which defeated Kerry in the Minor Football semi-final.

Back row (l-r): Kieran Kelly, Pauric Clancy, Brian Fitzpatrick, Willie Moran, Mark Dunne, Brian McCormack, Robert Jones, John McDonald.

Front row (l-r): Brian Gaynor, Michael Clancy, Colm Cleere, John Behan (captain), Aidan Fennelly, Paudge Leonard, Brian McDonald.

Laois bid for a rare titles treble

Laois are appearing in their third successive All-Ireland minor football final and are striving for a third title in a row. This is how they reached the decider:

4th May at Portlaoise:

Laois 0-19; Longford 2-6

16th May at Tullamore:

Laois 1-12; Offaly 0-12

28th June at Croke Park:

Laois 2-11; Kildare 1-10

2nd August at Croke Park:

Laois 2-9; Dublin 0-12

30th August at Croke Park:

Laois 1-10; Kerry 2-5

Total Scored 6-61 (79 points)
Total Conceded 5-45 (60)
Average 1.32

	1	2	3	4	5	Score	Total
Brian McDonald	0-7	1-4	0-5	0-7	0-3	1-26	29
Kieran Kelly	0-7	0-1	1-3	-	0-2	1-13	16
Michael Clancy	-	0-2	1-0	2-0	1-0	4-2	14
John M McDonald	0-2	0-2	-	0-1	0-1	0-6	6
Brian Fitzpatrick	0-1	0-1	0-1	-	0-2	0-5	5
Jamie Moran	0-2	0-1	-	-	-	0-3	3
Mark Dunne	-	-	-	0-1	0-2	0-3	3
Brian McCormack	-	0-1	0-1	-	-	0-2	2
Pauric Clancy	-	-	0-1	-	-	0-1	1

A Tie on Top

In the Laois chart of leading individual returns for a match in the championship so far Brian McDonald and Kieran Kelly share the top spot.

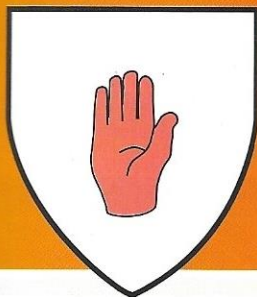
However, McDonald takes the honours over-all with 0-7 in the first round against Longford, 1-4 against Offaly and 0-7 against Dublin.

Kelly reached the seven points mark once—against Longford in the first round at 0-7.

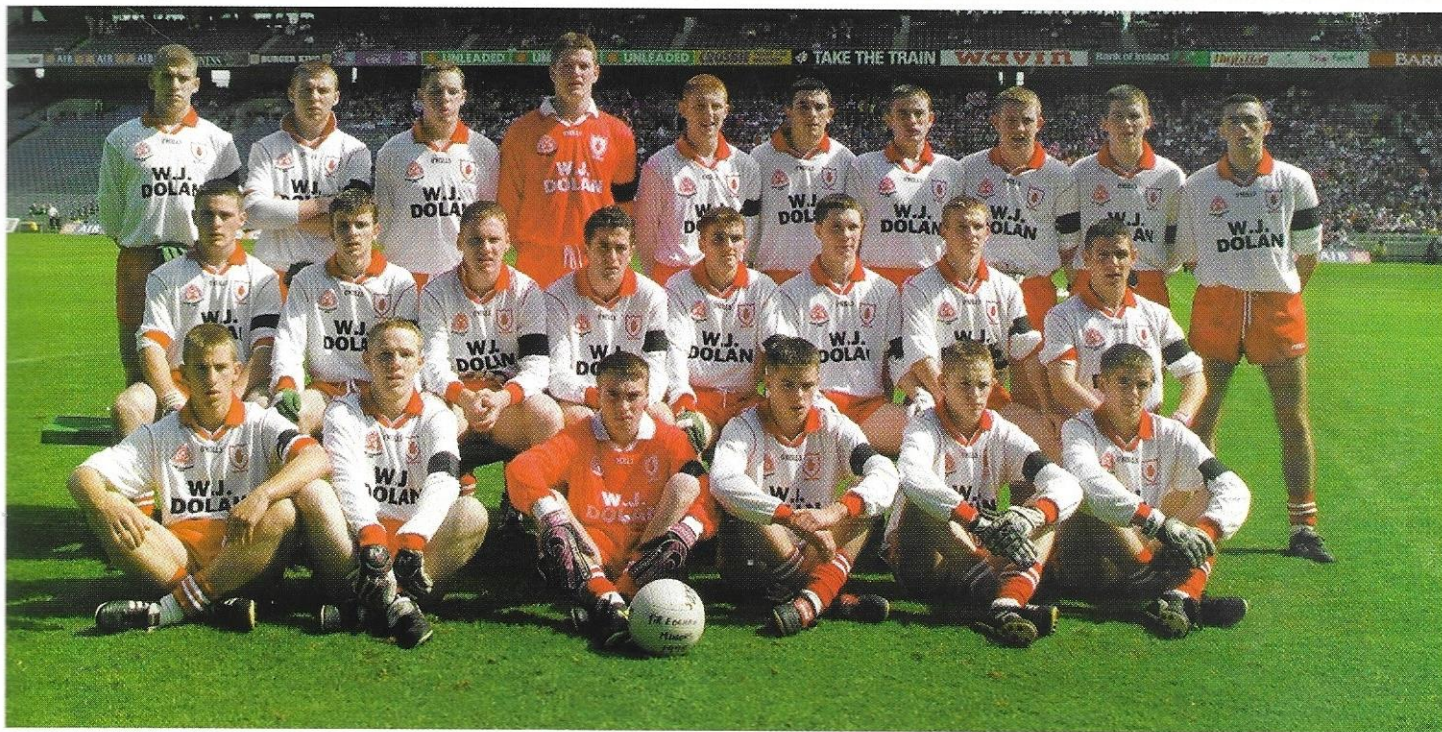
THE GREATEST ALL-IRELAND LINE-UP



Why not drop in to one of our branches
on your way home



Tír Eoghain



The Tyrone team which defeated Leitrim in the semi-final.

Back row (l-r): Kevin Hughes, Owen Mulligan, Garvin Devlin, Pascal McConnell, Gavin Wylie, Ryan Mellon, Ciarán Meenagh, Terry McDermott, Emmett McNally, Darren O'Hanlon.

Middle row (l-r): Fran Loughran, Aidan Lynch, Cormac McAnallen, Stephen O'Neill, Martin Hughes, Enda McGinley, Peter O'Neill, Michael McGee.

Front row (l-r): John McMahon, Kevin Corry, Damian Kelly, Fergal Donnelly, John Devlin, Philip Jordan.

A busy season for Tyrone

Tyrone are appearing in an All-Ireland minor football final for the second successive year. They lost at this stage last year to Laois.

Tyrone had a busy campaign on the way to their 16th Ulster title since 1931:

17th May at Omagh:

Tyrone 2-10; Down 1-13

24th May at Newry:

Tyrone 0-12; Down 0-6

14th June at Clones:

Tyrone 2-15; Armagh 0-9

28th June at Clones:

Tyrone 0-15; Derry 0-10

19th July at Clones:

Tyrone 4-9; Antrim 2-2

23rd August at Croke Park:

Tyrone 1-14; Leitrim 1-3

Total Scored 9-75 (102 points)

Total Conceded 4-43 (55)

Average 1.85

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Total
Aidan Lynch	0-4	0-3	0-4	0-5	1-0	0-2	1-18	21
Cormac McAnallen	0-1	0-3	0-1	0-4	1-4	0-2	1-15	18
Stephen O'Neill	2-0	0-1	-	0-1	0-2	0-1	2-5	11
Gavin Wylie	0-2	-	1-1	-	1-1	-	2-4	10
Enda McGinley	0-1	1-1	-	-	0-1	1-5	8	
Kevin Hughes	0-2	0-3	0-2	-	-	0-7	7	
Ryan O'Neill	-	0-2	0-2	1-0	-	1-4	7	
Eoin Mulligan	-	-	0-1	0-2	0-3	0-6	6	
Martin Hughes	-	-	-	-	1-2	1-2	5	
Damien Kelly	0-1	-	-	-	-	0-2	2	
Peter O'Neill	0-1	-	-	-	0-1	0-2	2	
Brian McGuigan	-	-	0-2	-	-	-	0-2	2
Ryan Mellon	-	-	-	-	0-2	0-2	2	
Ciaran Meenagh	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	0-1	1

McAnallen In The Top Spot

Team captain and midfielder Cormac McAnallen takes the top spot in the chart of individual match returns for Tyrone with 1-4 in the Ulster final against Antrim.

Last Year's Final



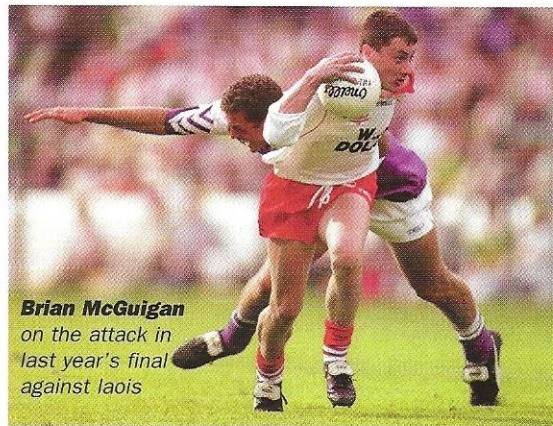
Laois 3-11; Tyrone 1-14.

Laois got off to a flying start with a goal after just 33 seconds when Brian Fitzpatrick found Kieran Kelly who fed Mark Hovenden before the latter finished impressively. The next 29 minutes were a superb advertisement for the minor grade with superb end-to-end fare and at the break the sides were level - 1-7 to 0-10.

Less than 15 seconds after the restart Richard Thornton goaled for Tyrone, but Laois fought back for a major of their own seven minutes later through Stephen Kelly. The Midlanders' defence then took centre stage and their superb performance allowed the likes of Brian McDonald and the Kelly's - Stephen and Tom - to put Laois clear and the former Kelly's goal with ten minutes remaining was the decisive score. Tyrone battled to the end but Laois hung on deservedly to their title.

Laois scorers: S.Kelly 2-3, M.Hovenden 1-0, T.Kelly 0-2, B.McDonald 0-2, K.Kelly 0-1, M.Lambe 0-1, B.Fitzpatrick 0-1, J.Higgins 0-1.

Tyrone: R.Thornton 1-3, M.Harte 0-4, J.Campbell 0-3, S.O'Neill 0-2, A.Ball 0-1, D.McCrossan 0-1.



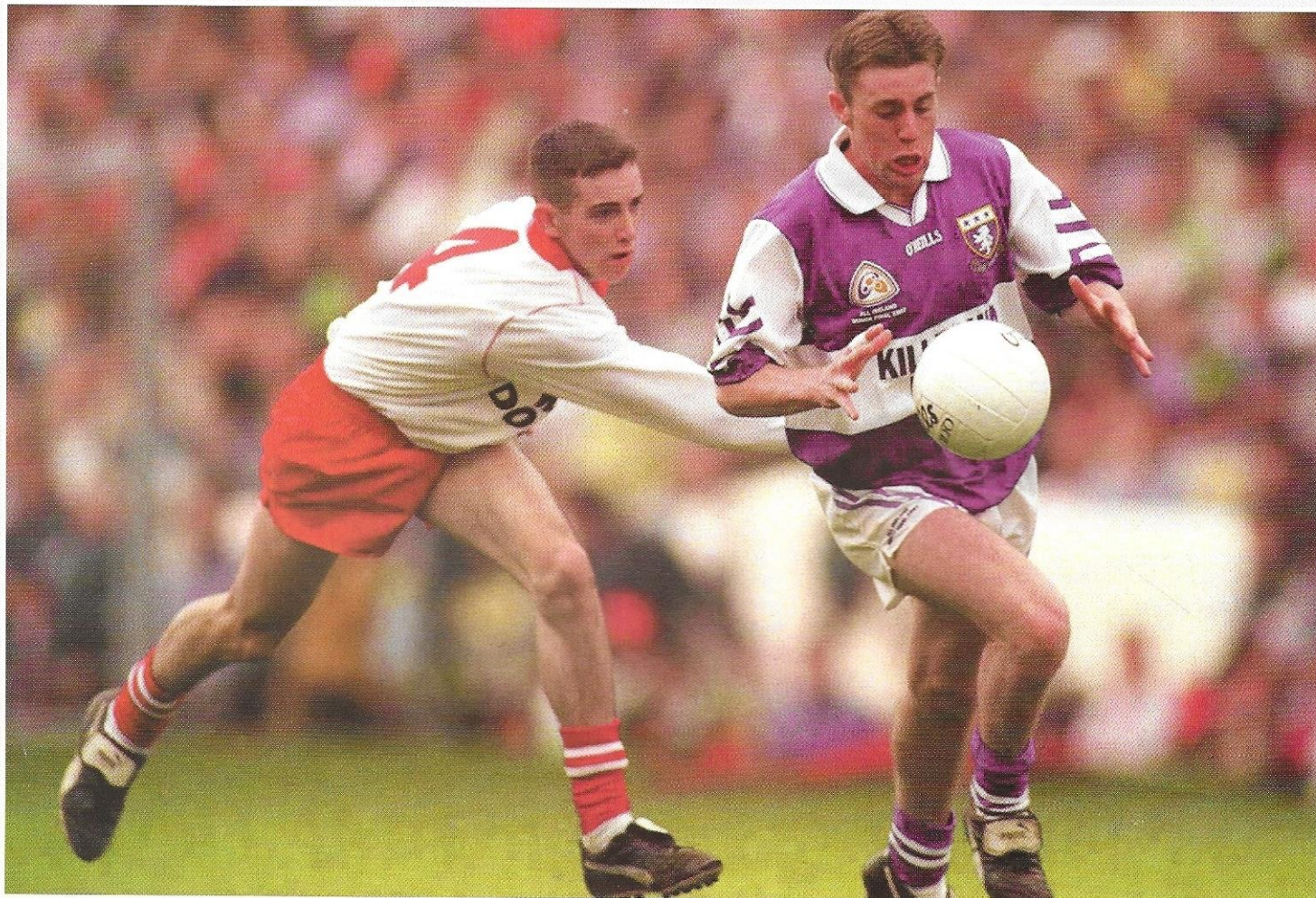
Brian McGuigan
on the attack in
last year's final
against laois

Laois - Michael Leigh, Paul McDonald, Eoin Bland, Tomas Mulligan, Diarmuid Mullins, Joe Higgins, John Paul Kehoe, Brian Fitzpatrick, Darren Rooney, Michael Lambe, Stephen Kelly, Tom Kelly, Kieran Kelly, Brian McDonald, Mark Hovenden.

Tyrone - Gareth Maguire, Kevin O'Brien, Ciaran Gourley, Brendan Donnelly, Adrian Ball, Declan McCrossan, Gary Hetherington, Cormac McAnallen, Kevin Hughes, Joe Campbell, Brian McGuigan, Conall Martin, Mark Harte, Richard Thornton, Stephen O'Neill.

Subs - Brian O'Neill for Martin, Cormac McGinley for Hetherington.

Kieran Kelly (Laois) gets away from **Brendan Donnelly** (Tír Eoghain) in last years final



For coach travel that's low on cost yet high on comfort...

Bus Éireann's Expressway Service offers great value fares to a host of destinations around the country. Travel midweek and you can avail of our bargain return fares.

BUS ÉIREANN/EUROLINES

We operate daily Express Coach Services from most major towns in Ireland to various destinations in Britain from £29.00 with connections to Mainland Europe. There's no better value way to travel to Britain and Europe.

HOLIDAY BREAKS

Three excellent travel inclusive Holiday Options

- Budget Hostel Breakaways from just £23pps
- Bargain B&B Breakaways from just £32pps

- Hotel Breakaways £37pps

This includes overnight hotel accommodation, full Irish breakfast and return coach fare to your choice of destination.

For travel information contact: Central Bus Station (Busaras), Store St., Dublin 1 (01) 8366111; Parnell Place Bus Station, Cork

(021) 508188; Colbert Station, Limerick (061) 313333; Ceannt Station, Galway (091) 562000; Plunkett Station, Waterford (051) 879000; Casement Station, Tralee, (066) 23566 or your local Bus Éireann office, Tourist Office or Travel Agent.

RETURN FARES FROM DUBLIN

WATERFORD	£7.00	ENNIS	£11.00
WEXFORD	£8.00	LETTERKENNY	£11.00
BALLINA	£9.00	LIMERICK	£11.00
GALWAY	£9.00	BELFAST	£11.50
SLIGO	£9.00	CORK	£13.00
DONEGAL	£11.00	TRALEE	£15.50

Fares correct at time of going to press.

...you're better off on

 **BUS ÉIREANN**

A subsidiary of **Córas Iompair Éireann**





Laois



Dathanna: Gorm is Bán

An Captaen



Johnny Behan

The Laois captain is a versatile sportsman, who, in addition to football, has also made a strong impression at athletics, water polo and swimming. He competed in the Community Games three years ago in the latter sport.

A student at Gormanston College, his activities were curtailed last year because of a broken arm. He was a substitute in the Laois team that won the All-Ireland title last year but did not play in the final.

Johnny was a commanding figure at midfield for his club, O'Dempsey's, in their Laois county minor football title win last year.

Roghnóirí

Oliver Phelan (Ballyfin)
Manager,
Ger Kelly (Crettyard),
Martin Parkinson (Portlaoise).

Path To The Final

4th May at Portlaoise:
Laois 0-19; Longford 2-6

16th May at Tullamore:
Laois 1-12; Offaly 0-12

28th June at Croke Park:
Laois 2-11; Kildare 1-10

2nd August at Croke Park:
Laois 2-9; Dublin 0-12

30th August at Croke Park:
Laois 1-10; Kerry 2-5

2
ROBERT JONES
R. MacSeoin
(Kilcotton)

5
AIDAN FENNELLY
A. Ó Fionnalaigh
(Portlaoise)

10
MARK DUNNE
M. Ó Doinn
(The Rock)

13
JOHN M. McDONALD
S. M. Mac Dónaill
(Arles)

1
JOHN GRAHAM
S. Gréacháin
(Crettyard)

3
BRIAN GAYNOR
B. Mag Fhionnbhairr
(Portlaoise)

6
PAUDGE LEONARD
P. Ó Loinín
(Ballylinan)

11
BRIAN McDONALD
B. Mac Dónaill
(Arles/Kileen)

14
PAURIC CLANCY
P. MacLanncaidh
(Timahoe)

4
COLM CLEAR
C. Ó Cléirigh
(Portlaoise)

7
BRIAN McCORMACK
B. MacCormaic
(Portlaoise)

9
JOHNNY BEHAN
S. Ó Beacháin (Capt.)
(O'Dempsey)

12
KIERAN KELLY
C. Ó Ceallaigh
(Ballylinan)

15
MICHAEL CLANCY
M. MacLanncaidh
(The Heath)

Fir Ionaid

16. William Moran
L. Ó Moráin
(Arls/Killeen)

17. Coim Byrne
C. Ó Broin
(Portlaoise)

18. Pauric Phelan
P. MacFaoláin
(Portlaoise)

19. Eoin Browne
E. de Brún
(Portlaoise)

20. Donal Miller
D. Muilleoir
(Annanough)

21. Damien Walsh
D. Breathnach
(St. John Bosco)

22. Benny O'Connell
B. Ó Conaill
(Timahoe)

23. Jamie Moran
S. Ó Moráin
(Graiguecullen)

24. John O'Neill
S. Ó Néill
(Graiguecullen)

Laois

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

Roll of Honour All-Ireland Minor Football Championship

The Tom Markham Cup

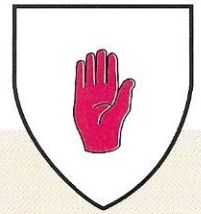
The winners of the All-Ireland minor football championship are presented with the Tom Markham Cup. The trophy commemorates a Dublin Gael, Tom Markham, who gave great service to the games and the G.A.A. and was first awarded for the 1940 final. Louth were the initial winners. Roscommon brought the trophy 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, 1994.
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.
Laois: 1996, 1997.
Louth: 1936, 1940.

1: Armagh: 1949.
Clare: 1929.
Offaly: 1964.
Tipperary: 1934.
Westmeath: 1995.



Tír Eoghain



Dathanna: Dearg is Bán

1
PASCAL McCONNELL
P. Mac Dhónaill
(Newtownstewart)

2
GAVIN DEVLIN
G. Ó Doibhlinn
(Ardboe)

3
MICHAEL McGEE
M. MacAoidh
(Loughmacrory)

4
FRAN LOUGHRAN
P. Ó Luachráin
(Kildress)

5
CIARÁN MEENAGH
C. Ó Muineach
(Loughmacrory)

6
DARREN O'HANLON
D. Ó hAnluain
(Eireagal Ciaráin)

7
PETER O'NEILL
P. Ó Néill
(Gortin)

8
CORMAC McANALLEN
C. Mac an Ailin (Capt.)
(Eglisli)

9
KEVIN HUGHES
C. Ó hAodha
(Killeeshil)

10
GAVIN WYLIE
G Mac Uilí
(Ardboe)

11
MARTIN HUGHES
M. Ó hAodha
(Clonoe)

12
STEPHEN O'NEILL
S. Ó Néill
(Clann na nGael)

13
AIDAN LYNCH
A. Ó Loingsigh
(Castlederg)

14
ENDA McGINLEY
E. MagFhoinnaile
(Eireagal Ciaráin)

15
EINO MULLIGAN
E. Ó Maolagáin
(Cookstown)

Fir Ionaid

16. Damian Kelly
D. Ó Ceallaigh
(Kildress)

19. Philip Jordan
P. MacShiúrtáin
(Moy)

22. Emmett McNally
E. Mac an Fhailí
(Cookstown)

17. Kevin Coary
C. Ó Corra
(Derrylaughan)

20. Brian McGuigan
B. MacUiginn
(Ardboe)

23. Ryan Mellon
R. Ó Mealláin
(Moy)

18. Fergal Donnelly
F. Ó Donnaile
(Trillick)

21. John McMahon
S. MacMathúna
(Lissan)

24. Ryan O'Neill
R. Ó Néill
(Clonoe)

Tír Eoghain

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

An Réiteoir: Michael Curley (Gaillimh)



The Galway man makes a speedy return to headquarters. He had charge of the Kildare-Kerry Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior semi-final at the end of August.

Earlier in the year he refereed the Kildare-Dublin Leinster senior quarter-final replay between Kildare and Dublin.

Curley is a native of County Galway and assisted Creggs in under-age football. He also represented Roscommon at minor as his club was affiliated to that county for G.A.A. purposes.

This will be his second time to take charge of an All-Ireland minor final. He controlled the Laois-Kerry summit in 1995.

The Galwayman has been refereeing for over ten years and his assignments have also included a number of Connacht senior finals.

An Captaen



Cormac McAnallen

Cormac won his second Ulster minor football medal when he led Tyrone to their successful defence of the provincial title in July. He was at midfield in last year's All-Ireland final against Laois.

A fluent Irish speaker, he won an All-Ireland medal in Tráth na gCeist quiz in Scór na nÓg three years ago and last year helped his club to win the county Intermediate football title.

A past pupil of St. Patrick's, Armagh, McAnallen is now at Queen's University and has played in the Sigerson Cup with the Belfast University.

Roghnóirí

Mickey Harte,
Fr. Gerard McAleer

Path To The Final

17th May at Omagh:
Tyrone 2-10; Down 1-13

24th May at Newry:
Tyrone 0-12; Down 0-6

14th June at Clones:
Tyrone 2-15; Armagh 0-9

28th June at Clones:
Tyrone 0-15; Derry 0-10

19th July at Clones:
Tyrone 4-9; Antrim 2-2

23rd August at Croke Park:
Tyrone 1-14; Leitrim 1-3

1998 Minor Football Scoreboard

Leinster



1st Round

2nd May at Dr.Cullen Park:
Carlow 3-9 Kilkenny 0-3
 4th May at Portlaoise:
Laois 0-19 Longford 2-6
 4th May at Mullingar:
Wicklow 0-13 Westmeath 0-5
 16th May at Parnell Park:
Dublin 2-7 Meath 1-10
 23rd May at An Uaimh:(replay):
Dublin 1-12 Meath 1-8

2nd Round

16th May at Dr.Cullen Park:
Kildare 1-16 Carlow 2-5
 16th May at Aughrim:
Wicklow 1-12 Wexford 1-6
 16th May at Tullamore:
Laois 1-12 Offaly 0-12
 30th May at Parnell Park:
Dublin 1-11 Louth 0-6

Semi-Finals

28th June at Croke Park:
Laois 2-11; Kildare 1-10
Dublin 0-10; Wicklow 0-5

Final

2nd August at Croke Park:
Laois 2-9; Dublin 0-12

Ulster



Preliminary Round

17th May at Omagh:
Tyrone 2-10; Down 1-13
 24th May at Newry (replay):
Tyrone 0-12; Down 0-6

1st Round

24th May at Casement Park:
Antrim 1-8; Donegal 1-7
 31st May at Celtic Park:
Derry 2-13; Monaghan 1-11
 7th June at Breefni Park:
Cavan 3-7; Fermanagh 0-12
 14th June at Clones:
Tyrone 2-15 Armagh 0-9

Semi-Finals

21st June at Clones:
Antrim 0-12; Cavan 1-4
 28th June at Clones:
Tyrone 0-15; Derry 0-10

Final

19th July at Clones:
Tyrone 4-9; Antrim 2-2

Munster



League Section

15th April at Limerick:
Limerick 0-17; Tipperary 1-8
 15th April at Dungarvan:
Waterford 3-4; Clare 2-7
 23rd April at Dungarvan:
Waterford 2-9; Tipperary 1-12
 6th May at Dungarvan:
Waterford 3-8; Limerick 1-9
 6th May at Limerick:
Clare 2-7; Tipperary 1-8
 13th May at Limerick:
Limerick 0-12; Clare 1-5

Semi-Finals

22nd July at Limerick:
Limerick 0-12; Cork 0-6
 23rd July at Dungarvan:
Waterford 1-6; Kerry 1-6
 27th July at Tralee (replay):
Kerry 1-10; Waterford 0-9

Final

2nd August at Thurles:
Kerry 2-11; Limerick 0-8

Connacht



1st Round

9th May at Tuam:
Galway 0-14; Mayo 1-8

Semi-Finals

28th June at Hyde Park:
Sligo 1-10; Roscommon 1-8
 4th July at Tuam:
Leitrim 1-10; Galway 1-9

Final

19th July at Tuam:
Leitrim 0-8; Sligo 0-7

All-Ireland

Semi-Finals

23rd August at Croke Park:
Tyrone 1-14; Leitrim 1-3
 30th August at Croke Park:
Laois 1-10; Kerry 2-5

Most Competitive

If the record is correct it appears that the minor football championship is the most competitive grade of football or hurling, as today's 'repeat' of last year's pairing marks the first time since the introduction of the minor championship in 1928 that the same counties will have met in successive finals.

Compared with under-18 football, the All-Ireland finals in minor hurling constitute a closed shop wherein Kilkenny-Tipperary and Kilkenny-Cork have often been in opposition in successive seasons. Even the senior football championship has produced its share of repeat finals - the most recent being the Meath-Cork clashes of 1987 and '88. And that, incredibly, was the third such 'double clash' of the 1980s which had already seen Kerry and Offaly in '81 and '82 and Kerry and Dublin in '84 and '85.

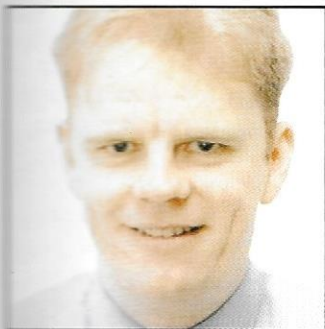
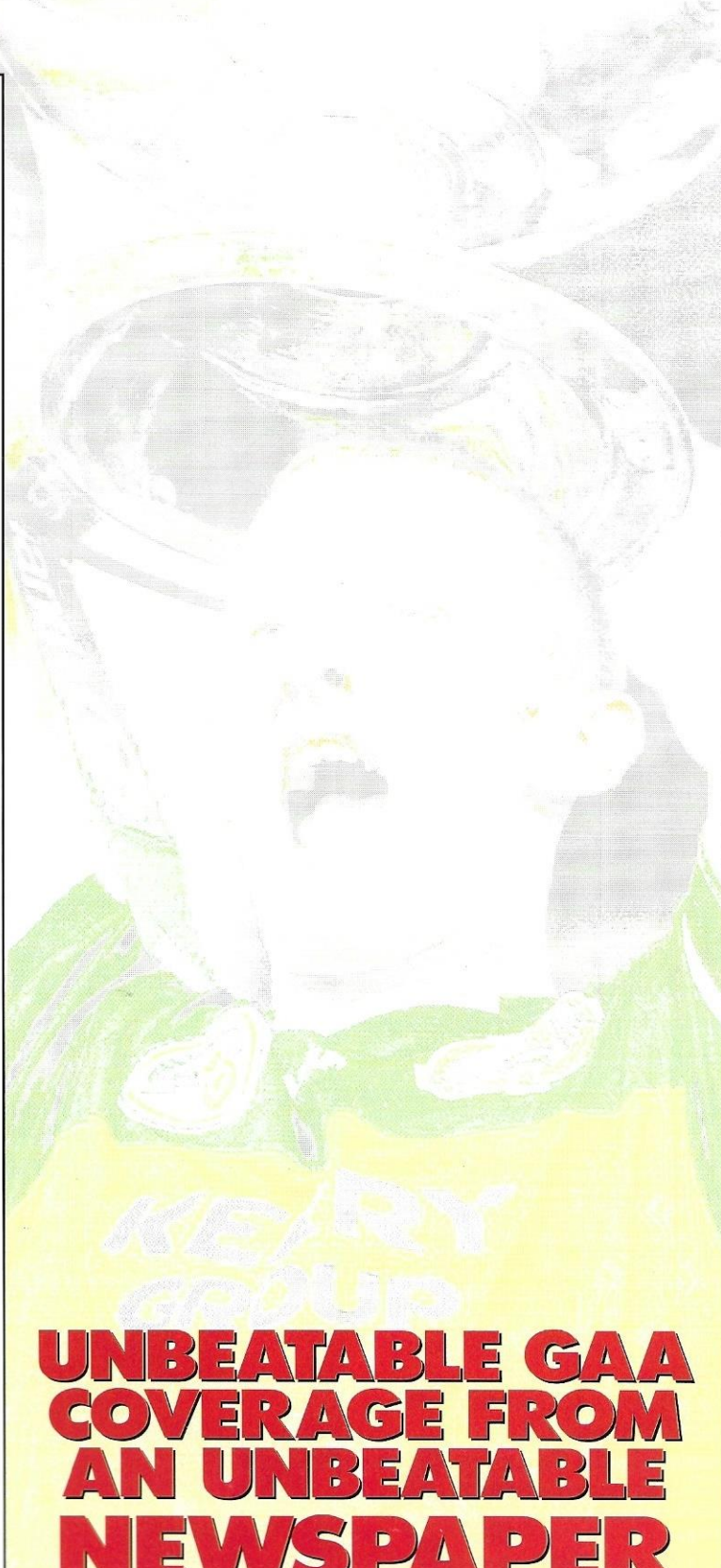
On the facts outlined, to claim that the minor football championship is the most competitive of all is no exaggeration.



Unlikely Flag Raisers

In their epic three-year campaign, the Laois defence has conceded modest enough totals to the opposition in most of their outings. There have been really only two lapses of defensive concentration in that time. The 2-9 which Dublin scored in the drawn 1996 provincial final was one of them - not surprising when the strength of Dublin at this level is considered - but the joint highest score they conceded (matched by the 1-14 they conceded against Tyrone in last year's final) was, astonishingly, to Kilkenny who knocked in a splendid 4-5 before going down by 2-14 to 4-5 in last year's second round tie at O'Moore Park.

FOLLOW THE **The Irish Mirror** DREAM TEAM



ROY CURTIS

Chief Sports Writer



COLM KEYS

Chief GAA Writer



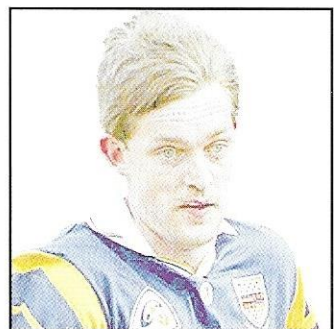
MICK SCULLY

Star Sports Writer



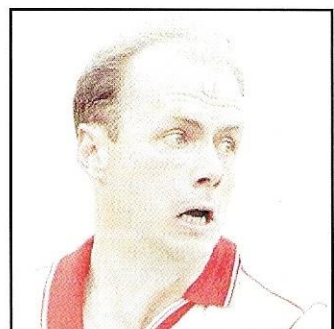
JOHN O'LEARY

Dubs legend writes exclusively for the Irish Mirror



NICKY ENGLISH

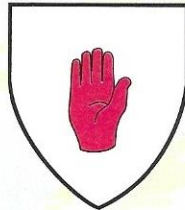
Star Hurling analyst



PETER CANAVAN

Ulster football analyst

**UNBEATABLE GAA
COVERAGE FROM
AN UNBEATABLE
NEWSPAPER**



Trí bhliana ó shin nuair ba ghá dhá athmirt i gcraobhcluiche mhionúir Laighean sa pheil, sular bhain An Iarmhí an chraobh, bhí a fhios ag an saol fódhlach go raibh foireann as an ngnách ag Laois go háirithe nuair a bhain buachaillí Uisnigh craobh na hÉireann an bhliain sin (1995).

Tháinig an tuar faoin tairngreacht, ní hamháin i 1996 ach i 1997 chomh maith; iontas na n-iontas bhí foireann Laoisigh óga, a bhain craobh Laighean, faoi thrí go dtí 1967 roimhe sin, tar éis dhá chraobh Uile-Éireann a bhaint as a chéile. Anois tá an tríú chraobh Laighean as a chéile gnóthaite agus iad ar ais sa chraobhcluiche don tríú bhliain as a chéile. Moltar go hard na spéire iad agus níl aon amhras ach go mbeidh na scothimreoirí seo mar bhunsraith do shinsir Chontae Uí Mhordha amach anseo chun tuilleadh ghradaim a ghiniúint don cheantar álainn sin.

Dhá bhliain ó shin b'iad Ciarraí na céilí imeartha sa chraobhcluiche agus i mbliana bhí an freasúra céanna ag Laois sa chluiche leathcheannais. Níl rud ar bith, i gcúrsaí peile, a thugann sásamh as cuimse d'fhoireann ach buachaint ar an Ríocht; ní hé go bhfuil goimh ar éinne leo ach go gceaptar go bhfuil an 'iomarca' craobhacha bainte acu! Thug an bua i 1996 misneach don fhoireann agus ní raibh aon bhaol go gcaillfidís craobh Laighean i 1997.

Nuair a tháinig siad fhad le craobhcluiche Uile-Éireann i 1997 bhí freasúra a raibh cáil mhór orthu ina n-aghaidh; b'shin iad na hEoghanaigh uaibhreacha ó Thír

Eoghain. Tá rud speisialta faoina mionúir ó chontae na Niallaigh; b'iad an chéad fhoireann mhionúir, a thug craobh na hÉireann ar ais go dtí na Sé Chontae. Tharla sé i 1947 agus, dála a gcéilí imeartha inniu, bhain siad an chraobh don dara bliain as a chéile i 1948. Uair amháin eile, i 1973, bhain siad craobh na hÉireann arís.

Sa chluiche ceannais anuraidh bhí an cluiche idir dhá cheann na meá suas go dtí cúpla noiméad ón deireadh nuair a rop Brian MacDomhnaill cúl isteach i lín Thír Eoghain agus tógadh an corn ar ais go Portlaoise. Dála an scéil má bhuan na Laoisigh inniu beidh éacht (nár deineadh ach uair amháin eile cheana) déanta ag Brian le trí bhonn mionúir gnóthaite aige.

Bhí cuma an éifeachtach ar Thír Eoghain sa chluiche leathcheannais in aghaidh Liatroma. Tríd is tríd bhí na himreoirí níos mó agus níos láidre cé gur thug curaidh Chonnachta a ndúshlán don chéad leath. Ar deireadh bhí bua éasca ag na hEoghanaigh agus tá an chuma ar an scéal go mbeidh cluiche d'ard-chaighdeán curtha faoinár mbráid inniu.

Treásláitear leis an dá fhoireann agus lena lucht stiúrtha as craobhacha a gCúigí a bhaint. Guítear rath orthu araon. Beidh fáilte ar leith curtha roimh na hEoghanaigh de dheasca an uathbháis a tharla ar an Omáigh tamall ó shin agus tuigfidh na Laoisigh é sin.

Le Cill Cara sa chraobhcluiche sinsir beidh neart tacaíochta ag peileadóirí Laoise, mar Laighnigh, ach ceaptar go mbeidh Tír Eoghain chun tosaigh ag deireadh báire.



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, DUBLIN

DIPLOMA IN SPORTS MANAGEMENT

This is a two year course covering the principles of management and administration in the industry of sport. The course aims to expand the knowledge and business skills of those currently employed in the sports industry and to provide a foundation for high calibre sports people with the basic skills for a sports related career.

This is a multi-disciplinary course involving the Faculties of Commerce, Medicine, Philosophy and Sociology and the Language Centre in association with the University Industry Programme.

First Year Modules

- Business Sport 1 - Management of Services Organisations
- Human Performance and Sports Medicine 1 - Applied Biology of Sport and Exercise
- Human Performance and Sports Medicine 2 - The Management of Injuries and Medical Problems
- Business of Sport 2 - Financial Management in the Sports Industry

Second Year Modules

- The Study of Modern a European Language -
- Beginners Spanish/Post Leaving Certificate French
- Behavioural Sciences in Sports Management -
- Sociology, Psychology and Research Methodology
- Business of Sport 3 -
- Business Skills in Sports Management
- Modern Sporting Trends -
- Facilities, Communications and Management of the Elite Athlete.

The course will commence on the 10th September, 1998 with an Introductory Session and lectures will begin the following Wednesday, 16th September, 1998 in the University Industry Centre.

Applicants should be of matriculation standard with a background in Sport. The Academic Directors reserve the right to call people for interview to assist the selection process.

Closing date for receipt of application is Friday, 28th August, 1998.

Further information and application forms are available from:

**The Project Manager, Continuing Education,
University Industry Programme, National University of Ireland, Dublin (UCD), Belfield, Dublin 4.
Tel: +353-1-706 8712/8714. Fax: +353-1-283 0669.**



UNIVERSITY
INDUSTRY
PROGRAMME

Na Mionúir

Top Scorers

Last season prior to the All-Ireland final, Brian McDonald was in second position on the top scorer's chart - four points in arrears of the top spot. This season the O'Moore county ace finds himself in the same position, but unlike last year when he fell further behind as the leader Mark Harte outscored him (0-4 to 0-2) in the final, "Beano" has a clear run at pole position as leader Wayne McCarthy has long since exited the championship. His only credible challenger is Aidan Lynch and he currently lies eight points behind McDonald so it looks as if the honours rest between the two "Macs".

Just three of last year's top 15 return with McDonald still holding second position, Eddie Scully rising from fourth to third and Kieran Kelly also on the up - from 12th to 7th.

The top 15 scorers in the '98 minor championship to date are:

Wayne McCarthy (Dublin)	0-33
Brian McDonald (Laois)	1-26 (29)
Eddie Scully (Limerick)	0-25
Aidan Lynch (Tyrone)	1-18 (21)
Anthony Hannon (Wicklow)	0-19
Cormac McAnallen (Tyrone)	1-15 (18)
Kieran Kelly (Laois)	1-13 (16)
Alan O'Donovan (Galway)	1-12 (15)
T Connors (Tipperary)	1-12 (15)
Michael O'Shea (Clare)	2-9 (15)
Gary Hurney (Waterford)	4-3 (15)
Shane Canning (Leitrim)	2-8 (14)
Michael Clancy (Laois)	4-2 (14)
Sean O'Sullivan (Kerry)	1-10 (13)
Glen Loughran (Meath)	1-10 (13)

Brian McDonald
(Laois)



the place where the lemons are red

Lemonade. Natural. Refreshing. Invigorating. Sweet yet sour. Consumed with relish the world over by small children, discerning adults and kindly American grandparents.

Red lemonade, on the other hand, isn't!

Red lemonade only exists because as a nation we're different. We have tastes unlike any other culture on earth. Which is why we also have a television station unlike any other - TnaG. A station dedicated to Irish and Irishness, that looks at things in a different way and that is above all, like ourselves, uniquely Irish.



TnaG. Because we're different.

The Laois dream rolls on

By Mick Dunne

We senior citizens from Laois were never told by our mommas "there would be days like this". The native county going for three-in-a-row in an All-Ireland final. Any All-Ireland final!

A fantasy? The impossible dream? In any previous decade, perhaps the aberration of an overly fanciful imagination. Now in these notable nineties we are actually here in Croke Park witnesses to what would once have been regarded as the unattainable by successive generations of Laois people. An extraordinary turnabout in the county's fortunes.

So win, lose (what's that?) or draw the whole population of the O'Moore County, ranging from the youngest up to the most venerable, must be overwhelmed with a sense of deep gratitude to those wonderful, inspirational minors who have so strikingly elevated our spirits over the past three summers. And be equally conscious of our indebtedness to the two managers, Gabriel Lawlor and Oliver Phelan, and the three men who have served with them as selectors, Brian Delaney, Martin Parkinson and Ger Kelly.

All of them, players and officials alike, can be assured that their place in Laois history is secure.

The record of these minors is all the more remarkable when it is placed in comparison with what went before for Laois in six decades prior to the nineties since the start of the minor championships. The old, old cliché 'from rags to riches' falls short of adequately describing the wondrous transformation in fortunes. It has to be recognised that Laois, for so long, seemed destined to be allowed knock only rarely at the rich man's door; through many decades the feast of success seemed tantalisingly always out of reach. But now the county, due to three groups of marvellous minors and those who guide them, sits at the top table.

Examine that record: three appearances in the All-Ireland minor series, two finals and a semi-final, in all of 60 years compared with finals now in three consecutive years. Up to 1996 Laois won only three provincial minor championships in the first six decades of the competition. And when they got to the first All-Ireland final they didn't even have the honour, happily

long since accorded all minor finalists, of playing it in Croke Park. On September 18, 1932, the decider was staged in Roscrea between Kerry and a Laois team that included youngsters later to become legends in the county's football, like the great Bill Delaney and the late Syd Harkin. When Kerry won by 11 points it was to be the first of a series of severe blows the dreaded Kingdom inflicted on us in the thirties.

Thirty-Four Years

Then it was all of 34 tormenting years before the county next won the Leinster title, but what happens? They meet Down in the All-Ireland semi-final, have to force a late draw (full-forward Pat Lalor got the equalising point), are then beaten by seven points in the replay at An Uaimh and I'm not too sure Colm McAlarney and Peter Rooney have ever been completely forgiven although we later became good friends.

We will slip quickly past the year 1967 when we were defenceless victims of an overbearing Cork team natsy enough to run up a tally of 5-14. Fellows like Denis Long, Donal Hunt, Jimmy Barrett and Ned Kirby. What a horrible lot! Come to think of it I'm out on the pitch today with those fellows during the Jubilee celebrations; mightn't even say hello to them!

See how we've had to suffer. And that's only at minor level. You'd wonder, then, do younger generations of Laois folk fully appreciate what the minors of the nineties have done for the county; did those youthful supporters realise the full significance of the third Leinster title last month, the first minor three-in-a-row in the province in over 40 years.

Some of us oldsters were already fortunate enough to have enjoyed the glories of successive titles won by Laois, the three senior provincial championships in 1936-37. But we had to live on the dwindling memories of those for so long, without anything else to sustain us, that the minor successes of latter times fell upon us like manna from Heaven.

Perhaps, a day like today means so much to us because we never dreamed we'd experience such happy occasions again before we passed on.

Double Events

It is now close on one hundred years since the same counties last contested the two All-Ireland senior finals in the one year. This was in 1900 when Tipperary and London were the contestants in both finals with the 'home' county proving victorious on both counts at Jones's Road on October 26, 1902. Previously, Cork and Dublin had faced each other in 1894 at Clonturk Park; Cork won the hurling but the football decider went to a replay from which Dublin emerged with the title - though only after considerable controversy.

More than 18 months, however, separate the hurling and football meetings of Cork and Wexford in the 1890 finals - the hurling decider being won by Cork at Clonturk Park on November 16, 1890, while the second leg of an historic double was not recorded until June 1892 when the footballers of Midleton beat the Wexford representatives rather easily.



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

AG OBAIR AR SON MUINTIR NA GAILLIMHE

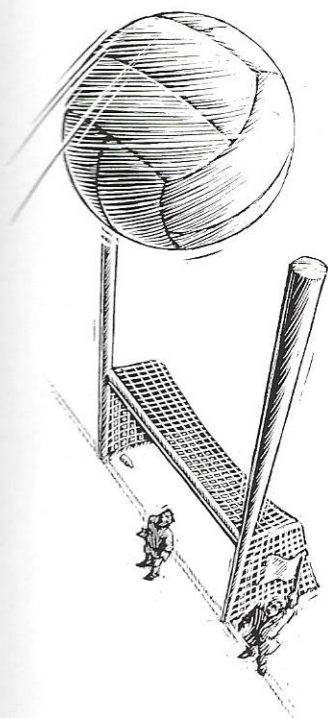
*Galway County Council
extends its best wishes to the
Galway team.*



iarnród éireann



The Maroon, The Lily Whites and the Long Wait



A huge hunger for success following a long absence of 'Sam' from their trophy cabinets will make for a ferociously competitive match today between this novel pairing.

Kildare's hunger has been longer and grown men wept after the semi-final. Galway too, have knocked on the door but have not entered since the late sixties.

What a game to win for these two marvellous footballing counties.

Galway may have travelled further on the match trains but Kildare supporters have travelled en masse too from Kildare and Newbridge.

We thank you for your great support and we wish you both the best of football!

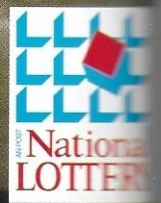
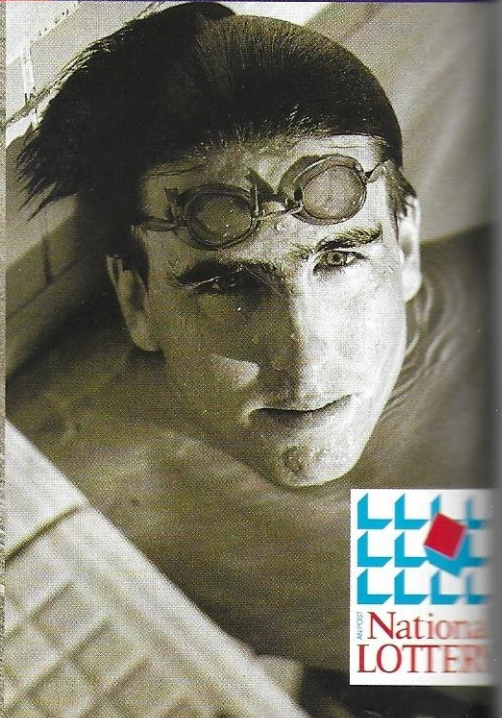


it's time to take the train



The National Lottery raised
£100 million last year for
causes throughout Ireland.
On your behalf.

If you're
one of the
many who
lent a
hand, thank
you.





Cill Dara



The Kildare team which defeated Kerry in the semi-final.

Back row (l-r): John Finn, Martin Lynch, Willie McCreery, Karl O'Dwyer, Niall Buckley, Ronan Quinn, Anthony Rainbow, Pauric Graven, Christy Byrne.

Front row (l-r): Declan Kerrigan, Ken Doyle, Seamus Dowling, Glen Ryan, Brian Lacey, Eddie McCormack, Dermot Earley.

Long wait ends for Kildare

Kildare are appearing in their first All-Ireland senior football final since losing to Cavan in 1935.

Along the way they regained the Leinster senior title after 42 years and ended Kerry's hopes of a successful defence of the Sam Maguire Cup.

This is their record in the championship so far:

7th June at Croke Park:

Kildare 0-10; Dublin 0-10

21st June at Croke Park:

Kildare 0-12; Dublin 1-8

19th July at Croke Park:

Kildare 2-13; Laois 0-8

2nd August at Croke Park:

Kildare 1-12; Meath 0-10

30th August at Croke Park:

Kildare 0-13; Kerry 1-9

Total Scored 3-60 (69 points)
Total Conceded 2-45 (51)
Average 1.35

	1	2	3	4	5	Score	Total
Padraig Graven	0-4	0-4	1-5	0-4	0-3	1-20	23
Karl O'Dwyer	0-2	0-1	0-3	0-2	0-3	0-11	11
Eddie McCormack	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-2	0-3	0-10	10
Niall Buckley	0-2	0-3	1-1	-	-	1-6	9
Martin Lynch	-	-	0-1	-	0-2	0-3	3
Brian Murphy	-	-	-	1-0	-	1-0	3
Anthony Rainbow	-	0-1	-	0-1	-	0-2	2
Willie McCreery	-	-	-	0-2	-	0-2	2
Padraig Brennan	-	-	0-1	-	0-1	0-2	2
Glen Ryan	-	0-1	-	-	-	0-1	1
Dermot Earley	-	-	0-1	-	-	0-1	1
Declan Kerrigan	-	-	-	0-1	-	0-1	1
John Finn	-	-	-	-	0-1	0-1	1

Another Distinction For Graven

Padraig Graven also has the distinction of heading the Lily Whites chart of leading individual returns for the championship with 1-5 against Laois.

agam,

agat,

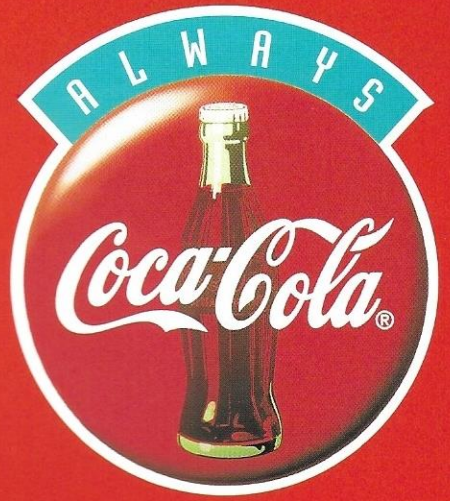
aige,

aici,

againn,

agaiòh,

a *Coca-Cola*®



Everyone needs a REFRESHER COURSE

Long-serving Kerrigan still plays vital role for Kildare

Declan Kerrigan is one of Kildare's longer-serving footballers but continues to be a vital link in the side. His industrious and clever forward play contributed in rich measure to the county's long-awaited return to the All-Ireland senior final.

Kerrigan has been in the intercounty senior ranks since 1986 but had to wait until last month for his first Leinster senior medal.

In between, however, the accomplished Johnstownbridge clubman had important successes. He won two county senior championship medals and three League souvenirs with his club.

Kerrigan has also helped Kildare to O'Byrne Cup success.

The wily Kildare man is a versatile campaigner. It was at left half back that he won a Leinster minor medal in 1983 and he has also made his mark as a hurler.

He won Minor League and Under-21 Hurling championship medals with Broadford and has worn the All White colours as well in the ancient code.

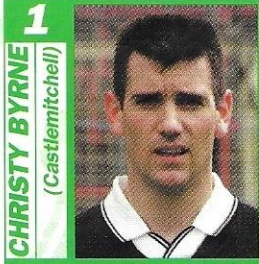
In fine form this season, Declan Kerrigan brings plenty of experience and class to his All-Ireland senior football final debut.



Player Profiles



Cill Dara



Age 26. 5'11". 12st. Painter.
Leinster SFC in 1998; U-21
Award 1992; Railway Cup 1996
& 1997; Club IFC 1992.



Age 23. 5'9". 11st.4lbs.
Pensions Consultants.
Leinster SFC 1998; Colleges All-Ireland Hurling title; 2 MHC with Ard Vale Rovers.

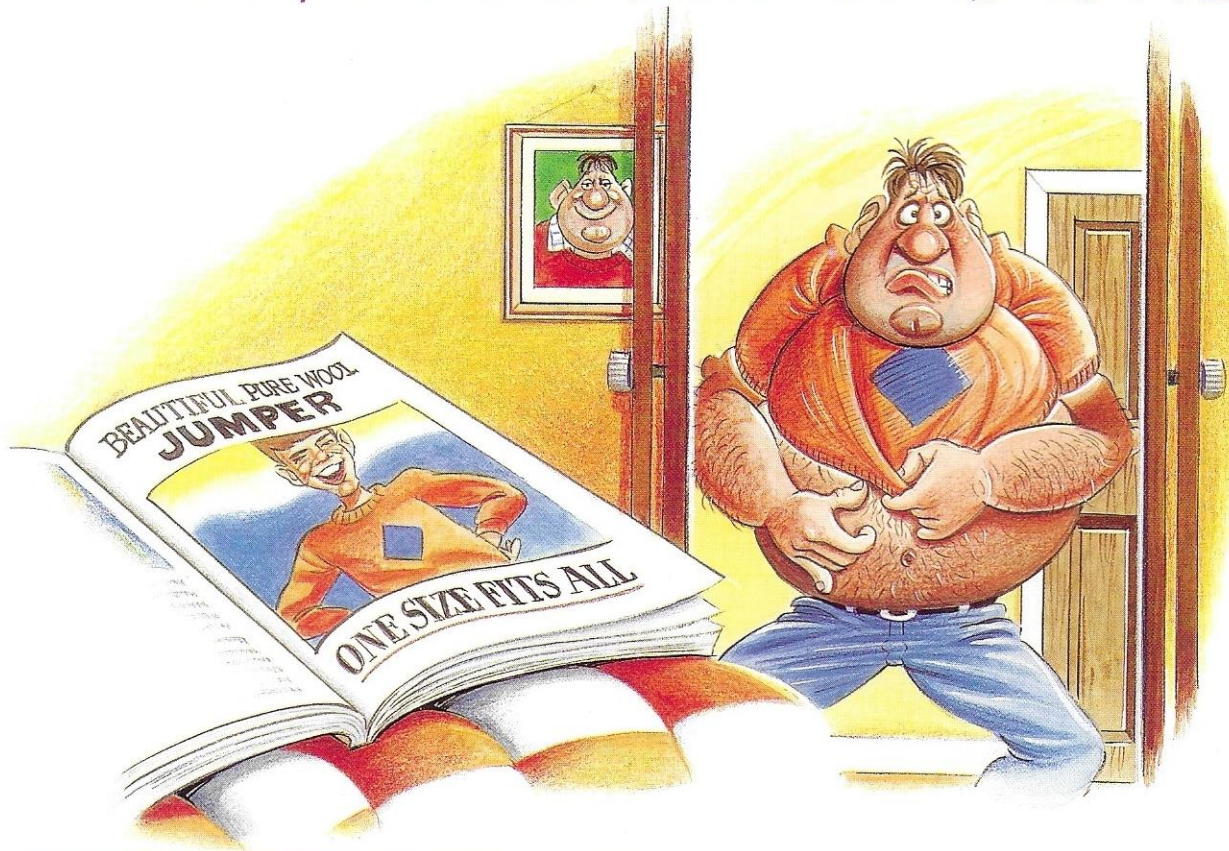


Age 26. 5'11". 12st.6lbs.
Construction Manager.
Leinster SFC in 1998; Club MFC
& U-21 FC.

Current Account



DO YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE GETTING?



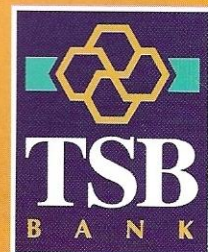
WITH CURRENT ACCOUNT PLUS YOU DO.

Sometimes things aren't always what they're cracked up to be. That's where new Current Account Plus from TSB Bank is different. Because Current Account Plus is a complete banking package that gives you everything you need. This is exactly what you get:

- A Cheque Book
- A '3 in 1' card - that's a Cashcard, a Laser Card and a Cheque Guarantee Card all in one, and, for added security, your photograph and signature is laser-etched onto your card
- Access to over 1,500 ATMs
- Very competitive charges that are easy to understand and when you avail of other TSB Bank services you may qualify for discounts!
- Written notification of any charges and interest sent to you before they are applied to your account
- Overdraft facilities
- Standing Order & Direct Debit facilities

So go on call into TSB Bank today and open a new Current Account Plus
- it's the easier way to manage your money.

For further information call 1850 21 11 11



We want what's best for you.

Quarterly Account Charge £10 - this includes a '3 in 1' card, quarterly statements and a minimum of 25 free transactions per quarter. All subsequent transactions (including Laser) are 20p per transaction. Further discounts available. Current Account Plus is available to personal customers only and existing Current Account customers have the option to switch to Current Account Plus. Current Account terms & conditions apply.

Penalty Parade



Martin McNamara (Gaillimh) is beaten for Derry's penalty goal by Gary Coleman in the semi-final

The 1998 championship will not be regarded as a bumper one as far as penalty awards are concerned and, with just nine spot-kicks awarded to date, it has been the lowest total in recent years. Last season prior to the final, 15 penalties had been awarded and that figure increased by one in the decider as Kieran McDonald slotted home for Mayo, while the lowest recent year for penalty awards was 1996 when just ten were awarded in the course of the championship.

Two years ago the average return from each penalty was 2.3 points, but last season that fell to 1.67. However, there has been an improvement in the conversion rate this season with six successful kicks from nine attempts giving a return of two points per penalty (18 points divided by nine penalties).

In the last two seasons just three goalkeepers - Tom Brennan (Waterford), Padraig Kelly (Offaly) and Christy Byrne (Kildare) - have actually saved penalties and only Philly Ryan managed a similar feat this year.

A pattern that has emerged over the last few years has been the lack of penalty awards once

the provincial final stage has been reached and last year just one was awarded (to Mayo in the All-Ireland final) after the provincial semi-finals. Similarly, this season, just one penalty (to Derry in the All-Ireland semi-final) was awarded when either provincial honours or an All-Ireland final place was at stake.

The nine penalties awarded in the '98 championship and the results to date are:

10th May

Pat Galvin (Limerick) saved by Philly Ryan (Tipperary)
 Michael Reidy (Limerick) goal v Tipperary

17th May

Dessie Barry (Longford) goal v Westmeath
 Adrian Cush (Tyrone) goal v Down

31st May

Colin Kelly (Louth) goal v Wicklow
 Conan Daye (Wicklow) hit upright v Louth

28th June

Eddie Lohan (Roscommon) wide v Sligo
 Declan Browne (Tipperary) goal v Clare

23rd August

Gary Coleman goal v Galway

Player Profiles

4

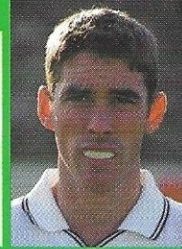
KEN DOYLE
(Allenwood)



Age 27. 5'10". 11st.
 Accountant.
 3 Leinster Leader Cup medals,
 O'Byrne Cup medal, Leinster
 SFC 1998.

5

ANTHONY RAINBOW
(Suncroft)



Age 27. 5'9". 10st.5lbs.
 Member of Defence Forces.
 Leinster SFC 1998; Leinster U-
 21 1992; County IFC.

6

GLEN RYAN
(Round Towers)



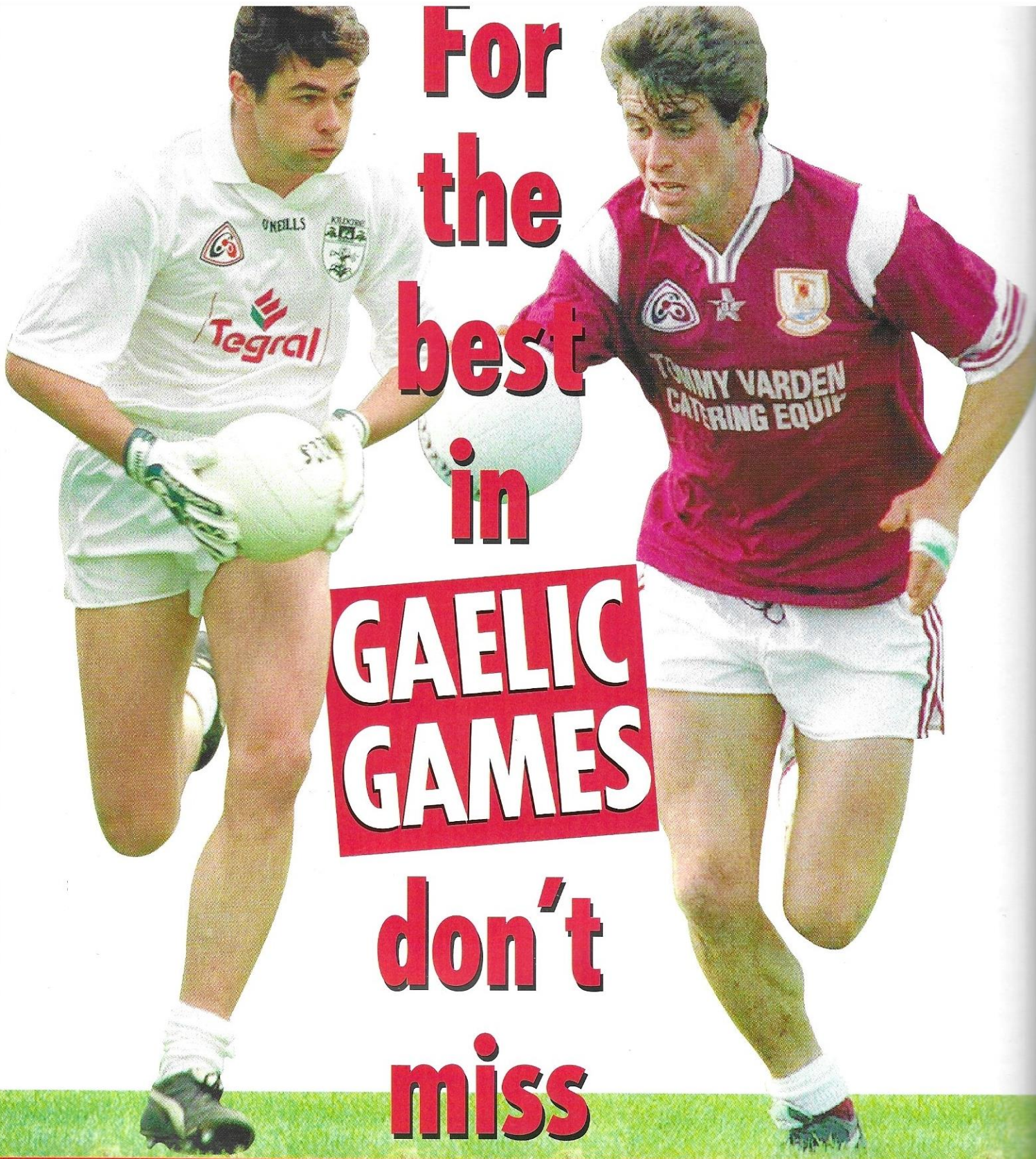
Age 27. 5'9". 12st. School
 Teacher.
 Leinster SFC 1998; Eircell All-
 Star 1997; Leinster U-21 1992
 County SFC, Keogh Cup and
 National Sevens in 1996;
 County U-21 FC 1991; Railway
 Cup 1996; Kildare Footballer of
 the year in 1992, 1995 & 1996

7

JOHN FINN
(Clane)



Age 27. 5'11". 11st. Air Corps
 Pilot.
 Leinster SFC 1998; All-Ireland
 Colleges 1988 with Scoil Mhuir-
 played county U-21 1989, 1990
 & 1991; Leinster SFC 1989 and
 County SFC 1991, 1992, 1995
 & 1997 with his club.



**For
the
best
in**

**GAELIC
GAMES**

**don't
miss**

**THE IRISH
Sun**

1998 Senior Football Scoreboard

Leinster

Preliminary Rounds

3rd May at Mullingar:

Westmeath 1-18; Carlow 2-5

3rd May at New Ross:

Wexford 2-13; Longford 1-16

replay

10th May at Pearse Park:

Longford 0-16; Wexford 2-7

17th May at Pearse Park:

Westmeath 3-14; Longford 1-13

1st Round

24th May at Croke Park:

Meath 3-10; Offaly 0-7

31st May at Drogheda:

Louth 3-14; Wicklow 1-11

7th June at Croke Park:

Laois 1-15; Westmeath 0-15

Kildare 0-10; Dublin 0-10

replay

21st June at Croke Park:

Kildare 0-12; Dublin 1-8

Semi-Finals

28th June at Croke Park:

Meath 0-15; Louth 1-11

19th July at Croke Park:

Kildare 2-13; Laois 0-8

Final

2nd August at Croke Park:

Kildare 1-12; Meath 0-10

Ulster

Preliminary Round

17th May at Omagh:

Down 0-15; Tyrone 2-7

1st Round

24th May at Casement Park:

Donegal 1-11; Antrim 0-11

31st May at Celtic Park:

Derry 3-13; Monaghan 0-11

7th June at Breffni Park:

Cavan 0-13; Fermanagh 0-11

14th June at Clones:

Armagh 0-16; Down 0-11

Semi-Finals

21st June at Clones:

Donegal 0-15; Cavan 0-13

28th June at Clones:

Derry 2-13; Armagh 0-12

Final

19th July at Clones:

Derry 1-7; Donegal 0-8

Munster

Preliminary Round

10th May at the Gaelic Grounds:

Tipperary 1-13; Limerick 1-12

1st Round

30th May at Clonmel:

Tipperary 1-16; Waterford 0-7

Semi-Finals

28th June at the Gaelic Grounds:

Tipperary 1-16; Clare 0-12

5th July at Killarney:

Kerry 1-14; Cork 1-11

Final

2nd August at Semple Stadium:

Kerry 0-17; Tipperary 1-10

Connacht

1st Round

24th May at Castlebar:

Galway 1-13; Mayo 2-6

31st May at Ruislip :

Sligo 0-14; London 1-7

Semi-Finals

14th June at Carrick-on-Shannon:

Galway 1-16; Leitrim 0-5

28th June at Hyde Park:

Roscommon 2-12; Sligo 1-15

replay

5th July at Markievicz Park:

Roscommon 1-13; Sligo 0-15

Final

19th July at Tuam:

Galway 0-11; Roscommon 0-11

replay

1st August at Hyde Park:

Galway 1-17; Roscommon 0-17

(after extra-time)

All-Ireland

Semi-Finals

23rd August at Croke Park:

Galway 0-16; Derry 1-8

30th August at Croke Park:

Kildare 0-13; Kerry 1-9



Player Profiles

8

NIAL BUCKLEY
(Sarsfields)



Age 25. 6'1". 12st.5lbs.
Company Representative.
Leinster Minor, U-21, SFC;
Eirell All-Star 1997; Won "The
Sunday Game" man-of-the-match
award on two occasions; County
SFC and MFC medals.

9

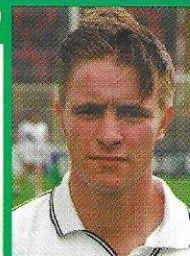
WILLIE MCCREERY
(Clane)



Age 28. 6'1". 11st.9lbs. Asst.
Horse Trainer.
Leinster SFC 1998; 3 County
SFC medals in 1992, 1995 &
1997.

10

EDDIE MCCORMACK
(Clane)



Age 25. 5'8". 11st.5lbs. Stud
Groom.
Leinster SFC 1998; County MFC
and SFC medals.

11

DECLAN KERRIGAN
(Johnstownbridge)



Age 31. 5'9". 11st.8lbs.
Financial Consultant.
Leinster SFC 1998; Leinster
MFC & 2 County SFC medals;
holds 5 Leinster Leader Cup
medals.

KILDARE

are back in Croke Park

McInerney

are back in Kildare



mill lane, naas

luxury 4 & 5 bed
detached homes
in a magnificent setting

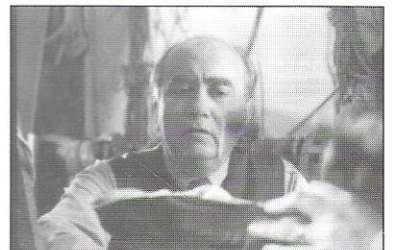
McInerney 
BUILDING FOR PEOPLE SINCE 1909

joint selling agents

James A Morrin & Son IAVI
Auctioneers & Valuers
Tel: 045 879377



Sherry FitzGerald
Merrion Row
Dublin 2
Tel: 01-6616198



Individual Feats

Although Maurice Fitzgerald may have failed to retain the overall scoring honour, the 'Kingdom' ace can console himself with the fact that, barring an outstanding individual performance this afternoon, he will share the individual feat's honour with Tipperary's Declan Browne. Both marksmen returned ten point totals in a single outing with Browne first to the mark as he notched 1-7 in Tipperary's surprise semi-final win over Clare and five weeks later Fitzgerald equalled that total against Browne and co. in the Munster final.

Four performances got within a point of the double-figure mark and two of those came from Browne, with Dessie Barry and Eddie Lohan providing the others.

Last year's overall winner - Declan Darcy (2-13) - makes a return to this year's chart (albeit in a much lower position) and others to reappear are Ronan Carolan, Paul Taylor, Pdraig Graven, Niall Finnegan, Fitzgerald and Browne.

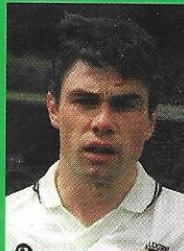
In all, 23 scoring performances (26 last year) of seven points or better were recorded and they were:

Maurice Fitzgerald (Kerry)	0-10
v Tipperary - Munster final at Semple Stadium	
Declan Browne (Tipperary)	1-7
v Clare - semi-final at the Gaelic Grounds	
Declan Browne (Tipperary)	0-9
v Waterford - 1st round at Clonmel	
Dessie Barry (Longford)	0-9
v Wexford - preliminary round at New Ross	
Declan Browne (Tipperary)	1-6

v Limerick - preliminary round at the Gaelic Grounds	
Eddie Lohan (Roscommon)	1-6
v Sligo - semi-final at Hyde Park	
Pdraig Joyce (Galway)	0-8
v Derry - All-Ireland semi-final at Croke Park	
Eddie Lohan (Roscommon)	0-8
v Galway - Connacht final at Tuam	
Eddie Lohan (Roscommon)	0-8
v Galway - Connacht final replay at Hyde Park	
Paul Taylor (Sligo)	0-8
v Roscommon - semi-final replay at Markievicz Park	
Pdraig Davis (Longford)	0-8
v Wexford - preliminary round replay at Pearse Park	
Pdraig Graven (Kildare)	1-5
v Laois - semi-final at Croke Park	
Declan Darcy (Dublin)	1-5
v Kildare - 1st round replay at Croke Park	
Colin Kelly (Louth)	1-5
v Wicklow - 1st round at Drogheda	
Ger Heavin (Westmeath)	1-5
v Carlow - preliminary round at Mullingar	
Ger Heavin (Westmeath)	1-5
v Longford - preliminary round at Pearse Park	
Declan Browne (Tipperary)	0-7
v Kerry - Munster final at Semple Stadium	
Diarmuid Marsden (Armagh)	0-7
v Down - 1st round at Clones	
Ronan Carolan (Cavan)	0-7
v Donegal - semi-final at Clones	
Niall Finnegan (Galway)	1-4
v Leitrim - semi-final at Carrick-on-Shannon	
Maurice Fitzgerald (Kerry)	1-4
v Cork - semi-final at Killarney	
Dessie Barry (Longford)	1-4
v Westmeath - preliminary round at Pearse Park	
Kieran McDonald (Mayo)	2-1
v Galway - 1st round at Castlebar	

12
DERMOT EARLEY
(Sarsfields)

Age 20. 6'1". 11st.8lbs. Army Cadet.
Leinster SFC in 1998; County MFC 1996.

13
MARTIN LYNCH
(Clane)

Age 28. 5'11". 12st.4lbs. Accountant.
Leinster SFC 1998; All-Ireland Colleges 1988 with Scoil Mhuire; Leinster U-16 and MFC; All-Star in 1991. Holds 4 SFC in 1991, 1992, 1995 & 1997.

14
KARL O'DWYER
(Rathangan)

Age 27. 5'11". 11st.8lbs. Teacher.
Leinster SFC 1998, debut for Kildare in the recent NFL.

15
PADRAIG GRAVEN
(Clogherinkoe)

Age 22. 5'11". 12st. Student.
Leinster SFC 1998.

Fir Ionaid

(16) Paul Flood (Maynooth)	Age 21.	6'3".	13st.	GAA Coach.
(17) Seamus Dowling (Moorefield)	Age 32.	5'10".	11st.4lbs.	Self Employed.
(18) Davy Dalton (Kilcock)	Age 34.	5'11".	13st.	Co. Council Official.
(19) Brian Murphy (Clane)	Age 25.	5'11".	13st.4lbs.	Production Manager.
(20) Pauric Brennan (Sarsfields)	Age 19.	6'0".	11st.5lbs.	Army Cadet.
(21) Martin Ryan (Moorefield)	Age 25.	6'1".	12st.4lbs.	Accountant.
(22) Paul McCormack (Clane)	Age 25.	6'3".	11st.8lbs.	Teacher.
(23) Derek Maher (Round Towers)	Age 25.	6'0".	12st.5lbs.	Upholsterer.
(24) Noel Donlon (Round Towers)	Age 27.	6'0".	12st.7lbs.	Teacher.



Cill Dara



Dathanna: Bán



An Captaen

Glen Ryan

Glen's achievement in leading Kildare to their first Leinster senior football title in 42 years must rank as the highlight so far in a senior intercounty career that stretches back to 1990.

One of the most consistent defenders in the game, Ryan is in line today to lead a team for the third time to a major title after a long interval.

He captained the Round Towers side that in 1995 won the Kildare county senior championship for the first time in 35 years.

Three times a winner of the Kildare Player of the Year Award, the accomplished centre half back helped Leinster to their interprovincial titles in 1996 and 1997.

An Eircell All Star at centre half back last December, the Kildare captain, who won a Leinster under-21 medal in 1992, will be 26 next month.

1
CHRISTY BYRNE
C. Ó Broin
(Castlemitchell)

2
BRIAN LACEY
B. de Léis
(Round Towers)

3
RONAN QUINN
R. Ó Coinn
(Leixlip)

4
KEN DOYLE
C. Ó Dughail
(Allenwood)

5
ANTHONY RAINBOW
A. Ó Ráinseach
(Suncroft)

6
GLEN RYAN
G. Ó Riain (Capt.)
(Round Towers)

7
JOHN FINN
S. Ó Finn
(Clane)

8
NIALL BUCKLEY
N. Ó Buachalla
(Sarsfields)

9
WILLIE MCCREERY
L. Mac Ruairí
(Clane)

10
EDDIE MCCORMACK
E. MacCormaic
(Clane)

11
DECLAN KERRIGAN
D. Ó Ciarragáin
(Johnstownbridge)

12
DERMOT EARLEY
D. Ó Mochóir
(Sarsfields)

13
MARTIN LYNCH
M. Ó Loingsigh
(Clane)

14
KARL O'DWYER
C. Ó Dubhúir
(Rathangan)

15
PADRAIG GRAVEN
P. Ó Grabháin
(Clogherinkoe)

Fir Ionaid

(16) Paul Flood
P. Ó Maoiltuile
(Maynooth)

(19) Brian Murphy
B. Ó Murchú
(Clane)

(22) Paul McCormack
P. MacCormaic
(Clane)

(17) Seamus Dowling
S. Ó Dubhlainn
(Moorefield)

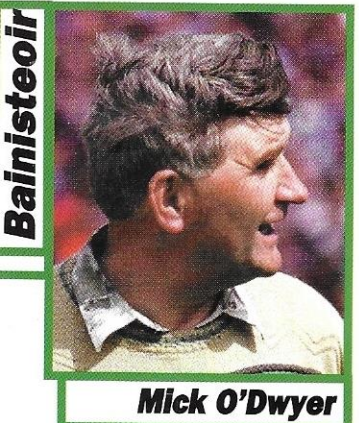
(20) Pauric Brennan
P. Ó Braonáin
(Sarsfields)

(23) Derek Maher
D. Ó Meachair
(Round Towers)

(18) Davy Dalton
D. Ó Daltúin
(Kilcock)

(21) Martin Ryan
M. Ó Riain
(Moorefield)

(24) Noel Donlon
N. Ó Donalláin
(Round Towers)



Bainisteoir

Mick O'Dwyer

Roghnóirí:

Mick O'Dwyer (Waterville) Manager,

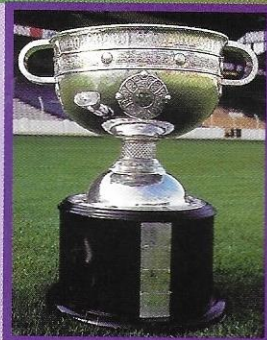
Pat Dunny (Raheen),

John Crofton (Sarsfields),

Pat McCarthy (Sallins).

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

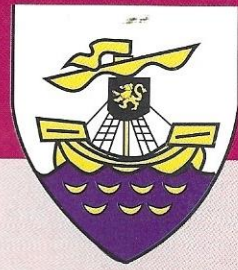
Roll of Honour All-Ireland Senior Football Championship



31: Kerry:	1903, 1904, 1909, 1913, 1914, 1924, 1926, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1946, 1953, 1955, 1959, 1962, 1969, 1970, 1975, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1997.	6: Meath:	1949, 1954, 1967, 1987, 1988, 1996.
22: Dublin:	1891, 1892, 1894, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1942, 1958, 1963, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1983, 1995.	5: Down:	1960, 1961, 1968, 1991, 1992.
7: Galway:	1925, 1934, 1938, 1956, 1964, 1965, 1966.	Cavan:	1933, 1935, 1947, 1948, 1952.
6: Cork:	1890, 1911, 1945, 1973, 1989, 1990.	Wexford:	1893, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918.
		4: Kildare:	1905, 1919, 1927, 1928.
		Tipperary:	1889, 1895, 1900, 1920.
		3: Louth:	1910, 1912, 1957.
		Mayo:	1936, 1950, 1951.
		Offaly:	1971, 1972, 1982.
		2: Limerick:	1887, 1896.
		Roscommon:	1943, 1944.
		1: Derry:	1993.
		Donegal:	1992.



Gaillimh



Dathanna: Marún is Bán

1

MARTIN McNAMARA

*M. MacConmara
(Corofin)*

2

TOMÁS MEEHAN

*T. Ó Miacháin
(Caltra)*

3

GARY FAHY

*G. Ó Fathaigh
(Kilnin)*

4

TOMÁS MANNION

*T. Ó Mainnín
(Monivea-Abbey)*

5

RAY SILKE

*R. Ó Síoda (Capt).
(Corofin)*

6

JOHN DIVILLY

*S. Ó Duibhiolla
(Kilkerrin-Clonbeirne)*

7

SEÁN ÓG de PAOR

*S. Óg de Paor
(An Cheathrú Rua)*

8

KEVIN WALSH

*C. Breathnach
(Kilnin)*

9

SEÁN Ó DOMHNAILL

*S. Ó Domhnaill
(An Cheathrú Rua)*

10

MICHAEL DONNELLAN

*M. Ó Domhnalláin
(Dunmore McHales)*

11

JARLATH FALLON

*I. Ó Fallúin
(Tuam Stars)*

12

SHAY WALSH

*S. Breathnach
(Glenamaddy)*

13

DEREK SAVAGE

*D. Sabhaois
(Cortoon Shamrocks)*

14

PADRAIC JOYCE

*P. Seoigh
(Killenerin)*

15

NIALL FINNEGAN

*N. Ó Fionnagáin
(Sylvesters)*

Fir Ionaid

(16) Pat Comer
*P. Ó Ciaragáin
(An Cheathrú Rua)*

(17) Brian Silke
*B. Ó Síoda
(Corofin)*

(18) Richie Fahy
*R. Ó Fathaigh
(Killanin)*

(19) Kevin Fallon
*C. Ó Fallúin
(Tuam Stars)*

(20) Damien Mitchell
*D. Ó Mistéil
(Menlough)*

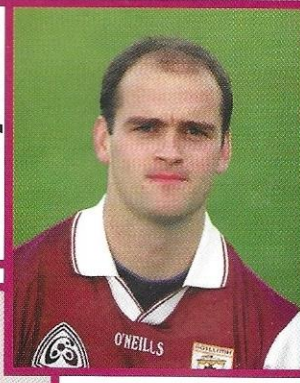
(21) Paul Clancy
*P. Mac Lanncaidh
(Moycullen)*

(22) Declan Meehan
*D. Ó Miacháin
(Caltra)*

(23) Tommy Joyce
*T. Seoigh
(Killenerin)*

(24) Fergal Gavin
*F. Ó Gabháin
(Mountbellew-Moylough)*

An Captaen



Ray Silke

The Corofin clubman is in line to make history as the first from Connacht to be presented with the new Sam Maguire Cup.

He is having a very successful year as a team captain, having led his club to the AIB All-Ireland senior football crown on St. Patrick's Day (the first-ever win by a Connacht side) and Galway to the Connacht senior title.

Ray, who is 27, won his second provincial senior medal in early August. He was also in the Galway side that lost to Tyrone in the county's last All-Ireland semi-final outing three years ago.

An experienced intercounty senior footballer, the dependable defender won his fourth Galway senior medal last year and he also has two Senior League medals.

The Galway captain and centre half back has made an outstanding contribution to Galway's march to this first final appearance in 15 years.

Bainisteoir



John O'Mahony

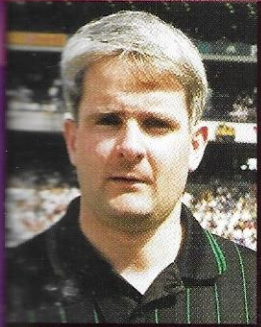
Roghnóirí:

John O'Mahony (Manager), Stephen Joyce, Peter Warren.

Gaillimh

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

An Réiteoir: John Bannon (Longfort)



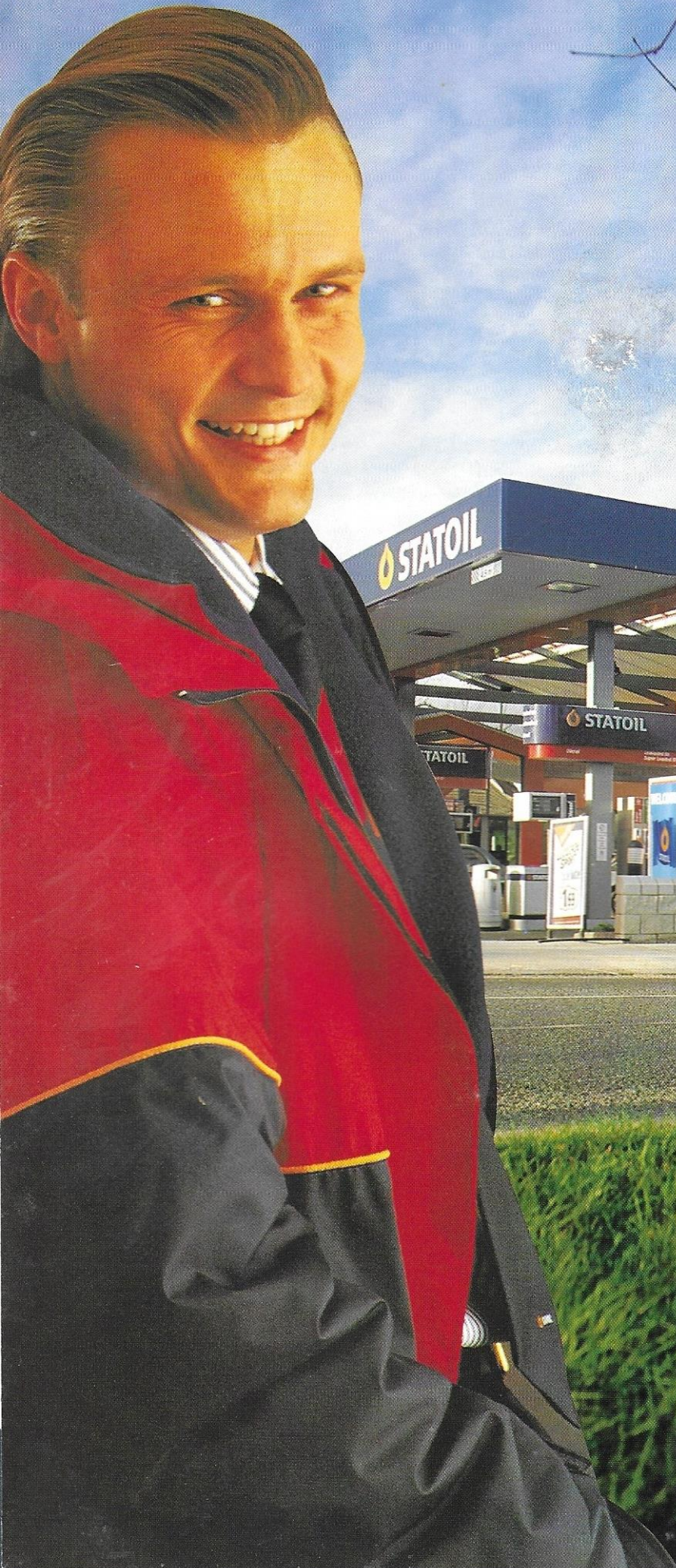
John Bannon (Longfort) John was the Man-in-The-Middle at the Bank of Ireland Leinster senior football final in early August and the All-Ireland semi-final between Galway and Derry a few weeks ago.

He completes an All-Ireland finals double in a year today as he refereed the minor decider between Laois and Tyrone last September.

John has been refereeing at national level for about eleven years and, in addition to the games recorded, he has had charge of games in the Church and General National League and the AIB Club championships.

A former player, he won county championship medals at Senior "B", Intermediate and Junior with his club, Legan Sarsfields. He is a former Longfort Minor Board chairman.

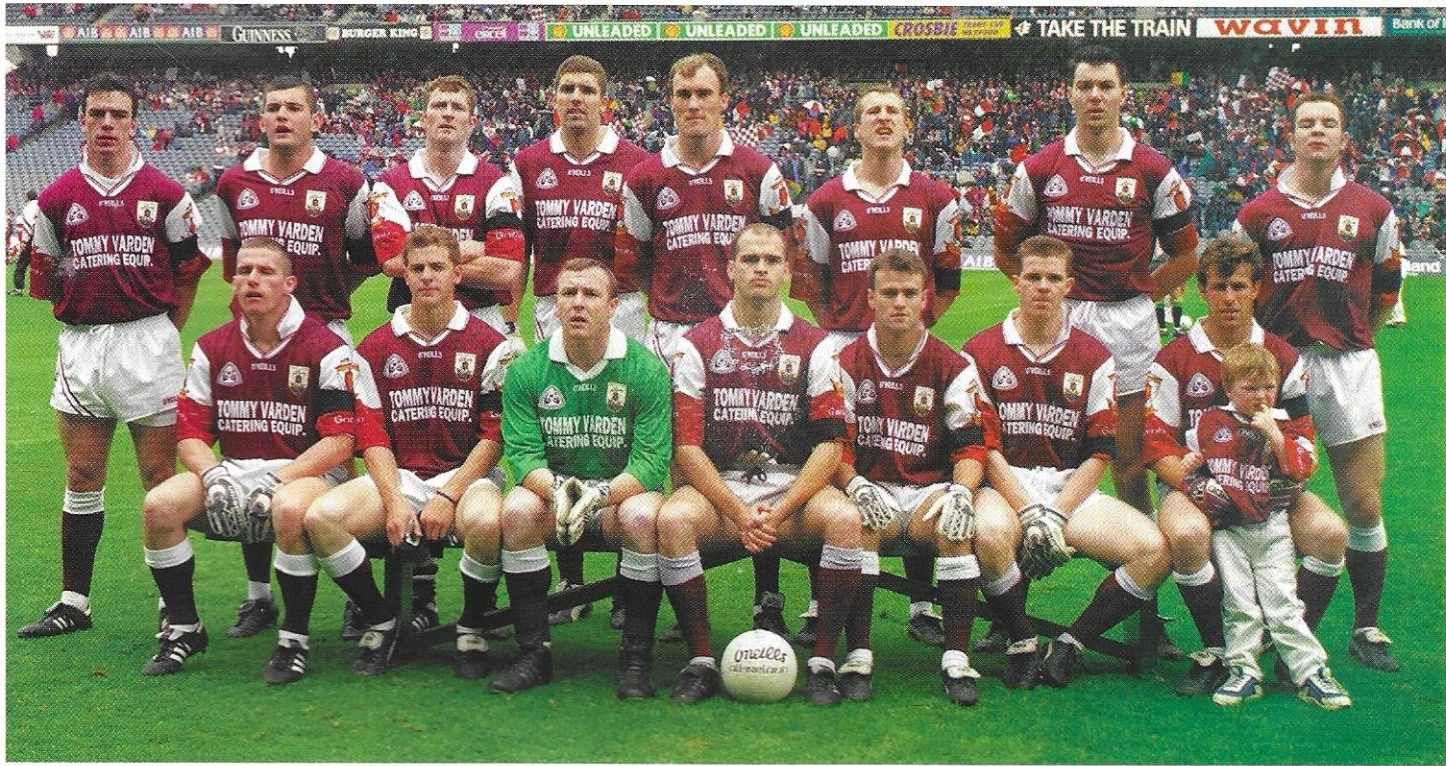
*“Welcome to a new standard
of service station”*



 **STATOIL**



Gaillimh



The Galway team which defeated Derry in the semi-final

Back row (l-r): Padraic Joyce, Tomás Meehan, Jarlath Fallon, Kevin Walsh, Fergal Gavin, Gary Fahy, Seán Ó Domhnaill, John Divilly.

Front row (l-r): Seán Óg de Paor, Michael Donnellan, Martin McNamara, Ray Silke, Derek Savage, Niall Finnegan, Tomás Divilly.

Galway return after fifteen year interval

Galway regained the Connacht senior football title after an interval of three years. The Bank of Ireland final replay win over Roscommon brought their record to 39 since 1900. This is their first appearance in an All-Ireland final since 1983 when they were beaten by Dublin.

24th May at Castlebar:

Galway 1-13; Mayo 2-6

14th June at Carrick-on-Shannon:

Galway 1-16; Leitrim 0-5

19th July at Trim:

Galway 0-11; Roscommon 0-11

1st August at Hyde Park:

Galway 1-17; Roscommon 0-17

23rd August at Croke Park:

Galway 0-16; Derry 1-8

Total Scored 3-73 (82 points)
Total Conceded 3-47 (56)
Average 1.46

	1	2	3	4	5	Score	Total
Padraig Joyce	0-4	0-5	0-3	0-1	0-8	0-21	21
Niall Finnegan	0-5	1-4	0-3	0-2	0-1	1-15	18
Jarlath Fallon	0-2	-	0-2	0-5	0-4	0-13	13
Michael Donnellan	-	0-1	-	1-3	0-2	1-6	9
Derek Savage	1-0	0-3	-	0-3	-	1-6	9
Seán Óg de Paor	-	0-1	-	0-2	-	0-3	3
Paul Clancy	0-1	0-1	-	-	-	0-2	2
Tomas Mannion	0-1	0-1	-	-	-	0-2	2
Seán Ó Domhnaill	-	-	0-1	-	0-1	0-2	2
Declan Meehan	-	-	0-1	-	-	0-1	1
Tommy Joyce	-	-	0-1	-	-	0-1	1
Shay Walsh	-	-	-	0-1	-	0-1	1

Joyce Again

As well as taking over as leading scorer overall, Padraig Joyce also moved to the top of Galway's chart of leading individual scorers so far with his haul of 0-8 against Derry last time out.

Donnellan out to build on impressive Croke Park senior debut

Michael Donnellan made a memorable Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football semi-final debut with Galway last month. He was a constant threat to the Derry defence and he also found time in help out his own side's defence

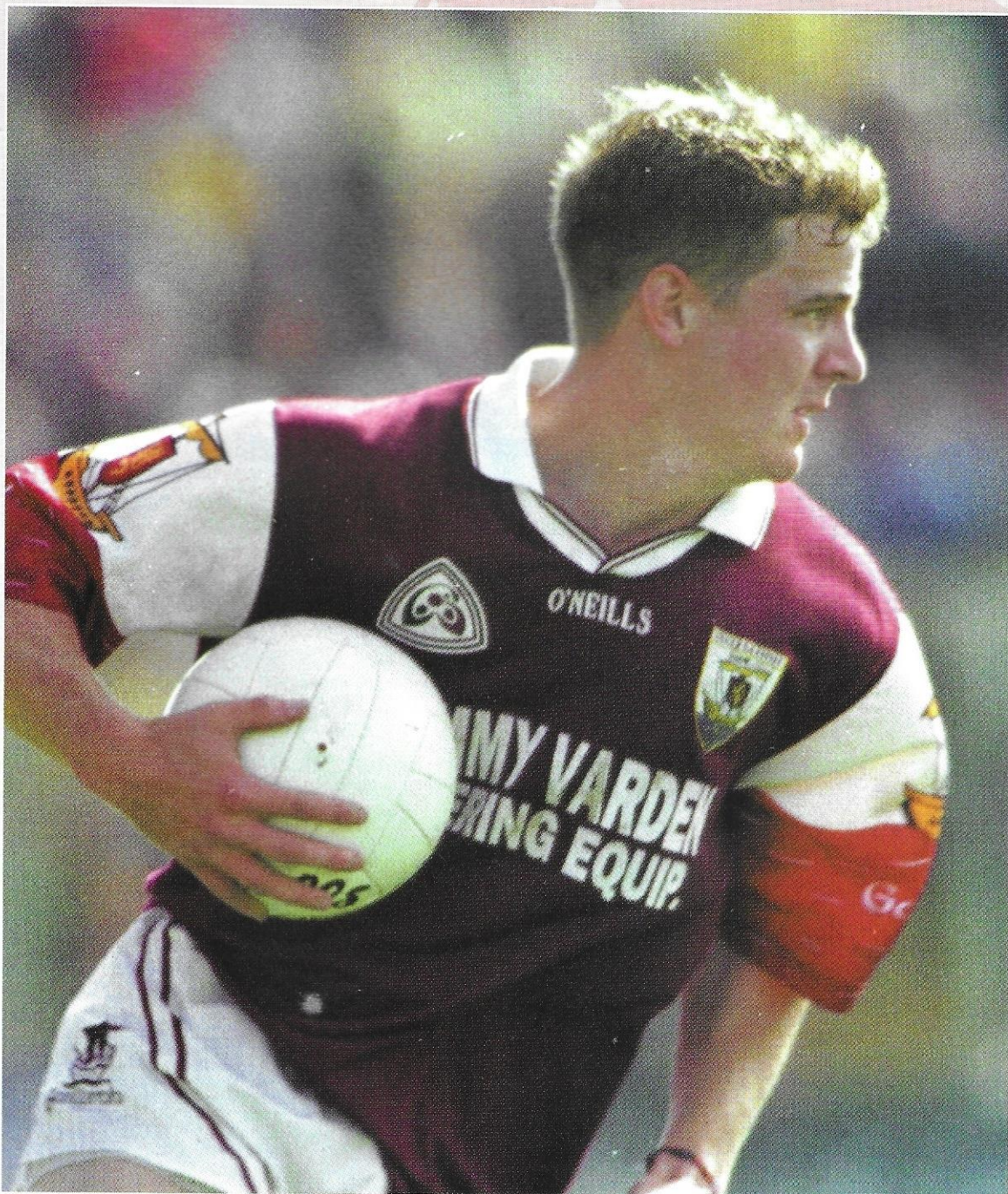
The Dunmore McHales clubman used the ball well and highlighted what many regarded as the Man-of-the-Match display by scoring two valuable points.

Donnellan is a graduate of that famed Western football nursery, St. Jarlath's, Tuam. He was centre half forward in the side that last brought the All-Ireland Colleges' title to Tuam in 1994.

Later that year Donnellan scored 1-2 as Galway beat Mayo in the Connacht minor final. The Westerners qualified for the All-Ireland decider, in which they lost to Kerry.

Last April the young Dunmore man added a Connacht under-21 medal to his collection and followed on by helping Galway to regain the Bank of Ireland Connacht senior championship.

Michael is in line today to complete a noteworthy family treble of All-Ireland senior medals. His grandfather, Mick, and father, John, both won All-Ireland senior medals.



Gaillimh

1
MARTIN McNAMARA
(Corofin)


Age 29. 5'10". 14st. Publican.
3 Galway SFC, 1991, '95, '97;
2 Connacht Club SFC 1995,
'97; All-Ireland Club SFC 1997,
Connacht SFC 1998.

2
TOMÁS MEEHAN
(Calftra)

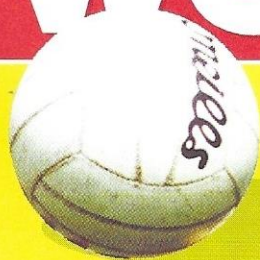

Age 21. 5'11 12st.7lbs.
Student.
1 Galway IFC 1997; Connacht
SFC 1998.

3
GARY FAHY
(Kilfinin)


Age 26. 6'0". 13st.4lbs.
Mechanical Engineer.
2 Connacht SFC 1995, '98;
Sigerson Cup with UCG, 1992.

**ON THE
SEVENTH
DAY
FORGET
THE REST.**

**SUNDAY
WORLD**



The Last Finals Of Galway And Kildare

1935 - Cavan 3-6; Kildare 2-5.

Cavan had never beaten Kildare in the championship, and while the Breffni men could claim more recent All-Ireland success than the Lily Whites (1933 as against 1928), neutral opinion favoured Kildare for this clash between faces old and new in the world of Gaelic football.

Considering that Kildare had experienced few problems in defence on their way to his final, the Kildare selectors took the extraordinary decision to change goalkeepers for the final. Through Leinster and against Mayo in the semi-final Pa Chanders had performed magnificently, conceding but one goal, but a very poor performance in a challenge match between the semi-final and final apparently prompted the dropping of Chanders for a raw newcomer, Jimmy Maguire. Inevitably, there was controversy and it could not have been but detrimental to morale. But whether this had a bearing on the outcome of the game could only be speculated, and though three goals passed the new 'keeper he was in no way to blame; they would have beaten anyone.

Cavan's first-half dominance left Kildare with problems they never solved. A point in arrears after only 15 seconds, Kildare got on terms with a point from Mickey Geraghty after five minutes, but for the next 20 minutes Cavan made the running and forged ahead with scores by Boylan and McGee before Tom Mulhall had a snap goal for Kildare at the 28th minute. However, a second goal by Boylan, which Paddy Martin offset somewhat with an injury-time point left the score 2-5 to 1-2 in Cavan's favour at the break.

The Breffni forwards completed their scoring with a goal at the 36th minute and a point 60 seconds later and then Kildare, prompted by the sterling work of Frank Dowling, Jack Higgins, Mickey Geraghty, Peter Waters and Jim Dowling, set about pulling back a deficit of ten points.

It was a stirring battle, but one that Kildare eventually lost as the scores came too slowly. Paul Matthews pointed at the 46th minute, Paddy Martin added another three minutes later, and there were still ten minutes on the clock when Mickey Geraghty slammed the ball to the net.

But then the surge lost its impetus - or at least as far as flag-raising was concerned - and the four-point arrears began to assume gigantic proportions for Kildare's desperately striving forwards. John Dowling accounted for the only score of the last ten minutes and then inevitably chances were missed that might have saved the day; but on the day the honours rested where they truly belonged.

Kildare scorers: M.Geraghty 2-1, P.Martin 0-2, P.Matthews 0-1, J.Dowling 0-1.

Kildare - Jim Maguire, Bill Mangan, Matt Goff, Jim Byrne, Peter Waters, Jack Higgins, Frank Dowling, Paul Matthews, Chris Higgins, Tom Mulhall, Paddy Byrne, Paddy Martin, John Dowling, Mickey Geraghty, Tom Keogh.

Subs - J Dalton for Chris Higgins.

1983 - Dublin 1-10; Galway 1-8.

This final would be remembered for a number of incidents, some regrettable and at least one that was remarkable. The latter took place at the 12th minute at which stage, Galway, defending with skill and tenacity in the face of a gale force wind, were doing splendidly and were level at one point each with a Dublin team that was having the greatest difficulty in getting their game together. It began with a free to Galway and ended with a Dublin goal. Goalkeeper, Padraig Coyne took the free on the 14-yard line which travelled little more than 30 yards where it was fielded by Dublin's Barney Rock who quickly lobbed the ball towards the empty net as Coyne raced back to his citadel. The ball won the race and Dublin gained an immediate boost from this unexpected and gift-like score.

Not that Galway wilted after this bizarre turn of events and indeed the defence in which Seamus McHugh and Peter Lee were commanding figures, continued to roll back many frenzied Dublin attacks. When Dublin were reduced to 14 men at the 27th minute Galway's prospects inevitably brightened and an interval deficit of 0-2 to 1-5 was contemplated with renewed confidence.

But seven minutes into the second half Galway had still to score, and Dublin ranging astutely into the gale increased their lead by two points before Barry Brennan had Galway's first point at the 44th minute.

In the meantime both sides had been depleted and with 14 Galway men pitted against Dublin's 12, it seemed the game could have only one outcome.

Stephen Joyce kicked Galway's fourth point from a free only to have Rock negate it at the other end. The break that Galway needed appeared to come at the 50th minute when Brian O'Donnell placed Joyce for a goal that instantly brought the game to life. A point from 50 yards by Mattie Coleman reduced the arrears to three points, but then Galway fatally faltered in conceding two points against the run of play to Rock's unerring right boot.

There were still eight minutes remaining but the game had been won - and lost - and the late points slotted over by substitute Mick Brennan, Brian O'Donnell and Barry Brennan were mere statistics. Galway football had known - and would know - better days than this.

Galway scorers: S.Joyce 1-1, B.Brennan 0-3, M.Coleman 0-1, S.McHugh 0-1, G.McManus 0-1, M.Brennan 0-1.

Galway - Padraig Coyne, Johnny Hughes, Stephen Kinneavy, Mattie Coleman, Pat O'Neill, Peter Lee, Seamus McHugh (capt.), Brian Talty, Richie Lee, Barry Brennan, Val Daly, Brian O'Donnell, Tomas Tierney, Gay McManus, Stephen Joyce.

Subs - Mick Brennan for Talty, Willie Joyce for Peter Lee.

4

TOMAS MANNION
(Monivea-Abbey)

Age 28. 5'10". 12st.7lbs.
Farmer.
All-Ireland MFC 1986; 2
Connacht SFC 1995, 1998.

5

RAY SILKE
(Corofin)

Age 27. 6'0". 13st.7lbs. Youth
Projects Co-Ordinator.
3 Galway SFC 1991, '95, '97; 2
Connacht Club SFC 1995, '97;
All-Ireland Club SFC 1997; 2
Connacht SFC 1995, '98.

6

JOHN DIVILLY
(Kilkerin-Clonbeime)

Age 21. 6'0". 13st.12lbs.
Student.
All-Ireland Colleges SFC with St.
Jarlath's in 1994, Connacht SFC
1998.

7

SEAN OG de FAOR
(An Cheathrú Rua)

Age 27. 5'9½". 12st.9lbs.
Teacher.
Galway SFC 1996; 2 Connacht
SFC 1995, '98; Sigerson Cup
with UCG 1992 (captain).

**A bond of friendship.
A genuine warmth.
It's what we're
born with.**



After the Game, Hurlers Bar, Limerick. Photographed by Tony Higgins.

Powers. The Irish.

Kildare's Four Titles

1905 Athy - Kildare 0-6; Dublin 0-2.
Geashill - Kildare 1-6; Offaly 0-6.
ones's Rd - Kildare 1-8; Louth 1-7.
ones's Rd - Kildare 4-15; Cavan 1-5.
Thurles - Kildare 1-7; Kerry 0-5.

Team - J.Murray (capt.), M.Murray, J.Fitzgerald, M.Kennedy, J.Rafferty, J.Gorman, T.Keogh, F.Conlon, J.Scott, B.Merriman, L.Cribben, B.Bracken, B.Losty, J.Connolly, E.Kennedy, T.Kelly, M.Fitzgerald. (17-a-side)

1919 Droichead Nua - Kildare 3-5; Laois 2-5.
Edenderry - Kildare 4-3; Westmeath 1-5.
Croke Park - Kildare 1-8; Dublin 1-2.
An Uaimh - Kildare 3-2; Cavan 1-3.
Croke Park - Kildare 2-5; Galway 0-1.

Team - L.Stanley (capt.), L.Cribben, J.Conlon, G.Moran, T.Goulding, M.Buckley, John O'Connor, P.Doyle, M.Sammon, G.Magan, J.Stanley, C.Flynn, B.McGlade, Jim O'Connor, F.Conlon.

1927 Portlaoise - Kildare 1-4; Kilkenny 0-2.
Drogheda - Kildare 1-6; Meath 1-2.
Croke Park - Kildare 0-5; Dublin 0-3.
Croke Park - Kildare 1-7; Monaghan 0-2.
Croke Park - Kildare 0-5; Kerry 0-3.

Team - M.Buckley (capt.), M.Walsh, G.Fitzpatrick, F.Malone, J.Higgins, J.Hayes, J.Loughlin, B.Gannon, J.Curtis, P.Martin, P.Loughlin, P.Doyle, B.Mangan, T.Keogh, M.Goff.

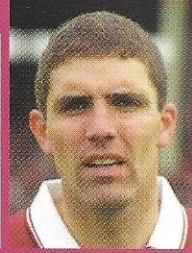
Subs - P.Ryan, M.Connor.

1928 Athy - Kildare 0-4; Laois 1-0.
Croke Park - Kildare 3-6; Longford 0-2.
Croke Park - Kildare 0-10; Dublin 1-6.
Cork - Kildare 3-7; Cork 0-2.
Croke Park - Kildare 2-6; Cavan 2-5.

Team - B.Gannon (capt.), M.Walsh, M.Buckley, M.Goff, G.Fitzpatrick, F.Malone, J.Higgins, J.Hayes, J.Loughlin, P.Martin, P.Loughlin, P.Doyle, B.Mangan, J.Curtis, T.Keogh.

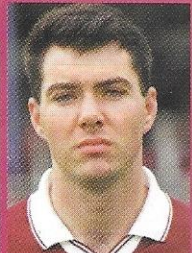
Sub - D.Ryan.

8

KEVIN WALSH
(Kilfinin)

Age 28. 6'3½". 15st. Garda.
All-Ireland MFC 1986; 2
Connacht SFC 1995, '98.

9

SEAN O DOMHAILL
(An Cheathrú Rua)

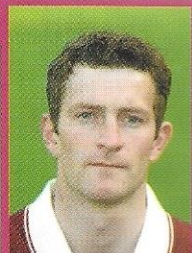
Age 23. 6'6". 16st. Plant
Manager.
Galway SFC 1996; Connacht
SFC 1998.

10

MICHAEL DONNELLAN
(Dunmore McHales)

Age 21. 6'0". 12st.10lbs.
Student.
Connacht SFC 1998; Sigerson
Cup with Tralee RTC 1997.

11

JARLATH FALLON
(Tuam Stars)

Age 25. 6'1". 13st. Postman.
2 Connacht SFC 1995, '98.

Galway's Seven Titles

1925 - In a year of draws, objections and confusion Galway took All-Ireland honours by beating Mayo in the delayed Connacht final. This remarkable development arose after semi-finalists Kerry and Cavan were disqualified and Mayo (nominated by the Connacht Council) had beaten Leinster champions, Wexford, in the second semi-final. Although it wasn't generally understood, the Connacht decider was, in effect, the All-Ireland final.

Castlerea - Galway 1-1; Leitrim 1-1.
Roscommon - Galway 1-4; Leitrim 2-1.
(replay)
Roscommon - Galway 1-4; Leitrim 0-5.
(2nd replay)
Tuam - Galway 1-5; Mayo 1-3.

The team that beat Mayo was - M.Walsh (capt.), T.Molloy, J.Egan, D.Egan, H.Burke, F.Benson, W.Smyth, T.Leetch, M.Bannerton, Leonard McGrath, P.Roche, G.Jennings, P.Gantley, Lawrence McGrath, M.Donnellan.

1934 Castlerea - Galway 2-7; Roscommon 0-4.
Castlerea - Galway 2-4; Mayo 0-5.
Tuam - Galway 1-8; Cavan 0-8.
Croke Park - Galway 3-5; Dublin 1-9.

Team - M.Higgins (capt.), M.Brennan, P.J.McDonnell, M.Ferriter, H.Carey, M.Connaire, J.Dunne, D.O'Sullivan, T.Hughes, T.McCarthy, F.Fox, B.Griffin, M.Kelly, D.Mitchell, B.Nestor.

1938 Tuam - Galway 2-7; Roscommon 0-4.
Castlerea - Galway 2-4; Mayo 0-5.
Mullingar - Galway 2-10; Monaghan 2-3.
Croke Park - Galway 3-3; Kerry 2-6.
Croke Park - Galway 2-4; Kerry 0-7.
(replay)

Team - J.McGuaran, M.Connaire, M.Rafferty, D.O'Sullivan, B.Beggs, F.Cunniffe, C.Connolly, J.Burke, J.Dunne (capt.), J.Flavin, M.Higgins, B.Griffin, M.Kelly, E.Mulholland, B.Nestor.

Subs - M.Ryder, P.McDonagh.

1956 Castlebar - Galway 5-13; Mayo 2-4.
Tuam - Galway 1-9; Roscommon 0-2.
Sligo - Galway 3-12; Sligo 1-5.
Croke Park - Galway 0-8; Tyrone 0-6.
Croke Park - Galway 2-13; Cork 3-7.

Team - J.Mangan (capt.), J.Keeley, G.Daly, T.Dillon, J.Kissane, J.Mahon, M.Grealy, F.Eivers, M.McDonagh, J.Coyle, S.Purcell, B.O'Neill, J.Young, F.Stockwell, G.Kirwan.

Sub - A.Swords.

1964 Sligo - Galway 2-12; Sligo 1-12.
Tuam - Galway 2-12; Mayo 1-5.
Croke Park - Galway 1-8; Meath 0-9.
Croke Park - Galway 0-15; Kerry 0-10.

Team - J.Geraghty, E.Colleran, N.Tierney, J.McDermott, J.Donnellan (capt.), S.Meade, M.Newell, M.Garrett, M.Reynolds, C.Dunne, M.McDonagh, S.Leydon, C.Tyrrell, S.Cleary, J.Keenan.

1965 Tuam - Galway 1-12; Sligo 2-6.
Croke Park - Galway 0-10; Down 0-7.
Croke Park - Galway 0-12; Kerry 0-9.

Team - J.Geraghty, E.Colleran (capt.), N.Tierney, J.McDermott, J.Donnellan, S.Meade, M.Newell, P.Donnellan, M.Garrett, C.Dunne, M.McDonagh, S.Leydon, C.Tyrrell, S.Cleary, J.Keenan.
Sub - M.Reynolds.

1966 Castlebar - Galway 1-11; Roscommon 0-5.
Castlebar - Galway 0-12; Mayo 1-8.
Croke Park - Galway 1-11; Cork 1-9.
Croke Park - Galway 1-10; Meath 0-7.

Team - J.Geraghty, E.Colleran (capt.), N.Tierney, J.McDermott, C.McDonagh, S.Meade, M.Newell, J.Duggan, P.Donnellan, C.Dunne, M.McDonagh, S.Leydon, L.Sammon, S.Cleary, J.Keenan.

Sub - J.Donnellan.



MURRAY & SPELMAN

INSURANCE BROKERS

Murray & Spelman Ltd., Est. 1956
Merchants Gate Merchants Road Galway
Tel: 091 561 241 Fax: 091 561795

"The Team at Murray & Spelman"



Margaet Holian, Donal Falvey(Director), Eilish O' Connor,
Michael Culhane(Managing Director), Anne Melvin, Terri O' Brien, John Melia(Director)

**Best of Luck to the Galway Lads.
From Galways Premier Insurance Brokers
For all your insurance needs**

McConvilles

Super Valu

Portarlinton

French Church Street
Portarlinton,
Co. Laois.

Tel: (0502) 23178 / 23088
Fax: (0502) 23178

**Best Wishes
to Laois Minors
in their Challenges
on 3 in a row titles
96, 97, 98**

Open 7 Days a week
Mon, Tues, Wed, Sat
8.00 a.m. - 7.30 p.m.
Thurs, Fri 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.
Sunday & Bank Holidays.
9.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

**Everyone's
A
Winner at
Super Valu**

Monasterevin

Monasterevin Shopping
Centre, Rathangan Road,
Monasterevin Co. Kildare.
Tel: (045) 525487 / 525064
Fax: (045) 525758

**Best Wishes
& Congratulations to
Lillie White
on her intended marriage
to Sam Maguire**

Free Home Delivery
Phone & Fax Orders
Excellent Car Parking
Full Off-Licences
Quality Service

Shopping as it Should Be

Le Gach Dea-Ghuí Do Laoise agus Cill Dara Ó Super Valu

Top Scorers

Last year's race to be the top scorer in the championship was an exciting affair with Maurice Fitzgerald's eight points in the decider just edging him a single point clear of Maurice Sheridan and David Reynolds, and two ahead of Declan Darcy and Trevor Giles. Things are not so tight this season and all through the summer it has looked as if Tipperary's Declan Browne would make pole position his own, and unless Padraig Graven registers a 13-point total this afternoon (no mean feat in an easy first round outing, let alone an All-Ireland final) or Padraig Joyce somehow manages a 15-point return, the Premier county ace will take the top spot. Even Eddie Lohan looks fairly secure in second place as Graven and/or Joyce would have to return eight or ten point totals respectively to deny the Roscommon sharp-shooter the runners-up spot.

In average terms Browne is also well ahead with his return coming in four outings giving an average of 8.75 points per game. Nobody else man-

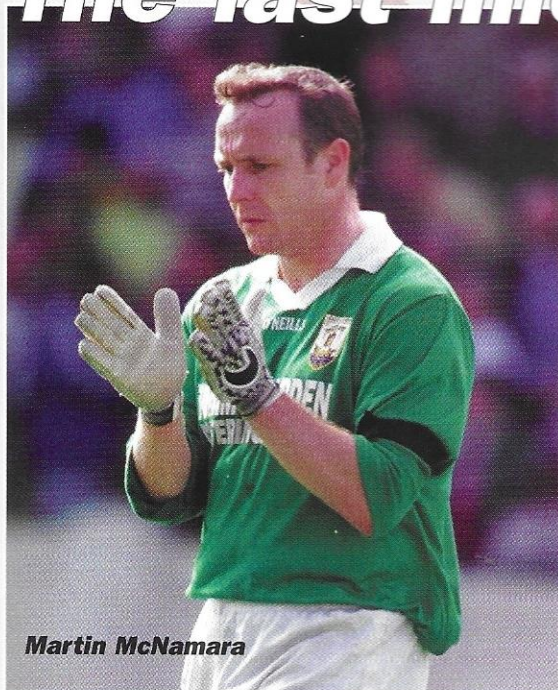
aged to break the eight points per game barrier with Lohan (7.5) and Fitzgerald (7.0) the best of the rest.

Just three of last year's top marksmen appear this season and they are Graven (up from sixth to third), Fitzgerald (down from first to joint-fourth), and Joe Brolly (falling from fourth to joint 11th).

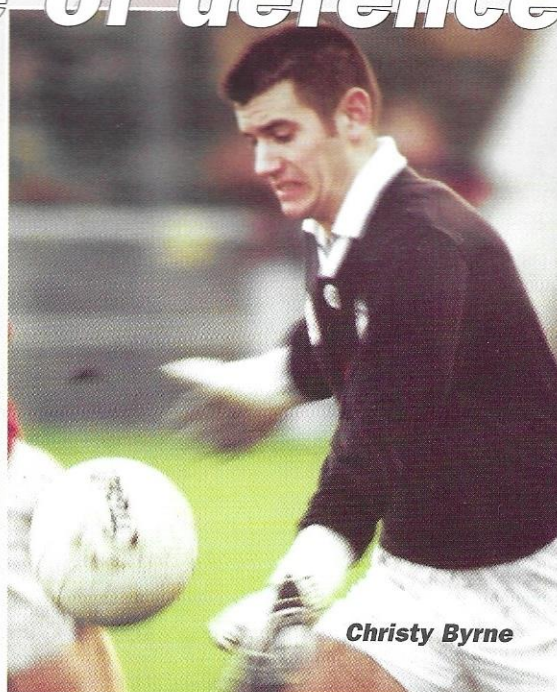
The top 13 scorers in the 1998 championship to date are:

Declan Browne (Tipperary)	2-29 (35 points)
Eddie Lohan (Roscommon)	1-27 (30)
Padraig Graven (Kildare)	1-20 (23)
Padraig Joyce (Galway)	0-21
Maurice Fitzgerald (Kerry)	1-18 (21)
Ger Heavin (Westmeath)	2-14 (20)
Dessie Barry (Longford)	1-16 (19)
Niall Finnegan (Galway)	1-15 (18)
Padraig Davis (Longford)	0-17
Paul Taylor (Sligo)	0-17
Jarlath Fallon (Galway)	0-13
Tony Boyle (Donegal)	0-13
Joe Brolly (Derry)	1-10 (13)

The last line of defence



Martin McNamara



Christy Byrne

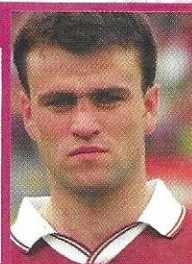
Fir Ionaid	(16)Pat Comer (An Ceathrú Rua)	Age 34.	6'0".	14st.7lbs.	Cameraman.
	(17)Brian Silke (Corofin)	Age 29.	5'11".	13st.2lbs.	Financial Controller.
	(18)Richard Fahy (Killanin)	Age 21.	5'9".	12st.7lbs.	Labourer.
	(19)Kevin Fallon (Tuam Stars)	Age 27.	6'1".	13st.	Electrician.
	(20)Damien Mitchell (Menlough)	Age 27.	5'11".	12st.7lbs.	Engineer.
	(21)Paul Clancy (Moycullen)	Age 21.	5'11".	13st.	Electrician.
	(22)Declan Meehan (Caltra)	Age 22.	5'8".	11st.7lbs.	Student.
	(23)Tommy Joyce (Killererin)	Age 22.	5'10".	11st.	Factory Worker.
(24)Fergal Gavin (Mountbellew-Moylough)	Age 26.	6'3".	15st.	Computer Programmer.	

12

SHAY WALSH
(Glennraddy)

Age 23. 6'1". 13st. 12lbs. Civil Engineer.
Connacht MFC, 1993; Connacht SFC 1998.

13

DEREK SAVAGE
(Cortoon Shamrocks)

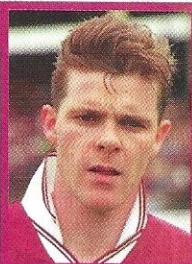
Age 20. 5'9". 11st. 7lbs. Student.
Connacht SFC 1998.

14

PADRAIC JOYCE
(Killererin)

Age 21. 5'11". 12st. 7lbs. Student.
2 Sigerson Cup with Tralee RTC 1997, '98; Connacht SFC 1998.

15

NIALL FINNEGAN
(Sylvesters)

Age 27. 5'11". 13st. Solicitor
2 Connacht SFC 1995, '98;
Sigerson Cup with UCG 1992.

Sár-Chluiche atá uainn...



Éamon Ó Cuív T.D., Aire Stáit sa Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreacht, Gaeltachta agus Oileán
Micheál Ó Muirheartaigh, Cathaoirleach Bhord na Gaeilge
Charlie McCreevy T.D., Aire Airgeadais



1850 325 325

Tá an-chuid ranganna Gaeilge á n-eagrú ar fud na tíre anois. Tá na sonraí uile ag Bord na Gaeilge. Glaoigh ar Bhord na Gaeilge inniu. Beidh áthas orainn cuidiú leat.

Irish classes are now being organised throughout the country. Bord na Gaeilge can provide full details of these on request.

Make a start, call Bord na Gaeilge on 1850 325 325. Beidh fáilte romhat!



Bord na Gaeilge
SPREADING THE WORD

A famous scoring first for Declan Browne

D declan Browne has been so sharp in his finishing this year that he is already virtually assured of ranking as the first Tipperary footballer to head an annual review of top scorers nationally for a full season's senior championship.

The young Tipperary man has a commanding lead of twelve points over his closest rival, Pdraig Graven (Kildare), as far as the forwards engaged in today's Bank of Ireland decider are concerned.

Galway's leading marksman, Pdraig Joyce, is fourteen points behind the chart leader. So, the odds are all against Browne, who was also eligible for the under-21 ranks this year, being deprived of a famous first.

He bowed out of the championship after Tipperary's defeat by Kerry in the Munster final at Semple Stadium with 2-29 (35 points) in four games at the best average in the chart of 8.75 points a match.

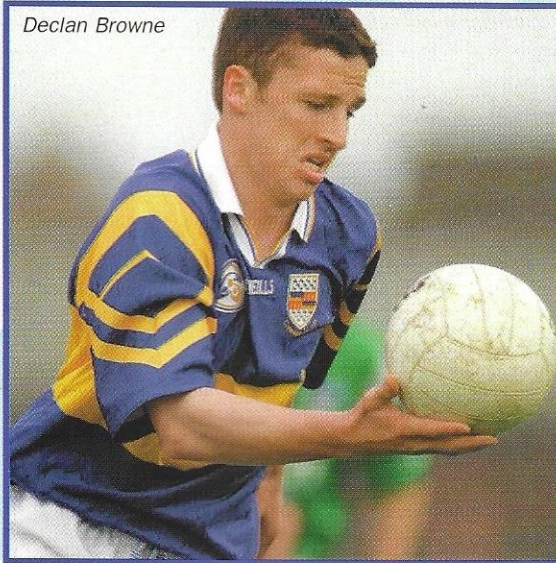
This is also the highest match average achieved by any footballer since Matt Connor (Offaly) averaged eleven points a game in 1980 on the way to a then national record at 5-31 (46 points) in only four games.

The best in the nineties until this year was 8.2 points a game on average in 1995 when he scored 1-38 (41 points) in five outings.

Browne, who also played under-21 hurling with Tipperary this year, scored on every appearance. He had his best match tally at 1-7 against Clare in the Munster semi-final at Limerick. The goal came from a penalty kick.

The Tipperary sharpshooter now leads the table with five points to spare over Roscommon's Eddie Lohan, who recorded 1-27 in four games, which also gives him the second highest average in the review at 7.50 points.

Declan Browne



Browne will become the second successive Munster footballer to show the way out front in an annual review.

Maurice Fitzgerald (Kerry) led the way last year with 0-28 in four games, or seven points a game on average.

Brian Stafford (Meath) holds the record score for an annual championship campaign at 4-62 (74 points) in ten games in 1991 at an average of 7.40 points a game. That was the year of the four game marathon between Meath and Dublin. The following are the leading scorers in the Bank of Ireland senior football championship starting the final:

Points	Score	Games	Average
35	Declan Browne (Tipperary) 2-29	4	8.75
30	Eddie Lohan (Roscommon) 1-27	4	7.50
23	Pdraig Graven (Kildare) 1-20	5	4.60
21	Maurice Fitzgerald (Kerry) 1-18	3	7.00
21	Pdraig Joyce (Galway) 0-21	5	4.20
20	Ger Heavin (Westmeath) 2-14	3	6.66
19	Dessie Barry (Longford) 1-16	3	6.33

The Points Route

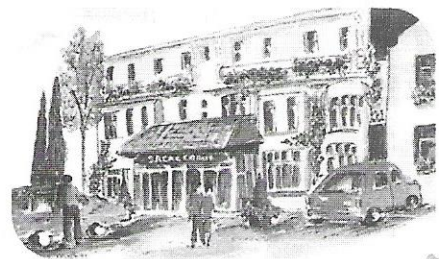
For the first time in more than quarter of a century the victorious All-Ireland semi-finalists failed to register a goal in the penultimate round. Galway managed 0-16 and Kildare 0-13 in their semi-finals and it was left to Derry (1-8) and Kerry (1-9) to register the majors. In 1970 Meath (0-15) and Kerry (0-23) both failed to find the net in the 'semis' although on that occasion neither did the opposition - Galway (0-11) and Derry (0-10) - respectively.

Prior to that it was 1956 when all four semi-finalists failed to raise the green flag as Cork beat Kildare (0-9 to 0-5) and Galway defeated Tyrone (0-8 to 0-6). Those three years - 1956, 1970 and this year - are the only occasions in which both victorious semi-finalists failed to find the net.

Hotel Sacre Coeur

Salthill, Galway Bay.
Good Luck Galway

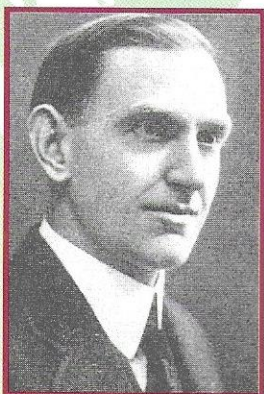
- WEDDINGS
- SOCIALS
- ALL FAMILY OCCASIONS



The Sacre Coeur, one of Galway's Leading Family Run Hotels, Famous for its Friendly Service & Excellent Food.

Phone (091) 523355. Fax: (091) 523553.

Sam Maguire Cup - The Tyrone Connection



Dr. Patrick McCartan

This is the 70th anniversary of Kildare's last All-Ireland Senior Football Championship success. It is also the 70th anniversary of the first presentation of the Sam Maguire Cup to the winning captain which was, of course Kildare's Bill "Squires" Gannon. With Tyrone minors taking the stage in the curtain-raiser on this historic occasion in Croke Park, it is interesting to note the connection with the Sam Maguire Cup of Tyrone native Dr. Patrick McCartan.

Dr. McCartan, who was born in the townland of Eskerbuoy in the parish of Carrickmore, was the active and generous chairman of the "Sam

Maguire Memorial Committee" which purchased and presented the cup which is now so famous.

Dr. McCartan was a tireless worker for the Irish Republican cause in the early part of the century and was a prominent and highly-respected figure in both Ireland and America. As well as his involvement in the Sam Maguire committee, he was instrumental in collecting £1,000 to help clear the debt on Pearse's St. Enda's College. In his early years he sacrificed his professional career to many Irish causes and, later, directed his efforts towards healing the breach after the Civil War.

A surgeon by profession, he died in 1963.

Consistent Selection

To say that the selectors of Galway and Kildare have employed a consistent selection policy as regards the 1998 senior football championship is something of an understatement, especially as far as the Westerners are concerned as no fewer than 14 players having started all five games for the Corribiders. The 14 are - Martin McNamara, Tomás Meehan, Gary Fahy, Tomás Mannion, Ray Silke, John Divilly, Seán Óg de Paor, Kevin Walsh, Seán Ó Domhnaill, Michael Donnellan, Jarlath Fallon, Derek Savage, Padraic Joyce and Niall Finnegan.

Twelve players have started each of Kildare's five

matches and they are - Christy Byrne, Brian Lacey, Anthony Rainbow, Glen Ryan, John Finn, Willie McCreery, Eddie McCormack, Declan Kerrigan, Dermot Earley, Martin Lynch, Karl O'Dwyer and Padraig Graven. Ronan Quinn, who came on for Davy Dalton in the first game against Dublin, made that position his own for the rest of the championship and joins the other 12 in appearing in all five outings and Niall Buckley would also have made the list but for his injury prior to the semi-final.

Both Galway and Kildare provide strong evidence that a settled side is a successful side.

Tyrone's Days Of Glory

The late forties were days of golden vista for Tyrone football when three Ulster minor titles were garnered in as many seasons, a feat performed only twice and by Tyrone on both occasions. And while there was much to admire about the O'Neill county's treble provincial success it was the All-Ireland successes of 1947 and '48 that really put the county on the under-18 map.

Tyrone had signalled a new dawn for under-age football in Ulster when they ran a powerful Dublin fifteen to seven points (Dublin later won the final by 15) at Clones, but a year later it all came right for Tyrone when a winning run commenced which carried them to two national titles - the first of which was achieved with the greatest comeback in minor history when an interval deficit of 12 points was turned into a one-point win with a last-minute goal.

The details of Tyrone's minor double were:

1947	Tyrone	3-5;	Donegal	1-7
	Tyrone	3-6;	Armagh	2-8
	Tyrone	4-2;	Offaly	2-5
	Tyrone	4-4;	Mayo	4-3
1948	Tyrone	3-6	Fermanagh	1-5
	Tyrone	1-7;	Donegal	1-0
	Tyrone	2-7;	Derry	1-5
	Tyrone	5-7;	Monaghan	2-3
	Tyrone	2-7;	Galway	2-2
	Tyrone	0-11;	Dublin	1-5

Tyrone's three-in-a-row bid came to grief on their first outing in 1949 when Donegal beat them by 1-4 to 0-5 at Letterkenny.



SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF GALWAY SINCE 1833.

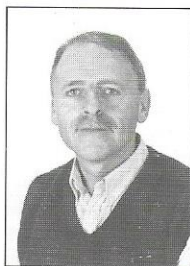
Woodstock,
Bushypark,
Galway.
Phone (091) 524928
Fax (091)525818

Situated on the N59 - the main Cliften road
(5 miles from Galway City)

Come to see our wide variety of:
Ornamental Trees/Shrubs/Conifers/Perennials/Bedding Plants e.t.c.

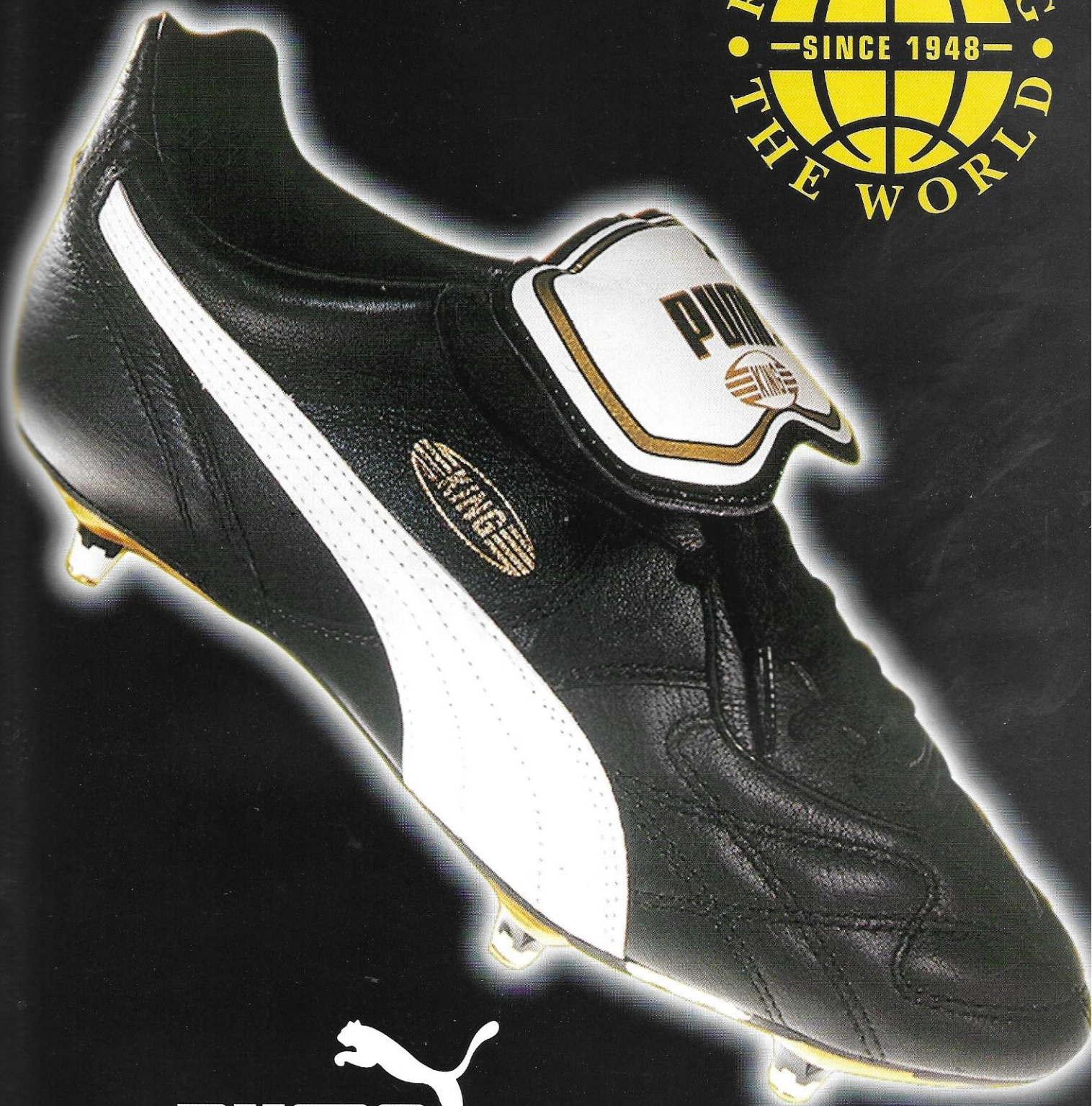
**A VISIT YOU WILL FIND WORTHWHILE.
FOR ALL YOUR GARDEN NEEDS.**

Open 7 days a week,
Monday to Saturday 9-6pm
including Bank Holidays,
Sunday 2-6pm.



Proprietor
Liam Madden

R U L I N G
— SINCE 1948 —
T H E W O R L D




PUMA®

KING

Pittards®
THE FINEST LEATHER ON EARTH

No matter
what team
you're on..

...we're on
your side

CAMPUS



HI WAY OIL

GALWAY CITY

(091) 566406

TUAM

(093) 24215

MALLEN OIL

CARBURY, CO KILDARE

(0405) 53025

(0405) 53126

(01) 624 3133

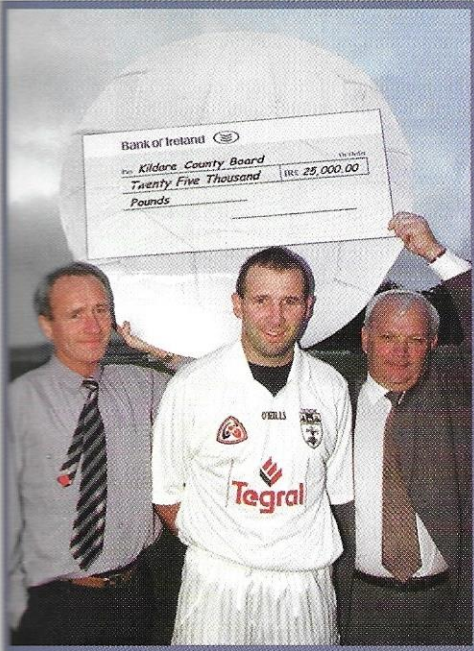
Bank of Ireland Football Championship

The players Holiday Fund for All-Ireland finalists Kildare and Galway have received a contribution of £25,000 as part of Bank of Ireland's sponsorship of the Football Championship.

In addition to Bank of Ireland's contribution to the players fund, over £500,000 is distributed directly into the County Boards and Provincial Councils during the 1998 championship. These funds support the GAA at a local level in a range of activities from under-age coaching to the preparation of county teams.



Andy Roche, Bank of Ireland Operations Manager, Galway presents captain Ray Silke and Manager John Mahony with the players fund cheque for £25,000 at Galway's training session in Tuam.



Ned O'Donnell, Bank of Ireland's Kildare sponsorship co-ordinator, presents a cheque of £25,000 for the Kildare players Holiday Fund to team captain Glen Ryan and County Board Chairman, Jack Wall for their achievement in reaching the All-Ireland Final.

For and Against

Jackie Flavin, who helped Galway win the 1938 All-Ireland final was completing an unusual double when he did so, as it gave him the distinction of being the only man to win medals with, and against, his native county in successive seasons. Jackie, who played his part in helping Kerry win the 1937 title, switched allegiance the following year after he had moved to the West. It proved a profitable switch for the player ... and Galway.

COSTELLO MOTORS (Galway) LTD.


HYUNDAI
Main Dealer

GARRAFRAUNS, DUNMORE, CO. GALWAY



V.A.T. Reg No. IE 82539072

Wishing Galway The Best Of Luck In The All Ireland Final
See Irelands fastest growing car manufacture including:

The Lantra, Coupe, H100 van, the Accent range,
The 1.0 Atoz and the 2.0 Sonata at
your local HYUNDAI dealer.

Open Tues - Sat 9am - 6pm.
CLOSED MONDAY.

For more information contact Willie on, Tel: 093-38049, Fax: 093-38790

Best wishes to the

KILDARE TEAM

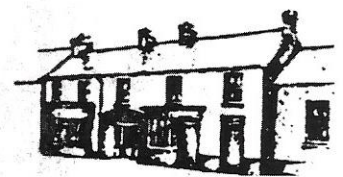
from

Andy, James and all the Staff at

NOLANS VICTUALLERS

KILCULLEN, CO. KILDARE

Telephone (045) 481229 • Fax (045) 481093





PUNCHESTOWN

HOME OF IRISH NATIONAL HUNT RACING

BEST OF LUCK TO THE KILDARE TEAM

**SEE THE LILYWHITES
JUMPING FOR JOY AT THE
KILDARE SUPPORTERS CLUB
BENEFIT RACEDAY.**

.....
**SATURDAY 14TH
NOVEMBER 1998**
.....

**PROCEEDS TO THE KILDARE GAA
SUPPORTERS CLUB
ADMISSION £10 - CHILDREN U-14 FREE**

**COME RACING IN AID OF THE KILDARE SUPPORTERS CLUB
AND ENJOY A FULLY SPONSORED 7 RACE PROGRAMME
WITH THE KILDARE TEAM AND OFFICIALS IN
ATTENDANCE, CELEBRITY MASTER OF CEREMONIES,
GIANT SCREEN, FREE PRIZE DRAW AND
A SOUVENIR COLOUR RACECARD.**

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:

**MICK LEAVY 045-521406 P.J. WHELAN 045-521200 JUNE KELLY 045-434274
JOHN GREELY 045-879822 GUS FITZPATRICK 045-874489
OR ANY SUPPORTERS CLUB COMMITTEE MEMBER AND
PUNCHESTOWN RACECOURSE 045-897704**

The making of the proud tradition behind the Lily White colours

Few counties can boast a weight of tradition behind the team colours to match that of Kildare.

The Lily White jersey is, for me, synonymous with a brand of scientific and combination football that goes right back to the turn of the century and the three epoch-making games with Kerry to decide the 1903 championship (played in 1905).

It was the era when county selections sported the colours of the championship club. Kerry, captained by Thady O'Gorman of Tralee, wore the red jersey with green cuffs and collars of the Tralee Mitchells who, with Killarney Crokes, provided the main nucleus of the team that won the Kingdom its first All-Ireland crown.

Kildare, led by the immortal Joe Rafferty, wore the Lily White jerseys of Clane. But it could so easily have been different. When Joe Rafferty came to Clane from Maynooth the club colours were green and black. He was chiefly instrumental in getting the club to change to all white. And in the early days of their glory Kildare even wore white football boots to match!

Kildare's all-white jerseys captured the imaginations of the public to such an extent that it was decided to stick with the Lily White colours in the intercounty sphere. They were the glamour team of the All-Ireland championship and had a wonderful following. A party travelled by train to Cork on the eve of the second and third games with Kerry. Music and song brightened the journey and there was pride in the eyes of the followers of the Lily Whites as they sang of the prowess of the men of "Gallant Kildare". ("Here's to Merriman, Conlon and Cribben, two Murrays, Fitzgeralds and Scott, to the Kennedys, Kehoe and young Kelly, and to Losty the best of the lot ...").

The legendary Dick Fitzgerald, only seventeen then, bent an angled free for a controversial goal that saved the Kingdom in the first game but the Central Council ordered a replay, which turned out to be an epic contest as Kildare, after being led by four points at half-time, rallied with brilliant moves to draw level and then forced a free in a scoring position. "Let Scott take it" the cry went up - that was Jim Scott. But Joe Rafferty decided this was one he must take as there was so much at stake. He misread and at that moment Kildare had lost their chance of the title.

The rain certainly did not suit Kildare in the third game and, with Dick Fitzgerald the hero, Kerry came through by 0-8 to 0-2. But the Lily Whites were back two years later to gain revenge against the Kingdom in the 1905 championship and thus win their first All-Ireland.

In 1919 Kildare, led by the incomparable stylist Larry Stanley, exploited hand-passing to deadly effect, sweeping Galway aside in the All-Ireland final to win by 2-5 to 0-1.

I like to think, however, that the Golden Age of Kildare football was the period 1926-1931. The Lily Whites had the distinction of equalling Wexford's record of six successive Leinster titles (1926-31) and they won two All-Irelands (1927-28) with Bill "Squires" Cannon enjoying the honour of being the first man to hold the Sam Maguire Cup high in triumph at Croke Park on September 30th, 1928 (it went up for competition for the first time that season).

Kildare were out of the All-Ireland final only once - 1930 - in the 1926-31 era, failing surprisingly that year to Monaghan who were overwhelmed by Kerry in the final.

Six times Kerry and Kildare met between 1926 and 1931 (Kerry winning four, Kildare one and one being drawn) and old-timers recalled those clashes as amongst the most awesome and incident-packed in football history. And Sigerson Clifford captured the grandeur of them in these lines:

These the men your fathers spoke of in the games your fathers loved,

*These the men who blazed the trail and made it fair ...
In my dreaming now I see them as I saw them long ago,
Green and Gold, and white limbs leaping when our
Kerry played Kildare ...*

The immeasurable beauty that is part and parcel of Kildare football in its finest hours was born, I believe, in the epic drawn game of 1926 before a record crowd. What a contest! What a galaxy of famous names: Matt Coffey, Frank Malone, Jack Higgins, Paul Doyle, the Loughlin brothers, Joe and Paddy, Mick Buckley and, of course, Larry Stanley on the Kildare side and Con Brosnan, Bob Stack, Jack Murphy, Joe Barrett, Paul Russell and John Joe Sheehy, the captain, among the stalwarts in the Kerry colours.

Four minutes from the end Kildare, three points clear, looked certain winners and Croke Park rocked to a crescendo of sound. But Con Brosnan from out near the Hogan Stand sent the ball soaring in; Bill Gorman went higher than anyone else, side-stepped his man at the edge of the square and, as he pivoted, the ball left his boot like a rocket and the green flag was up (Kerry 1-3; Kildare 0-6).

Kerry succeeded in their plan in curbing Larry Stanley in the replay, winning by a goal but the Lily Whites avenged that 1926 reverse when overcoming the Kingdom (0-5 to 0-3) in another tremendous battle in 1927 when Mick Buckley from out of Caragh, who had let Larry Stanley take over the captaincy in 1919, had the proudest day of his life as he led the Lily Whites to their third All-Ireland crown.

The memories left by the Kildare men of that era have lived on down the decades, through the famine years and how ironic in a way that a Kerryman, Mick O'Dwyer should have guided them to the threshold of another All-Ireland title today.

By Raymond Smith
(Sunday Independent)



Unlikely Figures

That there could arise a situation where a provincial final attracted almost double the attendance at an All-Ireland final is scarcely credible. But it did happen in the distant past, albeit in unusual circumstances. This was in the 1921 championship when the Dublin-Kildare Leinster final was staged at Croke Park on September 18 of that year and attracted an attendance of 21,000.

But because the competition was running late in the other three provinces, and later because of the intervention of the Civil War, the 1921 All-Ireland was held over until the summer of 1923, by which time, it would appear, public interest had drifted to such an extent that a crowd of only 12,159 turned up for the Mayo-Dublin decider. In an inverted way, however, the 1921 All-Ireland was an historic occasion as it marked the last time that the gate receipts at an All-Ireland senior final were less than £1,000.

HIGH FIELDTING FROM THE SEMI-FINAL

between **Ken Doyle** and **Dermot Earley** (Cill Dara) and **Dara Ó Sé** (Ciarraí).



For great
all Ireland
coverage

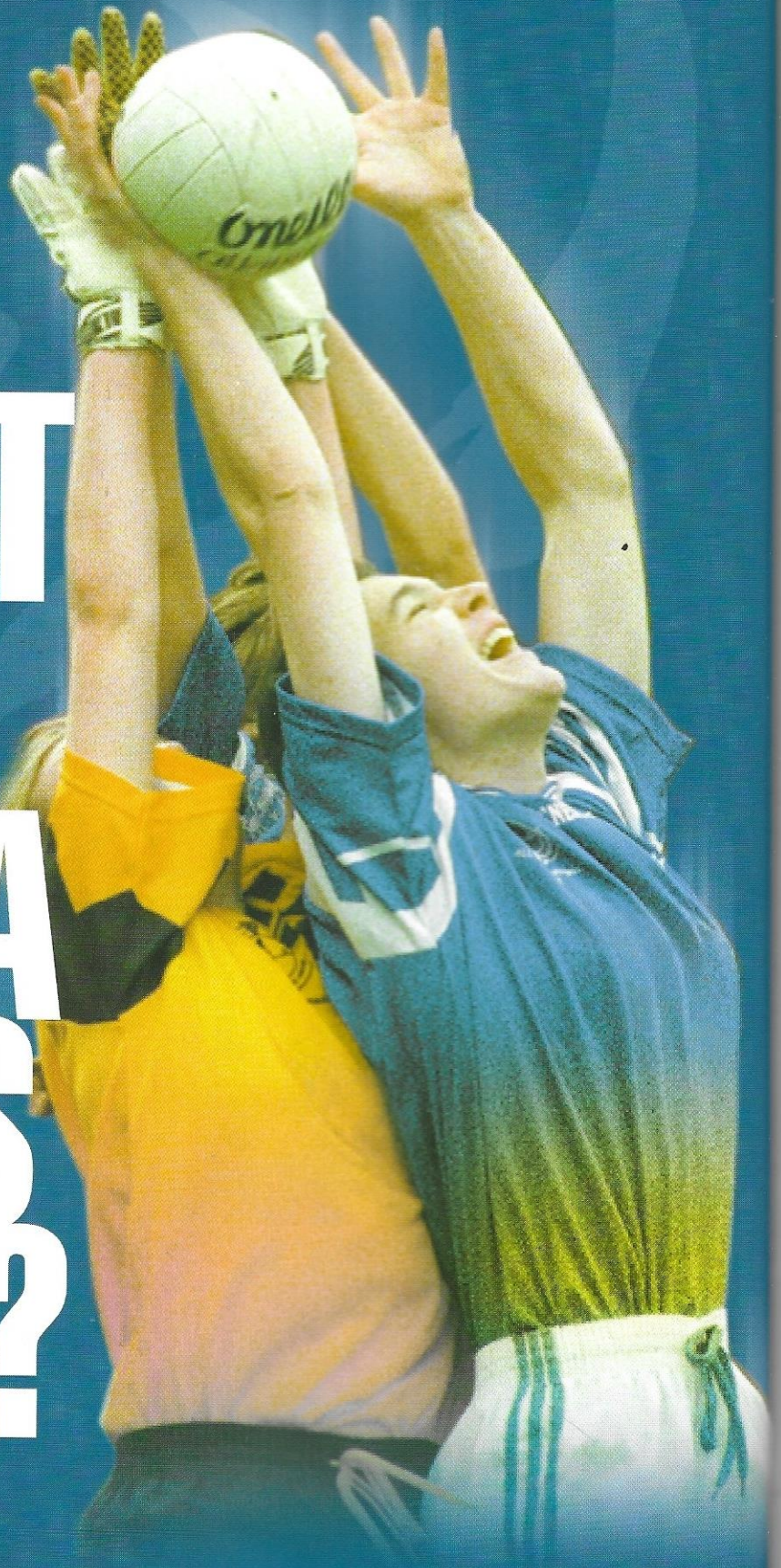


For further information call Digifone Customer Care on: 1800 222 086

Esat
Digifone™
Supporting GAA

"All Ireland Final October 4th Croke Park"

WHO
SAID IT
WAS
JUST A
MAN'S
GAME?



Bank of Ireland 
Ladies Football Championships



Two Meetings



1926 - Kildare 2-5; Galway 0-2. 1919 - Kildare 2-5; Galway 0-1.

The convolutions of the 1925 championship had eventually left Galway with the All-Ireland honours, but that distinction carried little advantage into this semi-final clash: Kildare were favourites by virtue of an impressive Leinster campaign, but Galway started with a flourish and only a smart save by goalkeeper, Cummins, denied them a third-minute goal.

The Westerners did go ahead at the sixth minute when "Knacker" Walsh pointed and, as Kildare tried to put their game together, Tom Molloy and Leonard McGrath repeatedly sent Galway forward in menacing forays. But against what was arguably the best defence in the game, score-getting was a thankless task though Walsh had Galway's second point from 40 yards at the end of the first quarter.

Gradually, however, Kildare's latent superiority became manifest and the scene of most of the action moved to the Galway half and inevitably it yielded dividends: Jack Higgins sent a clearance to Joe Loughlin who swept the ball across the Galway goal where Joe Curtis fisted to the net. A point by Larry Stanley left it 1-1 to 0-2 at the interval.

Arrears of two points spurred Galway to the attack immediately after the resumption, but no flags fluttered, and when play swung to the other end Paul Doyle put Kildare further ahead. Galway did not lose heart and were still plugging away with some faint hope of success until another Loughlin centre was finished for a goal by the in-rushing Dan Ryan. After this Galway attacks became fewer and more disjointed and when George Higgins put on Kildare's third point and Stanley the fourth, the game 'died' as a contest. The closing stages were a disappointment to everyone except the most rabid Kildare supporter and Jerry Beckett's final whistle was a general relief.

Kildare scorers: L.Stanley 0-3, J.Curtis 1-0, D.Ryan 1-0, P.Doyle 0-1, G.Higgins 0-1.
Galway: M.Walsh 0-2.

Kildare - J.Loughlin (capt.), J.Cummins (gl), M.Buckley, M.Goff, B.Graham, F.Malone, J.Higgins, J.Hayes, T.Donoghue, L.Stanley, G.Higgins, P.Doyle, A.O'Neill, W.Gannon, J.Curtis.

Galway - T.Molloy (capt.), G.Jennings (gl), H.Burke, L.McGrath, A.Gavin, M.Donnellan, M.Bannerton, J.Egan, P.Gantley, T.Leetch, M.Walsh, A.Lohan, D.Egan, T.Hegarty, P.Roche.

The impressive semi-final displays which had seen Kildare power their way past Cavan at An Uaimh and Galway perform the rare feat of beating Kerry on a replay left the pundits bemused as to which was the greater achievement. They did not have long to wait for an answer though the early minutes were even enough as both sets of forwards put the opposing backs under pressure with swift attacking movements. The first score came after seven minutes when "Joyce" Conlon tipped over the bar.

Galway, however, continued to defend with vigour and skill and the next ten minutes were scoreless; then Conlon struck again when he finished Magan's overhead kick to the net, and Galway were in trouble as the Lily White defence continued to dominate. Mick Sammon stretched the lead with a point from a free at the 22nd minute and Galway were in hard luck when they shot a point which was disallowed as the whistle had gone for a fruitless free.

Yet an interval deficit of five points (0-0 to 1-2) did not spell disaster for Galway who resumed vigorously to force a '50' which the Kildare defence cleared only with some difficulty. Five minutes into the second half Larry Stanley had Kildare's third point to which Galway responded with what proved to be another fruitless attack.

Despite the mocking noughts on the scoreboard Galway hopes were still intact until Sammon's goal at the 39th minute well and truly wrapped up the game for the Lily Whites.

In what was clearly a lost cause, Galway continued to struggle, but eventually raised a flag when John Egan pointed. This score revived Galway somewhat, but when Larry Cribben saved a fierce drive from Egan the Westerners' fast-fading hopes vanished completely. Late points by Stanley and Conlon rang down the curtain on a disappointing final, though overall, the contest wasn't as one-sided as the scoreline would suggest.

Kildare scorers: J.Conlon 1-2, M.Sammon 1-1, L.Stanley 0-2.
Galway: J.Egan 0-1.

Kildare - L.Stanley (capt.), L.Cribben, J.Conlon, J.Moran, T.Goulding, M.Buckley, J.O'Connor, P.Doyle, M.Sammon, G.Magan, J.Stanley, C.Flynn, B.McGlade, J.O'Connor, F."Joyce" Conlon.

Galway - T.Egan (capt.), D.Egan, J.Egan, P.Higgins, M.Walsh, P.Roche, J.Hanniffy, G.Jennings, L.Rafferty, M.Flannelly, H.Burke, G.Feane, M.Walsh, T.McDonnell, M.Cawley.

Where The Buffalo Roamed

Many and varied are the characters and acts that have graced Croke Park over the years - boxers, pop singers, American footballers, baseball players and the occasional pageant; but the stadium saw its most unusual visitors ever in August 1924 when the authorities decided to allow an American Rodeo company put on their show there - for a substantial fee. Whether the badly-needed cash or desire to assist the trans-Atlantic visitors was the motivation it is impossible to say but, in the event, the venture proved something of a disaster for the G.A.A. financially.

The pitch was badly cut up by the hooves of the horses and steers not to mention the damage done by the buffalo which were turned loose to graze between shows. The giant beasts' hooves sank almost a foot into the sod, and when the bills came in for restoring the pitch it was discovered that the cost was much higher than the fee received from the rodeo promoters.

Needless to say, it was the first and last time that the 'buffalo roamed' on Croke Park.



**THE HERALD'S FRONT LINE
HAS NEVER LOOKED BETTER!**



JJ Barrett



Tommy Lyons



Frank Roche



Bernard Flynn



Paul Curran

**Evening
Herald**
HOT IN THE CITY

Finals x 10...

1888-1998

1888 Although both Leinster and Munster completed their programmes - the respective winners being Kilkenny and Tipperary, there was no All-Ireland final owing to the disruption caused by the "American Invasion" venture.

1898 - Incredibly, Dublin had only one of the previous year's winning team on duty when they faced Waterford in the final at Tipperary town where there was an estimated paying attendance of two thousand, with half as many again enjoying a free view from the adjoining workhouse wall. The challengers did reasonably well for half an hour against the powerful city team but the signs of impending defeat were there after Jack Ledwidge's first-half goal. When the same player added a second midway through the second period (he was top scorer with 2-1), Dublin strolled to an easy 2-8 to 0-4 victory. Matt Rea captained the winners.

1908 With the general public considering the Dublin-Kerry "Home" final, the 'real decider', this game between treble-seeking Dublin and London was a non-event. Torrential rain in the early afternoon did nothing for the attendance figure - at 500 the lowest ever at an All-Ireland final. It was a contest for roughly 35 minutes, then Dave Kelleher's men, who had led by 0-3 to 0-2 at the interval, began to pull away, and the exiles faded rapidly from the scene. In the end Dublin completed the three-in-a-row as easily as suggested by a 1-10 to 0-4 score-line, to which Hugh Hilliard contributed 1-2.

1918 - Considering that this Wexford-Tipperary final was held over until February (1919) an attendance of 12,000 was quite good. Undeclared for four years, the Slaneysiders were pushed to the very end by the Premier county. After three years with Sean Kennedy at the helm, Wexford had a new captain in Jim Byrne who led by example. Defences held the whip hand throughout and at the break it was 0-3 to 0-2 in favour of the champions. Each side added two points in the second half and Tipperary had one disallowed. And as Wexford set up a new record of four-in-a-row, Gus McCarthy (Tipperary) and the winners' Pat Todd and John Redmond shared the scoring honours with 0-2 each.

1928 - Cavan had never beaten Kildare in the championship, but appearing

in their first final they made a wonderful bid to make it first-time lucky. Kildare's experienced warriors may have looked the more proficient, but they were always vulnerable. A crowd of 24,700 saw Kildare lead by 1-2 to 0-3 at the break, and it was nip and tuck all the way to the end. Devlin and Paddy O'Loughlin exchanged goals and Bill Mangan scored the point to keep the title in Leinster (2-6 to 2-5). Paddy Doyle with 0-5 and Pakie Devlin with 1-2 shared the scoring honours and at the end Bill "Squire" Gannon became the first man - and the last Kildare man to date - to receive the Sam Maguire Cup.

1938 - The attraction of a Kerry-Galway final was reflected in a record attendance of 68,950 and they saw a five-goal thriller in which Bobby Griffin got the levelling score (2-6 to 3-3). Tim O'Leary and Brendan Nestor with 1-1 each were joint top scorers. A crowd of 47,581 watched goals by Griffin and Burke provide the basis of Galway's first All-Ireland win over Kerry - and Galway's second replay victory over the 'Kingdom'. Ahead by two points at the break, Galway doubled that lead before a whistle for a free was mistaken for the end of the game. When the game restarted Kerry had to find eight replacements and scored a point, although Galway won by 2-4 to 0-7. Brendan Nestor with 0-4 took the scoring honours and John Dunne took the cup.

1948 - A howling gale dictated the run of events in this extraordinary final. With the support of the elements Cavan went 3-2 to 0-0 up at the interval and they went further ahead before Mayo staged a wonderful rally to equalise before Peter Donohue struck the vital point from a free. Controversy raged for a long time after Cavan's 4-5 to 4-4 win, and whatever about Mick Higgins charging down Carey's late free, the general opinion was that the full hour had not been played. Two players shared the scorers' rostrum - Tom Acton (Mayo) with 2-0 and Tony Tighe (Cavan) 2-0 and John Joe Reilly became the first Ulster man to receive the Sam Maguire twice. The attendance was 74,645.

1958 - Not for many years did a team receive such a rapturous reception as did Derry in this final with Dublin. But Dublin could not join the clamour for the newcomers at Croke Park. The Metropolitan, with the breeze in their favour made the early running and were well ahead at

continued overleaf

the break. Derry came storming back and were on terms before the three-quarters stage was reached. Then a defensive slip let Dublin's Paddy Farnan in for an easy goal and Derry never recovered and 73,371 saw Dublin win by 2-12 to 1-9, with Ollie Freaney emerging as top scorer with 0-7 and Kevin Heffernan lifted the cup and bridged 16 frustrating years for the capital.

1968 **The third championship meeting of Down and Kerry - with the Kingdom seeking a first win over the Ulster men - brought a crowd of 71,294 to Croke Park. But Kerry would have to wait to break this particular hoodoo as Sean O'Neill and Peter Rooney got early goals to leave Kerry chasing the game all the way. It was a fruitless chase and one Kerry never looked like bringing to a successful conclusion. The Kerry goal came too late to save the day and indeed, they were flattered by the full-time score of 2-12 to 1-13. Joe Lennon became the third Down man to receive the trophy but the scoring honours were divided four ways - Paddy Doherty 0-5, Sean O'Neill 1-2, Mick O'Dwyer 0-5 and Brendan Lynch 1-2.**

1978 - Confident Dublin were seeking a third successive title, but the greatest final upset in the history of the game was in store. The early exchanges gave no hint of the deluge to come and

despite Mikey Sheehy's sensational goal at the 32nd minute, Dublin were there with a chance of surviving until Eoin Liston cut loose in the second half to set a new record for All-Ireland goals. The Kerry giant was simply magnificent as Dublin became more ragged and disjointed by the minute. In the end it was 5-11 to 0-9 - the biggest winning margin since 1936. "Ogie" Moran joined a long list of Kerry captain's and Liston's 3-2 went into a special niche in the record books in front of 71,503 sodden spectators.

1988 **When Teddy McCarthy got a goal after only three minutes it seemed that Cork had found the key to unlock Meath's rugged defence, but Meath came back twice - to lead at the break by 0-6 to 1-2 and again 30 seconds from the end. A crowd of 63,000 saw a 1-9 to 0-12 draw and Brian Stafford and Larry Tompkins shared the scoring honours with 0-8 each. The replay drew a slightly larger attendance (64,067) but it was hardly football at its best, with Meath losing a man after only six minutes. Cork just couldn't capitalise on the advantage though they did lead at the interval by 0-6 to 0-5. In the end Meath's tenacity proved decisive (0-13 to 0-12) with Joe Cassells taking the cup and Larry Tompkins the scoring honours with another 0-8.**

1978 - Confident Dublin were seeking a third successive title, but the greatest final upset in the history of the game was in store. The early exchanges gave no hint of the deluge to come and

A WINNING TEAM!

- ▲ **The sum of any winning team is greater than the sum of its parts - just ask Kildare!**
- ▲ **Or our readers and advertisers**
- ▲ **Teamwork is our strength too - News, Sport, Property, Entertainment, Motors, Small Ads.**

OUR PACKAGE IS PART OF KILDARE - A WINNING TEAM!



* **GOOD LUCK LADS - FROM ONE WINNING TEAM TO ANOTHER** *

Leinster Leader

19 South Main Street, Naas. Telephone: (045) 897302 Fax: (045) 897647

East and West...Senior Finals

Today's final between Galway and Kildare will be the 16th involving counties from Connacht and Leinster. To date the eastern province has had the edge winning ten (including the last four) and losing five. For Galway the record makes particularly grim reading as of the eight finals they have contested against eastern opposition, they have lost seven. Kildare, on the other hand won the only final (against Galway in 1919) they contested against western opposition.

The details:

1916	Wexford	2-4;	Mayo	1-2
1919	Kildare	2-5;	Galway	0-1
1921	Dublin	1-9	Mayo	0-2
1922	Dublin	0-6;	Galway	0-4
1934	Galway	3-5;	Dublin	1-9
1936	Mayo	4-11;	Laois	0-5
1942	Dublin	1-10;	Galway	1-8
1950	Mayo	2-5;	Louth	1-6
1951	Mayo	2-8;	Meath	0-9
1963	Dublin	1-9;	Galway	0-10
1966	Galway	1-10;	Meath	0-7
1971	Offaly	1-14;	Galway	2-8
1974	Dublin	0-14;	Galway	1-6
1983	Dublin	1-10;	Galway	1-8
1996	Meath	0-12;	Mayo	1-9
replay	Meath	2-9;	Mayo	1-11

Top Nine

The extended playing time in All-Ireland finals - first to 80 minutes and later reduced to the present 70, inevitably resulted in an increase in the totals recorded by forwards on the winning and losing teams. A graphic illustration of the change was that while Tony McTeague's 0-3 for Offaly took top spot in the last 60-minute final in 1969, a year later Mick Faye of Meath more than trebled that return to 0-10 in the first 80-minute decider despite being on the losing side. In a 60-minute final Frank Stockwell's 2-5 in 1956 was the best ever, but Cyril Dunne, who blue-printed so many of Galway successes in the 1960s, holds the record for the greatest number of flags raised by one player in an All-Ireland final of 60 minutes duration. The Ballinasloe marksman hit 0-9 in the defeat of Kerry in 1964 - one better than Peter Donoghue's 0-8 for Cavan in the 1947 final at the Polo Grounds. And, of course, Dunne's record can never be beaten.

A Double Double

If Galway win today they will complete the second leg of a very prestigious double - the All-Ireland senior inter-county championship and the club championship - Corofin having taken the club title last March. And while it is a coveted double in either code, it has been brought off on a number of occasions; but a Galway win today would complete a unique double-double as Offaly have already garnered both hurling titles and this has never happened in the 28 years in which the club championship has been in existence.

Munster Missing

When Kerry failed to Kildare in this year's All-Ireland semi-final 24 hours after Offaly had eliminated Clare hurlers it created a unique situation in the All-Ireland finals in that for the first time ever Munster would be without a representative in either senior final. And for so long Munster were regularly represented in both finals, as their hurlers made it through almost as a matter of course with the footballers not too far behind. Indeed, the championships were in their 25th year before Munster failed to be represented in both finals which was in 1912 when Kerry suffered a shock defeat by Antrim in the football semi-final. A big change in southern fortunes - especially when they had three teams in last year's finals.

JOHN DUFFY & CO,

**SOLICITORS,
MAIN STREET, MONASTEREVAN,
CO. KILDARE**

Telephone : 045-525 333, Fax: 045-525 977

for all your legal needs

CILL DARA ABU

Make
yourself
heard.

ERICSSON



Seán Purcell Remembers...



Galway 1960 Connacht Final Team - the last western team to win five Connacht Senior Football titles in a row.
 Front row (l-r): Frank Kyne, Bosco McDermott, Sean Purcell (capt), Jack Mahon, John Donnellan, Martin Newell, Pat Donnellan.
 Back row (l-r): Sean Meade, John Kennedy, Mattie McDonagh, Jimmy Farrell, Andy O'Connor, Frank Evers, Joe Young, George Glynn

...Frank Stockwell's 2-5 from play in the 1956 final and is delighted to see Walsh, Fallon and Mannion all in tip-top shape for today.

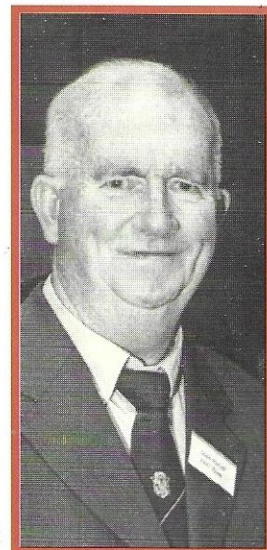
He is known in Galway and outside as "The Master". A most unassuming man, he is in fact a very shy man but loves Gaelic football passionately and, as well as being the greatest footballer I, and many others, ever saw, he is a true friend to many also. I shared in practically all his triumphs and saw him play hundreds of times. He was never better than as a college star with St. Jarlath's College, Tuam in 1946 and 1947. Then, as a slim youngster, he had the balance, the grace and the style of the complete Gaelic footballer. Even the camera, unsophisticated as it was then, captured it. His versatility later speaks for itself. A star for Galway at full back (1954), centre half back (1951), centre-field (1948), centre half forward (1956) and full forward (1959). Need I write anymore about "The Master"?

I met him last week in Tuam as the hub-bub and hype of today engulfed Galway. He had been having morning coffee with old pals Frankie Stockwell (the other half of the Terrible Twins), Séamus Colleran and Cyril Kelly in Willie Gleeson's Newsagency.

“ Frank Stockwell and myself have always been great mates since our national school days. I'm delighted that we are in an All-Ireland again and the excitement is tangible. Delighted too that we have a very worthy representative from Tuam on the team in Jarlath Fallon. I think our forward line is great - our real trump card. Best of all we have three or four fine forward substitutes available which is a huge bonus.

“ Looking back to our own time, 1956 is a fine memory. That was Frank Stockwell's game. His 2-5 from play record may never be equalled even in a 70-minute game. He even had a goal disallowed that day too. As to my favourite game it has to be our win over Mayo in Tuam in 1954 - our big breakthrough. As to my greatest opponent - has to be Gerry O'Malley of Roscommon, great footballer and sportsman.

“ Getting back to today's game, it is wonderful to have Tomás Mannion, Jarlath Fallon, Kevin Walsh all back in great shape because all three suffered injuries and setbacks over the past three years and that trio has made a huge difference. Added to that the young lads Padraic Joyce, Michael Donnellan, Derek Savage and the rest are playing great football too. I'm not too worried about the lack of scoring goals - as long as they keep popping over the points, that'll do me. As to giving them advice - the best I'd offer is to go out and enjoy themselves and give it their best shot which I know they will anyway. I think they'll win too!”



SEAN PURCELL
 - in a chat with
 former colleague
Jack Mahon
 (Galway Football
 Board P.R.O.)

Down Memory Lane

Continued overleaf

Down Memory Lane

Former Kildare dual star Pat Dunny looks back ...

"Two wins over Cork stand out"

Pat Dunny, who played football and hurling with Kildare and Leinster, is a former County Board Chairman and currently a Kildare senior football selector, talks to Owen McCann.

"I have many happy memories from my years as a footballer and hurler with Kildare, as well as at club level, and with Leinster in the Railway Cup and I made many good friends as a result.

"There were some good days and some disappointing ones. Two wins at intercounty level that stand out in my memory are All-Ireland final successes over Cork.

"We beat the Leesiders by a point at Thurles in the All-Ireland Intermediate hurling final of 1969 and that was extra special in view of Cork's great tradition in hurling. I was at centre half back.

"Four years earlier Kildare won the All-Ireland under-21 football final against Cork at Croke Park. We had a great tussle with the Cork men before winning by five points. I was a forward in that game and also had the good fortune of captaining the side.

"I also prize All-Ireland junior hurling medal wins

with Kildare in 1962 and 1966.

"Some of my most enjoyable days as a player were with Raheens in football and our sister club in hurling, Éire Óg. Those were happy times and I was lucky enough to win county senior medals in both codes.

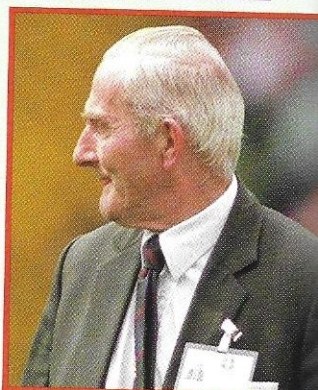
"Looking back now I remember in particular 1964 when Raheens and Éire Óg completed the Kildare county senior championship double.

"The interprovincial championships have lost much of their glamour in recent years. However, I remain a great supporter of these championships.

"I have fond memories of my days in the Leinster colours. Although I won Railway Cup medals in hurling and football, what I recall mainly from my Railway Cup days are the opportunities the games provided to meet and play with and against many well-known footballers and hurlers of that era.

"As a player I had no preference for one game over the other. I really enjoyed playing both football and hurling.

"Finally, as a Kildare selector I would rate victory in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football final the crowning achievement in my career in Gaelic games".



Frank Hughes (above) a familiar figure around Croke Park on big match days, has just completed 50 years of service at headquarters. In the early days, Frank was an assistant groundsman at Tolka Park before he moved across the river to "Croker". Born and reared in the shadow of Croke Park, Frank still lives in the area. Although now officially retired, he hopes to continue his match day involvement for some time yet!

O'Sullivan, Hansbury & Kenny Ltd.

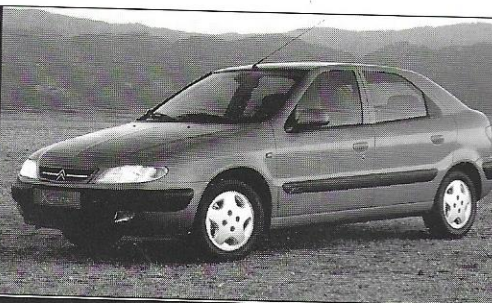
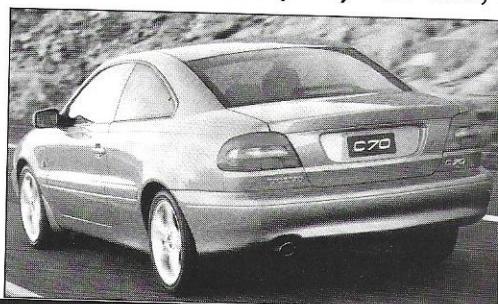
VOLVO

Headford Road, Galway.

Tel: (091) 766 533, Fax: (091) 768 850

CITROËN

The All New Volvo C-70 Coupe



1998 Irish Car of the Year

The All New Citroën Xsara

SALES - SERVICE - PARTS - LEASING

- 24 hr Petrol, Diesel, Shop & Wash Facilities.
- A wide range of used cars now in stock.
- Comprehensive 12 month warranty on used cars. Call for details.
- Finance - tailored to suit your needs on new and used cars.

New Shop & Hot Deli now open

Wishing Galway every success in today's final from all at:

O'Sullivan, Hansbury & Kenny Ltd.

VOLVO

Headford Road, Galway.

Phone: (091) 766533

CITROËN

You're on a winner

Gallup

The world's greatest total herbicide
Contains Glyphosate - to kill weeds down to the roots



Barclay Plant Protection

Santry
Dublin 9
Tel: 01 842 5755
Fax: 01 842 5381

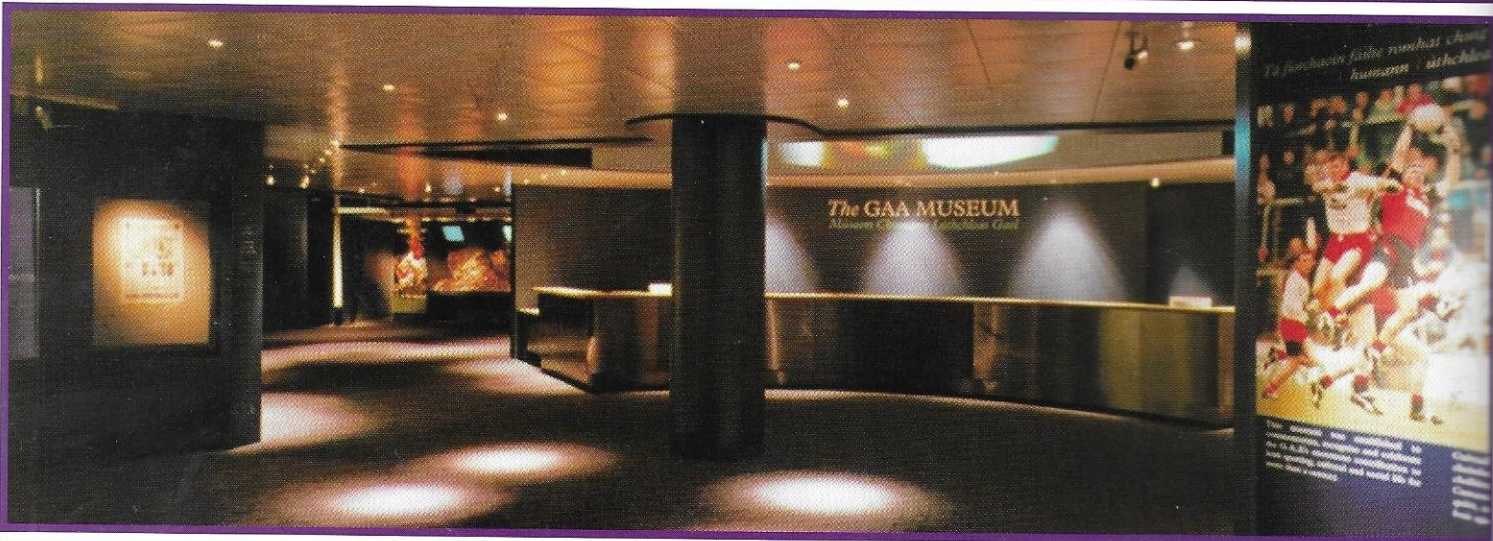
Ireland House Business Centre
150/151 New Bond Street
London W1Y 0HD
Tel: 0808 1000 200
Fax: 0800 328 1607

Barclay
PLANT PROTECTION

The GAA MUSEUM



Dublin's newest and most exciting visitor attraction is now open!



Ní haithne go haontíos - buail isteach - tá an doras ar leathadh.

The G.A.A. Museum at Croke Park is designed to facilitate an experience of an integral part of Irish life and heritage through an exploration of its culture, history and unique national sports.

Historic exhibits and databanks give you an insight of the past. Touchscreen technology brings you the historic moments, the great names and games. Specially designed interactives allow you to test yourself in the skills of Ireland's most popular games.

Opening Hours:

May-September:

Every Day 10.00a.m. - 5.00p.m.
(Last admission 4.30p.m.)

October-April:

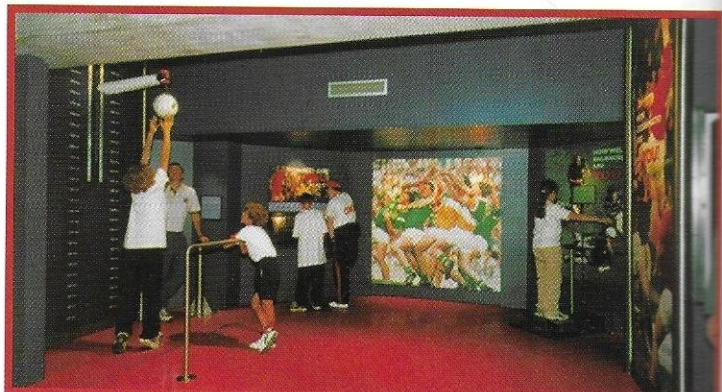
Tuesday - Sunday 10.00a.m. - 5.00p.m.
(Last admission 4.30p.m.)

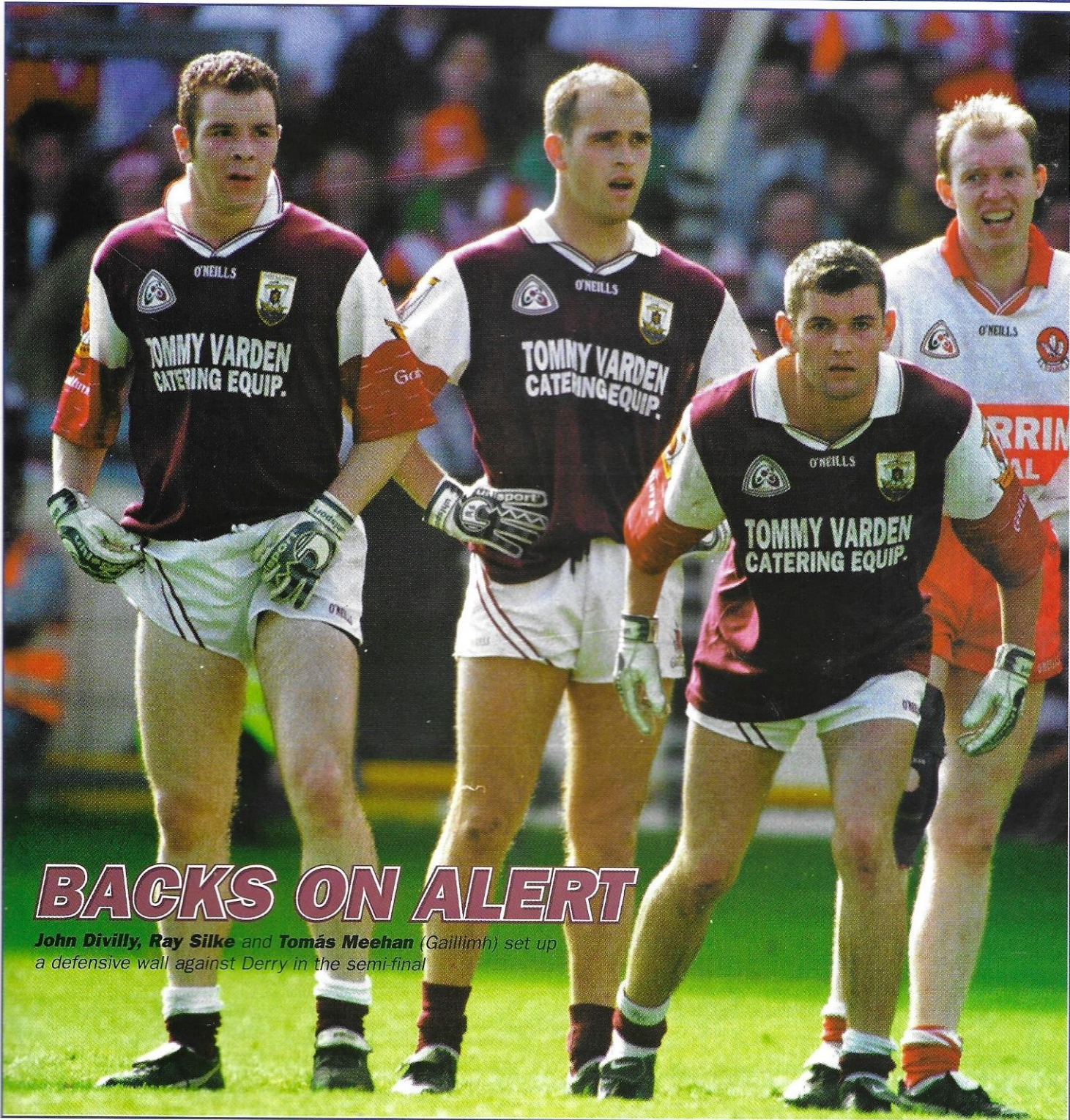
Only pre-booked groups on match days.

Admission prices are:

Adults..... £3.00. Children:..... £1.25.
Students (with identification)£2.00.
Family (based on family of four).....£6.00.
Children under five are free of charge

**For further information ring:
(01) 855 8176 / (01) 836 3222.
Facsimile: (01) 855 8104.**





BACKS ON ALERT

John Divilly, Ray Silke and Tomás Meehan (Gaillimh) set up a defensive wall against Derry in the semi-final

NCF

Providing the inputs, processing and marketing of
QUALITY FOOD PRODUCTS

FARM INPUTS

Contact your local NCF Store
22 branches

DAIRY SUPPLIES

NCF Sligo/Dairies (071) 60883
Pure Fresh Dairies (096) 72488
Butter Sales (071) 84029

MEAT PRODUCTS

NCF Meat Department
Tel: (071) 84110

How the G.A.A. uses its financial resources



One of the most common remarks one hears about the G.A.A. is that it has plenty of money. While this comment may be taken as a compliment on the way the Association manages its affairs, it is only partially correct and, does not illustrate the more important issue which it's the way it utilises its financial resources.



The accounts for 1997 show that the total income of Central Council was £8.48 million of which £5.67 million came from gate receipts. Of this total, only £10,034 was retained. The breakdown of the figures illustrates how the £8.48 million was utilised. This shows that 39% or £3.3 million was allocated as grants for capital development projects, including Croke Park (see below), while a further 16% or £1.33 million was spent on Games Development and Promotion. Staff costs amounted to only 9% and general overheads accounted for a further 9%. The balance of 27% is accounted for by match related expenses.

While the above figures are impressive in themselves, they only reflect what happened in one year. It is worth taking a longer-term look at what has happened over the past ten years. The two most important highlights for this period relate to the two areas of development. Grants for Capital Development, at club and county level, amounted to a very significant £5.8 million and a further £5 million was spent on Coaching and Games Development. During this same period, a total of £11.9 million was allocated, from our own resources, to the redevelopment of Croke Park. In addition, over the same ten-year period, a total of £2.95 million was advanced to clubs and County Committees as Development Loans.

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS BY COUNTY - 1997

LAIGHEAN

An Lú.....	£26,680
An Iarmhí.....	£56,770
Longfort.....	£6,310
Áth Cliath.....	£120,525
Cill Dara.....	£7,620
Uíbh Fháilí.....	£6,555
Laois.....	£3,284
Loch Garman.....	£9,914
Cill Chainnigh.....	£59,115



MUMHA

Ciarraí.....	£60,650
Corcaigh.....	£29,250
An Clár.....	£9,150
Luimneach.....	£47,650
Port Láirge.....	£10,650
Tiobraid Árann.....	£9,150



CONNACHT

Gaillimh.....	£51,735
Maigh Eo.....	£4,963
Ros Comáin.....	£69,500
Sligeach.....	£3,000
Liatroim.....	£5,164



ULADH

Aontroim.....	£2,570
An Cabhán.....	£62,100
Árd Mhacha.....	£6,998
Doire.....	£643
Dún na nGall.....	£55,756
An Dún.....	£7,372
Fear Manach.....	£856
Muineacháin.....	£53,062
Tír Eoghain.....	£33,224



An Bhreatain..... £5,000



Cumann Peile, Iomáine agus Camógáochta Tomás Dáibhis

Bóthar Choill Tuibeac, Tamhlacht, Co. Átha Cliath Fón 4512724, 4525005

Thomas Davis G.A.A. Club wish to appoint two full-time G.A.A. coaches. Applications are invited from Candidates who have a recognised coaching qualification with at least 3 years coaching experience. Candidates should be highly self-motivated and capable of interfacing with a variety of Personnel.

These appointments will have a salary commensurate with their responsibility and experience.

Applicants write to: The Director of Sport, Thomas Davis G.A.A. Club, Kiltipper Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

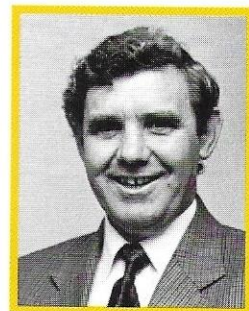


Coiste Peile na Gaillimhe The Galway Football Board

The Galway Football Board congratulates John O'Mahony along with his selectors Stephen Joyce and Peter Warren, and the **Galway Senior Team** on their progress to date and wishes them All-Ireland success over Kildare in today's final.
Go n-éirí an bóthar libh.

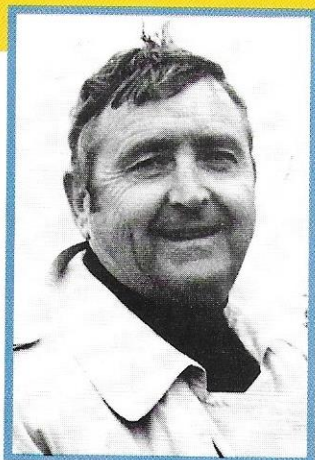
The Board also wishes to thank all its sponsors for 1998:

Tommy Varden Ltd.,
Bar & Catering Equipment, Tuam and Galway;
Western Print & Packaging, Loughrea;
Supermacs;
The Sacre Coeur Hotel, Salthill;
O'Neill's of Dublin,
Clada Soft Drinks,
Ballinfoile, Headford Road, Galway;
The Galway Football Finance Committee
based in **Kildare/Dublin;**
The Football Supporters Club in Galway
and all contributing to the development of Galway football.



*Kieran Kelly, Western
Print & Packaging.*

Tommy Varden Sponsorship



Tommy Varden

Since sponsorship came into vogue, the Galway Senior team has had one sponsor down the years — **Tommy Varden**. A lifelong supporter of the game in his native Tuam, Tommy is one of Seán Purcell's greatest friends. The Board is indebted to him for his continued support.

Laois GAA Summer Camps

This year's Laois GAA Summer Camps were a huge success with close to 1,000 children attending the eight venues throughout the county - Mountmellick, Rathdowney, Ballylinan, O'Dempseys, Portlaoise, Crettyard, Abbeyleix and Mountrath.

The T-shirts and baseball caps again proved very popular with the newly designed T-shirts being especially well received. Participants also got a folder with promotional posters and a souvenir pen.

The Camps were co-ordinated by Laois Coaching and Games Promotion Officers Noel Delaney and Siobhán Reynolds, ably assisted by a group of qualified coaches with numerous players, including two of today's Laois minors - half forward Kieran Kelly (last year's winning captain) and panelist Aidan Challoner.

The camps have just ended but already plans are being made to make Summer Camps 1999 bigger and brighter than ever.

Pictured above are a group of guests and coaching staff at the Abbeyleix Camp - Diarmuid Mullins, Kildare SF captain Glen Ryan, Kilkenny's Charlie Carter, Games Dev. C/man Johnny Dalton, Camp Co-ordinator Noel Delaney, three of today's Laois minors Kieran Kelly, Johnny Behan (captain), Brian 'Beano' McDonald and Camp Co-ordinator Siobhán Reynolds. In front are campers Mirioam Dalton, Orla Kavanagh, Eimear Barry and Claire Miller along with the Leinster Senior Football and Hurling Trophies.



The Football Immortals

The 1995 edition of Raymond Smith's book, "The Football Immortals" carried a special chapter on the last appearance of Galway in an All-Ireland final. That was the day in 1983 when Dublin came of age by winning their 21st senior crown and the Connacht champions succumbed in the end to "The Defiant Dozen".

This 300-page book, following on from earlier editions, brings the history of Gaelic football right up to the middle of the present decade. Only a small number of copies now remain and these can be obtained from Eason bookshops in Dublin, Cork, Galway, Limerick, Athlone and other leading booksellers.

Those wishing to have one of the last few remaining copies of the special hardback 500-page edition of "The Football Immortals" produced in the Centenary Year of 1984 should write to Sporting Books Publishers, 4 Sycamore Road, Mount Merrion, County Dublin.



National University of Ireland, Dublin

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

Certificate in Injury Management and Fitness in Sport

National University of Ireland, Dublin has established the above course which is aimed at people with an interest in Sports Medicine but no previous experience. It is the first University course of its kind in Ireland and provides participants with a thorough and broad based knowledge of:

- relevant human anatomy and exercise physiology;
- safe and sensible handling of sports injuries including emergencies until medical aid can be obtained;
- the principles of rehabilitation of special sports injuries.

The course is a huge success. It has drawn together people from many sporting and professional backgrounds who share a common interest in sport. The shared enthusiasm of the participants, lecturers and tutors generated a wonderful atmosphere of friendship, good humour and willingness to learn. The third year (1997/98) was equally successful. This course is now firmly established as an important relevant educational opportunity for anyone involved in working with athletes.

"I originally applied for the course because my work as Sports Co-ordinator in AIB meant that I was constantly dealing with all aspects of sport. I always had a strong interest in sports but wanted to take this further. The course lived up to expectations and the lecturers were excellent at interacting with students which generated a good atmosphere. I now make use of the skills I learned on the course in my job and can give more knowledgeable advice in understanding the scenarios leading to injuries. Overall the course was challenging, interesting and extremely enjoyable. It opened my eyes to the diversity of sports science. From the psychology of the golf swing to the difficulties surrounding a torn muscle. I would have no reservation in recommending this course to anyone interested in Sports, it will stay with them for life".

*Finne Lucey,
Sports Co-ordinator
Sports and Social Department
AIB Group
(Class '98)*

"Many sports coaches have 'a pretty good idea' about sports injuries. This is a dangerous position to be in. A good guess with an injury could have catastrophic results. This course in Injury Management and Fitness in Sport has given me the knowledge to be sure of what I'm dealing with, enabling me to take the necessary steps to promote healing, recovery and return to sports. I use this information on a daily basis and it has allowed me to perform a better service as a trainer. This is an important course for serious coaches".

*Caleb Cairns
Fitness Manager
Riverview Racquet & Fitness Club
Tennis Ireland Fitness Coach for squads under 18. (Class '98)*

"I found the Certificate in Injury Management and Fitness in Sport to be an excellent course. The course is run in an efficient, friendly manner with lectures of a very high standard from leading experts in their respective fields. It is an extremely enjoyable course and will prove to be of benefit no matter what level of sport you

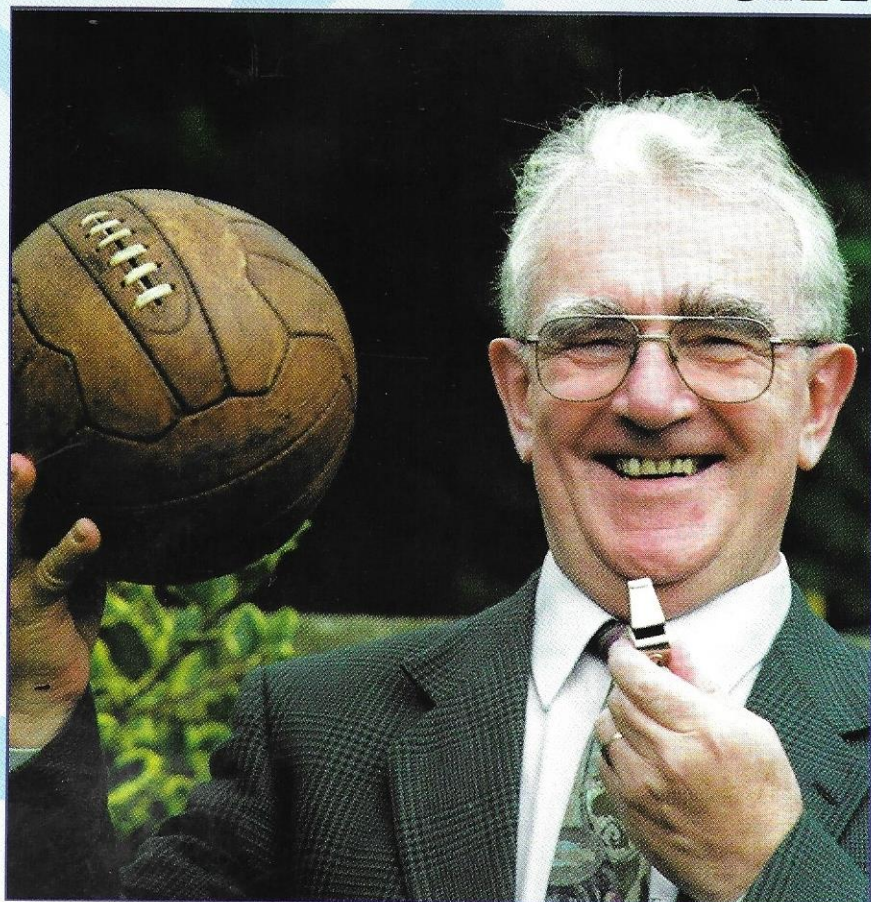
are involved in. The course has proved to be invaluable in my work in children's sport. Anyone involved in this aspect of sport should consider this course to be an essential qualification for coaching children. I also found the course to be of great benefit both as a player and as a mentor. I would highly recommend this course to anyone with a serious involvement in sport".

*Tony McGinley
Football Coach St. Judes GAA Club.
(Class '98)*

Brochure and application form can be obtained from:

**The Project Manager, C.I.M.F.
University Industry Programme,
National University of Ireland, Dublin
(UCD),
Belfield,
Dublin 4.
Tel: + 353-1-706 8712 / 706 8714
Fax: + 353-1-283 0669.**

The 1935 Ball

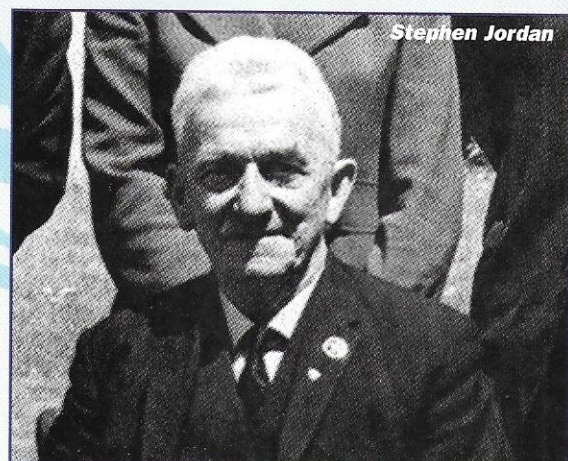


Our picture on left shows Tony Jordan with the ball which was used in the 1935 Final in which Cavan beat Kildare - the Lilywhites' last appearance at this stage of the championship.

Tony, himself a former referee, is the son of Stephen Jordan who refereed that 1935 Final in which Kildare went down on a score of 2-5 to 3-6.

It is not clear how the ball ended up in the Jordan family but it has been authenticated as the actual match ball and is now a treasured possession.

What countyman was Stephen Jordan? Yes - he was a Galwayman!

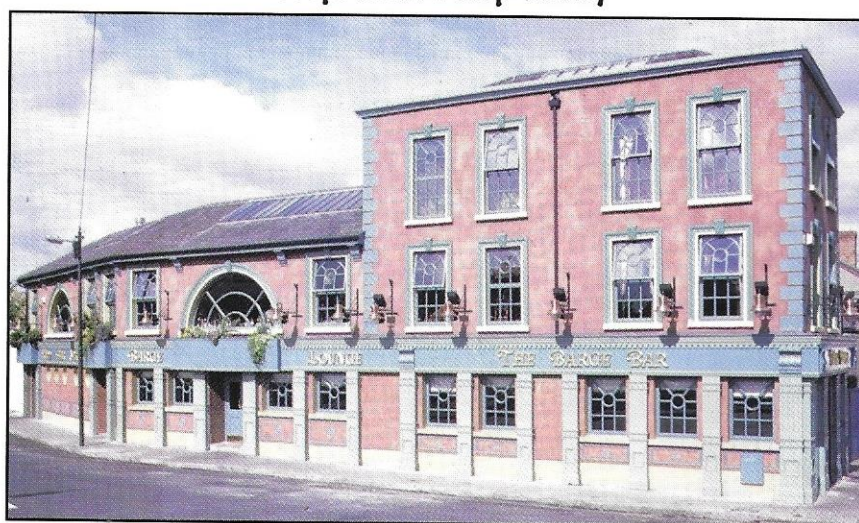


THE BARGE

42 CHARLEMONT STREET, DUBLIN 2

Black & White Award Winning Pub Of The Year 1997/98

Proprietor: Philip Hickey



Partying Every Weekend

Win Or Lose, You're Always A Winner At The Barge

"Dublin's Premier Late Night Music Bar"

Serving food seven days a week, Brunch, Carvery, A la Carte,
Open Late Seven Nights A Week

Walter O'Connor is new Handball Champion



Seosamh Mac Donncha, Uachtarán CLG presents Corn Puirseil to Walter O'Connor, Meath, following his victory over Michael 'Duxie' Walsh, Kilkenny, the High Ball All-Ireland Senior Softball Singles final a Páirc an Chrócaigh. Also in the picture is Conchubhar Ó Mórdha, Uachtarán, Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann.

Walter O'Connor from the Gormanston Club in Meath ended the long reign of Michael 'Duxie' Walsh of Kilkenny when he won the High Ball All-Ireland Senior Softball Singles final at Croke Park on 12 Meán Fómhair. Walsh, undefeated in the championship from August 1984, won a record 13 successive titles from 1985 to 1997. In this, their fifth meeting in the final, O'Connor triumphed 21-14, 21-17 to take the title to Meath for the very first time.

The Intermediate Doubles title went to Carlow father and son combination of Tom and Kenneth Kane - also a first for the Barrowside county - who scored a 21-9, 21-18 victory over the O'Brien brothers, Tom and Billy, from the Broadford Club in Limerick.

Des Keegan from Ballaghaderreen won Mayo's first Minor Softball Singles title in the 50 year history of the championship when he defeated Seamus Lawlor of Clare in two straight games.

Top Score In Vain

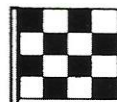
At the end of the 1973 All-Ireland final the Galway forwards might well have asked just what they had to do to win an All-Ireland for they had just recorded a highly creditable 2-13 in going down to Cork by a margin of seven points. A score of 19 points would have won all but five of the 87 All-Ireland finals played to that date - and, for the record - all but five of the finals played since. Ironically, one of Galway's greatest All-Ireland wins - 1956 - was wrought with a score of 2-13 - and against Cork.

**N-17 Service Station
Galway Road,
Tuam.**

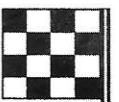
Ph: (093) 24471

- In Store Bakery
- Hot & Cold Snacks
- Enjoy the best rolls & sandwiches
in Galway

**OPEN 24 hours
OUTSTANDING SERVICE
OUTSTANDING VALUE**



**Best of Luck
to Galway**



Hermitage Court
Dublin Rd.
Tuam

John O'Connor (B. Agr. Sc.)

**REPS
REPS**

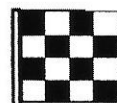
REPS

REPS

REPS

Open from
9 am to 6 pm
Monday to Friday

Tel.: 093 24809
Mobile: 086 2601384
Fax: 093 26036



**Best of Luck
to Galway**





PROGRESS REPORT

SCÉIM IOMÁNA DHÁ MHÍLE HURLING INTO 2,000

The following is a brief outline of the major initiatives which have been implemented to date in conjunction with Scéim Iomána 2,000 - the National Hurling Development Plan, spearheaded by G.A.A. President, Joe Mc Donagh, which aims to Increase Participation, Improve Playing Standards and Promote Hurling in the most effective way possible.

BY: PAT DALY GAA COACHING & GAMES DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

ANTRIM

Coach Appointed in North Antrim - Seamus Elliot - Development Squad established.

ARMAGH

Coach Appointed - John Crossey - Hurling Summer Camps and School of Excellence established.

CARLOW

Successful Indoor & Ground Hurling Tournaments. Schools of Excellence & Development Squads established.

CAVAN

Coach Appointed - Liam de Burca - U.11 Coaching Scheme. School of Excellence & Development Squads established.

CLARE

1st Year 2nd Level Schools' Competition 225 participants. Indoor Hurling Competition and Major U. 11/U.13 Ground Hurling Competitions.

CORK

Blitz for 1st Year Students not on School Teams. U. 12 Ground Hurling Competition - 720 participants. Rebel magazine produced.

DERRY

Coach Appointed for 1 Year - Sean Martin Lockhart - U. 15 Development Squad established.

DONEGAL

Coach Appointed - Owen Roe O' Neill - Special U. 10 Competition organised. Urban Development Programme in Letterkenny.

DOWN

School of Excellence for Juvenile players from Weaker Clubs.

DUBLIN

Expansive U.10 Coaching Programme. School of Excellence & Development Squads established.

FERMANAGH

Coach Appointed - Joe Maguire. Primary Schools & Club Coaching Programme in progress.

GALWAY

Coach Appointed for Galway City Area - Gerry Spellman. Ground Hurling Competition for Clubs 1,000 Participants.

KERRY

Indoor Blitz for 1st Year Post Primary Students - 16 Schools, Pilot Project - Mid / East Kerry. U.10 Ground hurling - 18 Clubs.

KILDARE

Champion Skills Competition. Primary Schools Project. Indoor Hurling Promotion.

KILKENNY

70,000 Player Cards Issued. Inter-Class Leagues 2nd - 6th Class in Kilkenny City. U.11 Ground Hurling - 40 Teams.

LAOIS

Second Level School Indoor Hurling Tournament. Schools of Excellence & Development Squads established.

LEITRIM

Coach Appointed - Donncha O Loinsigh. Successful Indoor Hurling Competitions.

LIMERICK

10,000 County Promotional Packs. Rathkeale Urban Project. National League Promotion. 3,000 participants.

LOUTH

Drogheda Hurling Project - 5 new teams established. U. 15 Development Squad established.

LONGFORD

Coach Appointed - Patrick Cullen. Intensive School and Club Coaching Programmes in progress.

MAYO

Coach Appointed - Kevin Kelly. Successful Indoor Hurling Competition for Primary Schools.

MEATH

Coach Appointed - John Davis - to cover Pilot Project Area in East Meath. 2 further Pilot Projects being organised. Development Squads established.

MONAGHAN

School & Club Coaching Programme Implemented. Ground Hurling Competition initiated.

OFFALY

Ground Hurling Tournament - Indoor Hurling Tournament. Young Referees' Project.

ROSCOMMON

Coach Appointed to County - Proinsias Killeen. Primary Schools' Coaching Programme. 20 Schools involved.

SLIGO

Coach Appointed - Ken Killeen. Big drive to promote Indoor Hurling in Primary Schools.

TIPPERARY

Elite Squad 200 participants from 70 clubs. 30,000 Promotional posters issued. Rebound magazine produced.

TYRONE

2 Coaches Appointed - Thomas Colton & Barry O' Neill. Schools and Club Coaching Programmes initiated.

WATERFORD

Coaching on the Greens - Urban Areas. 780 Participants. 10,000 County Team Posters issued.

WESTMEATH

U.11 Ground Hurling - 300 Participants. Development Squad. Pilot Project in South - 80 Players.

WEXFORD

U.11 Ground Hurling - 40 Teams. Development Squad established. Young Referees' Project initiated.

WICKLOW

Indoor Hurling Tournament. Development Squad Established. Pilot Project in Bray.

NOTE

Schools of Excellence:

Cater for U.13 /U.14

Development Squads:

U.15 to U.17

Elite Squads: U.18 +

Ag Féachaint Siar

Cuig Bliana Ficead Ó Shoin (1973)

It was a familiar scene in Munster where Clare beat Waterford 0-18 to 1-5 and Tipperary accounted for Limerick by 4-13 to 1-7. But the ambitions of the 'lesser lights' were quickly destroyed when the 'big guns' entered the fray as Cork beat Clare by 2-16 to 0-3 and Kerry beat Tipperary by 3-11 to 0-5. Five first-half goals by Cork left Kerry with too much to do in the second half and, despite a brave fightback, Cork took the title on a 5-12 to 1-15 scoreline.

In the West, Galway opened with a 3-6 to 1-7 win over Sligo at Tuam, and the Tribesmen then disposed of the reigning provincial champions Roscommon by 1-13 to 1-8 on the latter's ground. Mayo experienced no difficulty in crushing a weak Leitrim side at Carrick-on-Shannon (7-6 to 0-3), but came unstuck in the final at Castlebar where Galway won by 1-17 to 2-12.

When Donegal failed in the first defence of their Ulster laurels - 1-7 to Tyrone's 0-12 - it threw the campaign wide open with Down shaping up well in pipping Armagh by 2-10 to 2-9. Antrim scored four goals against Fermanagh and still lost (4-4 to 3-9) and Derry beat Monaghan by 1-7 to 0-5. Tyrone were in fine fettle in beating Fermanagh (1-15 to 0-11) and they took the title with a comprehensive 3-13 to 1-11 win over Down.

In Leinster, Offaly was the team to beat, but no one did despite a brave bid by Louth who lost to the champions by 0-8 to 1-8. (Louth had already accounted for Dublin on a replay and Carlow). Meath and Laois survived the first round as did Kildare who beat Longford at Athy by 0-13 to 0-8. Meath saw off Laois by 2-17 to 2-11, but it was Offaly all the way as they beat Kildare (1-15 to 2-6) and swamped Meath by 3-21 to 2-12 in the final.

The All-Ireland semi-final produced a shock when Galway were not flattered by a scoreline of 0-16 to 2-8 in their win over Offaly while Tyrone crumbled before Cork power (2-4 to 5-10). And Leaside power was again very much in evidence in the final as a scoreline of 3-17 to Galway's 2-13 indicates.

Caoga Blian Ó Shoin (1948)

The early rounds in Ulster resulted in expected wins for Monaghan over Derry, Antrim over Donegal and Tyrone over Fermanagh. Down looked good when beating Armagh (4-10 to 2-3), but not so good when losing to champions, Cavan by 2-4 to 2-9. Antrim beat Tyrone by 0-12 to 1-3 and Cavan sailed into yet another Ulster final by beating Monaghan by 1-9 to 0-7. Antrim had their moments in the final at Clones, but clearly they

were limited as Cavan retained their title by 2-12 to 2-4.

Only Kilkenny were missing from the Leinster line-up which saw Carlow easily accounted for Wicklow 3-11 to 1-5, Offaly beating Kildare by 5-5 to 1-8 and Louth trouncing Longford (2-14 to 1-2). There were close encounters too; at Athy Carlow beat Laois (4-4 to 1-7), Louth beat Dublin (1-5 to 0-6) and Wexford came from ten points down to beat Offaly by 4-6 to 3-8 at Carlow. The Slaneysiders then came from behind to beat Carlow - 3-9 to 4-5 - and Louth beat provincial champions Meath (2-6 to 2-5) before regaining the Leinster title by 2-10 to 2-5 at Wexford's expense.

In the West, Mayo impressed in beating Leitrim by 4-9 to 1-2 at Sligo, but were not so impressive in downing Sligo by a flattering 4-2 to 1-4 at the same venue. Galway joined their old rivals in the final with two goals to spare over Roscommon (3-4 to 1-4) at Ballinasloe and then drew with Mayo (1-7 to 2-4). However, Mayo got it right in the replay (2-10 to 1-7).

The pattern of events in Munster was as expected. Brave flourishes from Clare and Tipperary early on, then the almost inevitable semi-final victories for Kerry over Clare (6-6 to 1-8) and Cork over Tipperary (0-12 to 0-3). Kerry retained their provincial title with a 2-9 to 2-6 scoreline at Killarney.

The All-Ireland semi-finals saw Mayo trounce Kerry (0-13 to 0-3) and Cavan hold off Louth (1-14 to 4-2). A wind-dominated final saw Mayo pull back a huge Cavan lead only to be pipped by a point (4-5 to 4-4) in a controversial finish.

Cuig Bliana Seachta Ó Shoin (1923)

Only seven teams entered for the race in Leinster where Kilkenny were worthy 2-3 to 2-1 winners over Kildare at Portlaoise. Meath had five points to spare over Louth at An Uaimh (1-4 to 0-2) while Laois had six in hand as they beat Wexford (2-7 to 1-4) at Croke Park. All-Ireland champions Dublin opened their defence of the title with a 3-3 to 1-2 win over Laois at Kilkenny and Meath joined them in the provincial final when ousting Kilkenny by 3-1 to 0-3. The expected Meath challenge was never in evidence in the final and Dublin were not flattered by their 3-5 to 0-0 win.

The campaign in Connacht opened with Leitrim recording an easy 2-5 to 0-1 win over Roscommon at Boyle, and Mayo also had it easy seeing off Sligo (4-5 to 1-2) at Claremorris. Galway, the defending champions, got a stern

continued overleaf

fight from Leitrim at Strokestown before advancing on a 1-3 to 1-0 scoreline, but the title was surrendered at Tuam where, in a remarkably low-scoring game, Mayo won by 0-3 to 0-2.

For the first time in three years there was a full muster of forces in Munster. Kerry appeared to have regained their old prowess as they beat Limerick by 4-5 to 1-3. Cork downed Waterford (1-5 to 2-1) and were themselves downed by Kerry (3-4 to 0-3) who went on to beat Tipperary in the final by 0-5 to 0-3.

Fermanagh and Down were the only two missing from the Ulster scene, where Monaghan, Cavan and Donegal were first-round winners. Monaghan then beat Armagh (4-1 to 1-4) and Tyrone by 2-6 to 0-3, but Ulster was Cavan's as they put out Donegal by 4-10 to 3-1 and Monaghan in the final by 5-10 to 1-1.

Two competitive semi-finals saw Dublin beat Mayo by 1-6 to 1-2 at Croke Park and Cavan pushed Kerry to a point (1-2 to 1-3). In a rousing final, Dublin retained their title by 1-5 to Kerry's 1-3.

Cead Bliain Ó Shoin (1898)

This was most certainly not a vintage year for gaelic football. The "blackout" of inter-county competition continued in Ulster and Connacht, but even in Munster and Leinster the line-up was

disappointingly small as Limerick, Clare and Kerry opted out, as did all but four counties in the East - although Kildare did affiliate only to grant a walkover to Dublin when the fixtures were made.

The opening game saw Wicklow easily beat Offaly by 1-11 to 0-4 at Jones's Road, but the Garden county was subsequently trounced by Wexford (3-10 to 0-4) in a game that was staged only a week before Christmas. And Dublin's 'new-look' selection had no problem with the Wexford challenge in the final at Jones's Road as they retained their title on a 2-6 to 0-0 scoreline.

When the Munster campaign got under way, Waterford proved a surprise packet as they scored a decisive 0-9 to nil victory over Tipperary at Waterford. Cork reached the final without kicking a ball; it proved to be poor preparation for a Munster final. The Munster final made history on two counts: Lismore staged its first - and last - senior inter-county championship final and Waterford won its first - and only - provincial football title with a clear-cut (1-11 to 1-3) win over a shocked Cork side.

But that ended the Decies flirtation with football glory. At Tipperary town, Waterford tried all they knew, but it wasn't nearly enough against Dublin's powerful selection which retained the All-Ireland crown on a 2-8 to 0-4 scoreline.



Irish Nationwide Building Society GAA Jubilee Team



Corcaigh • All-Ireland Champions 1973 •

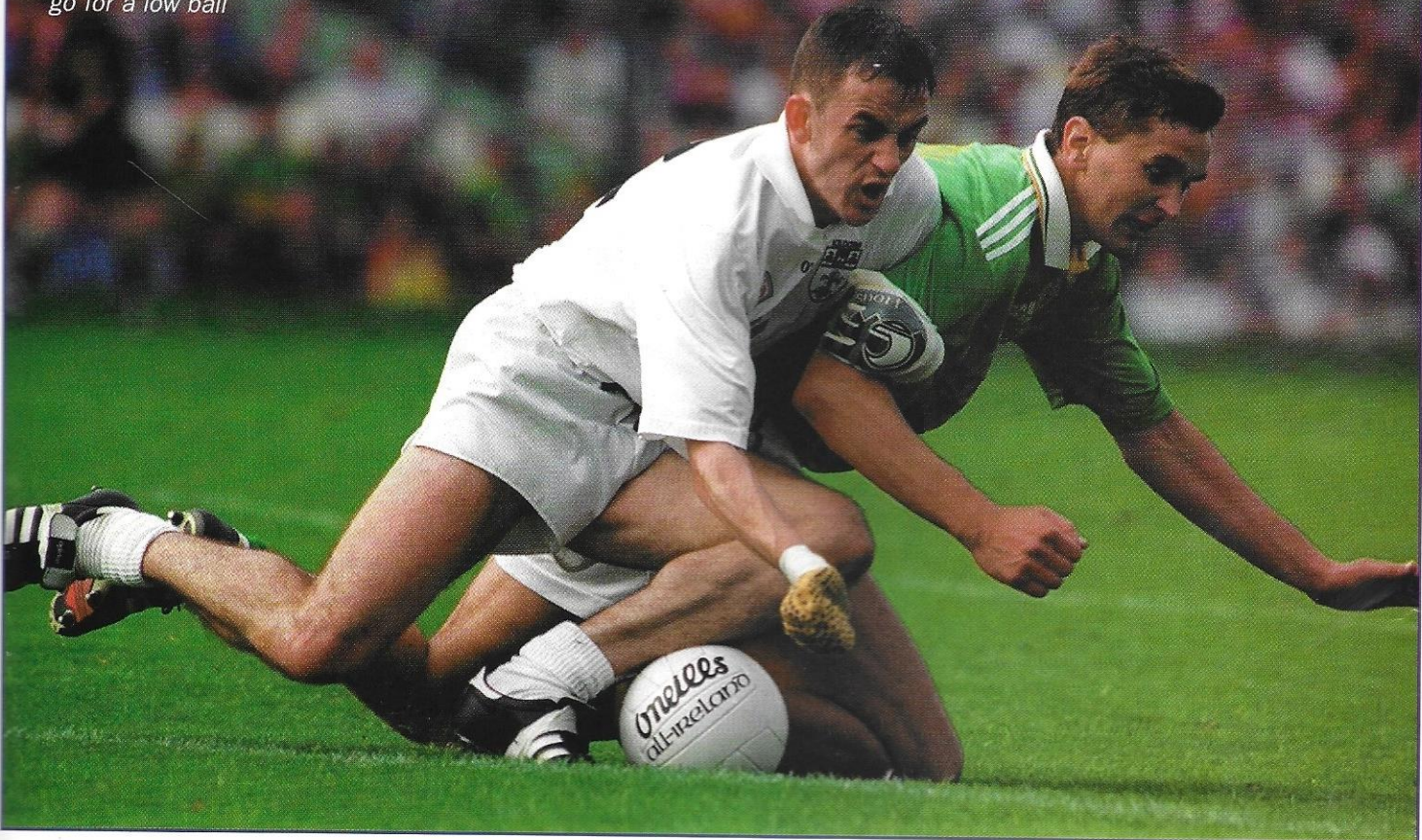
The great Cork team who were the recipients of this year's Irish Nationwide Building Society GAA Jubilee Awards and who will be introduced on the field in Croke Park today before the start of the senior game.

Back row (l-r): Donie O'Donovan (Trainer), Denis Long, Ray Cummins, Jimmy Barry Murphy, John Coleman, Dave McCarthy, Declan Barron, Ned Kirby and Denis Coughlan.

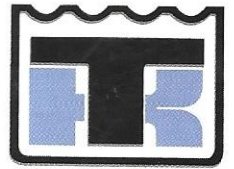
Front row (l-r): Jimmy Barrett, Con Hartnett, Kevin Jer O'Sullivan, Billy Morgan (captain), Frank Cogan, Brian Murphy and Humphrey Kelleher.

GROUND FOOTBALL

as **Seamus Dowling** (Cill Dara) and **Maurice Fitzgerald** (Ciarraí)
go for a low ball

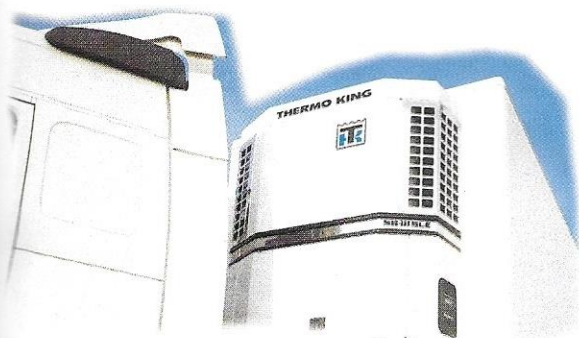


Best Wishes to the 1998 All-Ireland football teams



FROM ANOTHER GREAT TEAM

THERMO KING is the world leader in the design, manufacture and marketing of temperature control and air conditioning equipment for transport, serving customers in over 140 countries. We employ 1,000 people in our manufacturing facilities in Galway and Dublin and our service parts operation in Shannon. As well, we operate six other locations in the Czech Republic, Spain, Germany, Denmark, Belgium and Holland.



THERMO KING EUROPE
World Leader in Transport Temperature Control Systems

GALWAY • DUBLIN • SHANNON

INGERSOLL-RAND

Thermo King is a division of the
Ingersoll Rand Corporation

SOUTHERN SUDAN



Our GOAL is to help!

Help us to fight disease and famine.

I enclose cheque/P.O./cash for £ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____



**GOAL, P.O. Box 19
Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin
Credit card donations
Tel: 01-280 9779**

A new Sam Maguire Cup first for Galway or Kildare

A new name will be inscribed on the new Sam Maguire Cup after the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football championship final as both Kildare and Galway are competing for this particular trophy for the first time.

FIRST WINNERS

- Kildare were the first winners of the old Sam Maguire Cup. The trophy was first presented for the 1928 final and Kildare, who went into that game as defending All-Ireland champions, beat Cavan by 2-6 to 2-5. They were captained by Bill "Squires" Gannon.
- That was Kildare's fourth All-Ireland senior title and they have not won the championship in the meantime.
- No Connacht county has won the All-Ireland title since Galway completed their only treble of championships in 1966 to boost their record to seven wins.

1919 MEETING

- This is the first All-Ireland final between Kildare and Galway since the 1919 decider in which Caragh, representing the Leinster county, beat a Galway selection by 2-5 to 0-1 before 32,000 spectators at Croke Park.
- The counties last met in the championship in a 1926 semi-final and once again Kildare were successful-2-5 to 0-2.
- Leinster has been represented in six finals in the nineties so far and has won two. Meath lost to Cork in 1990, Down in 1991 and beat Mayo in a replay in 1996. Dublin lost to Donegal in 1992, Down in 1994 and beat Tyrone in 1995.

CONNACHT DEFEATS

- Galway are bidding to end a run of eight defeats for Connacht's standard-bearers in finals since they last brought the title West of the Shannon in 1966.
- Galway lost to Offaly in 1971, to Cork in 1973, Dublin in 1974 and Dublin again in 1983.
- Roscommon were beaten by Kerry in 1980 and Mayo lost to Cork in 1989, Meath after a replay in 1996 and Kerry last year.
- The Meath-Mayo draw two years ago was the last final to end all square.

Complete Championship Record



As before, Brian Carthy will be publishing his complete record of the year in football and hurling 'The Championship 1998'. The book will be available in early November priced at £9.99. This year's Championship book will be in full colour and will include full team listings, team photographs plus match details and in-depth reports on all games. Brian, who is the RTÉ Gaelic Games Correspondent, has established an impressive reputation as a sports presenter and print journalist.

Some copies of Brian's other books which are still available include 'The Championship 1997' and 'The Championship 1995' (both are £6 including P & P).

All these publications are available from:

Sliabh Bán Productions Ltd., P.O. Box 6369, Fortfield, Dublin 6W.

Cúinne na nÓg

Special Crossword

Solve all the clues correctly and the shaded square will reveal the name of one of Donegal's defenders in the Bank of Ireland Ulster senior football final in July (1,7).

- This county was knocked out of the Leinster senior football championship after a replay in their opening engagement.
- Christian name of a gifted midfielder, who led his county to a successful defence of a provincial minor football title in July.
- Surname of a top scoring forward from the West.
- Colin....., Leitrim's left half back in their Connacht senior football semi-final against Galway in June.
- Surname of Roy, Offaly's full forward in their Church and General National Football League title win last April.
- A talented full forward who won an All-Ireland senior football medal five years ago and collected a second provincial medal in July.
- A gifted full back in football from the Killanin club, who won his second provincial senior medal last month.
- This accomplished forward played a big part in the build-up to Kildare's only goal against Meath in the Leinster senior football final last month.

1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						

Scoring Stars

Listed below are six forwards who were on the target for their respective county teams during this season's Bank of Ireland senior football championships along with six counties.

What you have to do is to match each forward with the correct county.

Paul Taylor	Cavan
Diarmuid Marsden	Cork
Ronan Carolan	Sligo
Joe Kavanagh	Monaghan
Ian Fitzgerald	Armagh
Declan Smyth	Laois

Tráth na gCeist 1

- Who led Offaly to the Church and General National Football League title last May?
- Derry were runners-up in that game. Who captained the Oak Leaf County?
- Eugene Courtney captained what county in an All-Ireland minor football semi-final last month?
- Winners of the All-Ireland minor football title are presented with the Tom Markham Cup. When was a new name last inscribed on the trophy?
- Enda Lyons was in goal for Kerry in an All-Ireland minor football semi-final last month. True or false?
- One of the following refereed last year's All-Ireland senior football final—John Bannon (Longford), Brian White (Wexford) or Paddy Russell (Tipperary). Which?
- What county brought the All-Ireland under-21 football title North last year?
- Kerry won this year's All-Ireland under-21 football title. Who were runners-up?
- Where was that final played?
- What did Maurice Fitzgerald (Kerry) score in last year's Sam Maguire Cup tie—0-7, 0-9 or 0-10?

Tráth na gCeist 2

- Cén duine deireannach a thóg Corn Mhig Uidhir go Connacht agus cén bhliain?
- Bhí beirt pheileadóir cáiliúla de bhunadh Chill Dara, a bhain dhá bhonn sinsir peile le Corcaigh - cé hiad?
- Cén céad fhoireann pheile ó Ghaillimh a bhain craobh Uile-Éireann na gClub AIB agus cathain?
- Cén líon craobhacha Uile-Éireann sa pheil a bhain Cill Dara go dtí seo?
- Cén fhoireann pheile sinsir a bhí so mhéid is mó craobhchluichí a chéile riamh?

Who am I?

I am the only player to captain two All-Ireland under-21 football title winning teams. I scored eleven points in a recent All-Ireland senior football final. I have yet to win an All-Ireland senior medal. My club is Errigal

Freagraí

- Who Am I?**
Peter Canavan (Tyrone).
- Tráth na gCeist 1**
- 1996 when Laois won the title.
 - False. He was in goal for Leitrim.
 - Brian White.
 - Derry.
 - Laois.
 - Limerick.
 - 0-9.
- Tráth na gCeist 2**
- Eanna Ó Callarain (Gaillimh) i 1966.
 - Larry Ó Toimín agus Seamus ('Shay) Ó Fathaigh.
 - Corra Finne i 1998 (Ray Ó Stoda mar chaptaen).
 - Ceithre cinn: 1905, 1919, 1927, 1928.
 - Loch Garman sé cinn (6) idir 1913 agus 1918; chaill siad i 1913 agus 1914 agus bhain siad ceithre craobh Cavan.
 - Cork.
 - as a chéile i 1915, 1916, 1917 agus 1918; b'iad an chéad fhoireann a bhain ceithre chraobh as a chéile.

Scoring Stars

1	D	U	B	L	I	N
2	C	O	R	M	A	C
3	J	O	Y	C	E	
4	R	E	G	A	N	
5	M	A	L	O	N	E
6	D	O	W	N	E	Y
7	F	A	H	Y		
8	L	Y	N	C	H	

The name in the shaded column is B. McGowan.

Fiche Ceist

1. Kildare were the first winners of the old Sam Maguire Cup in 1928. Who captained the Lily Whites to that success?
2. Enda Colleran led Galway to their last Sam Maguire Cup win in 1996. That was his second successive year to fill that role. What position did he line out in the 1966 final?
3. Who was the first footballer presented with the new Sam Maguire Cup in 1988?
4. Who captained Galway on their last All-Ireland senior football final appearance in 1983?
5. Dublin won that game. John O'Leary captained the Dubs from goal. True or false?
6. In what year did a Sam Maguire Cup tie last end in a draw?
7. John Bannon (Longford) is the first Leinster man to referee an All-Ireland senior football final since 1997, 1996 or 1995. Your choice!
8. What Connacht county was the first to make a successful defence of the Sam Maguire Cup?
9. How many goals were scored in last year's Kerry-Mayo senior football decider?
10. What was unusual about Galway's defeat by Mayo in the opening round of last year's Connacht senior football championship at Tuam Stadium?
11. Kildare was the first Leinster county to win the All-Ireland under-21 football title. True or false?
12. Name the Corofin player chosen as the Eircell G.A.A. All Stars Player of the Month for last March.
13. Who refereed this year's Bank of Ireland Connacht senior football drawn final and replay?
14. In what year were Galway last involved in a draw in an All-Ireland senior football championship tie (not necessarily a final)?
15. How many Kildare footballers won Eircell All Stars trophies last December?
16. Leitrim's win in the Connacht minor football championship final in July was their first in 32, 36 years or 42 years?
17. What county lost to Laois in the 1996 All-Ireland minor football final?
18. Corofin, of Galway, played their AIB All-Ireland Club semi-final at Ballyshannon last February. What club provided the opposition to the Connacht champions in that game?
19. How far did Clane, of Kildare, advance in last year's AIB All-Leinster club senior football championship?
20. A Kildare man refereed the 1993 All-Ireland senior football final. Can you name him?

Freagraí

1. Bill "Squires" Gannon. 2. Right full back. 3. Joe Cassells (Meath) in 1988. 4. Seamus McHugh from left half back. 5. False. Tommy Drumm led Dublin from centre half back. 6. 1988 when Meath and Cork finished level. 7. 1997. Brian White (Wexford) refereed last year's game. 8. Roscommon, who won the trophy for the first time in 1943 and retained it the following year for what was their last All-Ireland senior title. 9. One by Kieran McDonald, of Mayo, from a penalty. 10. It was Mayo's first senior championship win over Galway at the venue in 46 years. 11. True. They won the second final played in 1965. 12. Gerry Burke. 13. Seamus Prior (Leitrim). 14. 1987 when they lost to Cork at the second attempt. 15. Three—Davy Dalton, Glen Ryan and Niall Buckley. 16. 42 years. 17. Kerry by 2-11 to 1-11. 18. Dungiven, of Derry. 19. To the final, in which they lost to Erin's Isle, of Dublin. 20. Tommy Howard.

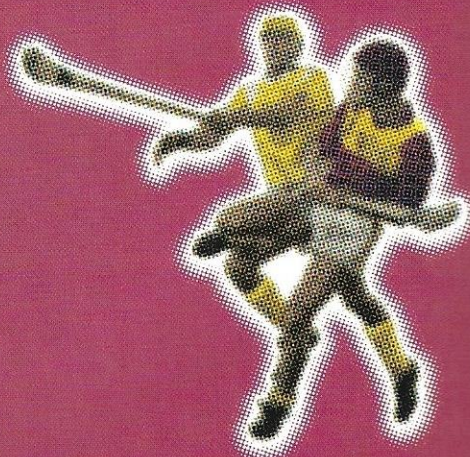
Programmes available by Post

A selection of programmes is available by post from the publishers.

Write for full list to:



DBA Publications Limited,
56 Carysfort Avenue,
Blackrock, Co. Dublin.
Telephone: (01) 288 7247.
Facsimile: (01) 288 3583.



GAA/INTO Mini-Sevens



Church & General
Cumann na mBunscol



The G.A.A.'s commitment to youth is very much in evidence today with the minor teams of Laois and Tír Eoghain providing the curtain-raiser and 40 boys and girls from throughout the country exhibiting their skills in the G.A.A.-I.N.T.O. Mini-Sevens at half-time. Today's senior team managers and backroom staff deserve great credit for the development of their squads, but the seeds of their players' sporting ambitions were sown by primary school teachers over the past two decades. The words of the ancient Irish proverb "Mol an oige agus tiocfaidh sí" will certainly be understood and cherished with a deep satisfaction by all the teachers and mentors who worked with these players when the All-Ireland dream was just that!



Eddie McCormack



Paul McCormack



Martin Lynch



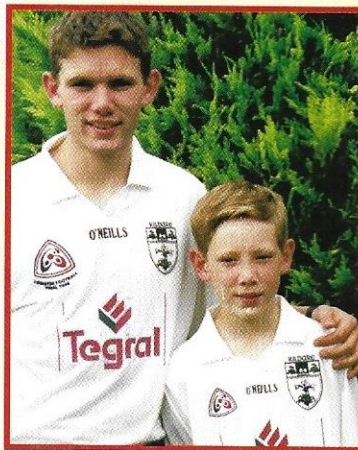
John Finn

Cill Dara agus Gaillimh

Two thriving Cumann na mBunscol units in the counties contesting the senior final are central to the development of Gaelic games in the schools. Boys and girls are coached on an equal basis and the emphasis is firmly on fun, participation and an appreciation of the central role of our native games in our cultural heritage.

In Gaillimh 116 teams participate in boys' football competitions, which are divided into 14 divisions according to size and geographical location. 32 schools take part in girls' football while 60 schools - the biggest number in the country - are divided into 4 divisions for Camogie. The G.A.A.-I.N.T.O. Mini-Sevens is vigorously promoted and coaching courses for teachers form an important part of the yearly calendar. An excellent relationship exists with Gaillimh County Board and Connacht Council, who provide generous financial assistance which is invested wisely by Runai, Pat Coen, and his hard-working committee.

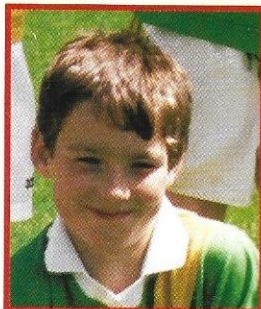
75 schools participate in Cumann na mBunscol competition in Cill Dara. Graded leagues are organised for 7 and 15-a-side teams for schools ranging from one to thirty teachers in size. Cumann activist, Pat Costello, a proud Galwayman, teaches in Scoil Phádraig in Clane where South Kerryman, Pat Lynch, father of Martin, is Principal. Today is a special day for the school as 5 past pupils line out in the Lilywhite jersey. Martin Lynch, John Finn, Willie Mc Creery and Eddie McCormack are in the starting line-up while Paul McCormack is a substitute - a unique achievement for a single primary school. Scoil Phádraig has had tremendous success and has won Cill Dara Div. 1 football titles in 1986, '93 and '94. Senior hurling success has also been achieved and the Mini-Sevens were won in 1996 and 1997. Every member of today's Cill Dara team played in Cumann competitions. The following are some highlights: 1985 - Glen Ryan captained his Kildare Town school to win the Div 1 U13 title. Highlight of the game was his midfield battle with Niall Buckley: John Finn and Martin Lynch played together on Clane U10, U11 and U13 teams in 1980, '81 and '83. They were unbeaten in all league games but, unfortunately, lost all 3 finals: Pádraig Graven captained the winning Ballyna team in 1987. He still remembers receiving the cup from Vincent Hanley. Ken Doyle played at all age levels for Allenwood N.S. In the words of teacher Kieran O' Donnell "He was easily the best I have coached in my 26 year involvement".



Pádraig Graven, a former Cumann na mBunscol star, with his brother Ciarán [10].

Ciarán Graven

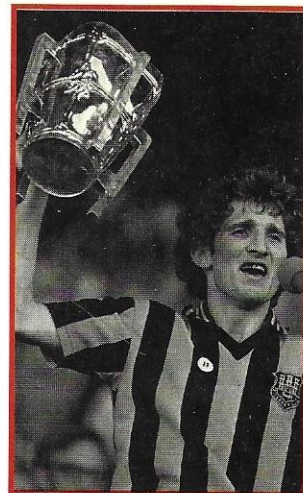
Ten-year-old Ciarán Graven from Broadford N.S. is as excited as his big brother about today's game. His favourite players are Niall Buckley and Glen Ryan and this talented midfielder thinks the fact that Cill Dara are "big, strong and have a lot of experience and a great goalkeeper" will see them through today and bring "Sam" to the Plains of Kildare. Parents Marian and Pádraig and brother Brian [23] - a player with Dundalk R.T.C. who participated in this year's Trench Cup - will join with Ciarán today in lending family support to Pádraig's quest for All-Ireland glory.



Jamie Fennelly

Jamie is the second pupil from Monroe N.S. to appear in this year's mini-sevens as his classmate Linda Power played during the Galway-Derry semi-final. A great honour for the tiny twenty-five pupil, two teacher school, whose principal Mrs. Maisie Cantwell has just retired. Jamie has a real G.A.A. pedigree as his dad, Liam, a dual All-Ireland winning captain with Kilkenny, needs no introduction. Liam has the distinction of being the only player to receive the old and new McCarthy Cups in

1983 and 1992. Jamie's mother, Joan, is a great G.A.A. supporter and was assistant manager/driver/first aid and refreshment supplier to his school team, Carrickshock, this year. No distance was too far for Joan to drive to support Jamie and his team and they had plenty to cheer about as they captured the coveted Corn de Bhaldrathie in addition to the football mini-sevens titles for the boys and girls of the parish. It was a real family affair as Jamie's sister Lorraine was on the girls' mini-sevens football team. A real all-rounder is Jamie with his father's razor-sharp instinct for a goal whether it be in football, hurling or soccer. Jamie has just started first year in Good Counsel College, New Ross, where he will no doubt prove a valuable asset to the college teams in the years ahead.



Sharon Creaven (Corrandulla N.S.) played in goal for the Cumann na mBunscol, Gaillimh team which played Mayo before the Galway v. Mayo Connacht Senior Championship game in Castlebar. Tragically Sharon was killed in a hit-and-run accident as she travelled home from the game with her parents. Today we remember Sharon who epitomised the spirit of participation, fair play and fun which is the basis for all Cumann na mBunscol activities.

Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh a hanam.





THERE'S
NO JOB
TOO
GREAT



WE DELIVER YOUR PROMISE

SDS, Newlands, Naas Road, Dublin 22, Ireland.
Telephone 01 459 1133. International Telephone +353 1 459 1133. Fax 01 459 1749.
SDS, Nuathalamh, Bóthar an Náis, Baile Átha Cliath 22, Éire.
Teileafón 01 459 1133. Facs 01 459 1749.
e-mail: info@sds.ie
Web site: <http://www.sds.ie>



ASK NOT
WHAT YOUR
COUNTY
CAN DO
FOR YOU



Bank of Ireland
Football Championship

