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All-Ireland Minor Football Championship Semi-Final

Corcaigh v. Maigh Eo

2.00.i.n. Réiteoir: **M. Convery (Doire)**

Linesmen: **N. Cooney (Uibh Fháili) STAND-BY REFEREE**

M. Hughes (Tír Eoghain)

G. McCabe (Baile Átha Cliath) STAND-BY LINESMAN

Cluiche Leath-Cheannais Peile na hÉireann

Corcaigh v. Maigh Eo

3.30.i.n. Réiteoir: **J. Bannon (Longfort)**

Linesmen: **P. McEnaney (Muineacháin) STAND-BY REFEREE**

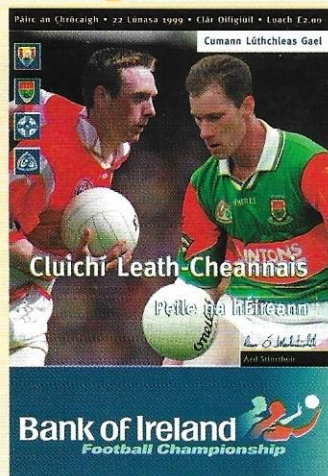
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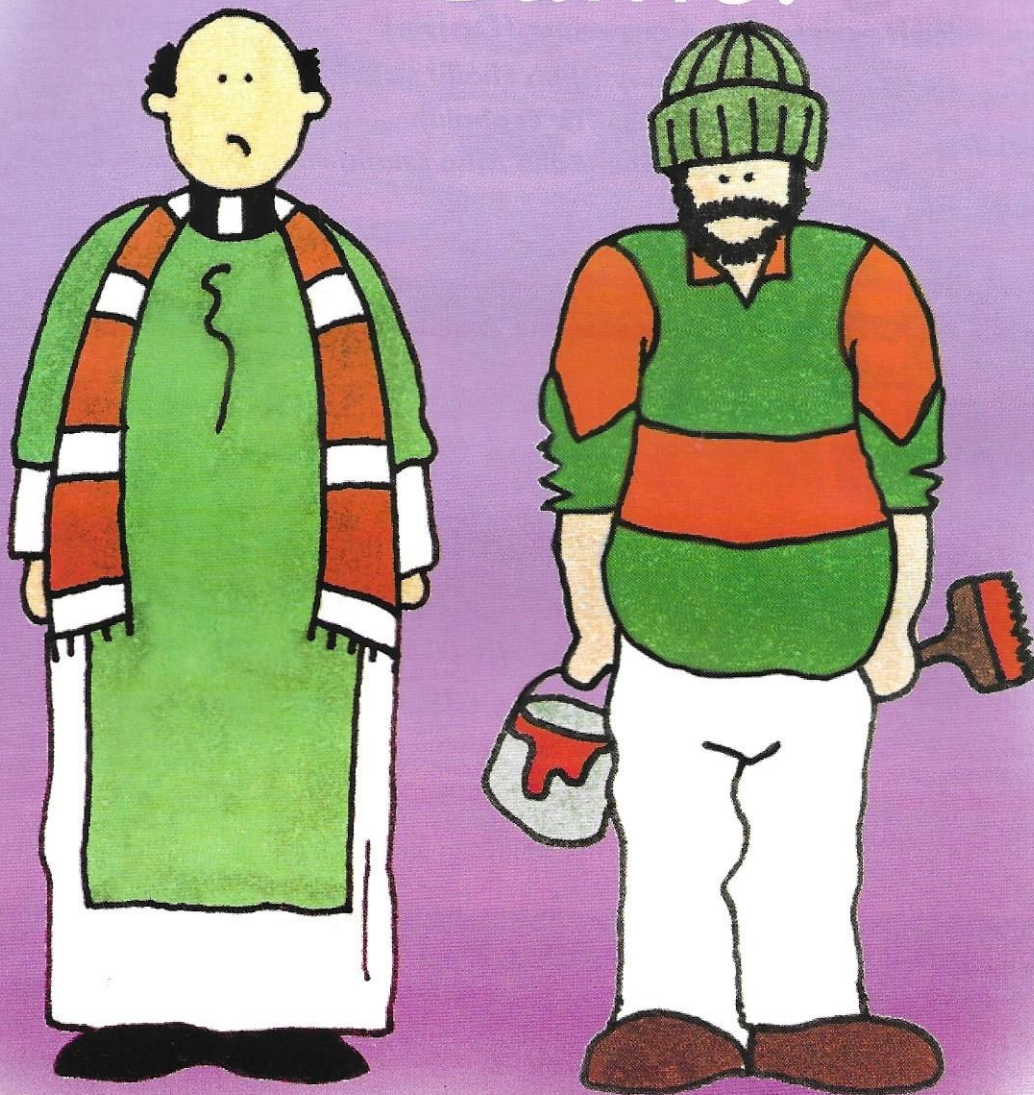


Our cover features
James Nallen (Maigh Eo) and
Ciaran O'Sullivan (Corcaigh).

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Mionúir: Corcaigh v. Maigh Eo.
- 2.30 i.n. Leath-ama.
 2.40 i.n. An dara leath.
 3.10 i.n. Críoch leis an gCluiche.
 3.13 i.n. Foireann Chorcaigh amach ar an bPáirc.
 3.15 i.n. Foireann Mhaigh Eo amach ar an bPáirc.
 3.22 i.n. Teams line up behind The Artane Boys Band.
 3.23 i.n. Amhrán na bhFiann.
 3.25 i.n. Paráid na Foirme.
 3.30 i.n. Cluiche Leath-cheannais Peil:
Sinsear: Corcaigh v. Maigh Eo
- 4.05 i.n. Leath ama.
 4.06 i.n. GAA/INTO Exhibition Games.
 4.15 i.n. An dara leath.
 4.50 i.n. Críoch leis an gCluiche.

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B'oscailt súl dá lán daoine an feabhas a bhí tagtha ar thosaí Mhaigh Eo i gcrabhbhluiche Chonnachta. Le blianta roimhe sin b'é an t-aon locht a bhí ar an bhfoireann ná mí-éifeacht na dtosaí mar aonad. Ciallaíonn sé seo gur foireann le háireamh iad curaidh Chonnachta anois.

A dhála céanna le Corciagh; ba mhó uair go raibh na 'réabhlóidithe' chomh maith le foireann ar bith eile ach amháin na scóranna in oiriúint dá n-éifeacht sa chuid eile den pháirc a ghnóthú. Faoi dheireadh d'éirigh leo an locht sin a cheartú agus ghéthaigh siad dhá chraobh as a chéile i 1989 agus i 1990. Ó shin i leith bhíodar, den chuid is mó, in ísle brí agus ó tháinig an tosach ab' fhearr a bhí acu i réim mar bhainisteoir, Larry Ó Toimicín, táid ag dul i bhfeabhas de réir na bliana.

Nuair a tháinig Maigh Eo 'ar ais' go dtí an chraobhbhluiche i 1989 tar éis tamall maith sa bhfásach b'iad na céilí imeartha acu sa chluiche sin Corcaigh. Tá neart daoine ann a cheapann go raibh an ceann ab' fheárr ag na hIartharaigh ar fhoireann Chorcaí an lá sin ach nár éirigh leo cúpla seans ar chúil a ghnóthú a chur i gcrích.

Is cinnte go bhfuil foireann thar an gcoiteann ag Corcaigh. Is fíor-annamh a chloítear Ciarraí le farrasbarr de shé (6) cúilíní. Cé go raibh said ar gcúl ag leath-am bhíodar lán de sprid is teaspach sa dara leath agus le dhá chúl ó Ó Coileáin agus Ó Muirí bhíodar ar a mbealach do chraobh na Mumhan.

Is féidir a rá faoi imreoirí Mhaigh Eo go bhfuil cúigear déag (nó fiú ochtar déag) d'fhir chomh scafanta is a bhfacatú ariamh - cuma éifeachtach orthu agus scil d'ard-ghrád. Tá na tacaigh láidir cumasach agus tá beirt i lár páirce chomh maith is atá ar fáil. Mar adúradh tá na tosaí in inmhe

scóranna a ghnóthú agus tá Ó hOráin gus Mac Domhnaill ar an mbeirt is feárr díobh. An t-aon laige a fheictear ar an bhfoireann seo ná nach mbíonn an cúlbaire ró-chinnt de féin scaití; más féidir leis múinín a bheith aige as na fir tacaigh os a chomhair agus gan dul sa tseans trí bheith in iomaíocht leo le haghaidh na cinn "ón spéir anuas" beidh sé inchurtha leis na laochra Mhaigh Eoigh sa suíomh sin fadó!

Beidh dúnghaois ag Corcaigh - agus ní ag na peileadóirí féin amháin - an deichiú deireannach den dara mílaois a chriochnú faoi mar a thosaigh siad é, is é sin, an dúbailt chraobhacha Uile-Éireann a bhaint. Ar ndóigh beidh siad ag súil go mbeidh an bua acu inniu chun an rún sin a chur i gcrích.

Beidh dúnghaois dá gcuid féin ag Maigh Eo. Ón bhliain seo caite nuair a dhí-chuir na Gaillimhigh iad mar churaidh Chonnachta tá sé ag dó na geirbe iontu gur rinne fir na dTreibh gníomh nár éirigh le Maigh Eo, dá fheabhas iad, a chur i gcrích, is é sin, 'Sam' a bhreith trasna na Sionna tar éis dhá bhliain tríochad. Beidh fir na bPáirc Céide ar bis chun aithris a dhéanamh ar an éacht sin agus cur leis an gcáil a bhain Gaillimh amach don Chúige.

Togha cluiche chugainn máiseá agus an toradh ag brath ar a éifeachtaí a mbíonn gach imreoir 'ar an lá'. Tá na Corcaigh níos éifeachtaí maidir le cúl a ghnóthú cé gur cuireadh iontas ar chách gur chuir Maigh Eo trí cinn isteach i lín churaidh Uile-Éireann 1998. Más féidir le Daithí Ó hÉanaigh smacht a choinneáil ar 'Joe' Caomhánach taoiseach na dtosaí ag Corcaigh beidh an lá le Maigh Eo ceaptar. Ar a laghad ar bith ní dócha go bhfeicfear sárú an chluiche seo i mbliana.

Tréaslaítear leo as craobhacha a gCúigí a bhaint agus guítear rath orthu araon.

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Peil (Buachaillí)

Team I
Cork - Red and White
Pitch: Defending Hogan Stand - Canal End.

1. Pádraig Bulfin, Bishop Foley School, Carlow
2. Philip Bannon, Grange N.S., Tipperary.
3. Pat Hartley, Listerlin N.S., Kilkenny.
4. Colm Dillon, Doonbeg N.S., Clare.
5. Patrick Cronin, Scoil Eoin, Ballincollig, Cork.
6. John Bourke, Oola N.S., Limerick.
7. Thomas Murray, Scoil Eoin, Ballincollig, Cork.
8. Tony Ryan, Grange N.S., Tipperary.
9. John Balfie, Stonepark N.S., Longford.
10. Art Murphy, Danescastle N.S., Wexford.

Team J
Maigh Eo - Red and Green
Pitch: Defending Cusack Stand - Canal End

1. Patrick Conroy, Shrule N.S., Mayo.
2. David Rooney, St. Enda's N.S., Carraroe, Sligo.
3. Mark Cummins, Danescastle N.S., Wexford.
4. Aidan Fallon, Ballinlass N.S., Galway.
5. Gearóid Cuniffe, Ballybay Central N.S., Roscommon.
6. Gareth Reynolds, Scoil Mhuire, Carriggallen, Leitrim.
7. Darren Costello, Coosan N.S., Westmeath.
8. Shane Stenson, St. Enda's N.S., Carraroe, Sligo.
9. Richard Kavanagh, St. Emar's N.S., Rathnew, Wicklow.
10. John Connellan, Coosan N.S., Westmeath.

Peil (Cailín)

Team K
Cork - Red and White
Pitch: Defending Cusack Stand - Hill 16 End

1. Stacey Costine, St. Colman's N.S., Cloyne, Cork.
2. Sarah Hoey, Knockanean N.S., Clare.
3. Aishling English, Ballymacarby N.S., Waterford.
4. Rebecca Fitzgerald, Milford N.S., Limerick.
5. Cathy Grant, Piltown N.S., Kilkenny.
6. Linda Lonergan, Ardfinnan N.S., Tipperary.
7. Kylie Murphy, St. Fiach's N.S., Graiguecullen, Laois
8. Sarah Hourigan, Milford N.S., Limerick.
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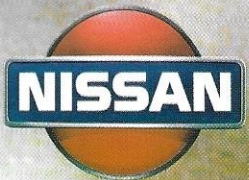
Team L
Mayo - Red and Green
Pitch: Defending Hogan Stand - Hill 16 End.

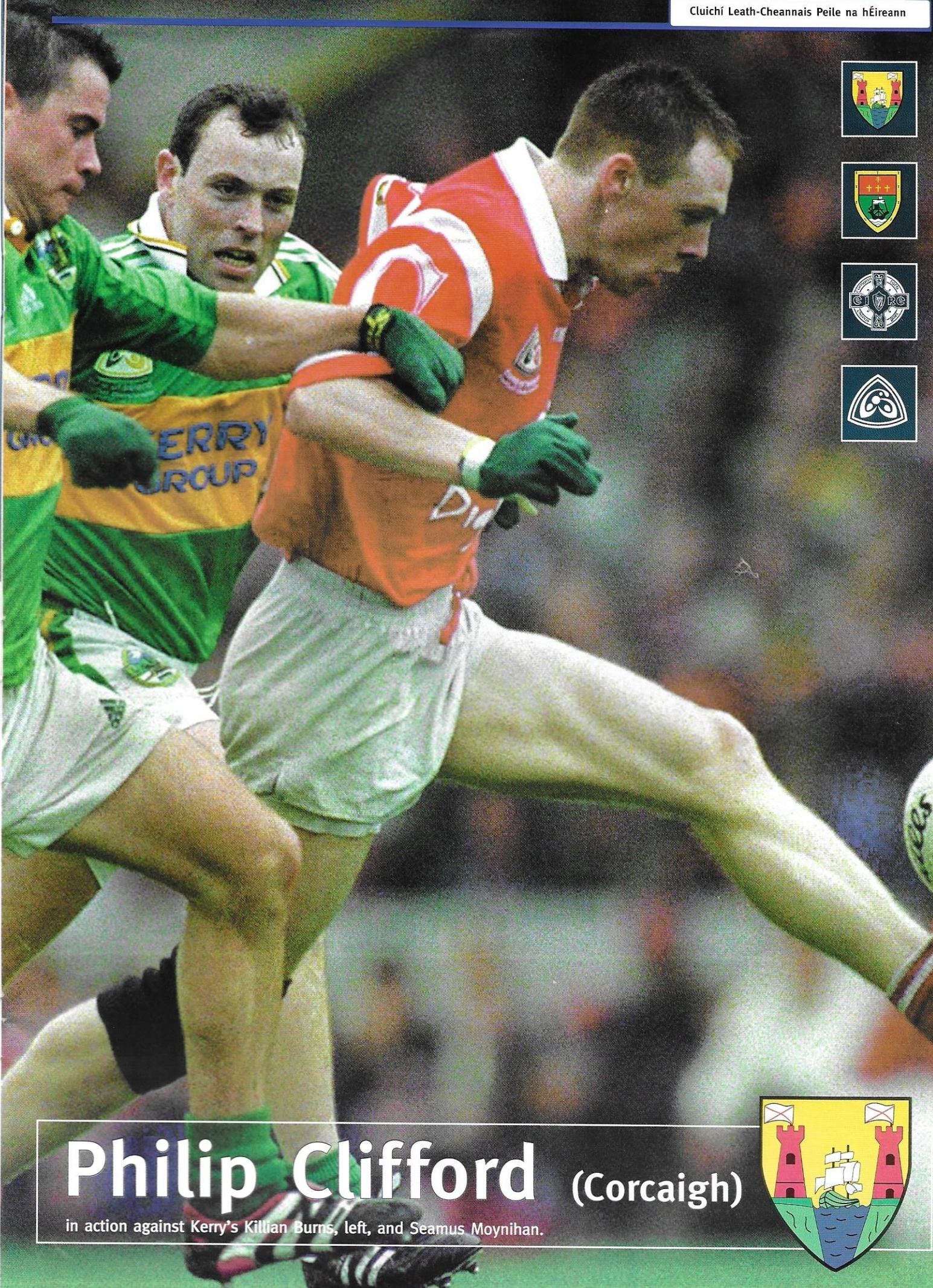
1. Kellie Fennell, Moneystown N.S., Wicklow.
2. Corina Delaney, Killyan N.S., Galway.
3. Kelly-Marie Killian, Mnsr. McCarthy N.S., Cornafulla, Roscommon.
4. Ciara Walsh, The Neal N.S., Mayo.
5. Stephanie O'Reilly, Geevagh N.S., Sligo.
6. Talitta Quinn, St. Joseph's N.S., Mohill, Leitrim.
7. Bernice Byrne, Geevagh N.S., Sligo.
8. Kara Moran, Moneystown N.S., Wicklow.
9. Claire Comerford, St. Fiach's N.S., Graiguecullen, Laois.
10. Emer Gallagher, St. Rynagh's N.S., Banagher, Offaly.

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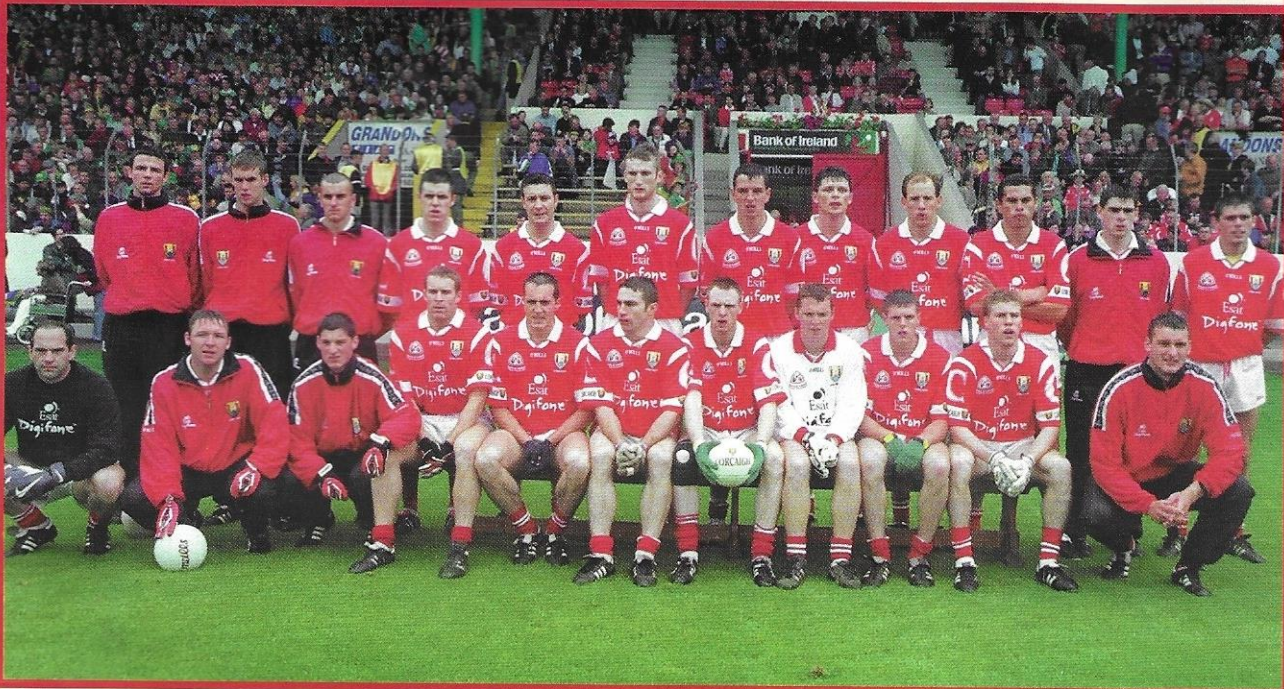
Philip Clifford (Corcaigh)

in action against Kerry's Killian Burns, left, and Seamus Moynihan.





Corcaigh



Back row (l-r):

Alan Quirke,
Alan O'Regan,
John Miscealla,
Martin Cronin,
Joe Kavanagh,
Nicholas Murphy,
Michael O'Sullivan,
Mark O'Sullivan,
Ronan McCarthy,
Seán Óg Ó hAilpín,
Michael Cronin,
John Davis.

Front row (l-r):

Mark O'Connor,
Brendan Walsh,
Fionan Murray,
Padraig O'Mahony,
Ciarán O'Sullivan,
Owen Sexton,
Philip Clifford
(captain),
Kevin O'Dwyer,
Brendan Jer
O'Sullivan,
Anthony Lynch,
Fachtna Collins.

Cork hurlers provide an added incentive for footballers

No team needs an incentive for victory in an All-Ireland championship game but the victory of Cork hurlers in their All-Ireland senior semi-final earlier this month will give an added spur to the Rebel County senior footballers in their quest for a senior final ticket.

A win would earn Cork the opportunity to end the decade as they began it with All-Ireland senior champions in hurling and football. The footballers return to headquarters having silenced many doubters last time out by dethroning provincial champions Kerry at Páirc Uí Chaoimh in the Munster final.

Even though Cork went into that game buoyed up by a fine achievement in regaining the Church and General National League title after ten years, many still felt that they would have to give best to the Kingdom.

But after a somewhat uncertain start, Cork turned in a power-packed second half display to emerge handsome winners over the fancied Kerry men before 42,755 spectators.

It is a measure of the quality of Cork's second half showing that they conceded just two points in that period and over-all they confined Kerry to 2-4, their lowest score in a Munster final in many years.

Cork trailed by three points at the interval, but they lost no time in the second half in getting on a winning course. After scoring three unanswered points in the first thirteen minutes, they struck a decisive blow when substitute Fachtna Collins scored a goal to put his side 1-8 to 2-2 ahead.

There was no stopping the home team after that and a goal by

another substitute, Fionan Murray, in the 62nd minute strengthened their grip on the title. At the final whistle they were champions again after four years on a scoreline of 2-10 to 2-4.

CLASSIC DISPLAY

This was a display of class, all round ability and assurance by Cork. They also showed real character in recovering superbly from the concession of two first half goals.

Don Davis, a link with the team beaten by Derry in the 1993 All-Ireland final, had an outstanding game for Cork. He worked tirelessly and to very good effect from first to final whistle.

Michael O'Sullivan's power-packed football in the middle of the park was another key factor in ensuring success.

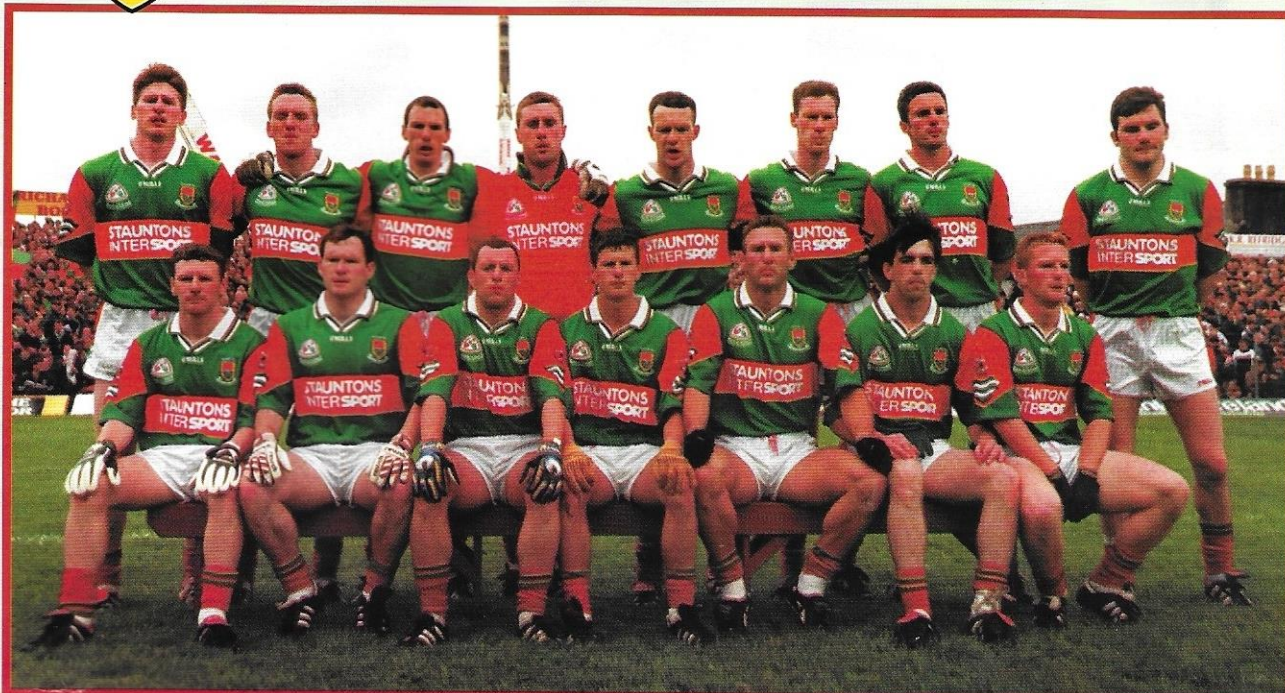
After conceding the two first half goals, Cork's defence settled down to present an unyielding barrier to the Kerry attack. Ronan McCarthy, Seán Óg Ó hAilpín and Ciarán O'Sullivan, another survivor from the 1993 All-Ireland final, were very much to the forefront in marshalling the division into a tight and disciplined unit.

A good win over Dublin in the League summit and a convincing success at the expense of the "old enemy" clearly indicate that Cork are now a formidable power.

This good League and Championship run has also built up teamwork and confidence and, with a first Sam Maguire Cup outing since 1993 beckoning, the Leesiders can be depended on to respond to the challenge with all out endeavour and no little skill.



Maigh Eo



Back row (l-r):

Kevin Cahill,
David Heaney,
John Casey,
Peter Burke,
David Brady,
James Nallen,
Maurice Sheridan,
James Horan.

Front row (l-r):

David Nestor,
Fergal Costello,
Kenneth
Mortimer,
Aidan Higgins,
Colm
McManaman
Alan Roche,
Gordan Morley.

Mayo on course for best Croke Park display in some time?

Can Mayo, no strangers to All-Ireland senior championship action at Croke Park in recent seasons, build on their win over Galway in the Bank of Ireland Connacht senior final by reaching another decider?

Only time will tell but the quality of their football when seeing off a team that many fancied to retain the All-Ireland title, augurs well for this testing assignment.

Mayo, with a side rich in All-Ireland final experience, gave one of their best displays in a long time when chalking up a splendid twenty-one points in their provincial semi-final win over Roscommon.

Some of the scores came from movements stretching over the entire length of the pitch.

Nevertheless, there were many who still felt that Mayo were not up to the standard required to regain the provincial title, even though Galway had not exactly set the scene alight in the earlier rounds.

But a plucky and solid all round display, excellent points scoring by James Horan and the introduction of substitutes Pat Fallon and Kieran McDonald proved a winning formula for Mayo at rain-drenched Tuam Stadium before an attendance of 31,173.

David Nestor gave Mayo a tonic with a classic goal in the twenty-eight minute to put the challengers 1-5 to 0-7 ahead.

But four minutes later Pdraig Joyce had Galway back in front and the defending champions led by 1-9 to 1-6 at the interval.

When John Donnellan opened the second half scoring with a point it appeared as though Galway were heading for their expected win. Certainly, few would then have been prepared to bet that the score would prove Galway's last of the game.

CHARACTER

It was then that Mayo underlined their character by redoubling their efforts and Horan began to find the points range in sparkling fashion. He scored three without reply to get Mayo back on equal terms at 1-10 each and set the scene for the final winning burst.

Substitutes McDonald and Fallon also came very much into the picture as Mayo took the game to the defending champions in match-winning fashion. They finished with a real flourish with four points to leave no doubt as to their right to represent the province in the All-Ireland series.

This was a very workmanlike and controlled display by Mayo. Horan set the standard with his best display in the county colours in some time and his accurate finishing did much to spark Mayo into match-winning gear.

Alan Roche, a late replacement at left half back for the injured Noel Connelly, stamped his personality on the success in a big way. He linked up superbly with Fergal Costello and David Heaney in a solid half-back line that played a major role in the victory. Kenneth Mortimer, who is making a big success of his transfer from defence to attack, led Mayo in dashing style and substitutes Fallon and McDonald made the most of their limited appearances with play that was intelligent and very beneficial to the side.

No doubt Mayo will benefit greatly from that win over the then All-Ireland champions. They will not be in the least over-awed either by Cork's heady performances of late and look capable of celebrating their Croke Park return with their best display there in a long time.

Cork and Mayo Renew Minor Semi-Final Rivalry After Eight Years

Mionúir

Goals Galore

The All-Ireland minor football championship brings Cork and Mayo into opposition for the first time since the All-Ireland final of 1991, which Cork won by 1-9 to 1-7.

Cork had a win over Western opposition on their last minor semi-final appearance—4-11 to 0-4 against Galway in 1993.

Mayo's last semi-final success was at the expense of Kildare in 1991 by 1-12 to 2-3. Since then they lost semi-finals in 1996 to Kerry and 1997 to Laois.

Mayo regained the Connacht minor football title after two years and are now holders of 32 provincial crowns.

Cork won their first Munster title in six years last month and their 26th crown over-all.

Each county played just two games on the way to this semi-final

MAYO'S SUCCESS IN CONNACHT

4th July at Tuam Stadium:

Mayo 1-19; Roscommon 2-4.

Scorers: Barry Loftus 1-2, Alan Dillon 0-4, Billie Joe Padden 0-4, John Moran 0-3, Gary Dillon 0-2, James Gill 0-1, Gavin Duffy 0-1, Paul Coady 0-1, Rory Keane 0-1.

18th July at Tuam Stadium:

Mayo 3-3; Galway 1-6.

Scorers: James Gill 1-2, Eoin Gallagher 1-1, Barry Loftus 1-0.

For: 4-22 (34 points).

Against: 3-10 (19 points)

Average: 2.26

LOFTUS SETS THE SCORING PACE

Barry Loftus sets the scoring pace for Mayo with 2-2. Next comes James Gill with 1-3 and he is followed by Alan Dillon 0-4, Billie Joe Padden 0-4, Eoin Gallagher 1-1, John Moran 0-3 and Gary Dillon 0-2.

Gavin Duffy, Paul Coady and Rory Keane with a point each completed the returns.

For: 4-22 (34 points).

Against: 3-10 (19 points).

Average: 1.79

JOINT TOP

Barry Loftus with 1-2 in the opening round and James Gill with exactly the same scoreline last time out, show the way in the Mayo chart for leading individual match returns.

CORK'S RECORD

Cork, like Mayo, entered their provincial championship at the semi-final stage:

7th July at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Cork 1-18; Limerick 1-5.

Scorers: Paudie Hurley 0-6, John Flavin 0-5, Robert O'Mahony 1-1, David Niblock, Bernard Collins, Conor Brosnan, Damien Delaney, Conor McCarthy and C. Sheehan a point each.

18th July at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Cork 2-16; Kerry 1-8.

Scorers: Paudie Hurley 0-7, Conor Brosnan 1-0, Conor McCarthy 0-3, Bernard Collins 0-2, Robert O'Mahony 0-2, Damien Delaney 0-1, Tom Kenny 0-1. Cork's other goal in this game was an "own goal" by a Kerry defender.

HURLEY WELL AHEAD ON SCORESHEET

Paudie Hurley is well ahead in the Cork score-sheet with 0-13. Well down the field in second place is Robert O'Mahony with 1-3 and he is followed by John Flavin with 0-5.

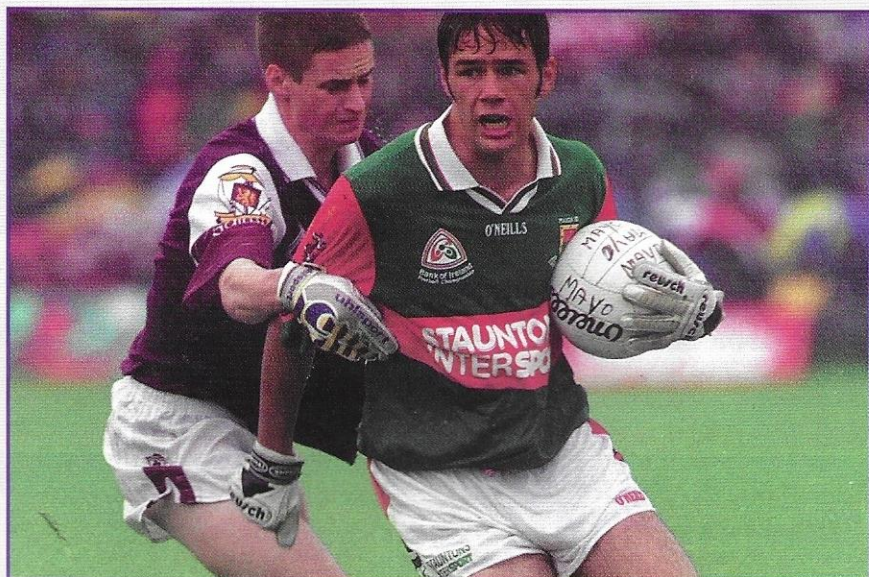
Conor Brosnan scored 1-1, Conor McCarthy 0-4, Bernard Collins 0-3, Damien Delaney 0-2, David Niblock 0-1, Tom Kenny 0-1 and C. Sheehan 0-1.

Cork's other goal was scored by a Kerry defender.

TOPS FOR BOTH COUNTIES

Paudie Hurley recorded the highest score by a Cork and Mayo player in a single match so far at 0-7 against Kerry last time out. Five points were from frees.

Over the years, Cork and Mayo minor teams have performed some spectacular scoring feats which inevitably included a rich harvest of goals and the Leesiders' most rewarding afternoon in raising the green flag was in the 1964 Munster semi-final when luckless Waterford were hit for nine (and 12 points) at Fermoy. That, not surprisingly, was Cork's greatest-ever goal-scoring spree exceeding by one Mayo's record of eight which they totted up when beating Leitrim in the 1940 Connacht final (8-5 to 1-6). But eventually Mayo went one better than Cork in beating Leitrim by 10-11 to 2-5 in the first round in 1978. These figures are unlikely to be improved on in the near future.



James Gill (Maigh Eo) is tackled by Galway's Seamus Rabbitte.

Mayo's Semi-Final Wins

In their very first year competing in the minor championship (1930), Mayo recorded a nine-point win over All-Ireland champions, Clare and since then they have recorded wins at this stage at regular intervals and over the years their 15 wins have included victories over all the under-age powers - Dublin, Louth, Kerry, Cork, Tyrone and Meath.

The details:

1930	Mayo	2-3;	Clare	0-0
1933	Mayo	0-12;	Dublin	0-8
1935	Mayo	1-4;	Louth	1-4
replay	Mayo	3-5;	Louth	1-2
1940	Mayo	3-12;	Kerry	3-5
1947	Mayo	0-7;	Kerry	1-1
1953	Mayo	5-2;	Armagh	1-5
1958	Mayo	4-5;	Kerry	3-5
1961	Mayo	1-10;	Dublin	2-6
1962	Mayo	2-12;	Down	1-9
1966	Mayo	5-6;	Cork	2-6
1971	Mayo	3-8;	Tyrone	0-13
1974	Mayo	3-10;	Cavan	2-4
1978	Mayo	1-10;	Kerry	0-10
1985	Mayo	2-12;	Meath	0-8
1991	Mayo	1-12;	Kildare	2-3

Minor Meetings - Cork and Mayo

It took more than 30 years of championship activity to produce the first-ever meeting of Cork and Mayo in minor football. This was the 1961 final of which Cork were unexpected winners with eleven points to spare. Next time out Mayo made amends by winning by nine points and the tally is still even with three wins each after Cork's 1991 success. The scorelines of the six meetings were:

1961 - Final	Cork	3-7;	Mayo	0-5
1966 - Semi-final	Mayo	5-6;	Cork	2-6
1971 - Final	Mayo	2-15;	Cork	2-7
1974 - Final	Cork	1-10;	Mayo	1-6
1985 - Final	Mayo	3-8;	Cork	0-9
1991 - Final	Cork	1-9;	Mayo	1-7

Mionúir



Cork Minor captain: Patrick O'Shea.

Mayo well equipped for Minor engagement

Mayo's two games on the way to the Connacht minor football championship provided a sharp contrast on the scoring front.

In their opening game, a semi-final against Roscommon at Tuam Stadium, they looked very sharp as they rattled up 1-19. They also had a wide spread of scorers with half-backs and midfielders joining in with the forwards in expertly finding the target.

But the scoring rate dropped dramatically in the Connacht final, again at Tuam Stadium, where Mayo hit just 3-3.

Granted the conditions did not help. Driving rain fell continually throughout the game and the underfoot conditions as a result were treacherous.

In the circumstances, it was not surprising that both teams had many wides.

Mayo conceded a goal after eighteen minutes, but hit back in great style with a fine movement involving forwards Alan Dillon and Barry Loftus that put Eoin Gallagher in possession. The left full forward expertly took his goal opportunity.

Mayo led by 1-2 to 1-1 at the interval and restarted in dramatic style with two goals inside three minutes.

Barry Loftus gave them great encouragement when he found his way through to the net. A minute later a side-line kick by James Gill was helped over the goal line by a Galway defender.

Galway to their credit battled back gamely but Mayo stuck resolutely to their task and finished deserving winners. They conceded 1-6.

James Gill and Gavin Duffy worked tirelessly and to good effect at midfield for Mayo.

Their defence, with centre half Paul Coady, full back and captain Paraic Kelly and M. J. Meenaghan to the fore, made Galway work hard for scores.

Eoin Gallagher and Barry Loftus were best in the attack. Mayo are a workmanlike rather than brilliant side. Even though they did not score so freely last time out the attack has plenty of scoring potential.

The Connacht champions have also a good midfield and solid back division.

Mionúir Mhaigh Eo agus Chorcaí ina Sár-Imreoirí!

Mionúir

Is as Cúigí Mumhan agus Connachta a tháinig an chuid is mó de churaídh mhionúir sa pheil. Bhí Ciarraí go láidir i gcónaí i gCúige Mumhan agus b'iad buachaillí Chorcaí is mó a chuirfeadh srian leo ó am go chéile. I mbliana bhí An Ríocht ag triall ar cheithre chraobh Mumhan as a chéile ach chuir na 'réabhlóidigh' óga cosc leo leis an scór 2-16 v. 1-9.

A dhála céanna i gConnacht; is iad na buachaillí ó Mhaigh Eo a bhain an líon is mó chraobhacha i gConnacht (beagnach a leath) agus cé go raibh Gaillimh go minic ar na sála acu bhain gach contae eile sa Chúige sciar de na craobhacha - rud nach fíor i gcás na Mumhan is trua.

I 1935 a bhain buachaillí na bPáirc Céide an chéad chraobh mhionúir agus níor bhain na 'réabhlóidigh' óga a gcéad cheann go dtí 1961. Agus cé a bhí mar chéilí imeartha acu an lá sin ach Mhaigh Eo (3-7 v. 0-5). Nuair a thosaigh mionúir Chorcaí ag buachan ní raibh srian leo agus rinne siad éacht nuair a bhain siad trí chraobh as a chéile i 1967-1969.

Is gcrabhbhluiche Chonnachta chuaigh sé rite le Maigh Eo an ceann ab' fheárr a fháil ar na Gaillimh óga. Bhí imreoirí den chéad scoth ag Maigh Eo, go háirithe an captaen, Pádraig Ó Ceallaigh; bhí an bheirt i lárparce Séamus

Mac Giolla agus Gaibhín Ó Dufaigh thar a bheith go maith agus b'iad rogha na dtosaí Barra Ó Lachtnáin agus Eoin Ó Gallchóir.

Thug na Corcaigh óga 'léasadh' do Chiarraí i gcrabhbhluiche na Mumhan cé go raibh Ciarraí óg ar tí 'stair' úr a scríobh le ceithre chraobh as a chéile. B'é an duine ba mhó a chráidh Ciarraí na 'D.J.' Pléimeann ach níorbh foireann d'aon fhir a bhí ann agus ní mór Conor Ó Brosnacháin agus Bearnárd Ó Coileáin a lua mar imreoirí cruthanta.

Tá sár-chluiche chugainn inniu agus ní mór cuimhneamh air go raibh Gaillimh ard-dóchasach i mbliana agus go raibh rún ag Ciarraí craobh eile Éireann a bhaint; ní foláir, máisea, nó gur foirne thar an gcoiteann a bheidh sa choimhlint inniu. Ar ndóigh beidh fáth eile le sárchluiche - beidh na mionúir, ón dá thaobh, ag iarraidh tús a chur le 'dúbailt' ar an lá agus dea-shampla a thabhairt dá sinsir.

Tréaslaítear leis an dá fhoireann as chraobhacha a gcúigí a bhaint. Tugtar buíochas dá lucht stiúrtha agus traenála. Moltar freisin na foirne mionúir eile tríd an tír nár éirigh leo 'duais' a bhaint; murach iad ní bheadh aon chomortas ann!

Cuimhnítear gurb iad buachaillí an lae inniu fir an lae amáirigh agus is fiú aire ceart a thabhairt dóibh le linn an ama. Go maire siad uilig.

An Réiteoir



Michael Convery (Doire).

A member of the Wolfe Tones club in Bellaghy, Michael made his championship debut as a referee at the Ulster minor championship first round clash of Antrim and Donegal at Casement Park in 1997.

A little over a year later he took charge of the Ulster minor final.

He enjoyed much success as a footballer at club and county level. He won three Derry senior championship medals and represented Derry at minor, under-21 and senior.

Michael has refereed in all grades in Derry and he had charge of a number of games in last season's Church and General National League.

He was also the Man-in-the-Middle at the Fermanagh-Monaghan Ulster senior championship first round tie last May at Clones.

Pat Kelly - no stranger to Croke Park

by Daniel Carey of The Mayo News

Many boys and girls are selected every year throughout the country to play in the GAA/INTO Cumann na mBunscol Mini-Sevens exhibitions, but one member of the current Mayo minor team has an unusual story about his selection for the last meeting of Mayo and Cork in a senior semi-final in 1993. Full back Pat Kelly was chosen by a group of selectors to be one of the Mayo representatives to play in Croke Park on the day of that All-Ireland semi-final six years ago. The current minor captain had played a major part in helping his school, GortJordan N.S. in the south of the county, clinch their county title for the first time in their history. Earlier in the campaign, Kelly had come up against present Mayo teammates Gavin Duffy (The Quay N.S., Ballina - county final), John O'Hara and Robert Moran (Foxford N.S. - county semi-final).

Kelly began that summer as a member of the Kilmaine club under-12 team, but broke his collarbone early in the championship and watched from the sideline as his teammates reached the county final. With his big day approaching, it looked as if

Pat was going to miss out on his dream of playing on the hallowed turf at headquarters.

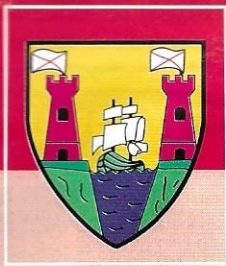
Kelly's midfield partner, both for his school and club, was Andrew Casey, a member of the Mayo minor panel during the Connacht League campaign earlier this year. Casey had been selected to play in the Mini-Sevens exhibition at the All-Ireland final, but in a wonderful example of sporting generosity, offered to swop places with his long-time friend and play in the penultimate game instead of the decider.

It wasn't until the third Sunday in September that year, after his beloved Mayo had fallen, that Pat Kelly got to experience the thrill of playing at Croke Park for the first time.

The following year, GortJordan N.S. joined with nearby Ballycushion to successfully defend their county Mini-Sevens titles. Pat Kelly was again selected to go to the capital, this time for the Dublin-Down All-Ireland final, and so had the unusual distinction of playing in exhibition matches at two consecutive finals.



Pat Kelly



Corcaigh

Dathanna: Dearg is Bán

Fir Ionaid

- (16) **Cian Kelliher**
C. Ó Ceilleachair
(Ballincollig)
- (17) **Raymond Cahalane**
R. Ó Cathlain
(Castlehaven)
- (18) **John O'Brien**
S. Ó Briain
(Ballincollig)
- (19) **Des Golden**
D. Ó Goilín
(Mallow)
- (20) **Conrad Murphy**
C. Ó Murchú
(Clonakilty)
- (21) **Garry McLoughlin**
G. Mac Lochlainn
(Douglas)
- (22) **Kevin MacMahon**
C. Mac Mathúna
(Carbery Rangers)
- (23) **Paul Brophy**
P. Ó Braoithe
(Nemo Rangers)
- (24) **Cathal Sheehan**
C. Ó Siocháin
(Ballinora)

Roghnóirí

Tadh Ó hAolain (Carraig na bhFear)
Coach
Diarmuid Ó Donnabháin (Sn Nioclas),
Micéal Ó Lochlainn (Baile an Easpaig),
Criostóir Ó Coileain (Gleann
Bhearracháin),
Liam de Barra (Baile an Chullaigh).

- 1**
PATRICK O'SHEA
P. Ó Sé (Capt.)
(St. Vincent's)
- 2**
NOEL O'LEARY
N. Ó Laoire
(Cill na Martra)
- 3**
NOEL FURLONG
N. Furlong
(Carraigtwohill)
- 4**
FINBARR CROWLEY
F. Ó Crualaóí
(Kilmurry)
- 5**
DONAL O'SULLIVAN
D. Ó Suilleabháin
(O'Donovan Rossa)
- 6**
RONAN CURRAN
R. Ó Corrain
(St. Finbarr's)
- 7**
TOM KENNY
T. Ó Cionnaith
(Grenagh)
- 8**
DAMIEN DELANEY
D. Ó Dubhshláine
(St. Michael's)
- 9**
DAVID NIBLOCK
D. Nibloc
(Nemo Rangers)
- 10**
JOHN FLAVIN
S. Ó Flaithimhín
(Fr. O'Neill's)
- 11**
CONOR MCCARTHY
C. Mac Carthaigh
(O'Donovan Rossa)
- 12**
PAUDIE HURLEY
P. Ó Murthuile
(Castlehaven)
- 13**
ROBERT O'MAHONY
R. Ó Mathúna
(St. Finbarr's)
- 14**
BERNARD COLLINS
B. Ó Coileáin
(Castlehaven)
- 15**
CONOR BROSANAN
C. Ó Brosnacháin
(BALLinora)

Corcaigh

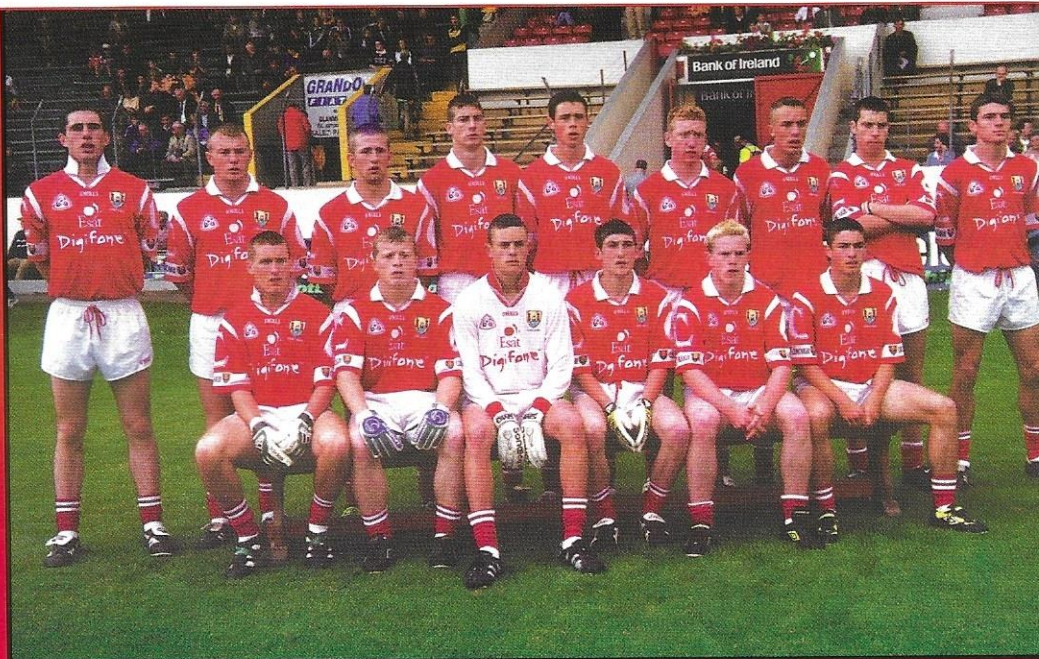
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Foireann Mhionúir Chorcaí

Corcaigh

Back row (l-r): David Niblock,
Paudie Hurley, Finobarr Crowley,
Bernard Collins, Damien Delaney,
Conor McCarthy, Donal O'Sullivan,
Ronan Curran, Tom Kenny.

Front row (l-r): Noel Furlong,
John Flavin, Patrick O'Shea,
Noel O'Leary, Conor Brosnan,
Robert O'Mahony.



Maigh Eo



Dathanna: Uaithne, Dearg is Bán



- 1**
JOHN O'HARA
S. Ó hEara
(Moy Davitts)
- 2**
M. J. MEENECHAN
M. S. Ó Maoinéacháin
(Tourmakeady)
- 3**
PARAIC KELLY
P. Ó Ceallaigh (Capt.)
(Kilmaine)
- 4**
JOHN BROGAN
S. Ó Brógáin
(Knockmore)
- 5**
RORY KEANE
R. Ó Catháin
(Ballinrobe)
- 6**
PAUL COADY
P. Mac Óda
(Burrishoole)
- 7**
CONOR MORAN
C. Ó Moráin
(Burrishoole)
- 8**
JAMES GILL
S. Mac an Ghoil
(Westport)
- 9**
GAVIN DUFFY
G. Ó Dubhtaigh
(Ballina)
- 10**
ROBERT MORAN
R. Ó Moráin
(Moy Davitts)
- 11**
BILLY JOE PADDEN
L. L. Mac Phaidín
(Belmullet)
- 12**
BARRY LOFTUS
B. Ó Lachtnain
(Crossmolina)
- 13**
GARY DILLON
G. Ó Diolúin
(Ballintubber)
- 14**
ALAN DILLON
A. Ó Diolúin
(Ballintubber)
- 15**
EOIN GALLAGHER
E. Ó Gallachóir
(Charlestown)

Fir Ionaid

- (16) **Marcus Burke**
M. de Búrca
(Ardnaree)
- (17) **Duine Eile**
- (18) **Barry Jordan**
B. Mac Shiurtáin
(Breaffy)
- (19) **John Moran**
S. Ó Moráin
(Mayo Gaels)
- (20) **Edmund Barrett**
E. de Baróid
(Kiltane)
- (21) **Ronan Walsh**
R. Breathnach
(Struthair/GC)
- (22) **Dermot Costelloe**
D. Ó Coisteala
(Carramore)
- (23) **Derek Morley**
D. Ó Muirhíle
(Claremorris)
- (24) **Michael Webb**
M. Ó Ceib
(Ballyhaunis)

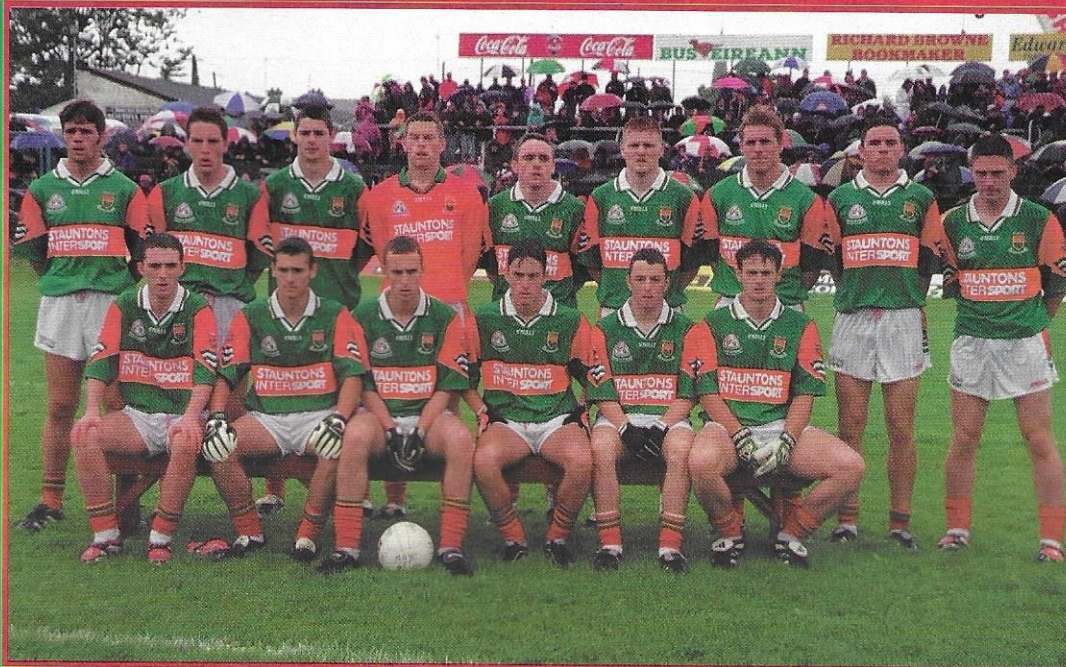
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Roghnóirí

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(Joint Managers),
Paddy Reilly,
Paric Regan,
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Noel Brett.

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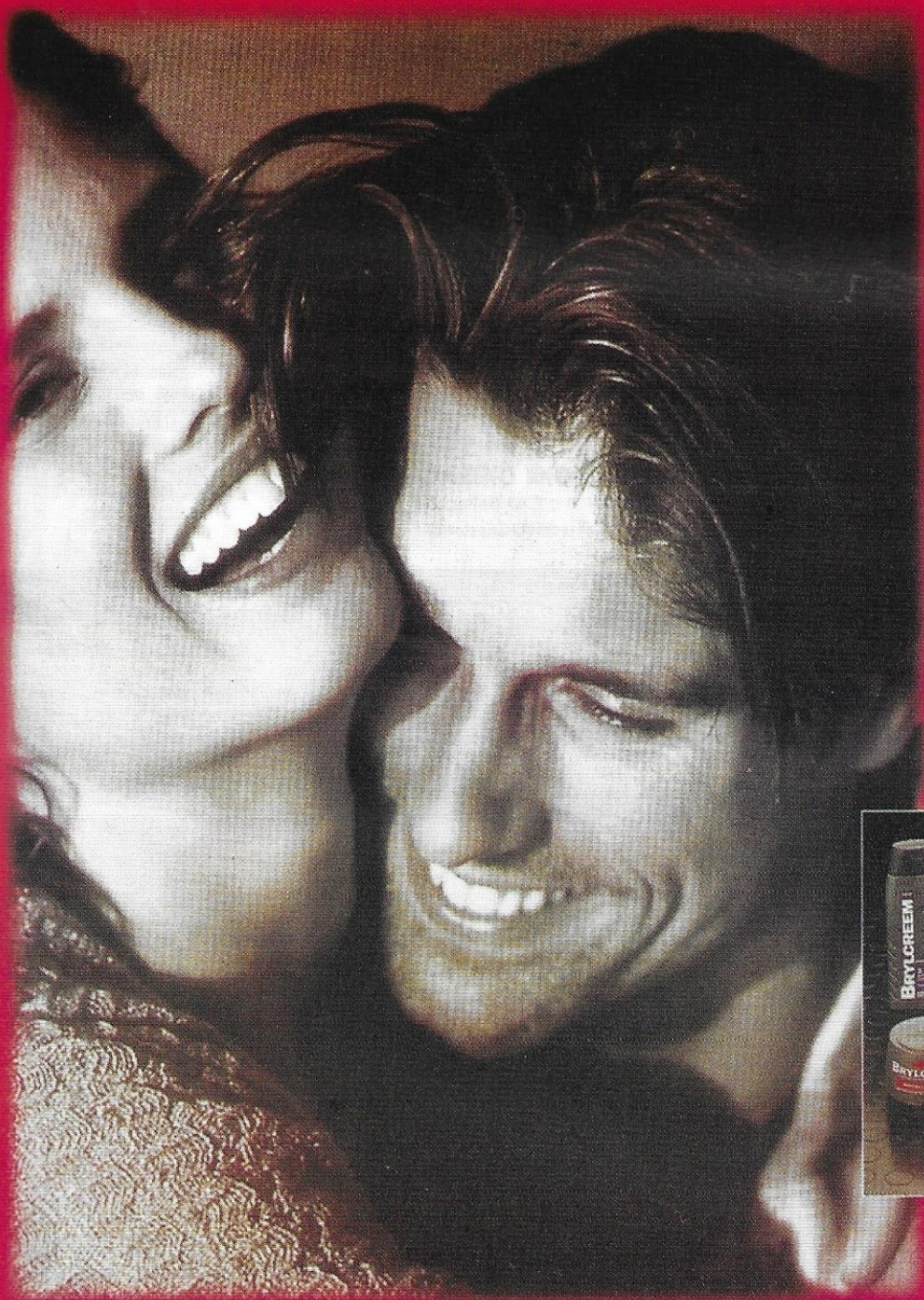


Maigh Eo

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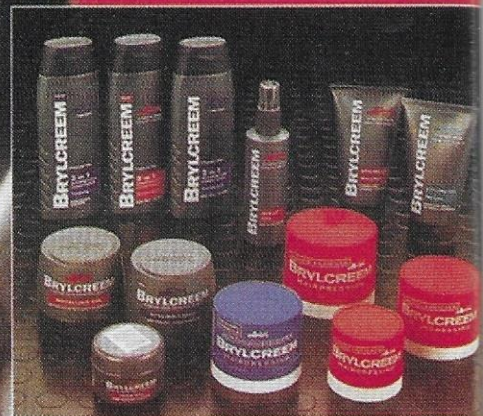
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Cork Return to Minor stage after lengthy absence

Cork ended a surprisingly long wait of six years for a Munster minor football final win when they recorded a much more convincing win over Kerry at Páirc Uí Chaoimh than even their most ardent supporters could have anticipated.

Kerry were striving for a fourth Munster crown in succession and started promisingly enough, despite conceding a somewhat unfortunate goal. But from about midway in the first half, Cork took command and their high quality football and sharp finishing powered them to a resounding eleven points win.

Kerry opened the scoring with a point after only twenty seconds but soon after Cork gained a somewhat lucky goal when a Kingdom defender palmed the ball to his own net.

Although the Leesiders followed on with a couple of points, Kerry continued to play with drive and determination and after fifteen minutes were on level terms.

But Cork began to take control in most sectors. They did concede a goal after twenty-five minutes but still finished ahead at the break by 1-9 to 1-5.

Cork played fast and incisive football in the second half. They set a strong pace for the Kingdom and a goal by Conor Brosnan left the Kingdom with too much to do.

It is an indication of Cork's dominance in the second period that they confined the Kingdom boys to just three points in that period.

While this was a good all round team performance by Cork they still had outstanding performers in all departments.

Tom Kenny turned in a Man-of-the-Match display at left half back which he highlighted with a splendid point.

Noel Furlong at full back was another who proved a major stumbling block to the Kingdom attack.

At the other end of the field Paudie Hurley proved a sharp-shooter for Cork. He led the scoring returns with seven points, five from frees.

Bernard Collins at full forward and goal getter Brosnan were others who caused the visiting defence plenty of problems.

Damien Delaney and David Niblock provided a strong link at midfield between defence and attack and contributed in rich measure to this polished Cork success.

Cork's Penultimate Triumphs

Although Cork were very much latecomers to the winners' rostrum in minor football semi-finals, once they had their first taste of success at this stage they became one of the most successful counties in the grade and over the years they have chalked up impressive wins over counties like Down, Dublin, Galway, Tyrone and Donegal. In all, they have successfully negotiated the semi-final hurdle on 17 occasions, the details of which are:

1960	Cork 1-7;	Down	2-2	1967	Cork 3-6;	Tyrone	0-7
1961	Cork 0-12;	Armagh	1-6	1968	Cork 2-10;	Dublin	1-6
1964	Cork 2-11;	Antrim	0-6	1969	Cork 4-9;	Galway	1-8
				1971	Cork 2-13;	Dublin	1-10
				1972	Cork 2-8;	Galway	0-11
				1974	Cork 0-16;	Wicklow	1-0
				1976	Cork 3-8;	Tyrone	1-4
				1981	Cork 5-11;	Roscommon	3-5
				1983	Cork 0-14;	Kildare	2-7
				1985	Cork 2-5;	Donegal	0-9
				1986	Cork 2-7;	Dublin	0-8
				1987	Cork 0-10;	Galway	0-7
				1991	Cork 0-12;	Donegal	1-6
				1993	Cork 4-11;	Galway	0-4

Damien Delaney celebrates victory in the Munster Final



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The Semi-Final Story...The Early Years

There will always be a debate as to when the first All-Ireland football semi-finals were played and those who contend that semi-finals are as old as the championship itself can point to the fact that as the inaugural championship drew to a close in March, 1888 there were four teams still in contention and that logically, when the draw was made pitting Limerick against Tipperary and Louth against Wexford, these were the first semi-finals.

They have never been described as such in the various records compiled over the years but those who opt for the pairings noted above have some convincing evidence to support their claim. For the record, the results of those penultimate games in the 1887 campaign were - Limerick 1-8; Tipperary 0-4 (played at Bohermore on March 11) and Louth 0-4; Wexford 0-2 (played at Inchicore 17 days later). Games did not always have a Sunday setting at that time.

In passing, it is surely ironic to note that of the four counties which contested for the right to play in the 1887 final, Tipperary have not appeared in a semi-final since 1935, Wexford since 1945, Louth since 1957 while Limerick have never featured in an 'official' semi-final.

However, there is no disputing that the Cork-Armagh game in 1890 was the first official semi-final and, though the Leesiders were easy winners in the end, northern hopes were very much alive until Cork scored their goal midway through the second half. Had Armagh managed to keep their net intact there was always the chance of grabbing a goal and winning the game, for at the time a goal outweighed any number of points. In the event Cork won (1-15 to 0-0) and the official records indicate that they were the first semi-final winners in the history of the game.

That encounter which took place at Clonturk Park on November 15 was one of only two semi-finals played with 21-a-side teams - the second was the Dublin-Cavan clash the following year.

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But after the Dublin-Cavan 'semi penultimate round games were thin on the ground for the remainder of the 1890s. In fact, after Roscommon and Dublin had featured in the 1892 semi-final the remainder of the decade was completely blank in this regard.

However, as the dissensions of the nineties abated a determined effort was made to streamline the championships with semi-finals intended as a permanent feature and things looked promising when Tipperary and Kilkenny (great football powers at that time) and Galway and Antrim, who were both unopposed in their provinces, were fixed to play the semi-finals for 1900. Only one of the games was played as Antrim conceded a walk-over to Galway.

The Kilkenny-Tipperary game went ahead at Carrick-on-Suir on June 30, 1902 (the championships were running two years late) with the hurling semi-final between these counties making up a most attractive double-header. The football was a

thrilling encounter which Kilkenny won by 1-6 to 1-2; but when the losers lodged an objection to five players from the Slate Quarries club on the border between the two counties, the Central Council decided the game should be replayed. Kilkenny refused to play thus conceding a walk-over to their opponents who, having beaten Galway in the "Home" final, took the remarkable step of playing the five players to whom they had objected, in the final proper against London. It was, even by the loose standards of the time, a remarkable move, but it succeeded as, bolstered by the Kilkenny five, Tipperary won the final easily. Surprisingly, there was no objection by London - though they may not have been aware of the manoeuvrings back home - and Tipperary were installed as the first football champions of the century. There was a sequel to this astonishing story in that the five players - Pat Wall, Willie O'Toole, Dan Harney, Jim Cooney and Jack O'Shea (listed as Grangemockler players for the final) did not receive All-Ireland medals. They could, however, claim the unique distinction of winning a Leinster championship with Kilkenny and an All-Ireland with Tipperary, the team they helped beat in the semi-final.

Orthodox Format

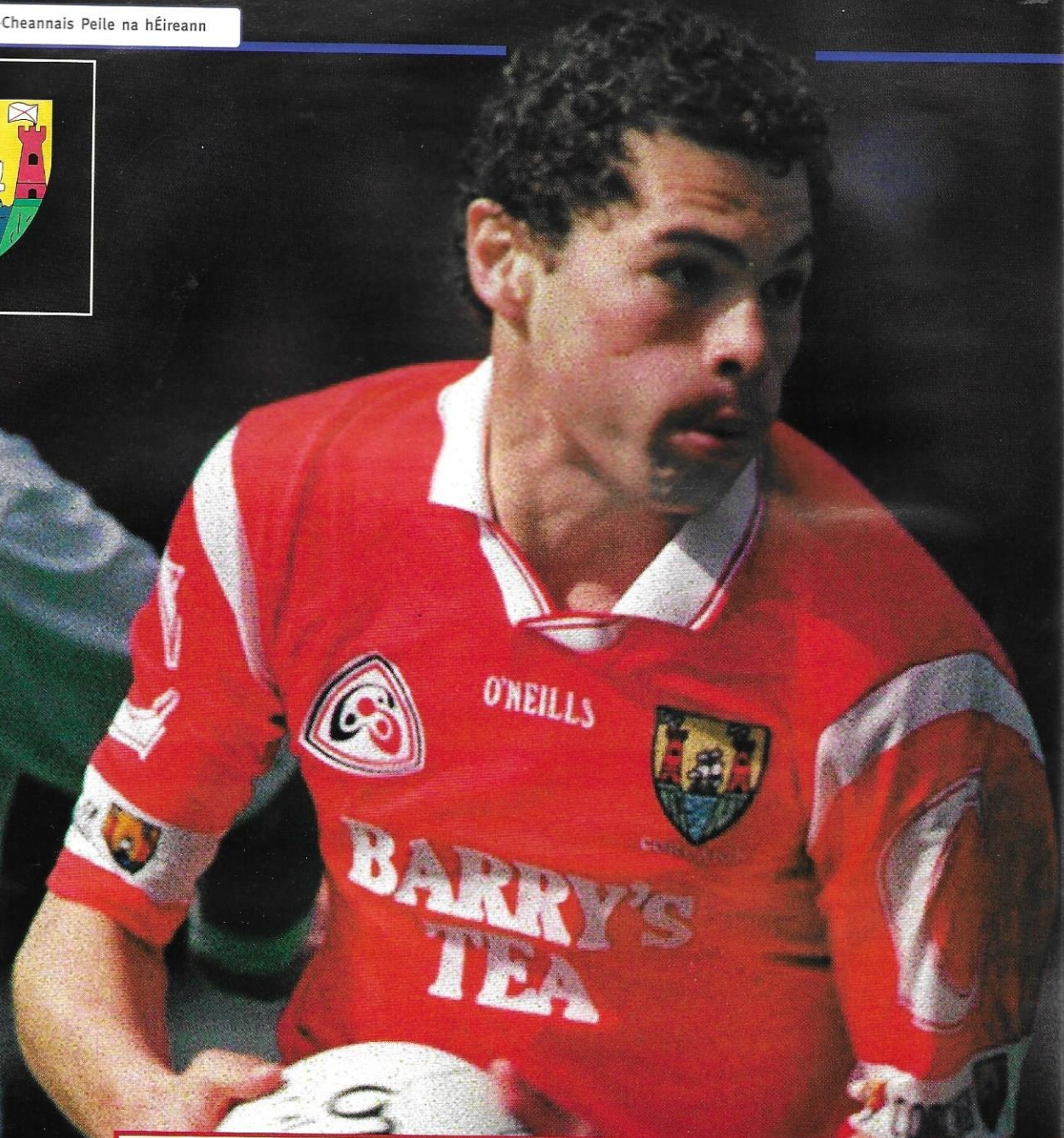
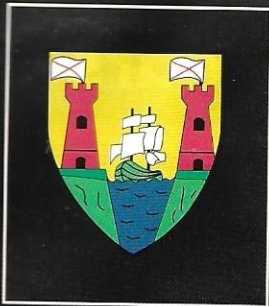
For the 1901 championships matters reverted to a more orthodox format and no disputes attended the semi-finals of that year in which Cork beat Mayo at Limerick and Dublin beat Antrim at Jones's Road.

The championships, however, continued to run almost two years late and when Tipperary and Galway met at Athenry on April 24, 1904 and Dublin and Armagh clashed at Dundalk two months later, both games were in the 1902 campaign. The Central Council, anxious to bring the championships up to date, resorted to compelling the Provincial Councils to nominate teams to contest All-Ireland semi-finals with provincial honours still to be decided.

The return of London to both football and hurling action at the semi-final stage in 1905 served only to complicate matters and in that year there were what was claimed to be three semi-finals involving Kerry v Roscommon, Dublin v London, and Kildare v Cavan. As both Dublin and Kildare won their 'semis', the Leinster final decided which county would take on Kerry for All-Ireland honours.

Despite misgivings in some quarters, this 'triple semi-final' arrangement was continued and indeed survived until 1913 when London finally bowed out. By then the efforts of the administrators had succeeded in bringing the championships up to date and when Kerry met Mayo at Ennis on November 21, 1909 in the second of that year's semi-finals, the championships were up to date for the first time in this century, and indeed, for the first time since Cork and Armagh had lined out at Clonturk Park 19 years earlier.

A significant milestone was reached in the 1909 semi-finals.



Ó hAilpín enhancing Cork's record for dual player

Another proud chapter in the annals of successful dual players in the Cork colours is being added to by Seán Óg Ó hAilpín. He has in recent times established himself as one of the most exciting young personalities in both hurling and football at the highest possible senior level.

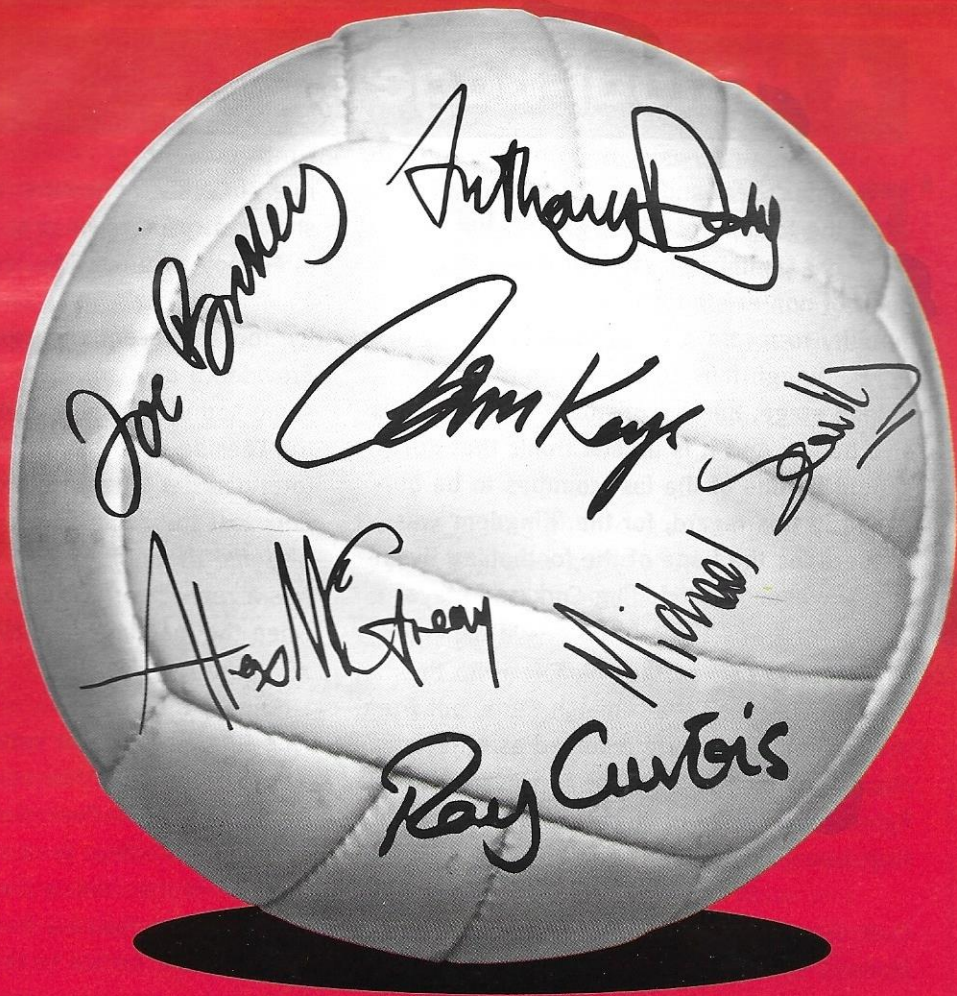
Ó hAilpín played with poise and maturity when helping Cork to their Munster senior hurling and football titles double last month. He returns to Croke Park after just two weeks when he had an excellent game with the senior hurlers as they earned Cork a first All-Ireland senior hurling final appearance in seven years.

Seán was born in Fiji twenty-two years ago last May. On coming to live in Cork some years ago he quickly took to hurling and

Gaelic football and lost little time in finding his feet in both codes.

He has graduated to the top grade after a highly successful career in under-age hurling. Seán won an All-Ireland Colleges' senior hurling medal with North Monastery in 1994. He is a former Cork captain in minor football.

Ó hAilpín also won All-Ireland medals at minor in (1995) and under-21 (1997 and 1998). The polished Na Píarsaigh defender is showing no signs of strain from his exploits in both hurling and football this season. He has been a consistent star in defence for both teams. He is already a national senior medal winner, having played a big part at full back in bringing the Church and General National Football League title to Cork last May after an interval of ten years.



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A Mutual Bogey



Bogies', real and imaginary, abound in the folklore of gaelic games, but time has diminished most of these to the point of non-existence - apart from Kerry's inability to record a championship victory over Down, though four defeats, even at the All-Ireland stage, hardly constitute a very impressive bogey. And it is indeed ironic that Kerry should be one of the last counties to be burdened in this regard, for the 'Kingdom' was for decades the bane of the footballing lives of many counties including Cork and Mayo.

In the early years of the championship the Rebels could more than match Kerry, but from the moment that Kerry emerged as All-Ireland champions for the first time in 1903 Cork were fighting a mostly losing battle with their distinguished neighbours.

Cork did record a win over Kerry in the 1907 Munster semi-final but for the next 35 years Kerry dominated the relationship with a series of wins, sometimes by very wide margins. The Rebel county's misfortunes began with their defeat to Kerry in the replay of the 1909 Munster final at the Athletic Grounds and a year later the 'Kingdom' repeated the dose by a small (0-4 to 0-2) margin at the same venue.

Waterford took Kerry out of the 1911 championship and this enabled Cork to defeat the Decies in the Munster final before going on to take All-Ireland honours. But when the Leesiders appeared in the first defence of their title in 1912 Kerry beat them by 2-3 to 0-1 at Tralee.

It went on from there - semi-finals, finals and first-round games, Cork just couldn't measure up and though gaelic football wasn't a Kerry priority during the years of the "Troubles", when they returned to the fray in 1923 they hit Cork with a ten-point beating in the semi-final at the Athletic Grounds.

String Of Defeats

The litany of Cork defeats stretched out during the twenties - eight points in '24, 14 points in '25, five points in '26, nine points in '27 and four points in '29. The early thirties brought some relief from the green and gold menace, but then Tipperary took over - for a time - the

role of Cork's tormentors. When the relationship was resumed in 1934 they were defeated at Fermoy by 2-6 to 0-1.

By now the recently inaugurated minor grade provided a new arena for Kerry dominance - some sound thrashings were administered to the Leeside youths and then came the day of total disaster when, in the 1937 champions Cork lost the senior game by 21 points (0-4 to 6-7) and the minor by 22 (0-1 to 4-11). There was a repeat performance twelve months later when the margins were 20 points (senior) and 28 (minor).


Things could only get better after that...and they did. Although few attached much importance to it at the time, Cork's first-ever win over Kerry in minor football in 1939 marked the turn of the tide. In the 1942 Munster senior final at Tralee a final scoreline of 3-7 to 0-8 did scant justice to the efforts of beaten Cork, but a year later came the greatest ever in Cork football for more than 30 years when after a drawn semi-final at the Athletic Grounds, deliverance came in the shape of a 1-5 to 1-4 victory over Kerry in the replay. The bogey was banished at last.

Mayo's Misery

The experience of Mayo at the hands of Kerry ran to a similar time-span, though for obvious reasons the list of defeats did not compare with that of Cork. It was none the less a grim relationship as far as Mayo were concerned.

The misery that was to last for more than 30 years began at the Markets' Field in Limerick in the 1903 All-Ireland semi-final. In the wake of an unsatisfactory Connacht championship Mayo were nominated to represent the province against Kerry, fresh from their first provincial title since 1892, and though Mayo fought bravely all the way, a scoreline of 2-4 to 0-4 tells its own story.

Cork assumed Kerry's mantle vis-a-vis Mayo a couple of seasons with the same result and when the Leesiders dropped out in 1908 Kerry returned to record a nine-point win (2-4 to 0-1) at the Markets' Field. Twelve months on Mayo's exit was by 12 points (2-12 to 0-6) at Ennis. As reigning Connacht champions, Ma


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got the nod to oppose Kerry in the 1910 competition with the provincial championship unfinished, but despite a marked improvement on previous form Mayo still lost the All-Ireland semi-final by six points (0-4 to 1-7) at Parkmore in Tuam.

Temporary Halt

Changed circumstances brought a temporary halt to Kerry-Mayo rivalry, but when paths crossed again in the 1924 semi-final at Croke Park, the 'Kingdom' were back to their winning ways with a 1-4 to 0-1 win.

Galway, for a couple of seasons, Leitrim and Sligo ensured that Mayo did not oppose Kerry for a number of years, but that 'interlude' was a prelude to four successive defeats for Mayo at the hands of Kerry. In 1929 it was a semi-final eclipse by 3-8 to 1-1 at Roscommon and a return to the same venue twelve months

later brought an improvement in Mayo's fortunes, but Kerry still coasted home - 1-9 to 0-4. The 1931 display at Tuam, where the score was 1-6 to 1-4, was Mayo's best against Kerry to that date, and if a three-point defeat in the 1932 All-Ireland final reflected Mayo's rising fortunes, in their relations with the Kingdom only the extent of Kerry's dominance had been eroded.

But the turning on a long road finally came in 1936. Kerry, after going absent for a year, had returned to take the Munster title in some style, while Mayo, exulting in their role as National League kingpins of three years standing, got the only goal of the game - and the honours - in a hectic semi-final at Roscommon. Seamus O'Malley's men had succeeded where so many distinguished predecessors had failed and the old bogey had been banished at last. Between Mayo and Kerry things would never be the same again.

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How the counties have fared over the past year

August 98 - July 99

Corcaigh

1st November - League:	Cork	1-12; Offaly	1-12
15th November - League:	Cork	2-11; Leitrim	1-8
29th November - League:	Cork	1-8; Donegal	0-10
24th January - Challenge:	Cork	1-11; Kerry	0-9
31st January - McGrath Cup:	Cork	1-10; Kerry	0-11
14th February - League:	Cork	1-9; Galway	0-9
21st February - McGrath Cup:	Cork	1-10; Limerick	1-5
28th February - League:	Armagh	2-10; Cork	2-9
14th March - League:	Tyrone	0-8; Cork	0-6
28th March - League:	Cork	0-10; Dublin	0-7
11th April - League quarter-final:	Cork	3-14; Derry	1-6
25th April - League semi-final:	Cork	0-6; Meath	0-3
3rd May - McGrath Cup:	Cork	0-17; Clare	0-16
9th May - League Final:	Cork	0-12; Dublin	1-7
16th May - McGrath Cup Final:	Cork	2-13; London	0-11
23rd May - Championship:	Cork	3-23; Waterford	0-4
19th June - Championship:	Cork	4-12; Limerick	1-6
18th July - Munster Final:	Cork	2-10; Kerry	2-4
Played	18		
Won	15		
Drew	1		
Lost	2		

Maigh Eo

10th October - Challenge:	Sligo	2-9; May	0-12
25th October - Challenge:	Donegal	0-12; Mayo	0-11
1st November - League:	Mayo	1-10; Derry	1-4
15th November - League:	Mayo	0-11; Laois	1-8
29th November - League:	Kildare	2-11; Mayo	1-9
5th December - Sean Flanagan Cup:	Mayo	1-11; Dublin	0-11
3rd January - FBD League:	Mayo	0-8; Leitrim	1-5
9th January - Challenge:	N.U.I.G.	1-12; Mayo	1-8
10th January - FBD League:	Roscommon	0-12; Mayo	0-9
24th January - FBD League:	Mayo	2-9; Galway	0-10
31st January - FBD League:	Sligo	1-11; Mayo	0-13
14th February - League:	Mayo	0-7; Clar	0-7
28th February - League:	Mayo	1-10; Monaghan	0-6
14th March - League:	Mayo	1-8; Meath	2-3
28th March - League:	Down	3-7; Mayo	4-3
2nd May - Peter Browne Memorial Cup:	Donegal	1-16; Mayo	0-15
16th May - Challenge:	Fermanagh	2-8; Mayo	0-7
22nd May - Challenge:	Dublin	0-18; Mayo	1-13
29th May - Championship:	Mayo	3-13; New York	0-10
13th June - Championship:	Mayo	0-21 Roscommon	0-10
18th July - Connacht Final:	Mayo	1-14; Galway	1-10
Played	21		
Won	8		
Drew	3		
Lost	10		



Bank Of Ireland Senior Football Championship Scoreboard



Connacht

May 29. Castlebar:

Mayo 3-13; New York 0-10.

May 30. Carrick-on-Shannon:

Roscommon 0-15; Leitrim 1-7.

June 6. London:

Galway 1-18; London 1-8.

SEMI-FINALS
June 13. Castlebar:

Mayo 0-21; Roscommon 0-10.

June 27 at Markievicz Park:

Sligo 3-7; Galway 1-13.

DRAW.
July 4 at Tuam Stadium:

Galway 1-17; Sligo 0-7.

REPLAY.
FINAL
18th July at Tuam Stadium:

Mayo 1-14; Galway 1-10.



Munster

May 23. Tralee:

Kerry 1-11; Tipperary 0-8.

May 23. Dungarvan:

Cork 3-23; Waterford 0-4.

SEMI-FINALS
19th June at Páirc Uí Rinn:

Cork 4-13; Limerick 1-6.

20th June at Killarney:

Kerry 3-17; Clare 0-12.

FINAL
18th July at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Cork 2-10; Kerry 2-4.

Leinster

May 9. Carlow:

Westmeath 2-10; Carlow 1-8.

May 9. New Ross:

Wexford 0-16; Longford 0-13.

DRAW.
May 16. Longford:

Longford 2-15; Wexford 0-11.

REPLAY.
May 30. Mullingar:

Westmeath 3-17; Longford 2-9.

June 6. Croke Park:

Meath 2-10; Wicklow 0-6.

June 6. Croke Park:

Dublin 2-15; Louth 0-14.

June 13. Croke Park:

Laois 1-16; Westmeath 1-8.

June 13.

Offaly 0-11; Kildare 0-7.

SEMI-FINALS
June 27 at Croke Park:

Dublin 1-11; Laois 0-14.

DRAW.
July 4 at Croke Park:

Meath 1-13; Offaly 0-9.

July 18 at Croke Park:

Dublin 0-16; Laois 1-11.

REPLAY.
FINAL
August 1 at Croke Park:

Meath 1-14; Dublin 0-12.

Ulster

May 29. Clones:

Fermanagh 2-12; Monaghan 1-10.

June 6. Ballybofey:

Donegal 2-9; Armagh 1-12.

June 13. Clones:

Armagh 2-11; Donegal 0-12.

June 13. Casement Park:

Derry 2-15; Cavan 2-15.

DRAW.
June 20. Cavan:

Derry 2-14; Cavan 0-5.

REPLAY
June 20. Newry:

Down 1-15; Antrim 0-14.

June 27. Clones:

Tyrone 0-18; Fermanagh 0-8.

SEMI-FINALS
July 4. Clones:

Armagh 1-10; Derry 0-12.

July 11. Casement Park:

Down 2-14; Tyrone 0-15.

FINAL
August 1 at Clones:

Armagh 3-12; Down 0-10.

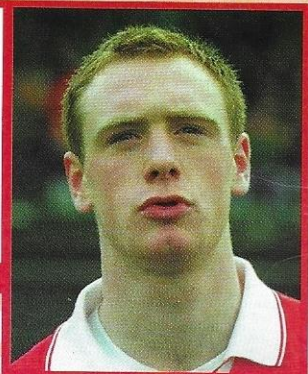


Corcaigh

Dathanna: Dearg is Bán



An Captaen



Philip Clifford

Philip Clifford is hoping to advance his prospects of completing a rare captain's treble this year. He led Cork to the Church and General National League title in May and, of course, the Munster crown last month.

The young Bantry Blues clubman is not allowing the grass to grow under his feet. The 1998-99 League campaign was his first full season with the Cork senior team.

Like so many others he won his spurs in the top flight after displaying his talents in under-age competitions.

He played minor championship football with Cork and earlier this year was in the under-21 team that lost to Kerry in the championship.

Philip, who was on the goals standard in the League, was top scorer for Bantry Blues with six points in their Cork senior football final win over Duhallow in October for only the club's second crown.

Bainisteoir



Larry Tompkins

Roghnóirí:

Labhras Ó Toimicín (Castlehaven) Coach,
Conchur Ó Cuanacháin (Aghada),
Traolach Ó Néill (Bantry Blues),
Pádraig Ó Siocháin (Mallow) Asst. Trainer.

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(Na Piarasigh) | 4
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A. Ó Loingsigh
(Naomh Aban) |
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RONAN MCCARTHY
R. Mac Carthaigh
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E. Ó Seasnáin
(Kilbrittain) |
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(Clonakilty)</p> <p>(24) Alan O'Regan
A. Ó Riogáin
(Castletownbere)</p> |
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Corcaigh

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

Paths to the Semi-Final

Corcaigh

23rd May at Dungarvan:	Corcaigh	3-23	0-04	Port Láirge
19th June at Páirc Uí Rinn:	Corcaigh	4-12	1-06	Luimneach
18th July at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:	Corcaigh	2-10	2-04	Ciarraí

Maigh Eo

29th May at Castlebar:	Maigh Eo	3-13	0-10	Nua Eabhrach
13th June at Castlebar:	Maigh Eo	0-21	0-10	Ros Comáin
18th July at Tuam:	Maigh Eo	1-14	1-10	Gaillimh

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C. Mac Domhnaill
(Crossmolina)

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JAMES HORAN
S. Ó hÓráin
(Ballintubber)

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DAVID NESTOR
D. Mac an Adhastair
(Ballyhaunis)

Fir Ionaid

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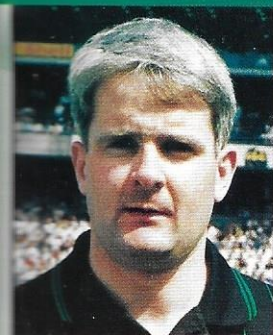
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(Claremorris)

Maigh Eo

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An Réiteoir: John Bannon (Longfort)

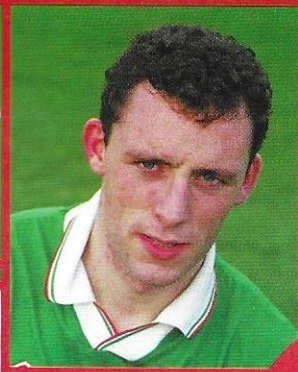


John makes a quick enough return to All-Ireland senior semi-final duty as he refereed the Galway-Derry clash last August. One of the most experienced referees in the sport, he is having another busy season on the inter-county front. Recent championship assignments included the Dublin-Louth Leinster senior first round tie at Croke Park and the Armagh-Derry Ulster semi-final at Clones.

He completed a big All-Ireland finals double inside a year last September when he was the Man-in-the-Middle in the Galway-Kildare Sam Maguire Cup tie. A year earlier he refereed the Laois-Tyrone All-Ireland minor final.

Bannon has been refereeing for about twelve years. He is a former player and won county championship medals with his club, Legan Sarsfields.

An Captaen



Kenneth Mortimer

The Mayo captain is playing very good football this season in his new role as a forward. He had made a big contribution with his leadership and creative play up front to the return of the provincial title to the county.

He has had a distinguished career as a defender and won provincial senior medals as a back in 1996 and 1997. It was also as a back that he played in the All-Ireland final and replay in 1996 and in the Sam Maguire Cup tie a year later.

A brilliant graduate from the famed Western nursery, St. Jarlath's, Tuam, Mortimer is hoping for better fortune than as minor in 1991 when he was in the Mayo side that lost the All-Ireland final to Cork.

The versatility of the Mayo captain is further underlined by the fact that he has made his mark as a midfielder. He is a former under-21 county player and won All Stars awards in 1996 and 1997.

Bainisteoir



John Maughan

Roghnóirí:

John Maughan (Manager),
Tomás Tierney



Leading Scorers In Senior Football Championship

Oisín McConville raced impressively to the top of the chart of leading individual match returns in the Bank of Ireland senior football championship with his impressive return of 2-7 in the Ulster final against Down. One of the Armagh man's goals was from the penalty spot.

This is a return that will certainly be hard to beat in the remaining games in the campaign for the Sam Maguire Cup. The leading individual match returns so far are:

- 2-7: **Oisín McConville** (Armagh)
v Down at Clones on August 1.
- 1-8: **Ronan Carolan** (Cavan)
v Derry at Casement Park on June 13.
- 1-8: **Padraig O'Mahony** (Cork)
v Limerick at Páirc Uí Rinn on June 19.
- 0-9: **Ger Heavin** (Westmeath)
v Carlow at Carlow on May 9.
- 1-6: **Des Dolan** (Westmeath)
v Longford at Mullingar on May 30.
- 0-9: **Maurice Sheridan** (Mayo)
v Roscommon at Castlebar on June 13.
- 1-6: **Des Dolan** (Westmeath)
v Laois at Croke Park on June 13.
- 2-3: **Ciaran McCabe** (Down)
v Tyrone at Casement Park on July 11.
- 1-5: **Ger Heavin** (Westmeath)
v Longford at Mullingar on May 30.
- 2-2: **Shane King** (Fermanagh)
v Monaghan at Clones on May 30.
- 1-5: **Declan Smyth** (Monaghan)
v Fermanagh at Clones on May 30.
- 1-5: **Damien O'Neill** (Cork)
v Waterford at Dungarvan on May 23.
- 1-5: **Ollie Murphy** (Meath)
v Dublin at Croke Park on August 1.
- 1-4: **Trevor Smullen** (Longford)
v Wexford at Longford on May 16.
- 1-4: **Paul Barden** (Longford)
v Wexford at Longford on May 16.
- 1-4: **Mark O'Sullivan** (Cork)
v Waterford at Dungarvan on May 23.
- 1-4: **Padraig Joyce** (Galway)
v London at London on June 6.
- 1-4: **Graham Geraghty** (Meath)
v Wicklow at Croke Park on June 6.
- 0-7: **Oisín McConville** (Armagh)
v Donegal at Ballybofey on June 6.
- 0-7: **Damien Delaney** (Laois)
v Westmeath at Croke Park on June 13.
- 0-7: **Adrian Cush** (Tyrone)
v Fermanagh at Clones on June 27.
- 0-7: **John Donnellan** (Galway)
v Sligo at Tuam Stadium on July 4.
- 2-0: **Martin Flanagan** (Westmeath)
v Carlow at Carlow on May 9.

- 0-6: **Scott Doran** (Wexford)
v Longford at New Ross on May 9.
- 0-6: **Pauric Davis** (Longford)
v Wexford at New Ross on May 9.
- 0-6: **Tom Brewster** (Fermanagh)
v Monaghan at Clones on May 30.
- 0-6: **Anthony Tohill** (Derry)
v Cavan at Casement Park on June 13.
- 0-6: **John Casey** (Mayo)
v Roscommon at Castlebar on June 13.
- 2-0: **John Crowley** (Kerry)
v Clare at Killarney on June 20.
- 1-3: **Enda Muldoon** (Derry)
v Cavan at Cavan on June 20.
- 2-0: **Brendan Walsh** (Sligo)
v Galway at Markievicz Park on June 27.
- 1-3: **Ollie Murphy** (Meath)
v Offaly at Croke Park on July 4.
- 2-0: **Aodán MacGearailt** (Kerry)
v Cork at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on July 18.
- 0-6: **Declan Darcy** (Dublin)
v Meath at Croke Park on August 1.



Oisín McConville (Ard Mhacha) — scored 2-7 against Down in Ulster Final.

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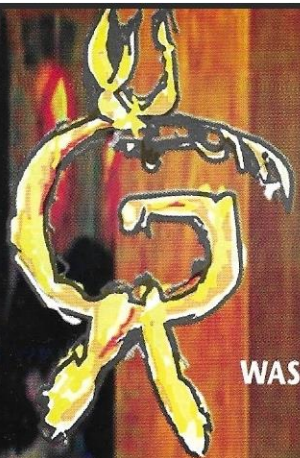
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Paths To The Semi-Final

Cork and Mayo meet in an All-Ireland senior football championship semi-final for the first time since 1993 when the Munster county had a resounding 5-15 to 0-10 win.

Cork regained the Southern title last month after an interval of four years. The latest win brought their record of Munster championships to 32.

They lost their last All-Ireland semi-final appearance in 1995 to Dublin by 1-12 to 0-12. The Dubs went on that year to capture the Sam Maguire Cup.

Mayo regained the Connacht senior football crown after two years and have now 39 provincial crowns.

The Westerners had a successful outing on their last All-Ireland semi-final appearance—an 0-13 to 0-7 win over Offaly in 1997.

CORK'S RECORD

This is how the counties reached the last four, starting with Cork, who were first in action. The Leesiders had a high scoring march to the last four:

23rd May at Dungarvan:

Cork 3-23; Waterford 0-4.

Scorers: Damien O'Neill 1-5, Mark O'Sullivan 1-4, Aidan Dorgan 1-2, Joe Kavanagh 0-5, Philip Clifford 0-4, Ciaran O'Sullivan 0-2, Don Davis 0-1.

19th June (Saturday) at Páirc Uí Rinn:

Cork 4-13; Limerick 1-6.

Scorers: Padraig O'Mahony 1-9, Joe Kavanagh 1-2, Alan O'Regan 1-0, Fionan Murray 1-0, Aidan Dorgan 0-1, Michael O'Sullivan 0-1.
18th July at Páirc Uí Chaoimh: Cork 2-10; Kerry 2-4.

Scorers: Padraig O'Mahony 0-4, Philip Clifford 0-4, Fionan Murray 1-0, Fachtna Collins 1-0, Michael O'Sullivan 0-1, Joe Kavanagh 0-1.

For: 9-46 (73 points).

Against: 3-14 (23 points).

Average: 3.17

O'MAHONY OUT IN FRONT

Padraig O'Mahony sets the pace in front in the Cork scoring chart with 1-13. He is followed by Joe Kavanagh with 1-8, Philip Clifford 0-8 and Damien O'Neill 1-5.

Mark O'Sullivan scored 1-5, Aidan Dorgan 1-3. Fionan Murray 2-0, Alan O'Regan 1-0, Fachtna

Collins 1-0, and Ciaran O'Sullivan 0-2. Michael O'Sullivan and Don Davis competed the returns with 0-1 each.

O'MAHONY AGAIN

Padraig O'Mahony also leads the way in the match individual scoring chart for the Munster champions with 1-9 against Limerick. This is also the highest return as far as Cork and Mayo are concerned.

UNIQUE ENCOUNTER FOR MAYO

Mayo opened their programme with a unique encounter. That was their clash at home with New York, who were competing in the senior championship for the first time.

This is how they regained the Connacht crown:

30th May (Saturday) at Castlebar:

Mayo 3-13; New York 0-10.

Scorers: Colm McManaman 1-3; Maurice Sheridan 0-5, David Nestor 1-2, Brian Maloney 1-0, James Horan 0-3.

13th June at Castlebar:

Mayo 0-21; Roscommon 0-10.

Scorers: Maurice Sheridan 0-9, John Casey 0-6, Noel Connelly 0-2, Colm McManaman 0-2, Kenneth Mortimer 0-1, James Horan 0-1.

18th July at Tuam Stadium:

Mayo 1-14; Galway 1-10.

Scorers: James Horan 0-5, David Nestor 1-1, Maurice Sheridan 0-3, Kenneth Mortimer 0-1, Colm McManaman 0-1, Kieran McDonald 0-1, Pat Fallon 0-1, James Nallen 0-1.

For: 4-48 (60 points).

Against: 1-30 (33 points).

Average: 1.82

SHERIDAN OUT IN FRONT

Maurice Sheridan is out in front in the Mayo scoresheet with 0-17. James Horan scored 0-9, Colm McManaman 1-6 and David Nestor 2-3. John Casey hit 0-6, Brian Maloney 1-0, Noel Connelly 0-2, Kenneth Mortimer 0-2, and Kieran McDonald, Pat Fallon and James Nallen a point each.

SHERIDAN TOPS AGAIN

Maurice Sheridan's return of 0-9 against Roscommon in the semi-final is the highest score by a Mayo player in a single game in the campaign so far.

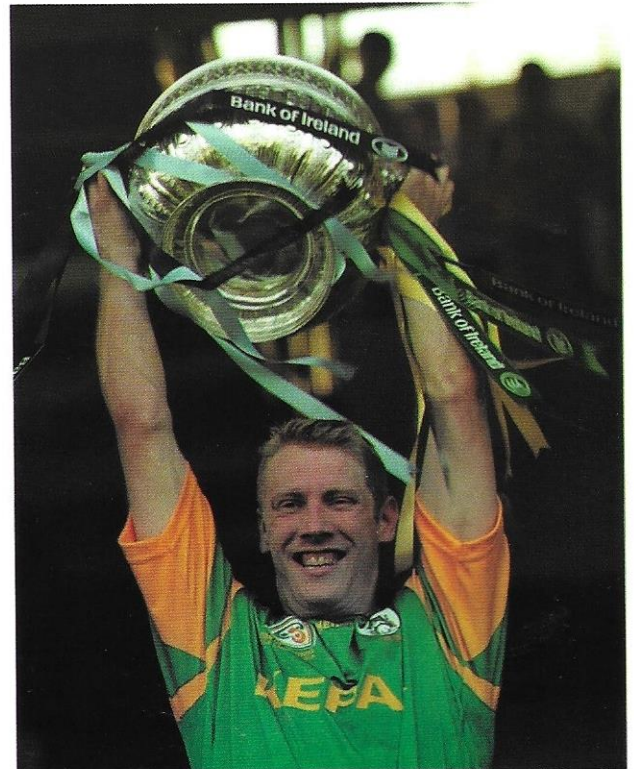
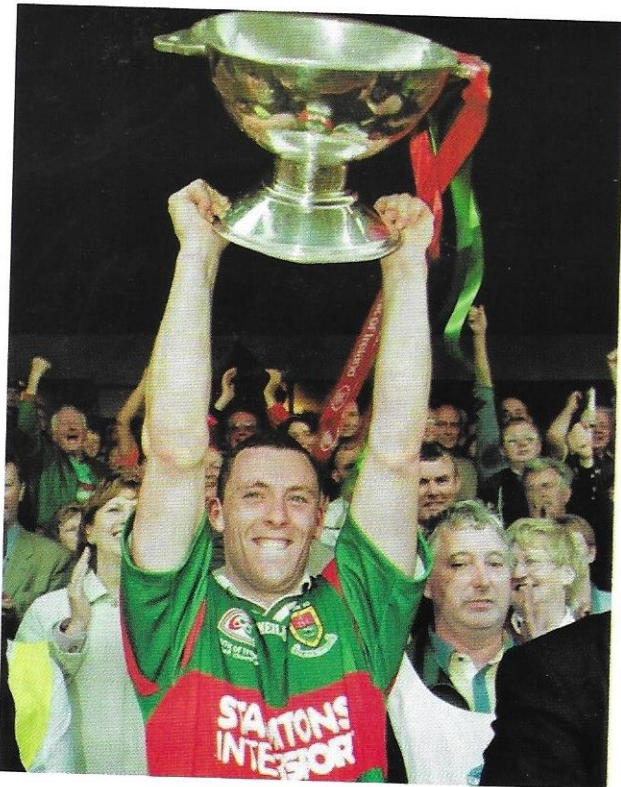
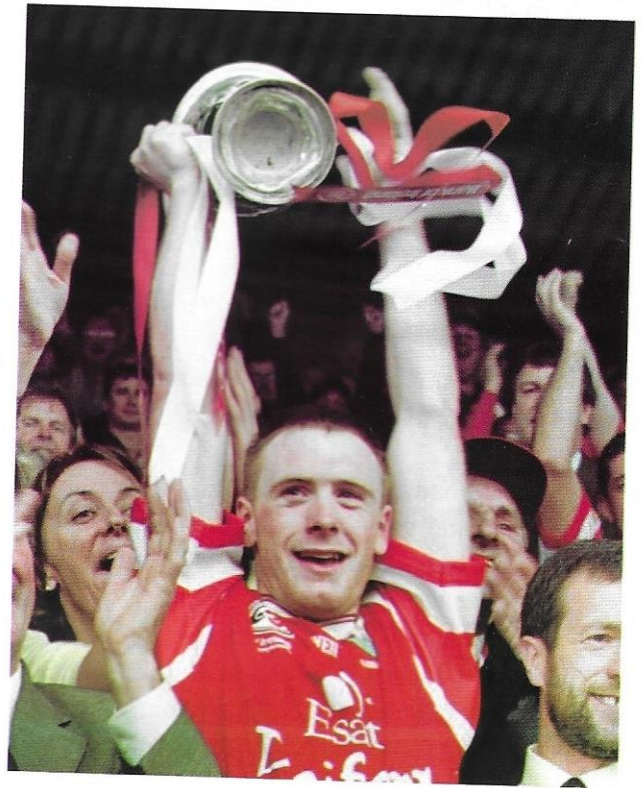
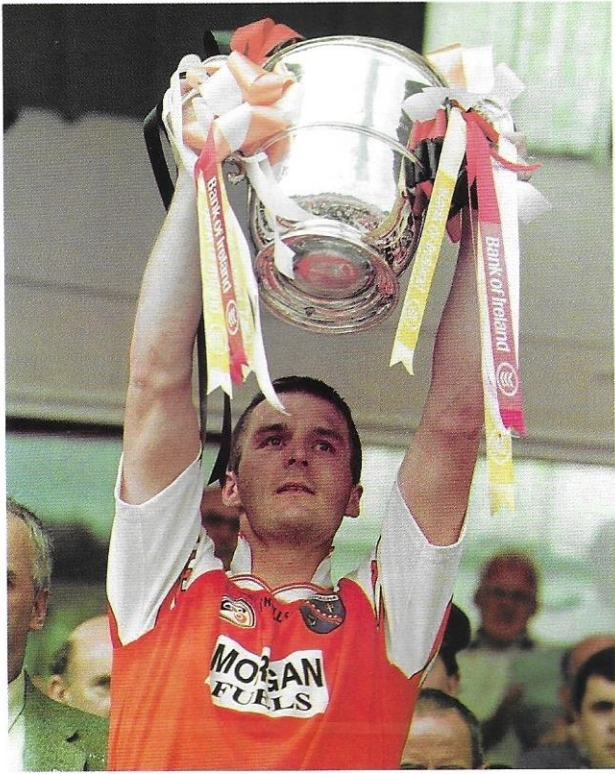


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Similar Records at Headquarters

Although Cork made their first visit to Dublin for the 1890 All-Ireland semi-final with Armagh and were back in 1891, '93 and '94, all three games were at Clonturk or the Phoenix Park, and it wasn't until the 1897 final that a Cork team lined out in a championship game at Jones's Road - the grounds that were destined to become Croke Park. Defeat was the Leesiders' lot on that occasion as it was again in the 1899 final and it wasn't until they met Antrim in the 1911 final that they recorded their first-ever victory at Jones's Road.

By contrast, Mayo were latecomers to headquarters - November 1916 - but they enjoyed a successful debut as they beat Cork (on their second appearance) in a replay of the All-Ireland semi-final tie at Athlone which was won by Mayo but which gave rise to an objection and the almost inevitable replay.

For the next 26 years the red jersey was

noticeably absent from the famous sward and when they did return in 1943 it was to lose the semi-final clash with Cavan.

Mayo, meanwhile, had become very familiar with Croke Park, and it is worthy of note that by the end of the 1950 championship season Mayo had performed there no fewer than 19 times with Cork claiming just five appearances.

Things changed after that and by their 1995 semi-final with Dublin, Cork had pulled ahead 34-33; but since then Mayo have been to Croke Park on five occasions which leaves the present position 39-35 in their favour.

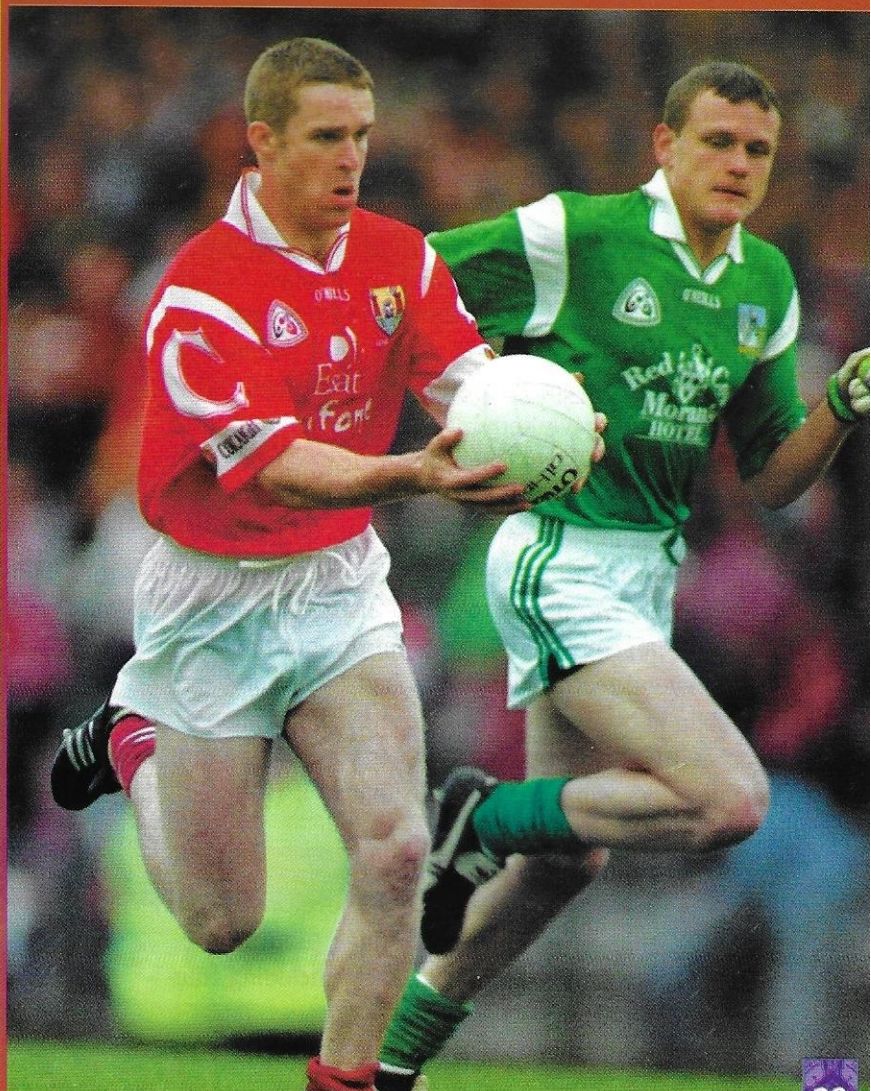
As for success and failure at Croke Park, Mayo have been victorious on 12 occasions, have drawn five times and lost 22. Cork's record from their 35 appearances has been 14 wins, two draws and 19 defeats. The respective records are close after more than a hundred years of football.

A Poor Attraction

Nowadays Cork, especially when they oppose Kerry or Dublin, are regarded as one of the great crowd-pullers of the football arena, and indeed that has been the case for more than 40 years. There was a time, however, when a Leaside team would be regarded as a very poor attraction and one unlikely to tax the facilities of even the most modest of venues.

Just how Cork rated in the eyes of followers in the 1930s is illustrated by a decision of the Munster Authorities in 1938 to fix the provincial senior and minor football finals for Clonakilty. Although the Athletic Grounds might be considered as the 'natural' venue for such a game, the Cork officials, knowing just how unattractive was the fixture, shunted the games out to the west Cork town. Clonakilty, as far as it is known, had no difficulty in coping with a very small attendance, but the thousands who stayed away had anticipated correctly, as Kerry won the senior game by 4-14 to 0-6 and the minor by 8-9 to 1-2.

Cork's Pdraig O'Mahony in action against Jason Stokes (Luimneach) in the Munster Football Championship at Páirc Uí Rinn, Cork.



Semi-Final Doubles — A Contrast

There is a similarity between the stories of Cork and Mayo in regard to All-Ireland minor and senior doubles - Mayo have challenged on nine occasions while Cork have contested both eight times. But there the similarity ends for while the Rebel county has brought off this double on three occasions, all Mayo's efforts ended in split decisions at best and double defeats on two occasions.

Mayo were actually the first county of the 32 to contest both senior and minor semi-finals, when they represented Connacht against Clare (minor) and Kerry (senior) in 1930. However, the semi-finals did not take place as a double event as the senior clash with Kerry at Tuam was played on August 24, a week after the minors had beaten All-Ireland champions Clare at St.Brendan's Park, Birr by nine points. That win hardly countered the 0-4 to 1-9 defeat of the seniors by Kerry.

A year later Mayo were again on the double trail with Kerry providing the opposition in both grades. Not surprisingly, this dual confrontation went on as a double-header at Tuam on August 30, but there was no joy for the Westerners for, despite a great showing by the senior squad against the champions, they went down by 1-4 to 1-6 following a crushing defeat of the under-18s by 3-11 to 0-2. There was a division of the spoils when the Leinster champions were opposed in '35 - the seniors going down to Kildare (0-7 to 2-6) while, after a drawn game with Louth at Croke Park, the minors romped home by 3-5 to 1-2 at the second attempt at Ballina.

A Glorious Opportunity

With Connacht football generally riding high in 1936 Mayo had a glorious opportunity or recording the double, but though the seniors obliged at Roscommon with a first-ever win over the 'Kingdom' (1-5 to 0-6) at this level earlier, in a day of almost total forward frustration on both sides, the only goal of the hour gave Kerry a 1-1 to 0-3 victory.

Mayo had to wait 14 years (1950) for their next shot at the double - and they almost made it. At Croke Park Armagh were crushed by Sean Flanagan's men (3-9 to 0-6) and the minors, despite having to make the long journey to Wexford Park, failed by only two points to the locals (1-8 to 2-7).

The pursuit of a semi-final double went on, but tantalisingly remained beyond reach. The seniors had two hours combat with Dublin in '55 before bowing out by the minimum margin (1-7 to 1-8); at Limerick the minors were shocked not alone by Tipperary's win - but by the extent of it (1-11 to 1-2).

Decline

After the 1955 bid Mayo fortunes at senior level inexplicably declined, and though the minors kept a high profile in reaching the semi-finals on a regular basis - including four-in-a-row in the early sixties - they were unaccompanied by

their senior colleagues; and when the premier squad did manage to come through Connacht in 1967, 1969 and 1981, the minors failed to win through, though on all three occasions their defeats in the provincial final were by narrow margins.

The "drought" eventually came to an end in 1985 and the clashes with Meath (minor) and Dublin (senior) came within an ace of realising the double dream. The under-18s were untroubled by Meath (2-12 to 0-8) while the seniors fought a 1-13 all draw. The replay, however, ensured that the double remained out of reach.

The revival of Mayo fortunes in the mid-nineties brought two more attempts at the double, but this time (or rather, both times) it was the minors who failed to deliver. In the '96 semi-final the seniors gave one of their finest displays of the decade in beating Kerry by 2-13 to 1-10, but two points (0-9 to 1-8) separated the teenagers from Kerry at the end of the hour. Twelve months on, as the seniors consigned Offaly's pretensions to oblivion, the challenge of the Faithful county's neighbours, Laois wrote the most recent chapter in Mayo's frustration in search of a semi-final double.

Cork's Early Efforts

Cork were latecomers to the ranks of All-Ireland semi-final double-seekers, and though they were minor All-Ireland semi-finalists for the first time in 1939, it wasn't until 1952 that Cork challenged for semi-final success on both fronts. It was a less than rewarding debut on the third Sunday in August. The senior team let slip a useful lead to eventually go down by a point (2-3 to 0-10) to Cavan while the defeat of the minors (1-8 to 0-5) by Galway was clear-cut. The fact that their conquerors went on to take All-Ireland honours was only a slight consolation.

The teams that did duty for Cork in that initial bid were:
Senior - D.O'Keeffe, C.Dineen, P.A.Murphy, J.O'Brien, P.O'Driscoll, John Cronin, D.Bernard, N.Duggan, D.Kelleher, D.O'Donovan, E.Young, T.Moriarty, Jim Cronin, J.J.Henchion, C.McGrath.

Minor - T.Murphy, T.O'Callaghan, R.Cronin, S.O'Sullivan, D.O'Herlihy, V.Collins, B.O'Doherty, D.Murray, R.Murphy, S.Higgins, D.O'Donovan, E.Goulding, J.O'Donovan, A.O'Brien, T.Connolly.

With Kerry rampant at senior level and only slightly less effective in minor football, the prospects of a double appearance by Cork on semi-final day were less than bright through the late fifties and early sixties and it was 1966 before Cork emerged from Munster on the double. It proceeded to be an unrewarding venture as the seniors were pipped by defending All-Ireland champions Galway (1-11 to 1-9) while the minors made a rather tame exit (2-5 to 5-6) to a fine Mayo team.

The Breakthrough

It proved to be third time lucky in 1967. The senior team came through, thanks to a goal from a penalty (1-9 to Cavan's 0-9), but a brilliant minor team needed no such assistance as they saw off Tyrone by 3-6 to 0-7. The teams that recorded Cork's first semi-final double were:

Senior - Billie Morgan, Brian Murphy, Jerry Lucey, John O'Mahony, Frank Cogan, Denis Coughlan, Kevin Dillon, Mick Burke, Mick O'Loughlin, Eric Philpott, Gene McCarthy, Bernie O'Neill, Eamon Ryan, Con O'Sullivan, Flor Hayes.

Minor - Michael Cotter, Seamus Looney, Ted Murphy, John Fahy, Ger Cogan, Simon Murphy, Kevin Kehilly, Donal Aherne, Denis Long, Jerry Horgan, Donal Hunt, Jimmy Barrett, Dan Morley, Ned Kirby, Teddy O'Brien.

The seventies, however, brought mixed fortunes - when minors won the seniors lost and vice versa and this was the tale in 1971, 1973 and 1974. But in the heady days of the late eighties when the Kerry monopoly was finally broken, it was almost inevitable that a minor-senior double would be recorded and it came in 1987.

The minors set the trend; victories over Donegal and Dublin in the 1985 and '86 semi-finals, the minors made it three-in-a-row when overcoming defending All-Ireland champions Galway in an all-points encounter at Croke Park and a win over Kerry on a replay left the seniors favoured for the semi-final clash with Galway. Favouritism, however, almost proved Cork's undoing and it took a late point from Larry Tompkins to earn the Leesiders a second chance. And the

chance was availed of in no uncertain manner as indicated by an 0-18 to 1-4 scoreline.

A Mere Point

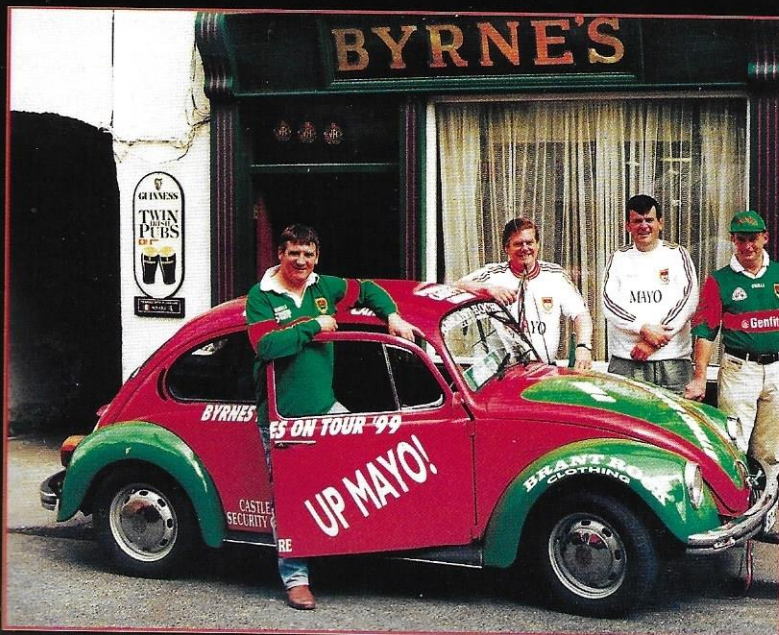
By a mere point Cork missed the chance of contesting the double in 1988 - but the Munster minor finals of the following two years went solidly to Kerry as the Rebel county seniors won four southern titles in a row.

In 1991 there was an exchange of titles (Kerry won the senior and Cork the minor), but two years later Cork lined out for their eighth semi-final double attempt and success was achieved with almost ridiculous ease as a 4-11 to 0-4 win over Galway in the curtain-raiser was supplemented by an even easier 5-15 to 0-10 win by the seniors over Mayo. The teams that recorded Cork's third and most recent semi-final double was:
Senior - John Kerins, Brian Corcoran, Mark O'Connor, Niall Cahalane, Ciaran O'Sullivan, Stephen O'Brien, Tony Davis, Shay Fahy, Danny Culloty, Don Davis, Joe Kavanagh, Barry Coffey, Colin Corkery, John O'Driscoll, Mick McCarthy.
Minor - Des Cauley, Tim O'Mahony, Ken O'Connell, James Kingston, Andy O'Shea, Owen Sexton, Shane Prenderville, Ger O'Connell, Martin Cronin, Ger O'Leary, Alan O'Regan, John Buckley, Seamus Collins, Paul O'Flynn, Brian Cuthbert.

Three semi-final doubles in more than 70 years may not compare with what their neighbours Kerry have achieved in this sphere but in recent times there is no doubt that Cork are a county to be reckoned with when the minor and senior championships reach the second-last stage.

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An Historic Double

Eamon Young was an outstanding Cork footballer of the forties and early fifties and was one of only two Corkmen to feature on the Munster team that won the 1941 Railway Cup. An All-Ireland winner in 1945, he also was a member of the team that brought National League honours in 1952 when he captained the side that beat New York in the final.

But what is not generally known about the Collins stalwart is that in his teenage years he was adept at both codes and it was as a minor that he made an interesting piece of Cork, and indeed general, gaelic history as the first player to win provincial medals in both codes. As a youth of many parts he was a

Glen Rovers representative on the Cork minor hurling team that won the Munster and All-Ireland titles in 1939. In the same year he, as the sole Dohenys representation on the minor football team, collected a Munster medal when Cork won provincial honours for the first time - and he was close to All-Ireland honours in this code as well, as Cork lost the semi-final to eventual winners, Roscommon by a mere three points.

That miss notwithstanding, he still made history as the first player to win minor provincial honours in both codes. In the years that followed many players in Dublin, Offaly and, of course, Cork would equal his achievement; but Eamon Young was the first.

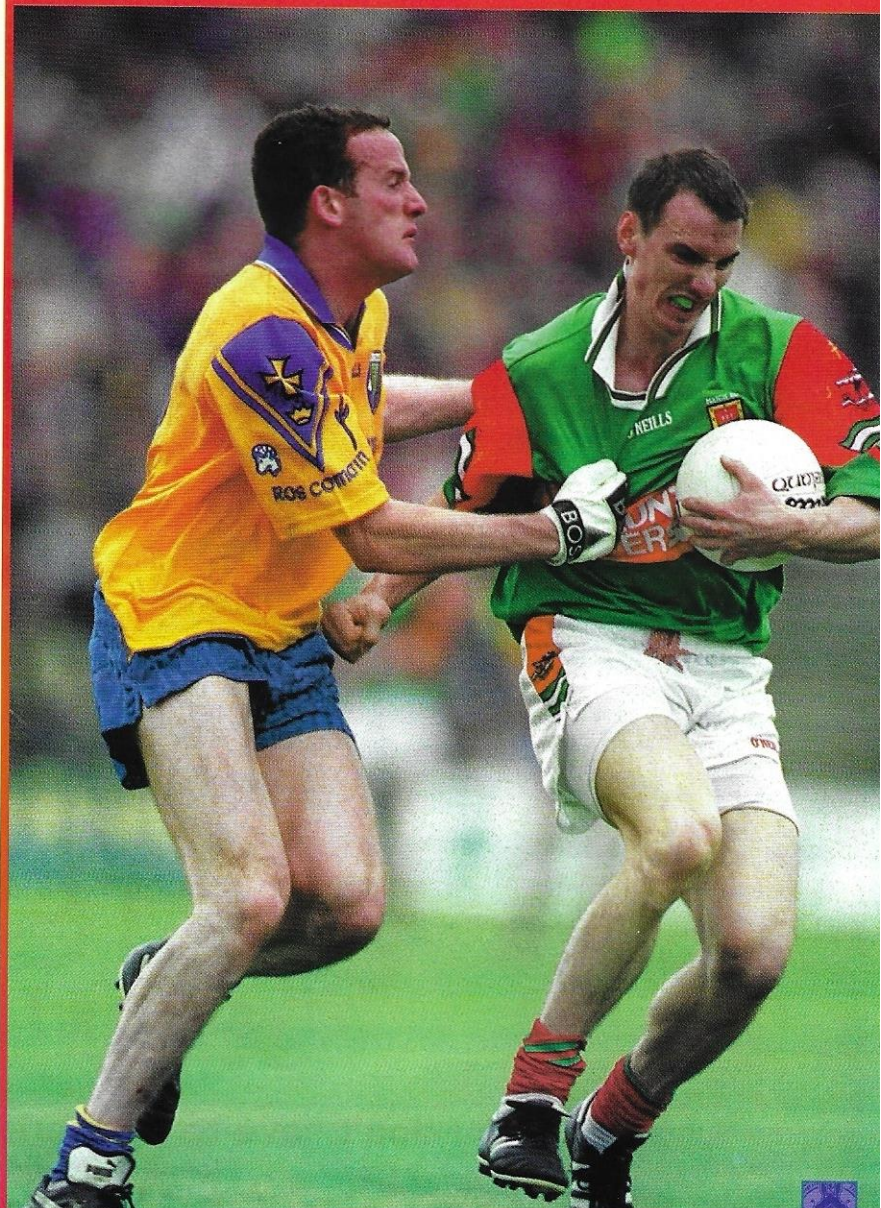
Around The Provinces

Both Cork and Mayo have long since breached the position where they could claim their first-ever victories over the representatives of the other three provinces. Indeed, it was in the first-ever semi-final in 1890 that Cork beat Armagh and then followed with a final win over Leinster champions, Wexford. The Leesiders completed the 'treble' when they encountered Connacht opposition in the shape of Mayo in 1901 - and it could be said that they beat a 'fourth province' in overcoming London in the 1907 semi-final at the Athletic Grounds, a game played on June 7, 1908.

Mayo's early tilts with the other provinces did not run so smoothly and it was not until they beat Cork in the 1916 semi-final replay that they could claim their first Munster scalp. And it took a further nine years to down a Leinster side for the first time when they, as nominated Connacht representatives in 1925, beat Wexford in the semi-final at Croke Park, 21 years after they had encountered eastern opponents for the first time. Ulster presented fewer problems; in fact, it didn't present a problem at all as, on their first-ever clash with northern opposition (v Cavan in the 1932 semi-final), they recorded a 2-4 to 0-8 win.

A point of interest regarding Cork's relations with Leinster opponents is that, after their win over Wexford in 1890, it took them 66 years to chalk up a second win which was the 1956 victory over Kildare, after nine successive defeats.

Mayo's John Casey in action against Tom Ryan (Ros Comáin) in the Connacht Football Championship at McHale Park, Castlebar.





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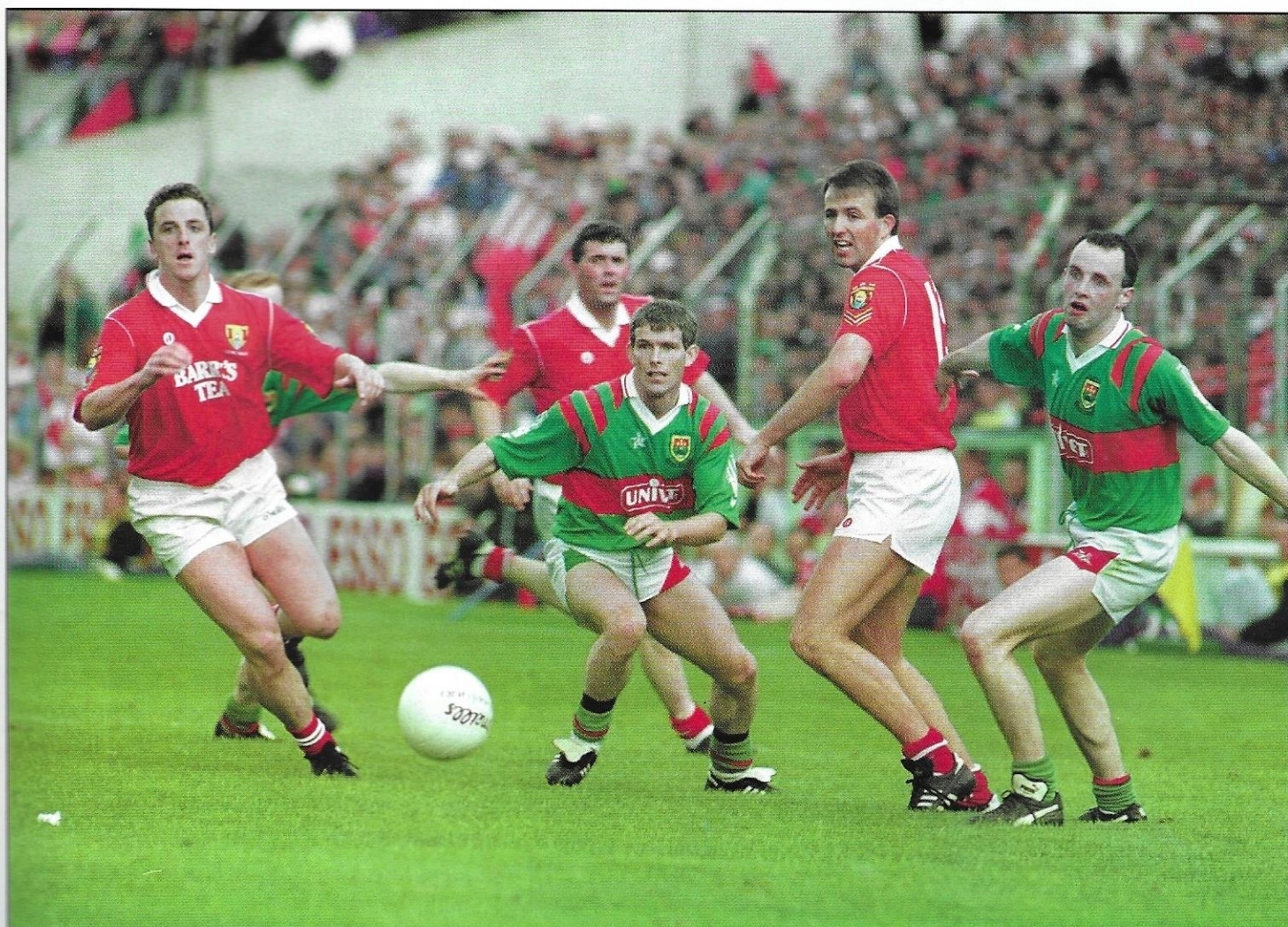
1901 - Cork 4-16; Mayo 0-1.

Despite not having played a competitive encounter since their Connacht final victory over Galway six months previously, Mayo started confidently in this All-Ireland semi-final at Markets' Field against Cork, who had the benefit of three hard outings in Munster against Kerry, reigning All-Ireland champions Tipperary and Limerick. With wind assistance Gildea opened the Westerners account in the eighth minute but that early promise soon evaporated as the Munster champions took control. O'Donnell quickly grabbed an equaliser and further points by Mackessy, McCarthy and Daly helped Cork into an interval lead of 0-5 to 0-1.

After the restart Cork continued their offensive. Willie O'Neill stretched their advantage with a brace of points and Pat Daly's goal effectively ended the game as a contest. Mayo tried desperately to rally but despite the best efforts of Paudge Sweeney, Tim Plover, Peter Gavin and Pat Doherty, Cork continued in the ascendancy. A second goal from Daly was the catalyst for an avalanche of late scores as the Rebels piled on the misery with Mackessy, O'Neill and Daly Mayo's principal tormentors. The large contingent of Mayo supporters returned home chastened by their 27-point mauling.

Cork - S.Murphy, J.Desmond, J.Murphy, A.Groeger, M.Connors, J.Morrissey, T.O'Mahony, C.McCarthy, F.Searles, W.O'Neill, W.McCarthy, J.McCarthy, E.Allen, C.Walsh, P.O'Donnell, P.Daly, W.Mackessy.

Mayo - M.Cassidy, P.Sweeney, P.Plover, J.Plover, T.Plover, P.Doherty, T.Doherty, M.Regan, J.Cahill, J.Munnely, J.McGough, D.Gildea, M.Flannely, P.Gavin, M.Mitchell, M.Ruane, J.O'Connor.



Anthony McGarry and Pat Holmes (Maigh Eo) in action against Cork's Barry Coffey and Colin Corkery during the 1993 All-Ireland semi-final.

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1906 - Cork 0-10; Mayo 0-6.

Five years later Mayo were better prepared for their semi-final tilt at Cork as demonstrated by superb wins over Galway and Roscommon. The Leesiders, however, were equally well prepared as indicated by comfortable wins over Waterford and Kerry. The tie at the Markets' Field was played in poor conditions with an equally poor sod doing little for the quality of fare on offer.

Mayo, having won the toss, elected to play against the breeze in the opening half and it was a decision they may have regretted at the interval when they trailed the Munster side by nine points having failed themselves to trouble the scoreboard operator. Each side lost a player in the rough exchanges in the opening period and Mayo made good use of the open spaces to gnaw away at the deficit after the restart. However, the Cork net never fell and Mayo had left themselves too much to do as they went down by four points.

Cork - M.Connors, P.Linehan, J.Linehan, P.Daly, R.O'Sullivan, T.Hallinan, C.Paye, W.Dwane, J.McCarthy, M.Twomey, M.Mehigan, T.Breen, W.Mackessy, P.Donaghue, J.Murphy, C.McCarthy, R.Flavin.

Mayo - P.Sweeney, P.Murray, T.Murray, J.D.Ryder, P.Farmer, B.Boshell, F.Boshell, J.Barrett, A.Corcoran, B.Ferguson, M.Moran, T.Kilmartin, T.Gowan, M.McHugh, O.Sweeney, T.Boshell, P.Kilduff.

1907 - Cork 2-10; Mayo 0-2.

Having lost the previous year's All-Ireland Mayo stood between Cork and another d twelve months later. Cork had impressed holding on to their provincial crown with wins over Limerick, Kerry and Tipperary w Mayo, with the Connacht championship ning late, were nominated to represent t province.

As in 1901 this lack of preparation cost M dearly in the end but similar to six years er they opened brightly. Fitzgerald gave t Westerners the lead before O'Neill equalis for Cork and a couple of Mackessy points the Southerners in the driving seat. Slowl surely Cork pulled clear and indeed they l increased their advantage to an unassaila 14 points with six minutes remaining. The referee sent a Mayo player to the line and when he refused to go the official awarde match to Cork.

Cork - J.Murphy, M.Mehigan, T.Donoghue, J.Shorten, J.Regan, T.Breen, J.Beckett, W.Twomey, P.O'Neill, W.Mackessy, C.O'Shea, J.Lehane, J.Kelleher, J.O'Driscoll, J.Kent, R.O'Sullivan, R.Flavin.

Mayo - P.Murray, A.Cusson, D.Ryder, G.Fitzgerald, J.Moran, P.Farmer, D.Courell, A.Nealon, T.Murray, T.Gilmartin, W.Boshell, B.Ferguson, M.Rafter, L.Casey, M.McHugh, T.Barrett, T.Boshell.

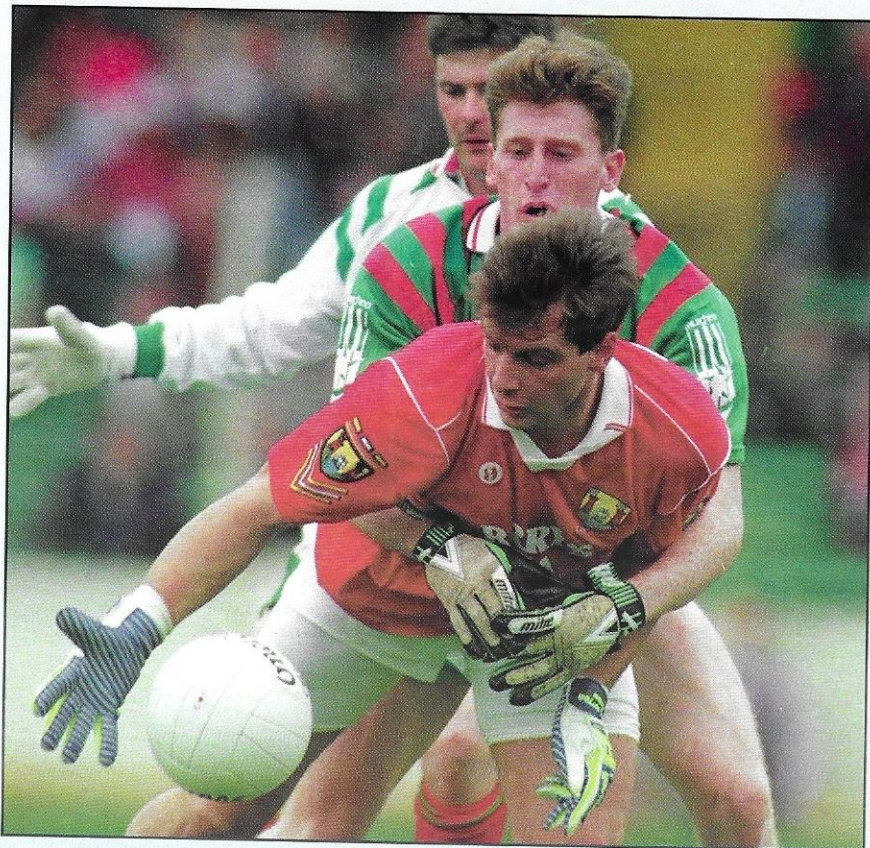
1916 - Mayo 1-2; Cork 1-1.

On October 22nd Cork took on Mayo at Athlone and it was the Westerners who prevailed over the Leesiders for the first time a 1-2 to 0-2 victory. However, Cork objected and were granted a replay at Croke Park tr weeks later. Cork had looked a lot less imp sive in winning the Munster crown than Ma did in taking the Western title and that showed in both encounters.

The Leesiders made five changes for the s ond meeting but it was to no avail as May kept their noses in front to advance to the final by the minimum and record their first tory over Cork at the fourth attempt. Howe they subsequently lost the All-Ireland final Wexford four weeks later.

Mayo - D.F.Courell, P.Loftus, J.E.McEllen, B.Durkan, T.Gibson, P.Robinson, P.Kelly, J.Lyden, J.Hession, T.Boshell, P.Jordan, T.Fo P.Smith, T.Ruane, T.Lyons.

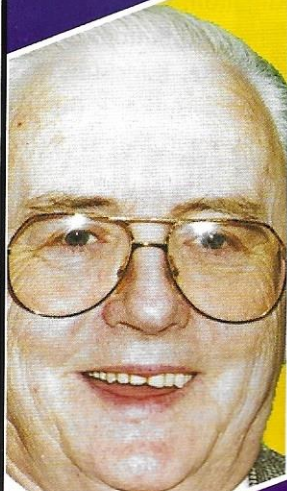
Cork - P.O'Connell, J.Ryan, P.Fitzgerald, W.Moore, R.O'Connor, W.Murphy, C.Lucey,



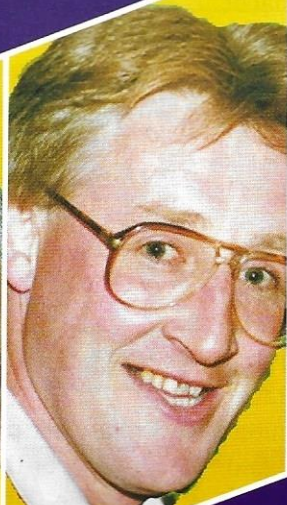
John O'Driscoll (Corcaigh) is tackled by Mayo's Kevin Cahill and goalkeeper Gabriel Irwin during the 1993 All-Ireland Football Semi-Final.

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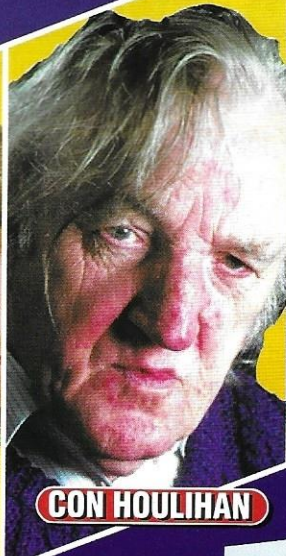
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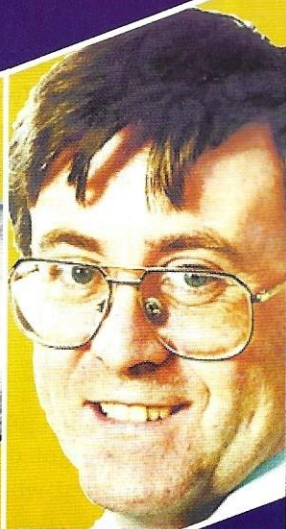
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THE BIG NAMES ON THE BIG GAMES

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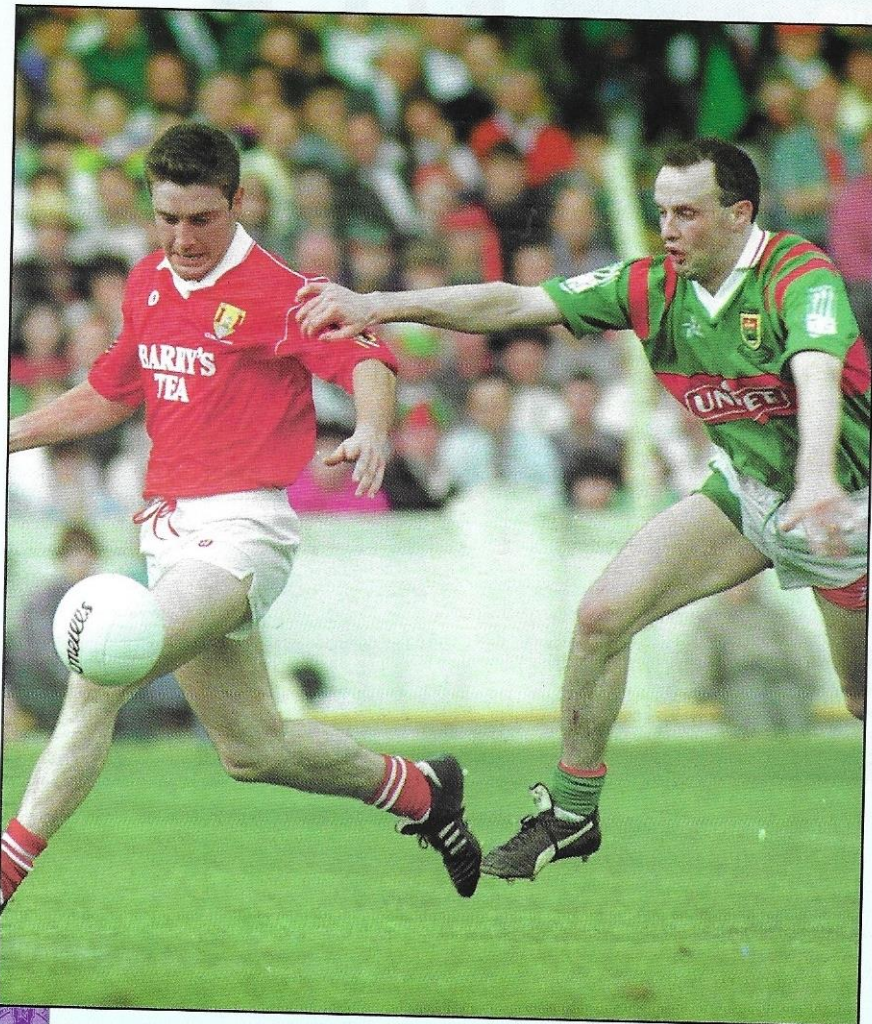
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1989 - Cork 0-17; Mayo 1-11.

Cork went into this final encounter seeking to avoid the ignominy of losing three All-Ireland finals back-to-back and they started well with Larry Tompkins opening the scoring in the first minute. Two more points from the same player and a single by John Cleary put the Leesiders four ahead before Willie Joe Padden opened Mayo's account in the 10th minute. By the end of the first quarter the Connacht champions were just two points in arrears (0-5 to 0-3) and that was also the margin at the interval as Cork turned over leading by 0-10 to 0-8.

Mayo, seeking their first title in nearly four decades, got off to a great start in the second period when Anthony Finnerty fired home in the third minute to give them the lead for the first time. However, the lead lasted less than five minutes as Dave Barry fired over the equaliser in the eighth minute. A brace from John Cleary seemed to hand the initiative to the Rebels but Mayo responded and

Joe Kavangh (Corcaigh) is tackled by Mayo's Pat Holmes during the 1993 All-Ireland Football Semi-Final.



points by Liam McHale and Fitzmaurice brought them level by the end of the third quarter. With 16 minutes left Fitzmaurice gave Mayo the lead but that proved to be their last score and Cork were back on terms within two minutes. Ten minutes from time Mick McCarthy gave Cork the lead and two minutes later namesake Teddy put them two clear and it was Mick who notched the final score six minutes from the end as the Sam Maguire went south.

Cork - J.Kerins, N.Cahalane, S.O'Brien, J.Kerrigan, M.Slocum, C.Counihan, T.Davis, T.McCarthy, S.Fahy, D.Barry, L.Tompkins, B.Coffey, P.McGrath, D.Allen, J.Cleary.

Subs - J.O'Driscoll for Coffey, M.McCarthy for Fahy, D.Culloty for Cleary.

Mayo - G.Irwin, J.Browne, P.Forde, D.Flanagan, M.Collins, T.J.Kilgallon, J.Finn, S.Maher, L.McHale, G.Maher, W.J.Padden, N.Durcan, M.Fitzmaurice, J.Burke, K.McStay.

Subs - A.Finnerty for Burke, R.Dempsey for S.Maher, B.Kilkelly for G.Maher.

1993 - Cork 5-15; Mayo 0-10.

Croke Park presented a depressing picture at the end of this hopelessly one-sided affair. Not even the Cork players or spectators exulted at a game which gave the Leesiders one of their biggest-ever semi-final wins. Early on there was little hint of the deluge to come as Mayo, playing with considerable spirit and not a little skill kept Cork in sight and there was a gap of only four points when John O'Driscoll struck a splendid goal at the 33rd minute. That blow may not have shattered Mayo but it did help Cork to an interval advantage of 1-10 to 0-3.

The fervour of Mayo, for a time on the restart, during which they kept Cork scoreless suggested that there might be a contest. But once the Cork attack got moving Mayo collapsed and in the last 17 minutes, as Corkery, O'Driscoll, Coffey and McCarthy added 4-5 to the winners' tally, Mayo kept going in a lost cause to have the last score by Liam McHale.

Cork - J.Kerins, B.Corcoran, M.O'Connor, N.Cahalane, C.O'Sullivan, S.O'Brien, T.Davis, S.Fahy, D.Culloty, D.Davis, J.Kavanagh, B.Coffey, C.Corkery, J.O'Driscoll, M.McCarthy.

Sub - L.Honohan for Fahy.

Mayo - G.Irwin, K.Beirne, K.Cahill, D.Flanagan, A.McGarry, P.Holmes, J.Finn, L.McHale, S.Maher, K.O'Neill, K.Staunton, T.Morley, N.Durcan, R.Dempsey, P.J.Loftus.

Subs - R.Golding for Flanagan, A.Finnerty for Loftus, P.Brogan for Maher.



Pictured at the sponsorship cheque presentation to Mayo Co. Board after the Connacht Final were (back row l-r): Donal Flynn, District Manager, Mayo Bank of Ireland; Sean Feeney, Secretary, Mayo Co. Board; Martin Crowe, Bank of Ireland Co-Ordinator (Manager Ballina); P.J. McGrath, Chairman, Mayo Co. Board. Front row: J.P. Lambe, Treasurer, Mayo Co. Board; Johnny Mulvey, Patron, Mayo G.A.A.

SCORELESS

There are very few counties that have not been held scoreless in a championship encounter at one time or another and this distinguished list of undistinguished performers includes Dublin, Meath, Roscommon, Galway, Offaly, Tyrone, Monaghan, Armagh and Cork. The Leesiders' brace of noughts cropped up in the first round clash with Kerry at Limerick in 1904 when the Cork backs, in a truly valiant display, restricted the All-Ireland champions' attack to a mere 1-4; but at the other end there was no joy for Cork as they failed to raise even one white flag despite seeing a fair amount of possession.

Mayo, however, even in their direst moments never left a championship field without at least one score to their credit; but ironically they did finish the hour scoreless in a national final - the 1905 Croke Cup decider in which they opposed the great Kildare team of that era and went down on a 1-11 to nil scoreline at Jones's Road. That defeat left Mayo with the unwelcome distinction of being the only county ever to end an hour scoreless in a Croke Cup final in either football or hurling.

Not His Day

If Pat Loftus of Ballina at the end of his career had been asked to name his unhappiest day on the gaelic field, he would very likely have said the 1916 All-Ireland between Wexford and Mayo. Loftus, who was the goalkeeper right through the campaign, had displayed good form in every game, returning clean sheets in the Connacht final and in the semi-final replay with Cork.

But it started to go wrong for the Mayo 'keeper even before the game began as on his way up to Croke Park he slipped and fell into the canal near Jones's Road bridge. His companions managed to pull him out but the water was very cold as the date of the game was December 17th. And there were further troubles in store as on the pitch Wexford had the upper hand for most of the way and put three goals past Loftus in carving out a 3-4 to 1-2 win. And while Pat Loftus was not to blame for any of the three majors, he would no doubt ruefully recall that it was the one occasion on which he had conceded three goals in his intercounty career. Definitely not his day.

Big Changes

When a team wins a provincial final it is not unusual for an unchanged team to line out in the subsequent All-Ireland semi-final. But that most certainly wasn't the case with Mayo when they contested the 1901 All-Ireland semi-final with Cork.

The team that beat Galway in the Connacht final was undoubtedly the county's best 17, but by the time that the game with Cork came up there was dissension in the Mayo camp and it apparently couldn't be settled by the time the team travelled to Limerick for Mayo's first-ever appearance on the All-Ireland stage. It was a disastrous situation. Against a powerful Cork team Mayo would have needed the services of every top-class footballer they had, but as it transpired some of the outstanding players including Bob Marsh, Andy Corcoran, Willie Parsons (who had captained the team in the Connacht final), Paudge Sweeney and Tom Kilmartin were missing and the game went its inevitable way. In all, seven players stood down and Mayo people in the years that followed must have wondered how they would have fared with a full-strength team. Of course, no one knows how they would have fared, but it is certain that Mayo wouldn't have lost by 27 points.

An Easy Afternoon

All-Ireland semi-final day rarely provides a team with an easy afternoon no matter how favourably the game runs for them. But semi-final day in 1901 was the most untroubled ever experienced by a Mayo team at Croke Park - for the simple reason that they didn't encounter any opposition as they progressed to the final because opponents Tipperary failed to appear. From the few facts that can be gleaned about the occasion it would appear that Tipperary, as late as Saturday evening, were trying to get a team together to defend their All-Ireland crown after meeting no opposition in Munster, but to no avail and by the time the General Secretary Luke O'Toole was contacted by a Tipperary official to say that they could not fulfil the fixture, Mayo were in Dublin.

However, on Sunday, having gone along to Croke Park to confirm that they would receive a walk-over, the Mayo players decided not to let the journey go to waste and received permission to spend more than an hour in a quite vigorous practice.

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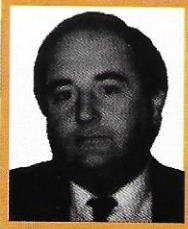
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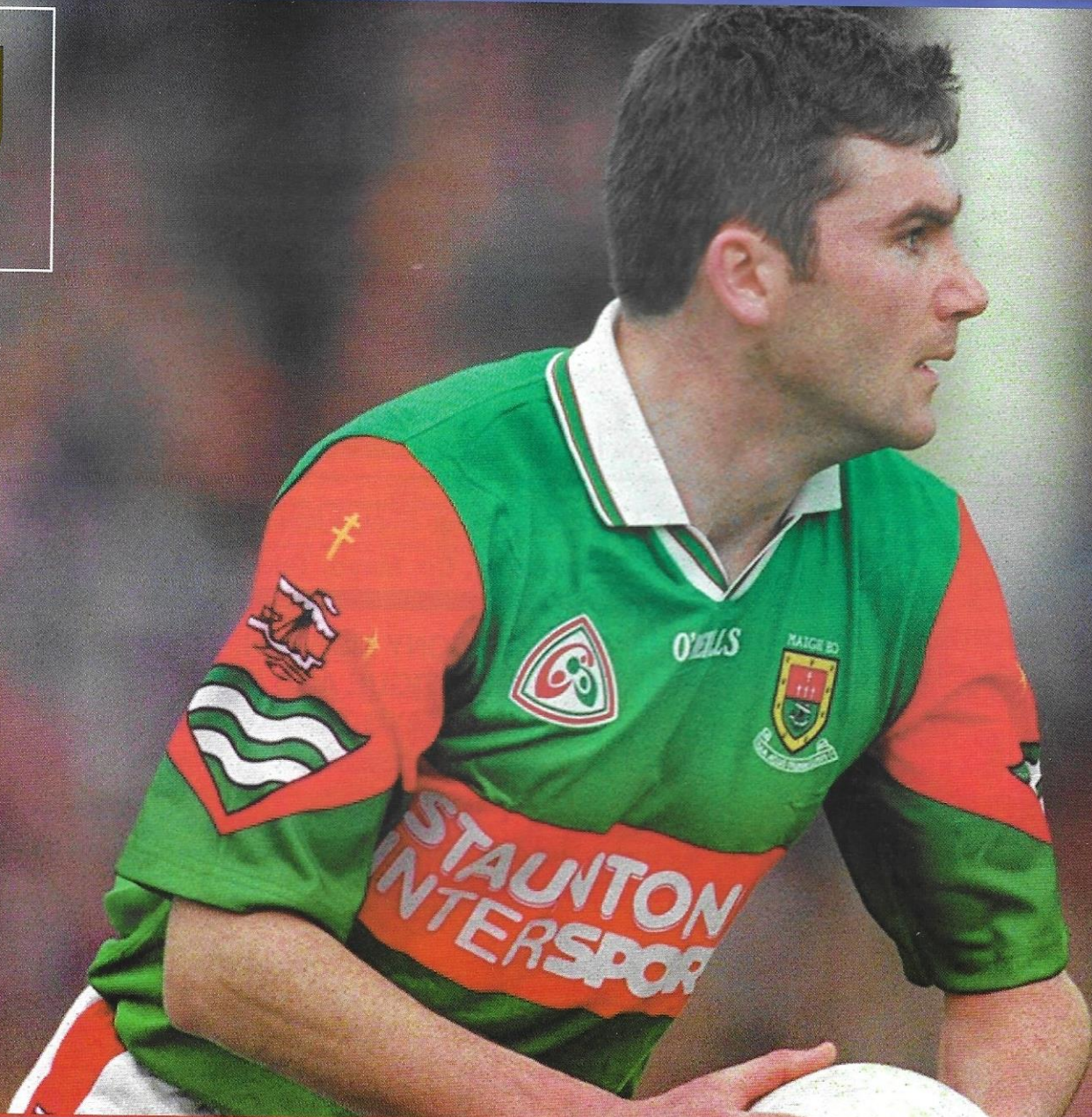
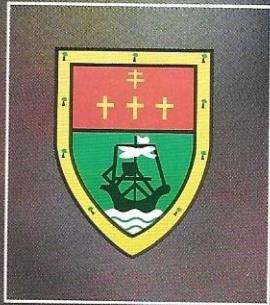


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Early Celebrations For Horan

James Horan had cause for a pre-semi-final celebration last Monday when he became the first Mayo man to win an Eircell G.A.A. All Stars Player of the Month award which he got for July. He was honoured for his contribution to the return of the Connacht senior title to Mayo.

Little wonder, as Horan gave one of the best individual displays of the past month at rain-drenched Tuam Stadium. His points scoring flair was one of the best features of the Western final and a key factor in enabling Mayo to dethrone defending All-Ireland champions Galway.

The 28-year-old Ballintubber clubman really set Mayo on the victory trail in the second half with three unanswered points that brought his side from a three points deficit to

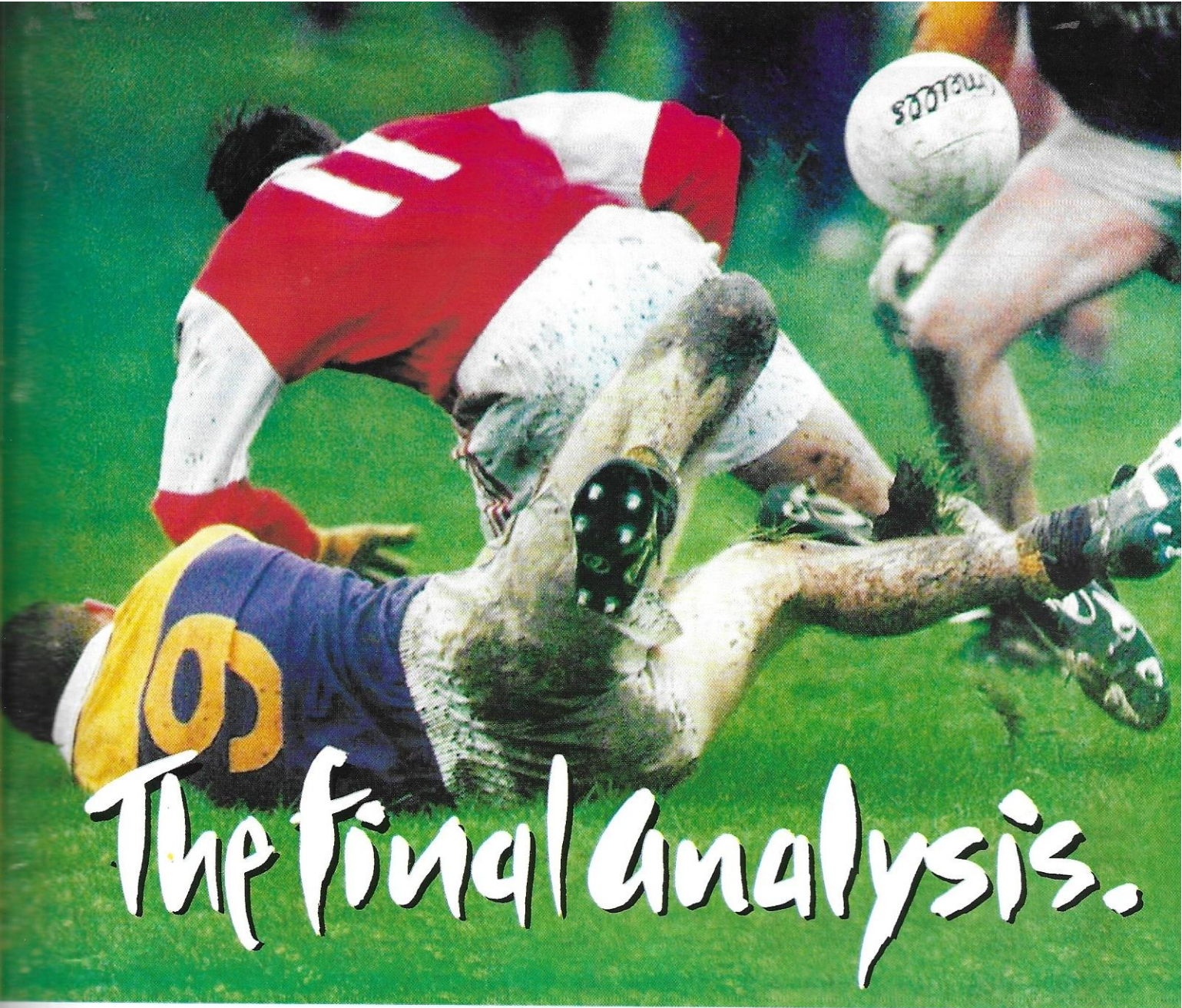
level terms with fourteen minutes playing time remaining.

Horan also finished the game as his team's ace marksman with five points.

The clever and wily campaigner, who is having a good season over-all, appreciates better than most what is required for success at the top level.

He won Connacht senior football medals in 1996 and 1997 and displayed his football talents and points scoring flair in the All-Ireland final and replay of 1996 and again in the Sam Maguire Cup tie nearly two years ago. He went into that game as a substitute.

A versatile and wholehearted footballer, Horan's current form suggests he is a forward who could present the Cork defence with some trying problems.



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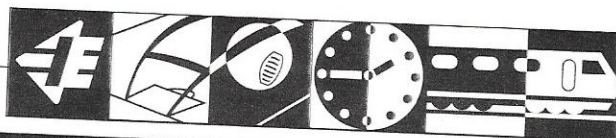
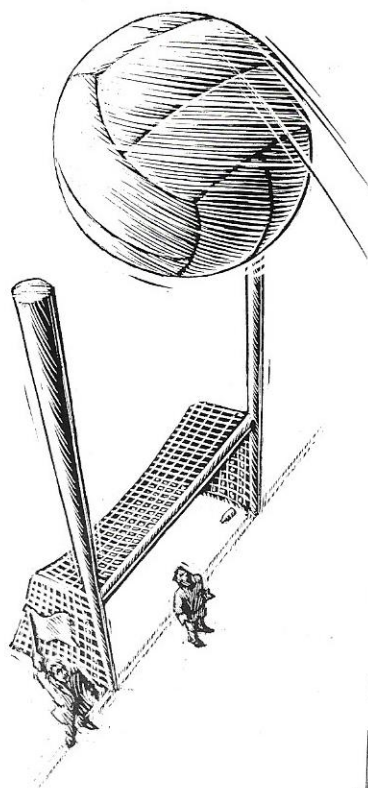
The Fijian and The Crossmolinan

Will Seán Óg Ó hAilpín, a scion of that south sea ocean paradise, Fiji, follow in the 'dual' footsteps of Teddy McCarthy and reach Croke Park finals in both codes. Or will the former Army Officer from Crossmolina, John Maughan, rouse his Mayo troops to reach a third All-Ireland Final under his tutelage.

Cork, after the usual frenetic struggle with their neighbours Kerry, have set their sights on another match in September, while Mayo, who toppled the All-Ireland incumbents Galway, will have hungry Men of the West and a diaspora of Mayo supporters looking for a long-awaited crown.

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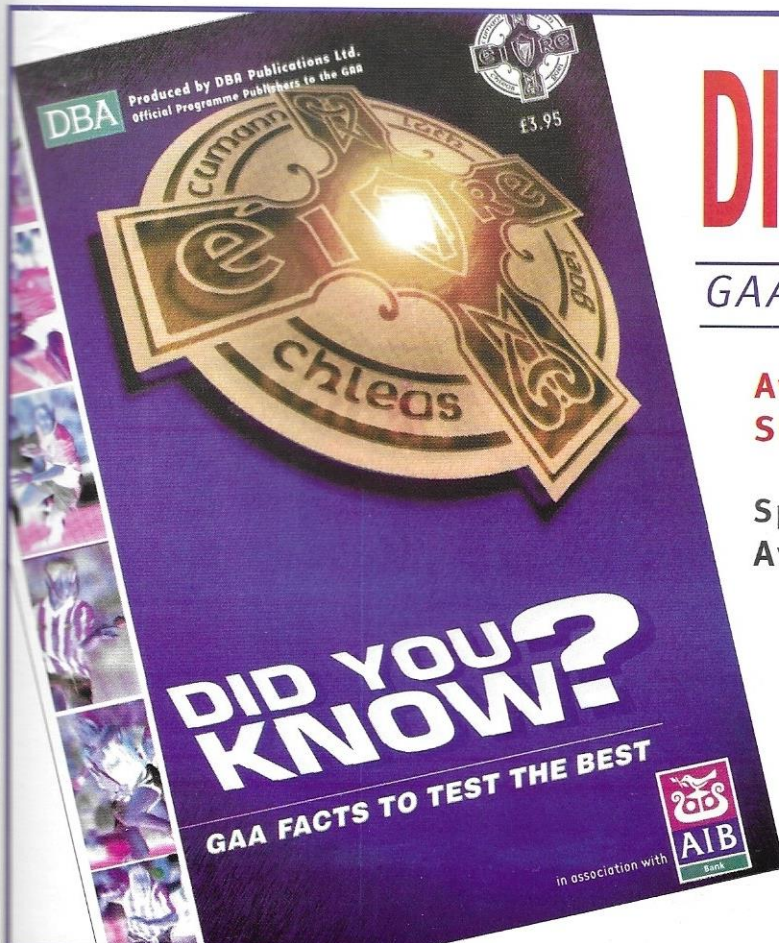
it's time to take the train

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- Who was the last Corkman presented with the old Sam Maguire Cup after an All-Ireland senior football final win?
- Who was Cork's captain when they beat Mayo in 1989 to win the new Sam Maguire Cup for the first time?
- How many goals did Mayo score in their drawn All-Ireland senior football final of 1996?
- How many All-Ireland senior football semi-finals have Mayo won in the nineties?
- Who captained Mayo in their unsuccessful All-Ireland senior football semi-final against Donegal in 1992?
- What was unusual about Mayo's win over Galway in a first round Connacht senior football championship tie in 1997 at Tuam Stadium?
- Cork retained the All-Ireland senior football title in 1990. Who were runners-up for the title that year?
- When did Cork last achieve an All-Ireland minor and senior football semi-finals double on the same day?
- Name the only Mayo man elected President of the G.A.A.
- What counties contested the last All-Ireland senior football semi-final between the Connacht and Munster champions?
- In what year did Connacht champions last fail to win an All-Ireland senior football semi-final?
- Mayo won the Connacht under-21 football title earlier this year. True or false?
- Who recently became the first Mayo man to be presented with an Eircell G.A.A. Personality of the Month award?
- Did Cork and Mayo meet in the 1968-69 Church and General National Football League?
- What was Mayo's winning margin over Offaly in the 1997 All-Ireland senior football semi-final—four, five or six points?
- Who captained Cork on their last appearance in an All-Ireland senior football semi-final—Niall Cahalane, Larry Tompkins or Ciaran O'Sullivan?
- Name the last Corkman to hold the position of President of the G.A.A.
- In what position did Kenneth Mortimer (Mayo) win an Eircell All Stars Award in 1997?
- Did Brian Corcoran win a Church and General National Football League medal with Cork last May?
- The late Sean Flanagan, chosen at left full back in the An Post Football Team Of The Millennium earlier this month, captained Mayo to one or two All-Ireland senior titles?

- Billy Morgan in 1973.
- Denis Allen.
- One.
- Two—1996 and 1997.
- Peter Ford from full back.
- That was their first senior championship win over Galway at the venue in 46 years.
- Meath.
- 1993 when they beat Galway at minor and Mayo at senior.
- Dr. Mick Loftus (1985-88).
- Mayo and Kerry in 1996.
- 1995 when Tyrone beat Galway.
- False. Roscommon won the title.
- James Horan, who was presented with the award last Monday for his performance in the Connacht final.
- No. They competed in different groups in the League.
- Six points—0-13 to 0-7.
- Niall Cahalane.
- Con Murphy (1976-79).
- Right full back.
- No.
- Two: 1950 and 1951.

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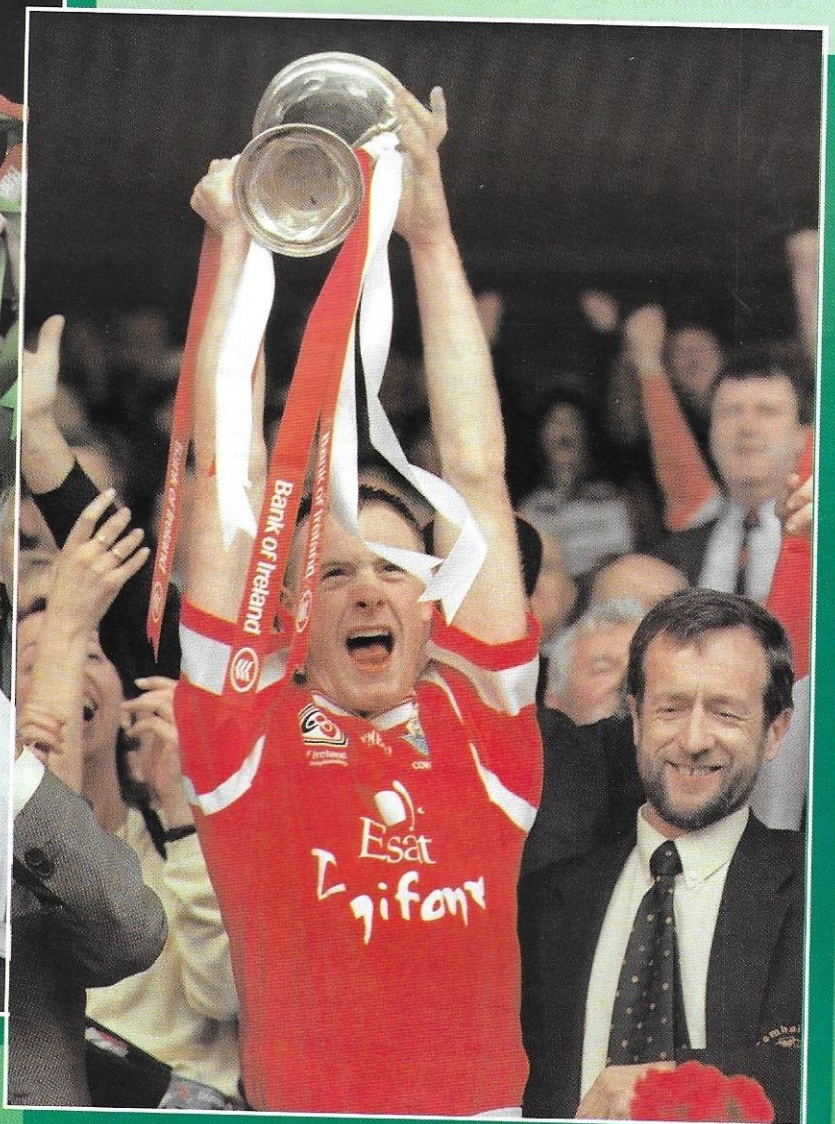
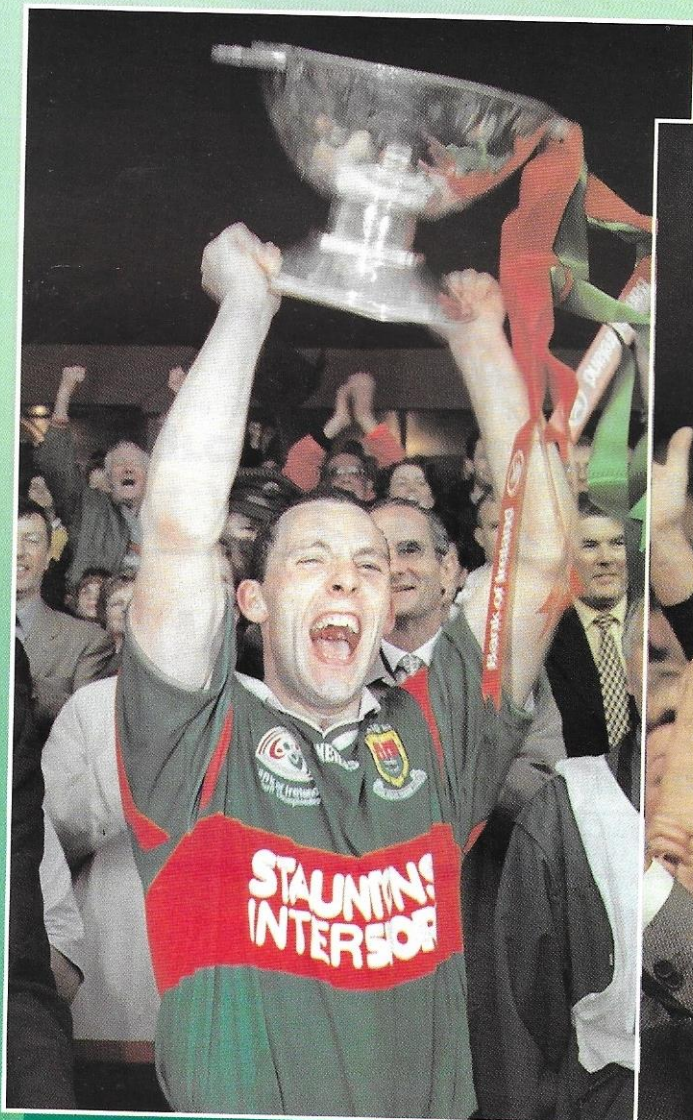
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The Most Recent League Clash...November '94

Cork 1-9; Mayo 0-7.

Cork had a fine first-half performance to thank for this victory over Mayo at Páirc Uí Rinn. Both sides went into this Division Two encounter without a point after two rounds and it was the home side, aided by the wind, who opened the scoring through a Colin Corkery free. By the end of the first quarter it was 0-4 to nil and when Pat Hegarty goaled on the stroke of half-time Cork looked unassailable leading by 1-7 to 0-1.

In the opening ten minutes of the second period Mayo knocked three points off their arrears but Corkery and Liam Honohan steadied Cork with points. However, Mayo continued to chip away at the deficit but had left themselves too

much to do and Cork held on for a somewhat flattering five-point victory.

Cork scorers: C.Corkery 0-4, P.Hegarty 1-1, T.McCarthy 0-2, D.Culloty 0-1, L.Honohan 0-1.
Mayo: P.Brogan 0-2, L.Niland 0-2, K.McDonald 0-1, B.Fitzpatrick 0-1, K.Staunton 0-1.

Cork: K.O'Dwyer, M.Farr, P.Hanley, B.Murphy, K.Cowhie, J.O'Driscoll, B.Coffey, L.Honohan, D.Culloty, J.Kavanagh, T.McCarthy, P.O'Mahony, S.Calnan, P.Hegarty, C.Corkery.
Subs - T.Griffin for O'Driscoll, L.Kavanagh for Murphy.

Mayo: B.Heffernan, P.Butler, K.Cahill, K.Mortimer, A.McGarry, M.Coleman, P.Holmes, C.McManamon, P.Fallon, L.Niland, P.Brogan, K.Lydon, K.McDonald, J.McCallion, B.Fitzpatrick.
Subs - K.Staunton for Fallon, J.Jennings for Lydon, S.Trench for Brogan.

Double Endeavours

Today Cork are attempting to complete the second leg of an All-Ireland semi-final double, a feat they last performed in 1990 - the last occasion on which they attempted it. Indeed, Cork have been foremost in this field of achievement in recent years, though Galway - because of their special position - have often threatened to emulate the Rebels.

Although there were a few All-Ireland semi-finals in both codes played in the last century it wasn't until 1900, when all four provinces were represented for the first time, that semi-finals became a permanent feature of the championship scene. Incidentally, in that inaugural year the semi-finalists involved the same four counties - Tipperary and Kilkenny in hurling and football, while Antrim and Galway were also listed to contest in both codes.

In the event, only the clash of the Leinster and Munster champions actually took place with Tipperary winning the hurling and Kilkenny the football. However, both the Premier sides advanced to the final; an objection resulted in the Central Council ordering a replay which Kilkenny refused to play thus

conceding a walk-over and presenting their neighbours with the first-ever - if slightly tarnished - semi-final double.

Cork's First

But if the Tipperary double was somewhat diminished, the same could not be said of Cork's double in 1901. The run in to the clashes with Mayo and Galway could not be faulted, and when the Redmonds back-boned hurling and the Nils back-boned football teams lined out at the Markets' Field in Limerick on May 17, 1903 they were much better prepared than the depleted Mayo and untried Galway teams that opposed them. And it showed. Galway were never in the hunt and right from the throw-in Cork were streaking away from the opposition and won as easily as suggested by a 7-12 to 1-4 scoreline.

Mayo's challenge survived for a little over half an hour. In fact, Mayo opened the scoring but by the interval it was 0-5 to 0-1 in Cork's favour. Thereafter Cork pulled away to win by 4-16 to 0-1. The Cork teams which recorded the first-ever All-Ireland semi-final double were:



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Football - S.Murphy, J.Murphy, J.McCarthy, D.J.Murphy, S.Groegar, J.Morrissey, M.O'Connor, T.O'Mahony, C.McCarthy, F.Searles, W.O'Neill, C.J.McCarthy, E.Allen, J.Walsh, P.O'Donnell, W.Mackessy, P.Daly.

The 1907 season brought a second 'dual' engagement. It was a repeat of the 1901 pairings but this time Galway went down by only four points (2-8 to 1-7) but it was again easy for the footballers who beat Mayo by 2-10 to 0-2 (both games at Limerick).

Mayo, interestingly, should have contested both semi-finals in 1910 as dual Connacht champions, but by the time they took the hurling honours, nominated Galway had lost to nominated Cork.

A Heavy Reverse

Cork's third attempt at the semi-final double was not until 1928 when they confronted the reigning All-Ireland champions - Kildare and Dublin. At the newly-opened Nowlan Park the hurlers scored a stunning 5-3 to 0-2 win over the city men, but the footballers, even in the familiar surrounds of the Athletic Grounds, were no match for the Lily Whites who led at the break by 1-5 to nil and finished easy winners by 3-7 to 0-2.

There was another division of the spoils in 1952. At Limerick the hurlers survived a great

Galway challenge to win by 1-5 to 0-6, but the footballers were caught on the post by a late Cavan rally (0-10 to 2-3) at Croke Park. And although Cork contested both All-Ireland finals in 1956 they did not play a hurling semi-final that year.

When Cork returned to the double arena in 1983 Galway hurlers presented few problems (5-14 to 1-16) but a last-minute goal at Croke Park earned Dublin a replay which they won with surprising ease at Páirc Uí Chaoimh by 4-15 to 1-10.

However, a gap of more than 80 years was gloriously bridged in 1990 when Cork hurlers cruised past Antrim by 2-20 to 1-13 and the footballers, though failing to find the net, readily accounted for Roscommon (0-17 to 0-10) to set the scene for the historic September double.

Since then Cork have had no opportunity of recording a semi-final double, but new incentives abound to end the decade as they began it - with the county's fourth All-Ireland semi-final double.

The teams that recorded Cork's most recent semi-final double lined out: Hurling - G.Cunningham, J.Considine, D.Walsh, S.O'Gorman, S.McCarthy, J.Cashman, K.McGuckin, P.Buckley, B.O'Sullivan, D.Quirke, T.Mulcahy, T.O'Sullivan, G.Fitzgerald, K.Hennessy, J.Fitzgibbon.
Football - J.Kerins, T.Nation, N.Cahalane, S.O'Brien, M.Slocum, C.Counihan, T.Davis, L.Tompkins, D.Culloty, P.Hayes, D.Barry, B.Coffey, C.O'Neill, S.Fahy, P.McGrath.

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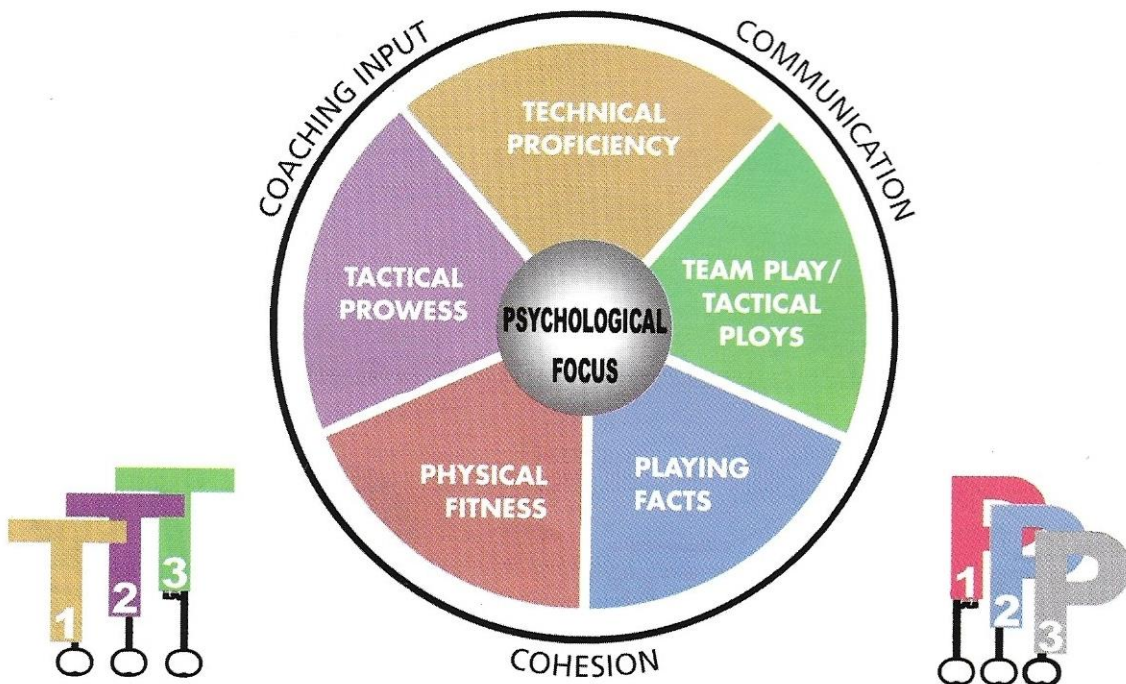


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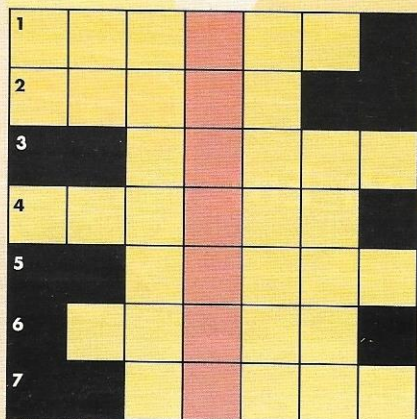
Who Am I?

I was named the Players' Player of the Year at last December's Eircell All Stars awards. I led my county from attack to the provincial senior football championship. I won my second All Stars award last year. I am a forward. I have one All-Ireland senior medal. My club is Tuam Stars.

Junior Crossword

Solve correctly the seven clues below and the shaded column will reveal the name of a footballer who captained his county in this season's Bank of Ireland senior championship (1,6).

- This county lost a Church and General National Football League semi-final earlier this year to Dublin after a replay.
- Surname of Colin, Sligo's full back in their Bank of Ireland Connacht senior football semi-final replay loss to Galway in early July.
- Dublin's left half back in their unsuccessful Leinster senior football final against Meath earlier this month (1,5).
- A Laois midfielder, who has won inter-provincial medals with Leinster.
- This defender captained two All-Ireland title winning teams in senior football last year.
- A Meath forward, who is back in top form after an absence through injury and who was in Australia with an Irish touring party recently.
- Tyrone's left full forward in the All-Ireland senior football final of 1995 (1,4).



Spot The Mistakes

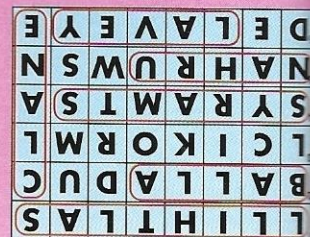
Below are six separate statements, each containing a deliberate mistake. What you have to do, of course, is to find the deliberate mistake in each piece.

- Derry and Cavan played a thrilling draw in an Ulster senior championship tie at Breffni Park in June.
- Kerry's Maurice Fitzgerald scored four points against Cork in the Munster senior football final in July.
- Crossmaglen Rangers, Armagh, had a fine win over Mayo opposition Knockmore in the AIB All-Ireland club football final last St. Patrick's Day.
- Waterford won the All-Ireland junior football title earlier this month for the first time by beating a good Dublin side in the final.
- Kildare were captained by Martin Lynch in their Leinster senior football final win of last year.
- Cork's hopes of senior football championship glory last year were ended by Kerry in the Munster final at Killarney.

Club Maze

The names of six clubs are hidden in our Letters Maze below. They can run across from left to right, right to left, upwards, downwards or diagonally.

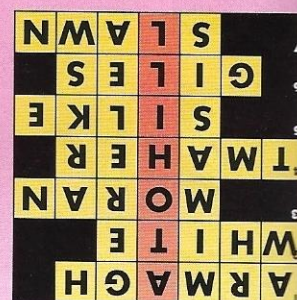
Here are the six clubs in question: St. Mary's, Urhan, Clane, Salthill, Lavey, Balla.



Club Maze

- Derry and Cavan drew at Casement Park.
- Maurice Fitzgerald did not score in the Munster final.
- Ballina Stephenites, not Knockmore, lost to Crossmaglen Rangers.
- Waterford beat Meath in the junior final.
- Kildare were captained by Glen Ryan.
- Cork lost to Kerry in a semi-final, not a final, last year.

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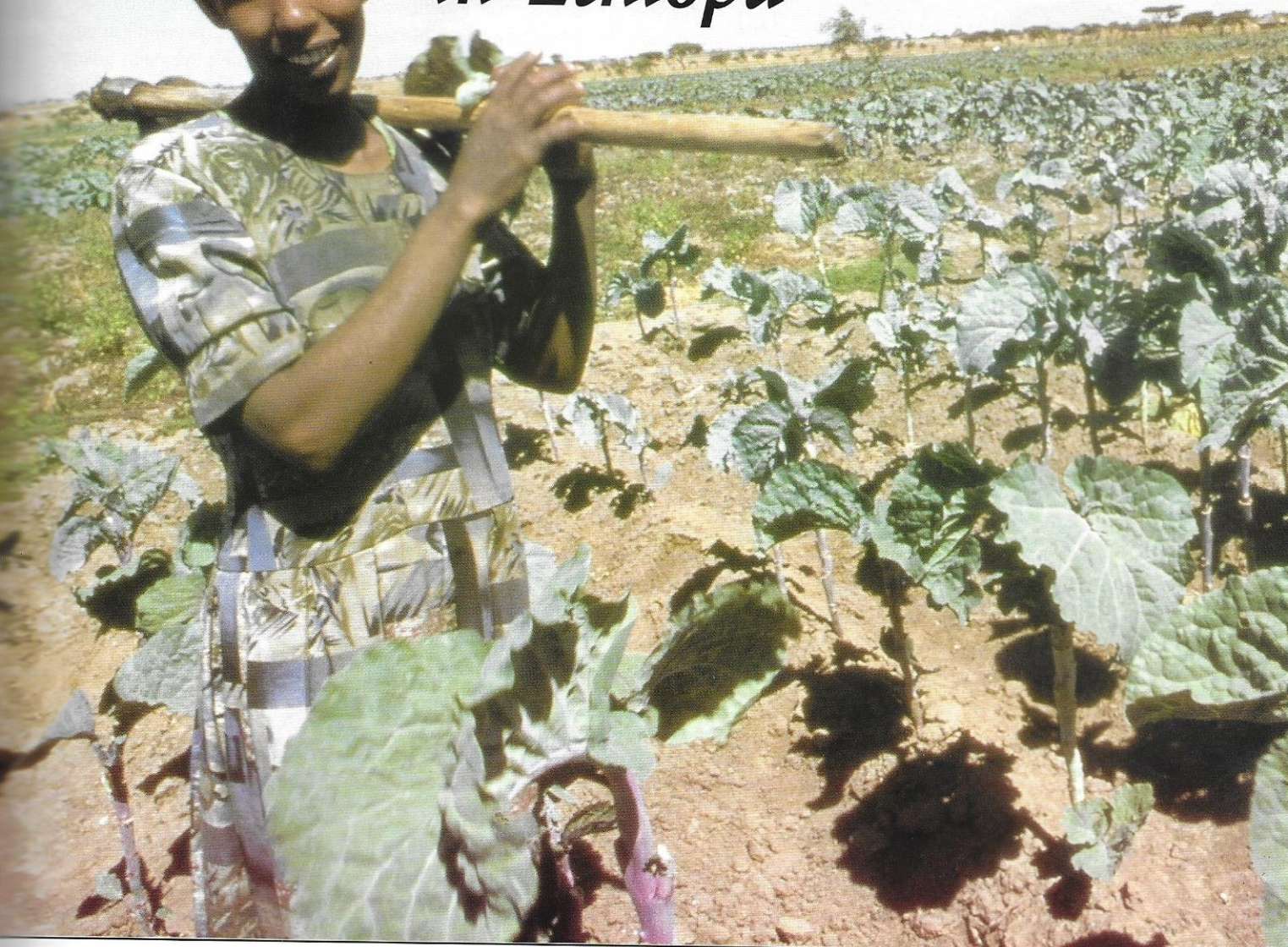


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Cumann na mBunscol

Forty Cumann na mBunscol footballers will hold centre-stage today at half-time in the senior match, as the Gaelic Athletic Association gives pride of place to the children from the I.N.T.O./G.A.A. Mini-Sevens to display their skills in a short exhibition mini-game. 240 children will have this wonderful opportunity during the All-Ireland series, providing them with a unique experience to cherish for the rest of their lives and giving Cumann na mBunscol a platform to showcase the Gaelic games development work that is going on in Primary schools throughout the country.

- Cumann na mBunscol promotes Gaelic Football, Hurling, Camogie, Handball and Rounders in the Primary Schools of all 32 counties.
- Girls' Gaelic football has been one of the fastest growing areas of the organisation in recent years.
- Strong Cumann na mBunscol units operate in today's competing counties.
- Cumann na mBunscol in Cork is known as Sciath na Scol and is the oldest formally organised unit in the country having been founded in 1903.
- Girls participated in the half-time mini-game at this year's Connacht final for the first time. Teams from Galway and Mayo entertained the large crowd and there was a special welcome for Sile Seoighe, Scoil Ronáin, Inis Mór, and Sinéad Nic Chonchra, Scoil Chaoimhín, Inis Oírr, the first children from the islands to play in Cumann na mBunscol mini-games.
- Munster Council Chairman, Sean Kelly, has praised Cumann na mBunscol throughout the summer in his address in Munster Championship programmes. He described the Primary game as "an established *sine qua non* on major match days ... it's always enjoyable, sporting and innocent ... it has an appeal all of its own and the inclusion of both boys and girls' games has been an important new dimension. He added "We are very proud and grateful for the enormous amount of quality work being done by the primary school teachers".

Best Mates

To be picked for the Mini-Sevens is a great thrill, but to be selected along with your best friend and near neighbour makes it even more special. Dual players Thomas Murray and Patrick Cronin represent Scoil Eoin, Ballincollig today and both play for Bishopstown club. Not surprisingly, Liam Honohan is their favourite player and they are confident that the Rebels will march on to the All-Ireland final today. Thomas thinks the Cork backs will swing it while Patrick feels the Southern champions all-round strength will be decisive. They think a Cork football/hurling double is a distinct possibility and feel Brian Corcoran will have a big influence on the Hurling final. Their teacher, Leo Lowney, will be proud of

them today while Thomas will be cheered on by his brother Brian and sister Niamh. Patrick will have the support of this three sisters Joanne, Denise and Elaine as he makes his Croke Park debut.



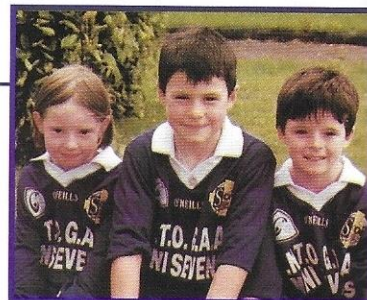
Double Take

Twins Austin and Fergal Lyons attend St. Mary's N.S. Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo and were in Croke Park last Sunday when Fergal lined out in the Clare colours in the Mini-Sevens and Austin, who was injured during the Mini-Sevens Regional Festival, participated as a linesman. They are confident of a Western victory today with their favourite players Aidan Higgins and Kevin Cahill having a key influence on the outcome. Teacher Jim Lunden looked after the skilful St. Mary's team that won the Mayo Mini-Sevens and brought them to the Connacht Regional Festival where Fergal was selected for his big day in Croke Park. A Mayo success today would be a perfect end to a memorable year for this talented duo.



The Blue Brigade

The Mini-Sevens "Blue Brigade" is a most important part of the half-time show during today's Senior match. Twenty children carry the distinctive I.N.T.O./G.A.A. Mini-Sevens banner on to the field, act as umpires, linesmen and runners and generally provide all the support necessary for organis-



Deirdre Ní Meachair, Pat Hughes and Conor O'Riordan played an important part in last week's Mini-Sevens.

ers Tim Maher and Neasa Ní Laoire to provide a platform for our young footballers to perform on today.

Moving the Goalposts

Until recently the task of erecting the portable goals used in the Mini-Sevens was a major feat of engineering. The 18 piece structure had to be assembled in less than 45 seconds to maximise the time available for the children to play on the Croke Park stage. The teachers of Cumann na mBunscol, Áth Cliath, had the routine off to a fine art. Twenty-six seconds was the record as 4 teams of "constructors" vied for the honour of being the fastest crew. Thankfully, Seán Tobin of Goalpost Ireland, Tallow, Co. Waterford, generous sponsor of the goals for Cumann na mBunscol, had greatly improved the situation with the introduction of his latest 6-piece ensemble. The entire operation can now be completed



in a much shorter time span, giving more playing time to the children and an easier life to stressed-out teachers."



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