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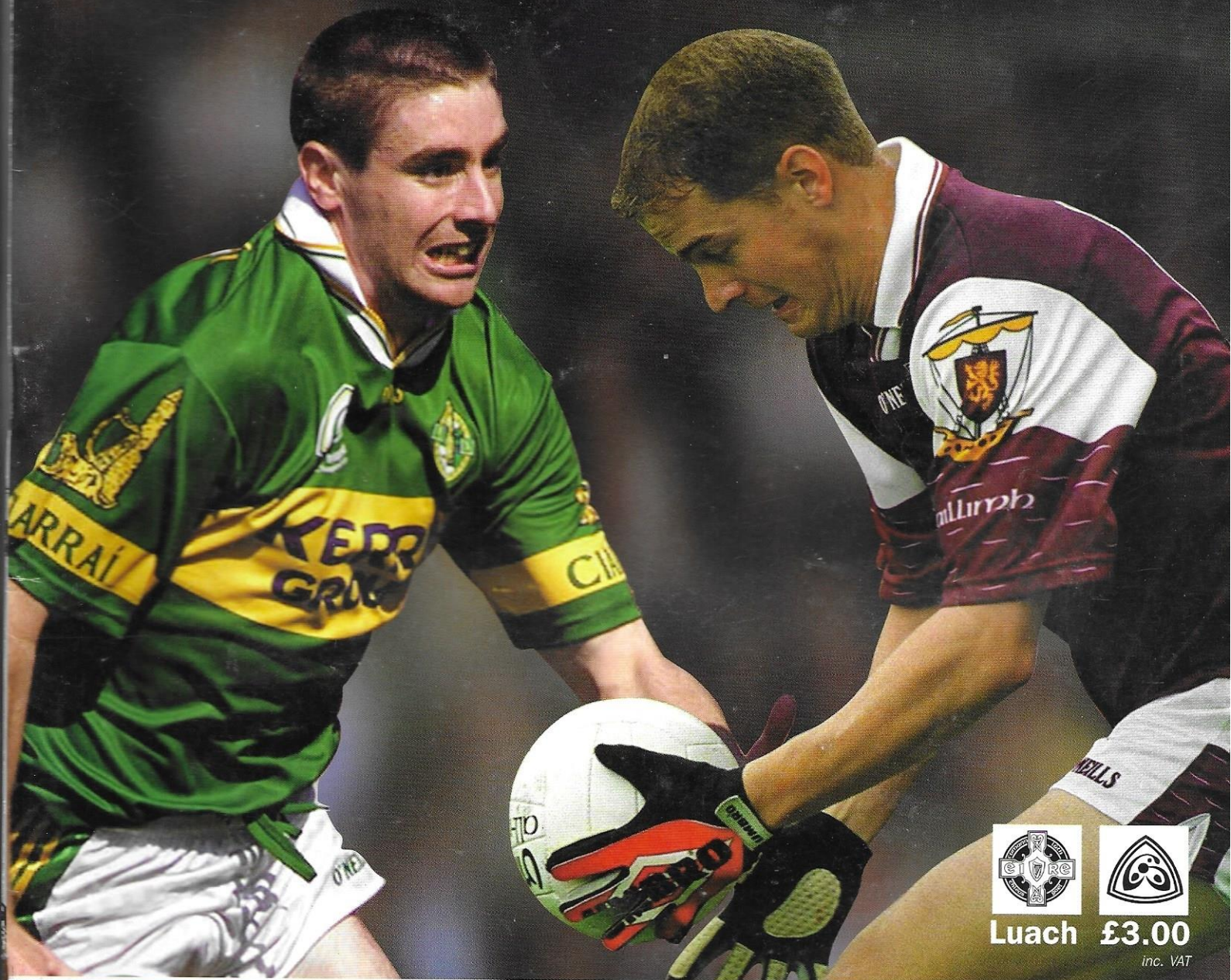
**Cluichí Ceannais
Peile na hÉireann
2000**



Clár Oifigiúil

Kian Ó Maolmíchéil
Árd Stúirthóir

**Páirc an Chrócaigh
24 Meán Fómhair 2000**



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Bank of Ireland

Football Championship





Cluichí Ceannais Peile na hÉireann

Mionúir

Corcaigh v. Maigh Eo

1.30 i.n.

Réiteoir: **Michael Monaghan** (Cill Dara)

Linesmen: **G. Lynch** (Fear Manach) **STAND-BY REFEREE**

P. Fox (An Iarmhí)

J. McKee (Ard Mhacha) **STAND-BY LINESMAN**

Umpires: **John Joe Byrne, Kieran O'Donnell, John O'Toole, Jack Monaghan** (Raheen).

Sinsir

Ciarraí v. Gaillimh

3.30 i.n.

Réiteoir: **Pat McEnaney** (Muineachán)

Linesmen: **S. McCormack** (An Mhí) **STAND-BY REFEREE**

M. McGrath (Dún na nGall)

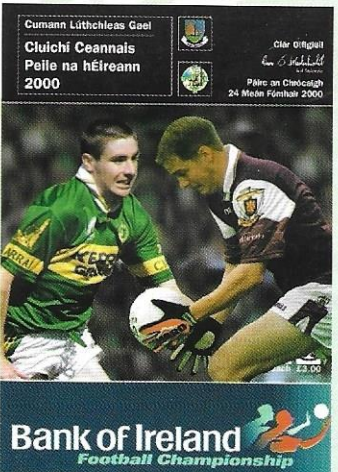
J. McKee (Ard Mhacha) **STAND-BY LINESMAN**

Umpires: **Francie McMahon** (Killaney), **Gene Coleman** (Dunamoyne),
Jimmy Finnegan (Carrickmacross), **Terr Kiernan** (Carrickmacross).

Amhrán na bhFiann

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

Ár gClúdach



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Our cover features

Darragh Ó Sé (Ciarraí) and
Michael Donnellan (Gaillimh).

Ground Regulations – Páirc An Chrócaigh

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

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

Public Telephone Locations

New Stand

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

NOTICE

THE CROKE PARK AREA RESIDENTS ALLIANCE

The Croke Park Area Residents Alliance would like to welcome you to Croke Park and we hope that you will have a nice day.

Our Alliance represents ten Tenants and Residents Associations in the areas around the stadium. We are here 365 days of the year and we appreciate that fans want to come and support their teams in important matches.

We would ask that you treat the people and the public areas around Croke Park in the way that you would hope you and your streets would be treated, if large crowds were to come to your community for any reason.

Thankfully, the vast majority of people attending Croke Park do just that but unfortunately there are a few who persist in anti-social behaviour such as illegal and dangerous parking, littering, entering private property, and acting in an intimidating fashion towards individuals.

We are working in partnership with the GAA to minimise the impact of large crowds in the area. This includes liaison with the Gardaí, Dublin Transport Office, the Corporation's Cleansing Section and local businesses.

We would appreciate it if you could assist us by thinking before you park the car illegally - clamping is now being extended to Sundays in the area; before you discard that paper wrapping - Litter Wardens too, are on duty; or before you act smart with those who look vulnerable to your group - the Gardaí are increasing their numbers on the streets.

Thank you for taking the time to read our piece and we hope you get the result you came for.

SAFETY NOTICE

In the interests of safety, patrons will not be allowed to enter the playing area after the games.

The policy to prohibit such encroachment in the future has been taken to avoid further injuries and possible fatality and has been taken on the advice and promptings of the safety authorities, namely the Gardaí, Dublin Corporation & Fire Brigade and the Eastern Health Board.

Supporters are sincerely thanked for their co-operation to date and are asked to continue this co-operation in the future to ensure that games can be enjoyed without recourse to fencing or avoidable obstructions to seeing the action from all vantage points. Together we can ensure that a Croke Park experience is both enjoyable and safe, particularly for the young and vulnerable.

Medical / Lost Children

Hogan Stand: Ambulance rere of Nally/Hogan.

New Stand Lower: Medical Centre rere of Section 301.

New Stand Upper: Medical Centre rere of Section 701. Treatment and Cardiac Ambulance rere of Stand. Medical Personnel on duty on Premium & Box Level.

Canal Stand: (Premium and Box Level): Mobile Patrol by St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

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

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

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

Lost Children

Lost Children can be collected at the above Medical Centres.

Teachtaireacht an Uachtaráin



Fearaim fíorchoin fáilte romhaibh go léir go dtí Páirc an Chrócaigh do Chluichí Ceannais Peile na hÉireann don chéad uair sa mhílaois nua. Fáilim ar leith roimh na foirne, na hoifigigh agus an lucht leanúna ó Chiarraí, Gaillimh, Corcaigh agus Maigh Eo.

At the end of another dramatic championship which has now provided us with a senior final that resonates with all the great traditions of Gaelic football, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to Croke Park today.

As we start a new millennium we are also entering into an exciting new era for the game of Gaelic football. From a position of great strength when the game is attracting greater numbers of participants and supporters, we are debating the prospects of changes to our major competition.

The debate has been healthy, as we expected when consideration is being given to changing a format that has served us so well since the foundation of the Association. The variety of ideas and the willingness of our members to engage in debate, ensures that we will arrive at the right formula to guarantee an even better championship package for the future.

Throughout the four provinces since the championship began last May, we have witnessed some extraordinary scenes of drama; wonderful football, giant-killing acts that brought new names to the fore; and individual contributions that have graced our major stadia and provided inspiration for the stars of the future.

Today's finalists, Galway and Kerry, are true representatives of the best the game has to offer. They combine skill with speed and physical power. The traditional rivalry between two great football counties ensures that the occasion as well as the game will be very special.

They have come through a difficult campaign. The beaten semi-finalists Armagh and Kildare brought a wonderfully

refreshing quality to the All-Ireland series. Defeat was, quite naturally, a terrible blow for the players and supporters but looking back they can be happy that they made a wonderful contribution and deserve our gratitude.

The minor finalists also came through a testing series. Mayo reached this stage after a replay against Westmeath, while Cork were narrow one-point victors over Derry. All teams have played to a very high standard in 2000 and we can be content that the future is in safe hands.

Of course, there are many people responsible for ensuring that our championships are so strong - the coaches at every level, parents, school, club and county officials, the supporters and match officials. Referees, linesmen and umpires have the most difficult tasks in Gaelic games and I salute them for their commitment and dedication. Without them we simply would not have our games.

In this highly commercial age our sponsors are to be valued. The Bank of Ireland is one of the longest standing sponsors of the GAA and again I wish to record my appreciation to the bank for its backing of the football championship.

Guím rath ar na himreoirí ar fad a bheidh ag dul sa choimhlint inniu. Tá traidisiún na peile go smior oesna contaetha atá ag glacadh páirte. Táimid go léir ag trúth le chuichí breátha spóirtúla agus tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh sult agus taitneamh as cluichí agus imeachtaí an lae inniu.

Ar deireadh, guím beannachtaí an Chumainn oraibh ar fad. Gabhaim buíochas libh as ucht bhúr dtacaíocht agus bhur ndílseacht dár gluichí.

Seán Mac Thaidhg.

Seán Mac Thaidhg,
Uachtarán CLG.



Welcome from Bank of Ireland

The first Bank of Ireland Football Championship of the new millennium and what a season it has been so far! Today's final brings to thirty-five the number of games played this summer, including four replays. Over 811,000 fans have enjoyed the action since the first game kicked off back in May and today a further 63,000 supporters are here in Croke Park to witness this eagerly awaited final.

We in Bank of Ireland are delighted to be associated with Ireland's premier sporting event. Our relationship with the GAA began back in 1979 with the sponsorship of the All-Stars and earlier this year we placed a vote of confidence in the GAA by extending our sponsorship of the Football Championship for another four years until 2003.

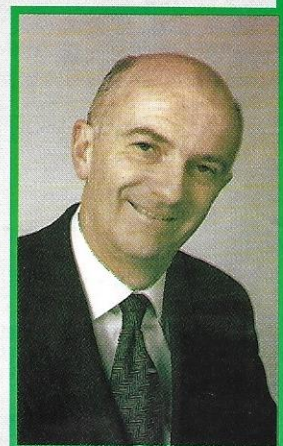
Our aim throughout the sponsorship has been to add to the enjoyment of supporters all over the country. I know many of you here today have had a chance to literally get your hands on the Sam Maguire trophy.

We hope that the replicas we have distributed will be a treasured keepsake from this unforgettable day.

This year inspired by the passion of fans we have helped to increase the awareness of the Football Championship through an exciting new TV advertising campaign. This is a further development of the 'Ask Not What Your County Can Do For You?' theme which has proved so popular over the past two years.

To date Kerry have a phenomenal thirty-one titles to their credit but Galway, with eight, were victorious when the two teams last met, in an All-Ireland Football Final, back in 1965. So to today's teams and supporters from Galway and Kerry. I wish you the very best of luck and hope you enjoy the excitement and atmosphere of this great sporting occasion.

John Collins,
Chief Executive Retail Businesses,
Bank of Ireland



Clár an Lae

- 12.15 i.n.** The Artane Boys Band entertains.
- 1.13 i.n.** Foireann Mhionúir Chorcaigh amach ar an bPáirc.
- 1.15 i.n.** Foireann Mhionúir Mhaigh Eo amach ar an bPáirc.
- 1.25 i.n.** Arrival of Uachtarán C.L.G. Seán Mac Thaidhg agus a bhean; Éirleamh C.L.G. An Dr. Diarmuid Ó Clumháin, Ardeaspag Caiseal agus Imleach. Salute.
- 1.27 i.n.** Arrival of An Taoiseach. Salute.
- 1.30 i.n.** Craobh Mhionúir Peile na hÉireann.
Corcaigh v. Maigh Eo
- 2.01 i.n.** GAA/INTO Mini-Sevens.
- 2.40 i.n.** End of Minor Football Final.
- 2.45 i.n.** Presentation of the Minor Trophy by An Dr. Diarmuid Ó Clumháin.
- 2.54 i.n.** Artane Boys Band recital.
- 2.58 i.n.** Kerry Jubilee team introduced by Mick Dunne.
- 3.08 i.n.** Foireann Chiarraí amach ar an bPáirc.
- 3.11 i.n.** Foireann na Gaillimhe amach ar an bPáirc.
- 3.18 i.n.** Uachtarán na hÉireann meets the teams.
- 3.23 i.n.** Paráid na bhFóirne.
- 3.28 i.n.** Amhrán na bhFiann.
- 3.30 i.n.** Craobh Shínsir Peile na hÉireann:
Ciarraí v. Gaillimh
- 4.08 i.n.** Salute to the Counties - The Artane Boys Band with Ronan Tynan.
- 4.15 i.n.** Second half begins.
- 4.50 i.n.** Senior game ends.
- 4.55 i.n.** Presentation of runners-up medals by Uachtarán C.L.G. Seán Mac Thaidhg.
- 4.58 i.n.** Presentation of the Sam Maguire Trophy to the winning captain by Uachtarán C.L.G. Seán Mac Thaidhg.

The Music Programme of The Artane Boys Band

Musical Director: **Ronan O'Reilly**
Tenors: **Paul Hennessy** - National Anthem.
Ronan Tynan - County Songs.

- 12.25 i.n. **Dublin Millennium March** F. O'Carroll
The Thunderer J.P. Sousa
Step Together F. O'Carroll
- 1.00 i.n. **Our Flirtations** J.P. Sousa
On The One Road A.J. Potter
- 1.25 i.n. **Salute** for Uachtarán, CLG. R. O'Reilly.
- 1.27 i.n. Arrival of An Taoiseach, Mr. Bertie Ahern T.D..
Salute. J. Lynch.
- 2.04 i.n. **Mairseáil Uí Chonchubhair** A.J. Potter
- 2.54 i.n. **Blaze Away** Holzmann
- 2.58 i.n. The Jubilee Team 1975 - Ciarraí
The Rose of Tralee Arr. R. O'Reilly.
- 3.08 i.n. **Salute** to Kerry Fanfare No. 1
- 3.11 i.n. **Salute** to Galway Fanfare No. 2
- 3.18 i.n. **Presidential Salute.**

3.20 i.n. Uachtarán na hÉireann meets the teams.
"The Star of the County Down"
Arr. R. O'Reilly.

3.23 i.n. Paráid na bhFóirne.
"God Save Ireland" Arr. J. Lynch.

3.28 i.n. **Amhrán na bhFiann.** A.J. Potter
Tenor: Paul Hennessy.

4.08 i.n. County Tunes with Ronan Tynan.
"The Rose of Tralee" Arr. R. O'Reilly.
"The Fields of Athenry" Arr. R. O'Reilly.

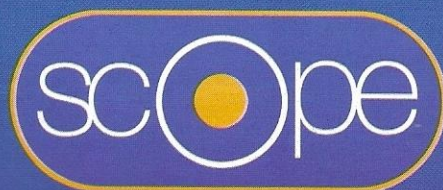
THE ARTANE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

The Artane Boys Band is one of the musical ensembles of The Artane School of Music, which also includes The Artane Wind Ensemble, Artane Jazz Ensemble and A.S.M. Sax Quartet. A new series of musical education programmes begin in the school next month. Further details from Anthony Long, Administrator, The Artane School of Music, St. David's Park, Artane, Dublin 5. Telephone: (01) 8318929, Fax: (01) 8329807. Email: artaneschoolofmusic@eircom.net



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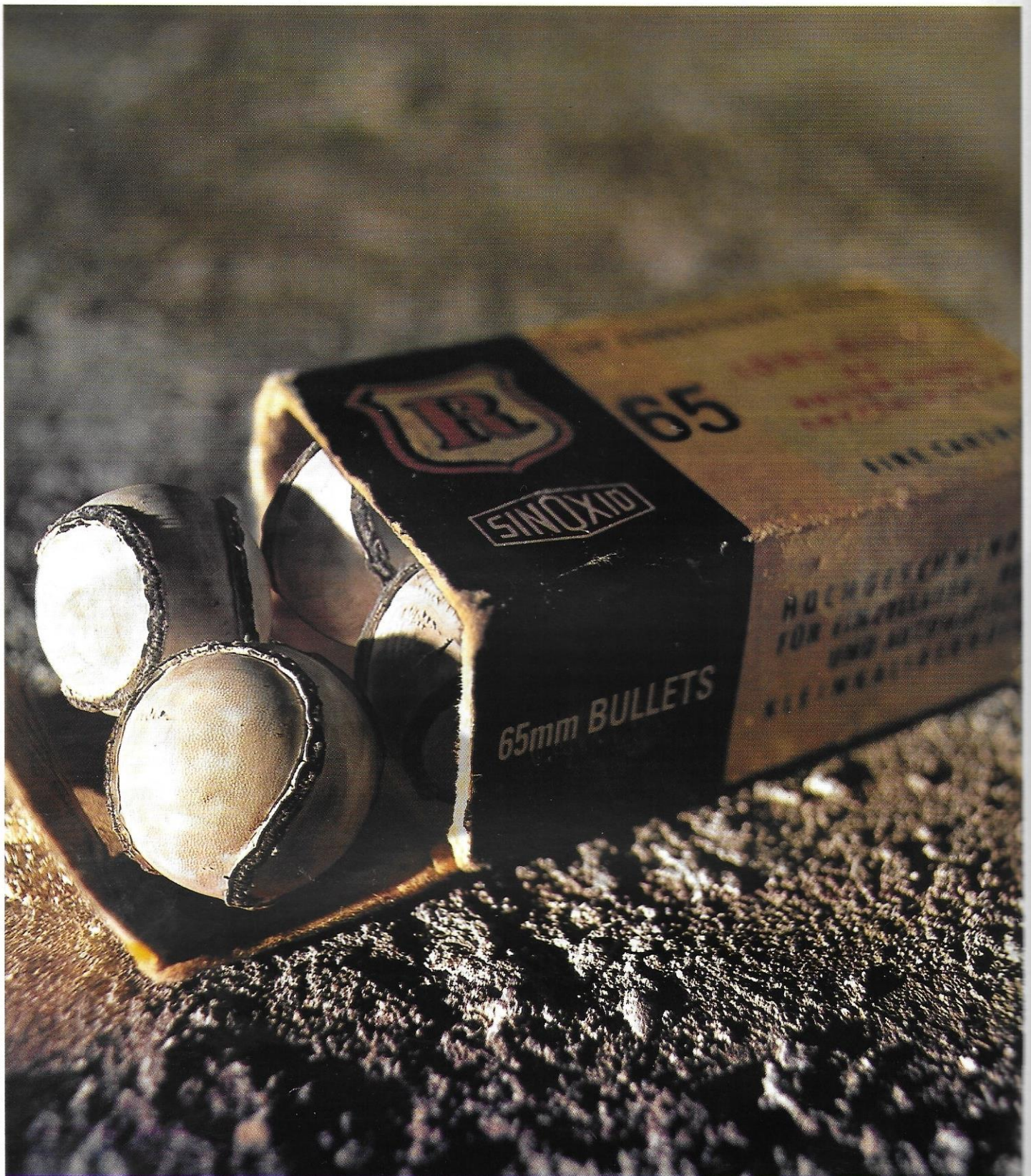
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It's not just the crowd that goes ballistic.

When an Eircell GAA Hurling All Star cannons the ball into the back of the net, he does so with power, precision and passion.

As the proud sponsors of this year's fifteen outstanding players, we're delighted to congratulate the Eircell GAA Hurling All Stars, and share in their single-minded aim - to be the very best.



The Sam Maguire Cup



The new Sam Maguire Cup was first on "offer" in 1988 when Meath, captained by Mick Lyons, and Cork, led by Tony Nation, played a draw. Joe Cassells was named as Meath's captain early in 1988, but missed a number of championship games because of injury. However, he went into the drawn final as a substitute, regained his place for the replay and took over the role of captain. Meath won and Cassells earned a special place in the new Sam Maguire Cup story.

Since then the Cup has been presented to Dinny Allen (Cork) in 1989, Larry Tompkins (Cork) in 1990, Paddy O'Rourke (Down) in 1991, Anthony Molloy (Donegal) in 1992, Henry Downey (Derry) in 1993, D.J. Kane (Down) in 1994, John O'Leary (Dublin) in 1995, Tommy Dowd (Meath) in 1996, Liam Hassett (Kerry) in 1997, Ray Silke (Galway) in 1998 and Graham Geraghty (Meath) last year.

Final memories of thirty-five years ago

The Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football championship final brings Galway and Kerry into opposition at this stage of the championship for the first time since 1965.

That was the second successive final between the counties and Galway made it two wins in a row over the Kingdom with an 0-12 to 0-9 success before an attendance of 77,735.

The final proved a disappointing affair. Three players were ordered to the line by referee Mick Loftus.

However, the game still had some worth-while features. Martin Newell had an outstanding match at left half back for Galway and his powerful football, backed by good work by midfielders Pat Donnellan and Mick Garrett, ensured that the champions attack received a good supply.

Galway had to change their midfield hours before the throw-in as Mick Reynolds, an All-Ireland medal winner a year earlier, cried off with tonsillitis. But the rearranged partnership proved very effective.

Cyril Dunne, with his accuracy from frees, and Sean Cleary, who had some exciting defence-splitting runs, were the pick of a Galway attack that moved well and took points in fine style.

Seamus Murphy and Jerdie O'Connor were very instrumental in ensuring that the Kerry defence did not concede a goal, while Bernie O'Callaghan, a tireless worker and accurate finisher from frees, and Mick O'Dwyer set the standard in the Kerry attack.

Kerry trailed at the break by 0-4 to 0-7. For a spell in the second half Mick O'Connell brought the Munster champions more into the picture around the middle of the park, but the Sam Maguire Cup holders regained the initiative there as the game wore on.

SUCCESSFUL DEFENCE

Galway's win was historic as it marked their first-ever successful defence of the title. Kerry were bidding for their 21st All-Ireland senior crown.

A year earlier Galway, beaten by Dublin in the 1963 All-Ireland final, owed much to Cyril Dunne for their 0-15 to 0-10 win over Kerry.

Right half forward Dunne was industrious, very effective and finished with nine points as he brought the third All-Ireland senior football medal to the family. His father, John, was in the sides that won the Sam Maguire Cup in 1934 and 1938.

Dunne's exciting exhibition illuminated a final that fell well below expectations as Kerry laboured for most of the game against a lively and inventive Western side.

Galway were fast, purposeful, had the better of the midfield exchanges and made good use of the fisted pass, especially in the closing stages.

John Donnellan, who played a true captain's part at right half back, and Martin Newell at left half back, Mick Reynolds and Mick Garrett at midfield and Mattie McDonagh in attack, in addition to Dunne, impressed for Galway.

Johnny Culloty brought off some good saves in the Kerry goal. Denis O'Sullivan in defence, Mick O'Connell at midfield and Donie O'Sullivan, who started at midfield and later had a spell in attack, were best for the Kingdom.

The game attracted an attendance of 76,498.

LAST KERRY WIN

Kerry's last All-Ireland senior final win over Galway was in 1959 when a scoring burst in a three minutes spell early in the second half that yielded 2-1 set them on the road to a comfortable 3-7 to 1-4 success.

The sides were level, 1-2 for Galway, to 0-5, at the interval. Six minutes into the second half right half forward Dan McAuliffe goaled for Kerry.

A minute later Mick O'Dwyer hit a point and after two further minutes McAuliffe was back for another goal and Kerry were firmly on their way.

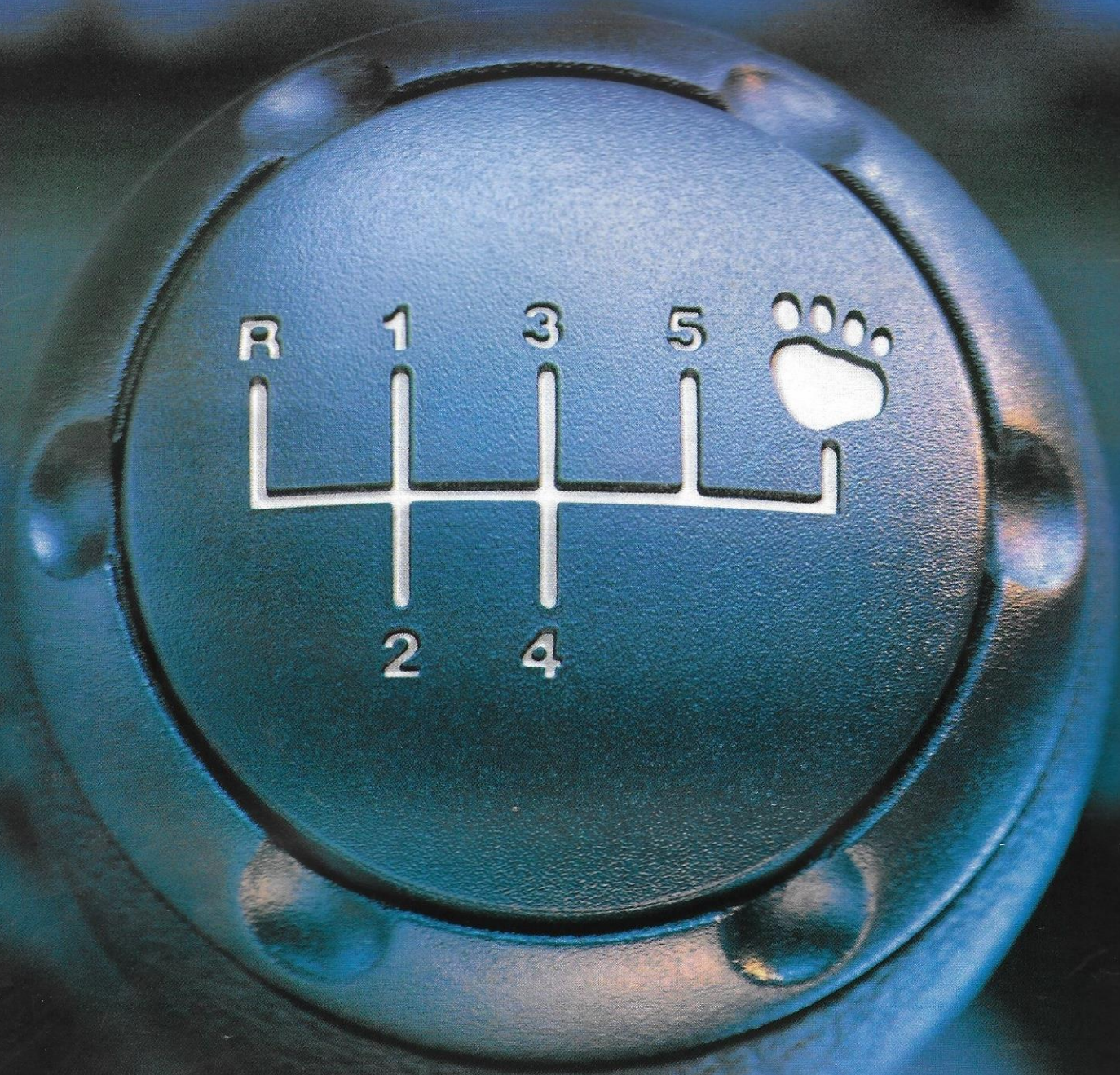
McAuliffe finished with 2-2 and substitute Gary McMahon got Kerry's third goal.

That final drew an attendance of 85,897.



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Dála an craobhchluiche iomána anuraidh do Chorn Mhic Cárthaigh tá dhá chontae iomráiteacha peile, a bhíodh in adharca a chéile fadó, ar ais mar chéilí comhraic do Chorn Mhí Uidhir inniu, is iad sin, Ciarraí agus Gaillimh. Is fada ó casadh ar a chéile iad agus ceaptar go bhfuil áthas ar na seanóirí sa lucht leanta gurb amhlaidh atá an scéal i mbiliana.

Cé go raibh siad araon i bPáirc An Chrócaigh go buacach le déanaí ar an 'lá mór', Ciarraí i 1997 agus Gaillimh i 1998, cuimhnítear nach raibh fir na Ríochta ann ó 1986 roimhe sin nuair a bhain siad an ceann deireannach de thrí chraobh as a chéile agus nach raibh fir na dTreabh ann ó 1983 nuair a bhuaill Áth Cliath iad. B'é an uair dheiridh gur casadh ar a chéile iad sa chraobhchluiche ná i 1965 nuair a bhí an lá leis na Gaillimhigh; smaoinítear gurbé sin an dara craobh de thrí cinn as a chéile a thuaigh na hIartharaigh go héachtach i 1964, 1965 agus 1966.

Don staraí is cóir a ríomhadh gur casadh an dá chontae den chéad uair ar a chéile chomh fada siar le 1919 sa chluiche leathcheannais nuair a bhí comhscór ann an chéad lá agus go raibh an bua ag Gaillimh san athimirt.

Is i 1938 a chéad casadh ar a chéile iad sa chraobhchluiche agus arís bhí comhscór ann an chéad lá. Bhuaigh na Gaillimhigh an athimirt leis an scór 2-4 v. 0-7. Ach tháinig na Ciarraigh ar ais go tréan i 1939, 1940 agus 1941 chun trí chraobh as a chéile a bhaint agus i gcás an dá cheann deiridh sin b'iad na Gaillimhigh a cloíodh. Ach murach an bua san athimirt ag Gaillimh i 1938 bhéadh cúig chraobh as a chéile bainte ag An Ríocht mar gur thug siad an chraobh leo i 1937 in aghaidh An Dhabháin.

Conas mar a sheasann siad i gcomparáid lena chéile i mbiliana? Ní bréag a rá nár tugadh triail cheart do Chiarraí i gCúige Mumhan cé's móite den dara leath in aghaidh Chorcaí sa chéad bhabhta. Tá an céanna fíor faoi Ghaillimh; níor tástáladh go ró-dhian iad i gCraobhchomortas Chonnachta. Sa chluiche leathcheannais in aghaidh Chill Dara cuireadh teist dhian ar na hIartharaigh agus táthar ann a cheapann go mbeadh sé dian orthu bua a bhaint dá mbeadh an cúigear déag imreoirí ar an bpáirc ag Cill Dara don fiche noiméad deireannacha; mar sin féin bhí trí chúilín le spáráil ag Gaillimh agus iad in éagmais iata ('Ja') Ó Fallúin ar na tosaí

Is fíor áfach gur cuireadh tástáil i bhfad níos déine ar Chiarraí sa chluiche leathcheannais eile in aghaidh churaidh Uladh, Ard Mhacha. Dairíre bhí an t-ádh le Chiarraí comhscór a bhaint an chéad lá agus tá's ag an saol fódhladh go raibh breis ama i gceist san athimirt sula bhfuair curaidh na Mumhan an lámh in uachtar.

Is cinnte gur rinne an dá chluiche sin an t-uafás maitheasa do Chiarraí - go dtí sin ní raibh an bhainistíocht cinnte faoi na suíomhanna ab' fheárr dá n-imreoirí. Ar ndóigh bhain bainisteoir na Gaillimhe go leor eolais ón gcluiche le Cill Dara chomh maith.

Ceaptar nach mbeidh biseach iomlán ar Ó Fallúin chun páirt a ghlacadh sa chluiche inniu agus is trua sin. Bhí an chuma ar an scéal go raibh Muiris Mac Gearailt ag teacht chuige féin go maith sa dara cluiche in aghaidh Ard Mhacha agus ceaptar (agus seo á scríobh) go mbeidh sé ar an bhfoireann ón tús inniu. Ba bhuntáiste mór do Chiarraí é sin.

Ceaptar go bhfuil na tacaigh ag Chiarraí, mar aonad, níos muiníní ná iad súid ag Gaillimh leis an bhfainic amháin seo - go bhfuil an leathlíne cosanta ag Gaillimh chomh maith is atá sa tír ach go bhfuil 'laige' áirithe taobh thiar díobh. Níl aon amhras ach go mbeidh an lámh in uachtar ag Gaillimh i lár na pairce mar tá Breathnach ar ais ar a shean-léim agus tá Ó hAimhirgín do-chloíte - an taon laige atá air ná go gcuireann sé roinnt ciceanna ar fán uaireanta.

Meastar go bhfuil na tosaí ag Gaillimh ar fheabhas agus nach bhfuil sárú an chaptaein, Pádraic Seoighe, nó Micheál Ó Domhnalláin ar fáil. Mar aonad táid rí-mhaith agus in ann scóranna a ghnóthú ó 30/40 slat amach rud atá neamh-choitianta na laethanta seo. Níl Muiris Mac Gearailt, Dara Ó Cinnéide, Seán Ó Cruaíoch, agus Micheál Ruiséal, gan ach an ceathrar sin a ainmniú, mar dhóithíní i dtaca le héifeacht scórála do Chiarraí.

An ghné is sásúla den imirt, ag an dá fhoireann, ná go bhfuil siad in ann leas a bhaint as an phasáil nuair a oireann sé ach nach bhfuilid ceangailte go dlúth leis mar nós imeartha. Tá an scil, atá neamh-choitianta go leor na laethanta seo, ag an dá fhoireann, an cic-phas, gairid nó fada, a usáid go héifeachtach. Cuireann a leithéid sin imeartha le pléisiúr an lucht féachana agus baintear leas as an ard-cheapadh dá réir - ceann de na nósanna imeartha is tábhachtaí sa pheil ghaelach.

Tríd is tríd tá an dá fhoireann cothrom go maith; tá beirt cúl-báire den chéad scoth acu; buntáiste beag i lár an ghoirt ag Gaillimh agus buntáiste áirithe ag Chiarraí sa lánlíne tosaí. B'fhéidir gur bhain Chiarraí leas níos feárr as na cluichí leathcheannais; murach sin tá an toradh idir dhá cheann na meá. Glac do rogha féin, máisea.

Tréaslaítear leis an dá fhoireann as taispeántais chomh maith a sholáthar le linn na bliana. Moltar iad as craobhacha a gCúigí a bhreith ar ais agus beifear ag súil le lá tirim gan morán gaoithe agus feicfear togha peile.

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A good beginning and strong finish by Galway

A lively start, a strong finish and some top class individual performances featured in Galway's winning return to Croke Park last month at the expense of Kildare in a keenly contested Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football semi-final.

The Tribesmen displayed an impressive line in points scoring on the way to the Connacht title and looked like maintaining that trend in the semi-final as they sent over four points in the opening nine minutes

But the Western champions lost their way somewhat after that, failed to score for the rest of the half and trailed at the break by 1-2 to 0-4.

However, Galway started the second half in the same impressive manner as the first and within three minutes were two points ahead.

Then came a real test of Galway's character as Kildare looked like taking a grip on the game. They hit 1-3 in six minutes to move three points clear and at that stage were shaping as probable winners.

The Connacht champions rose to the new challenge, however. The introduction of Kevin Walsh from the substitutes to midfield after 41 minutes helped to prompt a revival that resulted in a sparkling display of fluent forward play in the last twenty minutes.

STYLE

Michael Donnellan, who gave a man-of-the-match display, Padraig Joyce and Derek Savage, led the way as the attack turned on the style to bring Galway from a three points deficit to a well-deserved 0-15 to 2-6 win.

Kildare's cause was not helped by the dismissal of a defender after 56 minutes, but that still cannot take from the merit of Galway's sparkling final flourish. The comeback was well under-way and the Connacht champions were on level terms when the Lily Whites were reduced to fourteen players.

This was another game in which Galway's flair for scoring points was strongly in evidence. Donnellan had probably his best game in the county colours since the 1998 All-Ireland final win.

Joyce led by example, got though much valuable work and also took his scoring chances well. Savage was another whose creative play contributed to the success story.

But the Connacht champions were well served in other sectors as well.

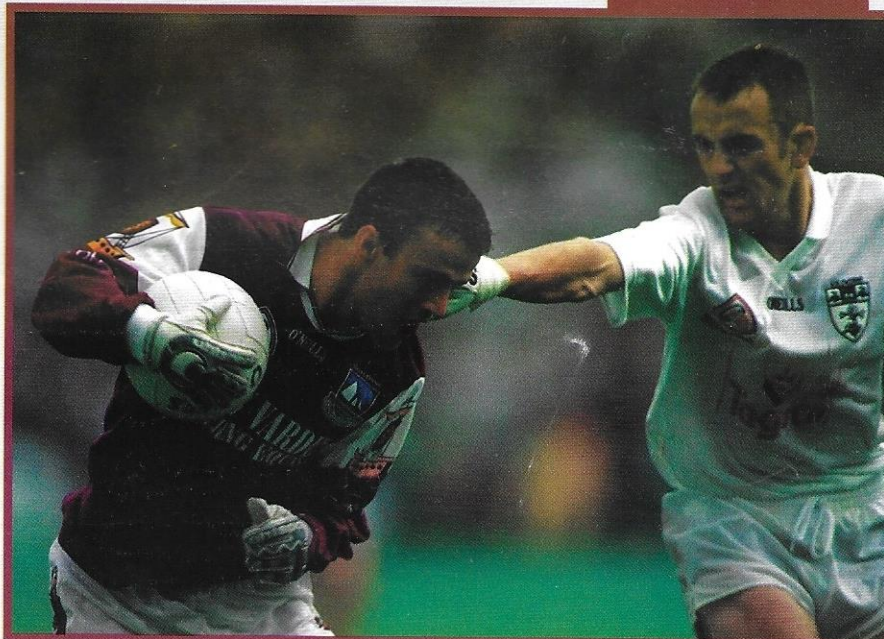
Joe Bergin made a fine Croke Park debut at mid-field and substitute Walsh brought experience and strength to midfield.

Seán Óg de Paor, 1998 captain Ray Silke and Declan Meehan did much to enable the rearguard to make a valuable contribution to the success.

That character that Galway displayed in conjuring up that late sparkling display, the ability to rifle over the points that has been in evidence all season and the potential match-winners the side has in all departments, stamp the Connacht champions as a very formidable outfit indeed.



Derek Savage (Gaillimh) wins the ball from Brian Lacey (Cill Dara) in the Semi-Final last month.



CHIEF PROTECTOR AMONGST THE TRIBES!

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Every step of
the way.

Irish Mirror

Exciting highlights as Kerry reach another final

Memorable scores, good passages of play and very anxious moments at times briefly summarise Kerry's two game saga with Armagh that ended with the Kingdom deservedly earning this first Bank of Ireland All-Ireland final appearance in three years.

A great start that yielded 1-3 after only six minutes suggested that the Munster champions were on the way to a resounding win in the first game. But what a change as the semi-final was in injury time and Armagh led by a point!

An anxious time for the Kingdom but they won a 40 metres free and substitute Maurice Fitzgerald expertly sent the kick over the bar to tie the scores at 2-11 each and send the game to a replay.

Earlier in the second half, Fitzgerald provided one of the scores of the championship. The game was 57 minutes old when Michael Francis Russell sent a perfect pass to Fitzgerald, who raced through the Armagh defence to score a classic goal.

The Ulster champions did not panic and bounced back strongly to go a point clear in injury time only to have victory snatched from their grasp.

EXTRA TIME

Two excellent goals by Russell, a brilliant save by Declan O'Keefe, another five-star display by Seamus Moynihan, rated by many as the man-of-the-match in the drawn game, and a fine display at midfield by Dara Ó Sé proved the springboard of Kerry's win in a keenly contested replay that went to extra time.

O'Keefe brought of a crucial save from Oisín McConville in the 23rd minute of extra time to maintain his team's two points lead at that stage.

Moynihan was in tremendous form right throughout the match. His keen positional sense at full back, blocking and well-directed clearances did much to thwart the Northern forwards of scores.

Ó Sé was in tremendous form all through at midfield, where his work-rate and fielding proved invaluable.

Russell looked like setting Kerry on the way to the final when he scored a fine goal in the 63rd minute. That score gave the Munster men, who were five points down six minutes into the second half, a one point lead.

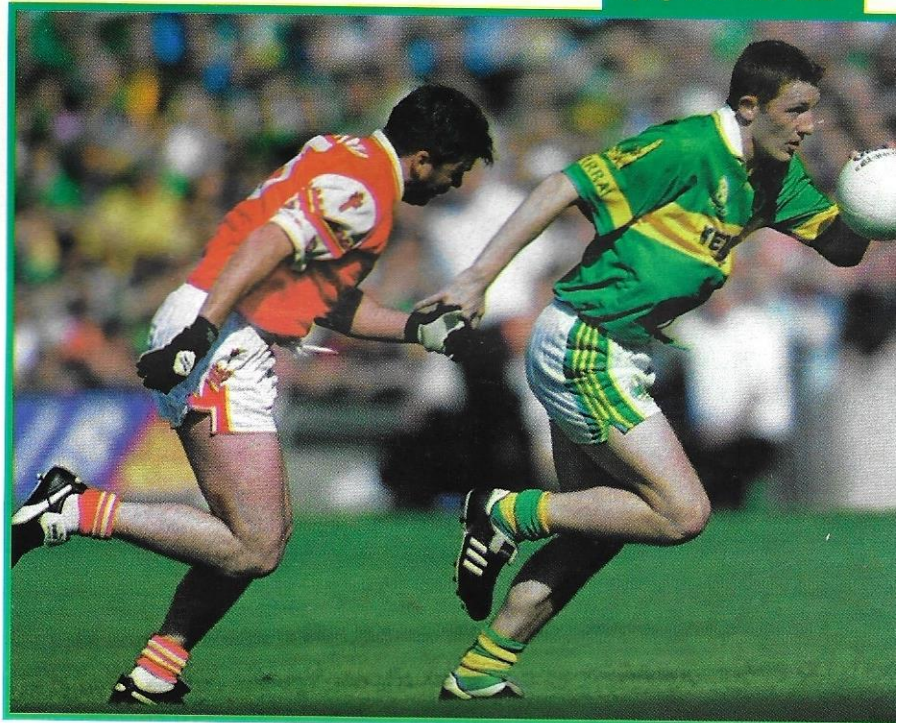
Armagh continued to play with great determination and levelled the scores at 1-11 each in the last minute of normal time.

Kerry, however, were moving fluently and in the first four minutes of extra time points by John Crowley and Donal Daly and another cracking goal by Russell sent the Kingdom firmly on the road to a 2-15 to 1-15 victory.

Kerry can feel well pleased with that display. They produced fine passages of football, took their scoring chances in fine style, and no doubt, too, they will profit from that hard game last time out.



Kerry's Noel Kennelly races away from Kieran Hughes (Ard Mhacha) in last month's semi-final replay at Croke Park.



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Cork and Mayo bridge a nine year gap

The All-Ireland minor football final is the first between Cork and Mayo in nine years.

The Munster county, whose team included Kevin O'Dwyer in goal, Brian Corcoran at full back, Fachtna Collins and Pat Hegarty at midfield and Mark O'Sullivan and Joe Kavanagh in attack, won that clash by 1-9 to 1-7.

Kenneth Mortimer was at left full back for Mayo and Ronan Golding captained the side from left half forward.

Cork were successful in their last final appearance in 1993 when goals by right full forward Stephen Collins and left full forward and captain Brian Cuthbert helped them to a 2-7 to 0-9 win over a Meath team that had Trevor Giles at midfield.

That was also Cork's last final appearance. Mayo are appearing in their second successive final. They qualified for last year's summit with a sparkling display of high grade football, coupled with excellent points scoring, when beating Cork by 1-19 to 2-9.

They went on to lose the All-Ireland final to Down. That Mayo team included Rory Keane, Conor Moran and Alan Dillon of the side that beat Cork.

Dermot Costello, right half back in this season's team, went in as a substitute in last year's All-Ireland final.

Ronan Walshe, Edmond Barrett and Shane Lindsay, who all also helped Mayo to reach the final, were in the official substitutes panel last year but did not appear during the All-Ireland final.

Mayo were last All-Ireland minor champions in 1985.

Minor Football Championship 2000 Scoreboard

CONNACHT

6th May. Castlebar: Mayo 1-11; Sligo 1-10.

Semi-Finals

2nd July. Roscommon: Roscommon 1-11; Leitrim 0-12.

9th July. Markievicz Park: Mayo 0-11; Galway 0-9.

FINAL

30th July. Roscommon: Mayo 1-12; Roscommon 1-8.

LAIGHIN

6th May. Tullamore: Dublin 0-16; Offaly 0-9.

6th May. Droichead Nua: Carlow 2-5; Kildare 1-7.

6th May. Mullingar: Westmeath 1-13; Louth 1-9.

6th May. Enniscorthy: Meath 1-11; Wexford 1-10.

20th May. An Uaimh: Meath 0-15; Longford 0-8.

20th May. Kilkenny: Westmeath 10-23;

Kilkenny 0-6.

20th May. Carlow: Laois 1-17; Carlow 0-8.

21st May. Parnell Park, Dublin: Dublin 1-10;

Wicklow 0-4.

Semi-Finals

25th June. Croke Park: Westmeath 0-9; Laois 0-9.

DRAW

2nd July. Croke Park: Dublin 2-14; Meath 0-10.

16th July. Croke Park; Westmeath 0-14; Laois 2-4.

REPLAY

FINAL

30th July. Croke Park: Westmeath 2-9;

Dublin 1-10.

MUMHA

11th April. Dungarvan: Clare 0-11; Waterford 0-3.

12th April. Limerick: Limerick 0-16; Tipperary 2-5.

20th April. Dungarvan: Waterford 5-9; Tipperary 1-6.

20th April. Limerick: Clare 3-11; Limerick 2-5.

3rd May. Dungarvan: Waterford 2-10; Limerick 1-8.

3rd May. Limerick: Clare 1-13; Tipperary 2-7.

Semi-Finals

6th July. Limerick: Cork 1-12; Clare 3-5.

6th July. Dungarvan: Kerry 0-15; Waterford 2-8.

FINAL

16th July. Limerick: Cork 1-13; Kerry 0-14.

ULADH

14th May. Enniskillen: Monaghan 1-16; Fermanagh 1-10.

14th May. Cavan: Derry 1-11; Cavan 0-13.

28th May. Casement Park: Down 2-10; Antrim 0-8.

28th May. Ballybofey: Monaghan 0-14; Donegal 0-10.

4th June. Clones. Tyrone 3-10; Armagh 0-4.

Semi-Finals

18th June. Casement Park: Derry 1-12; Down 0-14.

25th June. Clones: Tyrone 0-12; Monaghan 0-8.

FINAL

16th July. Clones: Derry 2-11; Tyrone 1-11.

ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINALS

20th August. Croke Park: Cork 0-15; Derry 0-14.

27th August. Croke Park: Mayo 0-9; Westmeath 0-9. *DRAW*.

9th September. Carrick-on-Shannon: Mayo 0-7; Westmeath 0-6. *REPLAY*.

Mionúir

Na Captaein



Rory Keane

Rory is no stranger to All-Ireland football final action. Early last year he helped Ballinrobe Community School regain the All-Ireland Colleges' "B" championship after an interval of eight years.

Then, last September, he had a fine game at right back for Mayo in their unsuccessful All-Ireland minor final against Down.

Rory played a big role in Mayo's march to this final and was a real giant in a rock-solid defence that contributed in rich measure to the semi-final replay win over Westmeath.

With the experience he has gained from his All-Ireland finals' outings and the current campaign, plus his outstanding ability, Rory could do much to prompt Mayo to go one better than last year.

His brother, Michael, was on the Mayo under-21 team this year.



James Masters

James is a versatile player equally adept at both football and hurling. He has the prospect this year of winning county medals at junior hurling, intermediate football and senior football.

Masters is a substitute on the Nemo Rangers senior football team. The Cork minor captain won a City under-21 hurling medal last year and a county minor football souvenir.

He scored two points in the Munster final win over Kerry and had a particularly good time last time out against Derry. Indeed, he proved the chief threat to the Ulster champions' defence and highlighted his display by finishing as his team's leading marksman with six points.

James is a hard-working and clever footballer, who uses the ball well and he's good at creating and taking scores.

Cork seek revenge

Mionúir

Can Cork mark their All-Ireland minor football final appearance by taking revenge for the county's heavy defeat by Mayo in last year's semi-final? Only time will tell, but the Leesiders line out with strong credentials.

They retained their Munster title with hard-earned but well merited wins over Clare and Kerry to qualify for a meeting with Derry.

The Leesiders displayed plenty of determination and skill as they battled back from a slow start to turn the game in their favour with a particularly bright eight minutes spell in the second half.

Derry had the better of the early stages but missed some good scoring chances and led at the interval by just 0-8 to 0-7.

The exchanges continued to prove keen after the change of ends but Derry looked to be nicely placed for victory when they led by two points after eleven minutes.

Then Cork took over and four unanswered points in an eight minutes spell did much to steady the Leesiders.

They might well have gone on to open up a good lead but for two superb saves by Brian

Scullion in the Derry goal.

OPEN

As a result the issue was still very open five minutes from the end when the score was tied at 0-13 each.

Cork attacked strongly after that and points by right full forward James Masters, a superb effort from 45 metres, and substitute Mark O'Connor strengthened Cork's grip on the game.

Derry did get a late point to close the scoring at 0-15 to 0-14.

Masters had an outstanding match. He was a thorn in the Derry defence and finished as Cork's ace marksman on the day with six points.

Kevin McMahon and Kieran Murphy had the better of the midfield exchanges for Cork. They helped to ease problems for the defence, but the rear-guard, with Paul Deane and Denis O'Hare to the fore, also contributed to the success.

Cork will, no doubt, have learned valuable lessons from that testing encounter; lessons that could prove invaluable as they strive to go one better than their minor hurlers earlier this month.

CORK'S DECADES

Currently Cork, with nine minor titles to their credit, trail behind Kerry with eleven and Dublin with ten. But taking the past four decades (Cork's first win was in 1961) the Leesiders have easily been the outstanding force in under-18 football as in this period they have won nine titles to Kerry's six and Dublin's three. The longest period they have gone without an All-Ireland was ten years between 1981 and '91 while Kerry were out of the reckoning for twelve - 1950 to 1962. But Dublin's longest sojourn in the wilderness was the longest of all - 20 years between 1959 and 1979.

Stair ar fheabhas ag mionúir Chorcaí agus Mhaigh Eo

Thosaigh an comortas peile do mhionúir i 1929; cealaíodh é le linn an chogaidh dhomhanda, 1942-44, agus mar sin tá an naoú craobhchlúiche seascad faoinár mbráid inniu.

Chruthaigh an dá fhoireann atá mar chéilí imeartha inniu, Corcaigh agus Maigh Eo, ar na contaethe ab' fheárr a bhain leas as an gcomortas. Sa dara bliain den chomortas bhí Maigh Eo sa chraobhchlúiche in aghaidh Átha Cliath agus ní raibh ach seacht mbliana imithe thart nuair a bhain siad an chéad chraobh ag an leibhéal seo (1935). B'iad Tiobraid Árann na céilí imeartha an lá sin agus ní mór a rá gur bhain an Contae Príomha an t-aon chraobh mhionúir acu-san an bhliain roimhe sin. Tá sé (6) chraobh bainte ag Maigh Eo.

Ghlac sé tamall níos faide ar Chorcaigh an chraobh a bhaint agus níor tharla sé go dtí 1961 nuair a chloígh siad freasúra an lae inniu, Maigh Eo, sa chraobhchlúiche. Cé go raibh iomaíocht láidir i gCúige Mumhan i gcónaí bhain na 'Réabhlóidigh' naoi (9) gcraobh ar fad ag áireamh trí cinn as a chéile 1967/69, éacht nár éirigh le haon chontae eile seachas Ciarraí (1931-33) a dhéanamh.

Conus mar a sheasann an dá fhoireann i gcomparáid lena chéile inniu? Is cinnte go raibh dian-chomortas ag Corcaigh i gCúige Mumhan - gan trácht ar Chiarraí nó Tiobraid Árann is ar éigin go bhfuair siad an lámh in uachtar ar Luimneach a raibh foirme mionúir agus ógánaigh den chéad scoth acu i mbliana.

Sa chluiche leathcheannais in aghaidh Dhoire Cholm Cille chuaigh sé rite le Corcaigh an bua a fháil - ní raibh ach cúilín d'fharrasbarr acu ar deireadh.

I dtaca le Maigh Eo chruthaigh siad ró-mhaith do Shligeach, Ghaillimh agus Ros Comáin faoi seac. Ach sa chluiche leathcheannais in aghaidh na

hlarmhí is beag nár cuireadh deireadh lena n-iar-racht; bhí an t-ádh leo comhscór a bhaint amach i bPáirc An Chrócaigh agus san athimirt i bPáirc Sheain Mhic Dhiarmada i gCora Droma Rúisc chuaigh sé rite leo farrasbarr de chúilín amháin a bheith acu agus sin tar éis roinnt chiceanna éirice a bheith curtha amú ag buachaillí Uisnigh.

De réir mar a b'fhacthas do dhaoine bhí an lámh in uachtar ag An Iarmhí i lár na páirce agus sa chluiche leathcheannais eile bhí beirt an-mhaith ag Corcaigh sa réimse sin den pháirc. Murach a éifeachtaí is a bhí Colm Ó Muircheartaigh ar na tosaí bheadh thiar ar Mhaigh Eo.

Bhí dhá chluiche dhúshlánacha idir Corcaigh agus Maigh Eo le linn na bliana agus d'éirigh leis na deisceartaigh an bua a fháil sa dhá chluiche. Cé nár cheart a bheith ag cur an iomarca béime ar na cluichí sin is comhartha é mar sin féin. Ceaptar go bhfuil na tosaí, mar aonad, níos feárr ag Corcaigh cé go bhfuil Ó Muircheartaigh agus Ó Proinntigh ag na hIartharaigh go fíor-mhaith.

Tréaslaítear leis an dá fhoireann agus lena lucht stiúrtha as teacht fhad leis an gcraobhchlúiche agus táthar ag súil le haimsir mhaith agus beidh togha chluiche ann.

Don staraí - as na 68 gcraobhaca a himríodh tá 13 bainte ag Ulaidh, 14 ag Connacht, 19 ag Cuige Laighean agus 22 ag Cúige Mumhan. Bhain 18 gcontae an chraobh áirithe seo sa tréimhse, 6 chontae i gCúige Laighean, 5 cinn in Ultaibh, 4 i gCúige Mumhan agus 3 cinn i gConnacht.

Is ag Chiarraí atá an líon is mó - 11; tá Áth Cliath sa dara háit le deich gcinn agus Corcaigh sa tríú háit le 9 gcinn. De na contaethe a bhuaigh níl ach craobh amháin ag An Clár (an chéad cheann ariamh i 1929) An Lú, Uíbh Fhailí, An Iarmhí agus Tiobraid Árann.



Mayo comeback a highlight of the minor season

Mionúir

Mayo provided one of the best come-back stories in the campaign for the All-Ireland minor football championship when they turned apparent defeat into a dramatic late, late draw against Westmeath in their semi-final at Croke Park in August.

Midway through the second half Westmeath looked well on the way to the final when they led by five points, but Mayo displayed great character and rallied to get within a goal of their opponents with about a minute remaining.

But just when it appeared time had run out for the Connacht champions, right half forward Paul Prenty popped up to send a great left-footed shot to the net and earn Mayo a dramatic draw at 1-9 apiece.

Mayo again displayed their never-say-die spirit in a low-scoring replay, which attracted an attendance of 7,000 to Carrick-on-Shannon on a Saturday afternoon.

Westmeath opened strongly and were three points to no score ahead after nine minutes. After that Mayo's rearguard settled down to provide a winning platform for the Westerners.

The defenders limited the Leinster champions to just one further point in the half and Mayo, who did not open their scoring until the thirteenth minute, were just 0-2 to 0-4 in arrears at the break.

STEPPED UP

Mayo stepped up their tempo considerably in the second half. They had the better of the exchanges

and went ahead for the first time with a Cormac Rowland point after 40 minutes.

However, Westmeath were in no mood to allow victory pass them by. They had a player sent to the line midway through the half, but battled on bravely and were foiled of a goal by a tremendous save by David Clarke in the Western goal.

Mayo's defence held firm in the face of further strong Westmeath pressure before marksman supreme Conor Mortimer won a 30 metres free four minutes from the end.

He took the kick himself and coolly sent over the bar for what proved to be the winning point—0-7 to 0-6.

Mayo's solid back division set the scene for this hard-earned but merited win by keeping a tight rein on a lively opposing attack.

Rory Keane was an inspiring captain and right full back and centre half Enda Devenney and left full Dermot Costello were other commanding figures at the back.

Clarke also played a big role in goal with two splendid saves.

Conor Mortimer, top scorer with four points, Alan Dillon and Paul Prenty were other influential figures for the Westerners.

The road to the final has been a hard one, then, for Mayo, but they responded to all the challenges with skill and a tremendous will-to-win.

They will certainly not fail at the final hurdle for lack of all out endeavour, purposeful play and above all that never-say-die approach that has already paid handsome dividends.



WINNING RUNS

There have been few winning runs in minor football in recent years, and in fact, since 1970 only Laois in 1996-97 have managed back-to-back titles. Cork, Kerry and Dublin have all managed a hat-trick of titles, but the best run of success in finals is shared by Dublin and Galway who each contested five finals without experiencing defeat. Dublin's five wins were 1954, '55, '56, '58 and '59 while Galway's five were spread over a much longer period - 1952, 1962, 1970, 1976 and 1986.

Paths To The Final

Corcaigh

6th July, the Gaelic Grounds:

Cork 1-12; Clare 3-5

16th July, the Gaelic Grounds:

Cork 1-13; Kerry 0-14

20th August, Croke Park:

Cork 0-15; Derry 0-14

Total Scored 2-40 (46 points)

Total Conceded 3-33 (42)

Average 1.10

	1	2	3	Score	Total
Conrad Murphy	0-8	0-7	0-1	0-16	16
James Masters	-	0-2	0-6	0-8	8
Kevin McMahon	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-2	5
Mark O'Connor	-	0-1	0-2	0-3	3
John Collins	-	0-1	0-2	0-3	3
David Burns	-	1-0	-	1-0	3
Conor Brosnan	0-2	-	-	0-2	2
Declan Barron	0-1	0-1	-	0-2	2
Gerry McLoughlin	0-1	-	-	0-1	1
Noel O'Leary	-	-	0-1	0-1	1
Kieran Murphy	-	-	0-1	0-1	1
Barry Hegarty	-	-	0-1	0-1	1

Maigh Eo

6th May, Castlebar:

Mayo 1-11; Sligo 1-10

9th July, Markievicz Park:

Mayo 0-11; Galway 0-9

30th July, Hyde Park:

Mayo 1-12; Roscommon 1-8

27th August, Croke Park:

Mayo 1-9; Westmeath 1-9

9th September, Croke Park:

Mayo 0-7; Westmeath 0-6

Total Scored 3-50 (59 points)

Total Conceded 3-42 (51)

Average 1.16

	1	2	3	4	5	Score	Total
Conor Mortimer	1-6	0-8	1-7	0-4	0-4	2-29	35
Paul Prenty	-	-	-	1-2	0-1	1-3	6
Alan Dillon	0-1	-	0-2	-	0-1	0-4	4
Paul Carey	0-1	-	0-1	-	-	0-2	2
Brian Lynskey	0-1	-	0-1	-	-	0-2	2
Edmond Barrett	-	0-2	-	-	-	0-2	2
Alan Burke	-	-	0-1	0-1	-	0-2	2
Cormac Rowland	-	-	-	0-1	0-1	0-2	2
Conor Moran	0-1	-	-	-	-	0-1	1
Andy Moran	0-1	-	-	-	-	0-1	1
Shane Lindsay	-	0-1	-	-	-	0-1	1
Tony Geraghty	-	-	-	0-1	-	0-1	1



Corcaigh

Dathanna: Dearg is Bán



Fir Ionaid

- (16) **Patrick White**
P. de Faoite
(Newcestown)
- (17) **Brian O'Regan**
B. Ó Riogáin
(Nemo Rangers)
- (18) **Rory McCarthy**
R. Mac Cárthaigh
(St. Finbarr's)
- (19) **Ray Cahalane**
R. Ó Cathaláin
(Castlehaven)
- (20) **Declan Barron**
D. Ó Barúin
(Bantry Blues)
- (21) **David Burns**
D. Ó Broin
(Castlehaven)
- (22) **Barry Hegarty**
B. Ó hEigearthaigh
(Mayfield)
- (23) **Derek O'Connor**
D. Ó Conchúir
(St. Vincent's)
- (24) **James White**
S. de Faoite
(Kilmurry)

Roghnóirí

Tadhg Ó hAoláin (Coach),
Diarmuid Ó Donnabhán,
Micheál Ó Lochlainn,
Liam de Barra,
Tadhg Ó Ceallacháin.

- 1**
KEVIN MURPHY
 C. Ó Murchú
 (Boherbue)
- 2**
NOEL O'DONOVAN
 N. Ó Donnabhán
 (Bishopstown)
- 3**
PAUL DEANE
 P. Ó Déin
 (Dohenys)
- 4**
EDDIE BOURKE
 E. de Búrca
 (Ballincollig)
- 5**
NOEL O'LEARY
 N. Ó Laoire
 (Kilnamartyra)
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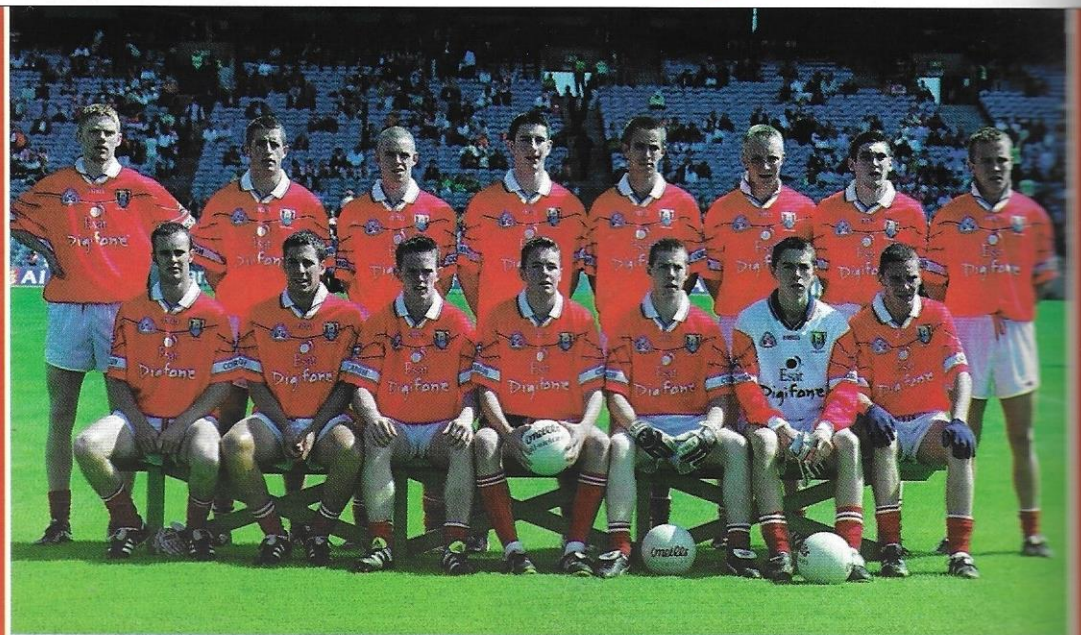
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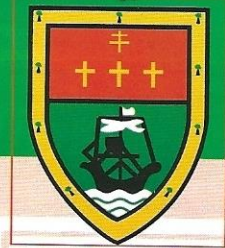
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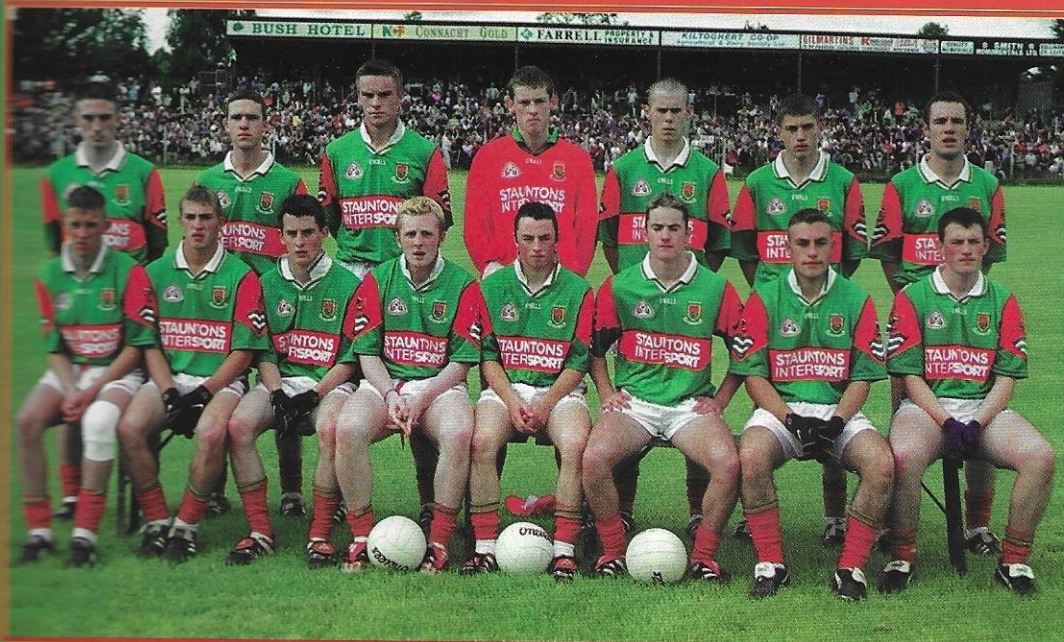
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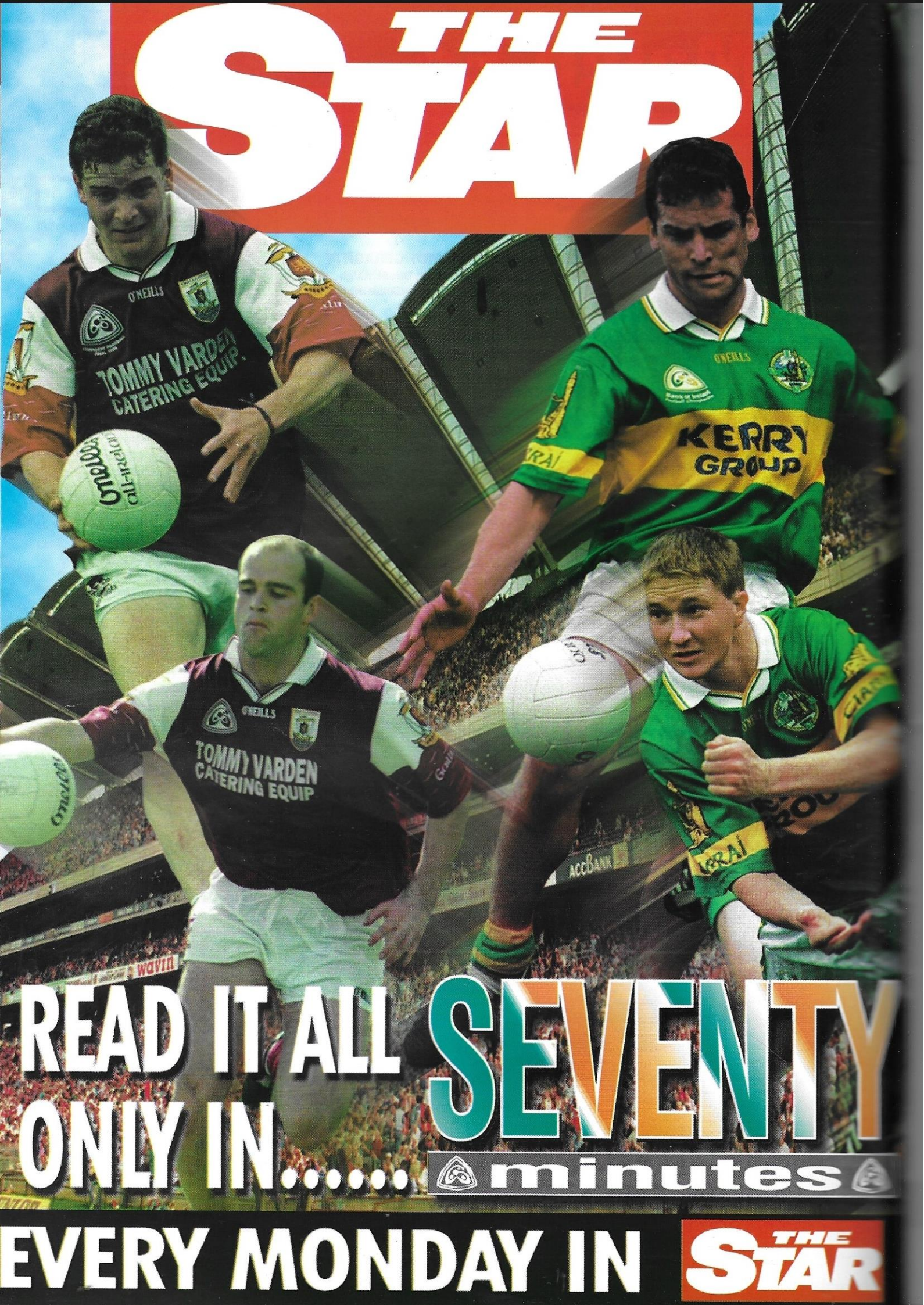


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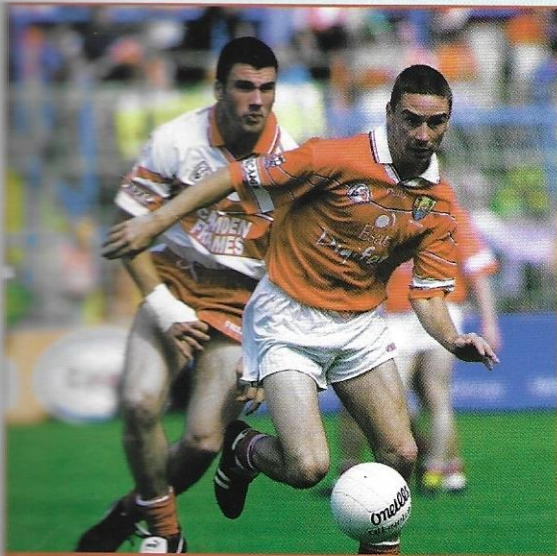


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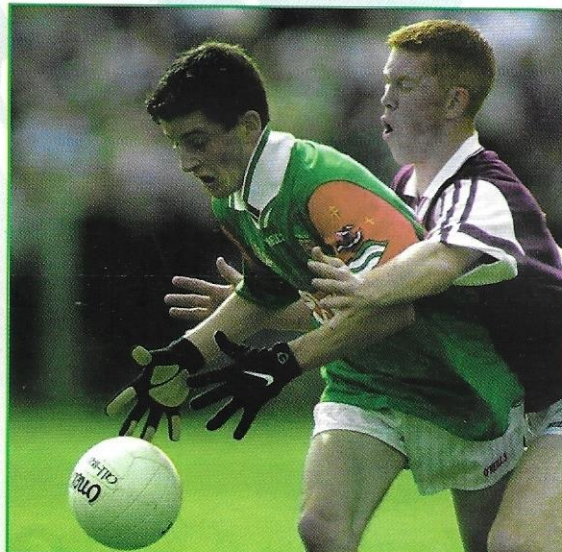
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BIG WINS... HEAVY DEFEATS

Cork's biggest win in an All-Ireland minor final was in 1967 when they had 20 points (5-14 to 2-3) to spare over Laois. Mayo's best return when taking the title was eight points - a margin they enjoyed in two finals. In 1953 they beat Clare by 2-11 to 1-6 and in 1971 they defeated Cork by 2-15 to 2-7.

On the 'debit' side, Mayo's heaviest defeat in a final was in 1962 when they lost to Kerry by 16 points (0-7 to 6-5) while Cork's biggest reverse was the 13-point (4-9 to 1-5) defeat by Galway in 1960.

TOP SCORERS

To date Mayo's **Conor Mortimer** has averaged seven points per outing and the **Shrule/Glencorrib** youth requires a similar return this afternoon to deny Westmeath's **P.J.Ward** the overall scoring honour. And although no player achieved a seven-point return in last year's decider, **Brian McDonald** and **Eoin Mulligan** did achieve seven-point returns in '98, while **Stephen Kelly** notched 2-3 in the '97 final, so the Mayo teenager's task, although large, is by no means impossible. For Cork's **Conrad Murphy**, a place in the top three would be a satisfactory outcome.

The top dozen scorers in this year's minor championship are:

P.J.Ward (Westmeath)	7-21 (42 pts)
Conor Mortimer (Mayo)	2-29 (35)
Colin Whyte (Westmeath)	0-22
Shane Mallon (Tyrone)	2-12 (18)
Conrad Murphy (Cork)	0-16
Ciaran O'Neill (Derry)	0-16
Eoin Curtin (Clare)	1-12 (15)
Tom Browne (Westmeath)	3-5 (14)
E Walsh (Waterford)	3-5 (14)
Bill Harty (Waterford)	0-13
Declan Quill (Kerry)	0-13
Stephen Hickey (Clare)	3-4 (13)

Ward's position on top of minor individual scoring chart looks secure

Although P. J. Ward is no longer directly involved in the race for the All-Ireland minor football title he still will command an extra special place in the scoring returns for the series.

He is already comfortably ahead in the national chart of leading individual scorers for the championship with a thundering 5-5 for Westmeath in their win over Kilkenny back in May.

Any of the forwards engaged in the Cork-Mayo decider will have to produce something out of the ordinary to relieve Ward of the premier position.

Conor Mortimer, who is finding the target in fine style for Mayo this season, takes second position in the table with 1-7 against Roscommon in July.

The best individual score in the three games in the All-Ireland semi-finals (Mayo and Westmeath had two games) was 0-6 recorded by James Masters (Cork) and Cormac O'Neill (Derry) in the clashes of the Munster and Ulster champions.

The leading individual scoring returns so far in the minor championship are:

5-5:	P. J. Ward (Westmeath) v Kilkenny at Kilkenny on 20th May.
1-7:	Conor Mortimer (Mayo) v Roscommon at Roscommon on 30th July.
2-3:	Eoin Walsh (Waterford) v Tipperary at Dungarvan on 20th April.
1-5:	Conor Mortimer (Mayo) v Sligo at Castlebar on 6th May.
1-5:	Shane Mallon (Tyrone) v Armagh at Clones on 4th June.
0-8:	Conrad Murphy (Cork) v Clare at Limerick on 6th July.
0-8:	Conor Mortimer (Mayo) v Galway at Sligo on 9th July.
1-4:	John McHale (Roscommon) v Leitrim at Roscommon on 2nd July.
0-7:	Conrad Murphy (Cork) v Kerry at Limerick on 16th July.
0-7:	Declan Quill (Kerry) v Cork at Limerick on 16th July.
2-0:	Sean McKeogh (Tipperary) v Limerick at Limerick on 12th April.
0-6:	Eoin Curtin (Clare) v Tipperary at Limerick on 3rd May.
0-6:	Paul Finlay (Monaghan) v Fermanagh at Enniskillen on 14th May.
1-3:	Colm McElwaine (Monaghan) v Fermanagh at Enniskillen on 14th May.
1-3:	Ryan Carson (Fermanagh) v Monaghan at Enniskillen on 14th May.
0-6:	Philip Howard (Leitrim) v Roscommon at Roscommon on 2nd July.
1-3:	Eoin Curtin (Clare) v Cork at Limerick on 6th July.
0-6:	Declan Quill (Kerry) v Waterford at Dungarvan on 6th July.
0-6:	James Masters (Cork) v Derry at Croke Park on 20th August.
0-6:	Cormac O'Neill (Derry) v Cork at Croke Park on 20th August.

Cork and Mayo...Five Finals

1961 - Cork 3-7 Mayo 0-5

Favouritism weighed heavily on Mayo in this first-ever clash of these counties in the grade, and from the start the Cork youths were playing with a composure that Mayo sought to emulate in vain.

Considering that the Connacht champions recorded only five points in the hour it is hardly an exaggeration to say that the game was won and lost in the opening 13 minutes when Cork put 2-1 on the board against a solitary point for their opponents. Both goals were scored by corner-forward, Tommy Monaghan and though he subsequently added but a single point, his opening salvo had truly put his team on the road success. Mayo had a goodly share of the exchanges in the second quarter but they still trailed (0-2 to 2-4) at the break.

A number of switches improved Mayo's overall performance on the resumption and for a time they looked like getting back into the game as Mick Connaughton and Joe Madden led a series of promising raids on the Cork lines. Cork mentors, however, responded with a few shrewd switches of their own and gradually the pendulum swung back to the Southerners. Mayo needed goals and against a confident Cork rearguard they never really looked like coming and the destination of the title was decided even before Flor Hayes' goal seven minutes from the end.

Cork scorers: T.Monaghan 2-1, F.Hayes 1-1, D.Philpott 0-3, D.Barrett 0-1, M.Archer 0-1.

Mayo scorers: J.Madden 0-2, J.Warde 0-1, M.Connaughton 0-1, J.Nealon 0-1.

Cork - R.Cawley, D.Nangle, J.McGrath, V.Cronin, G.Harrington, B.Larkin, J.O'Donoghue, F.Cogan, E.Doughlan, F.Hayes, D.Barrett, D.Philpott, T.Burke, M.Archer, T.Monaghan.

Mayo - H.O'Brien, C.Hanley, B.Reape, S.Murphy, E.Carroll, G.Nicholson, V.Nally, J.Langan, J.Madden, D.McSweeney, M.Connaughton, P.J.McLoughlin, J.Nealon, E.Maguire, J.Warde. Subs - D.Carroll for Nicholson, M.O'Malley for McSweeney.

1971 - Mayo 2-15 Cork 2-7

An unbelievably negative and free-ridden first half which yielded no fewer than 33 frees saw Mayo, playing against the breeze, lay the foundations of victory when containing a somewhat aimless Cork side that only occasionally looked like disturbing the rhythm of the superior side.

The only stage of the game that Cork mounted a real threat was midway through the first half when Gerry Lynch at midfield forged superiority in the area. But the fact that much of the midfielder's good work went for nought could be attributed to the Mayo centre-half back Con Moynihan, who gave a faultless display at a time when Mayo might have wilted in the face of Cork's sustained attacks.

By the end of the first 30 minutes Mayo were well poised for a successful push when they turned over on level terms. Cork, however, were still there with a chance well into the third quarter with the scores still level, but slowly but surely the game was swinging Mayo's way and, as Ray McNicholas and Mick Higgins began to find a path through the Cork defence, the scores came in a steady stream despite some wholehearted defending by John

O'Shea and Con Kelleher. The fact that all six forwards scored reflected the power of the winners' attack.

Mayo scorers: J.P.Kean 0-4, M.Maloney 1-1, R.McNicholas 1-1, M.Higgins 0-3, M.Gannon 0-3, F.Harty 0-1, G.Farragher 0-1, C.Moynihan 0-1. Cork scorers: D.Philpott 0-3, S.Coughlan 1-0, J.B.Murphy 1-0, M.Corbett 0-2, D.Crowley 0-1, S.Murphy 0-1.

Mayo - M.Griffin, J.O'Mahony, S.Reilly, A.Durkan, G.Feeney, C.Moynihan, J.Culkin, J.Quinn, R.McNicholas, M.Gannon, J.P.Kean, M.Higgins, G.Farragher, F.Harty, M.Maloney. Sub - M.Fahy for Quinn.

Cork - G.Stanton, K.Collins, J.O'Shea, K.Murphy, M.Corbett, C.Kelleher, R.Wilmott, J.Lynch, S.Fitzgerald, D.Crowley, S.Coughlan, S.Murphy, D.Philpott, J.Barry Murphy, A.Fahy. Subs - V.Twomey for Fitzgerald, D.O'Sullivan for Wilmott, G.Aherne for S.Murphy.

1974 - Cork 1-10 Mayo 1-6

In the end Cork were deserving winners by four points, but at one stage in the opening quarter they appeared to be on their way to an easy victory. With the breeze behind them Cork dominated the early exchanges, a dominance that could not be attributed entirely to the elements, but inaccuracy up front left the scoresheet with a less than healthy look until the 12th minute when, following points by Tadhg Murphy (2) and Ger O'Sullivan, Dermot McCarthy scored a marvellous goal with a blistering shot from 25 yards.

That score should have spurred Cork to greater heights, but the goal had the reverse effect and for the remainder of the half Mayo, thanks to the mid-field pull provided by Willie Nally, pushed forward repeatedly and, though they put only two points on the board in that period of superiority, the fact that Cork failed to add to their early score suggested that with the elements in their favour after the break Mayo would make a bold bid for the honours.

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Mick Monahan (Cill Dara)

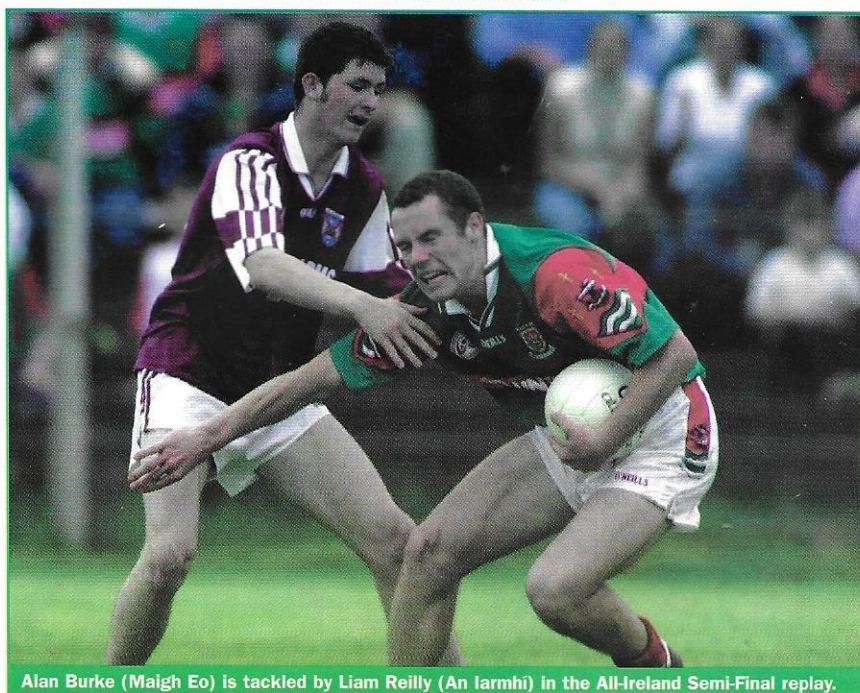
Mick is a comparative newcomer to the ranks of inter-county referees. He has been in charge of local games for about seven years and joined the inter-county panel two years ago.

Monahan is a former footballer and won a Leinster senior club medal with Raheens in the 1980-81 championship—the only provincial title triumph by a Kildare club.

He has refereed county finals in all grades in Kildare, except senior. However, he controlled two county senior semi-finals.

Earlier this year Mick took charge of the Leinster Colleges' senior final between St. Patrick's, Navan, and St. Mel's, Longford.

Other assignments included the Leinster under-21 final between Westmeath and Meath at Tullamore.



Alan Burke (Maign Eo) is tackled by Liam Reilly (An Iarmhí) in the All-Ireland Semi-Final replay.

Cork and Mayo...Five Finals - continued



It didn't work out that way, however. Mayo did get to within a point of the leaders when Sean Moran scored an opportunist goal at the 41st minute but like Cork in the first half Mayo failed to find the inspiration in a major score. With Dermot McCarthy showing the way Cork outscored Mayo for the remainder of the hour and were not flattered by the four-point margin.

Cork scorers: Diarmuid McCarthy 1-3, T.Murphy 0-3, M.O'Regan 0-1, D.Murphy 0-1, G.O'Sullivan 0-1, D.McCurtain 0-1.

Mayo scorers: S.Moran 1-0, K.Geraghty 0-2, G.Hennigan 0-2, J.Burke 0-2.

Cork - F.Delaney, W.Lynch, J.Slattery, E.Desmond, B.Twomey, J.Crowley, T.Cashman, D.Good, R.Kenny, D.Murphy, Diarmuid McCarthy, Don McCarthy, G.O'Sullivan, M.O'Regan, T.Murphy. Subs - M.Carey for Crowley, D.McCurtain for Don McCarthy, W.O'Driscoll for Kenny.

Mayo - J.Cuddy, S.Sweeney, D.Conway, J.Gallagher, E.Brett, V.Ryan, J.Brennan, P.Mahon, W.Nally, K.Geraghty, M.Burke, S.Moran, G.Hennigan, J.Burke, M.Mannion. Subs - J.Nally for Sweeney, G.Reilly for Hennigan, M.McCormack for Mannion.

And while Mayo raised just one more, Cork's vulnerability at the back was palpably underlined by the concession of a penalty which Pat Walsh converted with the utmost conviction. Cork were still in touch on the scoreboard but remarkably out-of-touch in the closing stages in the midfield exchanges before Mullen's second goal ensured a Mayo victory.

Mayo scorers: M.J.Mullen 2-0, P.Walsh 1-1, T.O'Grady 0-1, M.Fitzmaurice 0-1.

Cork scorers: B.Harte 0-2, G.O'Regan 0-2, P.Cahill 0-2, R.Sheehan 0-1, D.O'Connell 0-1, S.O'Driscoll 0-1.

Mayo - J.Cummins, K.Beirne, E.Gilvarry, M.Coyle, D.Burke, D.Fitzgerald, J.French, M.Fitzmaurice, G.Maher, T.Munnally, P.Walsh, T.O'Grady, P.Kerrane, M.J.Mullen, J.Gallagher. Sub - M.Mullaghy for Munnally.

Cork - J.O'Mahony, M.Murphy, D.Duggan, J.Allen, N.Creedon, B.Murphy, T.Griffin, J.K.Kiely, J.O'Driscoll, B.Harte, D.O'Connell, G.O'Regan, P.Cahill, P.Collins, R.Sheehan. Sub - K.Nagle for Sheehan.

UNBEATEN

Only two counties can claim 100% success in All-Ireland minor football finals - Roscommon who won the three finals they contested in 1939, 1941 and 1951 - and Westmeath who won the only final they contested in 1995.

1985 - Mayo 3-3 Cork 0-9

Cork scored nine times to Mayo's six, but when it came to finishing Mayo had a flair for putting the ball below the crossbar that was absent from a Cork attack that did enjoy a reasonable amount of possession, especially in the second quarter.

But Mayo had earlier given an indication of their power up front which was manifest after just two minutes when Michael Fitzmaurice stabbed a ball through a narrow opening and Michael J.Mullen slipped in to give Jerome O'Mahony no chance. To their credit the Leesiders responded to the challenge and points by O'Regan, Harte and Cahill soon had them back in contention, and indeed, they outscored their opponents for the remainder of the half and were deserved interval leaders - 0-7 to 1-2.

But having notched a creditable seven scores in the opening half Cork's attack faded remarkably and in the closing 30 minutes they raised only two

1991 - Cork 1-9 Mayo 1-7

This was easily the best of the five finals between these counties with the issue in the balance almost to the final whistle. Right through the field there were fine performances by players from both sides. In a first half in which fortunes swayed with bewildering rapidity the only goal of that period gave Cork the edge at the break (1-3 to 0-4).

But Mayo were unperturbed by the arrears and fought their way back to level terms by the 50th minute when a goal that was delightfully worked by Seamus Brady and Ronan Goulding - the latter getting the finishing shot that went in off the upright with the Cork 'keeper helpless.

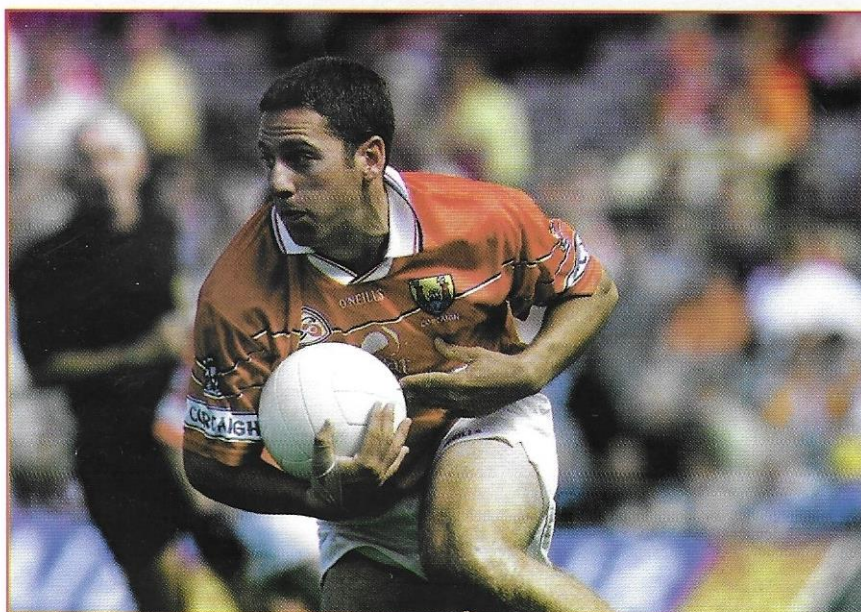
The Westerners might have gone ahead immediately after this but Goulding's effort was just outside the upright, but Sean Barrett made no mistake for Cork when he took a pass from Pat O'Mahony. Mayo responded at once and this contest had all the marks of a draw when Kevin O'Neill guided the ball between the posts from an acute angle for the levelling point (1-7 all). But it was to be Cork's day. In a sparkling surge downfield Joe Kavanagh snatched the lead before Mayo were surprisingly denied a close-in free on their next attack and Cork celebrated the let-off with a late point from Mark O'Sullivan.

Cork scorers: S.Barrett 1-2, P.O'Mahony 0-4, J.Kavanagh 0-2, M.O'Sullivan 0-1.

Mayo scorers: R.Goulding 1-1, D.Burke 0-3, P.McNamara 0-2, K.O'Neill 0-1.

Cork - K.O'Dwyer, D.O'Callaghan, B.Corcoran, B.Murphy, G.McCullagh, T.Lynch, A.McCarthy, F.Collins, P.Hegarty, S.Barrett, M.O'Sullivan, P.O'Mahony, K.Harrington, J.Kavanagh, P.O'Rourke. Subs - F.O'Mahony for O'Rourke, D.O'Neill for Barrett.

Mayo - B.Heffernan, T.Burke, J.McSharry, K.Mortimer, P.Cunney, D.Leyden, F.Costello, M.Smith, P.McNamara, T.J.McHugh, K.O'Neill, R.Goulding, D.Burke, T.Walkin, D.McDonagh. Subs - S.Brady for McDonagh, C.Deacy for McHugh.



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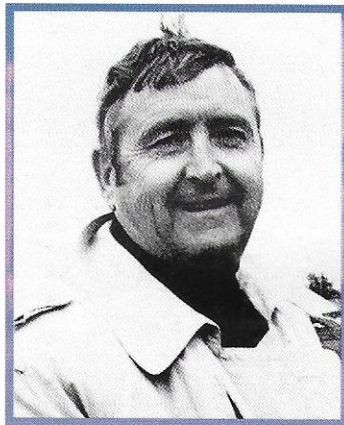
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Back row (l-r): Ray Silke, Seán Ó Dómhnaill, Joe Bergin, Gary Fahy, Jason Killeen, Michael Donnellan, Tomás Meehan.

Front row (l-r): Seán Óg de Paor, Martin McNamara, Derek Savage, Pdraig Joyce, Niall Finnegan, Paul Clancy, Tommy Joyce, Declan Meehan.

Path to the Final — Gaillimh

Galway bounce back after two years

Galway regained the Connacht senior title after two years to win their 40th title since 1900.

They then made a winning return to Croke Park at the expense of Kildare.

10th June, Tuam:

Galway 1-15; New York 1-5

9th July, Markievicz Park:

Galway 0-22; Sligo 0-4

30th July, Hyde Park:

Galway 1-13; Leitrim 0-8

27th August, Croke Park:

Galway 0-15; Kildare 2-6

Total Scored	2-65 (71 points)
Total Conceded	3-23 (32)
Average	2.22

	1	2	3	4	Score	Total
Pdraig Joyce	0-2	0-5	0-2	0-7	0-16	16
Niall Finnegan	0-3	0-4	0-3	0-3	0-13	13
Paul Clancy	0-4	0-2	0-3	0-1	0-10	10
Derek Savage	0-2	0-3	1-1	0-1	1-7	10
Michael Donnellan	—	0-3	0-1	0-2	0-6	6
Joe Bergin	0-1	0-3	0-1	—	0-5	5
Jarlath Fallon	1-2	—	—	—	1-2	5
Tommy Joyce	—	0-1	—	0-1	0-2	2
Sean de Paor	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	1
Jason Killeen	—	0-1	—	—	0-1	1
Declan Meehan	—	—	0-1	—	0-1	1
Shay Walsh	—	—	0-1	—	0-1	1

A CAPTAIN'S PART

Pdraig Joyce leapt to the top of the Galway scoring chart with his seven points in the semi-final with Kildare. Previous leader, Niall Finnegan maintained his steady contribution with three points in the same match to stay at senod place. In all, twelve players have contributed to Galway's tally.

... AND AGAIN!

That seven points against Kildare by Joyce was also the highest individual score by a Galway player with the second highest match total (0-5) also coming from the boot of Joyce in the Connacht semi-final victory over Sligo.

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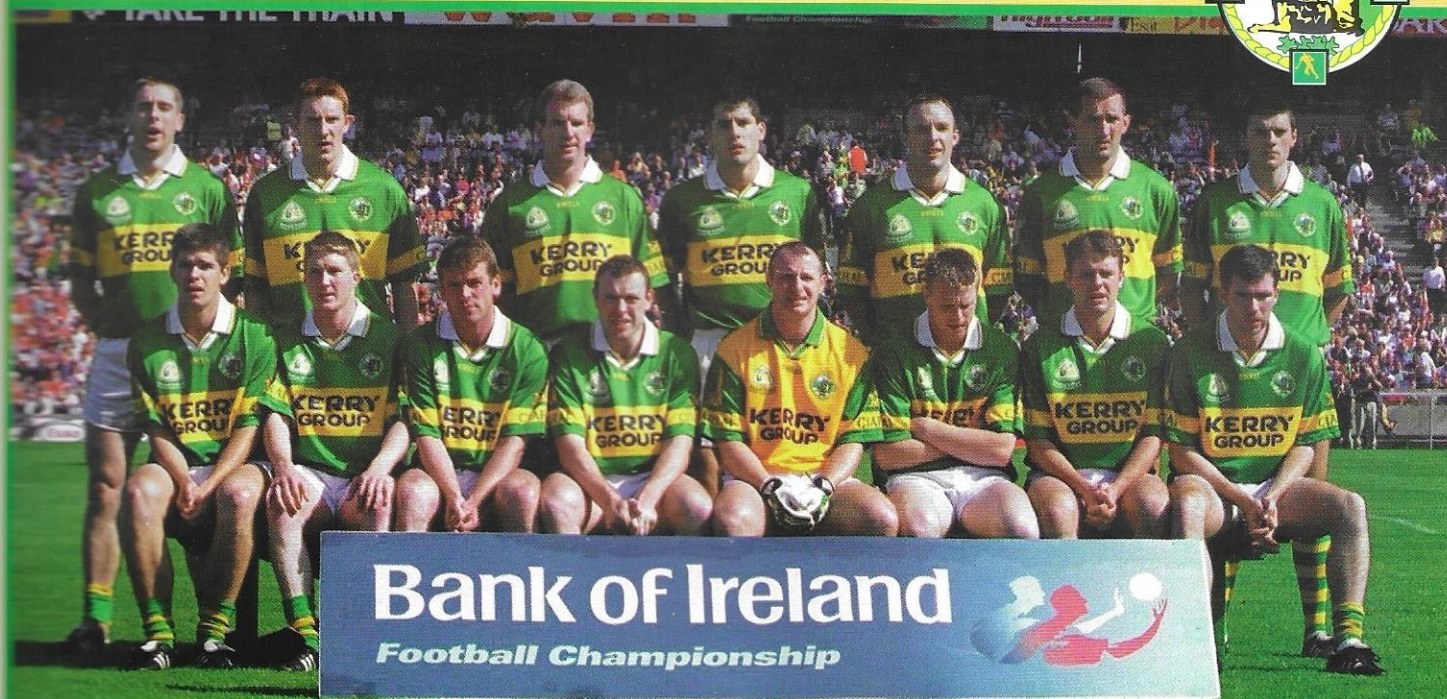
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Back row (l-r): Eamon Fitzmaurice, Michael F. Russell, Dara Ó Cinnéide, Séamus Moynihan, Declan O'Keefe, Tomás Ó Sé, Denis O'Dwyer, Michael McCarthy.

Front row (l-r): Darragh Ó Sé, Noel Kennelly, Mike Hassett, Tom O'Sullivan, John Crowley, Donal Daly, Aodhán Mac Gearailt.

Path to the Final — Ciarraí

Kerry back in final after three years

Kerry regained the Munster senior football title in July after a two year interval. They are provincial champions for the 67th time since 1892.

Then came the two games with Armagh that cleared the way for a first final outing in three years.

18th June, Killarney:

Kerry 2-15; Cork 1-13

16th July, the Gaelic Grounds:

Kerry 3-15; Clare 0-8

20th August, Croke Park:

Kerry 2-11; Armagh 2-11

2nd September, Croke Park (aet):

Kerry 2-15; Armagh 1-15

Total Scored 9-56 (83 points)

Total Conceded 4-47 (59)

Average 1.41

	1	2	3	4	Score	Total
Dara Ó Cinnéide	2-5	0-4	1-2	0-3	3-14	23
Michael Francis Russell	0-3	0-2	0-3	2-3	2-11	17
John Crowley	0-1	1-3	0-1	0-1	1-6	9
Aodhán MacGearailt	0-1	1-3	0-1	0-1	1-6	9
Liam Hassett	0-2	1-1	—	0-1	1-4	7
Noel Kennelly	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-6	6
Maurice Fitzgerald	—	—	1-1	0-2	1-3	6
Darragh Ó Sé	0-1	—	0-1	0-1	0-3	3
Donal Daly	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-2	2
Eamon Fitzmaurice	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	1

Ó CINNÉIDE STILL TOPS

Despite being outscored by 2-3 to 0-3 by Michael Francis Russell in the semi-final replay, Dara Ó Cinnéide still retains a six-point lead over his teammate at the top of the Kerry scoring chart. These two are well ahead of the rest, with a total of ten players contributing to the county's march to Croke Park.

Ó CINNÉIDE AGAIN

Dara Ó Cinnéide's 2-5 in the Munster semi-final against Cork is still the leading individual match return by a Kerry player in this year's championship.

When first they met

1913 - Kerry 1-8 Galway 0-1

Kerry's path to this semi-final meeting had been more arduous than Galway's - victories over Clare, Tipperary (on a replay) and Cork in the provincial final, whereas Galway had only to dispose of moderate Mayo and Roscommon teams to reach this stage.

And Portlaoise on the second Sunday in November was not exactly crowded - the estimated attendance was less than two thousand - when Kerry, appearing in their seventh semi-final, took on Galway who were contesting their third and seeking their first win. Not surprisingly, Kerry were favourites but it was Galway who opened the scoring with a point by Stephen Jordan after five minutes. It took Kerry another five minutes to get on terms, with Dick Fitzgerald the marksman.

A period of Galway pressure brought no reward and gradually Kerry took over and by the interval

were ahead by 1-3 to 0-1. The second half was mainly a battle between the Galway backs and the Kerry forwards with Ned Patten, Ger Feeney and Mick Halliday resisting the advances of Fitzgerald, Jack Skinner and company all the way. It was a battle that could have only one outcome and Kerry had it well wrapped up long before the end.

Kerry scorers: D.Fitzgerald 1-4, J.Rice 0-2, D.Doyle 0-1, C.Clifford 0-1.

Galway scorer: S.Jordan 0-1.

Kerry - D.Fitzgerald (capt.), D.Mullins, J.Lalor, T.Costello, M.McCarthy, T.Rice, P.Healy, W.Keating, C.Clifford, C.Murphy, P.O'Shea, J.McElligott, J.Rice, J.Skinner, D.Doyle.

Galway - M.Halliday (capt.), G.Feeney, P.Fitzgerald, E.Patten, J.Mannion, J.McDonagh, J.Cuddy, F.Forde, M.Kelly, P.Brien, A.Lohan, T.Joyce, T.Connolly, S.Jordan, M.Cawley.



"THE BOMBER" - the familiar of Eoin Liston at full forward in 1984 final.

Last Encounter

1984 - Kerry 2-17 Galway 0-11

The early stages of this semi-final gave no hint of the avalanche to come as Galway, despite the initial absence of Stephen Kinneavy, Peter Lee, Brian Talty and Barry Brennan and the fact that an injury after just four minutes left Gay McManus no more than a passenger, moved sweetly in the opening stages and were leading by three points to one after eleven minutes.

But the pattern of this game was slowly, but surely, being fashioned at midfield where Jack O'Shea was emerging to give a marvellous display. Galway had no answer to the Cahirciveen man who roamed all over the field with devastating effect and as Liston, Sheehy, Egan and Pat Spillane responded, the scores came - not in a flood, perhaps, but at a rate that soon overhauled Galway before starting to put distance between themselves and the fading pursuit.

Still, a deficit of four points after half an hour did not spell disaster for the Westerners, but when John Egan slipped the ball past Pdraig Comer the interval score was 1-8 to 0-4. Thereafter Galway were always chasing the game, but the chase, despite the gallant efforts

of Tomás Tierney, Mattie Coleman, Stephen Joyce and Pdraig Kelly, became more hopeless with every passing minute and Kerry's second goal in the 51st minute more or less wrapped it up.

The efforts of the Galway men mentioned may have deserved a better fate, but his was truly a massive performance by the 'Kingdom'.

Kerry scorers: M.Sheehy 1-4, J.O'Shea 0-5, J.Egan 1-2, P.Spillane 0-3, T.Spillane 0-1, A.O'Donovan 0-1, K.Kennedy 0-1.

Galway scorers: T.Tierney 0-3, P.Kelly 0-2, V.Daly 0-2, B.O'Donnell 0-1, G.McManus 0-1, M.Brennan 0-1, P.Conroy 0-1.

Kerry - Charlie Nelligan, Paudi O'Shea, Sean Walsh, Mick Spillane, Tommy Doyle, Tom Spillane, Ger Lynch, Jack O'Shea, Ambrose O'Donovan, John Kennedy, Denis Moran, Pat Spillane, Mikey Sheehy, Eoin Liston, John Egan. Sub - Vincent O'Connor for Walsh.

Galway - Pdraig Comer, Joe Kelly, Seamus McHugh, Pdraig Moran, Pat O'Neill, Tomás Tierney, Mattie Coleman, Richie Lee, Pdraig Kelly, Brian O'Donnell, Gay McManus, Michael Brennan, Stephen Joyce, Val Daly, Patrick Conroy. Subs - Kevin Clancy for McManus, Enda Guerin for McHugh, Pat Connolly for Brennan.



Most Recent Titles Kerry and Galway



REPLAY REPORT

Although the Galway players will hardly be concerned with such matters when they line out today, those with an eye to history will have noted Kerry's remarkable record in regard to finals following drawn semi-finals: the 'Kingdom' has never lost a final after surviving a replayed semi-final. These semi-finals were in 1937 (v Laois), 1939 (v Mayo), 1941 (v Dublin), 1955 (v Cavan) and 1985 (v Monaghan).

Not that Galway has ever been perturbed by Kerry's replay tradition. For instance, Galway was the first county to beat Kerry in an All-Ireland semi-final replay (1919) and the first to beat them in a final replay (1938). In addition, Galway have recorded replay victories over Kerry in a minor final (1970) and in a junior "Home" final in 1985.

Kerry's record in regard to semi-final replays and the subsequent finals may be very impressive - but so is Galway's replay record vis-à-vis the green and gold.



1997 - Kerry 0-13 Mayo 1-7

Kerry won the toss and elected to play against the breeze in the opening half and this inspired decision was the launching pad for the Munster champions' success. Despite playing with the elements Mayo didn't register their first score until the 24th minute, by which stage Kerry had already troubled the scoreboard operator on four occasions.

The Kingdom opened their account in the third minute when Billy O'Shea placed Pa Laide and a great run and score by Dara Ó Sé doubled the advantage in the sixth minute. With Mayo getting no change out of a stingy Kerry defence, most of the action was taking place in the Connacht champions' half and Maurice Fitzgerald converted a brace of frees before Maurice Sheridan finally got Mayo off the mark. However, a beautiful point by Fitzgerald kept Kerry four clear and they were still four to the good after Sheridan and Laide, and Fitzgerald and Sheridan swapped points. Another Fitzgerald free on the stroke of half time left it 0-8 to 0-3.

Mayo opened the scoring after the resumption through Kieran McDonald but a Fitzgerald free at the 40th minute restored Kerry's interval advantage. A minute later William Kirby and Eamon Breen combined to set up Fitzgerald for a fine point and Kirby was again involved when John Crowley made it 0-11 to 0-4 in the 44th minute.

Mayo responded with a McManamon point before Seamus Moynihan fouled Diarmuid Byrne and McDonald converted the penalty to narrow the gap to three points. By the end of the third quarter there was just the minimum between the sides thanks to a brace from Horan, but Mayo failed to find the target at all in a low-scoring final quarter. Indeed, just two points were registered and both came from man-of-the-match Fitzgerald. The first, in the 59th minute, was a simple enough score, but the second in lost time was a magnificent effort as the St.Mary's maestro converted a 57-yard free out near the touchline to give Kerry an un-flattering three-point win.

Kerry scorers: M.Fitzgerald 0-9, P.Laide 0-2, D.O'Se 0-1, J.Crowley 0-1.

Kerry: Declan O'Keefe, Killian Burns, Barry O'Shea, Stephen Stack, Seamus Moynihan, Liam O'Flaherty, Eamon Breen, Dara O'Se, William Kirby, Pa Laide, Liam Hassett, Denis O'Dwyer, Billy O'Shea, Dara O'Conneide, Maurice Fitzgerald.

Subs: John Crowley, Donal Daly, Michael Francis Russell.

1998 - Galway 1-14 Kildare 1-10

Galway, in search of their first All-Ireland title in 32 years, made an impressive start and after Padraig Joyce opened their account in the fourth minute, further points by Seán Óg de Paor and Michael Donnellan made it 0-3 to nil after 13 minutes. The Lily Whites, looking for a reunion with Sam Maguire after a seven decade gap, notched their first score in the 14th minute when Eddie McCormack pointed and a goal by Dermot Earley shortly after gave them the lead.

Suitably encouraged, Kildare continued on the offensive and Galway's only response was a point from the impressive Donnellan as the Leinster champions carved out a 1-4 to 0-4 lead. Just prior to the interval McCormack and Joyce swapped points to leave a goal between the sides at the break - a lead that very much flattered Kildare.

On the restart Galway set about their arrears with gusto. Three minutes in Jarlath Fallon reduced the arrears with a point and within 60 seconds the Connacht champions were ahead after John Divilly and Donnellan did the ground work before Joyce calmly rounded the 'keeper before firing into the empty net. The momentum stayed with the Westerners and points by Niall Finnegan (two) and Fallon meant that Galway had turned an interval deficit of three points into a four-point lead within ten minutes of the resumption.

Padraig Brennan had a point in reply but Finnegan from a free and Fallon from a sideline kick put further daylight between the sides. Another Brennan free reduced Lily White arrears to four, but Seán Ó Dómhnaill and Finnegan replied with white flags to make it 1-13 to 1-7. Kildare did notch three points in succession to threaten Galway's superiority but a point by dePaor finished the scoring and the Corribiders' winning margin of four points didn't flatter them.

Galway scorers: P.Joyce 1-2, N.Finnegan 0-4, J.Fallon 0-3, S.dePaor 0-2, M.Donnellan 0-2, S. Ó Dómhnaill 0-1.

Galway: Martin McNamara, Tomás Meehan, Gary Fahy, Tomas Mannion, Ray Silke, John Divilly, Seán de Paor, Kevin Walsh, Seán Ó Dómhnaill, Shay Walsh, Jarlath Fallon, Michael Donnellan, Derek Savage, Padraig Joyce, Niall Finnegan.

Sub: Paul Clancy.

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FIRSTS FOR HASSETT AND SILKE

Liam Hassett and Ray Silke were the first from Kerry and Galway to be presented with the new Sam Maguire Cup.

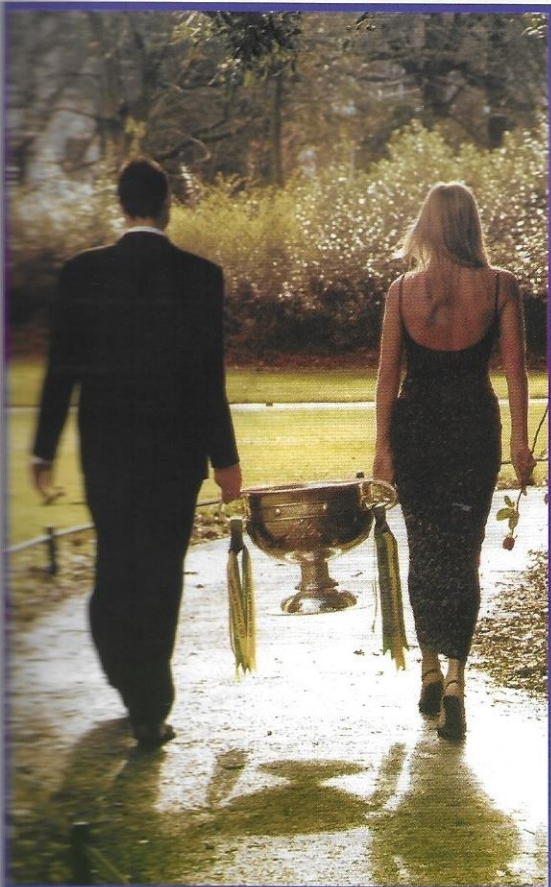
Hassett led the Kingdom to the 1997 title (their first in eleven years) and Silke captained Galway to the 1998 championship.

The new trophy was first presented for the 1968 All-Ireland championship.

LAST FINAL WITHOUT A GOAL

The last All-Ireland senior football final that failed to produce a goal was in 1992 when Donegal made a winning debut at the expense of Dublin. The North West county won by 0-18 to 0-14.

Donegal's points tally in that game, as distinct from goals and points combined, was the highest by any county in the nineties.



Bank of Ireland sponsorship extended

On St. Valentine's Day this year, Bank of Ireland reaffirmed their commitment to the GAA by announcing that they would be extending their sponsorship of the All-Ireland Football Championship for another four years until 2003. This new agreement will extend Bank of Ireland's sponsorship of the Football Championship to ten years.

LAST DRAWN FINAL

The last year the All-Ireland senior football final went to a replay was in 1996. Meath scored 0-12 and Mayo 1-9 in the drawn game and the Royal County won at the second attempt by 2-9 to 1-11.

WESTERN DOUBLE

The All-Ireland minor and senior football titles have not been brought to Connacht in the one year since as far back as 1966.

Mayo, with a team that included Seamus O'Dowd, Tony Joyce, both at midfield and Des Griffin, their leading scorer with 0-4, beat Down by 1-12 to 1-8.

Among those on duty for the Mounse County were Colm McAlarney at centre half back, Brendan Sloan, who lined out at right half back, and John Murphy at midfield.

Galway won the senior final. Their 1-10 to 0-7 victory over Meath completed the only sequence of three All-Ireland senior titles by any Connacht county.

CORK AND KERRY AGAIN

Will history repeat itself for Munster in the two All-Ireland football finals today?

Cork at minor and Kerry at senior landed the last national titles double for the province back in 1981.

Full forward Colm O'Neill was a match-winning hero for Cork in their win over Derry. He scored three goals in the Leesiders 4-9 to 2-7 win.

Peter Fitzgerald scored Cork's other goal and their team also included Niall Cahalane at left full back and John Cleary in attack.

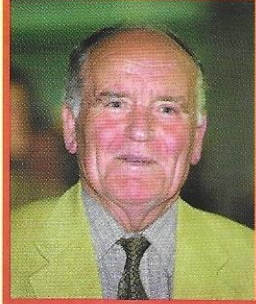
In the senior final Kerry made it four Sam Maguire Cup wins in succession by beating Offaly by 1-12 to 0-8.

RARE DOUBLE FOR MAYO

Mayo, runners-up for last year's title, have completed a rare double by qualifying for the All-Ireland minor final. This is the first time the county has reached finals in successive years since 1961 and 1962.

Western supporters will be hoping that double is not an omen for today. Mayo lost to Cork in 1961 and Kerry a year later.

REFEREE & PRESIDENT



Dr. Mick Loftus, who refereed the last All-Ireland senior football final between Galway and Kerry in 1965, was President of the G.A.A. from 1985 to 1988.

LAST WINNING LINE-OUT

This was the Galway team that beat Kildare by 1-14 to 1-10 in 1998 for the first All-Ireland senior football title win by any Connacht county in 32 years.

Martin McNamara; Tomás Meehan, Gary Fahy, Tomas Mannion; Ray Silke, capt., John Divilly, Seán Óg de Paor; Kevin Walsh, Seán Ó Dómhnaill; Shay Walsh, Jarlath Fallon, Michael Donnellan; Derek Savage, Pdraig Joyce, Niall Finnegan. Substitute: Paul Clancy for Shay Walsh.

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Pictured making the cheque presentation to the Players' Fund are officials from Bank of Ireland, sponsors of the Millennium Football Championship along with Galway Manager, John O'Mahony, members of the Galway panel and members of the Galway County Board.

TEAM MATES NOW RIVAL CAPTAINS

The rival captains in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football final, Seamus Moynihan and Pdraig Joyce, were team-mates in two national title winning teams.

Moynihan was centre half back and captain of the Tralee R.T.C. team that made history by winning the Sigerson Cup in 1997. Tralee became the first Regional Technical College to win the Blue Riband of the Higher Education Football Championships.

Pdraig Joyce was right half forward in that successful team.

A year later the Kingdom seat of learning, now known as Tralee I.T., retained the Sigerson Cup. Moynihan was again at centre half back and Joyce lined out in the final at centre half forward.

The 1998 team also included Michael Donnellan at right full forward.

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THE ANONYMOUS FIRST

Some years ago the famous Cavan forward of the 1940s Joe Stafford, speaking of the 1943 All-Ireland replay in which Roscommon beat Cavan, expressed the view that he had the doubtful distinction of being the first man to be sent off the field in an All-Ireland final. The Cavan man's candour was no doubt admirable, but in fact he was not the first player to get marching orders in a football final - that distinction was earned by a Dublin man in the game with London in 1908 when, for some reason, he incurred the displeasure of referee, Michael Conroy. Fortunately for the man in question, but unfortunately for the record, his name was not given in the match reports. In fact, the only reference to his dismissal was in the "Freeman's Journal" which referred to a player "being retired" by the referee.



TITLE WIN WITHOUT A GOAL

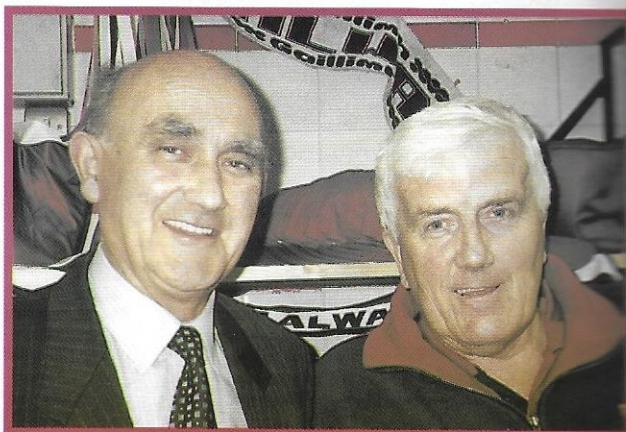
Kerry did not score a goal in their 1997 final win—the last time a county won the Sam Maguire Cup without finding the way through to the net.

Neither Galway or Kerry scored a goal in their meetings in the 1964 and 1965 finals, both won by the Western county.

Galway hit their only goal in three finals in succession in 1996 (against Meath), the year they completed the only sequence of three titles in succession by a Connacht county.



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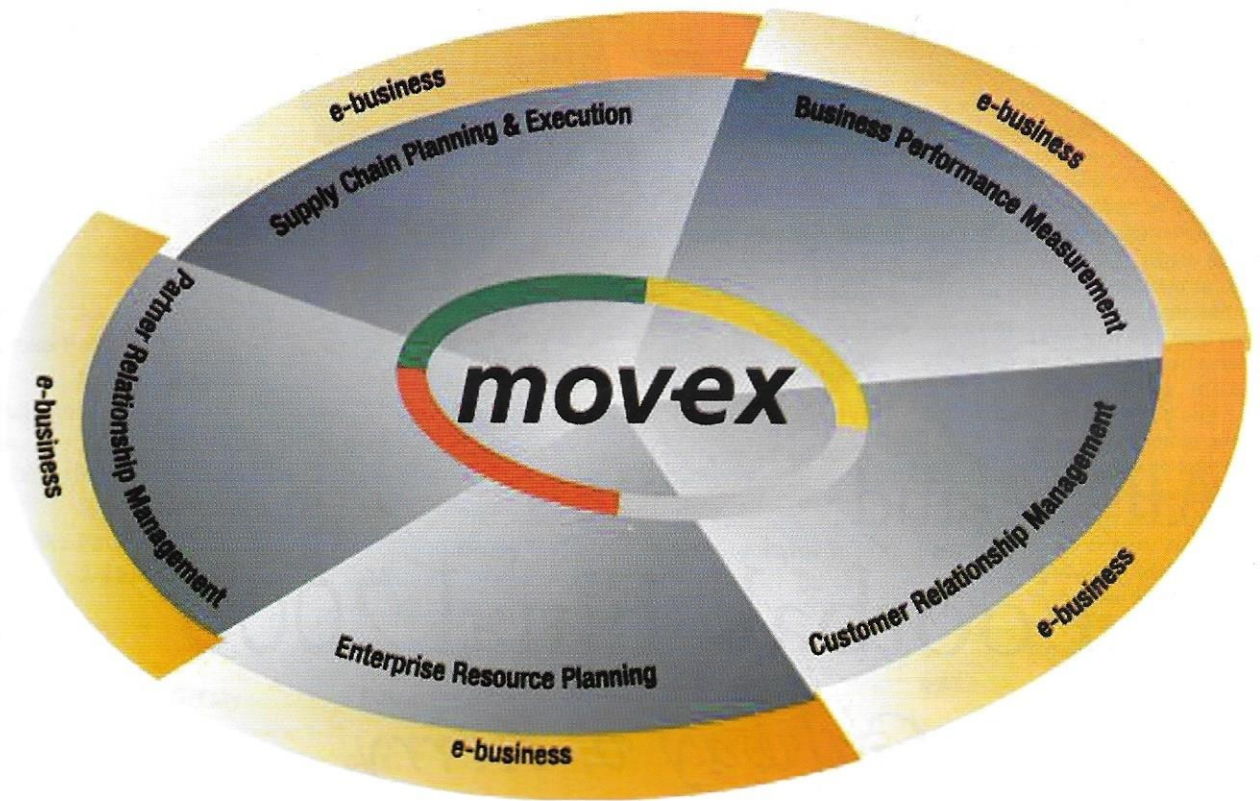
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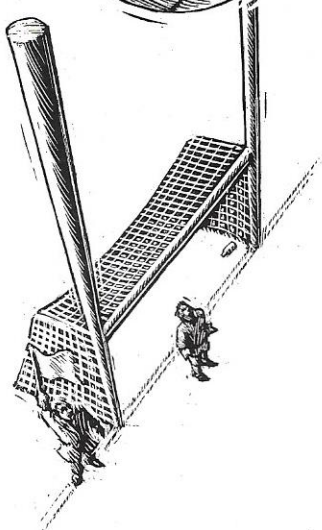
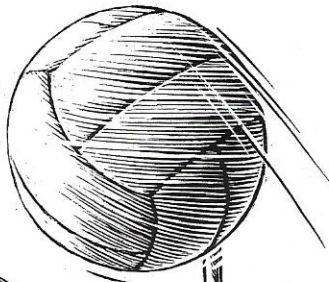
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Kerry saw off a terrific Armagh team at the second attempt and the experience may have tuned them to a fine pitch for the tempestuous battle ahead.

Galway, meanwhile, had to overcome a tremendous challenge from a hungry Kildare and showed that they too can do the business when it matters.

The ever more exotic apparel of the supporters will be in evidence once again on our trains, and the banter, wit and good humour will also be in evidence as usual. We look forward every year to bringing you to Headquarters.



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Preliminary Round/Round Robin

7th May, New Ross:

Wexford 3-9; Longford 0-12

7th May, Aughrim:

Wicklow 1-8; Carlow 0-7

14th May, Cullen Park:

Wexford 2-11; Carlow 0-10

14th May, Pearse Park:

Longford 2-12; Wicklow 1-10

20th May, Aughrim:

Wicklow 0-13; Wexford 1-10

20th May, Cullen Park:

Longford 0-18; Carlow 2-8

1st Round

4th June, Croke Park:

Offaly 0-13; Meath 0-9

5th June, Tullamore:

Westmeath 1-12; Laois 0-11

11th June, Croke Park:

Dublin 2-20; Wexford 1-8

11th June, Croke Park:

Kildare 1-12; Louth 0-12

Semi-Finals

25th June, Croke Park:

Kildare 0-11; Offaly 1-8

2nd July, Croke Park:

Dublin 1-14; Westmeath 0-11

replay

16th July, Croke Park:

Kildare 0-17; Offaly 2-8

Final

30th July, Croke Park:

Kildare 0-14; Dublin 0-14

replay

12th August, Croke Park:

Kildare 2-11; Dublin 0-12

Connacht



1st Round

4th June, Ruislip:

Roscommon 4-18; London 0-10

10th June, Tuam:

Galway 1-15; New York 1-5

11th June, Markievicz Park:

Sligo 1-13; Mayo 1-10

Semi-Finals

2nd July, Hyde Park:

Leitrim 1-13; Roscommon 3-6

9th July, Markievicz Park:

Galway 0-22; Sligo 0-4

Final

30th July, Hyde Park:

Galway 1-13; Leitrim 0-8

Ulster



Preliminary Round

14th May, Brewster Park:

Fermanagh 3-12; Monaghan 1-10

1st Round

14th May, Breffni Park:

Derry 2-13; Cavan 1-5

28th May, Casement Park:

Antrim 0-13; Down 1-7

4th June, Clones:

Armagh 0-12; Tyrone 0-8

11th June, Ballybofey:

Fermanagh 1-12; Donegal 0-13

Semi-Finals

18th June, Casement Park:

Derry 0-14; Antrim 2-8

25th June, Clones:

Armagh 0-13; Fermanagh 0-12

replay

2nd July, Casement Park:

Derry 1-17; Antrim 2-5

Final

16th July, Clones

Armagh 1-12; Derry 1-11

Munster



1st Round

14th May, Cusack Park:

Clare 0-15; Waterford 1-7

20th May, Kilmallock:

Cork 3-13; Limerick 2-8

Semi-Finals

18th June, Killarney:

Kerry 2-15; Cork 1-13

25th June, the Gaelic Grounds:

Clare 0-15; Tipperary 0-10

Final

16th July, the Gaelic Grounds:

Kerry 3-15; Clare 0-8

All-Ireland Semi-Finals



20th August, Croke Park:

Kerry 2-11; Armagh 2-11

27th August, Croke Park:

Galway 0-15; Kildare 2-6

replay

2nd September, Croke Park (aet):

Kerry 2-15; Armagh 1-15

The First Trophies

There is a view, widespread even in the most informed G.A.A. circles, that the Sam Maguire Cup is the only trophy that has ever been presented to the winners of the senior football championship. This is not the case; in fact the Sam Maguire trophy is the third to be received by winning captains in the senior championship. The Croke Cup, which had previously been awarded to the winners of a special competition in 1896 and '97, was designated as the All-Ireland trophy at the 1899 Congress. It's new role was short-lived and because the championship was then running two years late there were only two presentations - for 1898 and '99 before reverting to its original purpose in 1902. Matt Rea, who captained Dublin in the two finals, was the only recipient of the Croke Cup as the All-Ireland trophy.

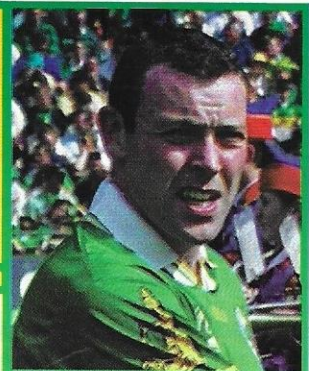
The second trophy's existence was almost as short-lived. In 1913 the Great Southern and Western Railways, at the suggestion of Michael Crowe the well-known referee, who was an employee of the company, decided to present a cup for the All-Ireland championship in both codes - a county winning it twice in succession or three times in all would take permanent possession. As winners of the 1913 and '14 championships, Kerry took possession and the Railway company immediately decided to present another cup which also had a short competitive existence as Wexford's wins in 1914 and '15 gave them permanent possession. Apparently at this stage the company ended their association with G.A.A. trophies and football was without a cup until colleagues and friends of Sam Maguire made their presentation in 1928. As Dublin failed to win the railway company's trophy and that Wexford never won the Sam Maguire (they did win the Croke Cup when it was a separate competition), Kerry enjoy the distinction of being the only county to win two different trophies for the All-Ireland football championship.

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Dathanna: Uaithne, Ór is Bán



An Captaen



Seamus Moynihan

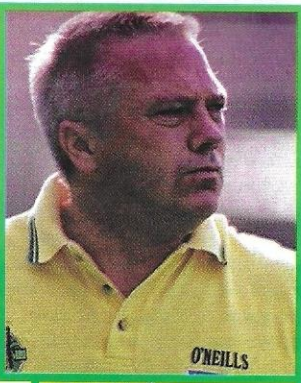
The Kerry captain was in particularly sparkling form in his team's two games with Armagh. He led by example with his shrewd play, good positional sense and excellent blocking of the ball.

Seamus was a commanding figure with Kerry at right half back when they completed the big National League and All-Ireland championship double in 1997. Not surprisingly he added an Eircell All Stars award at No. 5 to his collection that year.

Moynihan has reaped a rich harvest of medals over the years. His collection also included an All-Ireland Colleges' medal with St. Brendan's, Killarney, (1992), Sigerson Cup medals with U.C.C. (1995) and Tralee (1997 and 1998) and he also helped Munster to their last interprovincial title last year.

Another proud distinction was gained in Australia last October when the Glenflesk clubman was named Ireland's player of the series in the Coca Cola International Rules Test series win over Australia.

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Páidí Ó Sé

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Páidí Ó Sé (Trainer),
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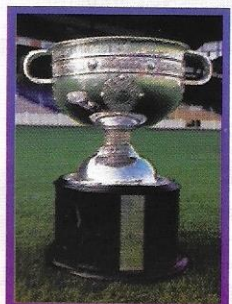
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M. Ó hAisí
(Laune Rangers)
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S. Ó Muineacháin (Capt.)
(Glenflesk)
- 4
MICHAEL McCARTHY
M. Mac Carthaigh
(Kilcummin)
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TOMÁS Ó SÉ
T. Ó Sé
(An Ghaeltacht)
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EAMON FITZMAURICE
E. Mac Muirís
(Finuge)
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TOM O'SULLIVAN
T. Ó Suilleabháin
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DONAL DALY
D. Ó Dálaigh
(Fries)
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1

MARTIN McNAMARA

M. Mac Con Mara
(Corofin)

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TOMÁS MEEHAN

T. Ó Míocháin
(Caltra)

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GARY FAHY

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(Killanin)

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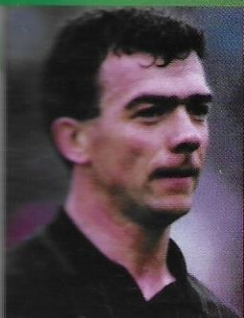
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An Réiteoir: Pat McEnaney (Muineachán)



The wheel has turned full circle for Pat. In 1996 he became the first Monaghan man to referee an All-Ireland senior football final since Seamus Murray in 1980. That Meath-Mayo game ended in a draw and he also refereed the replay—the last occasion an Ulsterman took charge of a Sam Maguire Cup tie.

Last month McEnaney refereed his first Leinster senior final and he will add another chapter to his record in a few weeks time as the Irish Referee/Umpire at the International Rules Test series between Ireland and Australia at Croke Park.

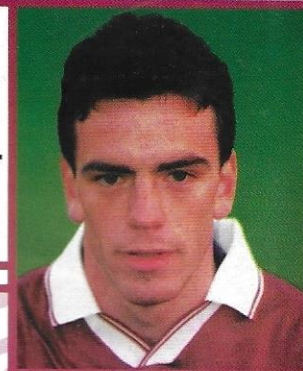
Pat won minor, junior and intermediate medals with his club, Corduff and he represented Monaghan in the under-21 grade.

A vastly experienced referee, he has taken charge of four Ulster senior finals, one Munster decider and has also officiated at AIB All-Ireland club final level.

When he refereed the 1996 drawn final he became the ninth from the North to control an All-Ireland senior decider.



An Captaen



Padraig Joyce

Padraig has played a real captain's part with his leadership and finishing technique in Galway's march to their second final in two years.

He highlighted his All-Ireland senior final debut two years ago by scoring his side's only goal in the win over Kildare and also finished as Galway's leading scorer in that memorable campaign.

Joyce, who is again proving very target conscious this season, led St. Jarlath's, Tuam, to their 1994 All-Ireland Colleges' senior title win.

The Galway captain was a member of the Tralee R.T.C. team that won the Sigerson Cup in 1997—the first Regional Technical College to win the trophy. He won a second medal a year later with Tralee.

Padraig is a gifted forward, clever at creating and taking scores. He won an Eircell All Stars award at full forward in 1998 and has represented Connacht in the interprovincial series.

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John O'Mahony

Roghnóirí:

John O'Mahony (Manager)
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Peter Warren.

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1.
Declan O'Keefe
Glenflesk



28 10st. 5'10".
Occupation: Garda

2 All-Ireland Senior; 1 All-Ireland JFC; 3 County SFC; 2 Munster SFC. Has represented his province and county in Railway Cup and International Rules.

2.
Mike Hassett
Laune Rangers



26 12st. 6'0".
Occupation: Teacher

Made his debut for Kerry in the NFL in 1993; 3 County SFC; 1 All-Ireland Club; 2 Munster Club; U-17 Compromise Rules Series 1990; 1 NFL.

3.
Seamus Moynihan
Glenflesk



26 13st. 5'11".
Occupation: Insurance Agent.

Longest-serving member of the squad (1992); 1 All-Ireland SFC; 1 NFL; 1 Railway Cup; 4 Sigerson; 1 All-Ireland Colleges; 3 Munster SFC; 2 Munster U-21; 1 Munster MFC; 2 International Rules selections; 3 County SFC.


4.
Michael McCarthy
Kilcummin



21 12st. 6'0".
Occupation: Student.

Made his first appearances for Kerry seniors last year; 1 All-Ireland U-21; 1 Munster MFC; 1 Munster SFC.

5.
Tomás Ó Sé
An Ghaeltacht



22 12st. 5'11".
Occupation: Student Teacher.

1 All-Ireland U-21; 3 Munster U-21; 2 Munster MFC; 2 Munster SFC.

Centenaries

This year Galway celebrated the centenary of their first appearance in championship football which was in the 1900 All-Ireland "Home" final against Tipperary. Not one of Galway's happiest occasions, as they were well beaten by the eventual All-Ireland champions.

But then centenaries have been little cause for celebration in most counties - especially in regard to All-Ireland success. For instance, Kerry's first appearance in an All-Ireland final was in 1892 when they lost to Dublin, but a hundred years later the end of the road came for them at the provincial final stage when they lost to Clare for the first time in more than 40 years. And Dublin, those other great championship contenders, who won their first All-Ireland title in 1891, went out in the first round in 1991 - though only after a

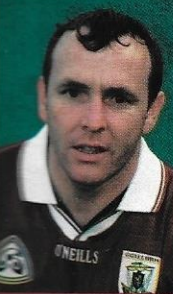
four-game marathon with Meath.

The first champions, Limerick, never looked like repeating their 1887 success when they stepped out against Cork in 1987 - they were beaten by a superior team - nor did any of the other early winners, with the exception of Cork, look like bridging the "century gap". Tipperary, who won the second All-Ireland to be decided (1889) had been in the doldrums when they went down to Cork in 1989 and Wexford's football glory had faded from the heights of 1893 when they lost in the first round to Dublin at Wexford Park in 1993.

Cork were the only county to celebrate the centenary of their first All-Ireland success in 1890 by winning out again in 1990. And that, of course, was a double celebration as they were also hurling champions in 1890 and 1990.




1.
Martin McNamara
Corofin



22 15st. 5'10".
Occupation: Publican.

Winner of medals at County SFC and SFL, Connacht Club SFC and 2 Connacht SFC, 1 All-Ireland SFC and 1 Club All-Star 1998.

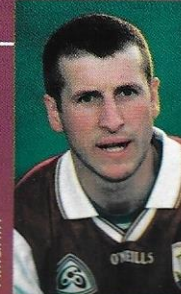
2.
Tomás Meehan
Caltra



23 12st. 7lb. 5'11".
Occupation: Computer Programmer.

1 Galway IFC, Connacht SF and All-Ireland Senior Colleges with St. Jarlath's College, Tuam. Connacht Minor, U-21 and 2 Senior, 1 All-Ireland SFC.

3.
Gary Fahy
Killamin



28 13st. 6'0".
Occupation: Mechanical Engineer.

Played Minor and U-21 for Galway and represented Connacht regularly. 3 Connacht SFC, 1 All-Ireland SFC.

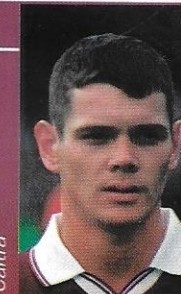
4.
Ray Silke
Corofin



30 13st. 10lb. 6'0".
Occupation: Bank Executive.

Captained Corofin and Galway to All-Ireland honours in 1998. Has represented Connacht and played Minor and U-21 with his county. 3 Connacht SFC, 1 All-Ireland SFC, 1 Connacht Club and 1 All-Ireland Club.

5.
Declan Meehan
Caltra



24 11st. 7lb. 5'8".
Occupation: Civil Servant.

Elder brother of Tomás, has represented St. Jarlath's College (All-Ireland '94) and Galway at underage level. Played Sigerson Cup with UCD this year. 2 Connacht SFC, 1 All-Ireland SFC.

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6.
Eamon Fitzmaurice
Frigo
24 12st. 6'1".
Occupation: Student Teacher.
2 All-Ireland U-21; 1 All-Ireland MFC; 2 Munster SFC; 1 McGrath Cup; 2 Munster U-21; 1 Munster JFC; 1 County SHC.



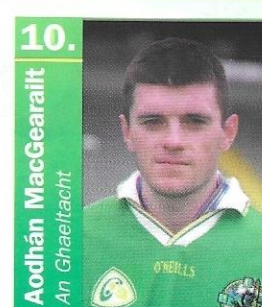
7.
Tom O'Sullivan
Rathmore
21 13st. 6'2".
Occupation: Trainee Garda
Made his championship debut against Cork this year; 1 Munster SFC; 1 All-Ireland U-21; 2 Munster U-21; 1 All-Ireland Vocational Schools; 3 County SFC.



8.
Darragh Ó Sé
An Ghaeltacht
25 14st. 6'0".
Occupation: ESB Employee.
First represented his county in 1994; 1 All-Ireland Senior; 2 All-Ireland U-21; 1 NFL; 1 Railway Cup.



9.
Donal Daly
Filles
25 14st. 6'2".
Occupation: Games Promotion Officer I.T. Tralee
1 All-Ireland JFC; 1 All-Ireland U-21; 4 Munster SFC; 1 NFL; 1 All-Ireland SFC; 3 County SFC.



10.
Aodhán MacGearailt
An Ghaeltacht
22 13st. 6'1".
Occupation: P.E. Student.
Came into the side last year; 1 All-Ireland U-21; 2 Munster U-21; 1 Munster SFC.

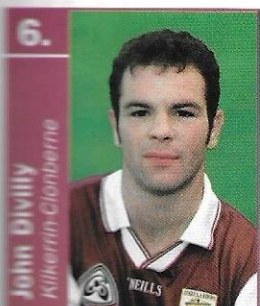
Disappointed Defenders

When Mick Connaire, Mick Rafferty, Bobby Beggs and their fellow defenders trooped off Croke Park at the end of the 1940 All-Ireland final, they had reason to wonder just how they had come to lose this final having conceded a mere 0-7 to the greatest Kerry forwards of that era. It was a quite remarkable feat...but not unique, as 13 years earlier Kerry had an even more galling experience when a defence that included such celebrated figures as Johnny Riordan, Joe Barrett, Joe Walsh and Phil O'Sullivan held Kildare to 0-5 and still finished on the losing side as the Lily Whites defence was even more unyielding in restricting the 'Kingdom' to 0-3.

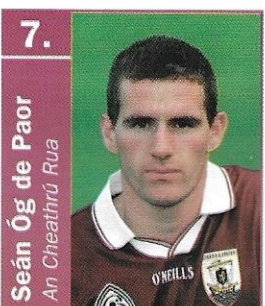
But one of the greatest exhibitions of defensive prowess was that given by

Galway in the 1922 final with Dublin. At that time the Metropolitans were well nigh invincible boasting outstanding attackers like Frank Burke, the Synnotts, Bill Donovan and Tom Pierce. But on the day the Galway defence more than measured up, restricting their celebrated opponents to a modest 0-6 - a score that was, alas, two points better than their own.

Almost 80 years later that display against Dublin stands as the finest-ever by a Galway team in an All-Ireland final. In fact it was bettered only once by a Connacht team in a final; Mayo in routing Laois in 1936 conceded only five points to the losers. And it should be added that the 0-7 conceded by the Galway defence in 1940 has not been matched in 60 years by any defence on a losing side in an All-Ireland final.



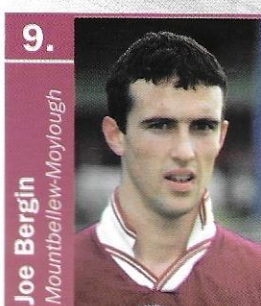
6.
John Divilly
Kilkerin-Clonbarne
23 13st.13lb 6'
Occupation: Sales Director.
Another member of the All-Ireland winning St. Jarlath's team of '94, has Connacht medals at Minor, U-21 and Senior (2). 1 All-Ireland SFC.



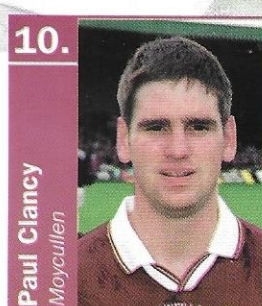
7.
Seán Óg de Paor
An Cheathrú Rua
29 12st.12lb 5'10".
Occupation: Secondary school Teacher.
A scoring half-back, won Minor, U-21 and Senior (3) in Connacht, 1 All-Ireland SFC, Led UCG to win Sigerson Cup in '92 and inspired his club to county success in '96. All-Star '98.



8.
Seán Ó Dóimhnaill
An Cheathrú Rua
25 15st. 6'6".
Occupation: Plant Manager
First represented Galway at Vocational Schools level. Helped his club to victory in Galway SFC and SFL and All-Ireland Gaeltacht SFC. 1 All-Ireland SFC.



9.
Joe Bergin
Mountbellew-Moylough
19 13st.7lb. 6'4".
Occupation: Student.
Medals include Cumann na nBunscol, Junior Colleges, Minor 'B', Galway IFC, Connacht U-21 FC, 1 Connacht SFC.




10.
Paul Clancy
Moycullen
23. 13st. 5'11".
Occupation: Electrician.
Was unfortunately injured early in 1998, he played only the last 10 minutes of the 1998 final. Has Connacht medals at minor, U-21 and senior (2); 1 All-Ireland SFC.

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11.
Dara O Ginnéide
An Ohealltach




15 13st. 5'10".
Occupation: Teacher.
 Made his debut with Kerry in 1994; 1 All-Ireland Senior; 2 All-Ireland U-21; 1 All-Ireland JFC; 1 Railway Cup.

12.
Noel Kennelly
Listowel Emmets



20 13st. 6'2".
Occupation: Bank Official.
 Has represented Kerry at U-21 for 5 years (1996-2000); 1 All-Ireland U-21; 4 Munster U-21; 2 Munster MFC; 1 Munster SFC.

13.
Michael F. Russell
Laune Rangers



22 11st. 5'11".
Occupation: Currency Exchange Official.
 Leading scorer in the semi-final replay with 2-3; 1 All-Ireland SFC; 2 All-Ireland U-21; 1 All-Ireland Minor; 1 All-Ireland Club; 1 All-Ireland Colleges; 1 Sigerson Cup; 3 County SFC.

14.
Liam Hassett
Laune Rangers



25 13st. 6'2".
Occupation: Teacher.
 Captained Kerry in 1997; All-Ireland; 1 All-Ireland SFC; 2 All-Ireland U-21; 1 All-Ireland Club; 3 Munster SFC; 1 NFL; 1 Railway Cup.

15.
John Crowley
Glenflesk



25 13st. 6'0".
Occupation: Garda
 Another long-serving member of the squad for 1994; 1 All-Ireland SFC; 1 All-Ireland U-21; All-Ireland JFC; 3 County SFC; 4 East Kerry SFC.

In Two Centuries

No matter which side wins today it will mean that a number of players can claim the distinction of having won All-Ireland medals in two centuries as both teams include men who collected medals in the Kerry win of 1997 or the Galway triumph a year later. Over the next few years it is possible that a number of players from Meath, Dublin or one or two Ulster counties, will join this select group, which is a far cry from the situation at the turn of the last century when claimants for this particular double were few in number.

The first man to 'cross the centuries' was Bob Quane of Tipperary who won his first medal in 1895 when

Meath were overcome in the final, and who was on the 1900 team that beat London. It is noteworthy that the Arravale Rovers man was the only one to bridge the five-year gap, but in those days when county champions changed there was often a clean-out of players from previous sides...even those that had won All-Ireland medals.

Only four other men recorded the 'century double' and they were all Dublin men - Luke Kelly, Jack O'Brien, Paddy McCann and Tom "Darby" Erritty - who won medals when Dublin annexed three titles in the late nineties and were again on duty in 1901 and '02.

Needless to say, more than five men will join that quintet today.

11.
Tommy Joyce
Killieratin




24 12st. 5'10".
Occupation: Contract Supervisor
 Brother of Padraig, he was a substitute two years ago. Came up through the ranks from St. Jarlath's College, winning Connacht medals at minor, U-21 and senior (2); 1 All-Ireland SFC.

12.
Michael Donnellan
Dunmore Mohales




23 13st. 5'11".
Occupation: Company Executive
 The third generation Donnellan to win All-Ireland medals, he is also a former colleges star with St. Jarlath's. Connacht medals at minor, U-21 and senior (2), he won All-Star, Texaco and "Young Footballer of the Year" awards in 1998. 1 All-Ireland SFC.

13.
Derek Savage
Cortoon Shamrocks




22 12st. 5'8".
Occupation: Engineer.
 Another graduate from the 1994 minor team, he is currently playing the best football of his career. 2 Connacht SFC, 1 All-Ireland SFC.

14.
Padraig Joyce
Killieratin



23 6'.
Occupation: Company Executive
 St. Jarlath's and Galway minor star in 1994, he was also to the fore for Tralee I.T. in their Sigerson Cup victories of 1997 and 1998. Scored the vital goal in 1998 Final. 2 Connacht SFC, 1 All-Ireland SFC. Team captain.

15.
Niall Finnegan
St. Sylvester's, Malahide



29 12st.12lb. 5'11".
Occupation: Solicitor.
 Former Salthill star, he has won minor, U-21 and senior (3) Connacht medals. Regular representative on Connacht team. 1 All-Ireland SFC.

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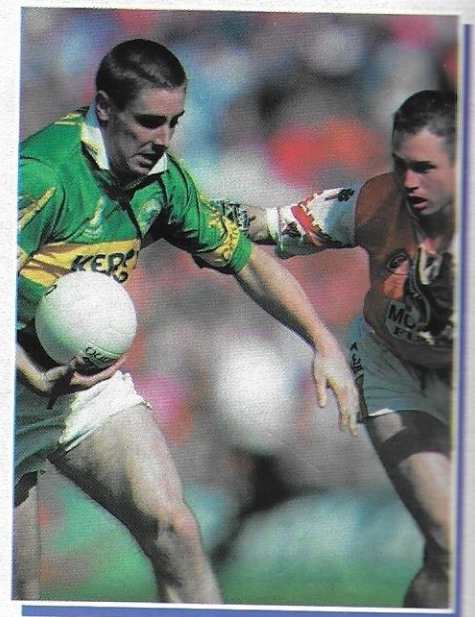
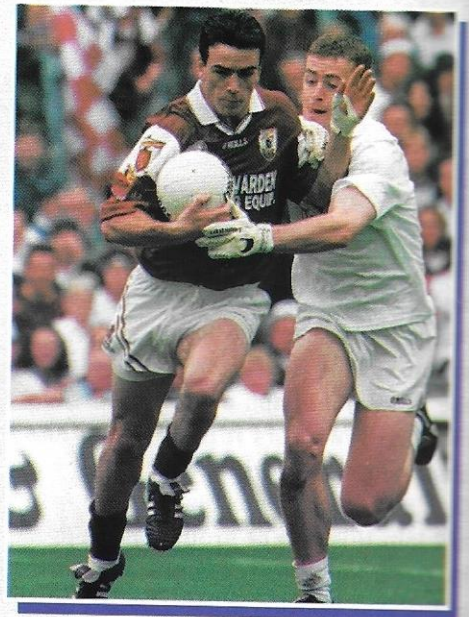
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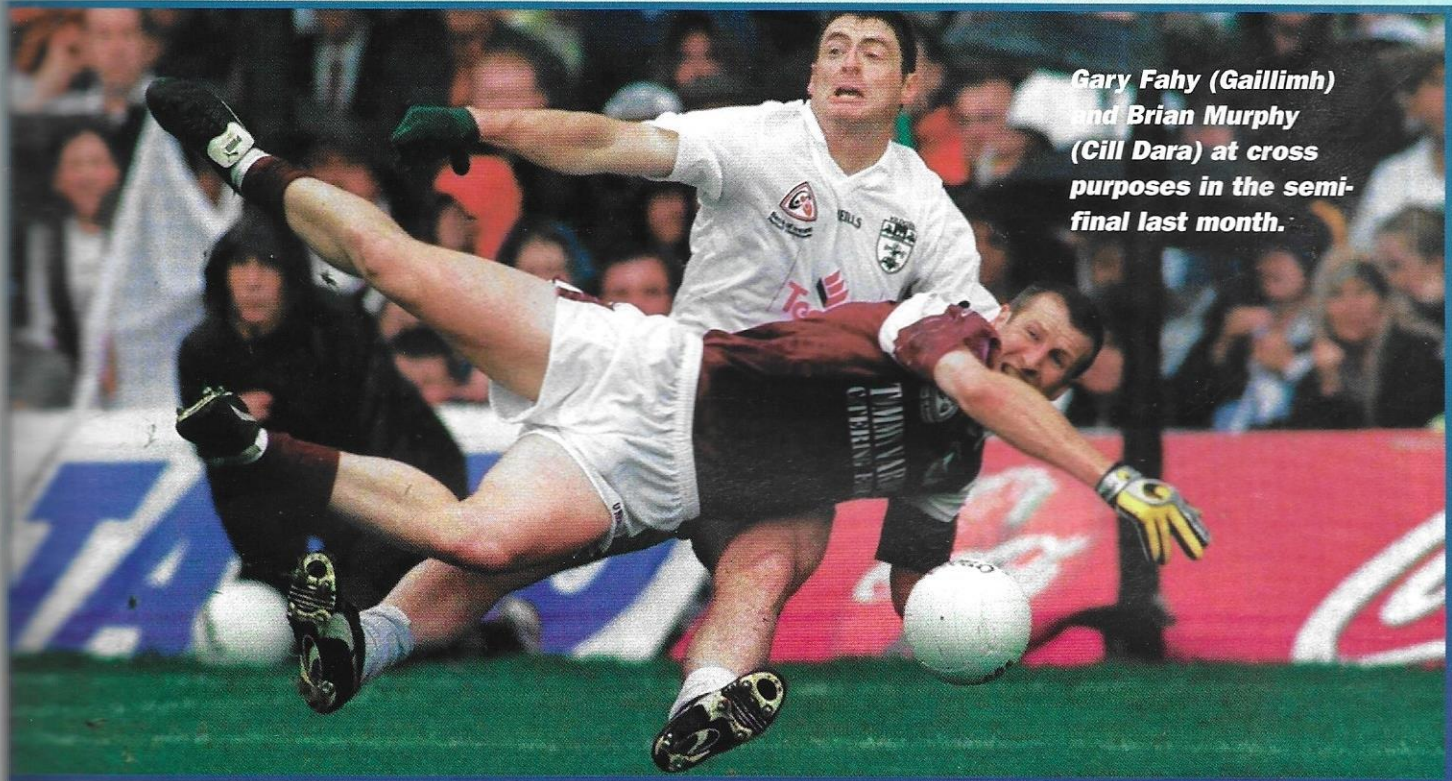
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16. Peter O'Leary (<i>Legion</i>)	Age: 30	Weight: 15st.	Height: 6'3"	Occupation: Sales Representative.
17. Maurice Fitzgerald (<i>St. Mary's</i>)	Age: 30	Weight: 14st.	Height: 6'2"	Occupation: Insurance/Auctioneering.
18. Denis O'Dwyer (<i>Waterville</i>)	Age: 24	Weight: 12st.	Height: 5'10"	Occupation: Insurance/Auctioneering
19. Killian Burns (<i>Sneem</i>)	Age: 25	Weight: 12st.	Height: 5'11"	Occupation: Public Relations Consultant.
20. Tommy Griffin (<i>Dingle</i>)	Age: 22	Weight: 13st.	Height: 6'2"	Occupation: Company Representative.
21. Enda Galvin (<i>Finuge</i>)	Age: 21	Weight: 12st.	Height: 5'10"	Occupation: Company Representative.
22. Mossie Lyons (<i>Desmonds</i>)	Age: 23	Weight: 11st.	Height: 5'11"	Occupation: Trainee Actuary.
23. Kenneth Dillon (<i>Desmonds</i>)	Age: 23	Weight: 14st.	Height: 6'1"	Occupation: Engineer.
24. Stephen O'Sullivan (<i>Skellig Rangers</i>)	Age: 20	Weight: 11st.	Height: 6'0"	Occupation: Carpenter.



Gary Fahy (Gaillimh) and Brian Murphy (Cill Dara) at cross purposes in the semi-final last month.

16. Pdraig Lally (<i>An Spidéal</i>)	Age: 21	Weight: 14st.	Height: 6'2"	Occupation: Bar Manager.
17. Richie Fahy (<i>Killanin</i>)	Age: 23	Weight: 12st.12	Height: 5'9"	Occupation: Plasterer.
18. Jason Killeen (<i>Corofin</i>)	Age: 22	Weight: 13st.7	Height: 6'2"	Occupation: Sales Assistant.
19. Kevin Walsh (<i>Killanin</i>)	Age: 30	Weight: 15st.10	Height: 6'4"	Occupation: Garda.
20. Micheál Ó Carraráin (<i>An Spidéal</i>)	Age: 22	Weight: 12st.2	Height: 6'1"	Occupation: Student.
21. Shay Walsh (<i>Glenamaddy</i>)	Age: 25	Weight: 13st.11	Height: 6'1"	Occupation: Civil Engineer.
22. John Donnellan (<i>Dunmore McHales</i>)	Age: 26	Weight: 14st.10	Height: 6'3"	Occupation: Sales Executive.
23. Kieran Comer (<i>Corofin</i>)	Age: 19	Weight: 13st.7	Height: 6'1"	Occupation: Student.
24. Lorcan Ó Callaráin (<i>An Spidéal</i>)	Age: 26	Weight: 12st.7	Height: 6'3"	Occupation: Teacher.

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TOP SCORERS

Ó Cinnéide likely to go top

Twelve months ago Oisín McConville took the overall scoring award with a score of 3-18 (27 points) and a slightly smaller return of 1-22 again sees the Armagh player in the premier position. However, Dara Ó Cinnéide is just two points in arrears and as the 'Kingdom' ace has been averaging just under six points per outing, he must be favoured to take the overall award and would be the first Kerry man to do so since Maurice Fitzgerald in 1997.

Galway's Padraig Joyce, who finished tenth last season and third the year before, is set for another high placing, and perhaps, with a spectacularly good return this afternoon, the overall honour. As well as McConville and Joyce, just one other player

Anthony Tohill - reappears from last year's list and he improves slightly from 13th to 12th.

The top 16 scorers in the 2000 championship are:

Oisín McConville (Armagh)	1-22 (25 points)
Dara Ó Cinnéide (Kerry)	3-14 (23)
Rory Gallagher (Fermanagh)	1-19 (22)
Padraig Brennan (Kildare)	0-21
Leigh O'Brien (Wexford)	0-21
Padraig Davis (Longford)	0-19
Tommy Gill (Wicklow)	1-15 (18)
Michael Francis Russell (Kerry)	2-11 (17)
Jason Lawlor (Wexford)	3-8 (17)
Padraig Joyce (Galway)	0-16
Colm Quinn (Offaly)	1-13 (16)
Anthony Tohill (Derry)	0-15
Enda Muldoon (Derry)	1-11 (14)
Sheeny McQuillan (Antrim)	1-11 (14)
Niall Finnegan (Galway)	0-13
Cathal O'Rourke (Armagh)	0-13

INDIVIDUAL FEATS

McConville heads the list

Last season Oisín McConville did the overall scoring and individual feats double and although the Armagh ace's hold on the overall title looks tenuous, his chances of retaining the individual feats title look strong as his return of 1-9 in the replayed semi-final against Kerry leads the way. However, as the Northerner had an extra 30 minutes in which to compile his score, Declan Browne and Dara Ó Cinnéide could put forward claims that their 11-point returns were of a higher caste.

In all, 23 performances of seven points or better (24 in '99 and 23 in '98) were recorded and they are:

Oisín McConville (Armagh)	1-9
v Kerry - All-Ireland semi-final replay, Croke Park	
Declan Browne (Kerry)	1-8
v Kerry - semi-final, Killarney	
Dara Ó Cinnéide (Kerry)	2-5
v Cork - semi-final, Killarney	
Padraig Davis (Longford)	0-9
v Carlow - preliminary round, Cullen Park	
Rory Gallagher (Fermanagh)	1-6
v Donegal - 2nd round, Ballybofey	
Tommy Gill (Wicklow)	1-6
v Longford - preliminary round, Pearse Park	
Michael Francis Russell (Kerry)	2-3
v Armagh - All-Ireland semi-final replay, Croke Park	

Colm Hickey (Limerick)	2-3
v Cork - 1st round, Kilmallock	
Padraig Brennan (Kildare)	0-8
v Offaly - semi-final replay, Croke Park	
Rory Gallagher (Fermanagh)	0-8
v Armagh - semi-final, Clones	
Declan Browne (Tipperary)	0-8
v Clare - semi-final, the Gaelic Grounds	
Leigh O'Brien (Wexford)	0-8
v Carlow - preliminary round, Cullen Park	
Niall Sheridan (Longford)	2-2
v Wicklow - preliminary round, Pearse Park	
Frankie Dolan (Roscommon)	2-2
v London - 1st round, Ruislip	
Padraig Joyce (Galway)	0-7
v Kildare - All-Ireland semi-final, Croke Park	
Tommy Gill (Wicklow)	0-7
v Wexford - preliminary round, Aughrim	
Colm Quinn (Offaly)	0-7
v Meath - 1st round, Croke Park	
Sheeny McQuillan (Antrim)	0-7
v Down - 2nd round, Casement Park	
Padraig Graven (Kildare)	1-4
v Louth - 1st Round, Croke Park	
Jason Lawlor (Wexford)	1-4
v Longford - Preliminary round, New Ross	
Paddy Bradley (Derry)	1-4
v Antrim, semi-final replay, Casement Park	
Gerry Lohan (Roscommon)	2-1
v London - 1st round, Ruislip	
John Hegarty (Wexford)	2-1
v Longford - Preliminary round, New Ross	



Dara Ó Cinnéide, Ciarraí - featured near the top of both scorers lists

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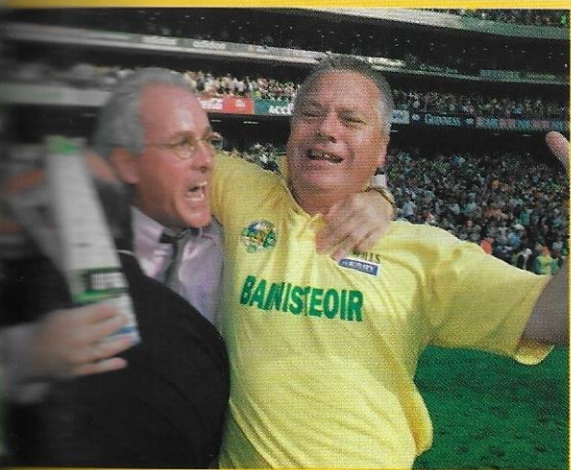
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The Team Managers show their delight after the semi-finals' victories — above, John O'Mahony is congratulated by happy Galway supporters while, on left, Páidí Ó Sé celebrates with Seán Walsh, Chairman, Kerry County Board (centre) and selector Eddie O'Sullivan.

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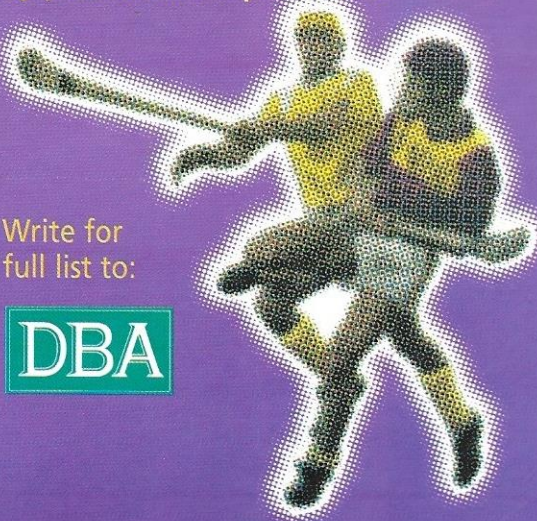
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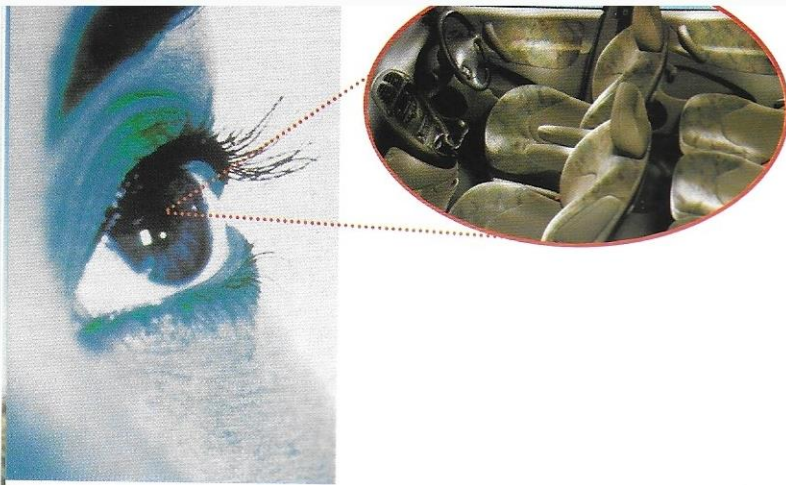
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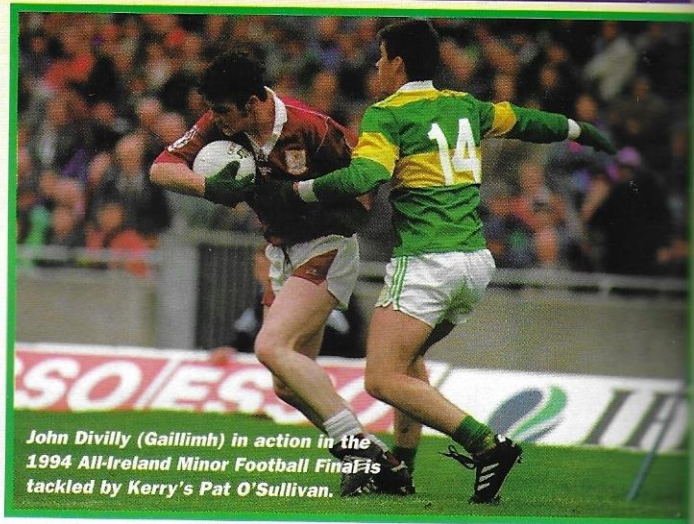
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John Divilly (Gaillimh) in action in the 1994 All-Ireland Minor Football Final's tackled by Kerry's Pat O'Sullivan.

The 1994 Minor Encounter

It is six years since the paths of Galway and Kerry last crossed on the All-Ireland final stage and that was when the counties were in opposition in the minor decider. For most of the opening half Kerry were in control and it was only thanks to Michael Higgins' brilliant 22nd-minute goal that Galway found themselves within striking distance at the interval trailing by just three points - 0-9 to 1-3.

However, three quick points on the restart re-established Kerry's superiority but a plucky Galway outfit refused to go quietly and with seven minutes remaining the gap had been narrowed to just two points. But a fine save and clearance by Kerry 'keeper Bryan Murphy proved inspirational and four unanswered points saw the minor title go to the Kingdom youths on a 0-16 to 1-7 scoreline.

Kerry scorers: J.Ferriter 0-6, J.O'Shea 0-2, D.Dwyer 0-2, G.O'Keefe 0-2, F.O'Connor 0-1, L.Brosnan 0-1, G.Lynch 0-1, P.Sullivan 0-1.

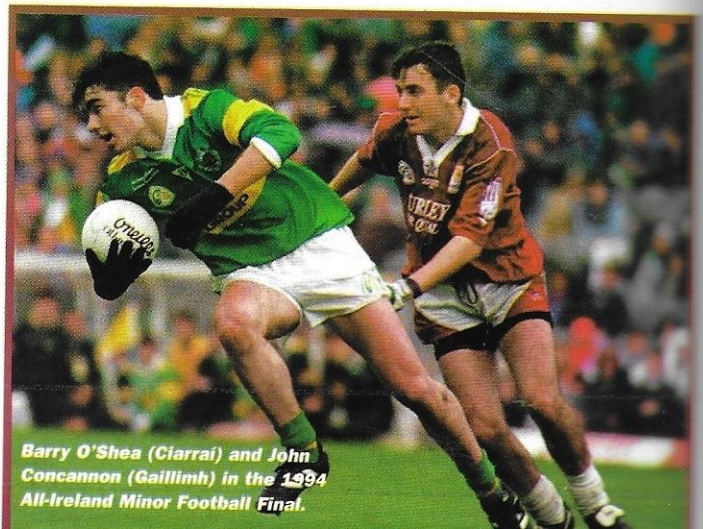
Galway scorers: M.Higgins 1-1, J.Concannon 0-3, M.Donnellan 0-2, P.Joyce 0-1.

Kerry: Bryan Murphy, Kieran O'Driscoll, Barry O'Shea, Sean O'Mahoney, Timmy Fleming, Charlie McCarthy, Fergus O'Connor, Denis Dwyer, Gene O'Keefe, Jack Ferriter, Liam Brosnan, Gerry Lynch, James O'Shea, Pat Sullivan, Gerry Murphy.

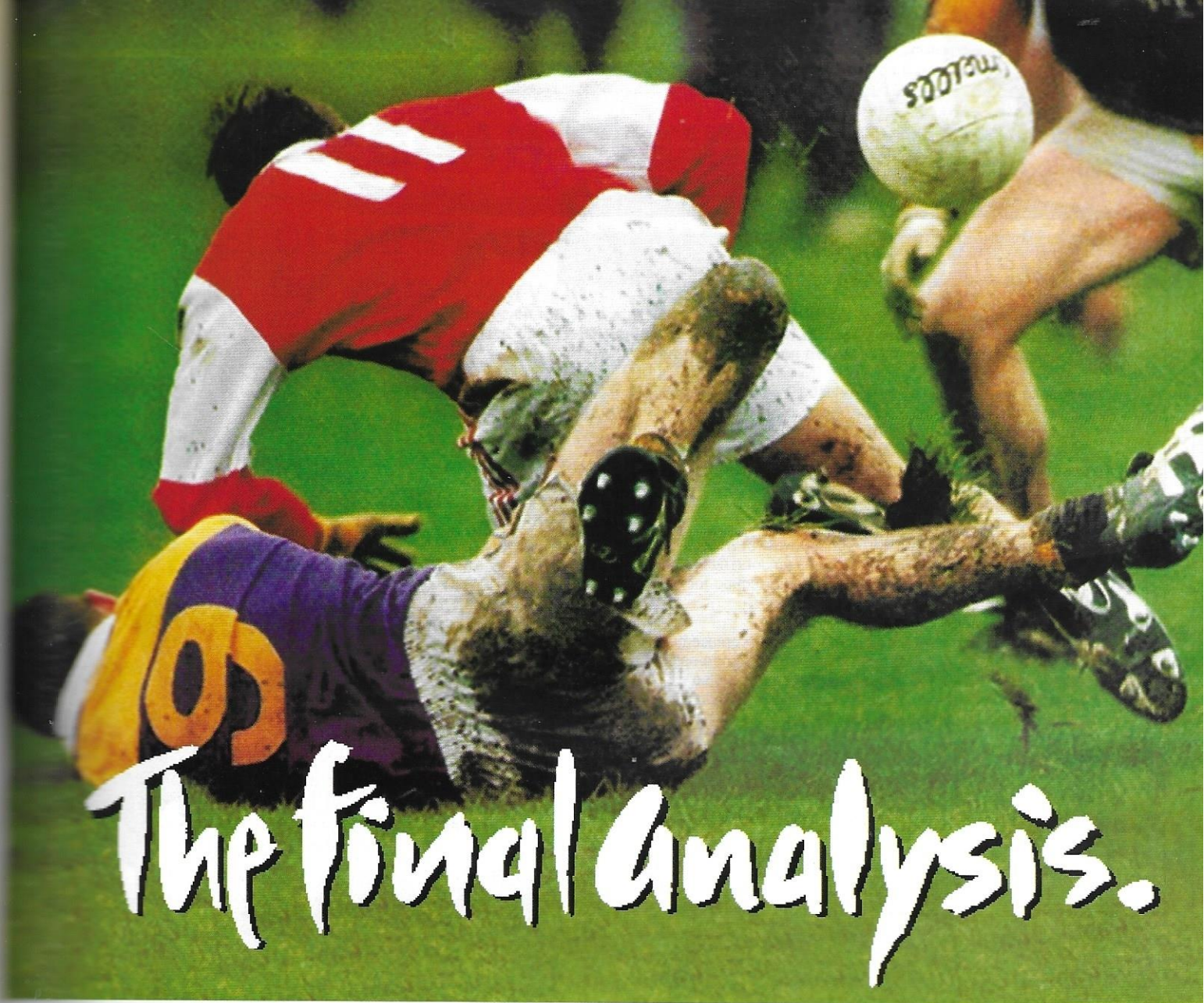
Sub: Michael Francis Russell.

Galway: Lloyd Kelly, Richie Fahy, Kevin Keane, Tomas Meehan, John Divilly, Declan Meehan, John Lardner, Aiden Donnellan, Michael Higgins, Paul Clancy, Michael Donnellan, Pdraig Joyce, Derek Savage, John Concannon, Derek Reilly.

Subs: Mark Waldron, Tom Reilly.



Barry O'Shea (Ciarraí) and John Concannon (Gaillimh) in the 1994 All-Ireland Minor Football Final.



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Joe Bergin (Gaillimh)

It is a measure of the impact made by Galway's Joe Bergin over the last four months that the youngest player in today's Bank of Ireland All-Ireland football final is now one of the best known names in the game.

And despite his tender years - he is just 19 - and relative lack of experience of the inter-county game at this level, there is an expectation that he will continue to be a major influence on the Galway team today and for a considerable time in the future.

His rise has been somewhat meteoric this summer but it has not come as a surprise to observers of the club scene in Galway who have been watching the youngster from the Mountbellew-Moylough club since his early teens.

A winner of a number of titles at various levels at schools and under-age, he caught the attention of the Galway senior team manager John O'Mahony during the 1999 season and was promoted to the senior squad for the National League campaign.

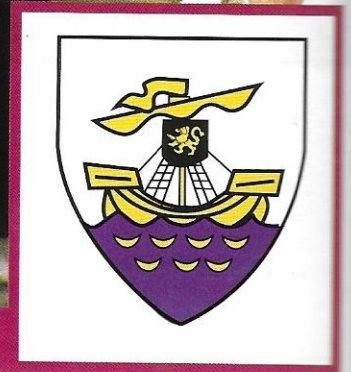
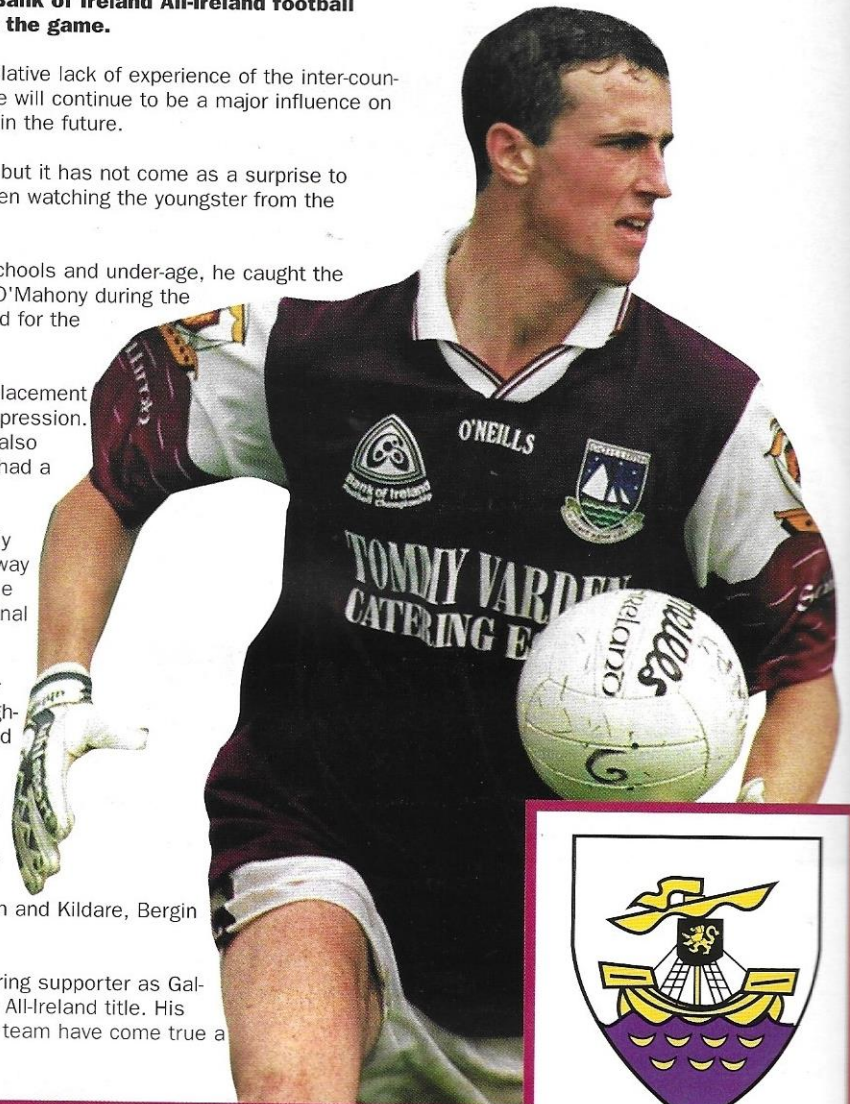
A regular in the team during that competition as replacement for the injured Kevin Walsh, Bergin made a quick impression. Standing at 6'4" he has a height advantage but he also showed that he possessed good football skills and had a penchant for kicking valuable points.

The early part of this year turned out to be especially busy for Bergin as he was a key member of the Galway under-21 team. They surprised favourites Mayo in the Connacht final and qualified for an All-Ireland semi-final appearance against a fancied Tyrone team.

That game proved to be a bittersweet experience for Bergin. He was outstanding at midfield against a highly rated Tyrone pairing but was sent off in the second half.

However, by then he had shown enough to the team management to convince them that he should start his first senior championship campaign against New York. And in the four games Galway have played on their way to this final against New York, Sligo, Leitrim and Kildare, Bergin has cemented his place as a regular.

Two years ago he looked on as an excited and admiring supporter as Galway ended a wait of three and a half decades for an All-Ireland title. His dreams then that he would one day be a part of the team have come true a lot quicker than he would have dared to expect.



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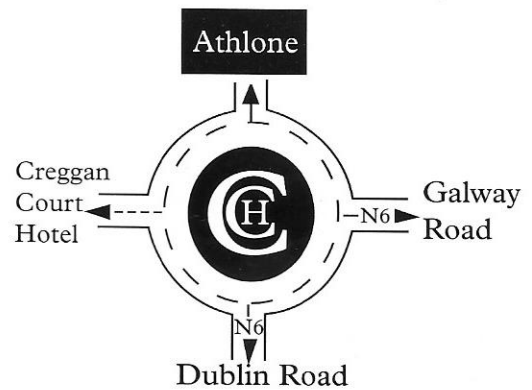
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Six Finals ... Galway and Kerry

1938 - Galway 3-3 Kerry 2-6

The first-ever meeting of these counties in an All-Ireland final attracted a record attendance of 68,950 - a massive 15,000 more than the previous best. And the record crowd saw an absorbing contest as two well-matched teams battled every inch of the way before a late goal made a second meeting necessary. An early exchange of points reflected the evenness of the contest, but it was the goals - the first by Brendan Nestor at the 20th minute and J.J.Landers reply in lost time that defined the splendour of the game.

Ahead by 1-3 to 1-2 at the break, Kerry stretched their lead to three points within four minutes of the restart and then 16 scoreless minutes ended with an equalising goal from Eddie Mulholland. Nestor inched Galway in front but Kerry struck back to lead by three points until Ralph Griffin's goal tied the scores with three minutes remaining.

Galway scorers: B.Nestor 1-1, R.Griffin 1-0, E.Mulholland 1-0, J.Flavin 0-1, M.Kelly 0-1.

Kerry scorers: J.J.Landers 1-1, T.O'Leary 1-1, M.Doyle 0-1, C.O'Sullivan 0-1, A.McAuliffe 0-1, P.Kennedy 0-1.

Galway: Jimmy McGauran, Mick Rafferty, Mick Connaire, Dinny O'Sullivan, Frank Cunniffe, Bobby Beggs, Charlie Connolly, John Burke, John Dunne, Jackie Flavin, Mick Higgins, Ralph Griffin, Eddie Mulholland, Martin Kelly, Brendan Nestor.

Subs: Mick Ryder for Mulholland, Pat McDonagh for Burke.

Kerry: Dan O'Keefe, Bill Kinneak, Joe Keohane, Bill Myers, Bill Dillon, Willie Casey, Tom O'Connor, Johnny Walsh, Sean Brosnan, Paddy Kennedy, Tony McAuliffe, Charlie O'Sullivan, Mick Regan, Miko Doyle, Tim O'Leary.

Subs: J.J.Landers for Walsh.

Replay - Galway 2-4 Kerry 0-7

A Nestor point and a Griffin goal got Galway off to a dream start. By the 20th minute points from Sean Brosnan (two) and Charlie O'Sullivan narrowed Kerry arrears to the minimum but a point from Nestor left it 1-2 to 0-3 at the break. The crucial score came at the 38th minute when a fierce melee in the Kerry goal-mouth ended with the ball in the Kerry net.

Later, with Galway four points clear, a whistle for a free was mistaken for the end of the game and the crowd surged onto the pitch. It took some time to restart the game by which time many of the Kerry team had left the ground and a number of replacements had to be drafted in. However, Sean Brosnan's point was the only score subsequently recorded - and made no difference to the result.

Galway scorers: B.Nestor 0-3, R.Griffin 1-0, J.Dunne 0-1, goal in melee.

Kerry scorers: S.Brosnan 0-3, M.Doyle 0-3, C.O'Sullivan 0-1.

Galway: Jimmy McGauran, Mick Rafferty, Mick Connaire, Dinny O'Sullivan, Frank Cunniffe, Bobby Beggs, Charlie Connolly, John Burke, John Dunne, Jackie Flavin, Mick Higgins, Ralph Griffin, Eddie Mulholland, Martin Kelly, Brendan Nestor.

Kerry: Dan O'Keefe, Bill Kinneak, Paddy Bawn Brosnan, Bill Myers, Bill Dillon, Willie Casey, Tom O'Connor, J.J.Landers, Sean Brosnan, Paddy Kennedy, Tony McAuliffe, Charlie O'Sullivan, Mick Regan, Miko Doyle, Tim O'Leary.

1940 - Kerry 0-7 Galway 1-3

Rarely in an All-Ireland final can so many outstanding forwards have had such a frustrating afternoon. It was a day when little went right for Kerry's Murt Kelly, Dan Spring and Tom O'Connor or for the opposition's Brendan Nestor, Ned Mulholland and Jackie Flavin.

And if it was a frustrating day for forwards it was equally so for the spectators who saw a game interrupted by more than 60 frees. The greasy ball didn't help the continuity of play as much as the marksmanship. Not surprisingly, there were few highlights though the battle between Bobby Beggs and Tom O'Connor must have captivated the 60,000 attendance.

Scores came with agonising slowness with Kerry getting first-quarter points by O'Connor and Spring. Nestor had Galway's first and the second quarter was well advanced when Joe Duggan beat Dan O'Keefe for the only goal of the game.

That score helped the Tribesmen turn over leading by 1-2 to 0-3, but thereafter the western attack was completely subdued by the brilliant Bill Myers, Joe Keohane and Bill Casey. Not that the Kerry forwards fared much better against the staunch resistance offered by Mick Rafferty, Mick Connaire and Beggs.

With the game in lost time a draw appeared certain after Murt Kelly levelled matters from a free, but then Charlie Sullivan shot a wonderful winner from almost 40 yards.

Kerry scorers: C.O'Sullivan 0-2, M.Kelly 0-2, D.Spring 0-1, T.O'Connor 0-1, P.B.Brosnan 0-1.

Galway scorers: J.Duggan 1-0, B.Nestor 0-2, J.Burke 0-1.

Kerry: Dan O'Keefe, Bill Myers, Joe Keohane, Tadhg Healy, Bill Dillon, Bill Casey, Eddie Walsh, Sean Brosnan, John Walsh, John O'Gorman, Tom O'Connor, Paddy Kennedy, Murt Kelly, Dan Spring, Charlie O'Sullivan.

Sub: Paddy Bawn Brosnan.

Galway: Jimmy McGauran, Mick Rafferty, Mick Connaire, Dinny O'Sullivan, Frank Cunniffe, Bobby Beggs, Charlie Connolly, John Dunne, Joe Duggan, Jackie Flavin, John Burke, Jarlath Canavan, Mick Higgins, Ned Mulholland, Brendan Nestor.

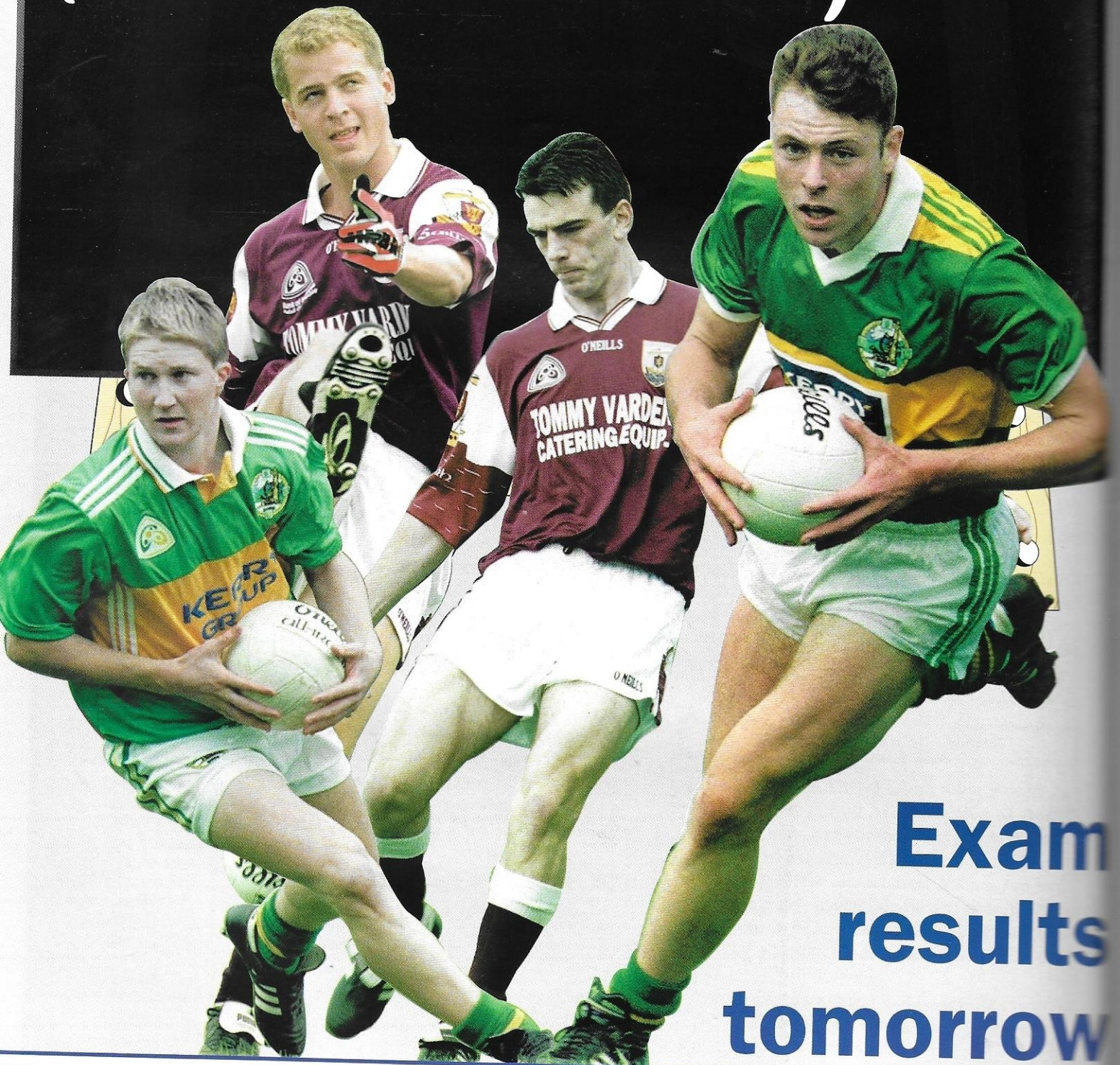
The Kerry-Galway Connection

Jackie Flavin, who made his own piece of football history by winning All-Ireland medals with and against his native county in successive years (1937-38), was probably the best known of all the Kerry men who assisted Galway in the thirties, forties and fifties.

But he wasn't the first from the Kingdom to throw in his lot with the Tribesmen. That distinction is shared by Mick Ferriter and Tadhg McCarthy who were both members of the Galway team that won the 1934 All-Ireland. Flavin, of course, was next in line to be followed by Dan Kavanagh and Jimmy Clifford in the early forties. (Ironically, it was Kavanagh's goal in the 1942 semi-final that ended Kerry's four-in-a-row bid).

Sean Condon was another son of the 'Kingdom' to render sterling service in the maroon and white. The Galway success in 1956 saw Jack Kissane play his part in downing Cork while Mick Laide was on the team that opposed Kerry in the 1959 final. More recently Gene Driscoll carried on this particular tradition; Galway has good reason to be grateful for the services of Kerry 'ex-patriots'. But then so had quite a few other counties over the years.

Class reunion... (and what class!)



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Six Finals ... Galway and Kerry

1941 - Kerry 1-8 Galway 0-7

The Wartime travel restrictions were beginning to bite and for the first time in a number of years the attendance dropped below the 46,000 mark. But the enterprising souls who beat the restrictions saw an infinitely better game than the 1940 meeting - a game that featured some magnificent catching and kicking by both sides and with far fewer stoppages for minor infringements.

With play of a reasonably fluent character scores came at a steady - if not exactly fast - rate, but overall, in most of the man-to-man clashes, defenders had the better of the argument. Those doing especially well in this regard were Tadhg Healy, Bill Dillon and Joe Keohane for Kerry and Mick Connaire, Dinny O'Sullivan and Frank Cunniffe for the losers.

The game was eventually decided by Tom O'Connor's goal midway through the second half, but for much of the way there was precious little between two well-matched sides with Galway edging it for most of the first half as points by Mulholland, Burke and Dunne brought a reply from O'Gorman, O'Connor and Paddy Bawn Brosnan; and when Galway edged ahead O'Connor replied to leave it 0-4 all at the break.

Points by Burke and Dunne boosted Galway on the resumption, but the game swung to Kerry when O'Connor finished Sean Brosnan's free to the net. Galway never recovered from that blow and Kerry finished strongly to claim their 15th title.

Kerry scorers: T.O'Connor 1-2, M.Kelly 0-2, J.O'Gorman 0-2, P.B.Brosnan 0-1, P.Kennedy 0-1.
Galway scorers: J.Dunne 0-3, J.Burke 0-3, E.Mulholland 0-1.

Kerry: Dan O'Keefe, Bill Myers, Joe Keohane, Tadhg Healy, Bill Dillon, Bill Casey, Eddie Walsh, Sean Brosnan, Paddy Kennedy, John Walsh, Tom O'Connor, Paddy Bawn Brosnan, John O'Gorman, Wurt Kelly, Charlie O'Sullivan.

Subs: Tim Landers for Myers, Mick Lyne for John Walsh.

Galway: Jimmy McGauran, Mick Rafferty, Pat McDonagh (Kilconly), Dinny O'Sullivan, Frank Cunniffe, Bobby Beggs, Joe Duggan, Charlie Connolly, Dan Kavanagh, Jim Hanniffy, John Dunne, Jarlath Canavan, Ned Mulholland, Pat McDonagh (Carraroe), John Burke.

Subs: Pierce Thornton for Canavan.

1959 - Kerry 3-7 Galway 1-4

The scoreline might suggest a comfortable Kerry win, but in truth it was a very competitive encounter until Kerry's third goal late in the hour finally closed the door on the battling Westerners. Indeed, early on, Galway with the advantage of a slight breeze, dominated the exchanges, especially at midfield where Frank Eivers and Mattie McDonagh outwitted Mick O'Connell and Seamus Murphy, but further up the field and despite the presence of several outstanding score-getters, Galway were unusually sluggish and the scores that these men had contrived so often from unlikely situations never came.

Frank Eivers' goal in response to a brace of early points by the Dowlings appeared to settle Galway, but when the 'Kingdom' mentors switched Tom Long to midfield the service to the Galway front lines was much restricted, and when Dan McAuliffe and Taghie Lyne had points to force half-time parity (0-5 to 1-2), the signs were ominous.

Yet, Galway might have gone ahead early in the third quarter when Joe Young, in reply to a Lyne point, also had a point that might well have been a goal. And while it might be an exaggeration to say that the Army man's miss signalled the end for Galway, from here on they were fighting a losing battle and their only subsequent score was a point by Sean Purcell in the 52nd minute. The final score may have flattered Kerry but they were undoubtedly worthy winners.



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Kerry scorers: D.McAuliffe 1-2, D.Geaney 1-0, G.McMahon 1-0, T.Lyne 0-2, John Dowling 0-1, Jack Dowling 0-1, M.O'Dwyer 0-1.

Galway scorers: S.Purcell 0-3, F.Eivers 1-0, J.Young 0-1.

Kerry: Johnny Culloty, Jerome O'Shea, Niall Sheehy, Tim Lyons, Sean Murphy, Kevin Coffey, Mick O'Dwyer, Mick O'Connell, Seamus Murphy, Dan McAuliffe, Tom Long, Paidi Sheehy, Dave Geaney, John Dowling, Tadhgje Lyne.

Subs: Jack Dowling for Lyons, Moss O'Connell for Mick O'Connell, Gary McMahon for Geaney.

Galway: Jimmy Farrell, Jack Kissane, Sean Meade, Mick Grealley, Mick Garrett, Jack Mahon, Seamus Colleran, Frank Eivers, Matty McDonagh, Joe Young, Sean Purcell, Michael McDonagh, Mick Laide, Frank Stockwell, John Nallen.

Subs: John Kelley for Nallen, Paddy Dunne for Grealley.

1964 - Galway 0-15 Kerry 0-10

To say that Kerry were favourites for this final would be an understatement - and understandably so. Galway's hard-earned two-point win over Meath in the semi-final could hardly compare with Kerry's 12-point demolition of a Cavan team that had impressed in coming through Ulster.

But Galway hadn't read the prepared script, or if they had, they chose to ignore it as they proceeded to run the favourites ragged with a wonderful display of constructive, intelligent football which Kerry matched far too infrequently for their title hopes.

Galway's opening burst yielded four points as Kerry sought to impose their own pattern on the game. To their credit, Kerry, on a day when little went right and luck was their enemy, fought back and were holding their own when the half-time whistle sounded with the score 0-7 to 0-3 in Galway's favour.

Early second-half uncertainty on Galway's part almost allowed control to pass to the Kingdom, but when two good chances of goals were missed the game started to flow irresistibly in Galway's favour. Cyril Dunne punished every Kerry indiscretion with the white flag - a role that Mick O'Connell filled for the opposition with equal aplomb, but when Galway's lead extended to six points it was all over and the closing scores were mere statistics.

Galway scorers: C.Dunne 0-9, S.Leyden 0-2, S.Cleary 0-1, C.Tyrrell 0-1, S.Keenan 0-1, M.McDonagh 0-1.

Kerry scorers: M.O'Connell 0-7, P.Griffin 0-2, M.O'Dwyer 0-1.

Galway: Johnny Geraghty, Enda Colleran, Noel Tierney, J.B.McDermott, John Donnellan, Sean Meade, Martin Newell, Mick Garrett, Mick Reynolds, Cyril Dunne, Mattie McDonagh, Seamus Leyden, Christy Tyrrell, Sean Cleary, John Keenan.

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Six Finals ... Galway and Kerry

1965 - Galway 0-12 Kerry 0-9



For the first time since 1941 the same two counties contested the All-Ireland final in successive years. That was the most notable feature of this the sixth meeting of these counties in the final in which destructive football and indiscriminate jersey-pulling marred a game that never delivered as much as it had promised - 13 of the 21 scores came from frees, though this time the losers' Bernie O'Callaghan edged out Cyril Dunne with five conversions to the Galway man's four.

It was essentially the survival of the fittest, but even in this unpromising setting there were some performances of real merit. Pat Donnellan, who had outplayed Denis O'Sullivan early on, stepped into the breach at a stage when three pointed frees by Bernie O'Callaghan had reduced the Kerry arrears to the minimum. The Kerry resurgence had been fuelled by a vintage period for Mick O'Connell, but when the Galway mentors switched Donnellan onto the Valentia man, midfield control - slight though it was - swung back to the champions. With 15 minutes remaining Seamus Leyden had Galway's

twelfth point but Kerry didn't have the ability to profit from this period of stagnation and their only return for some enthusiastic, but poorly organised attacks, was the pointed frees from O'Connell and O'Callaghan. The margin of three points hardly flattered Galway.

Galway scorers: C.Dunne 0-4, S.Leyden 0-3, P.Donnellan 0-2, J.Keenan 0-2, M.Garrett 0-1.

Kerry scorers: B.O'Callaghan 0-6, M.O'Connell 0-2, M.O'Dwyer 0-1.

Galway: Johnny Geraghty, Enda Colleran, Noel Tierney, J.B.McDermott, John Donnellan, Sean Meade, Martin Newell, Pat Donnellan, Mick Garrett, Cyril Dunne, Mattie McDonagh, Seamus Leyden, Christy Tyrrell, Sean Cleary, John Keenan. Sub - Mick Reynolds for Keenan.

Kerry: Johnny Culloty, Donie O'Sullivan, Niall Sheehy, Mick Morris, Sean Murphy, Paud O'Donoghue, Jerdie O'Connor, Denis O'Sullivan, Mick O'Connell, Vincent Lucey, Pat Griffin, Derry O'Shea, Bernie O'Callaghan, Mick O'Dwyer, J.J.Barrett.

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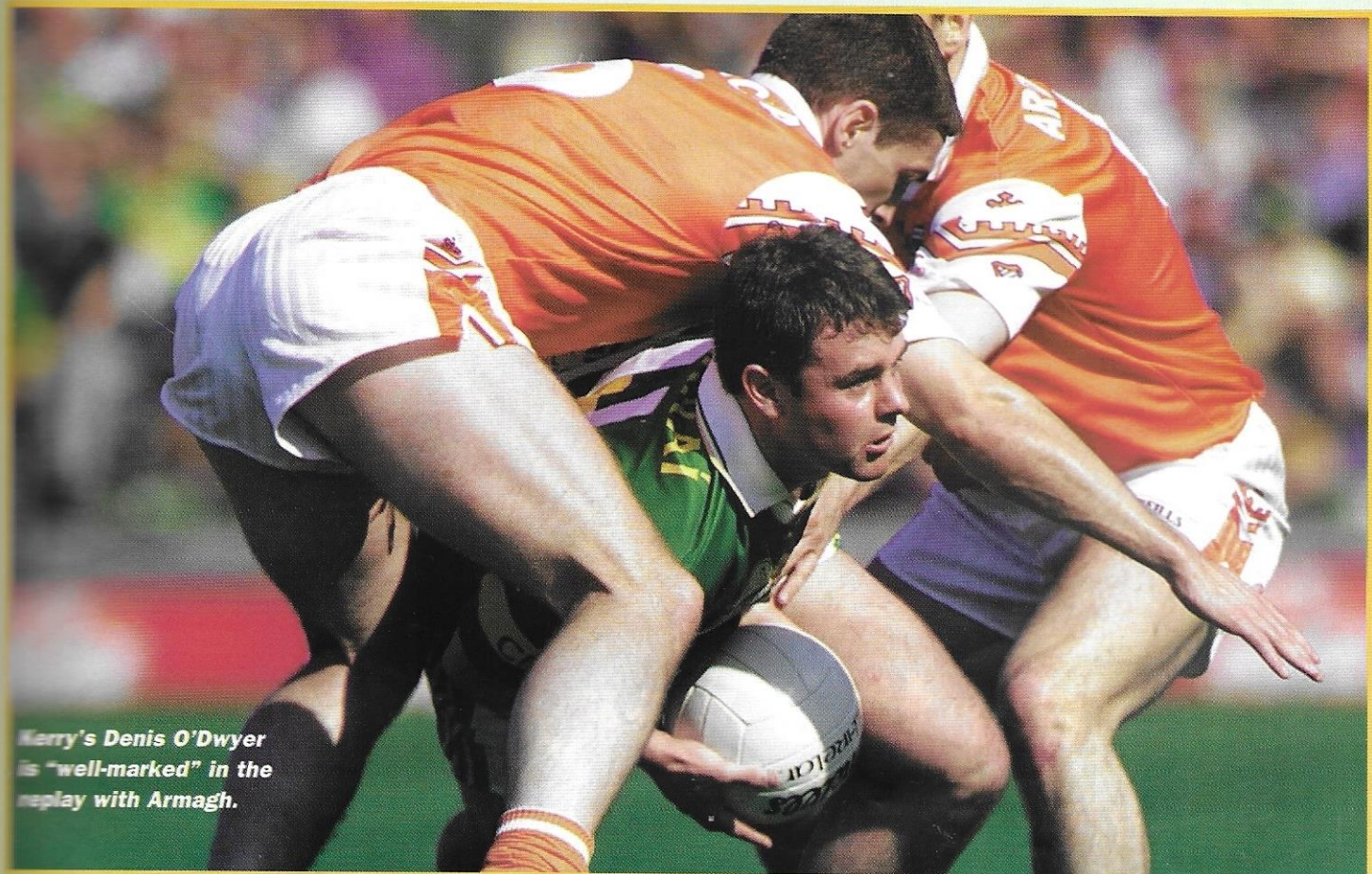
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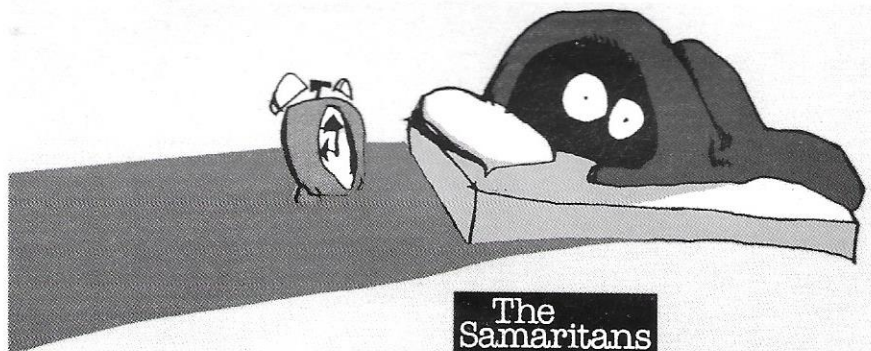


Kerry's Denis O'Dwyer is "well-marked" in the replay with Armagh.

KERRY OUT

The closing years of the 19th century were depressing ones for Kerry football when they opted out of the championship altogether between 1896 and 1899. At that time Cork, Limerick and Tipperary were the dominant powers in Munster football and just how far Kerry were the down the scale could be gauged by the fact that when they opposed Limerick in the first round of the 1895 championship at Mallow, Kerry not alone went down to defeat, but were trounced by a margin of 17 points (5-6 to 1-1). Whether or not that reverse was responsible, Kerry disappeared from the provincial competition for a number of years and when they did return in 1900 it was to go down to Tipperary on a replay. It seemed then that Cork and Tipperary would continue to dominate the scene for the foreseeable future, but three years later Kerry were All-Ireland champions for the first time and it took off from there.

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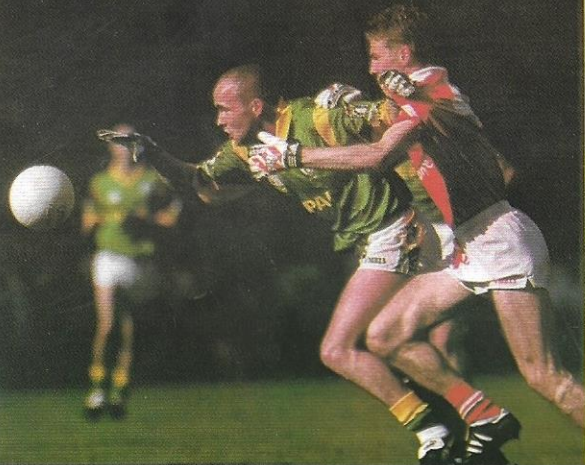
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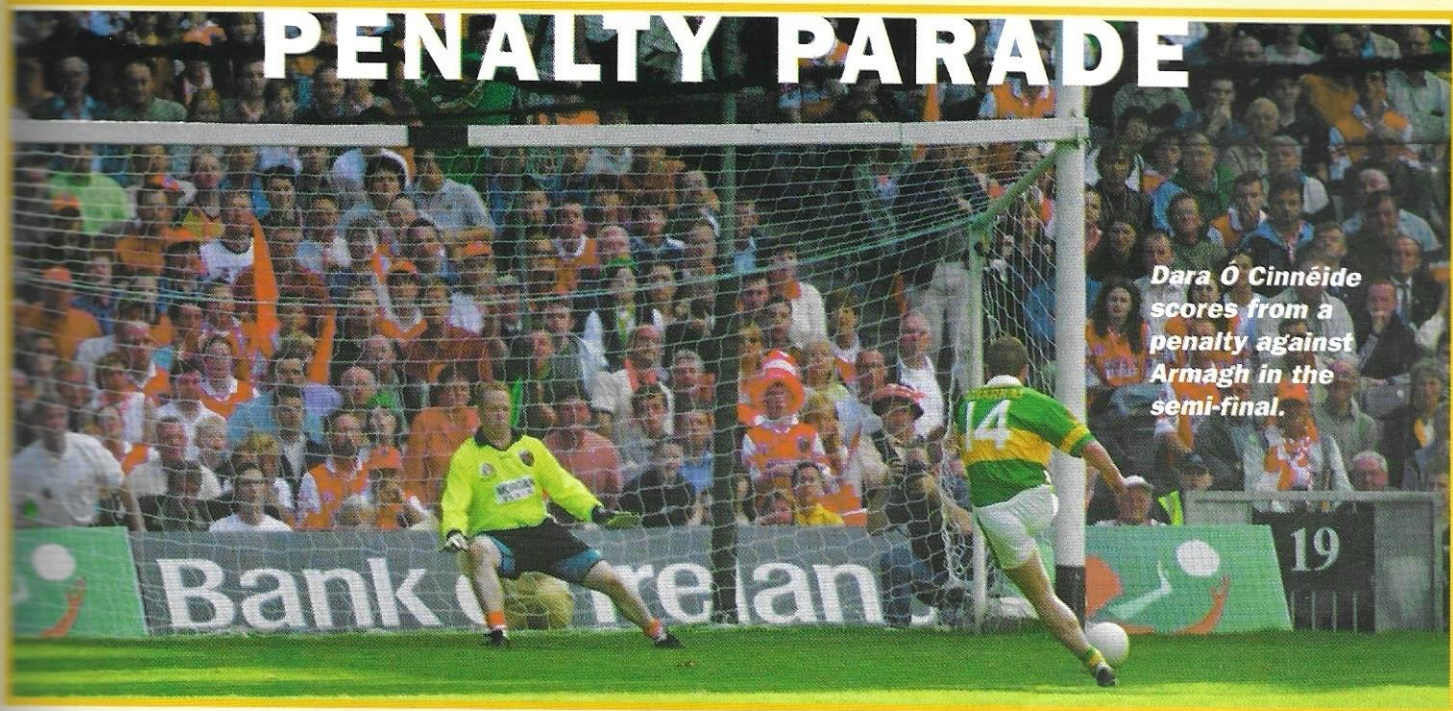
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PENALTY PARADE



Dara Ó Cinnéide scores from a penalty against Armagh in the semi-final.

To date the 2000 senior football championship has seen 13 penalties awarded and that is one fewer than at the same stage last year. However, although the number has fallen slightly, the average return per penalty has gone up from last year's 1.65 to a return of 1.85 this season.

Two years ago just one goalkeeper - Limerick's Philly Ryan - actually saved a penalty and last year the same player was joined by JJ. Brennan (Carlow), Damien McCusker (Derry), Fergal Byron (Laois) and Brendan Tierney (Armagh). This season the Laois net-minder returns along with Sean McGreevey of Antrim, but the top

penalty-stopper was Longford's Gavin Tonra who yielded nothing having faced two Wicklow penalties.

In terms of conversion Dara Ó Cinnéide was a model of ruthless efficiency as he converted all three of the spot-kicks Kerry were awarded. Gregory McCartan, the only other player to take more than one penalty, had mixed luck as having scored his first, he was denied a second green flag on the same afternoon by Sean McGreevey.

The 13 penalties awarded in the 2000 championship and the results were:

14th May

Geoffrey McGonigle (Derry) **GOAL** v Cavan

Ronan Coffey (Wicklow) **SAVED** by Gavin Tonra (Longford)

Tommy Gill (Wicklow) **SAVED** by Gavin Tonra (Longford)

28th May

Gregory McCartan (Down) **GOAL** v Antrim

Gregory McCartan (Down) **SAVED** by Sean McGreevey (Antrim)

5th June

Dessie Dolan (Westmeath) **SAVED** by Fergal Byron (Laois)

11th June

Padraig Graven (Kildare) **GOAL** v Louth

Tony Boyle (Donegal) **WIDE** v Fermanagh

18th June

Dara Ó Cinnéide (Kerry) **GOAL** v Cork

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2nd July

Sheeny McQuillan (Antrim) **GOAL** v Derry

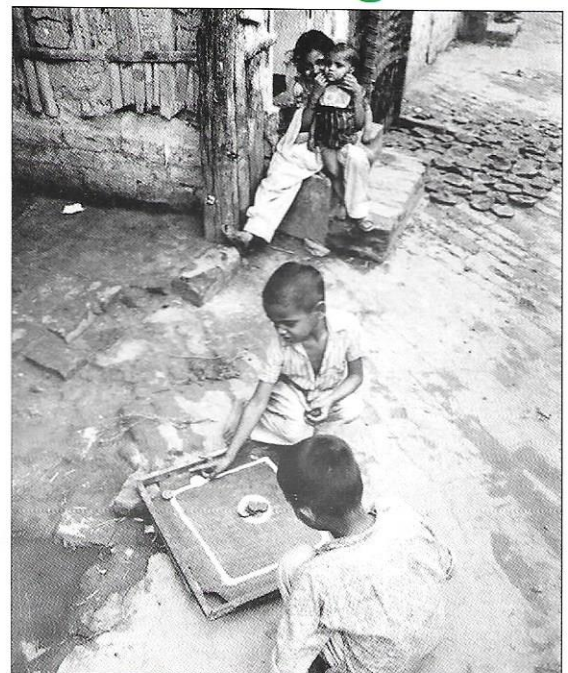
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Derek Savage (Galway) **GOAL** v Leitrim

30th August

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Donal Daly (Ciarraí)

An ambition that has raged within Donal Daly throughout his life will be fulfilled today when he lines out for Kerry in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland final at midfield against Galway.

It is not, of course, his first experience of the big occasion as he was a substitute when Kerry won the title three seasons ago. He came on for William Kirby that afternoon as Kerry beat Mayo in the final.

Since then, however, the Fries clubman has established himself as regular partner to Dara Ó Sé in the Kerry midfield and will be part of the starting fifteen for a final for the first time. And that makes a major difference to any player going through the All-Ireland experience.

The two men were All-Ireland winners as partners in the past. When Kerry won the All-Ireland under-21 title in 1995, Ó Sé and Daly wore the numbers 8 and 9 on a team that included Barry O'Shea, Killian Burns, Mike and Liam Hassett, Denis Dwyer, John Crowley and Dara Ó Cinnéide.

Daly first wore the Kerry colours as a minor in 1992 on the team beaten by Cork in the Munster final after a replay.

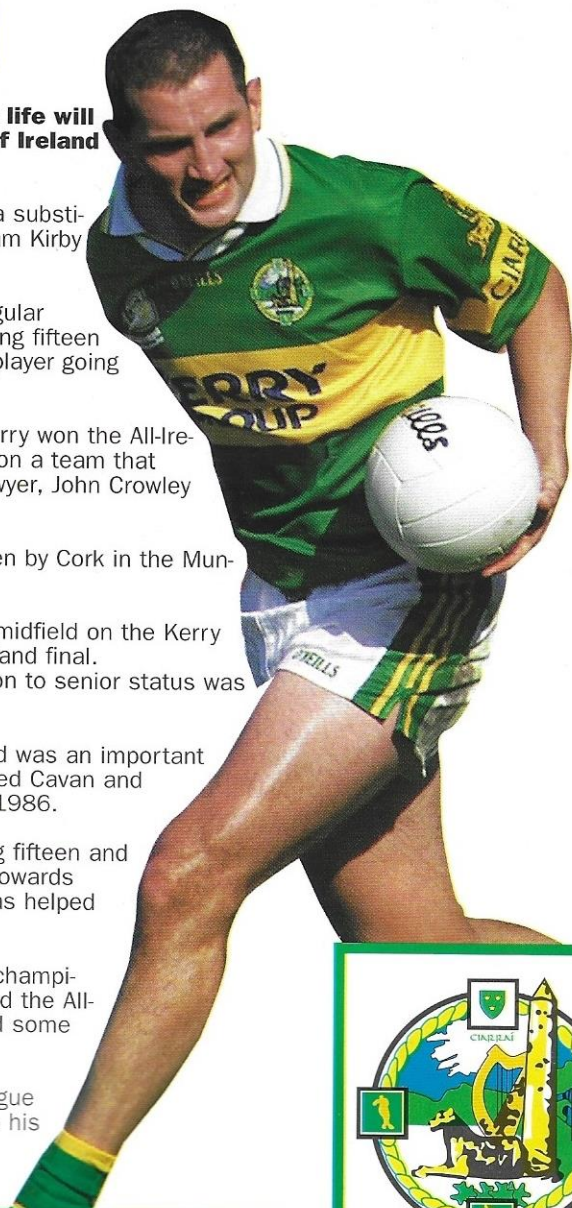
Two years later he enjoyed his first taste of major success. He was at midfield on the Kerry junior team, with Ó Cinnéide his partner, that beat Galway in the All-Ireland final. And after featuring on the winning under-21 team in 1995 the graduation to senior status was next.

He made his senior championship debut against Waterford in 1996 and was an important member of the panel that emerged from Munster in 1977 and conquered Cavan and then Mayo on the way to the county's first All-Ireland senior title since 1986.

Since then Daly has confirmed his position as a member of the starting fifteen and has enjoyed some of the best outings of his career as Kerry marched towards today's final. Now 25, the experience gained over the last four years has helped him become one of the game's most eminent midfielders.

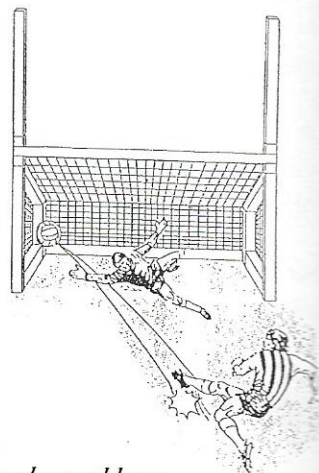
He had an outstanding game against Cork in the opening round of the championship and has maintained that form right through the Munster final and the All-Ireland semi-final draw and replay with Armagh. He has also contributed some long range points.

Daly's collection of honours is fairly extensive. He holds a National League medal from 1997 and will be determined to add another Celtic cross to his collection from the first championship of the new millennium.



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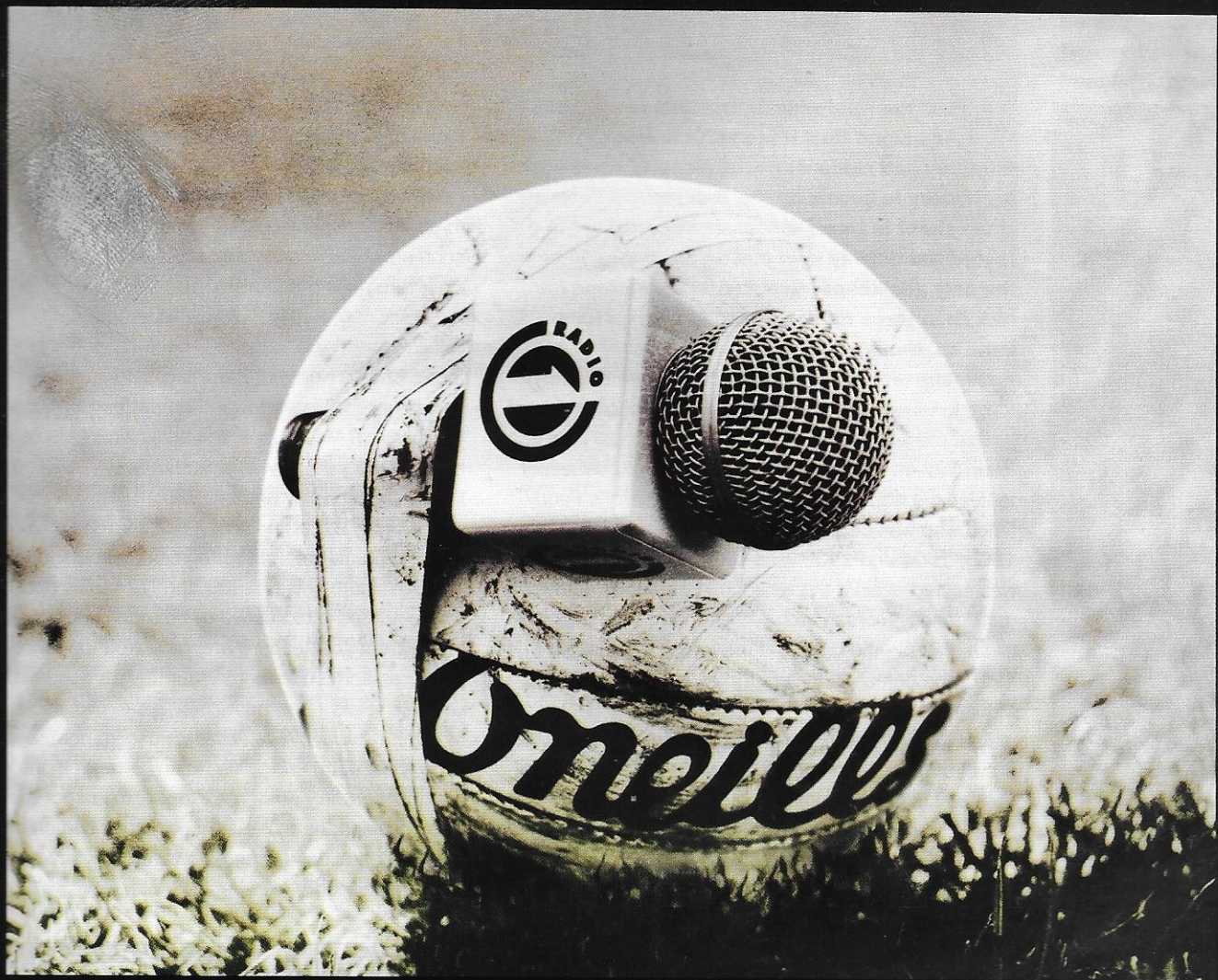
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When the final whistle sounded in the 1966 All-Ireland final it meant that Johnny Geraghty had made a special piece of goalkeeping history in becoming the first man to keep a clean sheet in three successive finals. That is a record the Galway man still holds. But he is not the only goalkeeper to successfully defend his charge in three finals. A number of men have done so, though not in successive finals.

Interestingly, though Dublin recorded two three-in-a-row title wins in the early years without conceding a goal, there was a change of 'keepers in more than one final. This left the honour of being the first goalkeeper to keep his net intact in three finals to Kerry's Paddy Dillon who was between the posts in his county's 1903, 1904 and 1909 wins - in none of which a goal was scored against the Kingdom. His fellow county man, Johnny Riordan literally went one better with four clean sheets - the draw and the replay with Kildare in 1926, the defeat by Kildare in '27 and the win over Monaghan in 1930.

And Kerry were still pre-eminent in this field with the arrival of the legendary Dan O'Keeffe in 1931 who celebrated his first All-Ireland final appearance by denying Kildare a goal in the last final meeting of these counties. He followed with clean sheets against Cavan in the 1937 replay, against Galway in 1941 and

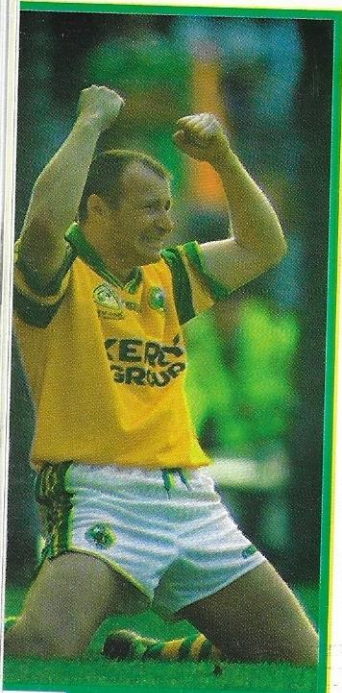
Roscommon in the 1946 replay. Unlike Dillon and Riordan, however, he did concede goals in his last final appearance which was at the Polo Grounds in 1947.

Johnny Culloty may have seen his net fall in his first three final appearances as a goalkeeper, but he was soon emulating his distinguished predecessors with clear returns in the finals of 1964, '65, '69 and '70.

Surprisingly, Paddy Cullen, who guarded the net for Dublin in six finals, conceded goals in all but one of them; Charlie Nelligan, Kerry's custodian in eight finals, saw his net fall in no fewer than six finals. Michael McQuillan of Meath recorded a significant treble in Meath's glory years with an intact net in 1987, the following year's replay and in 1990.

But Offaly's Martin Furlong holds a record all on his own as the only man to return clean sheets in 60, 70 and 80-minute finals - 1969, the '72 replay and 1982.

The names listed above by no means completes the roll of great goalkeepers who have trod the All-Ireland stage, as some outstanding number 1s appeared in very few finals - Tom Burke of Mayo in two, Jack Mangan (Galway), Aidan Brady (Roscommon), Sean Thornton (Louth) and Willie Nolan (Offaly) all one each, and this certainly does not exhaust the list of the men who occupied the most demanding position on the field on All-Ireland final day and, however they fared, they were magnificent 'keepers all.

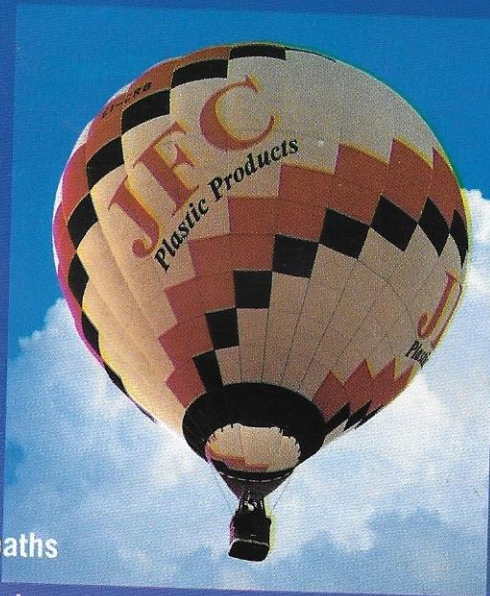


Kerry goalkeeper Declan O'Keeffe celebrates as the final whistle blows in the semi-final replay.

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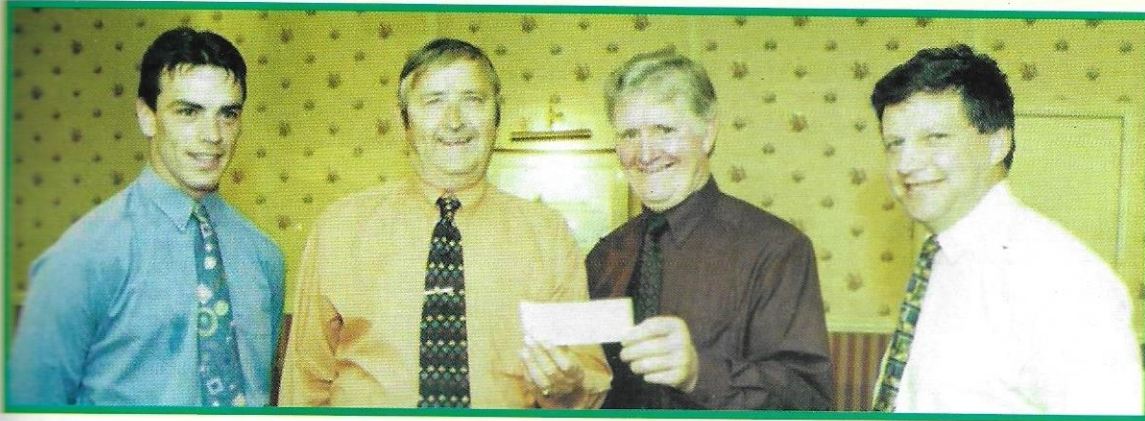


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Thrifty Forwards

Should either of today's contestants avoid registering a wide in the first or second half, it will be the wonder of the age, and no doubt the media will laud the feat. But when a Galway team of around 60 years ago twice, in All-Ireland finals, did not record a single wide in 30 minutes, there was no mention of that fact in the newspaper reports of the games. Kerry, who were Galway's opponents in the two finals in question - 1938 and 1941 - were also pretty economical up front as the figures for wides in both games show.

In the 1938 replay Galway had no wide in the first half and only one in the second while Kerry, who

were off target five times in the opening period, had just one wide subsequently - a total of seven wides in 60 minutes! The 1941 meeting saw comparable thrift up front: Kerry were wide of the posts once in the first half and twice in the second. And Galway, who had been unusually wayward in chalking up five wides in the opening 30 minutes, were models of accuracy in the second half when they again returned a clean sheet with no wide.

In the absence of a complete record of wides in All-Ireland finals it is impossible to say if any other counties can compare with Galway and Kerry in those years - 15 wides in 120 minutes of football is almost certainly a record of forward thrift.



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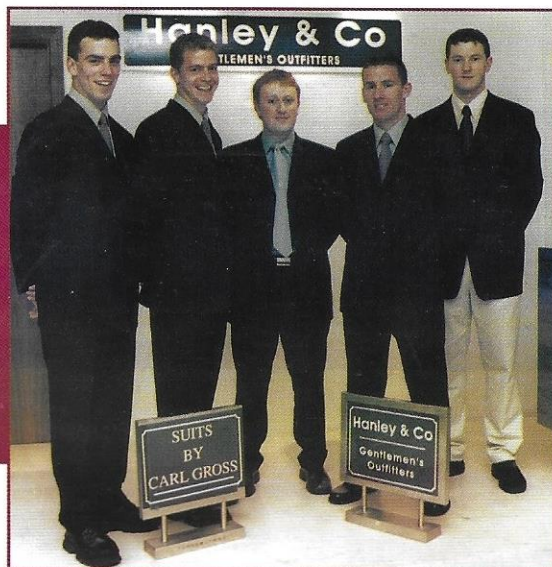
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2. Who scored Dublin's late equalising point in that game?
3. Who scored Galway's opening goal of the current senior championship?
4. How many points did Kerry lead Cork at the interval in the Munster semi-final at Killarney—eight, ten or eleven?
5. Paul Taylor or Ken Killeen scored Sligo's only goal in their Connacht first round win over Mayo a Markievicz Park. Your choice!
6. Name the player who scored two splendid second half goals for Antrim in their Ulster semi-final draw with Derry at Casement Park in June.
7. Clare's victory over Tipperary at Limerick in June earned them a return to the Munster senior final after how many years?
8. Name the goalkeeper who made a great, but unsuccessful effort to land a winning point in injury time from a 60 yards free in a championship game that ended in a draw during the summer.

9. How many points did Kildare trail Dublin at the interval in the Leinster final replay?
10. Who scored Kerry's opening goal in the first half against Clare in the Munster final at Limerick—Liam Hassett, John Crowley or Aodhán MacGearailt?
11. How many points did Galway score in the opening half of their All-Ireland semi-final against Kildare?
12. Who scored a goal from a penalty for Galway this year in the senior championship?
13. Who captained Leitrim in the Connacht senior final?
14. Anthony Tohill, Derry's captain in the championship this year, is a member of what club?
15. This footballer appeared on All-Ireland senior football championship duty at Croke Park this year with teams from different provinces.
16. How many goals did Galway concede in the Connacht senior championship this year?
17. Name the only county to win a senior championship game outside of Ireland this year.
18. Kerry's first win in this year's senior championship was recorded against what county?
19. Colm Hickey scored 2-3 in a senior championship game this year. Name his county team.
20. Let's end on a refereeing note. Who was the man-in-the-middle in the Connacht senior final in July?

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1. Paddy Russell (Tipperary). 2. Collin Moran. 3. Ja Fallon against New York at Tuam. 4. Ten points—2-9 to 0-5. 5. Ken Killieen. 6. Kevin Brady. 7. Three. 8. Padraig Kelly for Offaly in their Croke Park draw with Kildare. 9. Six points—0-11 to 0-5. 10. Liam Hassett. 11. Four. 12. Derek Savage in the first half of the Connacht final against Leitrim. 13. Seamus Quinn. 14. Swatagh. 15. Kieran McGeeney, with Na Fianna (Dublin) in the All-Ireland club final and Armagh. 16. One, to New York in the opening round. 17. Roscommon, who beat London in London in the opening round in Connacht. 18. Cork in a Munster semi-final. Kerry had a bye to that stage. 19. Limerick. He scored 2-3 against Cork in the opening round. 20. Brian Crowe (Cavan).

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The lesser lights in Leinster were early in the field with no surprises as Wexford beat Carlow, Laois beat Longford and Westmeath accounted for Kilkenny. When All-Ireland champions Dublin made their debut it was to record a 4-17 to 3-10 win over Wexford at Carlow. Louth swamped Wicklow by 3-22 to 2-6 but it took Offaly a second game to dispose of Laois (3-14 to 2-7) at Portlaoise. As the pace quickened Louth put out Meath (0-15 to 1-9) and Kildare defeated Westmeath by seven points - 1-15 to 1-8. The Dublin-Louth semi-final was a high-scoring affair in which the champions survived by 3-14 to 4-7 and the Lily Whites joined them in the final with a surprise 2-11 to 0-11 win over Offaly. The final was a disappointing contest as Dublin won as easily as suggested by a 3-13 to 0-8 scoreline.

In Munster, Tipperary crushed Limerick at Emly by 7-18 to 1-5 while Clare were far less emphatic in defeating Waterford - 1-15 to 1-10. The semi-finals went their predictable way; at Clonmel Kerry had it easy winning by 3-13 to 0-9 while Cork were just as comfortable in disposing of Clare by 1-16 to 0-7. However, the final was surprisingly one-sided as Kerry downed the reigning provincial champions by 1-14 to 0-7.

London entered the Connacht championship for the first time and put up a respectable showing at Castlebar before going down to their hosts (1-12 to 4-12). Meanwhile Roscommon were untroubled in beating Leitrim by 0-12 to 0-4, but the shock of the campaign came when Sligo defeated Galway in the semi-final by 1-13 to 0-6 and they were joined in the final by Mayo who ousted Roscommon - 1-12 to 1-9. In the first 70-minute final Sligo and Mayo finished level (2-10 to 1-13) at Markievicz Park before Sligo took their first provincial crown since 1928 on a 2-10 to 0-15 scoreline in the replay at Castlebar.

Monaghan, Armagh and Cavan were all first-round winners at the expense of Tyrone, Fermanagh and Donegal respectively in Ulster. Down beat Antrim at Newcastle by 3-12 to 0-7, but Armagh left the scene after a 1-7 to 2-15 loss to Derry at Omagh. The semi-finals went very much as expected. Monaghan held Derry to a draw (1-11 all) at Dungannon before going down in the replay at the same venue (1-6 to 0-14) while Down beat Cavan by 1-13 to 1-10 at Castleblaney. In the final at Clones Down had their moments, but couldn't contain Derry who won convincingly by 1-16 to 2-6.

In the All-Ireland semi-finals the favourites triumphed. Dublin got a strong challenge from Derry and did well to finish five points ahead (3-13 to 3-

8), but the Kerry-Sligo game was never a contest as Kerry emerged easy winners by 3-13 to 0-5. Dublin were warm favourites to retain their title but after Kerry's first goal they were always struggling and the 'Kingdom' were back on top after a four-year absence on a 2-12 to 0-11 scoreline.

Fifty Years Ago (1950)

Cavan were the team to beat in Ulster but signs looked ominous for the various aspirants when the Breffni men, in the first defence of their provincial crown, beat Tyrone by 8-7 to 0-3 at Clones. Donegal, having drawn with Down (3-5 to 2-8), beat them in the replay by 4-3 to 1-7, while at Clones Armagh proved too good for Monaghan winning by 0-14 to 0-5. and in their semi-final encounter Armagh edged home by 1-8 to 1-7. Cavan, not surprisingly, were Armagh's final opponents and were heavy favourites to advance to the All-Ireland series, but the challengers made it a memorable day at Clones where they led from the off before taking their first provincial crown in 48 years on a score of 1-11 to 1-7.

Much had changed in Munster since the beginning of the 1940s. At last there was real opposition to Kerry in the shape of a rejuvenated Cork who displayed their intentions in easily beating Waterford - 3-8 to 2-2 - in the opening round at Fermoy. Kerry escaped with a 1-6 to 2-3 draw with Clare at Tralee but were rarely in trouble in the replay at Limerick where they won by 5-6 to 2-4. Cork's win over Tipperary in the semi-final was just as easy (3-5 to 0-3) at the Athletic Grounds, but at the same venue a month later Kerry regained their Munster crown with a goal to spare - 2-5 to 1-5.

Mayo were so dominant in the West that the Provincial Council gave them a bye to the final, something that had never happened previously in a five-county campaign. It was a wise decision. Neither of the first two games was close. At Ballymote, Sligo were easy winners over Leitrim (4-5 to 2-3) while Galway failed to last the pace against Roscommon and went down by 1-4 to 0-10 at St. Coman's Park - the scoreline flattering the losers. Roscommon notched 0-10 again in the 'semi' against Sligo who replied with 1-5. In the final Mayo held on to their title as they saw off Roscommon by 1-7 to 0-4 at Ballina.

In Leinster, Louth were generally regarded as the only real threat to Meath. And so it proved, although Carlow gave the Wee county a scare before going down by 1-6 to 1-7 as did Wexford to Meath, with the Royals having just two points to spare - 1-5 to 0-6. Kildare, who had eliminated Dublin and Offaly, gave Louth a good run only to go down on a 1-10 to 1-8 scoreline. The final was



SOUTH VERSUS WEST

Today's double confrontation of Munster and Connacht in the senior and minor finals is a rare occurrence on All-Ireland final day. Indeed, it is almost 40 years since these provinces supplied the contenders in both finals. That confrontation in the 1962 finals was not a happy occasion for the Westerners as Kerry beat Roscommon in the senior final by 1-12 to 1-6 while Mayo were crushed in the curtain-raiser by 6-5 to 0-7, also by Kerry. The Mayo team which was far better than such a scoreline suggests acquired the dubious distinction of sustaining the heaviest defeat ever by a Mayo team in an All-Ireland final at any level.

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a hectic affair that went to two meetings. A 1-3 all draw could have gone either way as could the replay in which Louth's three goals (and five points) prevailed over Meath's 0-13.

The All-Ireland semi-finals were contrasting affairs: Armagh flopped as Mayo strolled to an easy 3-9 to 0-6 victory, but Louth had to come from behind to record a 1-7 to 0-8 win over a gallant Kerry side. And in the final Mayo bridged a gap back to 1936 when opportunist goals gave them a 2-5 to 1-6 win over Louth who were appearing in a final for the first time since 1912.

Seventy-Five Years Ago (1925)

In the first round in Munster, Kerry and Tipperary each scored four times at Cork, but Kerry won by 3-1 to 0-4. At Buttevant, Cork also scored four times and won by 1-3 to Limerick's 1-1. But Cork's hopes in the semi-final did not survive beyond the half-way mark. On home ground at Tralee Kerry dominated from start to finish and a full-time score of 3-8 to 1-0 tells its own story. The other semi-final was of little consequence. Clare beat Waterford (2-2 to 0-1) at Miltown-Malbay but in the decider at Killarney, the home side strolled to a 5-5 to nil victory.

Derry were non-starters in Ulster where reigning champions Cavan struggled past Tyrone (1-5 to 1-3) at Clones. Donegal recorded an easy win over Fermanagh, but Monaghan, having beaten Armagh by 1-3 to 0-5, had to do it again when an objection by the losers resulted in a replay. This they did by 2-2 to 1-4. A weak Down side was never in the hunt against Antrim at Newcastle as a 3-6 to 0-1 scoreline indicates. Cavan couldn't score a point while Donegal couldn't score a goal at Dungannon, but the Breffni men crashed in six goals to Donegal's 0-2. Antrim saw off Monaghan in the semi-final on a 2-5 to 0-4 scoreline, but in the final at Clones Cavan proved too strong and won by 3-6 to 0-1.

With Offaly, Westmeath and Wicklow opting for junior fare, nine counties set out in pursuit of Leinster honours where Kildare, Kilkenny and Wexford had easy first-round wins over Carlow, Longford and Meath respectively. Then came two fiercely competitive games in which Louth beat Laois by 4-2 to 3-3 and Wexford inched by Dublin by 2-4 to 1-6 to earn a place in the final. Louth dispatched Kilkenny by 0-7 to 0-3 but were then eliminated by Kildare (3-3 to 1-4), but the Lily Whites failed to take provincial honours as Wexford saw them off - 2-7 to 0-3 - in the decider.

It was an astonishing year in Connacht where seven replays took place - some of them, though, as a result of objections. Roscommon and Sligo provided most of the drama meeting six times in all before Sligo won the final meeting by 2-3 to 0-

2 at Roscommon. Galway and Leitrim played two drawn games at Castlerea and Roscommon, and then decided the affair (1-4 to 0-5) as a curtain-raiser to the sixth Sligo-Roscommon encounter.

From here on confusion reigned. Nominated Mayo beat Wexford in the All-Ireland semi-final before beating Sligo in the provincial semi-final. Kerry and Cavan were disqualified after an objection and a counter-objection. In the delayed Connacht final at Tuam Galway beat Mayo by 1-5 to 1-3 and were later declared All-Ireland champions. Not one of Gaelic football's best years.

One Hundred Years Ago (1900)

Once again Connacht and Ulster failed to muster apart from Galway and Antrim who indicated their intention of taking part which meant that provincial competition was confined to Leinster and Munster.=

The Munster campaign opened with a shock result when Cork, the reigning champions were beaten. At Dungarvan, in a game which was dominated by defences on both sides, Tipperary's 0-3 bettered Cork's 0-1. Limerick, having received a walk-over from Clare, put up a tremendous fight against Tipperary in the semi-final at Tipperary town before going down by 2-1 to 2-4. Kerry, back in action after a few years absence, received a bye to the final, but at the Markets Field in Limerick they were no match for Tipperary who won easily by 1-13 to 1-2.

Leinster also opened with a shock result when Dublin, All-Ireland champions of three years standing, went down to Wexford at Kilkenny by 0-8 to 1-7. But it was Louth and Kilkenny who looked the most impressive teams in the east. The wee county hit Meath with 6-19 at Drogheda (they conceded 0-5) and then had another 30-point plus win in crushing Offaly by 6-14 to 0-1 at Donnycarney. High-flying Wexford were brought down to earth by Kilkenny (1-5 to 1-4) at Waterford and Louth struggled to beat Wicklow by 1-8 to 0-7 at Monkstown. The Wee county flopped in the final at Wexford where Kilkenny won by 0-12 to 0-0.

There was only one All-Ireland semi-final as Antrim conceded a walk-over to Galway, but the game at Carrick-on-Suir, which Kilkenny won by 1-6 to 1-2, gave rise to an objection which resulted in the Central Council ordering a replay which Kilkenny refused to play thus conceding a walk-over. From here on it was easy for the Premier county as Galway, short many first choices, were easily overcome in the "Home" final by 2-17 to 0-1. And London, appearing in the final for the first time, proved no match for the all-conquering Tipperary men who won the county's third final on a 3-7 to 0-2 scoreline.



KERRY FAN!

Two-year-old Laura O'Sullivan from Killarney is pictured at the Kerry Football Press night at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney recently.

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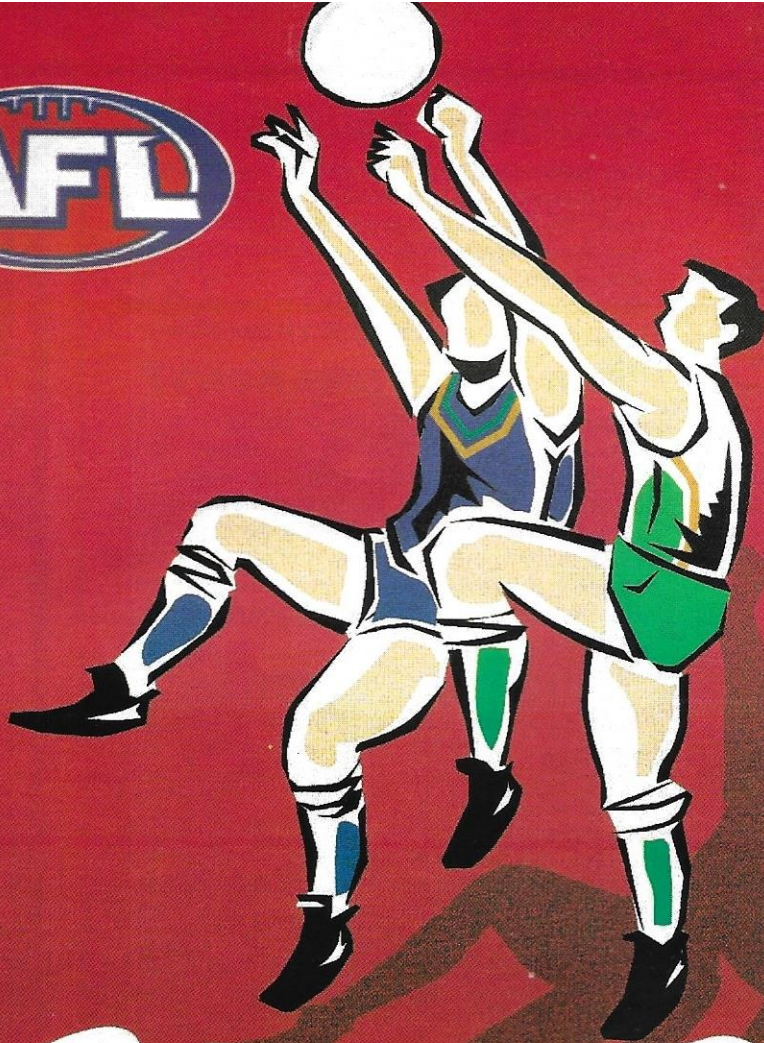
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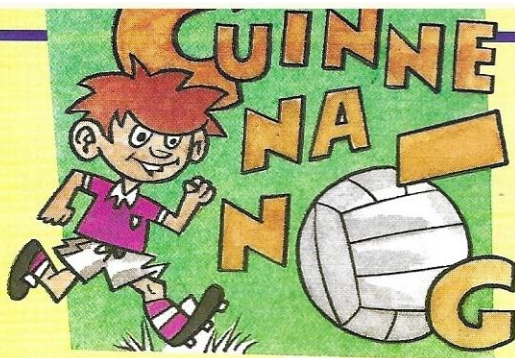
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Tráth na gCeist

1. Name the two goalkeepers included in the Ireland panel for the International Rules Test series against Australia in Dublin next month.
2. In what year was a new name last inscribed on the Sam Maguire Cup?
3. The first game between Ireland and Australia in the International Rules Test series last year was played in Melbourne. Where was the second match played?
4. When did Kerry last lose a senior football championship match at Croke Park?
5. What county lost to Galway in a 1998 All-Ireland senior football semi-final?
6. One of the five full backs named in the Ireland squad for next month's International series is from Connacht. His name, please.
7. Who is the link between the county that won their only All-Ireland senior football title in 1992 and the Ireland squad for next month's International series?
8. P. J. Ward was in sharpshooting form with what county in this year's minor football championship.
9. Who won the All-Ireland minor football title in 1998?
10. Michael "Duxie" Walsh (Kilkenny) retained the All-Ireland 60 x 30 senior softball singles title earlier this month. True or false?

Spot the Deliberate Mistakes

Listed below are five sentences each containing a deliberate mistake. All you have to do is spot each one.

1. Derry regained the Church and General National Football League title with a final replay win over Meath at Croke Park last May.
2. Kerry's last defeat in competitive senior football was by Dublin in a Church and General National League semi-final at Thurles last April.
3. Galway's hopes of a successful defence of the Sam Maguire Cup last year were ended by Roscommon at Tuam.
4. Derry beat Mayo last year to win the Tom Markham Cup.
5. Kerry made a successful defence of the Munster senior football title in July with a good win over Clare at Limerick.

Who Am I From Galway?

This season I have not been playing in the same position in which I won an All-Ireland senior medal in 1998. I have the distinction of being the only player to have captained a Connacht side to an All-Ireland club senior football title.

My club had three representatives in the Galway rear-guard in the All-Ireland semi-final win over Kildare.

Who Am I From Kerry?

I have won All-Ireland medals at Colleges, minor and under-21 and I went in as a substitute during the 1997 Sam Maguire Cup win over Mayo.

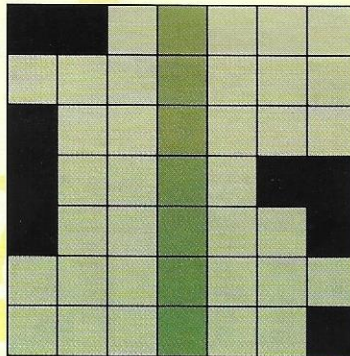
I was rated by many as the man-of-the-match in a recent senior inter-county championship game.

I was the only member of my club who lined out in attack in the replay final win over Armagh but a club colleague went into the forward division during the game.

Junior Crossword

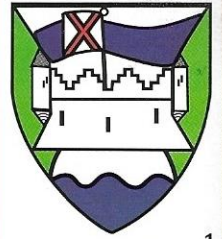
Solve all the clues correctly and the shaded squares will reveal the name of a footballer who earlier this year led his county to a major national senior title.

1. This county lost their opening Ulster senior football championship game at home to Derry in May.
2. Eamonn O'Hara was Sligo's this in this year's senior football championship.
3. A history-making All Star in football in 1998, who has been recording the scores in tremendous fashion with his county in the Intermediate HURLING championship this year.
4. A well-known full back who won an All-Ireland senior football medal not all that long ago.
5. Kildare's full back in their All-Ireland senior football semi-final against Galway.
6. Christian name of the footballer who lined out at right full back for Kerry in the drawn All-Ireland semi-final with Armagh.
7. Offaly's captain when they last won the Leinster senior football title in 1997.



County Crests

Can you identify these four County crests?



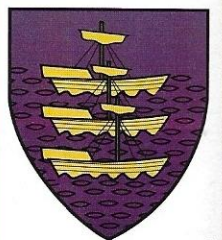
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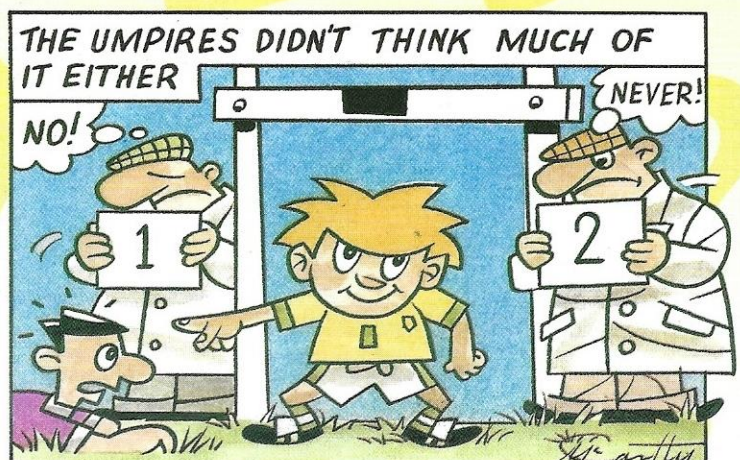
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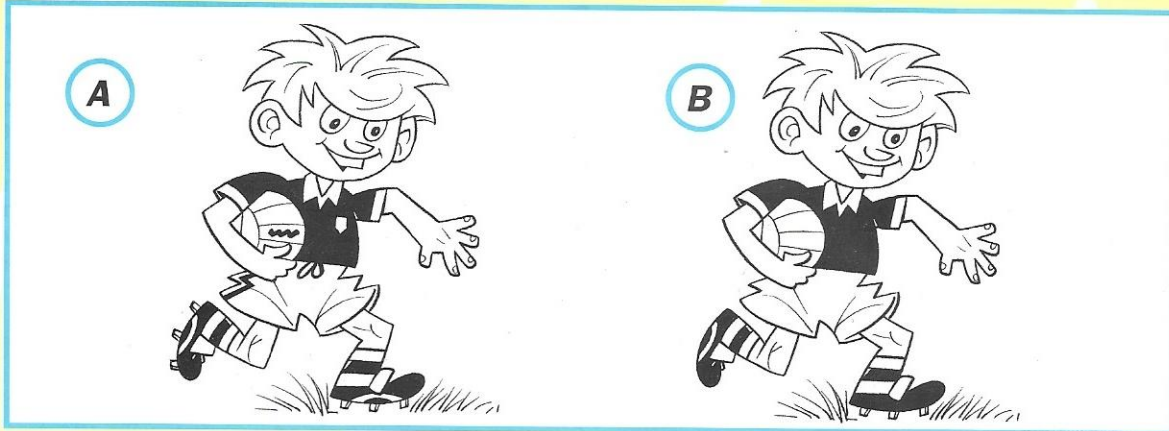


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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

There are six differences between A and B, can you spot them.



- Country Crests
 1. Fermanagh
 2. Wexford
 3. Leitrim
 4. Waterford



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

The name revealed in the shaded squares is, of course, A. Tonill, who led Derry to the National League title earlier this year.

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Junior Crossword

Who Am I From Kerry?
 Michael Francis Russell.

Who Am I From Galway?
 Ray Sike, right half back in the 1998 All-Ireland title winning team.

Mistakes
 1. The League final replay was at Clones, not Croke Park. 2. Kerry lost to Meath, not Dublin. 3. Galway's reign as provincial and All-Ireland champions came to an end in the Connacht final last July when they lost to Mayo, not Roscommon. 4. The Tom Markham Cup is awarded to the winners of the All-Ireland minor football final and Down, not Derry, beat Mayo. 5. Cork, not Kerry, won last year's Munster senior crown.

Spot the Deliberate

1. Cormac O'Sullivan (Meath) and Declan O'Keefe (Kerry). 2. 1993 when Derry won their only title. 3. Adelaide. 4. 1998 when they lost to Kildare. 5. Derry. 6. Seamus Quinn (Leitrim). 7. Brian McEniff. He managed Donegal when they won the Sam Maguire Cup in 1992 and is the current Ireland team manager. 8. Westmeath. 9. Tyrone. 10. True.

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Tráth na gCeist

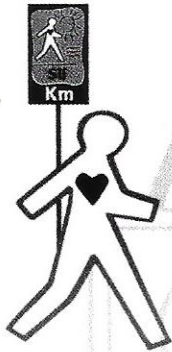
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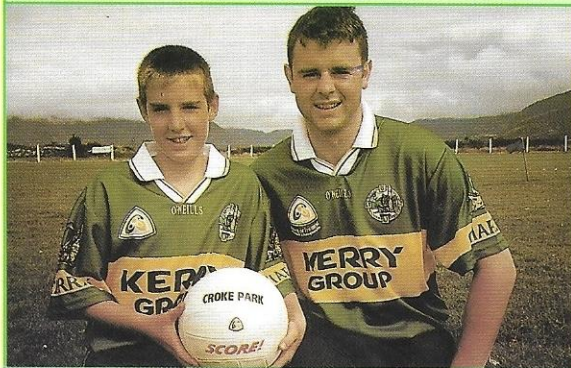
Cumann na mBunscol



Cumann na mBunscol is the organisation of primary school teachers committed to the promotion and development of Gaelic games in 3,500 schools throughout the country. It has the same structure as the Gaelic Athletic Association with national, provincial and county units. Hurling, camogie and football for boys and girls are promoted as well as rounders and handball. Some county units have an extensive athletics programme. The two flagship promotions of Cumann na mBunscol are the I.N.T.O.-G.A.A. Mini-Sevens - a promotional scheme which climaxes in Croke Park at championship time - and the Primary Game in Munster which caters for children with special talent. The G.A.A. through its Coaching and Games' Development committee and other structures provides financial and material support for Cumann na mBunscol.

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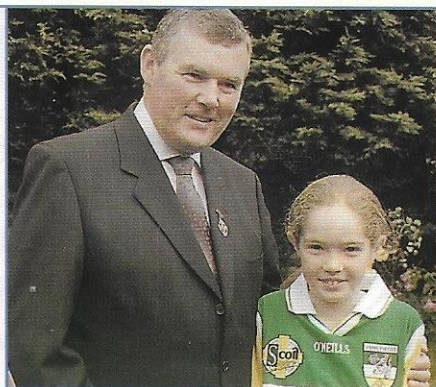
The picturesque village of Waterville in South Kerry is steeped in Gaelic Football tradition. The deeds of the great Mick O'Dwyer are well chronicled and Waterville G.A.A. club has a proud record of achievement despite a very small playing population.



An Coireán is doubly represented today with Kevin O'Dwyer in the Mini-Sevens and his uncle, Denis, lining out with the Kerry seniors. Kevin is one of the brightest young talents in the county and his dearest wishes are for a Kingdom victory today and to follow his uncle in the Kerry Minor, U-21 and Senior teams. He will be keeping a close watch on his friend and neighbour, Maurice Fitzgerald, today and he looks forward to being part of the South Kerry welcome party for "Sam", should he decide to end his exile this afternoon.

Carr for Kingdom

Sarah Louise Carr from Hilltown P.S., Co. Down, thinks Kerry will snatch victory today. Her dad, Ross, is an All-Ireland winner with the Mourne County and Sarah Louise followed in his Croke Park footsteps two weeks ago when she played in the Camogie Mini-Sevens during the Hurling Final. Her favourite players are D.J. Carey and Maurice Fitzgerald. She enjoyed meeting G.A.A. President, Seán McCague during her recent visit to Croke Park.



Junior Whistlers

The Church and General "Junior Whistlers" refereeing scheme, pioneered by Cumann na mBunscol, Áth Cliath, has caught the attention of the public in recent months. Fifty boys and girls participated in this unique scheme designed to promote a positive image and awareness of refereeing among primary school children and to teach effective refereeing techniques. Other counties are set to copy the scheme run so successfully by the Roadstone Award-winning Dublin unit. Pictured are Jonathan Daly and Niall Fitzgibbon who officiated at the Hurling Final. Today's "Junior Whistlers" will be Anthony Gaskin and Jonathan Daly.

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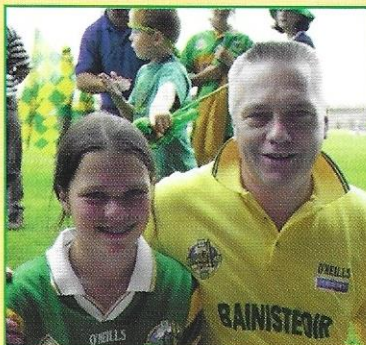
Lining out for Scoil Niall Mór, Killybegs, today is Brendan Faherty who has had a great year with club and school. He has won Mini-Sevens and Roinn 2 Cumann na mBunscol honours and an U-12 county title with Killybegs G.A.A. Club.

Brendan is accompanied today by his mother, Patricia, sisters Mary and Catherine and by his father, Jerry, who hails from Inismore Island. He will be hoping for a Galway victory today and an enjoyable Croke Park debut for Brendan.



Olé O'Shea

Beidh lá speisialta ag Muintir Uí Shé i bPáirc an Chrócaigh inniu. Páidí is Bainisteoir of the Kerry team today while his nephews, Dara and Tomás, will wear the Kingdom jersey. Earlier this summer his daughter, Neasa, made her big-time debut in the Kerry jersey during the Primary Game at the Munster Final. She represented Cill Mhic A Domhnaigh N.S., Ceann Trá. She has won West Kerry and Kerry county Cumann na mBunscol medals with her school. Neasa is a regular on underage teams with An Ghaeltacht club. Her teacher, Seán Ó Catháin, is proud of her success and looks forward to watching her progress, along with the other O'Sheas, in the years ahead.



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



Peil (Buachaillí)

Team U

Galway: Maroon and White**Pitch:** Defending Hogan Stand - Canal End.

- Peter Finn,
Maree N.S., Oranmore, Galway.
- Oliver Harney,
Comafulla N.S., Roscommon.
- Ian Brazil,
Scoil Chiaráin, Hartstown, Dublin.
- Seán Furlong,
Talbotstown N.S., Kiltegan, Wicklow.
- Mark Smith,
Stonepark N.S., Longford.
- Niall Harney,
Danescastle N.S., Carrick-on-Bannow,
Wexford.
- Colin Gaule,
Rathcormac N.S., Sligo.
- Niall Bannon,
Tang N.S., Westmeath.
- Darren Bishop,
Annyalla N.S., Monaghan.
- Seán Murdock,
Carrick P.S., Burren, Down.

Team V

Kerry: Green and Gold**Pitch:** Defending Cusack Stand - Canal End

- Garry Mulholland,
St. Treas P.S., Ballyronan, Derry.
- Martin Nevin,
Stonepark N.S., Longford.
- Matthew McDonagh,
St. Coleman's N.S., Macroom, Cork.
- Declan O'Rahilly,
Donoughmore N.S., Limerick.
- Mark Dunne,
St. Finian's N.S., Dunleer, Louth.
- Christopher McGrath,
St. Aidan's C.B.P.S., Belfast, Antrim.
- Kevin O'Dwyer,
St. Finian's N.S., Waterville, Kerry.
- David Doogan,
St. Vincent's C.B.S., Glasnevin, Dublin.
- Brendan Faherty,
Sc. Niall Mór, Killybegs, Donegal.
- Michael Kelly,
Stradbally N.S., Laois.

Peil (Cailíní)

Team W

Galway: Maroon and White**Pitch:** Defending Hogan Stand - Hill 16 End.

- Theresa Cumiskey,
St. Patrick's N.S., Broomfield,
Monaghan.
- Linda Fitzpatrick,
Aughavas N.S., Carrigallen, Leitrim.
- Sandra Conlon,
St. Patrick's P.S., Crossmaglen, Armagh.
- Niamh Ní Lócháin,
Ballaghlea N.S., Ballygar, Galway.
- Ailbhe Heffernan,
St. Anne's N.S., Shankill, Dublin.
- Noelle Tierney,
Errew N.S., Mayo.
- Kellyann Cartmill,
St. Joseph's P.S., Belfast, Antrim.
- Jenny McGuinness,
Scoil San Nioclás, Stabannon, Louth.
- Lisa Elliott,
St. Clare's N.S., Tubberclare,
Westmeath.
- Nóirín Doyle,
St. Garvan's N.S., Caroreigh, Wexford.

Team X

Kerry: Green and Gold**Pitch:** Defending Cusack Stand - Hill 16 End.

- Michelle Ní Shé,
Scoil Mhíchil, Baile na Sceilge, Ciarraí.
- Marie Hannigan,
Ballymacarbry N.S., Waterford.
- Noeleen Donlon,
Fermoyale N.S., Longford.
- Nicola Kirwan,
Ballon N.S., Carlow.
- Carmel Boyle,
St. Mary's N.S., Ardara, Donegal.
- Amanda Jacob,
St. Bernadette's N.S., Quarryvale,
Dublin.
- Laura Power,
Sc. an Chroí Ró Naofa, Castletownbere,
Cork.
- Zoey O'Connor,
St. Paul's N.S., Navan, Meath.
- Leann Kavanagh,
Graiguecullen N.S., Laois.
- Louise McDermott,
Our Lady of Lourdes P.S., Greencastle,
Tyrone.

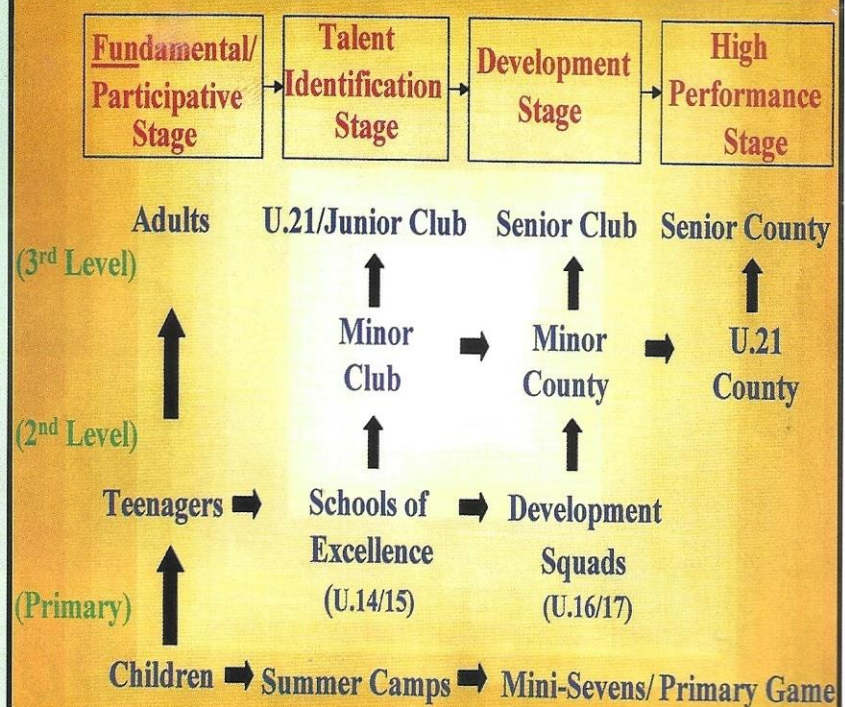
Coaching and Development

Compiled by Pat Daly -
GAA Games Manager

The National Coaching and Games Development Committee has made steady progress over the past decade in coordinating a range of initiatives that aim to maximise playing numbers and maintain the highest possible playing standards. The cost of implementing this programme is in excess of £1.5 million per annum and the following statistics provide an insight into the progress that has been made since the initial plan was proposed in the Glen Rovers clubhouse in Cork on December 7th, 1992.

- Coach Education**
27,000 people have taken Foundation and Level 1 courses.
- Summer Camps**
54,000 children participated in GAA Summer Camps this year.
- Coaching and Games - Promotion Officers**
90 people are employed as full-time Coaching and Games Promotion Officers.
- Schools of Excellence**
All counties are currently planning to provide 50-100 under-fourteens and under-fifteens with a minimum of six quality coaching sessions and a number of competitive challenge games in conjunction with Schools of Excellence.
- Designated Areas**
The Association, in conjunction with the Irish Sports Council, has identified 6 areas - two in Dublin and one in each of the following centres: Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford where children who might not be exposed to Gaelic games are being encouraged to take an active involvement as players, coaches, referees or club administrators.

GAA Games Development Programme



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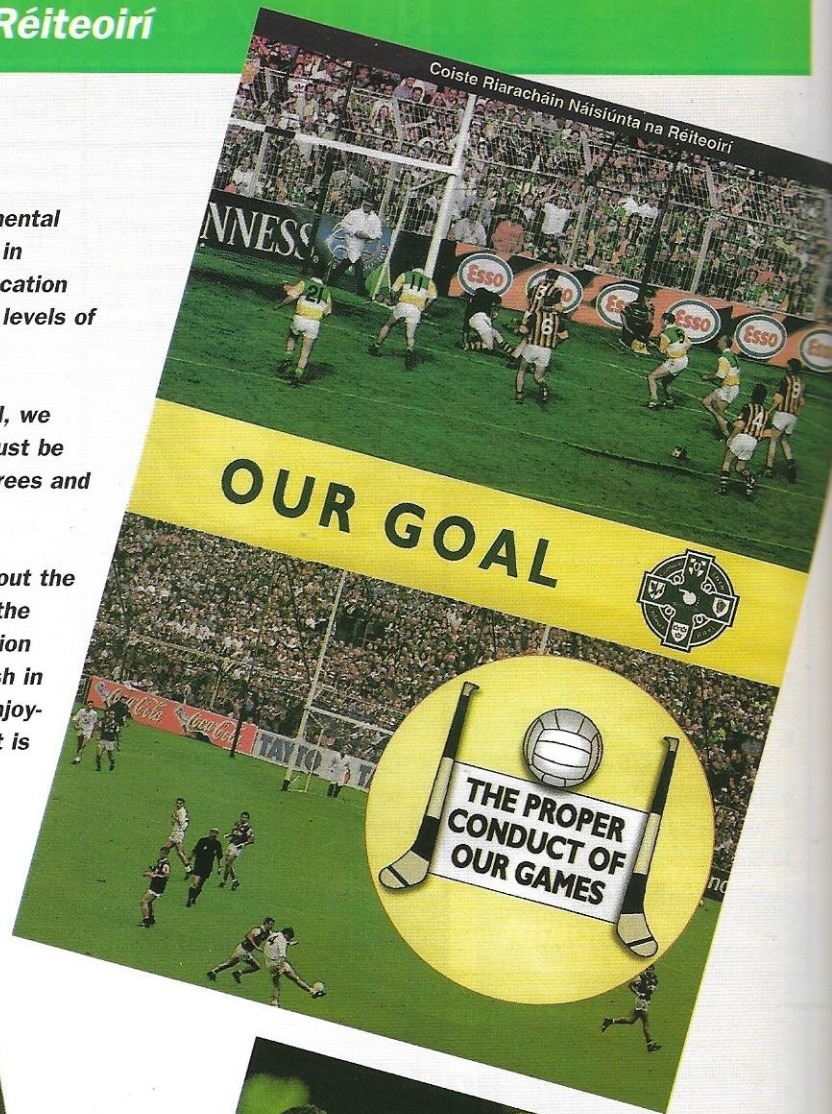
Mission Statement

Coiste Riaracháin Náisiúnta na Réiteoirí has as its fundamental aim the promotion of the status and quality of Refereeing in Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. The success of the Referee Education and Training Programme will depend on acceptance at all levels of the Association of the vital role of the Referee.

Beginning at under-age right up to senior intercounty level, we must all aim at the Proper Conduct of Our Games. This must be the goal of all Committees, Clubs, Players, Officials, Referees and Supporters.

Our target is to provide properly trained Referees throughout the Association. Attitudes must change to give our Referees the respect and support they deserve and need. The Association must be serious about this if we wish our games to flourish in the years ahead. Properly controlled games mean more enjoyment for both players and supporters alike and surely that is the goal we all wish to achieve.

Ar aghaidh leis an obair!



THE WHISTLE OF CHANGE IS BLOWING

Yes Refereeing is Changing!

The Referee plays a key role on the field of play and must be treated with respect.

Are you prepared to play your part in achieving

BETTER QUALITY REFEREEING?

For further information contact any Committee Member

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THE REFEREE AND THE RULES

1. It is **not** the Referee's responsibility to ensure that play flows.
2. It **is** the Referee's responsibility to ensure that a game is controlled in accordance with the Rules.
(Rules of Control: Rule 1.2.(i))

- * If play does not flow, then there are too many fouls.
- * The game is being refereed in accordance with the rules but is not being played in accordance with the rules.
- * This is the fault of the players and their mentors.

OUR GOAL

Coiste Riaracháin Náisiúnta na Réiteoirí



On November 1st 1884 seven men made a promise, to make Irish sport and culture live again. The GAA delivered that promise and has been enriching Irish lives ever since.



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