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**Páirc an Chrócaigh
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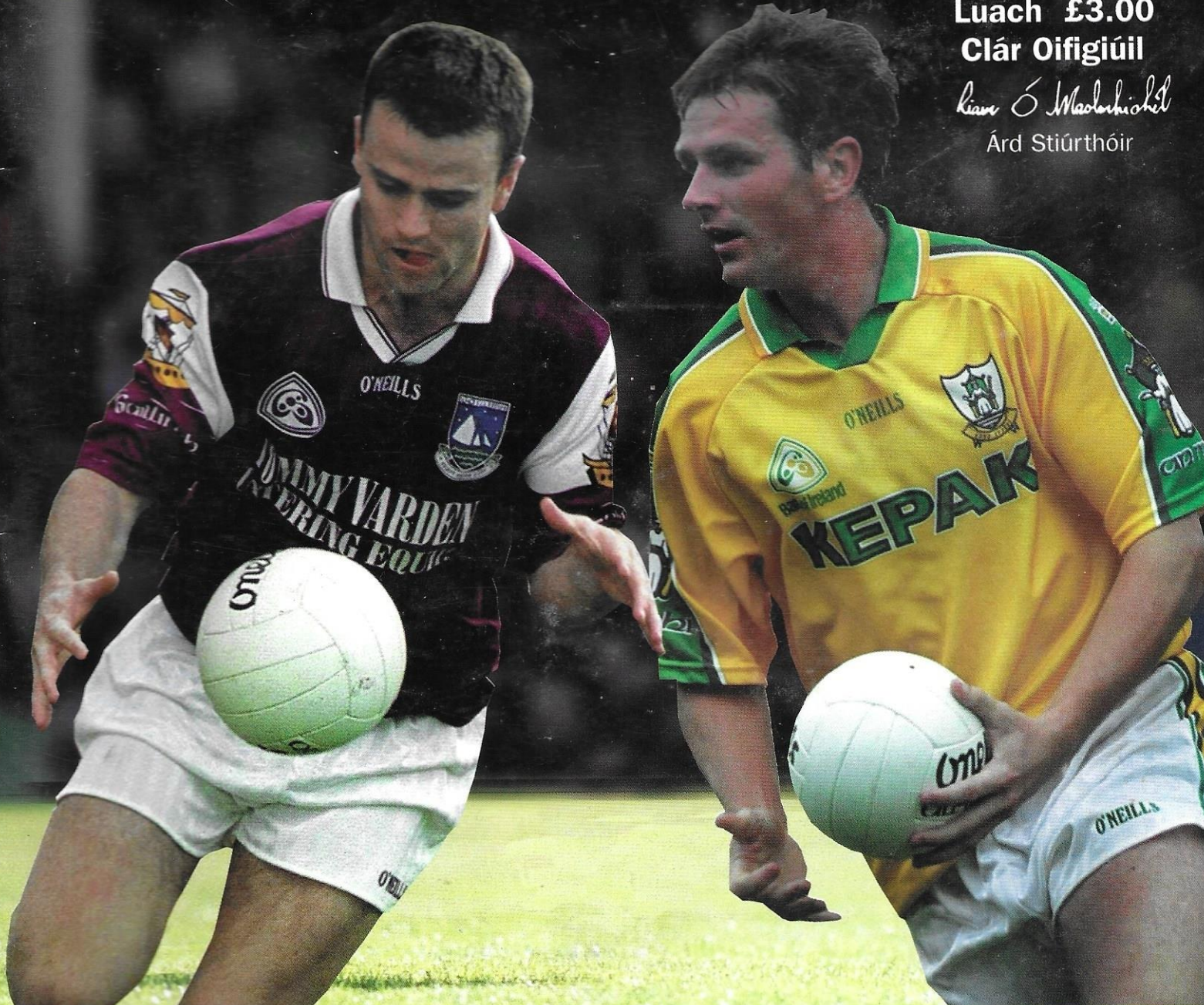


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Baile Átha Cliath v. Tír Eoghain

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Réiteoir: **M. Daly** (Maigh Eo)Linesmen: **J. Kearney** (Corcaigh) **STAND-BY REFEREE****M. Walsh** (Luimneach)**T. Gavin** (Gaillimh) **STAND-BY LINESMAN**Umpires: **Micheál McHugh, John Clancy,**
Hubert Flannery, Alan Dunleavy.

Sinsir

An Mhí v. Gaillimh

3.30 .i.n.

Réiteoir: **M. Collins** (Corcaigh)Linesmen: **B. Crowe** (An Cabhán) **STAND-BY REFEREE****M. Ryan** (Luimneach)**S. McGonigle** (Dún na nGall) **STAND-BY LINESMAN**Umpires: **Martin Collins, Ciarán Hegarty,**
Jim O'Reilly, Denis Sullivan.

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Our cover features
Derek Savage (Gaillimh) and
Darren Fay (An Mhí).

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Céad míle fáilte romhaibh ar fad go Páirc an Chrócaigh do Chluichí Ceannais Peile 2001. Fearaim fáilte ar leith roimh na foirne, na hoifigigh agus an lucht leanúna ó Ghailimh, An Mhí, Baile Átha Cliath agus Tír Eoghain. Táimid go léir ag tnúth le chluichí breátha spóirtúla ó na foirne inniu.

As Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you here to Croke Park for the 2001 Bank of Ireland All-Ireland Football Championship Finals. We extend a special welcome to the players, officials and supporters of the competing counties, in what has been an historic year for the football championships.

The groundbreaking nature of this year's competition has led to unprecedented excitement and interest in the Senior Football Championship. Today, we salute the effort and endeavour of all the teams who made this year's championship such a success. Most of all we salute the men of Galway and Meath, who have fought their way through to the final of what has been one of the most competitive Championships ever.

It is a testament to the staying power of both teams that they will run onto the Croke Park sod for this year's final. Meath have taken a largely traditional route with only their Quarter Final meeting with Westmeath differing from the time-honoured journey. The Leinster Champions' semi-final display against the reigning All-Ireland Champions Kerry was one of the finest seen at headquarters in many years.

For Galway, the route has been more scenic. They are in the unprecedented position of having reached the All-Ireland final without claiming their Provincial crown along the way. Having exited the Connacht Championship at the semi-final stage, victories in the Qualifying series over Wicklow, Armagh and Cork granted them a re-match with the Connacht champions Roscommon, which they duly won.

It took a late burst in the semi-final against Derry to guarantee last year's finalists another crack at the Holy Grail of Gaelic Football. With today's participants having shared

three of the last five All-Ireland titles between them, the sense of anticipation in the build up to this final has seldom been rivalled.

Meanwhile, the minor final brings together Dublin and Tyrone for their first meeting since the final of 1948. On that occasion the men from the North emerged victorious, in the process putting back-to-back titles together. The Minor trophy has not been in the capital since 1984, while Tyrone last brought the cup North three years ago. Judging by the semi-final performances of both teams, we are in for quite a treat in the curtain raiser.

It is only fitting and proper today that we should remember the victims of the terrorist attacks in the United States last week. New York, in particular, has been a melting pot of culture and the Irish have contributed indelibly to that mix ever since the great famine. In a time of such adversity, we remember the people of America in our thoughts and in our prayers and mourn with them in this their hour of need. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha uilig.

Finally, with the International Rules series just weeks away, we wish the very best of luck to Brian Mc Eniff, his selectors and the entire Irish panel as they head Down Under in an attempt to win back the series lost in Croke Park last Autumn. The whole country will be behind you and hopeful of an Irish victory.

Ach inniu, tá féasta peile le cur faoin ár mbráid agus tá súil agam go mbainfidh said uilig árd taitneamh as imeachtaí an lae. Pé acu na Gaillimhgh nó Na Ríogaigh a sciobfaidh "Sam" leo um thráthnóna, tá súil agam gurbh í an pheil an buaiteoir ar deireadh. Guím beannachtaí an Chumainn oraibh ar fad agus gabhaim buíochas libh as ucht bhúr dta-caíocht agus bhúr ndílseacht do Chumann Lúthchleas Gael agus dár gcluichí.

Seán Mac Thaidhg.

Seán Mac Thaidhg,
Uachtarán, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

Message from Bank of Ireland

Extend a warm welcome to all to Croke Park for what will be an extremely exciting Bank of Ireland Football Final.

This year's Championship season began back on May 6th and from there has taken a historic and memorable route. After four months and 62 games, two teams, Meath and Galway, remain in contention for this year's Bank of Ireland Football title.

The introduction of the Qualifier rounds this year has meant new and exciting ties between counties not normally accustomed to playing outside of their own province. Galway v Wicklow, Louth v Tipperary and Carlow v Waterford provided us all with a fantastic Championship season.

Who will forget the heroics of Westmeath? After losing to Meath in the first round, they then overcame Wexford, after a thrilling draw and replay, then Limerick, Louth and Mayo before succumbing to Meath again. We saw the renewal of rivalries between Kerry and Dublin in Thurles, and Meath and Dublin in the Leinster Final. Indeed, the Bank of Ireland Football Final this year will be historic, because it will mark

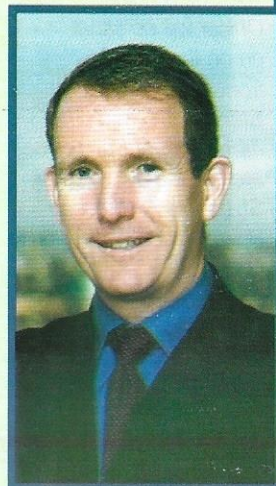
the first time in history that a team who had earlier lost in the championship will contest the final.

I would like to congratulate both the Galway and Meath teams on reaching the final. You have shown tremendous spirit and determination along the way and I have no doubt that today's match will be another thrilling affair.

I would like to thank you, the fans, who have made this new season the success it has become. You have demonstrated the passion and enthusiasm that the Championship is renowned for. I would also like to thank the Media for your support throughout the Bank of Ireland Football Championship.

I hope you all enjoy the colour, excitement and atmosphere of this afternoon's great sporting occasion, and I wish both the Meath and Galway teams the very best of luck.

Des Crowley
Chief Executive / Retail Banking and Distribution
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The 2001 Bank of Ireland Football Final takes place against the backdrop of the appalling events of Tuesday, 11 September in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. The scale of the tragedy has yet to be fully revealed but it is already clear that the death toll will include numerous Irish names from among the large Irish population in New York in particular. I have no doubt that many of the victims were followers of Gaelic sports and would have taken a keen interest in the outcome of today's final. Many more worked in financial services, some in companies with which Bank of Ireland has close associations. We offer our deepest sympathy to everyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one and to those still experiencing the agony of uncertainty as the search for survivors continues.

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Lost Children can be collected at the above Medical Centres.

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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.
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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.
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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.

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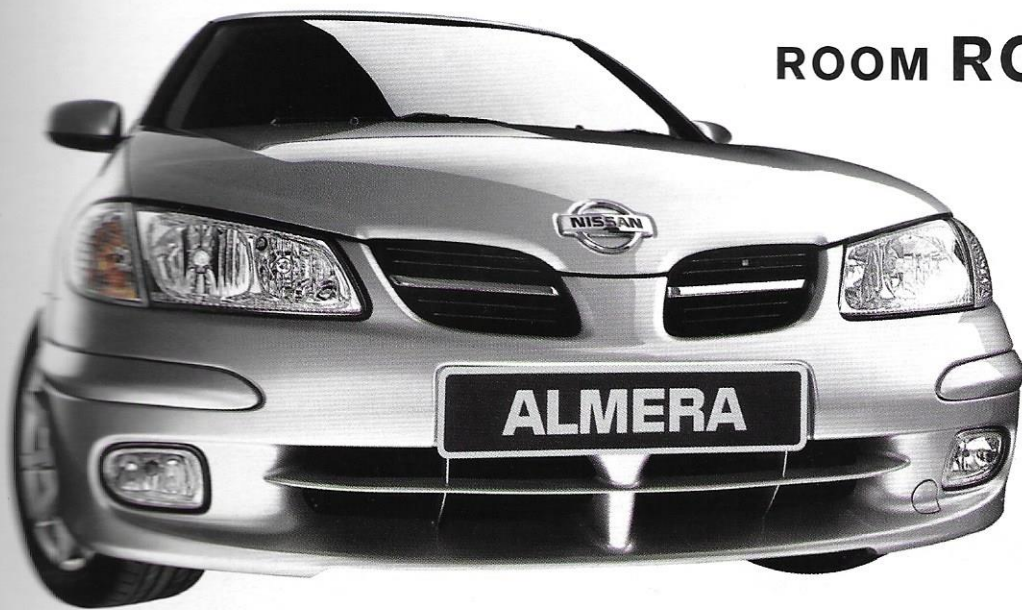
In the interests of safety, patrons will not be allowed to enter the playing area after the games.

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.

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Clár an Lae

- 12.15 i.n. The Artane Bands entertain.
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 1.13 i.n. Foireann Mhionúir Áth Cliath amach ar an bPáirc.
 1.15 i.n. Foireann Mhionúir Tír Eoghain amach ar an bPáirc.
 1.24 i.n. Arrival of Uachtarán C.L.G. Seán Mac Thaidhg agus a bhean; Éirleamh C.L.G. An Dr. Diarmuid Ó Clúmháin, Ardeaspag Caiseal agus Imleach. Salute.
 1.27 i.n. Arrival of An Taoiseach. Salute.
 1.30 i.n. Craobh Mhionúir Peile na hÉireann: ÁTH CLIATH v. TÍR EOGHAIN
 2.01 i.n. GAA/INTO Mini-games.
 2.40 i.n. End of Minor Football Final.
 2.45 i.n. Presentation of the Markham Trophy by An Dr. Diarmuid Ó Clúmháin.
 2.52 i.n. The Artane Bands entertain.
 2.58 i.n. Football captains 1976-2000 introduced by Mick Dunne.
 3.09 i.n. Foireann na Gaillimhe amach ar an bPáirc.
 3.12 i.n. Foireann na Mi amach ar an bPáirc.
 3.19 i.n. Uachtarán na hÉireann introduced.
 3.20 i.n. An tUachtarán meets the teams.
 3.22 i.n. Paráid na Fóirne.
 3.28 i.n. Amhrán na bhFiann.
 3.30 i.n. Craobh Shinsir Peile na hÉireann. **AN MHI v. GAILLIMH**
 4.08 i.n. Salute to the Counties
The Artane Bands with Paul Byrom.
 4.20 i.n. Second half.
 4.55 i.n. Senior game ends.
 5.00 i.n. Presentation of the Referee's Medal and Runners-up Medals by Uachtarán C.L.G. Seán Mac Thaidhg.
 5.05 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 Ensembles of The Artane School of Music

The Artane Boys Band, The Artane Senior Band, The Artane Wind Ensemble

Musical Director: Ronan O'Reilly

Tenor: Paul Byrom.

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| 12.30 i.n. Dublin Millennium March
On the One Road
Our Flirtations | F. O'Carroll
A.J. Potter
J.P. Sousa | 2.52 i.n. Washington Post
<i>J.P. Sousa</i> |
| 12.40 i.n. Theme Music from
Jurassic Park
Gaelic Rhapsody
Step Together
Brazil
Copacabana
Lord of the Dance | J. Williams
A. Del Borgo
F. O'Carroll
P. Ippolite
J. De Mey
R. Saucedo | 2.58 i.n. Football captains 1976-2000
introduced by Mick Dunne
Trumpet saltue
"On the One Road"
<i>A.J. Potter</i> |
| 1.24 i.n. Arrival of Uachtarán C.L.G., Seán Mac
Thaidhg agus a bhean chéile, Bernie;
Patrún C.L.G. An Dr. Diarmuid Ó Clúmháin.
Salute. | | 3.18 i.n. Presidential Saltue.
<i>A.J. Potter</i> |
| 1.27 i.n. Arrival of An Taoiseach,
Mr. Bertie Ahern, T.D. Salute. | | 3.19 i.n. Uachtarán na hÉireann meets the teams.
"The Star of the County Down"
<i>R. O'Reilly</i> |
| 2.04 i.n. Mairseáil Uí Chonchubhair
(GAA/INTO Exhibition games) | A.J. Potter | 3.23 i.n. Parade of the Teams.

3.28 i.n. Amhrán na bhFiann.
Tenor: Paul Byrom
<i>A.J. Potter</i> |
| | | 4.08 i.n. Salute to the supporters of both Senior
Teams with Paul Byrom.
"The Fields of Athenry"
"Beautiful Meath"
Stand By Me
<i>R. O'Reilly</i>
<i>R. O'Reilly</i>
<i>J. Vinson</i> |
| | | 5.05 i.n. Presentation of The Sam Maguire Trophy
Congratulations
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<i>E. Siebert</i> |



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Irish Mirror

A first final clash in thirty five years

Galway and Meath meet in an All-Ireland senior football championship final for the first time since 1966, when the Westerners completed their only treble of titles with a 1-22 to 0-7 win before an attendance of 71,569.

Galway, who beat Kerry in the 1964 and 1965 finals, produced one of their best team efforts in a summit. Their teamwork and self-assurance were put on display right from the earliest moments of the game and after only two and a half minutes full forward Sean Cleary had the Sam Maguire Cup holders a point ahead.

They held Meath scoreless for almost 26 minutes after that.

The challengers opening score, a point by Murty O'Sullivan, from a free, came in only the team's fourth attack. At the interval Galway were very comfortably in control as they led by 1-6 to 0-1.

The goal in the twenty-first minute was just a little special in that it was Galway's first in four successive appearances in a Sam Maguire Cup tie.

Liam Sammon, who had been moved from full forward to No. 10 after Cyril Dunne had been hampered by an injury, gained possession from a Meath kick-out. He passed the ball to Dunne, who lost no time in sending a shot to the left of the Royal County goal area.

There, Mattie McDonagh, in his tenth season in senior championship football, collected and in a flash crashed the ball past Sean McCormack in the Meath goal.

The holders continued to have the upper hand in the second half and finished well worth their six points winning margin.

While this was a real team effort by Galway, their defence still captured much of the glory. A solid and speedy rearguard kept a tight rein on the Meath attack.

Centre half forward Mattie McDonagh, the only link with the Galway team that captured the All-Ireland senior football title in 1956, had one of his best-ever games in the county colours. He marched to a place in the history books as the first Connacht man to win four All-Ireland senior medals.

Pat Donnellan in attack was another who worked tirelessly and to good effect all through.

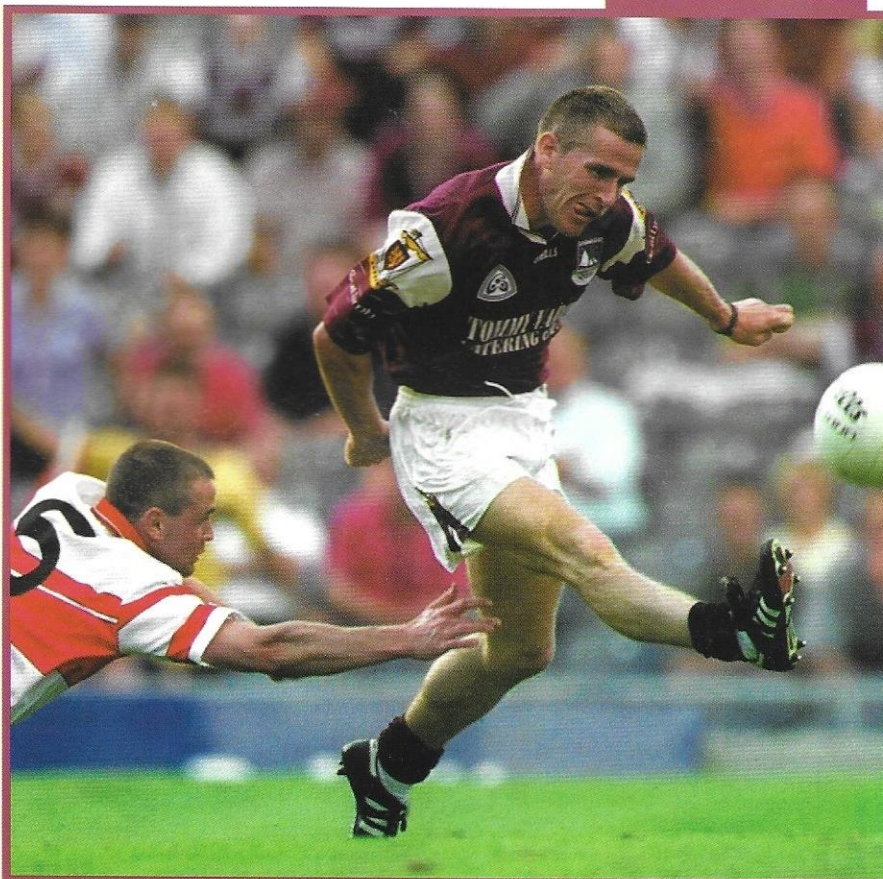
Full back Jack Quinn, who had some grand catches, Pat "Red" Collier, a hard-working half back, and Paddy Reynolds, also in the half back line, showed up particularly well for Meath.

MEATH ON TOP IN LAST CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING

The last championship meeting of Meath and Galway was in 1970 in the first 80 minutes All-Ireland semi-final and the Royal County triumphed by 0-15 to 0-11 before an attendance of 35,311.

Vincent Lynch and Vincent Foley controlled midfield for Meath and Jack Quinn, the team captain, and Mick White in defence and half forwards Tony Brennan, Matt Kerrigan and Mick Mellett were other commanding figures for the winners.

Seán Óg de Paor (Gaillimh) in action against Derry's Kieran McNally in the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship Semi-Final at Croke Park.



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MEATH SURVIVORS FROM 1996

Eight of the players who appeared with Meath during the course of the All-Ireland semi-final win over Kerry earlier this month helped the county to their 1996 Sam Maguire Cup win.

Mark O'Reilly, Darren Fay, Paddy Reynolds, who made a brief appearance as a substitute in the recent semi-final, Donal Curtis, John McDermott, Trevor Giles, Graham Geraghty and Jody Devine, another who made a brief appearance as a substitute, all helped forge out the title win of five years ago.

Curtis and Devine went in as substitutes during that replay win over Mayo.

LAST WIN OVER EASTERN OPPOSITION

Galway's last final win over Eastern opposition was three years ago when they beat Kildare for their first All-Ireland senior championship since the glory days of the three-in-a-row in the sixties.

Galway, runners-up to Kerry for the All-Ireland title last year, have earned two final appearances in succession for the first time since 1973-74. They are hoping for better fortunes than in those games when they lost to Cork in 1973 and to Dublin a year later.

GOOD RECORD

Meath are striving to complete the perfect record in three final attempts since their last defeat in the top match of the year.

Their last final defeat was in 1991 when they lost a decider for the second year in succession. They were beaten by Cork in 1990 and a year later failed to Down.

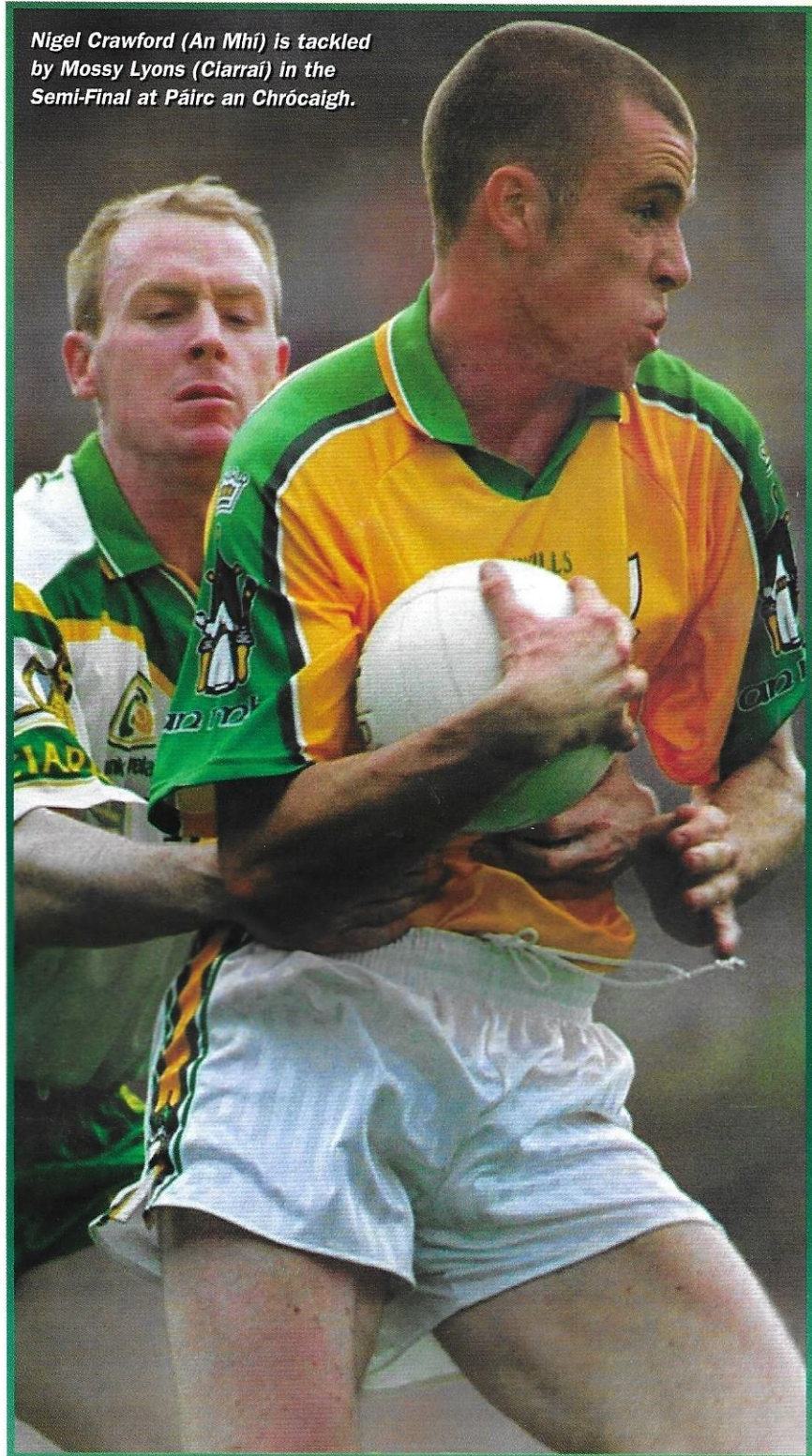
Their next engagement in a summit was in 1996 when they beat Mayo in a replay and then came that successful outing in 1999 when Graham Geraghty led the Royal County to victory over Cork.

NO DOUBLE FOR GALWAY

Galway's hopes of achieving the rare double of All-Ireland senior hurling and football finals double were ended by Tipperary two weeks ago.

Now the Westerners are hoping for better fortune than Cork back in 1956. They lost to Wexford in hurling and to Galway in football—the last time that a county lost All-Ireland senior finals in both codes in the same year.

Nigel Crawford (An Mhí) is tackled by Mossy Lyons (Clarraí) in the Semi-Final at Páirc an Chrócaigh.



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Foras na Gaeilge

A Second minor final between Dublin and Tyrone

The All-Ireland minor football championship final brings Tyrone and Dublin into opposition at this stage for the first time since 1948.

In 1947 Tyrone celebrated their All-Ireland debut by beating Mayo by 4-4 to 4-3. That was also the first appearance by a Tyrone team at Croke Park. The team was captained by Eddie Devlin, from Coalisland, at centre half back. That year, of course, the All-Ireland senior football final between Cavan and Kerry was played in New York, where the Breffni County triumphed.

A year later five of the 1947 team, including Devlin, helped the O'Neill County retain the All-Ireland title with an 0-11 to 1-5 win over Dublin at Croke Park.

That was the only final between Tyrone and Dublin until today, a lapse of 53 years.

DUBLIN'S LAST WIN

Dublin last triumphed in an All-Ireland minor football final in 1984, the G.A.A. Centenary Year, when they beat Tipperary by 1-9 to 0-4.

The Dublin goal was scored from a penalty by right full forward Niall Clancy from a penalty in the second half and was the last goal by a Dubliner in a minor final.

At right midfield for the Dubs was Jim Stynes, who went on to carve out a wonderful reputation in Australian Rules football.

THIRTEEN YEARS INTERVAL

Dublin are back in an All-Ireland minor football final after an interval of thirteen years. They lost to Kerry by 2-5 to 0-5 in 1988.

UNDER-AGE DOUBLE

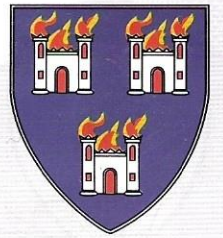
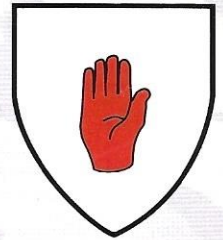
Tyrone are in line at present to complete a rare under-age All-Ireland football titles double.

The county's under-21 footballers won the All-Ireland title last year, beating Limerick, in the final. Earlier this month they took another successful step in defence of that title by beating Cork at Parnell Park, Dublin, in an All-Ireland semi-final.

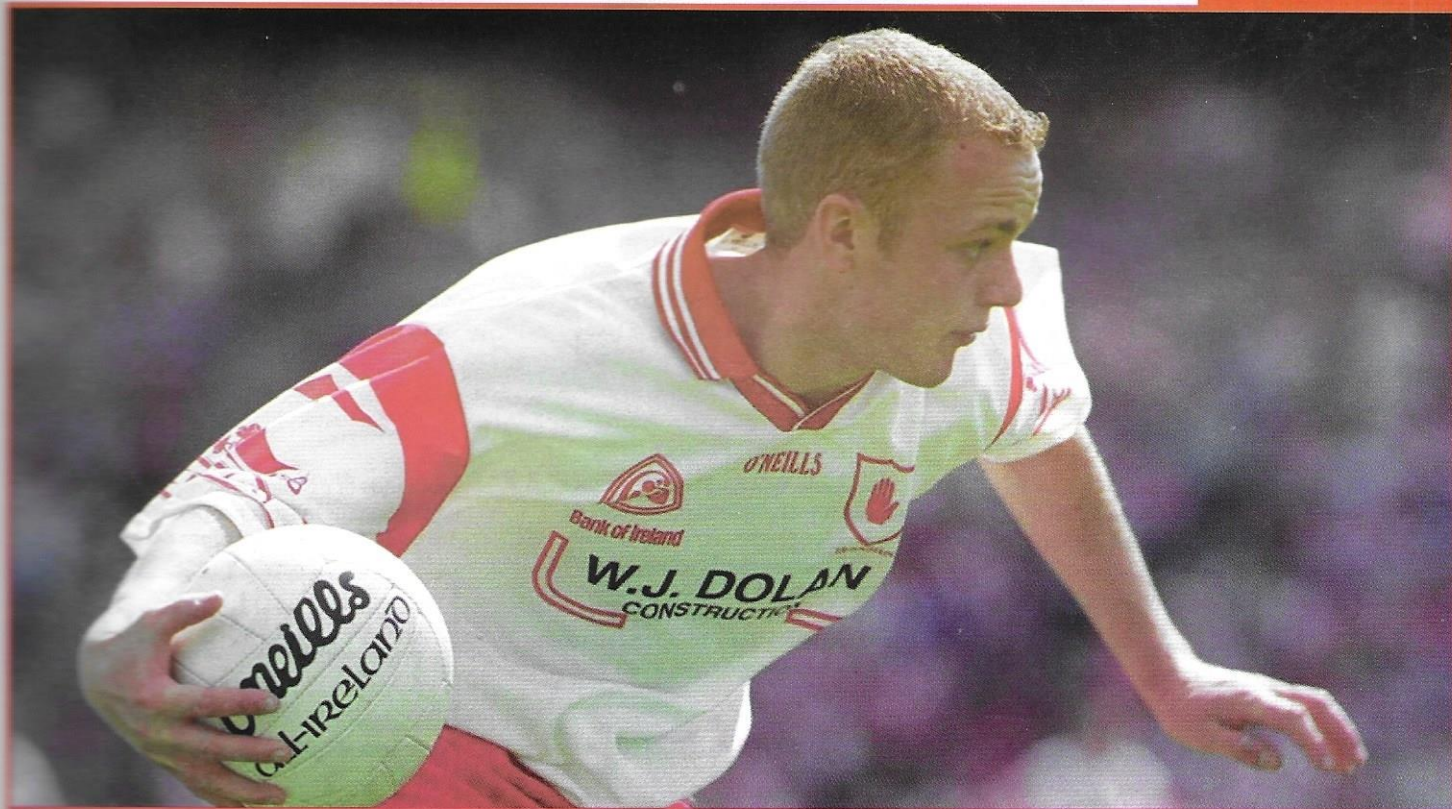
Peter Donnelly, captain of the minor football team, helped in forging out that success. He lined out at midfield.

The minor and under-21 All-Ireland football double in the same year has been achieved just twice so far—by Kerry in 1975 and Cork in 1981.

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Tommy McGuigan
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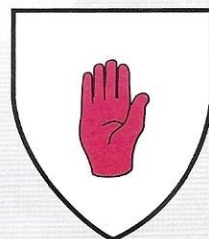
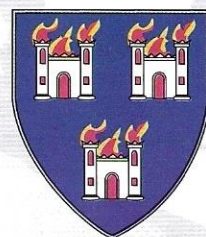
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Dublin displayed match-winning character last time out

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It is hard to credit that, although Dublin are second in the All-Ireland minor football championship Roll of Honour with ten titles, they have not celebrated a final success since as far back as 1984.

They have high hopes of setting that right in this novel clash with Tyrone, and little wonder as the Metropolitans have booked their place in the summit in impressive style.

They scored well and also did not concede a single goal in their four game march to the Leinster title. Then, in the All-Ireland semi-final win over Kerry, the Dubs backed up their skill and scoring flair with the type of will-to-win that is so important in winning big games.

The Leinster champions started that game in whirlwind fashion. Goals by left full forward Johnny Noonan and left half back and captain Barry Lyons had Dublin apparently coasting to an easy win as they led by 2-5 to 0-4 after 18 minutes.

But Kerry, playing against the wind, rallied strongly and were on level terms at the interval at 2-6 each. The outlook appeared bright for Kerry at that stage, but Dublin rose to the challenge in fine style. They

were in front again by a point a mere twenty seconds into the second half and confined the Kingdom to just three points after the interval.

The sides were level at 2-9 each after fifty minutes. Then Dublin showed true grit as they dominated the exchanges for the remainder of the game and sent over four unanswered points to earn a well-merited 2-13 to 2-9 win.

Dublin's defence was somewhat shaky in the first half, but improved greatly in the second and did not allow the Kingdom forwards much room to scheme scores. Paul Griffin, Lyons and Mark Fitzpatrick did much valuable work at the back all through.

Midfielders Padraig Brennan and Declan O'Mahony worked hard, while up-front, Noonan, David O'Callaghan, who finished joint top scorers, and sharpshooting Niall McAuliffe also contributed to the success.

That win over Kerry, always a difficult side to beat in any grade of championship football, is bound to prove a great boost to Dublin morale, and give them that extra boost in their bid to end the long titles famine.

Paths To The Final

Baile Átha Cliath

Dublin regained the Leinster minor football championship after an interval of two years to bring their record to 27 titles since 1930.

They then beat Kerry to earn a first final appearance since 1968 when the county lost to Kerry.

5th May, Nowlan Park:

Dublin 9-21; Kilkenny 0-2

25th May, Parnell Park:

Dublin 4-13; Louth 0-6

1st July, An Uaimh:

Dublin 1-9; Kildare 0-6

15th July, Croke Park:

Dublin 1-17; Offaly 0-6

2nd September, Croke Park:

Dublin 2-13; Kerry 2-9

	1	2	3	4	5	Score	Total
Niall McAuliffe	5-1	0-6	0-2	0-5	0-3	5-17	32
David O'Callaghan	0-4	0-3	1-2	0-3	0-4	1-16	19
John Noonan	0-4	1-2	0-2	0-3	1-1	2-12	18
Giuliam Cullen	1-2	1-0	—	0-2	0-1	2-5	11
Martin Whelan	1-1	—	0-3	0-1	0-1	1-6	9
Barry Lyons	1-0	—	—	0-1	1-0	2-1	7
Cianan Corrigan	0-4	1-0	—	—	—	1-4	7
Declan O'Mahony	1-1	0-1	—	—	—	1-2	5
Mark Taylor	0-1	—	—	1-0	0-1	1-2	5
Padraig Brennan	0-1	—	—	0-1	0-2	0-4	4
Brian Cullen	—	1-0	—	—	—	1-0	3
Ruairi Taylor	0-2	—	—	—	—	0-2	2
David Farrell	—	0-1	—	0-1	—	0-2	2

Total Scored: 17-73 (63 points)

Total Conceded: 2-29 (35 points)

Average: 3.5

Tír Eoghain

Tyrone are Ulster champions after a three year gap. The latest win boosted their record of provincial crowns to 17 since 1931.

Victory over Mayo in the semi-final earned them a first final appearance since 1998 when they beat Laois.

20th May, Clones:

Tyrone 1-9; Armagh 0-11

17th June, Clones:

Tyrone 2-15; Derry 1-7

8th July, Clones:

Tyrone 2-13; Monaghan 0-13

26th August, Croke Park:

Tyrone 0-11; Mayo 0-8

	1	2	3	4	Score	Total
Leo Meenan	0-1	1-5	0-2	0-3	1-11	14
Sean Cavanagh	0-2	1-2	0-1	0-2	1-7	10
Barry Mulligan	1-1	0-1	1-1	—	2-3	9
Paul Rafferty	0-3	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-8	8
Martin Penrose	—	0-1	1-3	0-1	1-5	8
Peter Donnelly	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-3	0-6	6
Gerard Toner	—	—	0-3	—	0-3	3
Tommy McGuigan	0-1	0-2	—	—	0-3	3
Kieran McCrory	—	0-1	—	—	0-1	1
Niall Gormley	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	1

Total Scored: 5-48 (63 points)

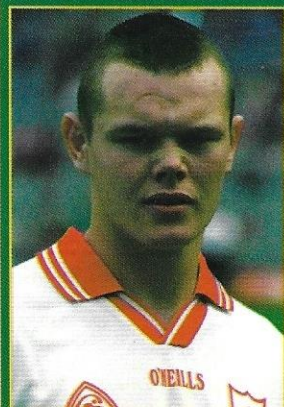
Total Conceded: 1-39 (35 points)

Average: 1.5

Na Captain



Barry Lyons
(Baile Átha Cliath)



Peter Donnelly
(Tír Eoghain)

Mionúir**Dublin's Last Title ... 1984****Dublin 1-9 Tipperary 0-4**

The first-ever appearance of Tipperary in an All-Ireland minor football final (they were awarded the title in 1934) lent a special appeal to this Centenary Year final. But expectations were not realised or even looked likely, as both sides appeared over-awed by the occasion and their play suffered accordingly.

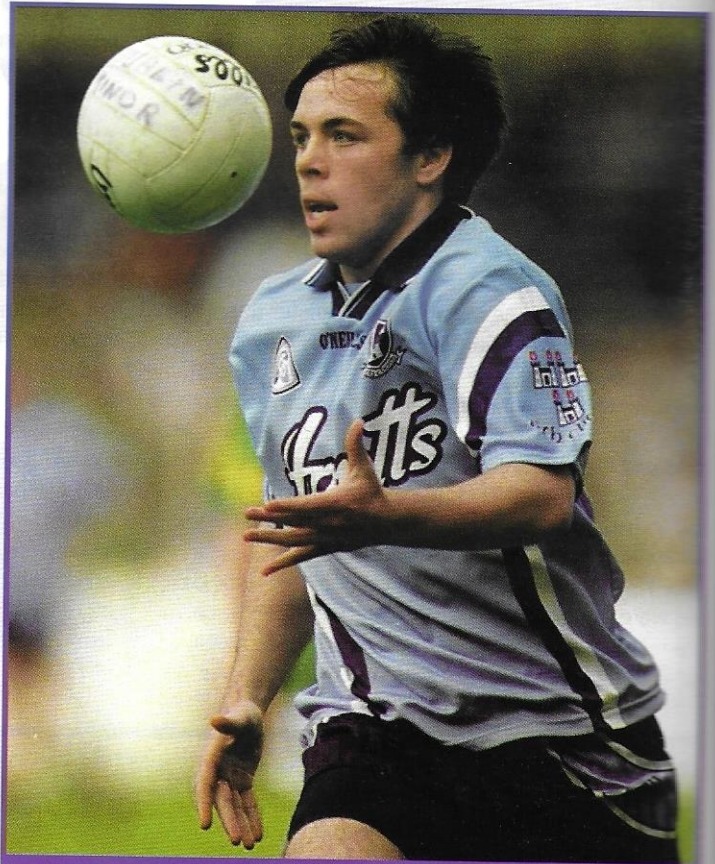
The first ten minutes set a pattern of ineptness that was to endure with only occasional interruptions during the remainder of the hour and chances were missed by both sides that would normally have been easily turned to account. A particularly bad miss by John O'Meara from a free straight in front of the posts set the trend but Kevin Farrelly did open Tipperary's account shortly after. However, at the interval Dublin had forged a narrow lead – 0-5 to 0-3.

Ger Enright's great save from James Stynes kept Tipperary in touch on the restart and with Brian Burke giving the Premier county an edge at midfield, the Munster champions looked capable of overhauling the deficit. However, the Dublin defence was not for turning and when play moved to the other end Niall Clancy was fouled in the area, and the same player converted the penalty. There was no way back for Tipperary and though the final margin of defeat was a bit harsh, there was no doubt that Dublin were deserving winners.

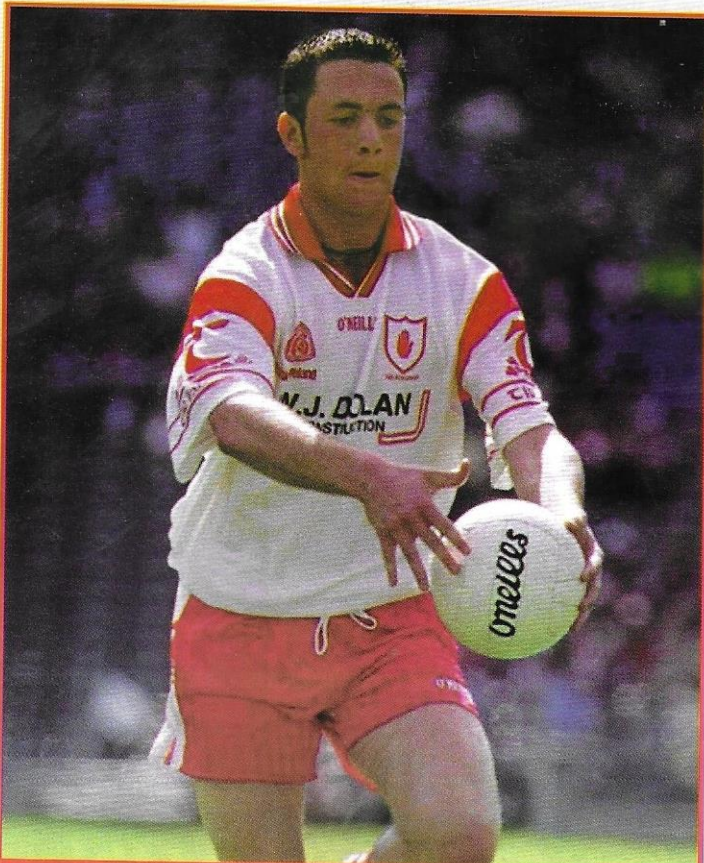
Dublin scorers: N.Clancy 1-2, P.Clarke 0-3, D DeLappe 0-2, C.Crowley 0-2.

Dublin – Martin Broderick, Greg Walsh, John Barry, Ciaran Walsh, Albert Martin, John Power, Bob McKeon, James Stynes, Paul Clarke, David DeLappe, Alan McClean, James Fahy, Niall Clancy, Michael Crowley, Conor Crowley.

Subs – David Whelan, Paul Daly.



Ciaran Corrigan (Baile Átha Cliath)

Tyrone's Last Title ... 1998

Martin Penrose (Tír Eoghain)

Tyrone 2-11 Laois 0-11

Laois, in search of their third title in succession, went into this final as the hot favourites, but a superb Tyrone performance ensured that the title went north for the first time in nine years, and to the county for the first time in a quarter of a century.

The games two goals were the decisive factor in this encounter and they both fell to Tyrone. The first came at the 12th minute when a defence-splitting move involving Martin Hughes and Aidan Lynch ended with Eoin Mulligan firing an unstoppable shot to the roof of the net. Five minutes later the Ulster champions struck again with Gavin Devlin starting the move, Stephen O'Neill did most of the leg-work before Enda McGinley provided a superb finish. That left it 2-4 to 0-3 and at the break seven points still divided the sides (2-6 to 0-5), although Tyrone had lived dangerously in the five minutes prior to the half-time whistle.

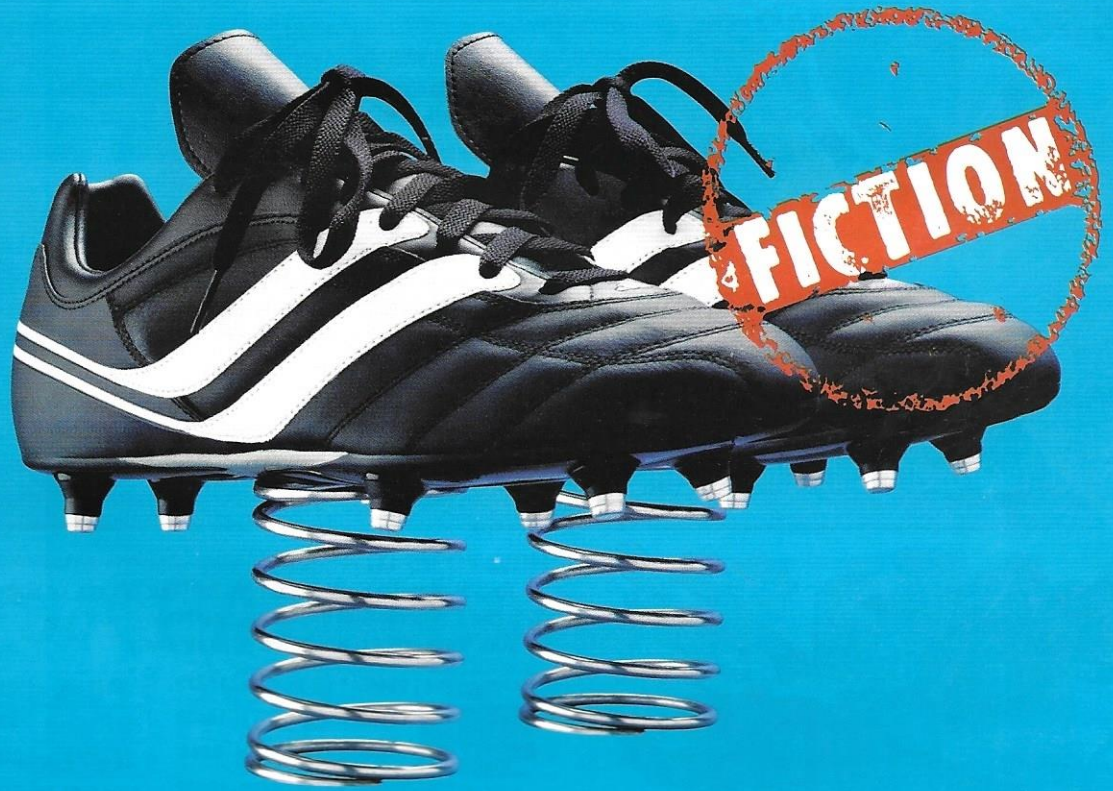
Laois, who had beaten the same opposition in the previous year's final, needed to restart well but it was Tyrone who maintained the edge and by the end of the third quarter had stormed further ahead – 2-10 to 0-6. The reigning champions' slim hopes disappeared completely when they lost a player for a second bookable offence, but to their credit they battled to the end and had narrowed the margin to six points by the final whistle. However, the merit of Tyrone's victory was not in doubt.

Tyrone scorers: E.Mulligan 1-4, A.Lynch 0-5, E.McGinley 1-0, P.O'Neill 0-1, M.Hughes 0-1.

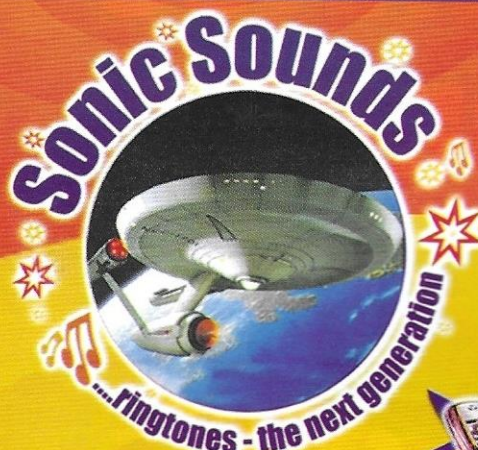
Tyrone – Pascal McConnell, Gavin Devlin, Michael McGee, Fran Loughran, Ciaran Meenagh, Darren O'Hanlon, Peter O'Neill, Cormac McAnallen, Kevin Hughes, Gavin Wylie, Martin Hughes, Stephen O'Neill, Aidan Lynch, Enda McGinley, Eoin Mulligan.

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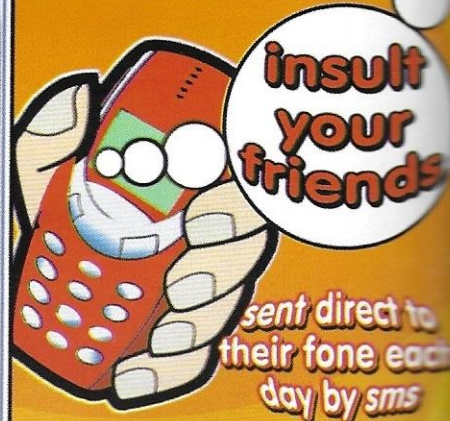
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Tyrone Minors moving well in quest for titles double

No team needs an incentive for victory in an All-Ireland final but the fact that Tyrone are in line this year for an under-age national double should help to give an added edge to their bid for glory in the curtain-raiser. The O'Neill County, holders of the All-Ireland under-21 title, are through to this year's final in that grade.

Tyrone minors earned the county a first final appearance in three years with a series of workmanlike and polished performances. They regained the Northern title in authoritative fashion and then saw off Mayo in the All-Ireland semi-final. The Ulster boys were pressed hard by the Connacht champions but moved well throughout and well deserved their 0-11 to 0-8 victory.

However, they did not help their cause by shooting 15 wides. Even so, their margin might well have been more convincing but for the brilliance of David Clarke, who brought off some brilliant saves in the Mayo goal.

In a game in which the scores were level seven times, Tyrone led at the interval by 0-6 to 0-5. As the game moved towards a close, the Northerners were

four points clear, but Mayo finished the scoring with a point two minutes into injury time.

This was a workmanlike rather than brilliant display by the Ulster champions. The back division, powered by John Devine, who brought off a splendid and vital save five minutes from the end, Kieran McCrory and Dermot Carlin, presented a very solid barrier to the Western forwards.

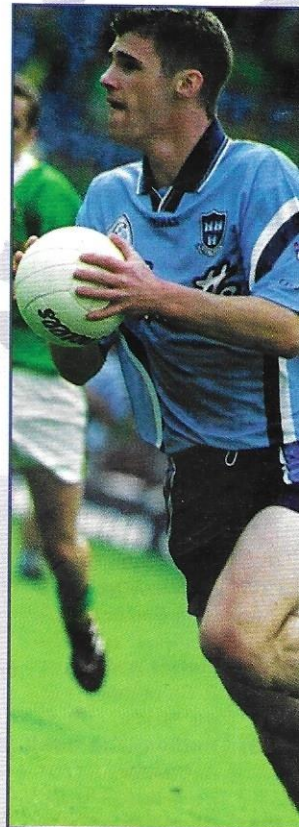
Sean Kavanagh was in sparkling form at midfield. He repeatedly won possession and made good use of it by initiating chances for his forwards. He also helped himself to a brace of points.

Peter Donnelly, the team captain, had a fine game at midfield as well and finished joint top scorer with three points. He is also a member of the under-21 team.

Leo Meenan, who also scored three points, and Martin Penrose spearheaded a lively and creative attack.

A good build-up, then, by Tyrone and one which should stand them well in their quest for a first title in three years—and the first leg of that rare national under-age titles double.

Mionúir



Graham Cullen
(Baile Átha Cliath)

Minor Football Championship Scoreboard 2001

LAUGHIN

1st Round

5th May, Pearse Park:			
Wexford	1-12;	Longford	1-10
5th May, Nowlan Park:			
Dublin	9-21;	Kilkenny	0-2
6th May, Dr.Cullen Park:			
Laois	2-13	Carlow	0-9
12th May, An Uaimh:			
Meath	2-6;	Kildare	2-6
16th May, Droichead Nua (replay):			
Kildare	0-19;	Meath	1-9

Quarter-Finals

13th May, Tullamore:			
Offaly	2-13;	Laois	2-9
19th May, New Ross:			
Wexford	1-10;	Westmeath	1-10
20th May, Droichead Nua:			
Kildare	2-12;	Wicklow	1-8
26th May, Parnell Park:			
Dublin	4-13;	Louth	0-6
26th May, Mullingar (replay):			
Westmeath	1-14;	Wexford	0-7

Semi-Finals

30th June, Tullamore:			
Offaly	3-6;	Westmeath	1-7
1st July, An Uaimh:			
Dublin	1-9;	Kildare	0-6

Final

15th July, Croke Park:			
Dublin	1-17;	Offaly	0-6

ULADH

1st Round

13th May, Ballybofey:			
Donegal	2-5;	Fermanagh	0-8

Quarter-Finals

20th May, Clones:			
Tyrone	1-9;	Armagh	0-11
26th May, Enniskillen:			
Monaghan	0-14;	Donegal	1-8
27th May, Casement Park:			
Cavan	4-13;	Down	0-8
3rd June, Celtic Park:			
Derry	3-13;	Antrim	2-3

Semi-Finals

17th June, Clones:			
Tyrone	2-15;	Derry	1-7
24th June, Clones:			
Monaghan	0-13;	Cavan	1-7

Final

8th July, Clones:			
Tyrone	2-13;	Monaghan	0-13

MUMHA

Round Robin

4th April, Bruff:			
Tipperary	0-12	Clare	0-3
4th April, the Gaelic Grounds:			
Limerick	1-7;	Waterford	2-4
10th April, Fermoy:			
Limerick	0-9;	Tipperary	1-5
11th April, Ennis:			
Waterford	3-16;	Clare	1-5
2nd May, Fermoy:			
Waterford	2-8;	Tipperary	2-8
2nd May, Ennis:			
Clare	3-4;	Limerick	0-11

Play-Offs

12th May, Fermoy:			
Tipperary	1-9;	Limerick	0-10
16th May, Fermoy:			
Waterford	2-6;	Tipperary	0-9

Semi-Finals

5th July, the Gaelic Grounds:			
Cork	0-10;	Tipperary	0-8
5th July, Killarney:			
Kerry	7-13;	Waterford	1-7
Final			
15th July, Páirc Uí Chaoimh:			
Kerry	0-15;	Cork	0-12

CONNACHT

1st Round

12th May, Carrick-on-Shannon:			
Galway	2-14;	Leitrim	1-8

Semi-Finals

20th May, Tuam:			
Galway	2-13;	Roscommon	1-7
27th May, Castlebar:			
Mayo	4-18;	Sligo	0-4

Final

1st July, Dr.Hyde Park:			
Mayo	1-8;	Galway	0-11
14th July, Castlebar (replay):			
Mayo	0-15;	Galway	0-11

ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINALS

26th August, Croke Park:			
Tyrone	0-11;	Mayo	0-8
2nd September, Croke Park:			
Dublin	2-13;	Kerry	2-9





Baile Átha Cliath

Dathanna: Gorm is Dubhgorm



Fir Ionaid

- (16) **Mark Gillette**
M. Gillette
(St. Sylvesters)
- (17) **Danny McCann**
D. Mac Cana
(St Marks)
- (18) **Niall Cooper**
N. Ó Cuipéir
(Na Fianna)
- (19) **Niall Clarke**
N. Ó Cléirigh
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- (20) **Donal Farrell**
D. Ó Fearghail
(Fingallians)
- (21) **Martin Whelan**
M. Ó Faoláin
(Parnells)
- (22) **Fintan Walsh**
F. Breathnach
(Na Fianna)
- (23) **Anthony Cromwell**
A. Cromail
(Parnells)
- (24) **Ciarán Corrigan**
C. Ó Corragáin
(Round Towers)

- 1**
PAUL COPELAND
P. Copeland
(St. Judes)
- 2**
DAVID GALVIN
D. Ó Gealbháin
(St. Sylvesters)
- 3**
MARK FITZPATRICK
M. Mac Giolla Phádraig
(Parnells)
- 4**
GRAHAM DENT
G. Dent
(Clan na nGael/Fontenoy)
- 5**
PAUL GRIFFIN
P. Ó Griffin
(Kilmacud Crokes)
- 6**
BRIAN CULLEN
B. Ó Cuilín
(Skerries Harps)
- 7**
BARRY LYONS
B. Ó Liatháin (Capt.)
(Round Towers Clondalkin)
- 8**
PADRAIG BRENNAN
P. Ó Braonáin
(Fingal Ravens)
- 9**
DECLAN O'MAHONY
D Ó Mathúna
(Ballyboden St. Endas)
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(Skerries Harps)
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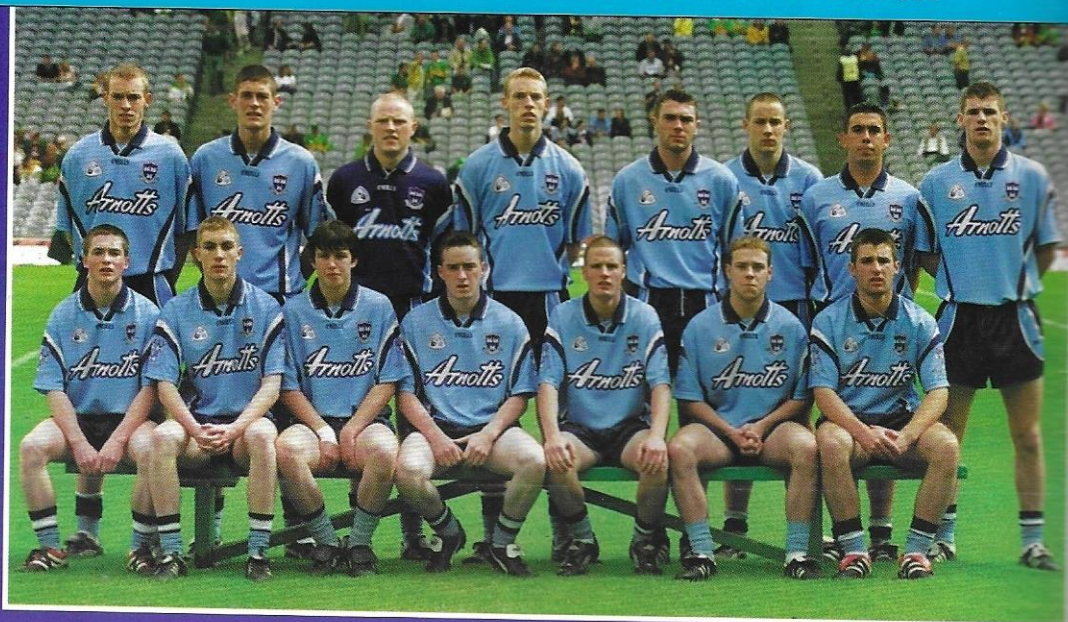
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2adh Leath					
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Baile Átha Cliath

Back row (l-r): Gary Brennan, Declan O'Mahony, Paul Copeland, Paddy Brennan, Niall McAulliffe, David Galvin, Mark Fitzgerald, Graham Cullen.

Front row (l-r): David O'Callaghan, Paul Griffin, Mark Taylor, John Noonan, Graham Dent, Barry Lyons, Brian Cullen.



Tír Eoghain

Dathanna: Bán is Dearg



- 1**
JOHN DEVINE
S. Ó Daimhín
(Errigal Ciarán)
- 2**
RYAN O'NEILL
R. Ó Néill
(Moy)
- 3**
DERMOT CARLIN
D. Ó Cearúlláin
(Killyclogher)
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MARTIN McSTRAVOG
M. Mac Strabhóg
(Derrlaughan)
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JOE McMAHON
S. Ma Mathúna
(Omagh)
- 6**
KIERAN McCRORY
C. Mac Ruairí
(Galbally)
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COLM DONNELLY
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S. Caomhánach
(Moy)
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TOMMY McGUIGAN
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(Ardboe)
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LEO MEENAN
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MARTIN PENROSE
M. Penrose
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(Gortin)
- (17) **Stephen McNeice**
S. Mac Naois
(Coalisland)
- (18) **Conor Mullan**
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- (19) **Mark McCullagh**
M. Mac Cú Uladh
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- (20) **Austin Donaghy**
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P. Ó Raifeartaigh
(Galbally)
- (22) **Niall Gormley**
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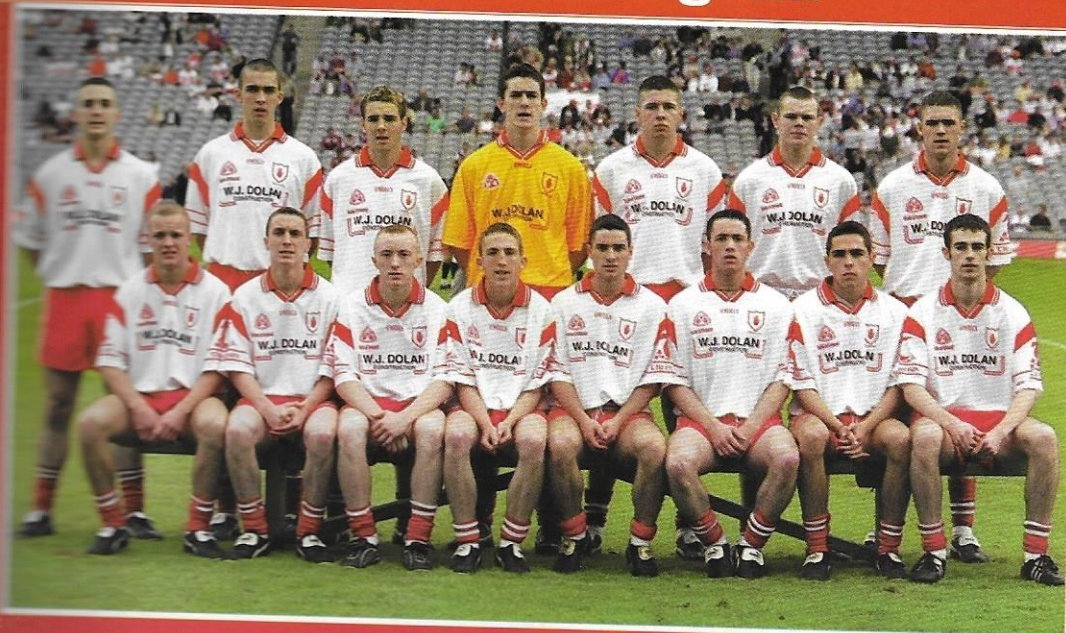
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Tír Eoghain

Back Row (l-r): Ciaran McCrory, Joseph McMahon, Leo Meenan, John Devine, Sean Cavanagh, Peter Donnelly (Capt.), Gerard Toner.

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INDIVIDUAL FEATS

Mionúir

P.J.Ward's 5-5 against Kilkenny in last year's minor championship was never remotely in danger of being equalled, let alone exceeded, and only Conor Mortimer with 1-7 in the Connacht final, recorded a double-figure return. This season it's the same story with Niall McAuliffe hitting 5-1 against Kilkenny in the opening round of the Leinster championship with just one other return (3-1 by Brian Curtin) getting into double digits.

Conal Ó Cruadhlaoich (Kerry) takes his place for the second time in the chart of leading individual scoring returns in the minor football championship by finishing as ace marksman in the two All-Ireland semi-finals with 1-5 against Dublin.

In all 21 returns (eleven last year) of seven points or better were recorded in the 2001 minor football championship and they are:

Niall McAuliffe (Dublin) 5-1	Eamonn McCormack (Kildare) 1-5	Gerry O'Grady (Wexford) 0-7
v Kilkenny – 1st round, Nowlan Park	v Wicklow – quarter-final, Droichead Nua	v Longford – 1st round, Pearse Park
Brian Curtin (Clare) 3-1	Colm Kelly (Laois) 1-5	Eric McCormack (Carlow) 0-7
v Limerick – round robin, Ennis	v Carlow – 1st round, Dr.Cullen Park	v Laois – 1st round, Dr.Cullen Park
Eamonn McCormack (Kildare) 0-9	Michael Meehan (Galway) 1-5	Pat Lynch (Tipperary) 1-4
v Meath – 1st round replay, Newbridge	v Leitrim – 1st round, Carrick-on-Shannon	v Waterford – round robin, Fermoy
Billie Harty (Waterford) 1-6	G McSweeney (Leitrim) 1-5	Sean Brady (Cavan) 1-4
v Clare – round robin, Ennis	v Galway – 1st round, Carrick-on-Shannon	v Down – quarter-final, Casement Park
Declan O'Sullivan (Dromid/Kerry) 0-8	Conal Ó Cruadhlaoich (Kerry) 2-2	Stephen Sheehan (Wexford) 1-4
v Cork – Munster Final, Páirc Uí Chaoimh	v Waterford – semi-final, Killarney	v Westmeath – quarter-final, New Ross
Conal Ó Cruadhlaoich (Kerry) 1-5	John Wall (Waterford) 2-2	Declan O'Sullivan (Lispole/Kerry) 2-1
v Dublin – All-Ireland s/f, Croke Park	v Tipperary – play-off, Fermoy	v Waterford – semi-final, Killarney
Leo Meenan (Tyrone) 1-5	Paul Finlay (Monaghan) 0-7	Christy Toye (Donegal) 2-1
v Derry, semi-final, Clones	v Donegal – quarter-final, Enniskillen	v Fermanagh – 1st round, Ballybofey

TOP SCORERS

Last season Westmeath's P.J.Ward scored 5-5 against hapless Kilkenny in the Leinster championship and this gave him a big lead in the overall scoring chart, which he held to the very end, although Mayo's Conor Mortimer was just a point in arrears at the end of last year's minor final. A similar scenario is almost certain to result this year with Dublin's Niall McAuliffe hitting the Noreside youths for 5-1 (half his overall total) and leading the way by six points. His closest challenger playing today is team-mate David O'Callaghan (13 points in arrears) so his position looks unassailable. Tyrone's Leo Meenan will make the top ten should he record any score today but the top ten currently reads:

1 Niall McAuliffe (Dublin) 5-17 (32)	Michael Meehan (Galway) 2-12 (18)
2 Pat Lynch (Tipperary) 1-23 (26)	Joe Wall (Waterford) 3-9 (18)
3 Eamonn McCormack (Kildare) 1-21 (24)	9 Emmet Killeen (Galway) 0-17
4 David O'Callaghan (Dublin) 1-16 (19)	10 Paul Finlay (Monaghan) 0-15
Conal O'Cruadhlaoich (Kerry) 3-10 (19)	John Prenty (Mayo) 0-15
6 John Noonan (Dublin) 2-12 (18)	

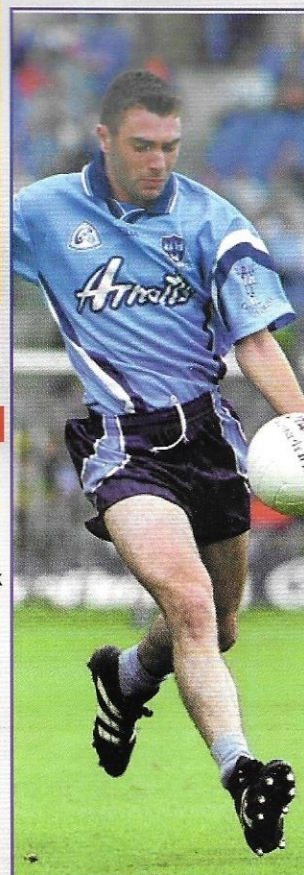
Dublin and Tyrone...Past Encounters

Dublin and Tyrone first met at minor level in the 1934 All-Ireland semi-final at Drogheda where the Ulster youths were appearing in their fourth championship game of the season, while Dublin were having their sixth outing of the season, including a three-game marathon with Carlow which they eventually won by two points. The game at Drogheda was a close contest with Dublin emerging winners by 0-9 to 2-1, but soon the scene of the action transferred to the council chamber when the losers lodged an objection on the grounds that Dublin had included over-age players – and they had the evidence to prove it. The Dublin representatives admitted the offence but they also pointed out that Tyrone were guilty of the same offence – and they too, had the evidence to support their claim. The Central Council, with a clear case of two counties contravening the rules, had little hesitation in ejecting both out of the championship – a decision that gave Tipperary their only title in this grade of football. Surprisingly, no further action was taken against the offenders.

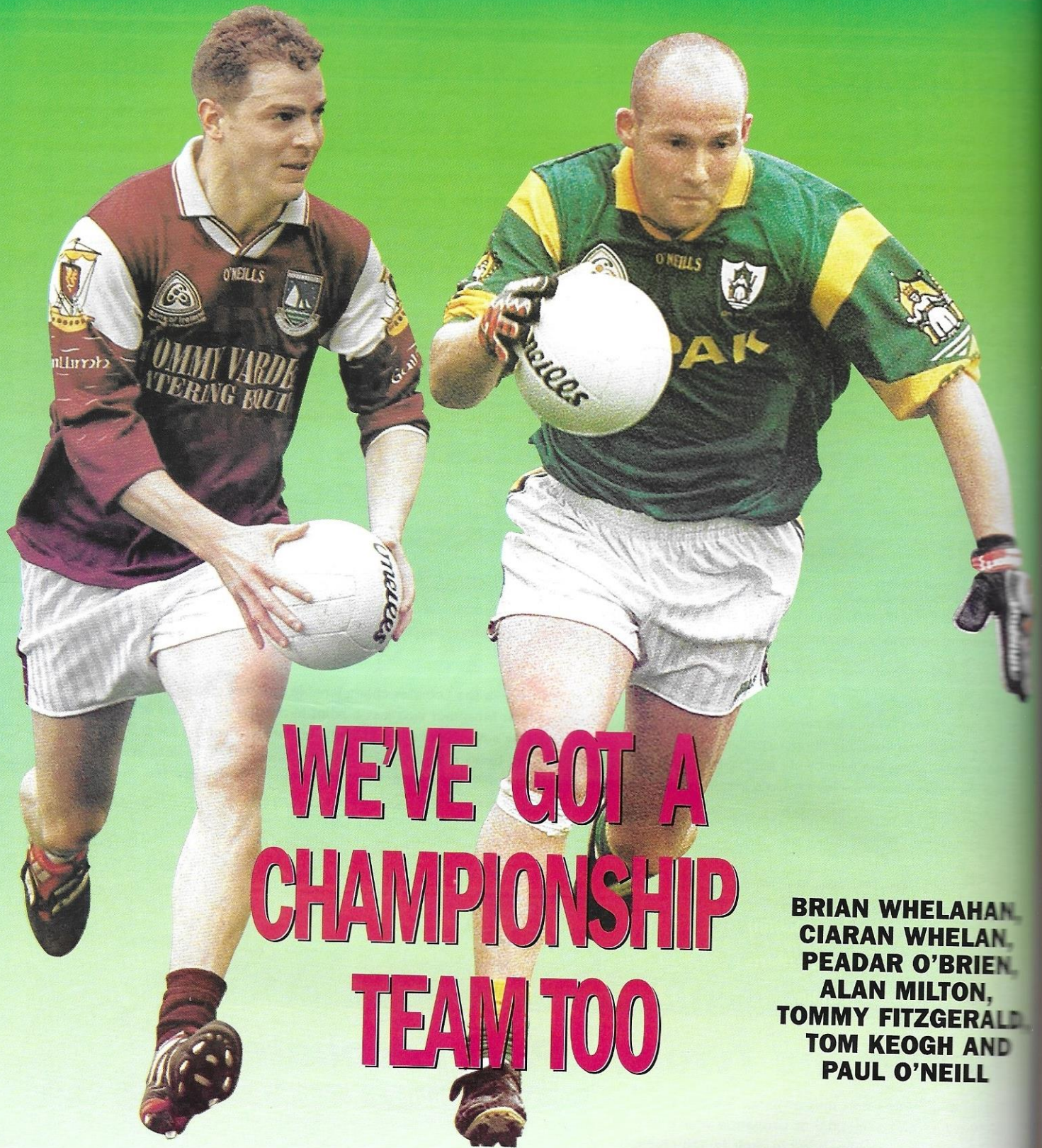
1946 – Dublin 2-7 Tyrone 0-6

Dublin were defending All-Ireland champions when they took on Tyrone in this All-Ireland semi-final at Clones and, though they had only six of the previous year's team on duty, they were a powerful force that included several players who were to make their mark at senior level – notably Ollie Freaney, Kevin Heffernan, Dan O'Mahony, Nicky Maher and Liam Donnelly. They had stormed through Leinster, beating Laois by 15 points, Offaly by 21 and Meath by 13. The only team that gave them a game was Wexford who ran them to four points in the provincial semi-final. Tyrone couldn't claim a similar path – only Fermanagh were easily overcome as Antrim, Derry and Monaghan all proved difficult opponents to put away.

But Tyrone made a brave fight of it and with mid-fielders Dargan and McGrath winning at least 50% of the exchanges, play was often in the Dublin half. But a huge stumbling block to Tyrone's advances was presented by the Liffey full-back line of Noel Fingleton,



Niall McAuliffe
(Baile Átha Cliath)



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TOM KEOGH AND
PAUL O'NEILL**

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Paddy Lawlor and Dan O'Mahony who repeatedly foiled their opposite numbers.

Scores were slow to come by in the first half and with 25 minutes gone the sides were level with points from McGrath and Eddie Devlin (two) balancing the flags raised by Heffernan, Freaney and Cormac Wehigan. But then came the first Dublin goal and the teams turned with the score 1-3 to 0-3. The second half was almost a replica of the first with points being exchanged at a slow rate until Clohessy had the second goal, which finally closed the door on Tyrone.

Dublin scorers: D.Stanley 1-1, K.Heffernan 0-3, T.Clohessy 1-0, O.Freaney 0-2, C.Mehigan 0-1.

Tyrone scorers: E.Devlin 0-4, P.McGrath 0-2.

Dublin – C.Feeney, D.O'Mahony, P.Lawlor, N.Fingleton, J.Butler, J.Lavin, B.Clancy, S.Guinea, N.Maher, L.Donnelly, O.Freaney, D.Stanley, K.Heffernan, T.Clohessy, C.Mehigan.

Tyrone – J.Bonnar, R.McNulty, J.Devlin, J.McCrory, D.McSorley, E.Devlin, F.Reid, M.Dargan, P.McGrath, J.Mulholland, J.McGrone, J.McConnell, J.Tierney, D.McCaffrey, J.Hamill.

1948 – Tyrone 0-11 Dublin 1-5

On a day of high wind at Croke Park this All-Ireland final provided an absorbing struggle in which both sides performed much better against the elements than did the senior players in the main event of the afternoon.

Defences definitely ruled through the first half during which Dublin had the advantage of the breeze, but despite the solid work at midfield by the Dublin pair of Jennings and Freaney, the flags failed to flutter at the Tyrone end where Eddie Devlin, in his third year as a minor, and colleagues Mal Connolly and Louis Campbell were inspirational figures in defence.

When early Dublin pressure brought no reward, Tyrone came away for Barney Eastwood to open the scoring with a point. Carney levelled when placed by Freaney, and towards the end of the first quarter Kelly put the Metropolitans ahead. Tyrone continued to hold their own and Dargan soon had the equaliser before the same player lofted over the lead before Ryan's point from a free made it 0-3 apiece at the break.

The second period, although not exactly dominated by Tyrone, was always going their way, and with Devlin now plying his trade at midfield, Dublin were frequently on the defensive. However, King, Loughhead and Page performed resolutely but their efforts failed to stop the Ulster champions notching scores at a steady rate as Dargan, Devlin, Eastwood and McGrath all raised white flags. Dublin refused to go quietly and they had the last score of the hour, a goal by Ferguson, but it was too little too late as Tyrone retained the title and Eddie Devlin made history by becoming the first player to receive the Markham Cup twice.

Tyrone scorers: M.Dargan 0-4, E.Devlin 0-3, B.Eastwood 0-3, S.McGrath 0-1.

Dublin scorers: D.Carney 0-3, D.Ferguson 1-0, J.Kelly 0-1, P.Ryan 0-1.

Tyrone – J.McGahern, D.Donnelly, M.Connolly, E.Knox, L.Campbell, E.Devlin, P.O'Hanlon, S.McGrath, H.Hartop, J.O'Reilly, M.Dargan, B.Eastwood, L.Devlin, J.J.O'Hagan, J.Twomey. Sub – S.Donnelly.

Dublin – P.King, P.Connolly, K.Loughhead, G.Brogan, M.Fleming, S.Page, P.McGahan, T.Jennings, C.Freaney, B.Conboy, D.Ferguson, J.Kelly, P.Ryan, D.Carney, B.Redmond. Sub – J.Guidon.

1978 – Dublin 5-7 Tyrone 1-9

There was no doubt that a winning margin of ten points greatly flattered the winners of this semi-final meeting – 12 scores to ten suggesting a closer contest, which it undoubtedly was.

But having duly noted the flattering nature of the scoreline, the essential difference between the teams was the goal-scoring expertise of the respective forward divisions as demonstrated by Dublin's Barney Rock, Mick Loftus, Niall Claffey and Ciaran Duff.

The early stages, however, saw Tyrone looking the more dangerous up front and they had a brace of points from Damian O'Hagan before Rock opened Dublin's account. With 15 minutes gone Tyrone led by 0-3 to 0-1, but then came Dublin's first goal courtesy of Rock and, after Griffin had added a point, Loftus fired home a second major.

By now Pat Canavan's great catching and lengthy kicking were repeatedly foiling Tyrone. Gaffney got Dublin's third goal, which brought three points in reply through Madden, McGearty and Damian O'Hagan to leave the interval score 3-4 to 0-6.

The pattern of the opening half was maintained on the resumption and just 60 seconds in O'Hagan shot a splendid goal to galvanise the Ulster side. But Dublin held firm and the Northerners failed to build on that score as Paul O'Toole in the Dublin goal brought off a great double save, and when Damian O'Hagan retired injured, Tyrone's hopes faded quickly. They continued to battle but Dublin were deserving winners, if a little flattered by the margin.

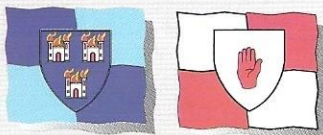
Dublin scorers: B.Rock 1-3, M.Loftus 1-1, N.Gaffney 1-1, C.Griffin 1-1, C.Duff 1-1.

Tyrone scorers: F.McGearty 0-4, D.O'Hagan 1-1, P.Madden 0-2, B.McKenna 0-2.

Dublin – P.O'Toole, F.Walsh, P.Canavan, C.Finnegan, K.Byrne, S.Fleming, T.Mannion, J.Kelly, A.White, C.Duff, M.Loftus, C.Griffin, N.Gaffney, B.Rock, K.Barry.

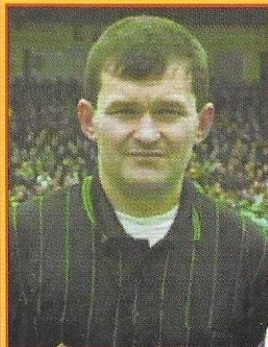
Tyrone – N.McGinn, G.McGinn, C.Maneally, A.McEntaggart, C.Lynch, L.O'Hagan, A.McGinn, S.Barker, J.Lynch, S.Multhaney, D.O'Hagan, P.Madden, F.McGearty, B.McKenna, D.O'Kane.

Subs – P.O'Kelly, M.Bradley.



Mionúir

An Réiteoir



Michael Daly (Maigh Eo)

The Mayo man bridges a long gap for the county as far as All-Ireland minor football referees are concerned. Not since 1979 when P. J. McGrath controlled the meeting of Dublin and Kerry has a Mayo man controlled a national final in this grade.

Michael played under age football with his club, Ballyhaunis, and in more recent times has been chairman of the club's Bord na nÓg committee. He has also been involved in training club teams.

As a referee, he has taken charge of county finals in all grades from under-12 upwards. At senior level he has refereed two county finals.

He has been on the intercounty panel for six years and has duties have taken him to New York for the FBD League final between Roscommon and New York at Gaelic Park two years ago. Daly was on duty in last season's Allianz National League and he also controlled the meeting of Westmeath and Limerick in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland qualifiers championship at Limerick last June.

Equalling The Kingdom

Today's minor final presents Dublin with the chance of drawing level with Kerry at the top of the honours list. Currently, Kerry have eleven titles to Dublin's ten and with the 'Kingdom' now out of the way, Dublin are in position to restore parity for the first time since 1994.

The battle for the top spot in this grade – despite the emergence of Cork in the 1960s – has been mainly between Kerry and Dublin and is as old as the minor grade itself. Dublin led off in 1930 and Kerry, having balanced matters a year later, set off to lead by five titles to two by 1950. Three titles in 1954, '55 and '56 brought Dublin level and by the end of that decade they led 7-5. Kerry restored parity with their wins in 1962 and '63 and with Dublin struggling in the grade, Kerry went ahead in 1975, only to have the Metropolitans level affairs four years later. Immediately (1980), Kerry got back in front but within two years Dublin were back on terms. Dublin edged in front with success in 1984 but Kerry levelled matters in 1988, and they also took the only title won by either side in the last decade (1994), giving them the 11-10 lead they currently enjoy.

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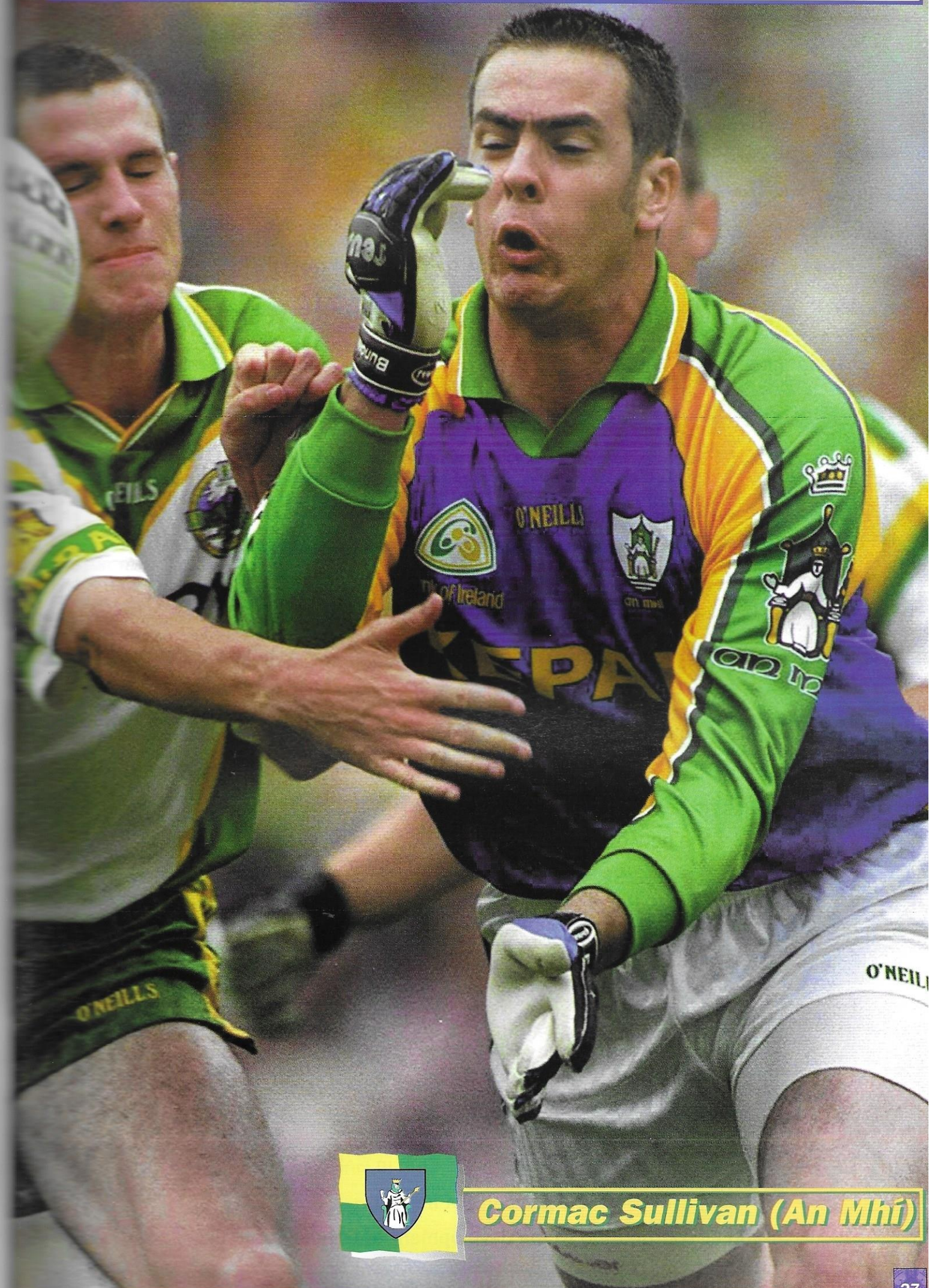
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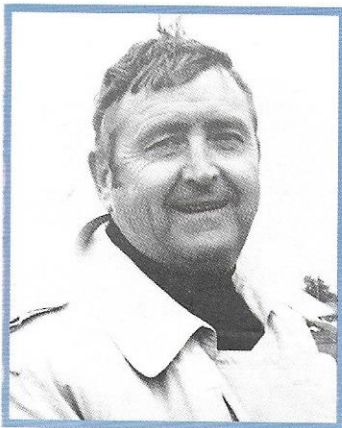


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Splendid comeback earns Galway final place

Galway will have more than the usual cause for rejoicing if they emerge from this novel Bank of Ireland senior football championship final as champions of 2001.

Their hopes of going one better than last year, when they lost in a final replay to Kerry, took a severe knock last June when they were beaten by Roscommon—and at Tuam Stadium.

Yet, here they are not only back in the final but also buoyed up by a splendid come-back from the defeat that cost them their Connacht title.

A come-back that is backed up by big match experience and all round class...assets that clearly indicate Galway as strong contenders of a first All-Ireland title in three years.

The Westerners also displayed something of the never-say-die quality against Derry last time out that has characterised so many Meath performances in modern times.

Derry looked to be coasting to a comfortable win over Galway when they led by 1-10 to 0-8 after 56 minutes. The Oak Leaf men forged out that lead with a cool, polished and confident display of football.

There did not appear to be a way back for Galway, but to the credit of their players they did not allow heads to drop. Instead, they rose to the challenge in great style to dominate the exchanges over the remaining minutes. Galway took over command at midfield and put strong pressure on the Northern backs. Soon they were only a point adrift.

Then in the 66th minute the Tribesmen struck a real match-winning blow when substitute Matthew Clancy efficiently drove the ball to the net to put Galway firmly on the road to the final. They were so dominant in the closing stages that they conceded just a point, and that was two minutes into injury time to leave the final score 1-14 to 1-11.

CONSTANT THREAT

Michael Donnellan was a tremendous worker yet again for Galway. He proved a constant threat to the Northerners and stamped his personality on the success in a big way. He also chipped in with a fine point.

Kevin Walsh also did well at midfield for the winners and he, too, got in on the scoring act with a point.

Derek Savage was a commanding figure up front. He was tireless, creative, scored three points and did much to spark the revival. He also set up Matthew Clancy for that vital goal.

Padraig Joyce contributed a valuable five points, and Seán Óg de Paor, Kieran Fitzgerald and Gary Fahy also got through much valuable work at the back.

The Galway come-back illustrates that they are desperately keen to make up for the disappointment of last year's final replay defeat by Kerry. And, if they produce that sparkle right from the throw-in, the Western standard-bearers

have every chance of capturing the All-Ireland title — and make a little bit of history by doing so after losing one game!



Joe Bergin (Gaillimh)

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Back row (l-r): Pdraig Joyce, Tomás Mannion, Kieran Fitzgerald, Alan Keane, Kevin Walsh, Joe Bergin, Jarlath Fallon, Michael Donnellan.

Front row (l-r): Seán Óg de Paor, Tommie Joyce, Alan Kerins, Gary Fahey, Derick Savage, Richie Fahey, Declan Meehan.

Gaillimh - Path to the Final

Galway lost their Connacht senior football championship crown in June when they were beaten at Tuam Stadium in a semi-final by Roscommon, who went on to win the title.

The Tribesmen had three outings in the All-Ireland qualifiers to reach the All-Ireland quarter-finals. They took revenge over Roscommon for that provincial semi-final defeat when the counties met at Castlebar for a place in the last four.

20th May, Tuam:

Galway 3-24 Leitrim 3-5

3rd June, Tuam:

Roscommon 2-12 Galway 0-14

30th June, Aughrim:

Galway 3-12; Wicklow 1-9

7th July, Croke Park:

Galway 0-13; Armagh 0-12

22nd July, Croke Park:

Galway 1-14; Cork 1-10

4th August, Castlebar:

Galway 0-14; Roscommon 1-5

26th August, Croke Park:

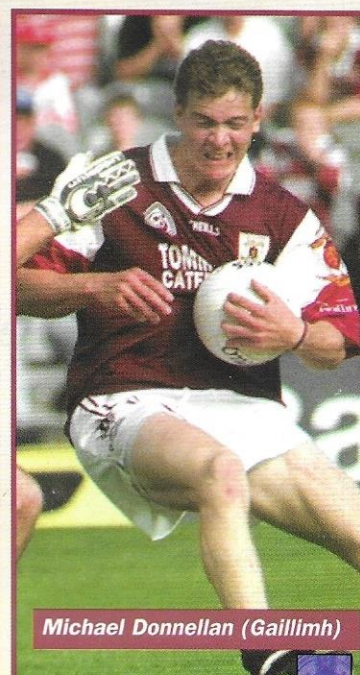
Galway 1-14; Derry 1-11

Total Scored: 8-105 (129 points)

Total Conceded: 9-64 (91 points)

Average: 1.4

Scorers	Match	Match	Match	Match	Match	Match	Match	Score	Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Padraig Joyce	3-3	0-6	0-3	0-5	0-6	0-7	0-5	3-35	44
Tommie Joyce	0-3	0-1	0-3	0-2	0-2	—	—	0-11	11
Joe Bergin	0-3	0-1	0-2	—	—	0-1	0-2	0-9	9
Jarlath Fallon	0-2	—	1-1	0-1	0-2	—	—	1-6	9
Kieran Comer	0-4	0-1	1-1	—	—	—	—	1-6	9
Michael Donnellan	—	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-8	8
Derick Savage	0-2	—	—	—	—	0-2	0-3	0-7	7
Alan Kerins	0-2	0-1	1-0	0-1	—	—	—	1-4	7
Seán Óg dePaor	0-1	—	0-1	—	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-4	7
Matthew Clancy	—	—	—	—	0-2	—	1-0	1-2	5
Paul Clancy	—	—	—	0-2	0-1	—	0-1	0-4	4
Kevin Walsh	0-2	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-4	4
John Donnellan	—	0-3	—	—	—	—	—	0-3	3
Tomás Mannion	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	1
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Michael Donnellan (Gaillimh)

FAREWELL, FRANK!

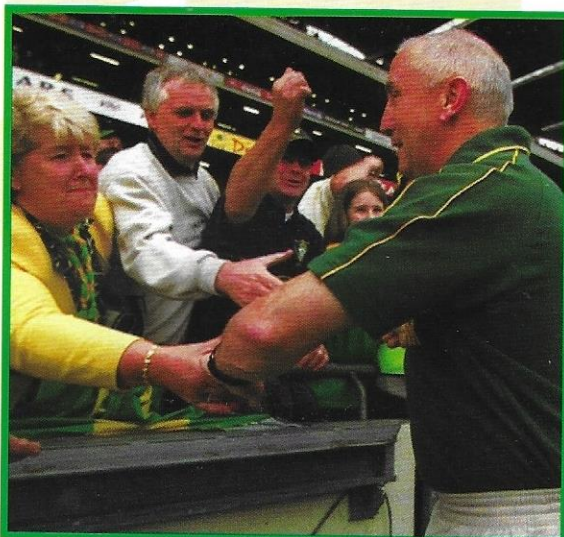
After many years of service, today marks the end of the road in Croke Park for Frank Hughes. He will be familiar to many thousands of Croke Park regulars as the man in the green jacket behind the goal at the railway end.

Having served under three Ard Stiúrthoir — Pádraig Ó Caoimh, Seán Ó Síocháin and Liam Ó Maolmhichíl — Frank will be missed from his usual spot on big match days.

We wish him a happy retirement.

Slán is beannacht, a Phroinsias!

Contrasts in Victory ...



Meath manager Sean Boylan celebrates with fans after his side's astonishing victory over Kerry in the All-Ireland semi-final while Galway manager John O'Mahony reflects on the late, late semi-final win over Derry.

TEAM SQUADS

Other members of the Meath and Galway squads, who are not included in the first 24, but who contributed to bringing their teams to the final are:

AN MHÍ:

Enda McManus (St. Peter's, Dunboyne), Christopher Reynolds (Walterstown), Seamus Kenny (Simonstown Gaels), Anthony Moyles (St. Paul's), Charles McCarthy (Walterstown), David Crimmins (Dunshaughlin), Niall McKeigue (Navan O'Mahonys).

GAILLIMH:

Ray Silke (Corofin), John Divilly (Kilkerrin-Clonberne), Shay Walsh (Glenamaddy), Kenny Naughton (St. Grellan's, Ballinasloe), Lorcán Ó Callaráin (An Spidéal).

Long Serving

When Kerry won the 1981 All-Ireland final, John O'Keefe was winning his sixth All-Ireland medal on the field of play – eleven years after he had lined out on the winning team of 1970. Five years later Páidí Ó Sé, "Ogie" Moran, Mikey Sheehy, Pat Spillane and Ger Power equalled that eleven-year feat when Kerry won the 1986 final over Tyrone. Previously, eleven years had separated the first and last awards of Mick O'Connell and Mick O'Dwyer (1959/70).

Since then no player in any county has come near to the performance of long service in respect of All-Ireland honours, but eleven years is not a record in

this field of endeavour. Johnny Culloty, who won his first medal as a forward in 1955, celebrated his last in 1970 – 15 years later. And in doing so he merely equalled the feat of his illustrious predecessor between the Kerry posts - Dan O'Keefe – who won his first medal in 1931 and his last in 1946.

In this field Kerry men are very much ahead of the rest – the nearest to them being Joyce Conlon of Kildare (1905/1919) and Pat Fallon of Dublin (1908/1922). No Ulster player comes anywhere near the above mentioned though Galway's Mattie McDonagh occupies a special niche in Connacht's hall of fame in that he is the only man from the province to win All-Ireland medals 10 years apart (1956/1966).

FINAL FACTS

Galway have contested All-Ireland finals against six different counties – Kildare, Kerry, Dublin, Offaly, Cork and Meath. Kerry have been their most consistent opponents as they have engaged on the final stage seven times with the Kingdom holding a 4-3 lead. Like Galway, Meath have also been opposed by six counties in All-Ireland finals – Cork, Mayo, Down, Kerry, Galway and Cavan, with the Leesiders providing the opposition in the decider on four occasions with the Royals winning three and losing one.

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A memorable performance from Meath

Meath have given many top class displays down through the years but few to match the quality and power of their runaway 2-14 to 0-5 win over much fancied Kerry to earn a return to the All-Ireland senior football final action after a two year interval.

Rated outsiders by many, despite a good march to the semi-final, the Royal County made light of that role with a performance that not even their most ardent supporters could have expected before the match.

They had their final ticket securely in hand at the interval when their smooth and confident football had them 1-6 to 0-4 ahead.

Not, admittedly, a big lead against such a renowned power in the sport, but the manner in which it was forged

out suggested the Kingdom, defending All-Ireland champions, would have to produce something extra special to save the day.

However, Meath were in no mood to ease up. After four minutes into the second half they had increased their lead by three points and the game was really over as a contest.

IN CONTROL

So much in control were they that they confined Kerry, so famed for long range points scoring, to just a single score in the second half, a distinction achieved by few if any counties, at least in modern times.

Comeback star John McDermott scored Meath's first half goal. It was the highlight of a very good all round display by the powerful midfielder. The Royal County's second goal was scored four minutes from the end by substitute John Cullinane.

Ollie Murphy gave another top class display for Meath and added three points to his record for this year's championship. Trevor Giles was again an inspiring captain with his good all-round play.

Nigel Crawford did well at midfield, while Damien Fay was a tower of strength at full back. He blunted the Kerry scoring edge and also found time to sally up field to good effect.

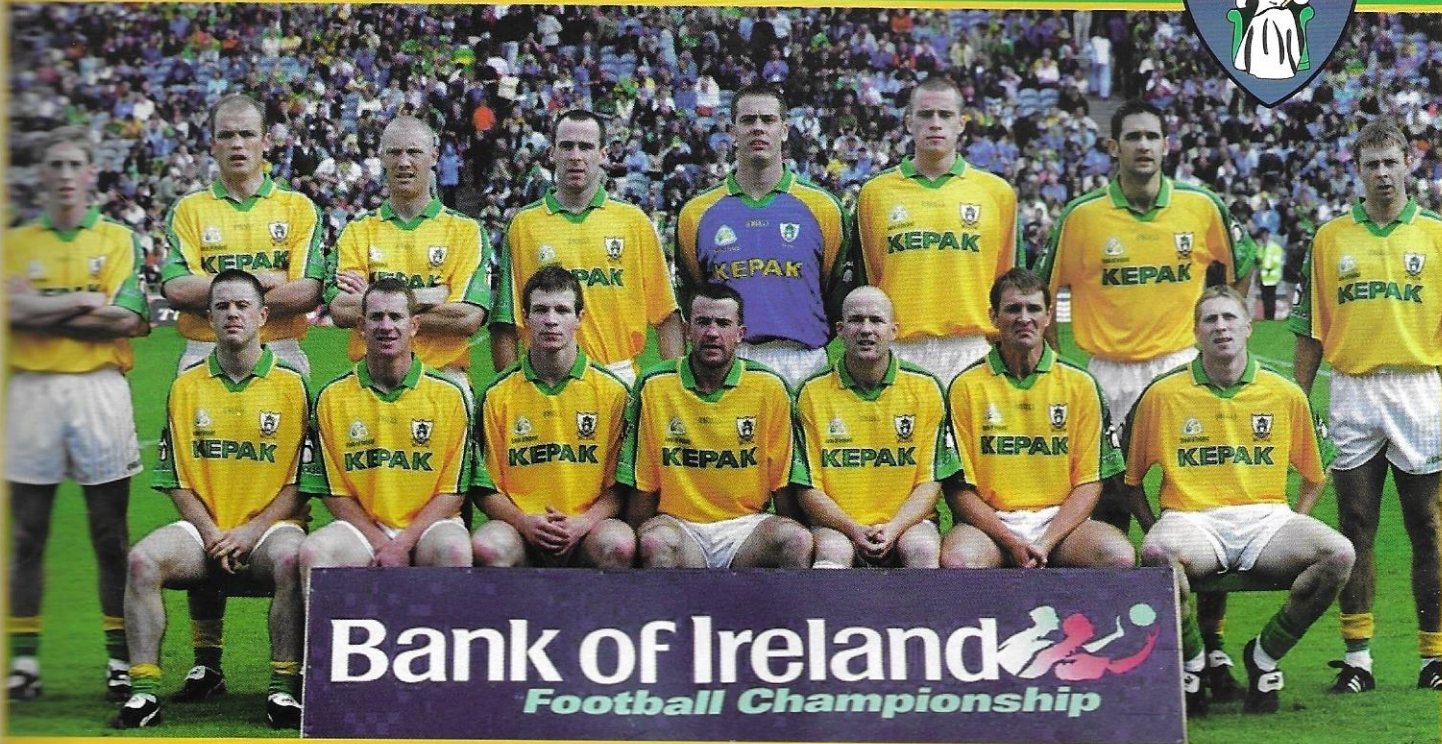
Nigel Nestor was soundness itself at centre half back and reliable left half back Hank Taylor also contributed a second half point.

Can Meath repeat that sparkling form in the final? That's a key question which only the game itself will provide the answer. However, the Leinster champions could not have enjoyed a better morale booster entering a final than that resounding win over the Kingdom.



Graham Geraghty (An Mhí)

An Mhí



Back row (l-r): Trevor Giles, John McDermott, Graham Geraghty, Hank Traynor, Cormac Sullivan, Nigel Crawford, Nigel Nestor, Cormac Murphy.

Front row (l-r): Mark O'Reilly, Donal Curtis, Richie Kealy, Evan Kelly, Ollie Murphy, Darren Fay, Ray Magee.

An Mhí - Path to the Final

Meath regained the Leinster senior football title in July after a two year interval to record their 20th provincial championship win since 1895.

The Royal County are unbeaten in the current championship so far.

3rd June, Croke Park:

Meath 2-12; Westmeath 1-14

24th June, Croke Park:

Meath 1-16; Kildare 1-11

15th July, Croke Park:

Meath 2-11; Dublin 0-14

5th August, Croke Park:

Meath 2-12; Westmeath 3-9

11th August, Croke Park:

Meath 2-10; Westmeath 0-11

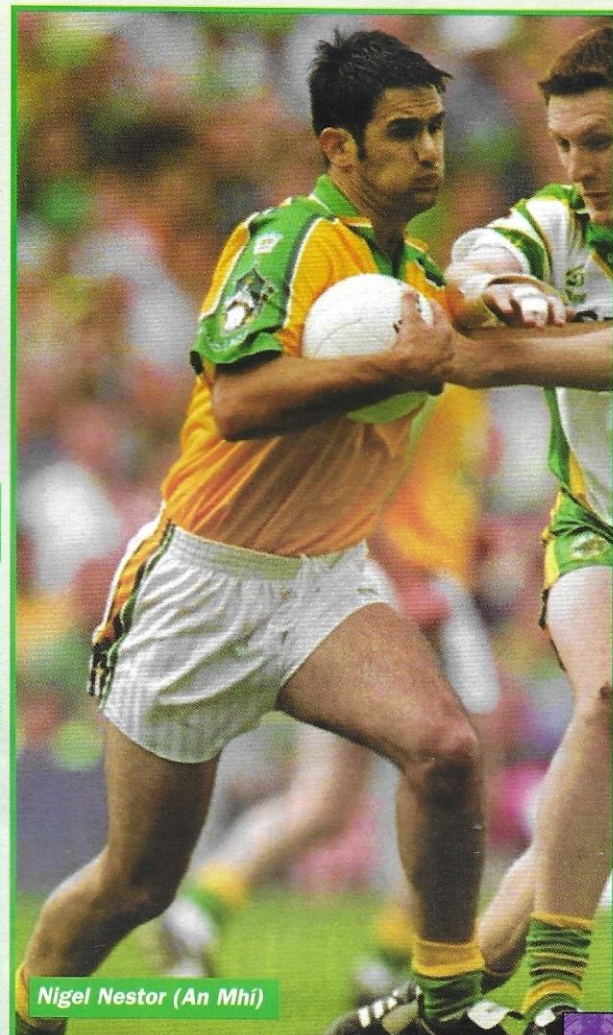
2nd September, Croke Park:

Meath 2-14; Kerry 0-5

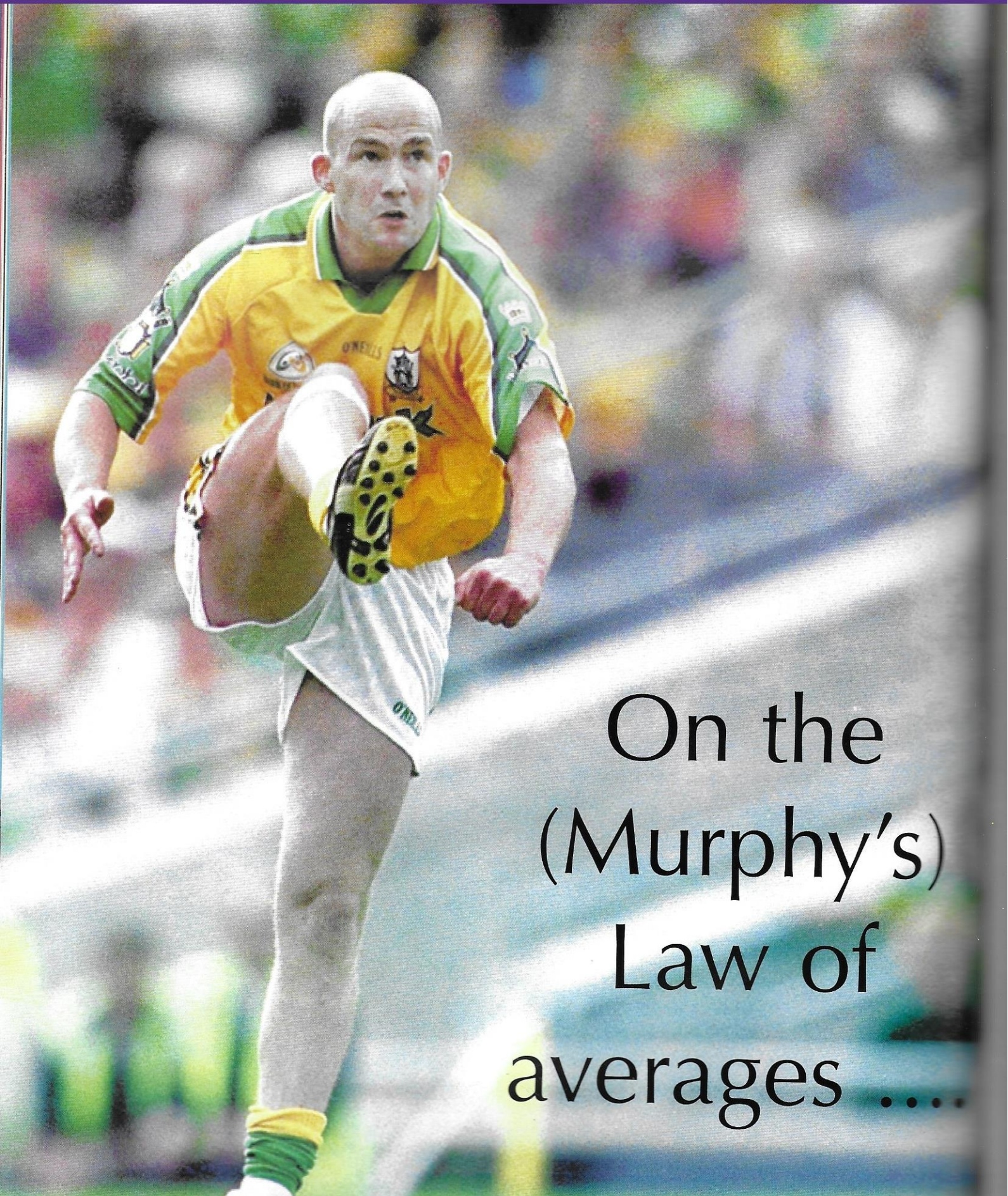
Total Scored: 11-75 (108 points)

Total Conceded: 5-64 (79 points) Average: 1.35

SCORERS	Match	Match	Match	Match	Match	Match	Score	Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6		
Trevor Giles	0-6	1-5	0-3	0-3	0-2	0-1	1-20	23
Ollie Murphy	1-2	0-4	0-1	2-1	0-2	0-4	3-14	23
Graham Geraghty	1-2	0-4	1-0	0-2	1-0	0-1	3-9	18
Ray Magee	0-1	—	0-1	0-1	1-3	0-3	1-9	12
Evan Kelly	—	0-1	0-3	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-9	9
Richie Kealy	—	—	1-1	0-1	—	0-1	1-3	6
Donal Curtis	—	0-1	0-2	0-1	—	—	0-4	4
Nigel Crawford	—	—	—	0-2	0-1	—	0-3	3
Nigel Nestor	0-1	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	0-3	3
John McDermott	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	1-0	3
John Cullinane	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	1-0	3
Hank Traynor	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	1



Nigel Nestor (An Mhí)



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Ba é seo bliain an chúldorais sa pheil agus tháinig Na Ríogaigh isteach an doras tosaigh de ruathar. Bhí an láimh in uachtar acu ar 'Bhleá Cliath i gcluiche cheannais Laighean agus ansin thugadar aghaidh ar an larmhí sa chluiche ceathrúcheannais. Bhí orthu dúshlán na hIarmhí a thabhairt fé dhó sula raibh an lá leo.

Ag leath-ama sa chéad chluiche bhí an larmhí go mór chun tosaigh agus cuma ar an scéal go raibh An Mhí cloíte. A mhalairt de scéal a bhí ann ag an deireadh. Ni bhíonn An Mhí cloíte go dtí an fheadóg dheiridh agus tháinig siad ar ais, diaidh ar ndiaidh, gur ghnóthaigh Oibhéir Ó Murchú cúl na bliana chun an lá a shábháil dá foireann.

Bealach an chúldorais a ghabh fir na dTreibh. Thug Ros Comáin bata agus bóthar dóibh i gcluiche cheannais Chiarraí ach nuair a chasadar ar a chéile sa chluiche caochotha ba shoiléir go raibh feabhas mór tagtha ar foireann Sheáin Uí Mhathúna san idirlinn. Bhí bóthar fada rompu ansin agus bhí an ceann ab' fharr acu ar Chill Mhantáin, Árd Mhacha, agus ar Chorcaigh. D'imríodar sár-peil ar feadh treimhsí fada 'sna cluichí sin agus rinneadar amháid sa chluiche leathcheannais in aghaidh Dhoire. Bhí an láimh in uachtar ag Contae na Duilleoige Darach ar na hIartharaigh ar feadh i bhfad sa chluiche sin ach chruithaigh na Gaillimh go raibh mianach iontu agus cheannsaigh siad Doire ar deireadh nuair a ghnóthaigh Deric Ó Sabhaois trí chúilín agus bhí láimh aige sa chúilín a ghnóthaigh Maitias Mac Fhlannchada.

Cad faoin toradh inniu máisea? Glac do rogha. Is í an chéad fáil le freagairt ná an bhfuil An Mhí comh maith agus a shamhláítear? Bhíodar iontach in aghaidh Chiarraí ach cad faoi na cluichí in aghaidh na hIarmhí agus nár

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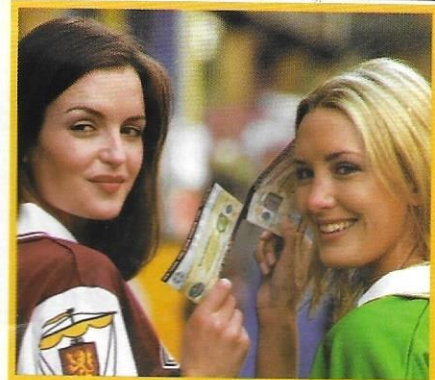
Bhí laigí le sonrú i bhfoireann na Gaillimhe le linn an tseasúir ach d'imríodar peil den scoth in aghaidh Árd Mhacha, Chiarraí agus sa dara leath in aghaidh Dhoire. Tá tacaithe den scoth ag an dá fhoireann – leithéidí Tomás Ó Mainín don Ghailimh agus Darren Fay ag na Ríogaigh. Meastar go gcloifidh fir lár páirce na Mí – Seán Mac Diarmada agus Nigel Mac Crabhagáin – a gcéillí chomhraic i lár an ghoirt agus gur clisteacht agus aiclíocht Uí Mhurchú agus a chomráidithe os chomhair an chúilín a luífidh an meá i dtreo na Mí ar deireadh.

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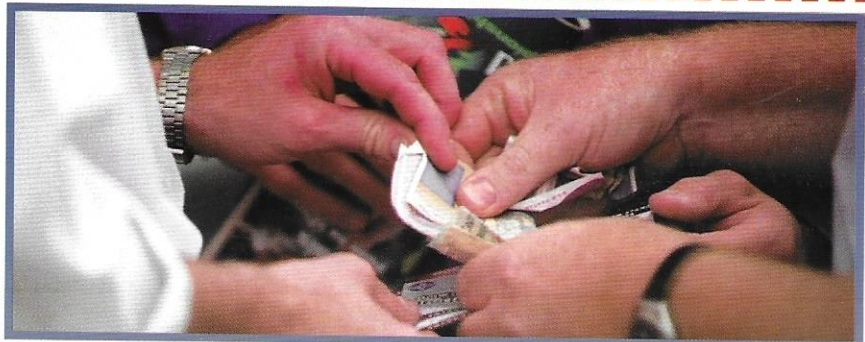
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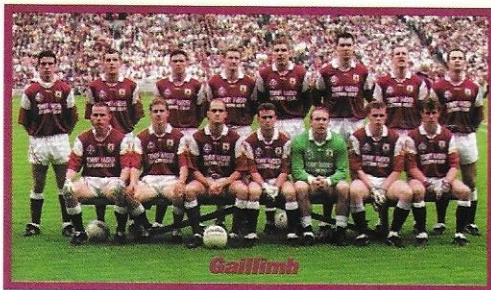
Galway's Last Title ... 1998

Unlike Meath's relatively comfortable march to the title the following year, Galway had a hard-fought campaign three years ago on the last occasion on which the Sam Maguire went west of the Shannon. Reigning provincial champions Mayo awaited the Corribiders in the opening round at Castlebar and before 34,000 spectators the home side carved out a 1-5 to 0-4 advantage by the 24th minute. However, in a purple patch the visitors hit 1-4 without reply to push three points clear and it took a goal by Kieran McDonald just before the break to ensure parity – 2-5 to 1-8. After the break Mayo disintegrated but despite totally dominating proceedings, Galway were just two points clear well into the fourth quarter. In the end they won by four points, three of which came in the final five minutes, but it wasn't their most impressive outing.

Galway travelled to Carrick-on-Shannon for a joust with the home side for a place in the provincial final and by the interval the game as a contest was over. In the opening half Leitrim managed just two points in reply to Galway's ten, and although the leaders managed just one point in the third quarter, there was never the slightest danger that they would be caught. Indeed, Niall Finnegan's goal emphasised the difference in class between the two sides as Galway strolled to a 14-point win – 1-16 to 0-5.

Roscommon, having taken two matches to dispose of Sligo, were expected to provide a stiffer challenge in the final at Tuam, but there was no doubting that the home side were clear favourites. And the game seemed to be going as expected as Galway edged a dour opening half to

lead by two points and when Roscommon were reduced to 14 men with 20 minutes remaining, it seemed that the title was Galway's for the taking. However, a series of missed chances



undermined their confidence and amazingly Roscommon came back to take the lead and it took Niall Finnegan's late free to earn Galway a second chance (0-11 each).

In the opening half of the replay at Hyde Park, Galway's penchant for wides continued and despite dominating matters territorially, they led by just a single point at the break – 0-5 to 0-4. There was little to choose between the sides in the second period and this time it was Roscommon who notched the late point to force extra time, but Galway had the better of proceedings in the first period of added time and led by 0-16 to 0-14 at the changeover. Within a minute of the resumption Michael Donnellan had struck for the game's only goal and although the home side battled to the end, Galway took the title by 1-17 to 0-17.

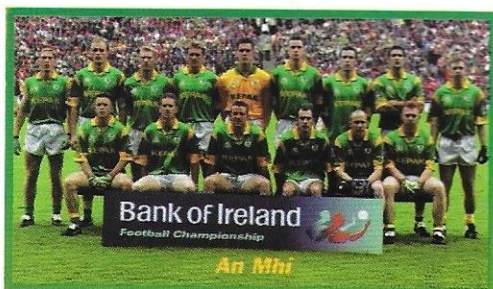
The Westerners started the All-Ireland semi-final with Derry in style and had four points on the board before the Ulster champions opened their account at the 16th minute. Derry did narrow the arrears to a point but with the Galway forwards on song, they comfortably moved clear and at the break led by 0-10 to 0-4. The Oak Leaf made no changes for the second period despite their position and by the end of the third quarter had sniped just a point off the deficit. The final quarter saw Galway coasting and two points apiece by Jarlath Fallon and Pdraig Joyce more than offset the last-minute penalty by Gary Coleman as the Connacht champions advanced to the final by five points – 0-16 to 1-8.

Kildare had dethroned reigning champions Kerry in the other semi-final and were marginal favourites to take the title. As in their 'semi' with Derry, Galway started well and had three unanswered scores on the board by the 13th minute. However, by the end of the first quarter they trailed by a point (1-1 to 0-3) and at the interval the gap was three points (1-5 to 0-5). Jarlath Fallon sniped a point off the arrears on the restart before Pdraig Joyce notched the goal that gave them a lead they would never surrender. By the end of the third quarter it was 1-11 to 1-6 and although the Lily Whites reduced the deficit to three, Galway had the last score courtesy of Seán Óg dePaor to give them their first title in 32 years on a 1-14 to 1-10 scoreline. *The line out was – Martin McNamara, Tomás Meehan, Gary Fahy, Tomás Mannion, Ray Silke, John Divilly, Seán Óg dePaor, Kevin Walsh, Seán Ó Dómhnaill, Shay Walsh, Jarlath Fallon, Michael Donnellan, Derek Savage, Pdraig Joyce, Niall Finnegan. Paul Clancy came on as a substitute.*

Meath's Last Title ... 1999

It is just two years since Meath last won senior honours and they started that campaign in impressive style with a comfortable victory over Wicklow at Croke Park. However, in the opening half Wicklow gave a good account of themselves and it took a goal by Tommy Dowd just before the break to give the Royals a four-point interval lead – 1-5 to 0-4. When the leaders lost Hank Traynor shortly after the restart a tight finish looked likely, but Meath simply upped the pace and just before the hour mark Graham Geraghty notched their second goal to officially end the game as a contest. A final scoreline of 2-10 to 0-6 and a final wides tally of 19-5 in their favour show just how easy it was for Meath.

Offaly stood between Meath and a place in the provincial final and, having decided to play with the aid of a stiff breeze in the opening half, the Midlanders set about building up a first-half advantage. However, it was the Royals who impressed more in the opening 35 minutes and indeed, Offaly were somewhat fortunate to turn over on level terms – 0-7 apiece. All the play in the opening minutes after the resumption took place in the Offaly half, but Meath shot six wides in that period and it took Ollie Murphy's 48th-minute goal to steer the Royals on the right course for vic-



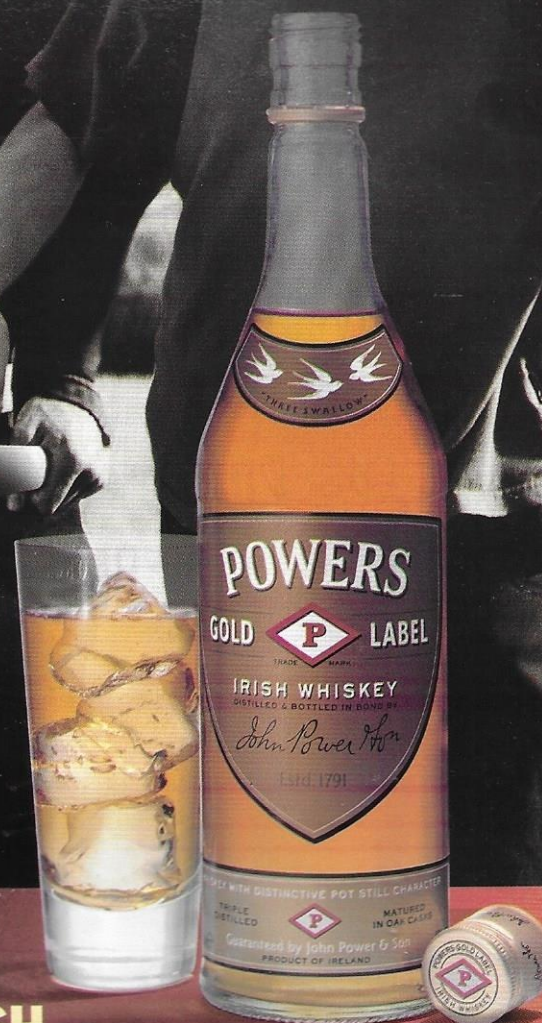
tory. In the end they had seven points to spare and although their victory was merited, the final margin was somewhat flattering. Having lost four of their previous five provincial deciders, Meath were in deter-

mined mood when they took on Dublin in the final. As in their previous two encounters Meath's winning surge came well into the second period, although they had managed to eke out an interval advantage of two points – 0-6 to 0-4. By the end of the third quarter Dublin had narrowed the arrears to the minimum, but a point by Trevor Giles was followed by two more from Ollie Murphy, before the latter struck for the game's only goal. Seven points clear with ten minutes remaining, the leaders eased off the pedal somewhat, but there was never any danger of them being caught as they advanced to the All-Ireland semi-final on a 1-14 to 0-12 scoreline.

On the back of a sterling performance in the provincial final, Armagh entered the All-Ireland semi-final tie with some confidence and goals by Diarmuid Marsden and Kieran McKeever (the first Meath had conceded in the championship) gave the Ulster champions an interval lead of two points – 2-4 to 0-8. Eight minutes after the resumption that position was unaltered as Trevor Giles and Kieran McKeever swapped points, but that was it as far as Armagh were concerned in terms of scoring and from there to the end Meath ground their way to victory. By the 55th minute they were level and four points in the last eleven – Evan Kelly (two), Donal Curtis and Giles – gave them passage to the final by 0-15 to 2-5.

In the final Meath faced their old foes Cork and in a tightly-fought opening half, Ollie Murphy's goal separated the sides at the break – 1-5 to 0-5. Within four minutes of the restart Cork were ahead, but Meath were soon on terms and parity still reigned as the hour mark neared. However, all season Meath had finished strongly and it was no different on this occasion as a brace of points by Trevor Giles and a single from Graham Geraghty swept them to their fourth title in 12 years on a 1-11 to 1-8 scoreline. *The team that represented the Royal county that afternoon was: Cormac Sullivan, Mark O'Reilly, Darren Fay, Cormac Murphy, Paddy Reynolds, Enda McManus, Hank Traynor, Nigel Crawford, John McDermott, Evan Kelly, Trevor Giles, Nigel Nestor, Ollie Murphy, Graham Geraghty, Donal Curtis – and the three substitutes who came on were Richie Kealy, Barry Callaghan and Tommy Dowd.*

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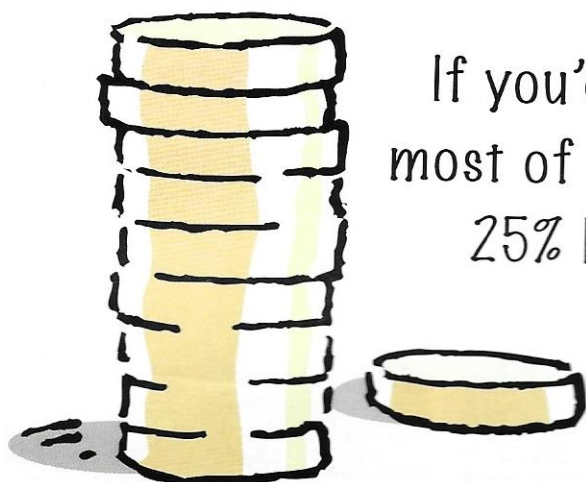


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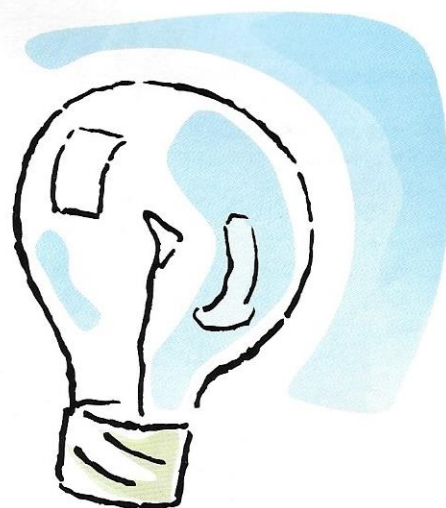
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FINAL FACTS

FIRST SCORER

The name of John Keating will not be familiar to even knowledgeable G.A.A. fans, but he does hold a special place in championship history in that he was the first man to score in an All-Ireland senior football final. Keating, a member of the Dundalk Young Ireland's club, acquired this distinction when, after about ten minutes of play, he opened the scoring with a point. Alas, the Dundalk man had to be satisfied with making just that bit of history as Limerick eventually emerged winners by 1-4 to 0-3 in that first final of 1887.

DUAL CAPTAIN

The only man to captain teams to win All-Ireland finals with 21 and 17 aside teams was John Kennedy of Dublin who led the city men to win the 1891 final, the last with teams of 21 players, over Cork and a year later he was still at the helm when Dublin retained their title by beating Kerry in the final.

ONCE OFF

For the 42 men who lined out in the 1887 All-Ireland final it was a once-off affair as not one of them ever made an appearance in another final. Louth, of course, did not reach their second final until 1907, and although Limerick did win a second title in 1896, there were no survivors from the winning line-out of nine years previously.

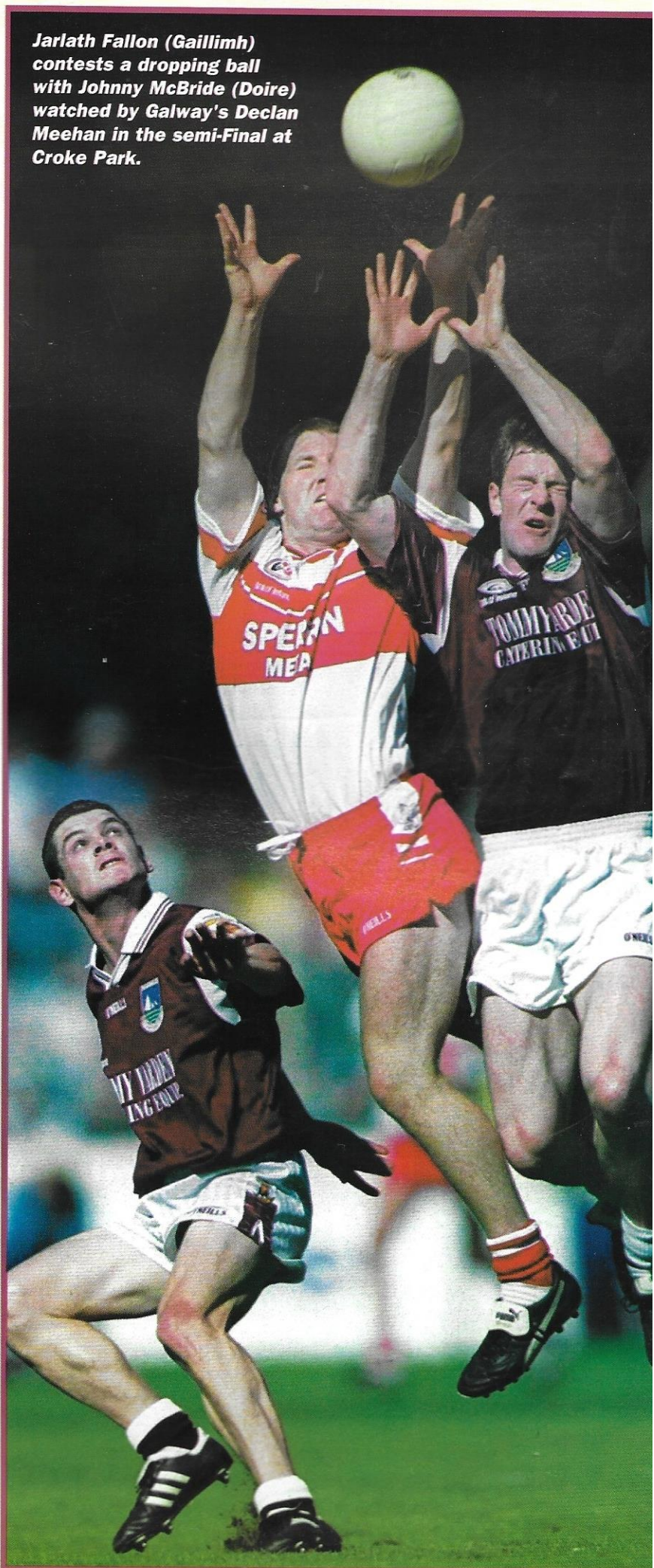
SPECIAL MEDALS

There were medals for Meath after their first appearance in an All-Ireland final even though they ended up losing the game with Tipperary. The decision to present Meath with a special set of medals on that occasion was taken by the Central Council in recognition of the fact that had they chosen to object they would almost certainly have been granted a replay. The reason why is that the referee made an extraordinary admission on the day following the final to the effect that he should have disallowed one of the Tipperary points – and that the correct result was a draw. But Meath refused to pursue the matter and the Council presented them with a set of medals inscribed "Virtual Champions of Ireland, 1895".

SCORING DOUBLE

The first man to emerge as top scorer in two All-Ireland football finals was, strangely enough, a Kilkenny man. John Lynch moved to Dublin in the early years of the last century and with no Declaration Rule in force at the time, he had no option but to play with the Liffesiders. And he certainly did so to good effect as, when his adopted county beat Cork in the 1906 final by 0-5 to 0-4, his 0-2 was the best return of the day. A year later Dublin repeated the feat and so did Lynch when he again scored 0-2, which bettered anything recorded by friend or foe.

Jarlath Fallon (Gaillimh) contests a dropping ball with Johnny McBride (Doire) watched by Galway's Declan Meehan in the semi-Final at Croke Park.



2001 SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARD

Leinster – 1st Round

6th May, An Uaimh:

Longford 1-11; Louth 1-9

6th May, Dr.Cullen Park:

Laois 0-18; Wexford 0-14

13th May, Droichead Nua:

Carlow 1-9; Wicklow 2-6

20th May, Droichead Nua (replay):

Carlow 0-9; Wicklow 0-8

Leinster – Quarter-Finals

27th May, Croke Park:

Offaly 1-13; Laois 0-12**Dublin 2-19; Longford 1-13**

3rd June, Croke Park:

Kildare 0-19; Carlow 1-11**Meath 2-12; Westmeath 1-14**

Leinster – Semi-Finals

17th June, Croke Park:

Dublin 1-12; Offaly 0-13

24th June, Croke Park:

Meath 1-16; Kildare 1-11

Leinster – Final

15th July, Croke Park:

Meath 2-11; Dublin 0-14

Ulster – 1st Round

13th May, Ballybofey:

Donegal 1-16; Fermanagh 2-13

19th May, Enniskillen (replay):

Fermanagh 1-9; Donegal 0-11

Ulster – Quarter-Finals

20th May, Clones:

Tyrone 1-14; Armagh 1-9

27th May, Casement Park:

Cavan 1-14; Down 2-10

3rd June, Celtic Park:

Derry 1-11; Antrim 0-9

10th June, Enniskillen:

Monaghan 2-10; Fermanagh 0-14

Ulster – Semi-Finals

17th June, Clones:

Tyrone 3-7; Derry 0-14

24th June, Clones:

Cavan 0-13; Monaghan 0-11

Ulster – Final

8th July, Clones:

Tyrone 1-13; Cavan 1-11

Munster – 1st Round

13th May, Clonmel:

Kerry 3-17; Tipperary 1-4

13th May, Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Cork 3-16; Waterford 1-7

Munster – Semi-Finals

17th June, Killarney:

Kerry 1-15; Limerick 0-10

24th June, Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Cork 2-11; Clare 1-10

Munster – Final

15th July, Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Kerry 0-19; Cork 1-13

Connacht – 1st Round

19th May, Dr.Hyde Park:

Roscommon 3-13; New York 1-9

20th May, Tuam:

Galway 3-24; Leitrim 3-5

Connacht – Semi-Finals

3rd June, Tuam:

Roscommon 2-12; Galway 0-14

10th June, Castlebar:

Mayo 1-12; Sligo 1-11

Connacht – Final

1st July, Dr.Hyde Park:

Roscommon 2-10; Mayo 1-12

All-Ireland Qualifier – Round 1

9th June, Casement Park:

Armagh 1-13; Down 2-4**Antrim 0-13; Leitrim 1-8**

9th June, Dungarvan:

Carlow 3-11; Waterford 1-10

9th June, Clonmel:

Louth 0-13; Tipperary 1-8

9th June, Aughrim:

Wicklow 1-14 Longford 0-11

9th June, Wexford Park (aet):

Wexford 1-19; Westmeath 1-19

16th June, Mullingar (replay):

Westmeath 1-16; Wexford 1-8

16th June, Enniskillen:

Donegal 0-15; Fermanagh 1-6

All-Ireland Qualifier – Round 2

23rd June, An Uaimh:

Louth 0-12; Offaly 1-8

23rd June, Casement Park:

Derry 0-10; Antrim 0-7

23rd June, the Gaelic Grounds:

Westmeath 0-17; Limerick 0-7

23rd June, Dr.Cullen Park:

Sligo 2-14; Carlow 2-7

30th June, Droichead Nua:

Kildare 1-17; Donegal 1-16

30th June, Aughrim:

Galway 3-12; Wicklow 1-8

30th June, Portlaoise:

Laois 0-13; Clare 1-8

30th June, Clones:

Armagh 2-12; Monaghan 0-10

All-Ireland Qualifier – Round 3

7th July, Croke Park:

Galway 0-13 Armagh 0-12**Sligo 0-16; Kildare 0-15**

7th July, An Uaimh:

Westmeath 1-13 Louth 0-12

7th July, Breffni Park:

Derry 1-8; Laois 0-8

All-Ireland Qualifier – Round 4

21st July, Dr.Hyde Park:

Westmeath 1-14; Mayo 0-16

22nd July, Croke Park:

Galway 1-14; Cork 1-10**Dublin 3-17; Sligo 0-12**

22nd July, Clones:

Derry 1-14; Cavan 2-7

ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINALS

4th August, Castlebar:

Galway 0-14; Roscommon 1-6

4th August, Thurles:

Kerry 1-14 Dublin 2-11

5th August, Clones:

Derry 1-9 Tyrone 0-7

5th August, Croke Park:

Meath 2-12 Westmeath 3-8

11th August, Thurles (replay):

Kerry 2-12; Dublin 1-12

11th August, Croke Park (replay):

Meath 2-10; Westmeath 0-11

ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINALS

26th August, Croke Park:

Galway 1-14; Derry 1-11

2nd September, Croke Park:

Meath 2-14; Kerry 0-6



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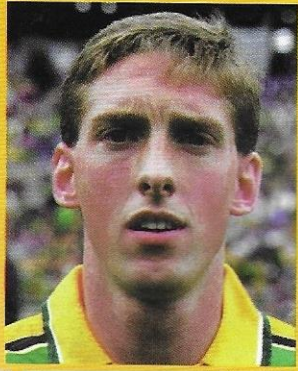


An Mhí

Dathanna: Uaithne is Ór



An Captaen



Trevor Giles

The Meath captain had not long to wait for All-Ireland medal wins. He won a minor souvenir in 1992 and the following year went in as a substitute in the side that captured the county's only national under-21 title so far.

Trevor has fully lived up to the promise he displayed as a teenager and is now firmly established as one of the outstanding personalities in the game.

A clever footballer, who can provide plenty of problems for any defence as well as creating and taking scores, Giles helped Meath to their last two All-Ireland senior titles.

He suffered a cruciate ligament injury in the summer of 1998 but has made a splendid come-back and has contributed in rich measure with his leadership and scoring skills to Meath's success.

Giles' collection also includes a National League medal and he was Ireland's captain in last year's International Rules Test series against Australia.

2
MARK O'REILLY
M. Ó Raghallaigh
(Summerhill)

5
DONAL CURTIS
D. de Cuirtéis
(Rathkenny)

8
NIGEL CRAWFORD
N. Mac Crábhagáin
(St. Peter's, Dunboyne)

10
EVAN KELLY
E. Ó Ceallaigh
(Drumree)

13
OLLIE MURPHY
O. Ó Murchú
(Carnaross)

1
CORMAC SULLIVAN
C. Ó Suilleabháin
(St. Patrick's)

3
DARREN FAY
D. Ó Féich
(Trim)

6
NIGEL NESTOR
N. Mac an Adhastair
(Blackhall Gaels)

9
JOHN McDERMOTT
S. Mac Diarmada
(Skryne)

11
TREVOR GILES
T. Ó Glaisne (Capt.)
(Skryne)

14
GRAHAM GERAGHTY
G. Mag Oireachtaigh
(Seneschalstown)

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CORMAC MURPHY
C. Ó Murchú
(St. Patrick's)

7
HANK TRAYNOR
A. Mac Thréinir
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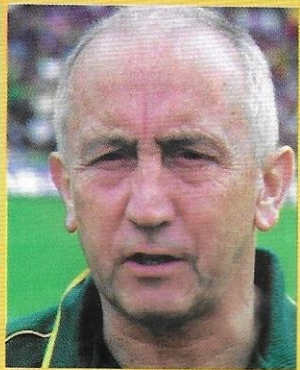
Fir Ionaid

- (16) **David Gallagher**
D. Ó Gallachóir
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- (17) **Paddy Reynolds**
P. Mac Ránaill
(Walterstown)
- (18) **Paul Shankey**
P. Ó Seancaigh
(Kilmainhamwood)

- (19) **John Cullinane**
S. Ó Cuileannáin
(Drumree)
- (20) **Niall Kelly**
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- (21) **Dermot Kealy**
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- (22) **Adrian Kenny**
A. Ó Cionaoith
(Summerhill)
- (23) **Mick O'Dowd**
M. Ó Dúda
(Dunshaughlin)
- (24) **Jody Devine**
S. Ó Daimhín
(Ballinlough)

Bainisteoir



Seán Boylan

Roghnóirí:
Seán Boylan (Manager),
Colm Coyle,
Eamonn O'Brien.

An Mhí

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

Roll of Honour All-Ireland Senior Football Championship



32: Kerry:	1903, 1904, 1909, 1913, 1914, 1924, 1926, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1946, 1953, 1955, 1959, 1962, 1969, 1970, 1975, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1997, 2000.	6: Cork:	1890, 1911, 1945, 1973, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999.
22: Dublin:	1891, 1892, 1894, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1942, 1958, 1963, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1983, 1995.	5: Down:	1960, 1961, 1968, 1991, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999.
8: Galway:	1925, 1934, 1938, 1956, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1998.	Cavan:	1933, 1935, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999.
7: Meath:	1949, 1954, 1967, 1987, 1988, 1996, 1999.	Wexford:	1893, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999.
		4: Kildare:	1905, 1919, 1927, 1928.
		Tipperary:	1889, 1895, 1900, 1920.
		3: Louth:	1910, 1912, 1957.
		Mayo:	1936, 1950, 1951.
		Offaly:	1971, 1972, 1982.
		2: Limerick:	1887, 1896.
		Roscommon:	1943, 1944.
		1: Derry:	1993.
		Donegal:	1992.

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(Caltra)

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KEVIN WALSH

C. Breathnach
(Killanin)

10

PAUL CLANCY

P. Mac Fhlannchadha
(Moycullen)

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DEREK SAVAGE

D. Sabhaois
(Cortoon Shamrocks)

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ALAN KEANE

A. Ó Catháin
(Killarerin)

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(Mountbellew-Moylough)

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P. Seoighe
(Killarerin)

15

TOMMIE JOYCE

T. Seoighe
(Killarerin)

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(16) **Padraig Lally**

P. Ó Maolalaigh
(An Spidéal)

(17) **Michael Comer**

M. Ó Ciaragáin
(Corofin)

(18) **Tomás Meehan**

T. Ó Míocháin
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(19) **Micheál Ó Callaráin**

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S. Ó Dómhnaill
(An Cheathrú Rua)

(21) **Alan Kerins**

A. Ó Ceirín
(Salthill/Knocknacarra)

(22) **Matthew Clancy**

M. Mac Fhlannchadha
(Oughterard)

(23) **Kieran Comer**

C. Ó Ciaragáin
(Corofin)

(24) **John Donnellan**

S. Ó Dómhnailláin
(Dunmore McHales)

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Saor Ciceanna

2nd Leath

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An Réiteoir: Michael Collins (Corcaigh)

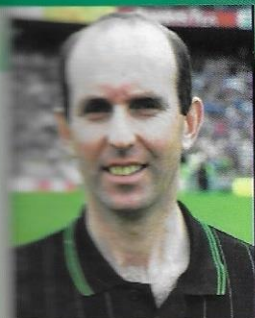
Michael is the first Cork man to referee an All-Ireland senior football championship final since Jimmy Dennigan took charge of the Kerry-Tyrone game in 1986.

He makes a quick return to Croke Park, having refereed the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football semi-final between Galway and Derry last month.

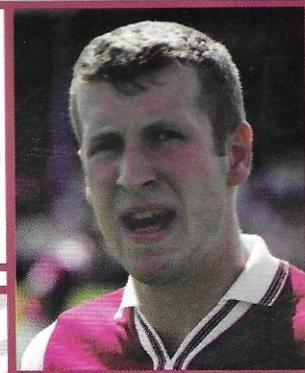
Collins has already had a busy senior championship year. He officiated at the Dublin-Longford game at Croke Park, the Ulster semi-final between Cavan and Monaghan at Clones and the Tyrone-Cavan Ulster final, both at Croke Park.

He has been on the intercounty panel since 1994.

Collins is Vice-Chairman of the Clonakilty club and treasurer of the Cork minor Board.



An Captaen



Gary Fahey

The Galway captain is now a very experienced All-Ireland senior football final campaigner. He was full back in the team that in 1998 brought the All-Ireland senior title across the Shannon after an interval of 32 years.

He was also on duty with Galway in last year's drawn All-Ireland final and replay.

Fahey is having another good season and has played a major role in earning Galway another chance to regain the Sam Maguire Cup.

A tireless worker and clever player, Gary was left full back in the U.C.G. team that won the Sigerson Cup in 1992.

A brilliant graduate from the intercounty minor and under-21 ranks, the Killanin clubman has three Connacht senior medals and has represented the West in the interprovincial senior championship.

Bainisteoir



John O'Mahony

Roghnóirí:

John O'Mahony (Manager)
Stephen Joyce,
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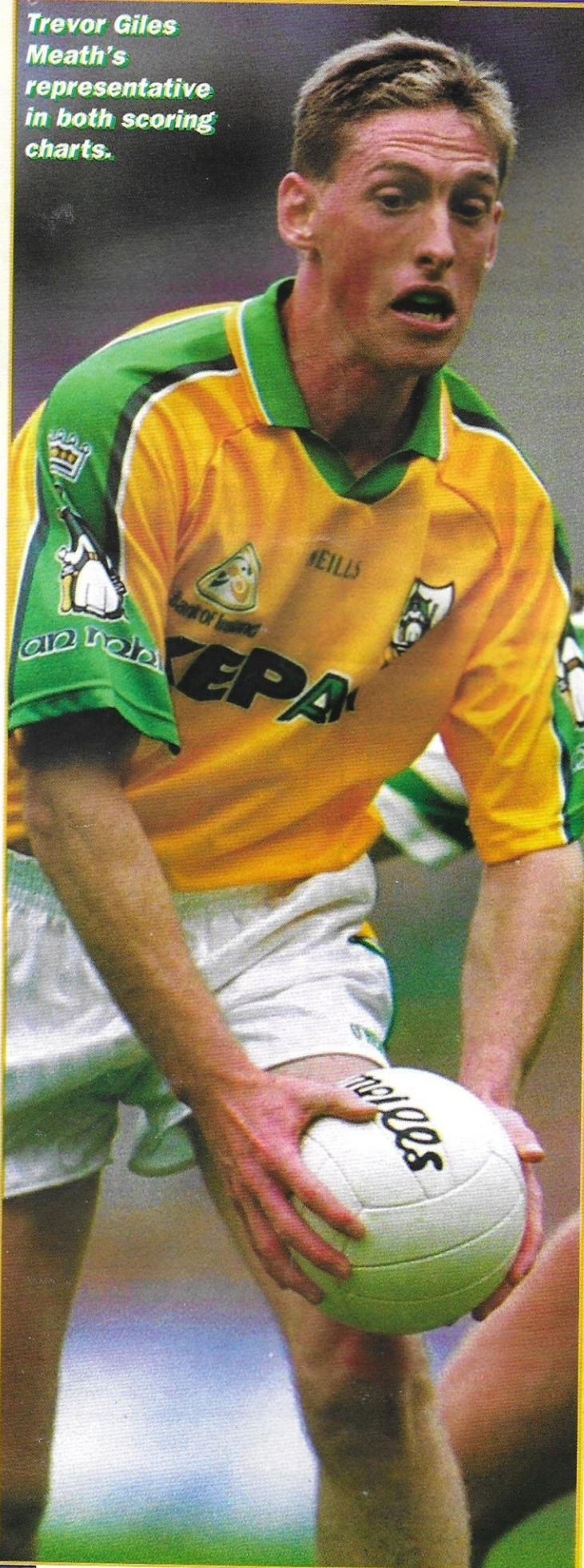
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Trevor Giles
Meath's
representative
in both scoring
charts.



Joyce in poll position in top scorers' chart

Having finished third, tenth and third over the past three seasons, Padraig Joyce is set for the premier position in the top scorers' chart this year. The Corribsider enjoys an eight-point lead over second placed Ger Heavin, but more importantly he enjoys a 21-point cushion over Trevor Giles and Ollie Murphy, and even should today's contest go to a replay, it is highly unlikely that either of the Royal duo will overhaul such a commanding lead. Last year's winner - Dara Ó Cinnéide - lies in fourth position this time around, but is under threat from both Giles and Murphy. Besides Joyce and Ó Cinnéide, others to reappear from last year are Rory Gallagher (4th to 6th), Leigh O'Brien (6th to 10th) and Mike Francis Russell (5th to 12th).

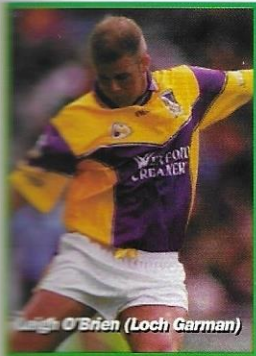
The top 20 scorers in the 2001 championship to date are:

	SCORE	GAMES	AVERAGE
1 Padraig Joyce (Galway)	3-35 (44)	7	6.28
2 Ger Heavin (Westmeath)	2-32 (36)	8	4.75
3 Joe Fallon (Westmeath)	0-29	8	3.62
4 Dara Ó Cinnéide (Kerry)	1-24 (27)	6	4.5
5 John Crowley (Kerry)	3-15 (24)	6	4.0
6 Rory Gallagher (Fermanagh)	0-23	4	5.75
Trevor Giles (Meath)	1-20 (23)	6	3.83
Patrick Bradley (Derry)	2-17 (23)	8	2.87
Ollie Murphy (Meath)	3-14 (23)	6	3.83
10 Leigh O'Brien (Wexford)	0-21	3	7.0
Brendan Devenney (Donegal)	1-18 (21)	4	5.25
12 Des Dolan (Westmeath)	1-17 (20)	8	2.5
Mike Francis Russell (Kerry)	1-15 (18)	6	3.0
Stephen O'Neill (Tyrone)	1-15 (18)	4	4.5
Dessie Sloyan (Sligo)	1-15 (18)	4	4.5
Stephen McDonnell (Armagh)	3-9 (18)	4	4.5
17 Willie Quinlan (Carlow)	1-14 (17)	5	3.4
Frankie Dolan (Roscommon)	3-8 (17)	4	4.25
19 Chris Conway (Laois)	0-16	4	4.0
Paddy Logan (Antrim)	0-16	2	8.0

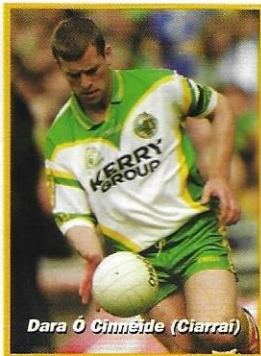
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McConville's double scoring feats likely to be emulated

Two years ago Oisín McConville achieved the overall and individual double and he came close to repeating that double last year but was just overhauled by Dara Ó Cinnéide for the overall honour, although his 1-9 against Kerry in the All-Ireland semi-final replay remained the top individual feat of the 2000 championship. With Pádraig Joyce certain to take the overall honour, the Killarney man looks likely to emulate McConville's achievement of two seasons past as his 3-3 against Leitrim in the opening round still leads the way. Leigh O'Brien came close in the first round of the qualifiers but fell a point short, but since then no individual feats in double figures have been recorded. In all, 21 performances (14 last year) of eight points or better were recorded in this year's championship and they are:



Leigh O'Brien (Loch Garman)



Dara Ó Cinnéide (Ciarraí)

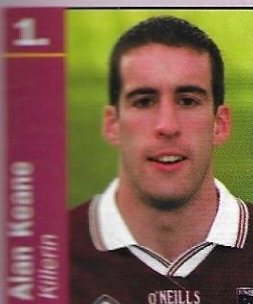
- Pádraig Joyce currently shares third place in the ranks of leading annual championship returns since these charts were first compiled in 1955. He shares the spot with Dublin's Barney Rock who in 1983 also scored, amazingly, 44 points (6-26) in seven outings, giving them the exact same match average of 6.28 points.
- Joyce needs just three points to overtake the second-placed Matt Connor (Uíbh Fháilí) who hit 5-31 (46 points) in 1980. He, however compiled this total in just four games, giving him a thundering average of 11.5 points.
- This is still far behind the total amassed by Brian Stafford (An Mhí) in 1991. That was the year of the Meath-Dublin four-game saga, and Stafford scored an average of 7.4 points per game, over ten games, to give him a total of 4-62 (74 points) for the season.
- The player with the best match average this year to date is Antrim's Paddy Logan who scored eight points in each of his two appearances, closely followed by Wexford's Leigh O'Brien at seven points per game over three outings.

Pádraig Joyce (Gaillimh) in action against Kevin McCloy, (Doire) in the Semi-final last month.

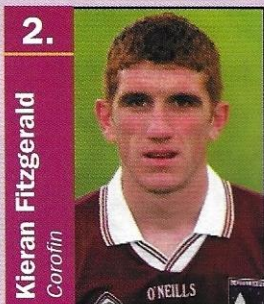
Pádraig Joyce (Galway)	3-3 v Leitrim – 1st round, Tuam
Leigh O'Brien (Wexford)	0-11 v Westmeath, qualifier round 1, Wexford Park
Dara Ó Cinnéide (Kerry)	0-9 v Cork – Munster Final, Páirc Uí Chaoimh
Colin Corkery (Cork)	0-8 v Kerry – Munster Final, Páirc Uí Chaoimh
Dessie Sloyan (Sligo)	0-8 v Kildare – qualifier round 3, Croke Park
Ger Heavin (Westmeath)	0-8 v Limerick – qualifier round 2, the Gaelic Grounds
Joe Fallon (Westmeath)	0-8 v Wexford, qualifier round 1, Wexford Park
Paddy Logan (Antrim)	0-8 v Leitrim – qualifier round 1, Casement Park
Pádraig Brennan (Kildare)	0-8 v Carlow – quarter-final, Croke Park
Paddy Logan (Antrim)	0-8 v Derry – quarter-final, Casement Park
Rory Gallagher (Fermanagh)	0-8 v Monaghan – quarter-final, Enniskillen
Trevor Giles (Meath)	1-5 v Kildare – semi-final, Croke Park
Brendan Devenney (Donegal)	1-5 v Kildare – qualifier round 2, Droichead Nua
Keith Byrne (Wicklow)	1-5 v Longford – qualifier round 1, Aughrim
Pádraig Davis (Longford)	1-5 v Louth – 1st round, An Uaimh
Pádraig Davis (Longford)	1-5 v Dublin – quarter-final, Croke Park
Ger Heavin (Westmeath)	1-5 v Meath – quarter-final, Croke Park
Stephen Maguire (Fermanagh)	1-5 v Donegal – 1st round, Enniskillen
John Crowley (Kerry)	2-2 v Dublin – All-Ireland quarter-final replay, Thurles
Gerry Lohan (Roscommon)	2-2 v Mayo – Connacht Final, Dr. Hyde Park
Fionan Murray (Cork)	2-2 v Waterford – 1st round, Páirc Uí Chaoimh



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Alan Keane
Killeanin
Age: 24
Height: 6'5"
Weight: 16st.
Occupation: Trainee Garda
Honours: 1 County SFC.



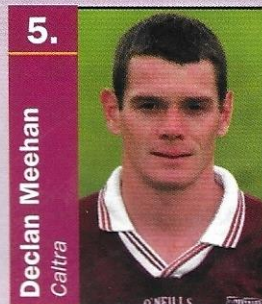
2
Kieran Fitzgerald
Corofin
Age: 20
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 13st.7lbs.
Occupation: Health Board Officer
Honours: 1 Connacht U-21; 1 County SFC; 1 County MFC.



3
Gary Fahey
Killeanin
Age: 29
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 13st.
Occupation: Mechanical Engineer
Honours: 3 Connacht SFC; 1 All-Ireland SFC; 1 Sigerson Cup with N.U.I.G..



4
Richard Fahey
Killeanin
Age: 24
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 12st.12lbs.
Occupation: Plasterer
Honours: 1 Connacht SFC; 1 Connacht U-21 (as captain); Galway Senior Club Footballer of 2000.



5
Declan Meehan
Caifra
Age: 25
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 11st.7lbs.
Occupation: Civil Servant
Honours: 1 All-Ireland SFC; 2 Connacht SFC; 1 Connacht MFC; 1 Connacht U-21; 1 Hogan Cup.

Champions Crash

Meath's defeat of Kerry three weeks ago was not entirely unexpected, but what was unexpected was the extent of the winning margin, marking as it did one of the heaviest reverses suffered by the reigning champions in recent years. Indeed, it is more than 20 years since a defeat of similar – or greater – proportions was inflicted on the holders. It was, in fact, 23 years and on that occasion – the 1978 All-Ireland final – it was Kerry who administered the trouncing as they beat the defending champions, Dublin (of two years standing), by a margin of 17 points (5-11 to 0-9).

Reverses suffered by the champions in excess of ten points, while they may be rare enough, have occurred over the years. The first of these was in 1894 when Wexford went down to Dublin by 16 points (0-11 to 0-0) when a goal was equal to five points. And if that was the only occasion on which the reigning champions were held scoreless, Dublin's demise in 1903 was an even greater shock when, at the tiny village of Geashill in Offaly, they were swamped by Kildare to the tune of 17 points (3-11 to 0-3) in the first round.

GOOD ACCOUNT

For the next 20 years the reigning champions invariably gave a good account of themselves though Galway came close to the ten-point

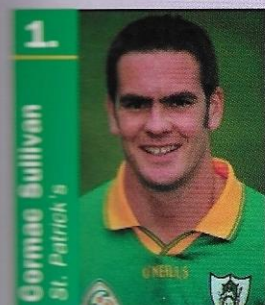
mark when losing the 1926 semi-final to Kildare by 0-2 to 2-5. And it was also Galway who next slipped up badly, when defending the title in 1939 Mayo beat them by 2-6 to 0-3 in the Connacht final.

More recently Down lost by ten points when going down to Cavan in the 1962 Ulster final (0-5 to 3-6) and Galway, too, bid a pathetic farewell to the title they had held for three years when Mayo beat them by eleven points in the 1967 provincial semi-final. And, Kerry, apparently heading for a third successive championship, came unstuck against Cork in the 1971 Munster final at the Athletic Grounds where the Leesiders won by 0-25 to 0-14.

HEAVIEST-EVER

But the dubious distinction of suffering the heaviest-ever defeat when defending the crown belongs to Meath who surrendered their title in 1955 by a margin of 20 points (0-7 to 5-12) in an amazing Leinster final against Dublin.

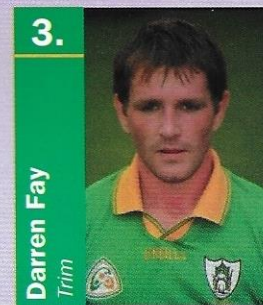
The above clearly shows that even the greatest sides are not immune to the vicissitudes of championship football.



1
Cormac Sullivan
St. Patrick's
Age: 24
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 15st.7lbs.
Occupation: Company Director
Honours: 1 All-Ireland SFC; 2 Leinster SFC; 2 Leinster U-21; 1 County IFC; Ireland v. Australia 2000.



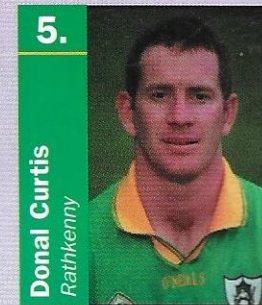
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Mark O'Reilly
Summerhill
Age: 24
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 12st.7lbs.
Occupation: Company Representative
Honours: 2 All-Ireland SFC; 3 Leinster SFC; 2 Leinster U-21; 1 Leinster MFC; Young Footballer of the Year 1996; 1 All-Star.



3
Darren Fay
Trim
Age: 25
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 14st.4lbs.
Occupation: Company Representative
Honours: 2 All-Ireland SFC; 3 Leinster SFC; 2 Leinster U-21; 1 Leinster MFC; 2 All-Stars; Ireland v. Australia 2000.



4
Cormac Murphy
St. Patrick's
Age: 28
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 12st.7lbs.
Occupation: Company Representative
Honours: 1 All-Ireland SFC; 2 Leinster SFC; 1 NFL; 1 County IFC.



5
Donal Curtis
Rathkenny
Age: 28
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 11st.7lbs.
Occupation: Head Greenkeeper
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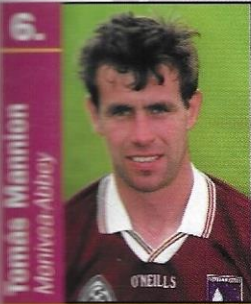


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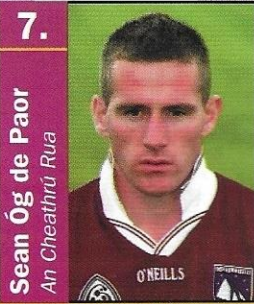
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Thomas Mannion
Marivea Abbey

Age: 31
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 11st.7lbs.
Occupation: Civil Servant
Honours: 1 All-Ireland SFC;
1 All-Ireland MFC; 1 Connacht SFC; 1 Connacht MFC; 1 County SFC; 1 County SHC.



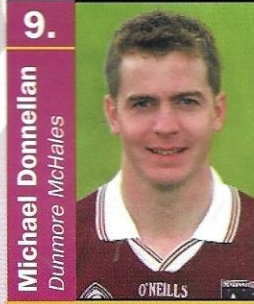
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Sean Óg de Paor
An Cheathrú Rua

Age: 30 Height: 5'10"
Weight: 12st.12lbs.
Occupation:
Secondary School Teacher
Honours: 1 All-Ireland SFC;
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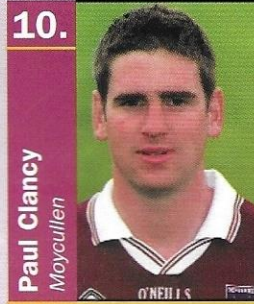
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Kevin Walsh
Killanin

Age: 31
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 15st.7lbs.
Occupation: Garda
Honours: 1 All-Ireland SFC;
3 Connacht SFC; 1 Connacht MFC; 1 All-Ireland MFC.



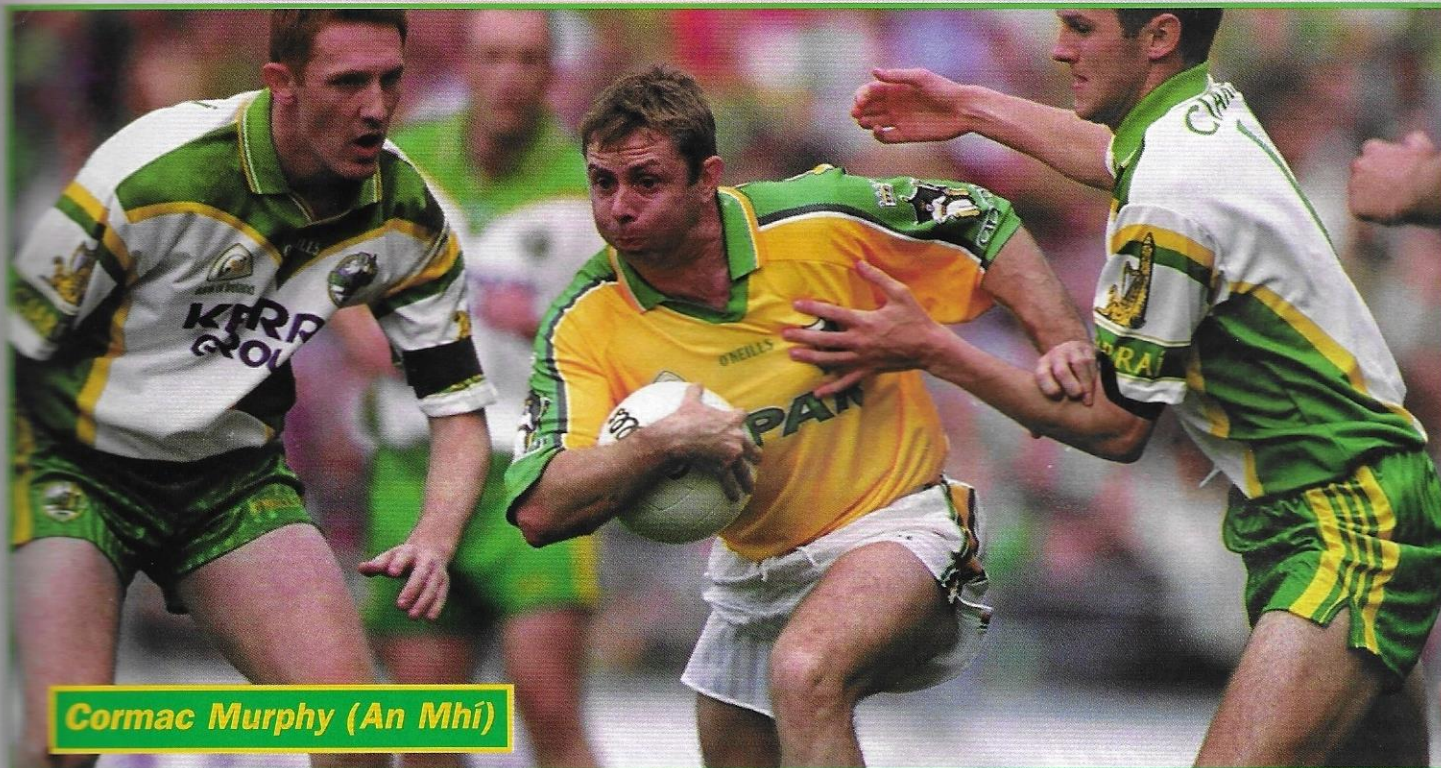
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Michael Donnellan
Dunmore McHales

Age: 24 Height: 5'11"
Weight: 13st.
Occupation: Company Executive
Honours: 1 All-Ireland SFC;
2 Connacht SFC; 1 Connacht MFC; 1 Connacht U-21; 1 All-Star; 1 Texaco Award; "Young Footballer of the Year" in 1998.



10.
Paul Clancy
Moycullen

Age: 25
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 13st.5lbs.
Occupation: Electrician
Honours: 1 All-Ireland SFC;
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1 Connacht MFC;
1 Connacht U-21.

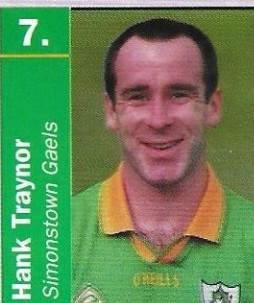


Cormac Murphy (An Mhí)



6.
Nigel Nestor
Blackhall Gaels

Age: 27
Height: 6'2"
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Area Sales Manager
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7.
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Height: 6'1"
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Occupation:
Company Representative
Honours: 1 All-Ireland SFC;
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8.
Nigel Crawford
St. Peter's, Dunboyne

Age: 21
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 15st.
Occupation: Student
Honours: 1 All-Ireland SFC;
2 Leinster SFC;
1 County SFC.



9.
John McDermott
Skryne

Age: 31 Height: 6'3"
Weight: 13st.7lbs.
Occupation:
Development Manager
Honours: 2 All-Ireland SFC;
4 Leinster SFC; 2 Leinster U-21; 1 NFL; 3 All-Stars; 2 Railway Cups; 2 County SFC; Ireland v. Australia (captain 1998).



10.
Evan Kelly
Drumree

Age: 27
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 13st
Occupation: Foreman Fitter
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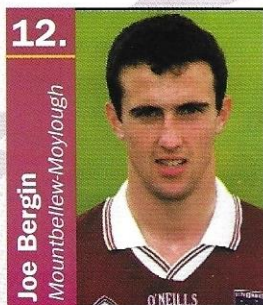
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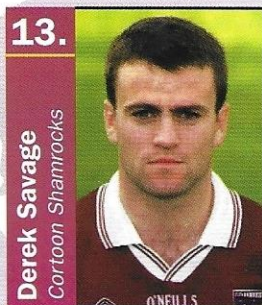
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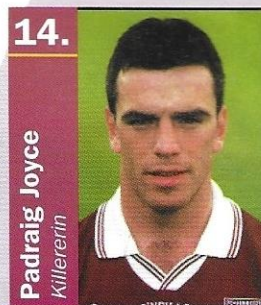
Age: 28
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 13st.7lbs.
Occupation:
Sales Representative
Honours: 1 All-Ireland; 3
Connacht SFC; 2 All-Stars.



Age: 20
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 13st.7lbs.
Occupation: Student.
Honours: 1 Connacht SFC;
1 Connacht U-21; 1 Connacht MFL; 1 County IFC.



Age: 23
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 11st.7lbs.
Occupation: Engineer
Honours: 1 All-Ireland SFC;
2 Connacht SFC;
1 Connacht MFC;
1 Connacht U-21.



Age: 24
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 12st.7lbs.
Occupation:
Company Executive
Honours: 1 All-Ireland SFC;
2 Connacht SFC; 1 Connacht MFC; 1 Connacht U-21; 1 County SFC;
2 Sigerson Cup.



Age: 25
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 12st.
Occupation:
Contract Supervisor
Honours: 1 All-Ireland SFC;
2 Connacht SFC; 1 Connacht MFC; 1 Connacht U-21; 1 Hogan Cup;
1 County SFC.

First Time ... Long Time

Of the 17 counties that have won All-Ireland honours, only eight have done so on their first appearance in the final – Limerick, Tipperary, Cork, Dublin, Kildare, Roscommon, Down and Donegal. Many of the others had to wait a long time from their first appearance in a final to the eventual triumph. Louth was the first county to lose an All-Ireland final (1887) and they had to wait until 1910 for their first title (albeit won by way of a walk over from Kerry). The Kingdom had to wait eleven years from their first appearance (1892) to their first win (1903) while Derry, having contested their first decider in 1958, didn't get their hands on Sam Maguire until 1993 – 35 years later.

W Mayo had a 20-year wait (1916/1936) while Offaly waited half as long (1961/1971), and although Galway appeared in their first final in 1919 and won their first title in 1925, they didn't actually win their first final until 1934 as they were awarded the crown nine years earlier.

But the longest wait of all between a final debut and ultimate success was experienced by Meath, who, having lost the 1895 final to Tipperary, did not claim the title until 1949 – 54 years later!

But spare a thought for the seven counties who have appeared in a final but are still awaiting the breakthrough – Laois (1889), Waterford (1898), Antrim (1911), Clare (1917), Monaghan (1930), Armagh (1953) and Tyrone (1986).

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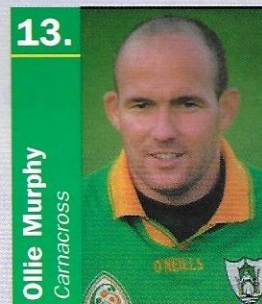
The first man to receive a trophy at the end of an All-Ireland final was not, as commonly believed, Bill "Squires" Gannon of Kildare in 1928, but Dick Fitzgerald of Kerry 15 years earlier. The cup of course, was not the Sam Maguire, but a trophy presented by the Great Southern and Western Railway Company at the suggestion of one of its employees – M.F.Crowe, the noted referee. The cup, which was to become the property of the first county to win two successive finals, was first presented in 1913 when the great Killarney man was the recipient. A year later Kerry retained their title, and the company immediately supplied a replacement, which was won by Wexford in 1915, with Sean Kennedy of New Ross doing the honours. But when Wexford won again in 1916 the G.S. & W.R. company did not provide a replacement so Sean Kennedy and Dick Fitzgerald became the only men to receive this particular trophy.



Age: 26
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 11st.10lbs.
Occupation: Physiotherapist
Honours: 2 All-Ireland SFC; 3 Leinster SFC; 1 All-Ireland U-21; 2 Leinster U-21 FC; 1 All-Ireland MFC; 2 Leinster MFC; 1 NFL; 1 Sigerson Cup; 1 Leinster Colleges SFC; 3 County SFC; Texaco Award; Player of the Year 1996 & 99; Sports Writers Player of the Year 1996 & 99; 3 All-Stars; Ireland v Australia (captain 2000).



Age: 25
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 13st.
Occupation: Electrician
Honours: 1 All-Ireland SFC;
2 Leinster SFC; 1 County SFC; 1 County IFC.



Age: 25
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 13st.2lbs.
Occupation: Electrician
Honours: 2 All-Ireland SFC;
3 Leinster SFC; 1 Leinster U-21; 1 Leinster MFC; 1 All-Star; 1 County IFC.



Age: 28
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 12st.7lbs.
Occupation: Publican
Honours: 2 All-Ireland SFC (captain in 1999); 3 Leinster SFC; 1 All-Ireland U-21; 1 Leinster U-21; 1 All-Ireland MFC; 1 Leinster MFC; 1 NFL; 2 Railway Cups; 1 County SFC; 2 All-Stars.



Age: 25
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 12st.
Occupation: Bank Official
Honours: 1 All-Ireland SFC;
2 Leinster SFC; 1 Leinster U-21 FC; 1 Leinster MFC; 1 County SFC; 1 County IFC.



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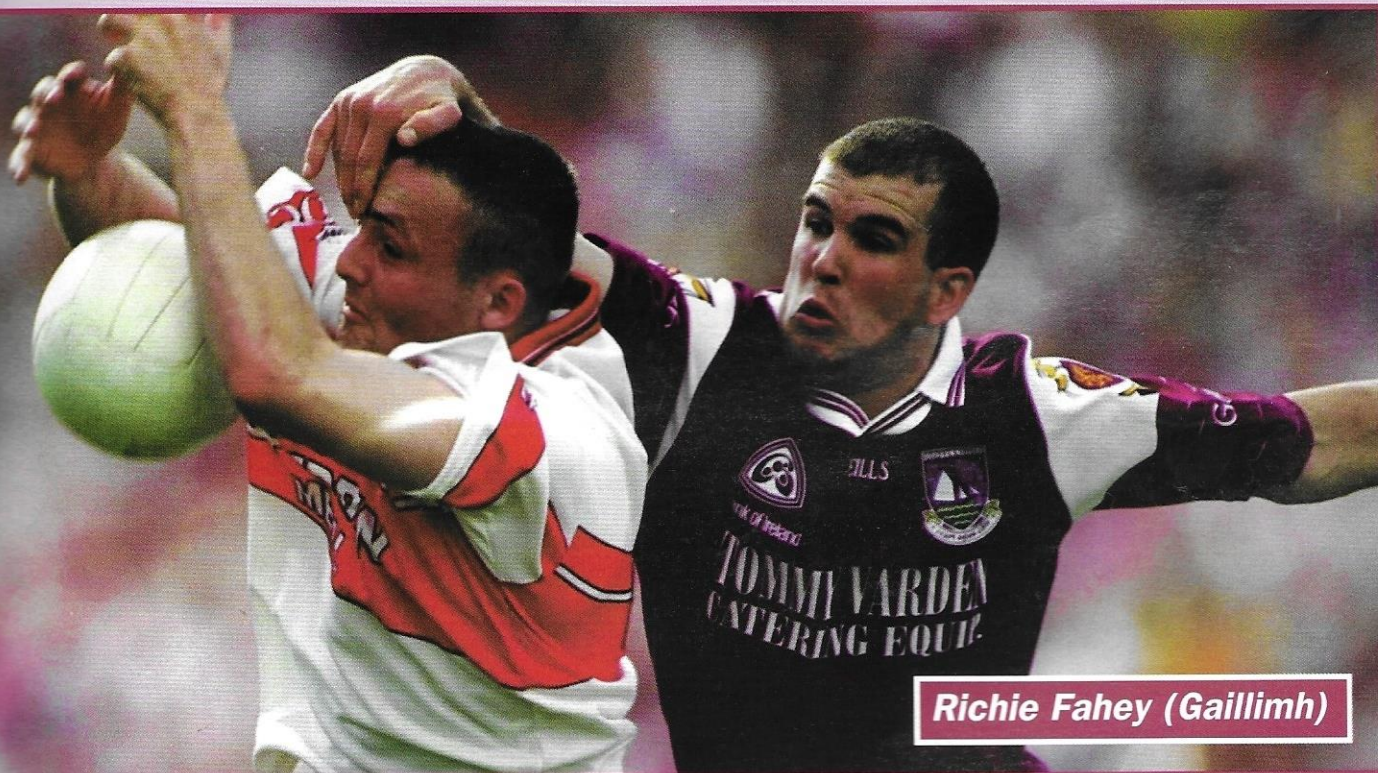
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17. Michael Comer (Corofin)	Age: 19	Weight: 12st, 7lbs.	Height: 5'10"	Occupation: Student
18. Tomás Meehan (Caltra)	Age: 24	Weight: 12st, 7lbs.	Height: 5'11"	Occupation: Programmer
19. Micheál Ó Callaráin (An Spidéal)	Age: 23	Weight: 12st, 2lbs.	Height: 6'1"	Occupation: Student
20. Seán Ó Dómhnaill (An Cheathrú Rua)	Age: 26	Weight: 15st.	Height: 6'6"	Occupation: Plant Manager
21. Alan Kerins (Salthill/Knocknacarra)	Age: 24	Weight: 12st, 4lbs.	Height: 5'11"	Occupation: Physiotherapist
22. Matthew Clancy (Oughterard)	Age: 19	Weight: 11st, 10lbs.	Height: 5'11"	Occupation: Student
23. Kieran Comer (Corofin)	Age: 20	Weight: 13st, 7lbs	Height: 6'1"	Occupation: Student
24. John Donnellan (Dunmore McHales)	Age: 27	Weight: 14st, 10lbs.	Height: 6'3"	Occupation: Sales Executive



Richie Fahey (Gaillimh)

Fir Ionad

16. David Gallagher (St. Peter's Dunboyne)	Age: 21	Weight: 14st, 7lbs.	Height: 6'4"	Occupation: Plumber
17. Paddy Reynolds (Walterstown)	Age: 25	Weight: 11st, 10lbs.	Height: 5'10"	Occupation: Farmer
18. Paul Shankey (Kilmainhamwood)	Age: 26	Weight: 12st, 11lbs.	Height: 5'11"	Occupation: Electronic Engineer
19. John Cullinane (Drumree)	Age: 24	Weight: 14st, 1lb.	Height: 6'2"	Occupation: Pipe Fitter
20. Niall Kelly (Dunshaughlin)	Age: 21	Weight: 14st, 6lbs.	Height: 6'2"	Occupation: Student
21. Dermot Kealy (Dunshaughlin)	Age: 31	Weight: 13st.	Height: 5'11"	Occupation: Electrician
22. Adrian Kenny (Summerhill)	Age: 21	Weight: 11st, 7lbs.	Height: 5'11"	Occupation: Student
23. Mick O'Dowd (Dunshaughlin)	Age: 27	Weight: 14st.	Height: 6'0"	Occupation: Company Manager
24. Jody Devine (Ballinlough)	Age: 32	Weight: 12st, 6lbs.	Height: 5'11"	Occupation: Company Representative

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League Meetings

Of the four senior championship encounters between today's protagonists, Galway have won three and lost one, but the Westerners have an even better record against the Royals in National League head-to-heads as they have won nine, drawn four and lost just two of the 15 matches they have played. The first two encounters saw each side record one win, but from the next 12 meetings the best Meath could manage was four draws. Galway's undefeated record against Meath lasted nearly 60 years until the Royals won the most recent meeting at Tuam in March '94. The details of the 15 league meetings between these counties are:

1833/34, Ballinasloe:

Galway 2-8; Meath 3-3

1834/35, Ballinasloe:

Meath 2-2; Galway 1-1

1835/36, An Uaimh:

Meath 2-4; Galway 2-4

1839/40, Croke Park (Final):

Galway 2-5; Meath 1-5

1864/65, Croke Park (semi-final):

Galway 0-8; Meath 1-2

1875/76, Galway:

Galway 2-11; Meath 0-6

1876/77, Ballinasloe:

Galway 1-5; Meath 0-8

Tullamore (play-off):

Galway 0-16; Meath 1-6

1980/81, An Uaimh:

Galway 3-10; Meath 1-7

1982/83, An Uaimh:

Meath 2-7; Galway 1-10

1983/84, Croke Park (semi-final):

Galway 1-10; Meath 0-13

Croke Park (replay):

Galway 0-10; Meath 0-9

1984/85, Ballinasloe:

Galway 1-12; Meath 2-2

1986/87, Portlaoise (quarter-final):

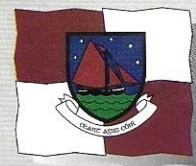
Galway 1-8; Meath 0-9

1993/94, Tuam:

Meath 1-10; Galway 0-8

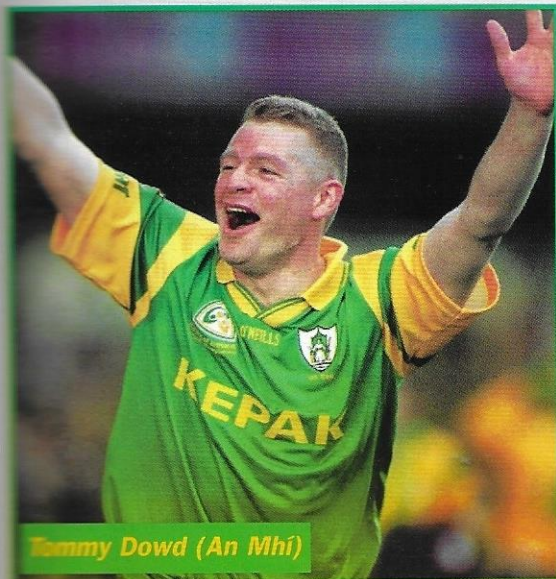
POINTLESS

The last occasion on which a team failed to score a single point in an All-Ireland football final was in 1914 when Wexford scored 2-0 in reply to Kerry's 0-6. Interestingly, in the replay the Slaneysiders couldn't score a goal and their tally of 0-6 wasn't good enough to prevent Kerry taking the title with a return of 2-3. Incidentally, the last team to fail to score at all in an All-Ireland final was Laois who didn't trouble the scoreboard operator at all in the 1889 decider.



The Most Recent League Clash

1994 – Meath 1-10 Galway 0-8



Tommy Dowd (An Mhí)

Although it is more than 30 years since Galway and Meath last clashed in the senior football championship, it is a little over seven since they were in direct opposition in the National League. At Tuam, a win for the visitors would ensure promotion to Division One and a quarter-final berth, while the home side were also in with a shout of promotion but had to rely on favourable results elsewhere. With their destiny in their own hands it was Meath who impressed in the early stages and before an attendance of 2,500 they swept into a six-point lead after eleven minutes. Indeed, the Corribiders could have been further behind at that stage but for the intervention of 'keeper Martin McNamara and corner-back Carl Donlon who combined to deny Colm O'Rourke a sixth-minute goal.

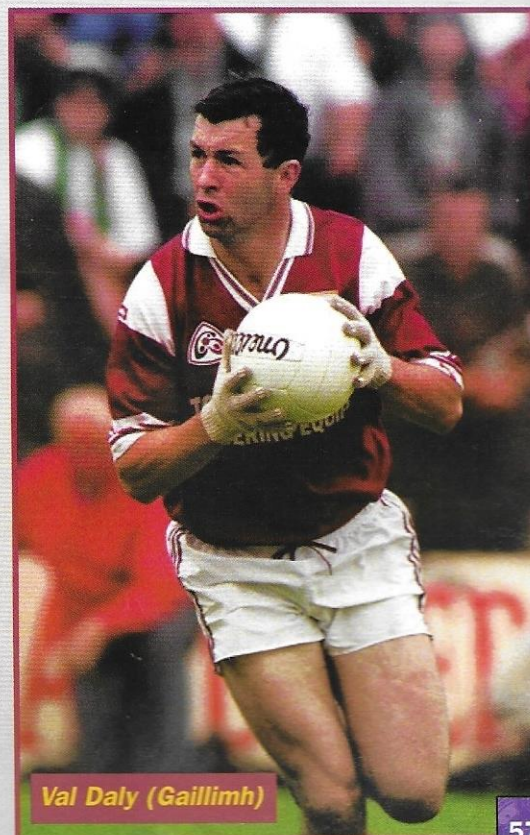
As it was, O'Rourke set up Tommy Dowd for the game's only goal two minutes later and by the 11th minute it was 1-3 to nil. Galway, however, didn't roll over and by the interval they had chipped a couple off points of the arrears (0-5 to 1-6), although had Trevor Giles converted an easy chance at the 26th minute the deficit could have been seven. Within eight minutes of the resumption Val Daly narrowed Galway arrears to three points but that was as close as they got as Meath comfortably kept their hosts at bay to advance to the "last eight".

Meath scorers: B.Stafford 0-6, T.Dowd 1-2, J.McGuinness 0-1, C.O'Rourke 0-1.

Galway scorers: N.Finnegan 0-4, V.Daly 0-3, T.Mannion 0-1.

Meath – D.Smyth, B.O'Malley, V.Ryan, M.O'Connell, W.Donnely, C.Murphy, B.Reilly, S.Kelly, J.McGuinness, N.Dunne, B.Stafford, T.Giles, C.O'Rourke, T.Dowd, G.Geraghty. Subs – J.Devine for Donnely, D.Lynch for Dunne.

Galway – M.McNamara, J.Kilraine, G.Fahy, C.Donlon, M.Walsh, P.Crowley, C.McGinn, S.O'Rainne, P.Boyce, T.Mannion, N.Finnegan, F.O'Neill, F.Gavin, V.Daly, O.Hynes. Subs – M.Kelly for Crowley, J.Cox for Donlon, J.Joyce for Boyce.



Val Daly (Gaillimh)

Unreliable Pointers

It is most unlikely that Meath players, mentors and even their most sanguine followers will assume that their semi-final win over Kerry guarantees them possession of the Sam Maguire Cup this afternoon. It may be some time since the reigning All-Ireland champions collapsed so dramatically as did Kerry in the semi-final, but even a casual glance at the records show that big semi-final wins are not a guarantee of ultimate triumph.

As recently as 1993, Cork recorded one of the biggest-ever semi-final wins when they overwhelmed Mayo by a margin of 20 points, but it was Derry who won the final despite Cork's almost universal favouritism. And looking a little further back the Rebel county had even less reason to build their hopes on a substantial semi-final triumph. Monaghan had looked a reasonably strong force on the way to Ulster honours in 1988, but though Cork overcame them with eleven points to spare in the semi-final, Meath thwarted them on the big day. And that was an almost exact repeat of the previous year when the Rebel's eleven-point replay win over Galway didn't impress Meath, who defeated them in the final by 1-14 to 0-11.

Even Kerry in their greatest era were not immune as they discovered when Offaly hit them with a late winner after they had beaten Armagh in the semi-final by

ten points (3-15 to 1-11) in 1982. Four years earlier Dublin, as reigning All-Ireland champions, had an easy semi-final win over Down (1-16 to 0-8) but then suffered their heaviest final defeat for more than 70 years as Kerry sent them packing in the final (5-11 to 0-9).

THE KERRY EXPERIENCE

For a county with such a marvellous championship record, it is surprising just how many times Kerry have slipped to defeat after big semi-final victories. In 1976 they were reigning champions when they sent Derry packing at the penultimate stage by 16 points (5-14 to 1-10), but a few weeks later they went down to Dublin in the final; an experience that perfectly mirrored the 1972 campaign when, having defeated Roscommon in the semi-final by ten points (1-22 to 1-12), they slumped to a nine-point defeat in the replayed final against Offaly.

Eight years earlier prospects for victory in the final looked bright following their 2-12 to 0-6 win over Cavan in the semi-final, but Galway, who had beaten Meath in the other 'semi' with great difficulty, proved more than a match for them in the final. In 1948 it was Kerry who were well beaten in the semi-final (0-13 to 0-3 by Mayo), but it was Cavan who took overall honours in an eight-goal thriller (4-5 to 4-4).

There was another heavy reverse for the Kingdom in the 1934 semi-final when Dublin beat them at Tralee by 3-8 to 0-6, but subsequently the Metropolitans lost the final to Galway. The twenties failed to produce a case of big semi-final winners (ten points or more) going on to lose the final, but Wexford, at the beginning of their record-breaking run in 1913, had a 15-point win over Antrim in the semi-final before losing to Kerry in the final and they repeated that feat a year later when, having defeated Monaghan by 2-6 to 0-1, they again fell to the Kingdom in the decider.

This year's semi-final win by Meath recalls a similar situation in 1911 when Antrim inflicted a twelve-point defeat (3-5 to 0-2) on Kerry (the green and gold's heaviest defeat at this stage of the championship until three weeks ago) only to slump to Cork in the final.

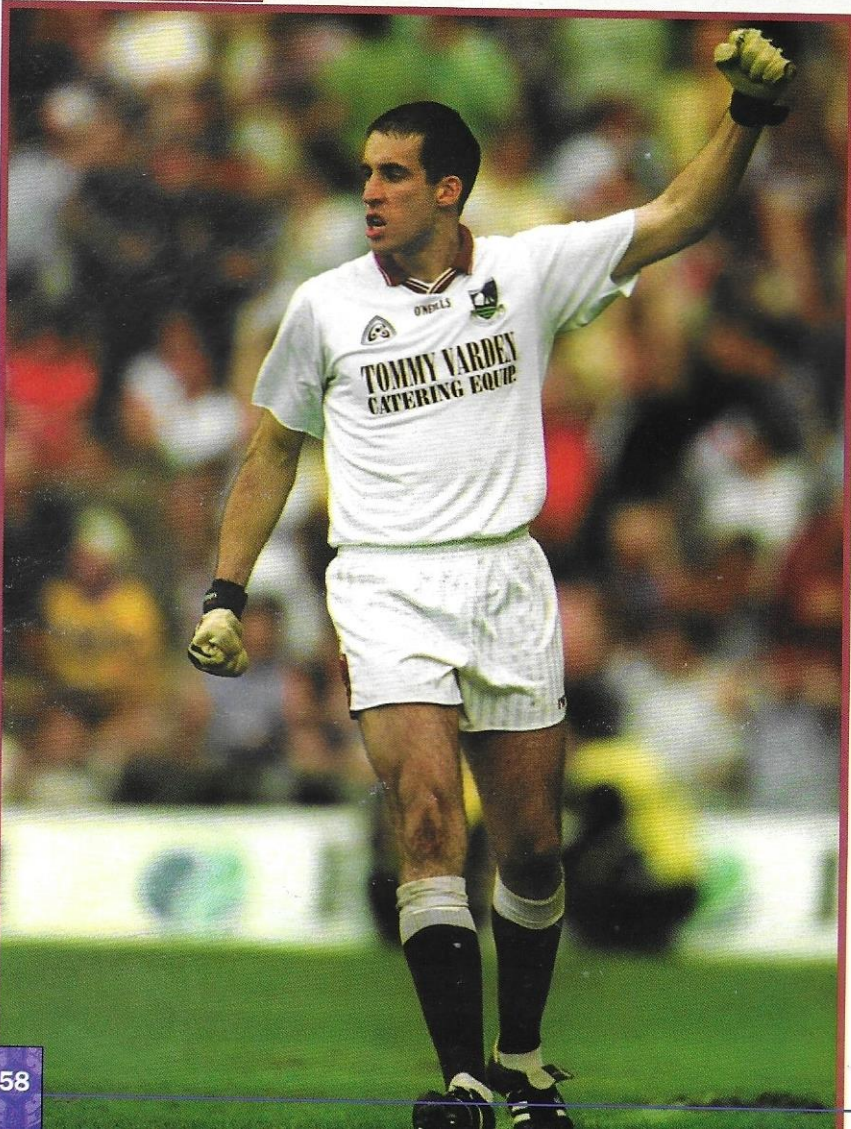
Cork were also to experience the agony of unrealised semi-final promise in the first decade of the last century. The 1907 semi-final brought a facile win over Mayo by 14 points (2-10 to 0-2) at the Markets' Field in Limerick, but when they opposed Dublin at Tipperary town, it was to suffer their second successive final defeat at the hands of the Metropolitans. But the greatest ever disappointment experienced by the Rebels was in 1901 when, having annihilated Mayo by 4-16 to 0-1 (27 points – the biggest semi-final win in championship history), they failed to Dublin by 0-4 to 1-2 in the "Home" final.

Of course, there have been many cases of big semi-final wins being followed by final success – Kerry's win over Galway in 1984 and Mayo three years previously are recent examples – but the overall picture shows that semi-final success, however comprehensive, is no guarantee of the ultimate triumph.

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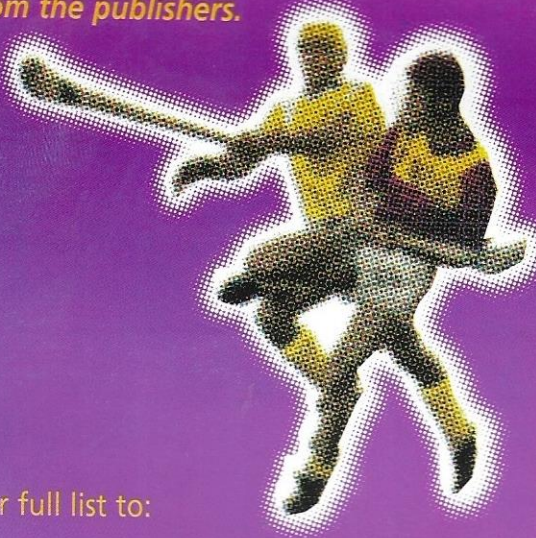
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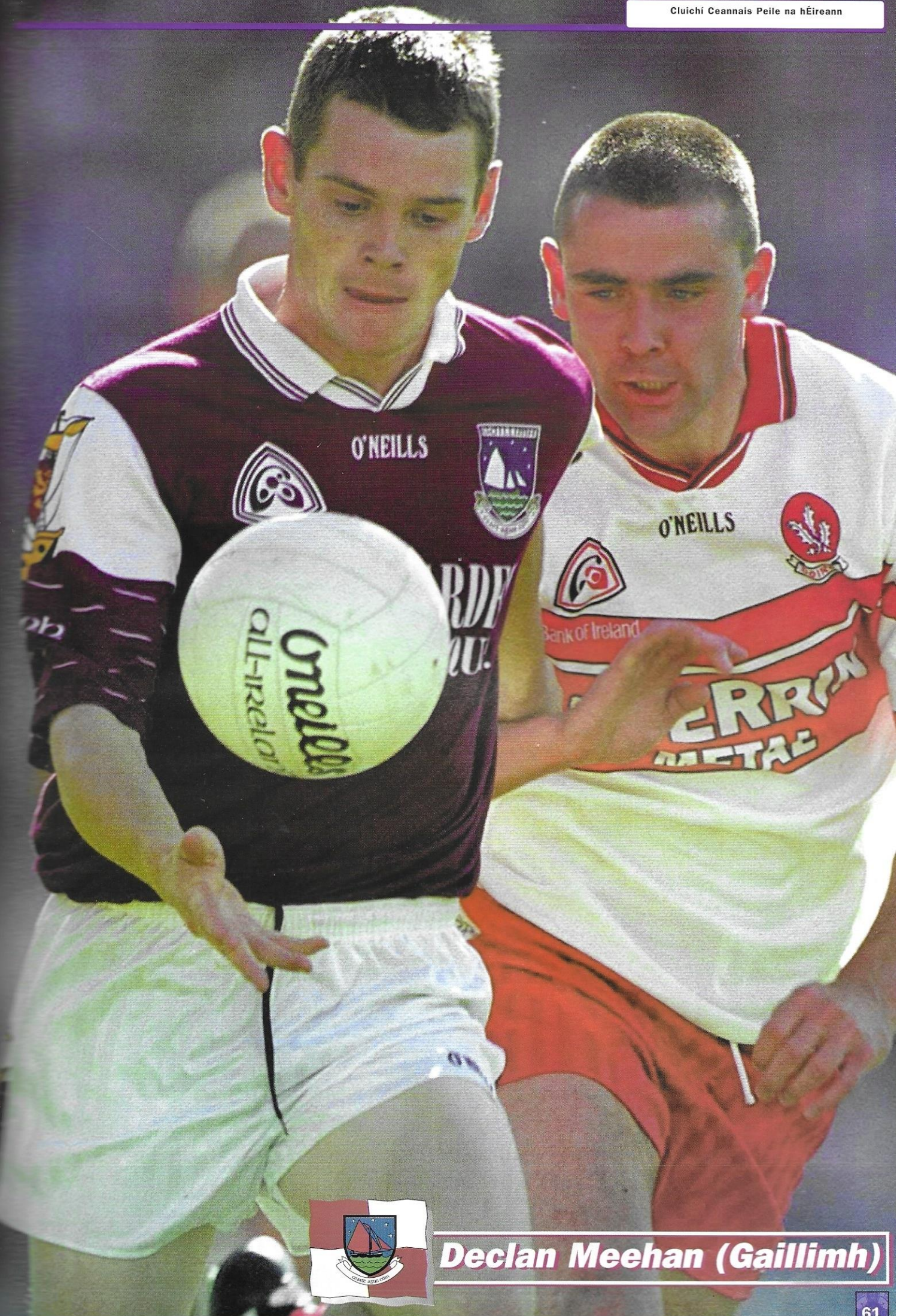
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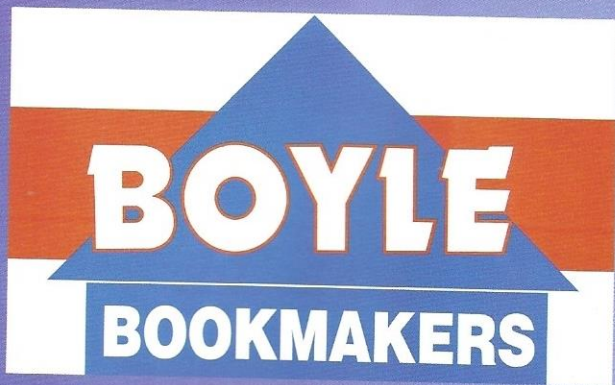
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Ag Feachaint Siar

Caig Bliana Ficead Ó Shoin (1976)

There were no surprises in the opening round in Leinster, which saw Meath beat Wicklow (2-13 to 1-10) and Longford overwhelm Kilkenny by 3-21 to 0-5. Meath, Wexford and Laois then proceeded to the next stage as the Royal county had three goals to spare over Offaly (3-8 to 0-8); Wexford accounted for Louth by 0-15 to 1-8 while Laois edged by Kildare at Dr.Cullen Park (1-13 to 0-12).

Dublin opened the defence of their provincial title by annihilating Longford (5-16 to 0-7) at Mullingar before taking the Laois challenge in their stride at Tullamore, although they were somewhat flattered by the final scoreline of 3-12 to 1-9. Meath then joined Dublin in the final as a result of their 2-14 to 1-9 win over Wexford, and they just failed to dethrone the champions in an epic final at Croke Park – 1-9 to 2-8. The opening ties in Ulster were all well contested affairs – Armagh just pipped Fermanagh by 1-13 to 1-12; Tyrone had just a goal to spare against Monaghan (2-10 to 1-10); Cavan had just a point more in hand as they defeated Donegal (1-9 to 0-8) while Down narrowly got the better of Antrim (0-14 to 2-6). Reigning provincial champions Derry arrived on the scene with a bang as they thrashed Armagh by 1-19 to 2-1, but Cavan was the first county in the final as they easily saw off Down by 1-18 to 0-11. The Breffni men were joined by Derry, who had a narrow win over Tyrone (0-10 to 0-8), but the Oak Leaf side didn't retain their title at the first attempt as the final was drawn – 1-8 each. However, at the second attempt the champions retained their title, but only after extra time – 0-22 to 1-16.

The old order persisted without threat of disruption in Munster where Waterford ousted Tipperary (5-11 to 1-11) and Clare defeated Limerick (2-4 to 1-6). Kerry exposed Waterford's limitations in the semi-final at Dungarvan winning by 3-17 to 0-6, and Cork did much the same to Clare when winning by eight points (2-15 to 1-10). Like Ulster, it took two meetings to decide the issue. Dogged defences on both sides was a feature of the first game which ended 0-10 each at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, but in a high-scoring replay Kerry won through by 3-20 to 2-19. Leitrim shocked Mayo on a replay (2-8 to 0-10) to earn a semi-final berth against Galway, but at Carrick-on-Shannon the visitors had heeded the warning well and showed little mercy in recording a 3-21 to 0-8 win. On the other side of the draw Roscommon were untroubled by London (2-18 to 1-7) and then dethroned Sligo (1-10 to 0-7). In the final at Dr.Hyde Park, Galway had to settle for a draw (1-8 each), but on home turf in the replay there was no doubting their superiority as they won by 1-14 to 0-9. The All-Ireland semi-finals presented a startling contrast. Kerry were far too accomplished for Derry and at no stage was it a contest. The Kingdom, on the threshold of their greatest era, were never troubled and were not flattered by the final scoreline of 5-14 to 1-10. Despite overwhelming favouritism, Dublin found Galway a handful and it took the only goal of the game to ensure their passage to the final. In the decider – even enough in many ways – Dublin scored eleven times to Kerry's ten, but the Metropolitans got the goals to win with a degree of comfort (3-8 to 0-10).

Caoga Blian Ó Shoin (1951)

With Leitrim opting for the junior grade, it took just three games to decide the Connacht championship, with Mayo the reigning All-Ireland champions the team to beat. But neither of the teams they faced looked capable of defeating the wearers of the green and red, although at Ballymote Sligo struggled bravely against a clearly superior force. However, Mayo never looked in danger of being defeated and in the end won by double scores (3-7 to 1-5). Galway defeated Roscommon in the other semi-final by four points (2-10 to 1-9) and with the advantage of a home venue for the final at Tuam, were quietly confident of causing an upset. But on the day Mayo performed close to their best while Galway performed very poorly and a final scoreline of 4-13 to 2-3 tells the whole story.

Once again in Munster it was simply a case of the 'big two'. Clare beat Tipperary by 1-7 to 1-5, but were then crushed by a Cork side (4-9 to 1-1) that had already disposed of Limerick with nine points to spare. At Walsh Park Waterford posed no problems for Kerry (1-1 to 5-6) who went on to retain their provincial crown at Killarney by 1-6 to 0-4.

Armagh, the holders, Cavan and Antrim were the front runners up North where the champions opened with a 1-13 to 2-3 win over Tyrone. It took Antrim two hours to dispose of Donegal on a replay (1-6 to 1-5) after which Armagh continued on their way by beating Derry (1-8 to 1-3). Cavan, on their debut, beat Down in the semi-final by 2-9 to 0-7 and they were joined by Antrim who unseated Armagh by 1-8 to 0-5. In the final at Clones, Cavan were surprised by the Glensmen who edged them out by 1-7 to 2-3.

Although there was an impressive line-up of hopefuls in Leinster, Meath and Louth were the kingpins with the only real threat being posed by Dublin. In the opening round Dublin defeated Offaly, Kildare beat Wicklow and Longford got by Carlow on a replay and there was another draw and replay in the second round with Wexford getting the better of Westmeath.

Dublin's big test came with Meath at Drogheda, but they failed it losing by 1-5 to 0-11. Laois made the 'semis' by beating Longford (1-12 to 2-3) and advanced to the decider with a 1-9 to 2-4 win over Wexford. However, the "real" final was between Meath and Louth and after the sides split 12 points in the first game, the Royals got the better of a 13-point replay (0-7 to 0-6). The decider was never a contest and Meath, without ever moving into top gear, beat Laois as easily as suggested by the final score of 4-9 to 0-3.

A last-minute goal saved Mayo in the semi-final with Kerry and there was little to choose between the sides in the replay but the champions kept on course to retain their title with a 2-4 to 1-5 win. Meath provided the final opposition after they had disposed of a luckless Antrim by 2-6 to 1-7, and in the final the Royals failed to impress. Even playing with the wind they struggled and the final scoreline of 2-8 to 0-9 in Mayo's favour flatters the losers.

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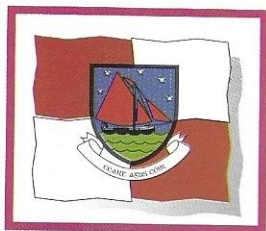
In qualifying for today's final, Meath not alone administered the heaviest beating ever sustained by Kerry in an All-Ireland semi-final, but in doing so they set up a record in respect of the number of players who contributed to their winning total of 2-14, as no fewer than ten players raised flags during the 70 minutes. All six forwards who started plus substitute John Cullinane got their names on the score-sheet with midfielder John McDermott and half-backs Nigel Nestor and Hank Traynor bringing the number of scorers to a record ten.

It is possible that Cork's semi-final win over Mayo in 1901 in which the winners raised 20 flags (4-16) might have involved ten – or more – marksmen, but in the absence of details of just who scored what, Meath's distinction is unchallenged.

Ag Feachaint Siar

Cúig Bliana Seachto Ó Shoin (1926) Cead Blian Ó Shoin (1901)

The first round in Munster almost had a shock result as at Miltown Malbay Clare ran Kerry to two points – 1-1 to 0-6. But the threat of shocks immediately receded; Tipperary crushed Limerick by 6-5 to 0-1 and Cork saw off Waterford more comfortably than suggested by a final score of 1-6 to 1-1 at the Athletic Grounds. Kerry, with home advantage of Listowel, did not impress but still took care of Cork (1-9 to 2-1) and they retained their title with a 0-11 to 1-4 win over Tipperary in the final.



After the spate of draws, objections and disputes of the previous year, Connacht presented a tranquil face, as the campaign was completed with the minimum number of games. Galway, the reigning All-Ireland champions (a title still being disputed by Mayo) had a difficult opener at Roscommon, but they managed to edge through by 2-3 to 1-3. Mayo found Sligo an equally tough proposition at Castlebar and at the end of the hour they just about deserved their four-point win (2-4 to 1-3). Leitrim were less of a problem for Mayo in the semi-final (2-3 to 0-3), but Galway retained the provincial honours in the final at Roscommon by 3-2 to 1-2.

For the first time since 1921, Leinster had nine contenders for the title and in the opening skirmishes Laois defeated Carlow, Kilkenny had a goal to spare over Longford, and Wexford, defending their provincial crown, ousted Meath by 0-7 to 0-3. Kildare debut impressively to see off Louth with the minimum of fuss (5-8 to 1-5) and Wexford followed them into the 'semis' with a low-scoring win over Kilkenny – 0-4 to 0-1 at New Ross.

At Tullamore, Kildare (0-6) and Dublin (1-3) finished level but the Lily Whites advanced at the second time of asking at Portlaoise when they won by 2-5 to 1-2. Wexford, who hadn't scored a goal in the previous two rounds, failed to score a point in the semi-final with Laois at Kilkenny but still emerged victorious – 2-0 to 1-2. However, Kildare took provincial honours with an impressive display in the final, which they won by 2-8 to 1-5.

In Ulster, Cavan, defending their provincial crown, got off to a flying start by easily beating Donegal by 4-7 to 1-5 and in other early ties Tyrone beat Fermanagh (3-8 to 2-1), Monaghan beat Down (0-4 to 0-1) and Antrim accounted for Armagh (3-6 to 1-8). Tyrone then beat Derry by 3-2 to 1-3, but it took Cavan two hours to dispose of a stubborn Monaghan side (0-7 to 1-3). Antrim joined Cavan in the final by defeating Tyrone (2-5 to 0-3), but Cavan were unstoppable in the final and won by 5-3 to 0-6.

Both All-Ireland semi-finals were easily won. Cavan could muster just a single point in reply to Kerry's 1-6 while Galway managed just 0-2 against Kildare's 2-5. Kildare appeared to have won the final but a last-minute goal gave Kerry a second chance (1-3 to 0-6), and the Kingdom also scored the only goal of the replay and it was the difference between the sides as they took the title on a 1-4 to 0-4 scoreline.

For the first time in the history of the championship all four provinces were involved with Galway and Roscommon contesting the first-ever championship game in Connacht at Ballaghaderreen. Galway won by 0-5 to 0-3 to qualify for a tilt at Mayo in the final, but in their first outing in the campaign Mayo were much the sharper outfit and were deserving 2-4 to 0-3 winners of the first provincial title in the West.

Ulster was almost completely disorganised with the only activity of any significance taking place in Antrim and Armagh. Therefore it was not surprising that these two counties played the only game in the province and it was Antrim who took the provincial honours with a 3-5 to 2-5 verdict.

By contrast, Munster and Leinster were hives of activity. Ten counties – the highest number to that date – lined up in the East with Wexford and Wicklow opening the campaign at Wexford, where the home team won by 1-7 to 1-1. At Portarlington, Kildare got the better of Laois while reigning provincial champions Kilkenny lost on their first outing as Dublin dethroned them at Terenure by 3-14 to 0-12. Meath also won their first outing of the campaign when they saw off Carlow at Donnycarney by 4-6 to 1-5 and Louth also had a successful debut as they crushed Offaly by 2-16 to nil. As the pace quickened, Wexford proved too strong for Meath at Jones's Road winning by 1-8 to 0-4 while Louth qualified for the provincial semi-final with a 3-9 to 1-7 win over Kildare.

Dublin went to Drogheda where they beat Louth by 1-3 to 0-4 to gain a place in the final, but they were forced to a replay because of an objection. The Metropolitans returned to Drogheda for the second meeting and they confirmed the initial result with a 1-6 to 1-2 win. The final was a huge disappointment with Wexford providing little opposition to Dublin at Kilkenny – the final score of 1-9 to 0-1 tells the story.

If Leinster had one objection, Munster outdid them with two, as Kerry objected to Cork's victory at Limerick and Waterford objected having lost to Tipperary. The inevitable replays merely confirmed the initial results with Cork defeating Kerry by 0-8 to 0-6 and Tipperary comfortably seeing off Waterford by 0-9 to 0-2. At the Markets' Field, Limerick easily qualified for the final with a 16-point win over Clare (2-16 to 1-3), but it was Cork who finished the campaign the strongest with a semi-final win over Tipperary (2-3 to 0-6), and at Tipperary town they defeated Limerick by 1-9 to 1-6 in the decider.

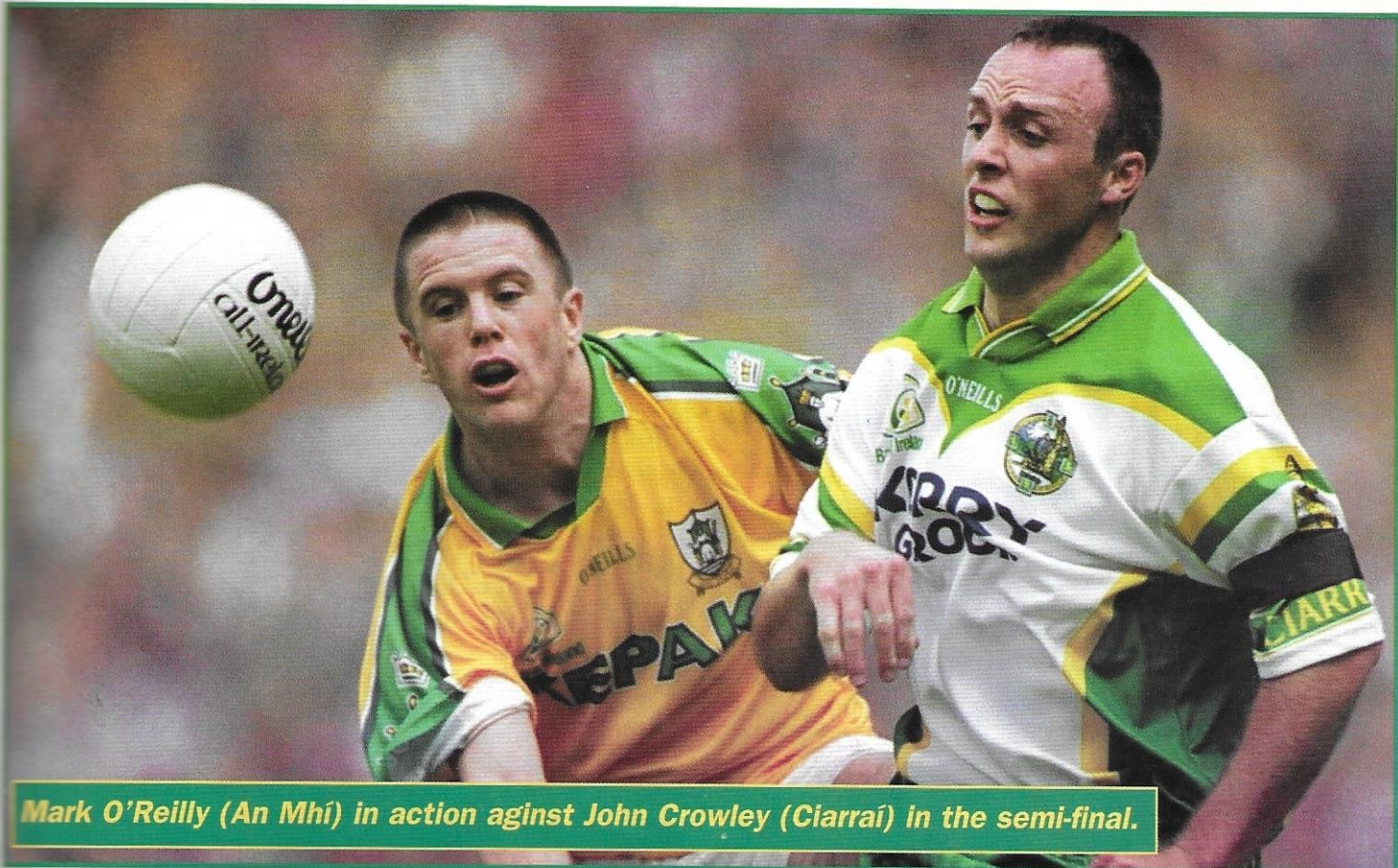
The semi-finals were one-sided affairs. At the Markets' Field in Limerick, Cork swamped a Mayo team (forced to line out short many of their first choices due to internal dissent) by 4-16 to 0-1, and Dublin were far too good for Antrim at Jones's Road winning by 1-12 to 0-3. There was little between Dublin and Cork in the "Home" final at Tipperary town but the Metropolitans just edged home by 1-2 to 0-4, but the final proper was a non-event and Dublin cruised by London to take the title by 0-14 to 0-2

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The defeat of Kerry in the semi-final ensured that once again the reigning champions failed to retain their title. This has been the case for more than a decade – an unprecedented occurrence in the senior championship in either code.

The only decade where a similar situation developed was in the 1950s, when the title changed hands on eight occasions between 1952 and 1959, but the decade had already begun with a Mayo double in 1950 and '51. A remarkable feature of the championship in the 1990s – and which is now being carried in to the new century, is that not once did the reigning champions reach the All-Ireland final; indeed, only in 1998 when Kerry again emerged from Munster did the reigning All-Ireland champions manage to retain their provincial crown.

However, impressive as is the changing face of the current scene, it can't yet compare with that of the minor championship in the seventies and eighties when there was a change of champions every year. This trend extended into the 1990s and when Laois won the title in 1996, it marked the 27th successive year in which the minor crown had changed hands. And it was Laois who put an end to this run of change when they retained the title in '97. And today's pairing of Dublin and Tyrone ensures that a change of champions is once more in vogue.

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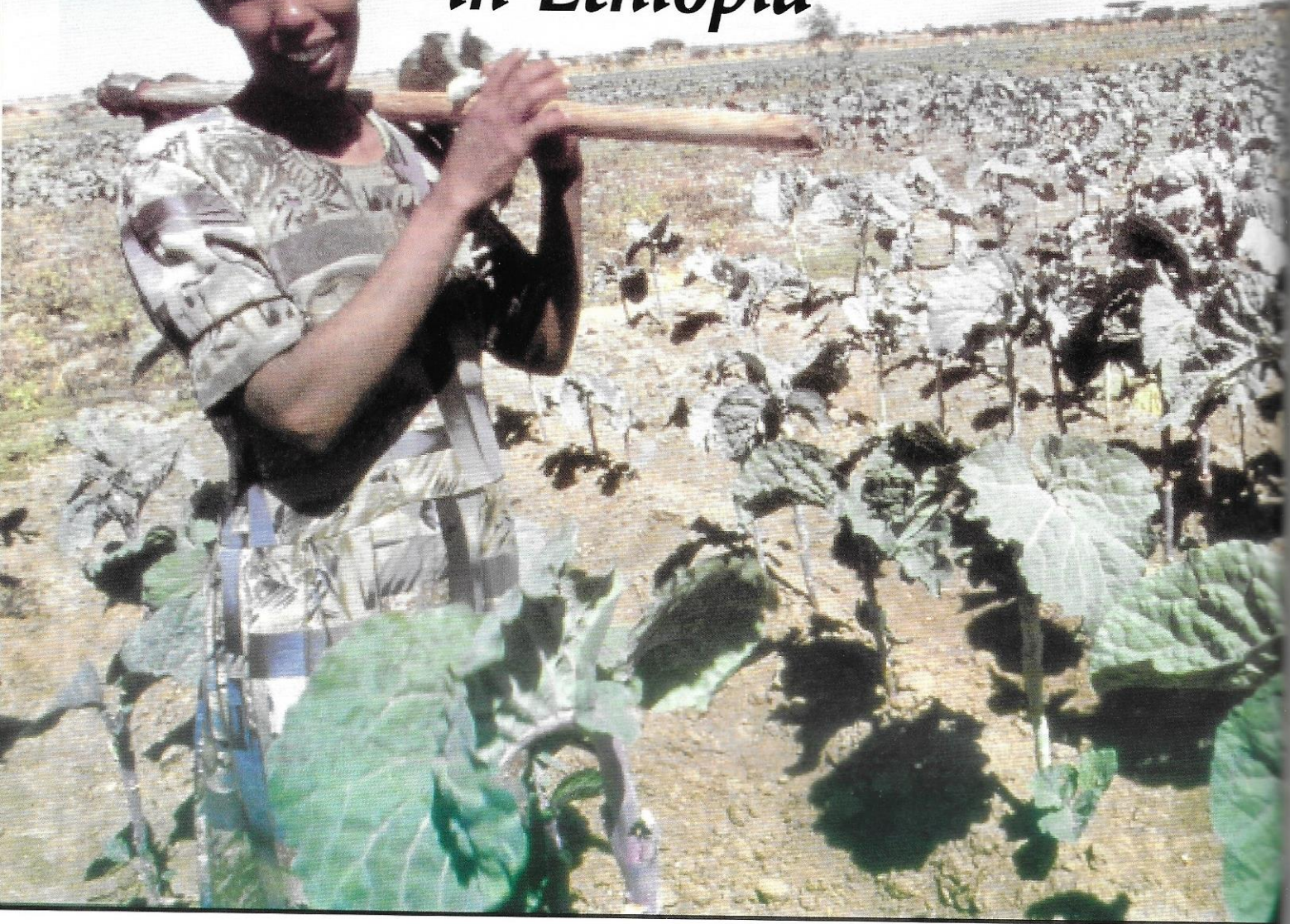
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An Mhí agus Gaillimh ... Four Meetings

1940 – Galway 3-8 Meath 2-5

Their retention of the Leinster crown for the first time in their history left Meath in buoyant mood for this semi-final meeting, but Galway, with their many experienced players, opened on a confident note and Jarlath Canavan finished Mick Higgins' cross for the opening point. Galway were having the better of the midfield exchanges, but Meath broke away for Matty Gilsenan to level. In the space of two minutes Kevin Devin was wide and then Jimmy McGauran brought off a smart save from McDermott.

It might not have marked the parting of the ways but Galway's first goal gave them a lead that they never subsequently surrendered. Eddie Mulholland was the man who finished it but it was John Dunne's perfectly-timed '50' that set it up. A fine save by goalkeeper Hugh McEnroe denied Mulholland a second almost immediately.

By this stage Meath were beginning to force parity at midfield but Galway were more adroit up front and Higgins, Canavan and Burke had points to leave it 1-4 to 0-1 at the break.

An early exchange of points involving Willie Brien and Jackie Flavin was followed by a Galway minor, which put seven points between the sides. Meath responded with a goal from Devin, which hauled them back into serious contention, but almost at once Galway had their second goal when Brendan Nestor and Canavan carved an opening that was perfectly finished by Mulholland. Both goals had narrow escapes in subsequent exchanges before Gilsenan's point left it 2-6 to 1-3.

A Meath spell of attack went for nought and Nestor's point eased Galway further ahead, but Devin then scorned an almost certain point to try for a goal, which didn't materialise thanks to an alert Galway line in the goal.

As the final quarter ticked away it was clear that only goals would rescue Meath, though Gilsenan and Devin had points which still kept the Westerners in sight, even if the distance was considerable. The Royal county's challenge lost credibility when John Burke, after hitting the crossbar, rammed the rebound past a helpless McEnroe.

To their credit Meath persisted and Peter McDermott finished a Devin free to the net to reduce the margin to five points. And they might have reduced it even further with a little more steadiness up front as four frees within scoring range failed to produce a single score before Nestor had the game's last score just before the final whistle.

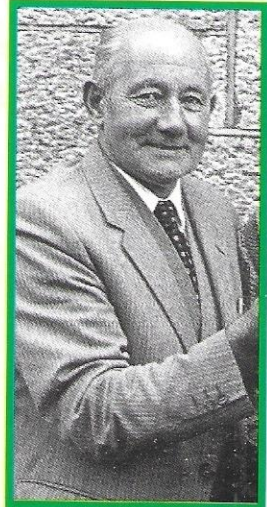
Galway scorers: E.Mulholland 2-2, J.Burke 1-0, M.Higgins 0-2, J.Flavin 0-2, B.Nestor 0-2.

Meath scorers: K.Devin 1-1, P.McDermott 1-1, M.Gilsenan 0-2, W.Brien 0-1.

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

Meath – Hugh McEnroe, Paddy Beggin, Matt O'Toole, Hugh McEnroe, Johnny Johnson, Christy O'Reilly, Jim Kearney, Peter McDermott, John Cummins, Matty Gilsenan, Tony Donnelly, Jim Clarke, Jackie Maye, Bill Halpenny, Kevin Devin.

Sub – Willie Brien for Donnelly.



Peter McDermott
(An Mhí)



The 1967 Meath All-Ireland champions

Back row (l-r):

Tony Brennan, Jack Quinn, Peter Moore, Noel Curran, Sean McCormack, Matt Kerrigan, Bertie Cunningham, Oliver Shanley.

Front row (l-r):

Paddy Mulvaney, Terry Kearns, Mick Mellett, Peter Darby (captain), Pat Collier, Mick White, Pat Reynolds.

An Mhí agus Gaillimh ... Four Meetings

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1964 – Galway 1-8 Meath 0-9

Before a crowd of 52,547 two well-matched teams fought out a semi-final battle that produced nine scores each with the only goal of the hour deciding the issue. There was a second goal scored – the memory of it is still fresh in Meath – by Gerry Quinn, but a too hasty whistle cancelled it, and to add to Royal county chagrin Jimmy Walsh wided the free that was awarded instead. But even with that piece of ill-luck Meath might have won, for, thanks to a midfield pull exercised by Jack Quinn and Peter Moore for a considerable period of the second half, play often flowed towards the Galway posts.

But there was a stumbling block and that was provided by the brilliance of Noel Tierney on the edge of the Galway square. In all kinds of situations the Milltown man repeatedly hurled back the opposition and he had able assistance in Enda Colleran, "Bosco" McDermott, Martin Newell and the safest of goalkeepers, Johnny Geraghty.

The goal that was allowed was, of course, the vital score but apart from the one that was disallowed, Meath had at least two glorious chances of goals – one when Kevin McNamee failed to finish with the net at his mercy and a second when Jerry Quinn was wide in a similar position, though he was helped to miss by a timely tug on his jersey by a Galway defender as he was about to shoot.

Meath settled more quickly and had two points by Ollie Shanley before Seamus Leyden opened Galway's account. As Galway pressed forward good work by Pat Reynolds and Peter Darby held them off, but the Meath defence was mesmerised when a move involving Leyden, John Keenan and Christy Tyrrell was superbly finished by Mattie McDonagh. Leyden added a point before Walsh, who had earlier added to Shanley's brace, pointed a free to leave it 1-3 to 0-5 at the break.

When they resumed, Cyril Dunne pointed frees at the 32nd and 34th minutes and then came Jerry Quinn's disallowed goal, followed by Walsh's miss from the free. Meath continued to attack, however, and Carty was wide with a likely chance before Walsh pointed two frees to reduce the deficit to a single point. The game was now delicately balanced and especially when Walsh brought the teams level but Galway, through Dunne (two) and Keenan, opened a three-point gap with ten minutes remaining. Meath were not finished and Jack Quinn and Matt Kerrigan pointed to reduce the arrears to the minimum, but Galway had the last say when Cleary scored just before the final whistle.

Galway scorers: C.Dunne 0-4, M.McDonagh 1-0, S.Leyden 0-2, J.Keenan 0-1, S.Cleary 0-1.

Meath scorers: J.Walsh 0-4, O.Shanley 0-2, D.Carty 0-1, M.Kerrigan 0-1, J.Quinn 0-1.

Galway – Johnny Geraghty, Enda Colleran, Noel Tierney, John "Bosco" McDermott, John Donnellan,

Sean Meade, Martin Newell, Mick Garrett, Mick Reynolds, Cyril Dunne, Mattie McDonagh, Seamus Leyden, Christy Tyrrell, Sean Cleary, John Keenan.

Meath – Peter Cromwell, Dinny Donnelly, Martin Quinn, Peter Darby, Pat Collier, Bertie Cunningham, Pat Reynolds, Jack Quinn, Peter Moore, Dave Carty, Tom Brown, Jimmy Walsh, Gerry Quinn, Kevin McNamee, Ollie Shanley.

Sub – Peter Mulvanny for McNamee.

1966 – Galway 1-10 Meath 0-7

This was to be – if not the battle of the century – at least the final of the decade, all the pundits agreed. The credentials on both sides were perfect: Galway unbeaten since the 1963 final with Dublin against a Meath team that had put in an incredible second half against Down in the semi-final to come from well behind and win by ten points. And then there was the memory of the 1964 semi-final, which Galway had won and Meath felt they should have won.

The ingredients were there for a thrilling contest, but on the day it all came apart as Galway careered to a third successive title and Meath slumped from the standards they had set in victory – and defeat – over the previous four or five years.

Rarely had an All-Ireland final presented such a sorry spectacle as did this game when the half-time whistle blew with Galway eight points clear and worth every one of them. The lead, daunting enough by any reckoning, clearly indicated that the Connacht men were on the way to join the elite of earlier teams like Kerry, Wexford and Dublin, with Meath hopes faintly resting on what had been achieved by the second-half surge in the semi-final.

The champions, with the breeze behind them, made the early running but there was no hint of the boredom to come. With 13 minutes gone Galway had only a modest three points on the board courtesy of Sean Cleary, Cyril Dunne and John Keenan. To this stage the efforts of Pat Collier and Jack Quinn had done much to keep Meath afloat. Meath, against the odds and the general run of play, went close to scoring in commendable individual efforts by Tony Brennan and Tom Brown, but it was at the other end that the next score came in the shape of the only goal of the match when Dunne set up the chance for Mattie McDonagh. Thirty seconds later Liam Sammon pointed and that was followed quickly by another from Leyden to leave it 1-5 to nil after 25 minutes. Murty Sullivan's pointed free at the 26th minute saved Meath from the embarrassment of a scoreless first half but at the break it was 1-6 to 0-1.

A reshuffled Meath team re-opened with a couple of promising sorties, but Keenan stretched the Galway lead before Shanley raised Meath's second flag from a free at the 40th minute. What the Royals needed was a goal to spark a revival but it never looked like coming and though from there to the end Meath outscored Galway, it was merely an irrelevant statistic as Galway



Bosco McDermott
(Gaillimh)



Peter Darby
(An Mhí)

made it three-in-a-row and three victories out of three in meetings with Meath.

Galway scorers: M.McDonagh 1-1, C.Dunne 0-3, J.Keenan 0-3, S.Leyden 0-1, L.Sammon 0-1, S.Cleary 0-1.

Meath scorers: M.Sullivan 0-2, N.Curran 0-2, O.Shanley 0-2, T.Brown 0-1.

Galway – Johnny Geraghty, Enda Colleran, Noel Tierney, John “Bosco” McDermott, “Hauleen” McDonagh, Sean Meade, Martin Newell, Jimmy Duggan, Pat Donnellan, Cyril Dunne, Mattie McDonagh, Seamus Leyden, Liam Sammon, Sean Cleary, John Keenan. Sub – John Donnellan for Meade.

Meath – John McCormack, Dinnie Donnelly, Jack Quinn, Peter Darby, Pat Collier, Bertie Cunningham, Pat Reynolds, Peter Moore, Tom Brown, Tony Brennan, Murty Sullivan, Dave Carty, Gerry Quinn, Noel Curran, Ollie Shanley.

Subs – John Fagan for Carty, Mick White for Donnelly, Martin Quinn for Fagan.

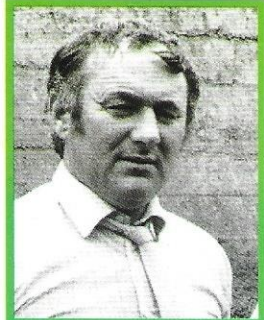
1970 – Meath 0-15 Galway 0-11

Both counties were deserving semi-finalists – Galway had crushed Roscommon with ten

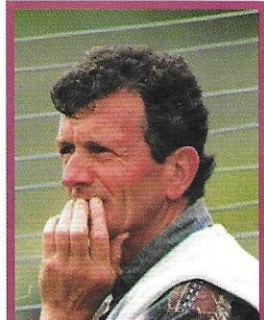
points in hand in the Western decider while Meath staged one of the greatest comebacks in championship history in coming from eleven points behind to pip Offaly in one of the greatest-ever Leinster finals. This game was also making a special piece of history in that for the first time ever an All-Ireland semi-final would be decided over 80 minutes.

And there was no question of the extra 20 minutes being a handicap to either team as evidenced by their provincial final performances. There was an abundance of experience on both sides with great championship battlers like Tony Brennan, Jack Quinn, Pat Reynolds and Bertie Cunningham being opposed by Enda Colleran, Pat Donnellan, Cyril Dunne and John Keenan.

The pressure was on Meath in this encounter as they had lost the three previous head-to-heads but they were first to score, despite playing against the breeze, when Tony Brennan pointed after two minutes. Galway were soon forcing the pace and it wasn't long before John Keenan lofted over the equaliser. Another exchange of points, this time between Brennan and Tommy Keenan, preceded John Keenan's 17th-minute point which gave Galway the lead and from there to the interval the Corribiders had the edge. However, the superiority that Galway enjoyed on the pitch was



Pat Reynolds
(An Mhí)



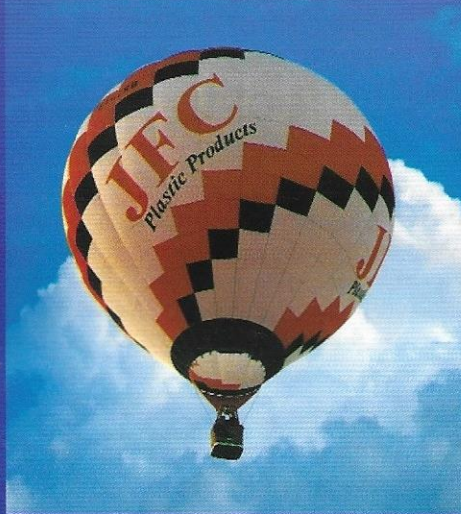
Liam Sammon
(Gaillimh)

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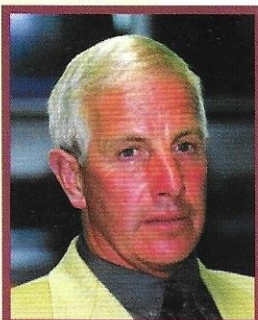


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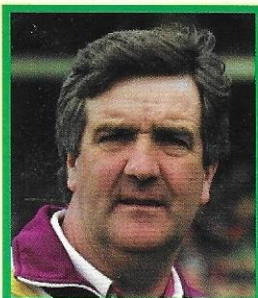
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An Mhí agus Gaillimh ... Four Meetings

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Enda Colleran
(Gaillimh)



Mattie Kerrigan
(An Mhí)

not reflected on the scoreboard as Matt Kerrigan and Brennan contrived to keep Meath in touch. But luck, which had hardly been Meath's ally in previous encounters, now intervened on their behalf when Liam Sammon's shot came back off the crossbar and also when John Keenan's shot came back off the upright. The interval came with Galway leading by 0-8 to 0-4, but with wind advantage to come Meath's prospects looked bright.

But again it took the intervention of the woodwork to prevent Meath slipping further behind when in an early Galway push on the restart, Sammon's shot hit an upright – an escape which Meath celebrated by dashing away to record two quick points courtesy of the boot of Mattie Kerrigan. Tommy Keenan's effort put Galway three in front but by the 50th minute Ken Rennicks and Micky Fay (twice) had brought Meath level.

This equality on the scoreboard may not have led to the opening of the floodgates, but the tide was now most definitely with Meath and two pointed frees by Fay sent them on their way. John Keenan and Frank Canavan had points for Galway, but there was no stopping the Royals who finished with a flourish to record an historic victory.

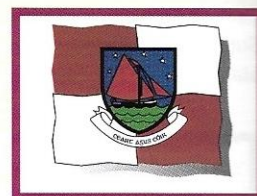
Meath scorers: T.Brennan 0-7, M.Kerrigan 0-3, M.Fay 0-3, K.Rennicks 0-2.

Galway scorers: J.Keenan 0-5, T.Keenan 0-3, C.Dunne 0-2, F.Canavan 0-1.

Meath – Sean McCormack, Mick White, Jack Quinn, Bertie Cunningham, Ollie Shanley, Terry Kearns, Pat Reynolds, Vincent Foley, Vincent Lynch, Tony Brennan, Mattie Kerrigan, Mick Mellet, Ken Rennicks, John Murphy, Mickey Fay.

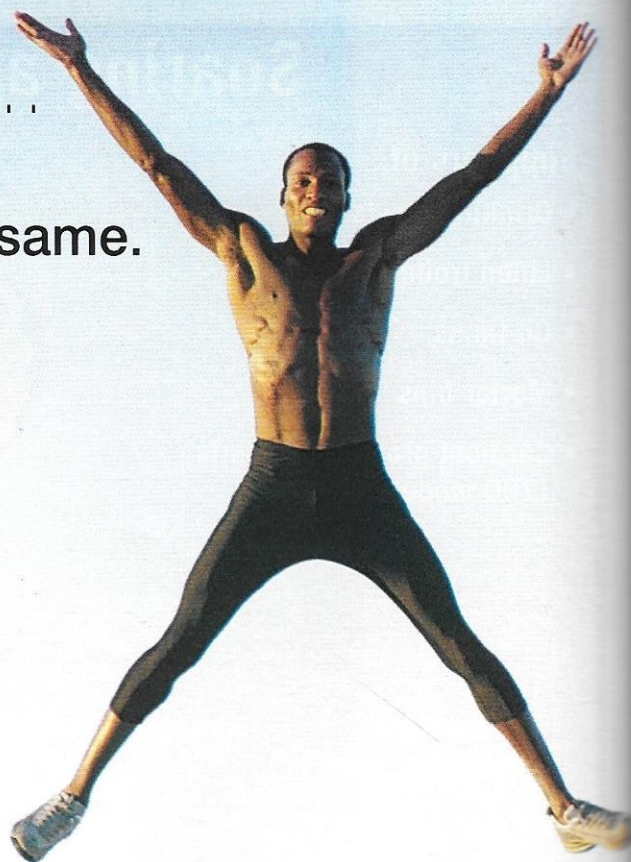
Sub – Peter Blake for Murphy.

Galway – Gay Mitchell, Enda Colleran, Noel Colleran, Brendan Colleran, Miko Ferrick, Liam O'Neill, "Haileen" McDonagh, Willie Joyce, Pat Donnellan, Liam Sammon, Joe McLoughlin, John Donnellan, Tommy Keenan, Cyril Dunne, John Keenan. **Subs –** Sean Ryan for Brendan Colleran, Frank Canavan for Pat Donnellan.



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Yet no matter where you look in the world of business, entertainment or sport the work of the volunteer shines through. The foundation for the Ireland of today, wallowing as it is in the warmth generated by the Celtic Tiger, was laid by the selfless work and dedication of individuals who sought no reward other than a better life.

In the world of sport especially, the role of the volunteer must never be undermined or underestimated. Even in professional sport, where individuals are rewarded in terms that are almost unimaginable, we can never lose sight of the fact that the biggest stars depended once on the commitment and sacrifice of their early guardians.

Throughout the world there are men and women who give up their spare time to ensure that young boys and girls get the opportunity to participate in sport. There is no financial recompense sought or available. This work is done out of a sense of duty, a pride in one's place.

In the GAA more than any other organisation — sports, political or cultural — we have valued the role of the volunteer. Without the many thousands of people over the last 120 years who have served as volun-

teers, the GAA would never have developed and become the strong and vibrant organisation that it is today.

We also value our stars, all of our players. They too give an enormous voluntary commitment at a time when it is not exactly fashionable. And we must realise that without the work of those who organise the fixtures, mark the field, raise funds, train teams, drive players to games, all of the other seemingly mundane but crucial tasks, our sports simply could not survive and our players would have nothing to play. The club volunteer is our lifeblood. Without that person, our strength would drain away.



Men For All Times

Between 1969 and 1975 the duration of All-Ireland finals changed from 60 to 80 to 70 minutes – a matter of six years – but only one player can claim to have won All-Ireland medals in finals of all three durations. And that was Brendan Lynch of Kerry who was on the team that won the last 60-minute final in 1969 when Kerry beat Offaly, and he was to the fore when the Kingdom defeated Meath a year later in the first 80-minute final. In 1975 he was still wearing the green and gold as Kerry won the first 70-minute decider at Dublin's expense to complete a special treble.

Only one other player actually played in finals of three different durations – Martin Furlong, who was on the Offaly team beaten by Kerry in '69, between the posts in the title winning sides of '71 and '72, and he collected medal number three in 1982 when the Midlanders defeated Kerry.

John O'Keefe was a sub on the 1969 team and later won medals in seventy and eighty-minute finals, but he never took to the field in a 60-minute decider.

A History of Gaelic Football

"A History of Gaelic Football", the paperback edition of which was published by Gill and MacMillan (costing £13.40), by well-known footballer and author Jack Mahon of Galway, is an updated version of the hardback version which sold out in seven weeks before Christmas 2000. The current edition includes details of the 2000 All-Ireland, possibly the last old format knockout championship (S.F.) which will ever be played. In its pages Mahon traverses the decades, lacing the text with anecdotes and interviews. From the days of Caid or Rough and Tumble right up to today. The story of the buying of Croke Park, Bloody Sunday at the same venue, the birth of the solo-run makes for fascinating reading. The new edition is now in all the shops, including the GAA Museum in Croke Park.



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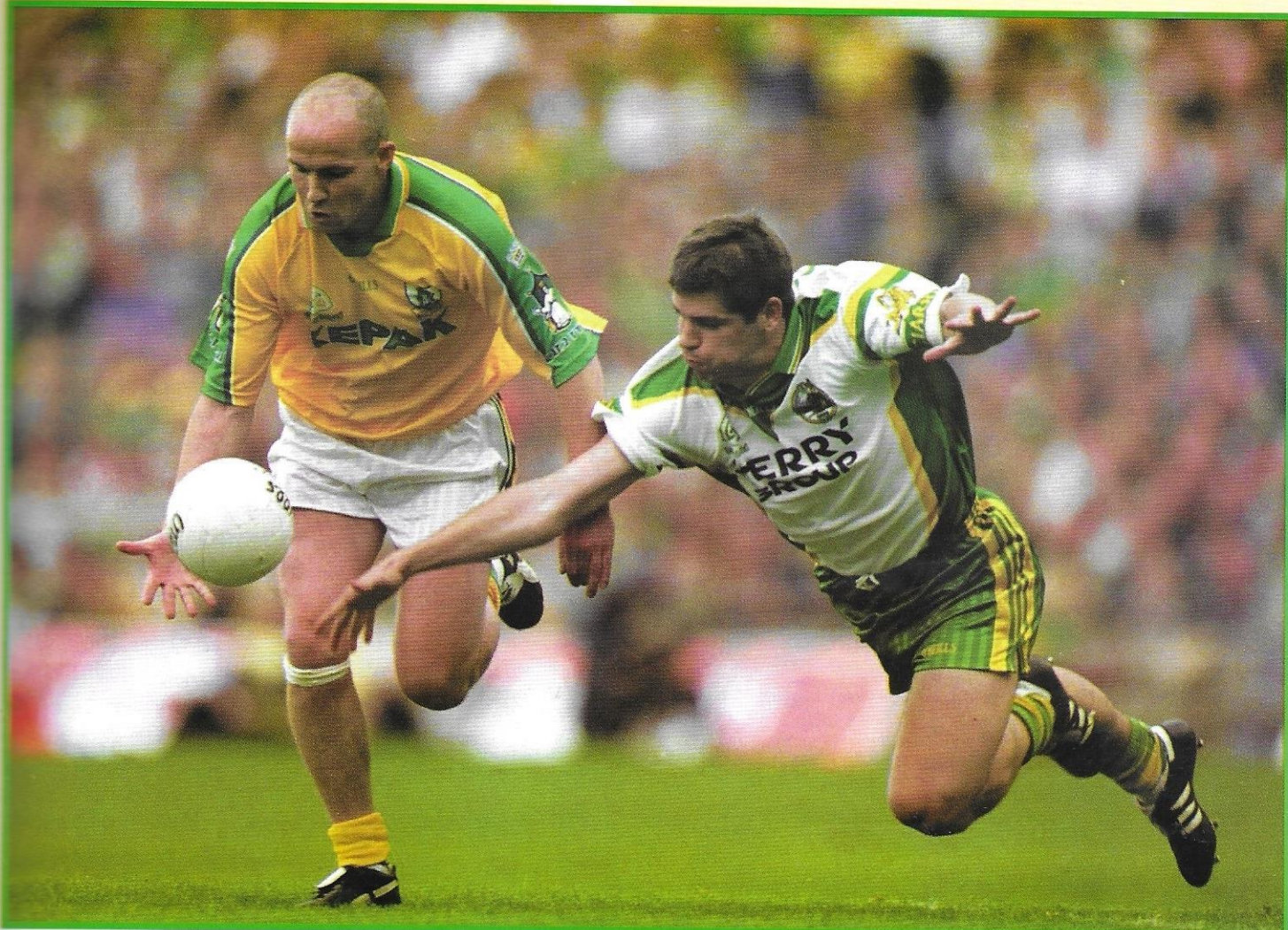
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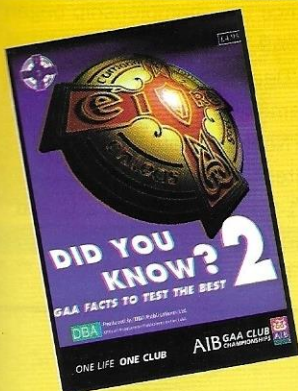
Considering the number of All-Ireland finals that have been played since 1887, it is remarkable how rarely that the exact scorelines have been repeated. The first occasion on which there was a repeat scoreline was in 1924 when Kerry beat Dublin by 0-4 to 0-3, which was the score in the Meath-Tipperary final of 1895. Meath were involved in another repeat performance on the final scoreboard in 1952 when they were beaten by Cavan on a replay by 0-9 to 0-5, the exact same score as when Wexford beat Clare in 1917. And Meath's 1-7

to 2-4 draw with Cavan in the drawn game was an exact replica of the scoreline in the first meeting of Kerry and Roscommon in 1946.

Galway were on the wrong end of the exact same scoreline in two finals as their 1-8 to 1-10 loss to Dublin in 1942 was a mirror image of the result against the same opposition in 1983. The only other instance of finals throwing up the exact same final score was in 1974 when Dublin beat Galway by 0-14 to 1-6 and ten years later when Kerry defeated Dublin.

Five instances of repeat scorelines in 113 finals! Gaelic football certainly provides variety among its many attractions.

Eamonn Fitzmaurice (Ciarraí) tries to dispossess Meath dangerman Ollie Murphy in the semi-final.



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'Duxie' Walsh wins record 16th Senior Singles Title



Seán Mac Thaidhg, Uachtarán CLG and Peadar Mac Artúir, Uachtarán CLLE pictured with Michael 'Duxie' Walsh, Kilkenny, following his victory over Eoin Kennedy, Dublin, in the High Ball All-Ireland Senior Softball Singles final at Croke Park on 8 Meán Fómhair.

Michael 'Duxie' Walsh of Kilkenny created another record on 8 September when he won the High Ball All-Ireland 60x30 Senior Softball Singles title for the 16th time in 17 years defeating Eoin Kennedy from Dublin in an enthralling game in front of a capacity crowd at Croke Park. Having gone down in the first game, the 35 year old champion had to call on all his craft and experience to get back into contention and eventually ran out a deserving winner on a 2-21, 21-19, 21-14 scoreline.

'Duxie' has now amassed an amazing 38 All-Ireland Senior titles and by the time you read this the figure may be 39 – if he and Eugene Downey beat Tom Sheridan and Walter O'Connor of Meath on the eve of the All-Ireland football final.

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5 Senior 40 x 20 Doubles

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Noel McHugh won Galway's first ever Minor Softball Singles title since the championship began in 1949, defeating Donnacha O'Dea of Cork in two straight games. Limerick's Eamon O'Neill and Paul Herr won the Intermediate Doubles final 21-9, 21-18 against Paul Carty and Malachy Whelan of Wexford, also a first in their grade.

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PENALTY PARADE

In the 2000 championship there were 38 games played and there were 13 penalties awarded. In the current campaign to date there has been 62 games, but amazingly, the number of penalty awards has virtually halved to seven. The return per penalty has also plummeted from 1.85 last season to 1.43 (3 goals and one point from seven kicks) this time around. The only comparable year to the current one in recent times was 1998 when just nine penalties were awarded, but even then the average return per penalty was two points.

Last season just one penalty (out of 13) was sent wide (Tony Boyle of Donegal) but this year three out of seven didn't hit the target. Four penalties were saved in the 2000 championship but even the one save this year still resulted in a point being scored. Only one player, Ronan Coffey of Wicklow, took a penalty in both the '00 and '01 campaigns and, having been denied by Gavin Tonra last season, he made no mistake this time around against Carlow.

The seven penalties awarded in the current campaign and the results are:

13th May

Ronan Coffey (Wicklow) **GOAL** v Carlow

19th May

Frankie Dolan (Roscommon) **GOAL** v New York

27th May

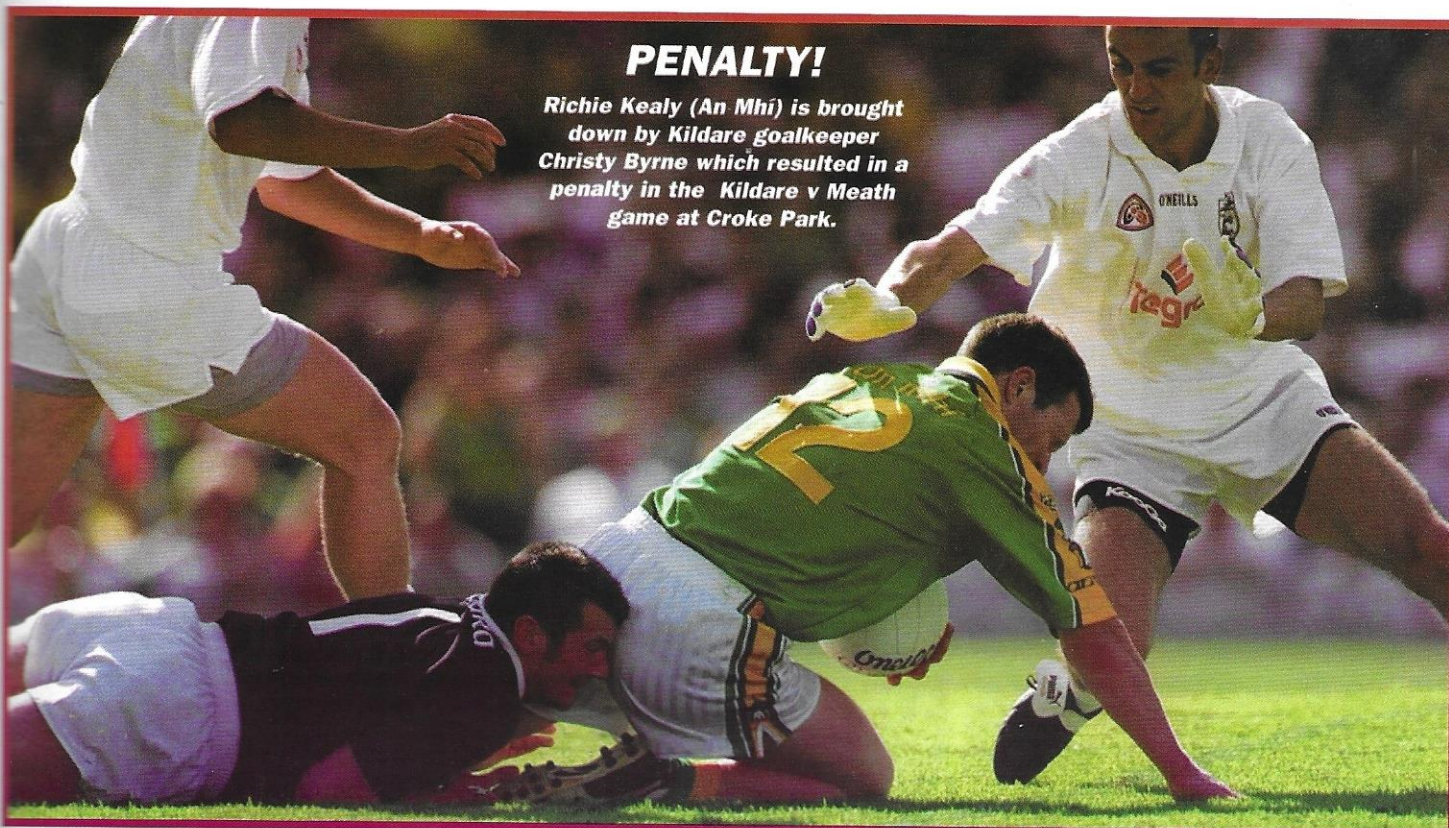
Peter Reilly (Cavan) **POINT** saved by Mickey McVeigh (Down)
Chris Conway (Laois) **WIDE** v Offaly

10th June

Paul Taylor (Sligo) **WIDE** v Mayo

24th June

Colin Corkery (Cork) **WIDE** v Clare
Trevor Giles (Meath) **GOAL** v Kildare



PENALTY!

Richie Kealy (An Mhí) is brought down by Kildare goalkeeper Christy Byrne which resulted in a penalty in the Kildare v Meath game at Croke Park.

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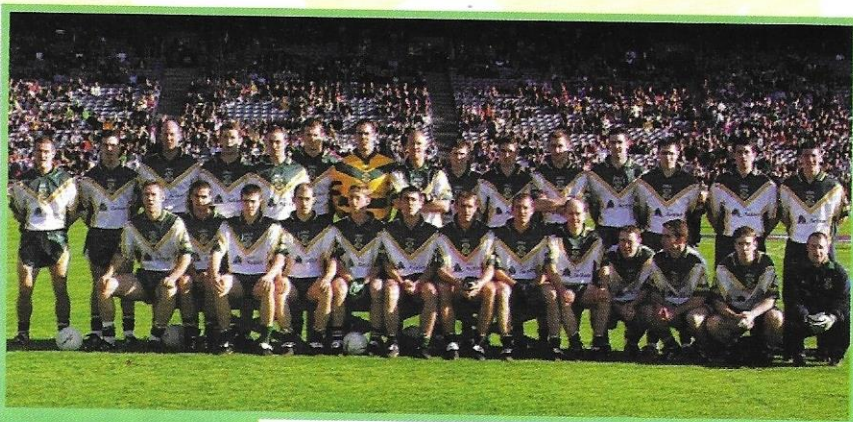
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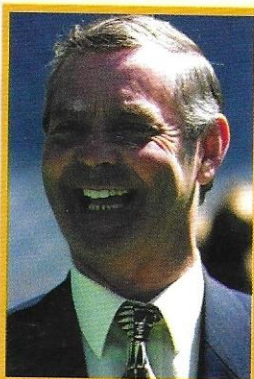
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INTERNATIONAL RULES



The Ireland team which played Australia in the International Rules Series, Second Test, at Croke Park last year.

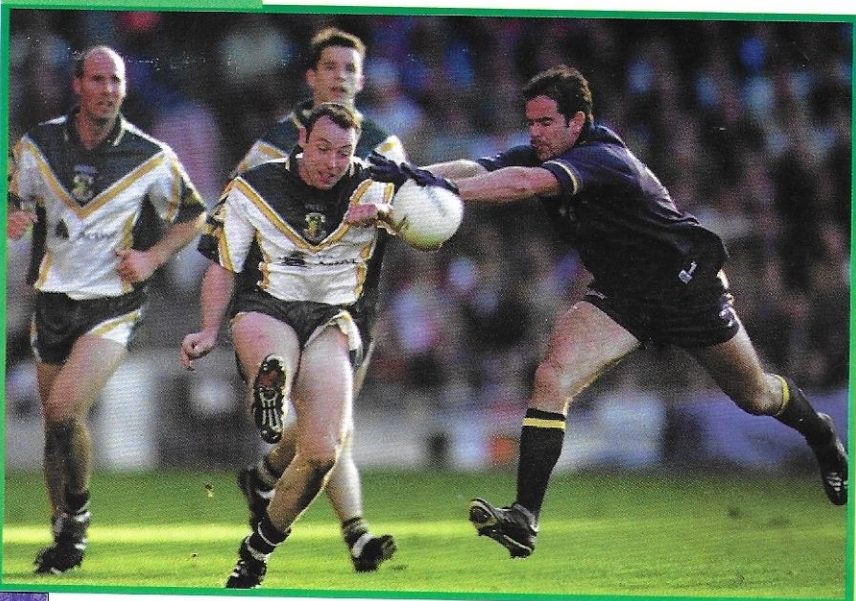


Manager Brian McEniff

Last Monday Brian McEniff announced his 27-man panel for the forthcoming test series in Australia. In all, 14 counties are represented on the panel with Kerry having the largest at five players. Today's combatants – Meath and Galway, along with Kildare – are the next biggest contributors with three players each. However, had the Meath trio of John McDermott, Trevor Giles and Ollie Murphy been available for selection, it is likely that the Royal county would have been the biggest contributors to the travelling party. Derry's Anthony Tohill is the captain of the side.

The full panel is – Seamus Moynihan, John Crowley, Dara Ó Sé, Mike Francis Russell, Tadgh Kennelly (Kerry), Cormac O'Sullivan, Darren Fay, Graham Geraghty (Meath), Pdraig Joyce, Michael Donnellan, Seán de Paor (Galway), Anthony Rainbow, Dermot Earley, Niall Buckley (Kildare), Graham Canty, Brian Jer O'Sullivan (Cork), Anthony Tohill, Sean Martin Lockhart (Derry), Coman Goggins, Ciaran Whelan (Dublin), Eamon O'Hara (Sligo), Ciaran McManus (Offaly), Kieran McGeeney (Armagh), Francie Grehan (Roscommon), Cormac McAnallen (Tyrone), Dermot McCabe (Cavan), Brendan Devenney (Donegal).

Eight players – Anthony Lynch, Owen Sexton (Cork), Declan O'Keefe (Kerry), Finbarr Cullen (Offaly), Paul McGrane (Armagh), Des Dolan (Westmeath), Evan Kelly (Meath), Jarlath Fallon (Galway) – have been placed on standby.



The results of the previous series are:

1984

Australia	70;	Ireland	57
Ireland	80;	Australia	76
Australia	76;	Ireland	71

Australia won 2-1

1986

Australia	64;	Ireland	57
Ireland	62;	Australia	46
Ireland	55;	Australia	32

Ireland won 2-1

1987

Ireland	53;	Australia	51
Australia	72;	Ireland	47
Australia	59;	Ireland	55

Australia won 2-1

1990

Ireland	47;	Australia	38
Ireland	52;	Australia	31
Australia	50;	Ireland	44

Ireland won 2-1

1998

Australia	62;	Ireland	61
Ireland	67;	Australia	56

Ireland won 128-118

1999

Ireland	70;	Australia	62
Ireland	52;	Australia	52

Ireland won 122-114

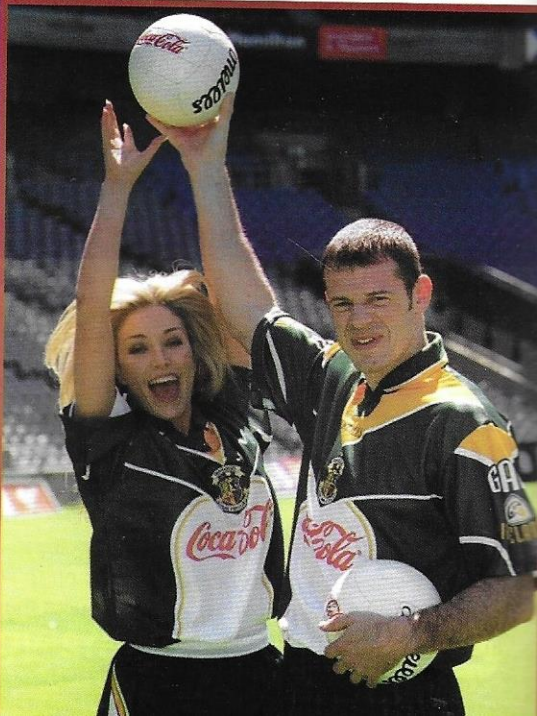
2000

Australia	55;	Ireland	47
Australia	68;	Ireland	51

Australia won 123-98

The dates for the forthcoming tests are the 7th and 14th of October.

Anthony Tohill, who was named as the captain of the Ireland team to tour Australia and Una Gibney, from Temple Bar, Dublin, photographed at the announcement of Coca Cola as official team sponsors of the International Rules series.



A FUTURE FOR OUR PAST!

Michael Cusack once said that in order to understand the Irish you must understand their games. Perhaps here is the best place to begin. For nestled in under the Cusack Stand of Croke Park is the museum of the GAA. The Museum has made a superb contribution in this area since it opened its doors in 1999.

Thousands of patrons from all corners of Ireland and the world have visited and been impressed with the wonderful exhibits, computerised data bases and, in particular, the interactive stations where they have been able to test their skills in hurling, camogie and Gaelic football.

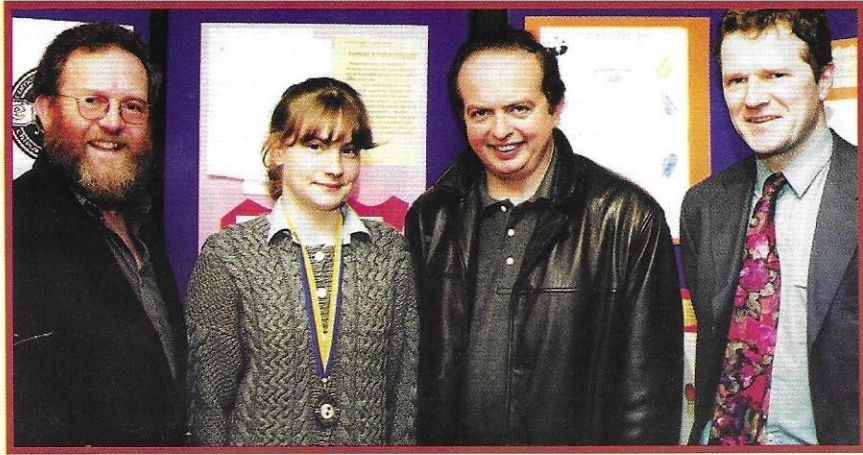
More and more school tours and summer camp participants are thinking about this wonderful resource and including it in their itinerary for all or part of a visit to the capital city. Cumann na mBunscol, Áth Cliath – the Dublin primary schools' body – has been taking full advantage of Museum facilities, with the full backing of Museum Curator, Tim Carey. The Church and General Interactive Challenge, a skills competition for boys and girls based on the interactive facility in the Museum, has attracted considerable attention. It is held monthly and is being developed further this autumn.

A recent essay competition based on children's experience of playing Cumann na mBunscol finals in Croke Park attracted 540 entries. The winner was Chloe Byrne from Scoil Áine in Shankill, Co. Dublin. At a presentation ceremony in the Museum, Chloe was presented with her prize by Marty Morrissey of R.T.E and she read her essay to a large audience which included her teacher, Kerryman Pat Sayers, and her uncle Damian Byrne, a former Dublin hurling goalkeeper.

Further exciting projects are planned for the coming months including an education programme designed to bring the Museum out into the schools. Tim Carey is delighted with the level of interest being generated in Dublin schools and is anxious that the large numbers visiting from all four provinces should be increased in the months ahead.

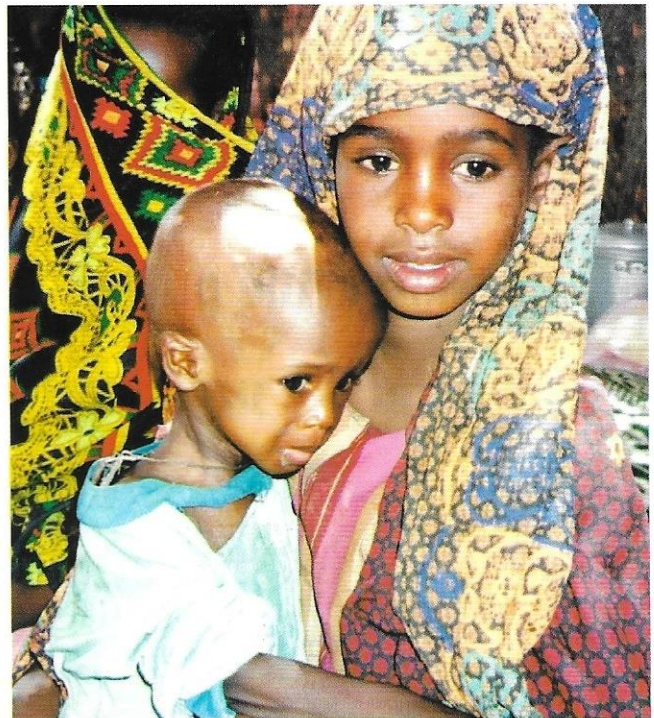


PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH



Pictured at a prize giving ceremony in the GAA Museum were [l to r] Jerry Grogan PRO, Cumann na mBunscol, Chloe Byrne, Marty Morrissey RTÉ and Tim Carey, Curator, GAA Museum.

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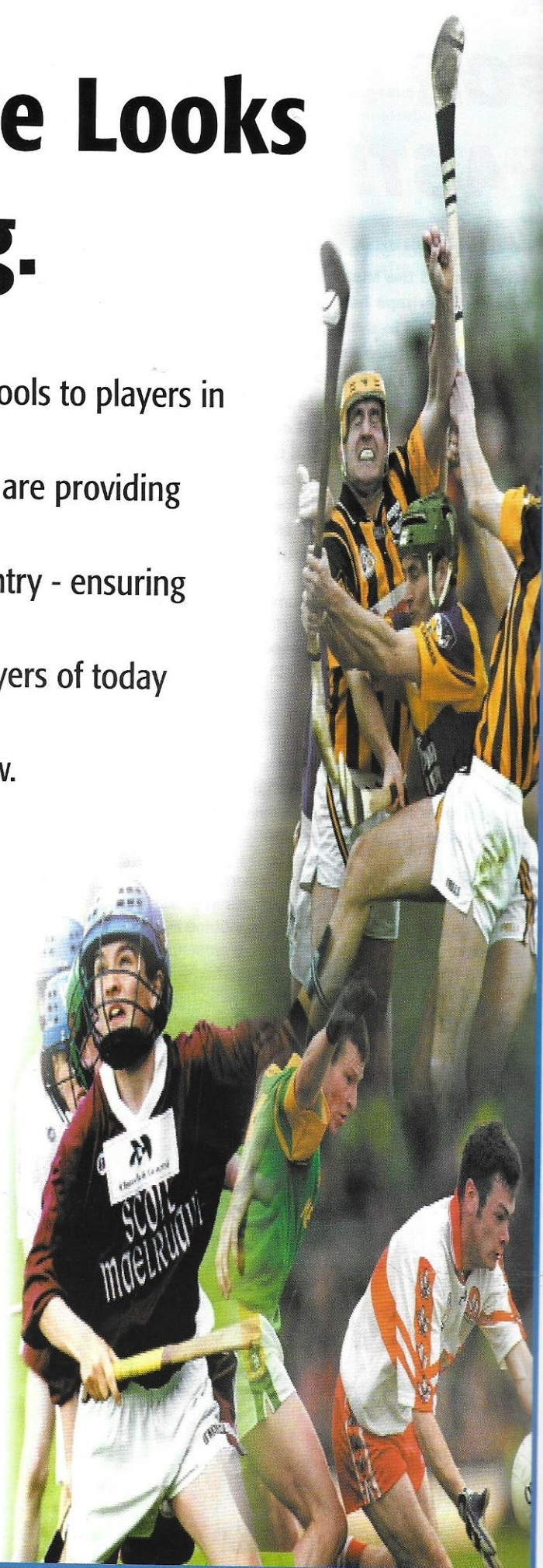
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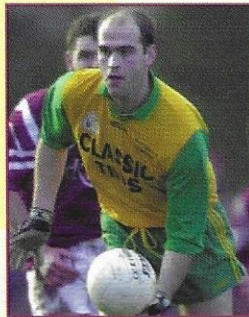


Tráth na gCeist

- When did an Ulster county last win the All-Ireland minor football championship?
- What is the name of the trophy awarded to the winners of the All-Ireland minor football championship?
- Dublin made a successful defence of the Leinster minor football championship last July. True or false?
- Was a Leinster county involved in last year's All-Ireland minor football final?
- What county lost to Tyrone in the 1998 All-Ireland minor football final?
- What county won this year's Connacht minor football title?
- A new name was last inscribed on the All-Ireland minor football championship Roll of Honour in 1996. Name the county that joined the title winning ranks.
- Who refereed the All-Ireland senior football semi-final between Kerry and Meath earlier this month?
- Mayo were runners-up last September for the second successive year for the All-Ireland minor football championship. True or false?
- Liam Doyle captained Tyrone, Down or Laois to an All-Ireland minor football title in the last few years. Your choice!

Who am I from Galway?

I was in the side that lost the 1995 All-Ireland senior football semi-final.
I won a second Connacht senior medal three years later.
A few years ago I became the first from Connacht to complete in the same year a double as captain of winning All-Ireland senior club and senior intercounty sides
I am no longer a first-choice member of the county senior team, although still on the county panel.



Who am I from Meath?

I have two All-Ireland senior medals, the first won after going in as a substitute.
I lined out at left full forward against Dublin in the Leinster senior final in July and scored two points.
I also lined out at left full forward against Westmeath in the drawn All-Ireland quarter final and scored a point but did not finish in attack in that game.
I lined out in defence in my last two appearances with Meath.



Trophy Time

- One of the following counties, Kildare, Kerry, Dublin or Cork, was the first to win the Sam Maguire Cup. Which!
- A new Sam Maguire Cup was presented for the 1988 senior football championship. What county was the first winners of the new trophy?
- What was the first Munster county to win the new Sam Maguire Cup?

Letters Scramble

The name, initial and surname, of a well-known Gaelic Games personality is included in each of the collection of six Letters Scramble below. Under each Letters Scramble is a clue to help discover the name of the personality in question.



1 H D E M A E N

A half back from the West with a flair for finding the scoring target.

2 E R E M G A

This forward was rated generally as the Man-of-the-match in the Meath-Westmeath All-Ireland senior football quarter-final replay in August.

3 E M P E N Y N A C

A leading intercounty referee who has taken charge of All-Ireland senior football finals in recent times.

4 R G N J B I E

A gifted young player from the West who has appeared at midfield and in attack with his county in senior football at All-Ireland senior championships level.

5 E J L L N I U C N A

Made an appearance as a second half substitute in the Meath-Kerry All-Ireland senior football semi-final a few weeks ago and found time to score a goal.

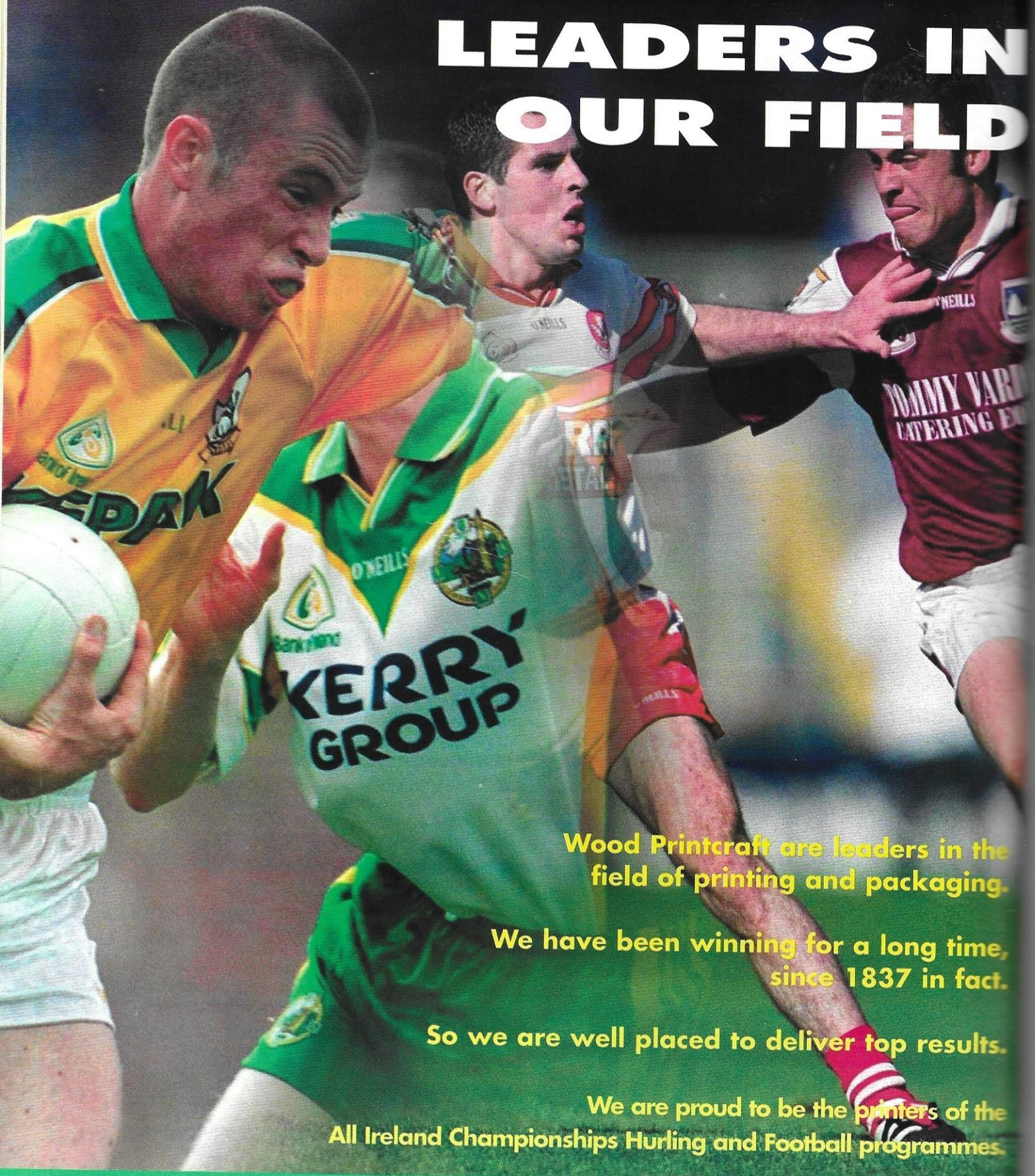
6 W N H Y D E O

Captain of the county that won the Sam Maguire Cup in the last decade for the first time and now ranks as the last to inscribe its name on the trophy for the first and so far only time.

Letters Scramble 1. D Meehan (Galway), 2. R. Magee (Meath), 3. P. McEaney (Monaghan), 4. J. Bergin (Galway), 5. J. Cullinane (Meath), 6. H. Downey (Derry),
Who Am I From Galway? Ray Silke (Corofin),
Who Am I From Meath? Donald Curtis (Rathkenny),
Trophy Time 1. Kildare, 2. Meath, 3. Cork in 1989.

Fréagrál 1. 1999 when Down were successful, 2. The Tom Markham Cup, 3. False. They lost the 2000 Leinster final to Westmeath, 4. No. Cork beat Mayo in the final, 5. Laois, 6. Mayo, 7. Laois, 8. Brian White (Wexford), 9. True, 10. Down in 1999.

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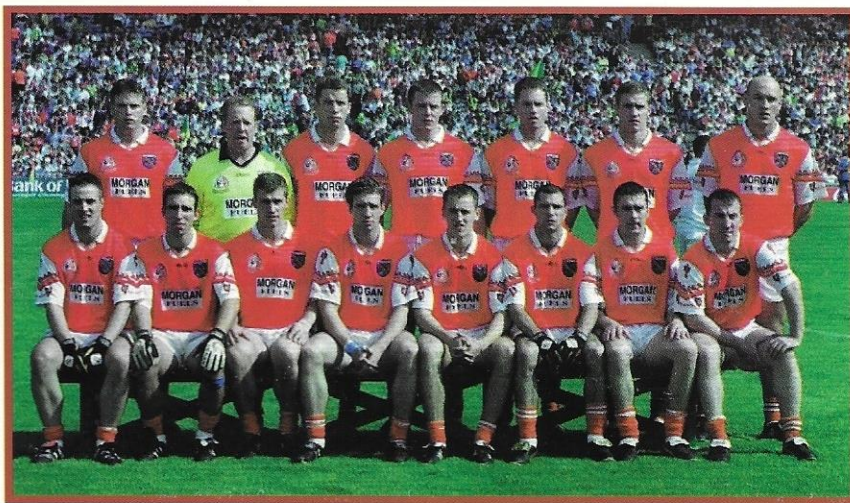
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- How many goals were scored in the two games between Kerry and Galway in last year's All-Ireland senior football final and replay?
- How many goals did Meath score in their meetings with Cork in the 1988 All-Ireland senior football final and replay?
- Who was the last football captain presented with the old Sam Maguire Cup?
- Who is the only Galway man to have been twice presented with the old Sam Maguire Cup after All-Ireland senior football final wins?
- When did a county last score five goals in an All-Ireland senior football final?
- Who recorded the last Meath goal in an All-Ireland senior football final?
- Who scored the late, late point that earned Meath a draw with Mayo in the 1996 All-Ireland senior final?
- Corofin, of Galway, brought the All-Ireland club football title to Connacht for the first time in 1998. What club lost to the Westerners in the final?
- Peter Darby was an All-Ireland senior football title winning captain in what year?
- Who was in goal for Galway when they beat Meath in the 1966 All-Ireland senior football final?



- Has any Meath club won the All-Ireland club senior football championship?
- Who refereed the 1990 All-Ireland senior football final between Cork and Meath?
- Name the goalkeeper who captained Galway in their unsuccessful 1974 All-Ireland senior football final bid against Dublin.
- Name the team photographed here?
- Who captained that side?
- Who is the player on the extreme right in the front row?
- Name the goalkeeper in this side.
- Who won the National Football League title last year?
- When did Dublin last win the Sam Maguire Cup?
- In what year was the 70 minutes All-Ireland senior football final introduced?

Freagraí

1. One, in the replay by Declan Meehan (Galway). 2. None. 3. Mick Lyons (Meath) in 1987. 4. Enda Colleran, who led Galway to their 1965 and 1966 wins. 5. 1978 when Kerry beat Dublin by 5-11 to 0-9. 6. Ollie Murphy in 1999. 7. Right half back Colm Coyle, now county selector. 8. Erin's Isle, Dublin. 9. 1967 when he led Meath to victory over Cork. 10. Johnny Geraghty. 11. No. 12. Paddy Russell (Tipperary). 13. Gay Mitchell. 14. Armagh, Uister senior champions of 2000. 15. Kieran McGeeney. 16. Cathal O'Rourke. 17. Brendan Tierney. 18. Derry. 19. 1995, when they beat Tyrone in the final. 20. 1975.

WIDES OF THE MARK

In most All-Ireland finals the number of wides recorded are usually fairly evenly divided. There are, of course, exceptions, and occasionally one team is much more often wide of the mark than their opponents. But it is doubtful if there was ever such an imbalance in the matter of wides in an All-Ireland final – or indeed, any other championship game – as in the Meath-Mayo final of 1951. Despite the presence of some of the greatest marksmen of the era – Tom Langan, Sean Mulderrig, Pauric Carney, Mick Flanagan (Mayo) and Frank Byrne, Peter McDermott, Brian Smyth and Paddy Meegan (Meath) – almost as many wides as scores were signalled

in the course of the hour. But it was the respective contributions to a tally of 18 wides that earned the 1951 final a place in championship history, as of the 18, Mayo recorded eight times as many as Meath in missing the posts 16 times to Meath's two.

Mayo, however, did not have to pay the price of this waywardness up front as they won by 2-8 to 0-9.

Staying with wides, it is of interest to note that when Galway and Kerry met in the 1940 final only eight wides were recorded in the hour – three by Kerry and five by Galway. But whereas Kerry had one in the first half and two in the second, all Galway's wides came in the opening period, which left them with a most unusual return in regard to missed chances. Alas, for Galway, Kerry won the game with a last-minute point.



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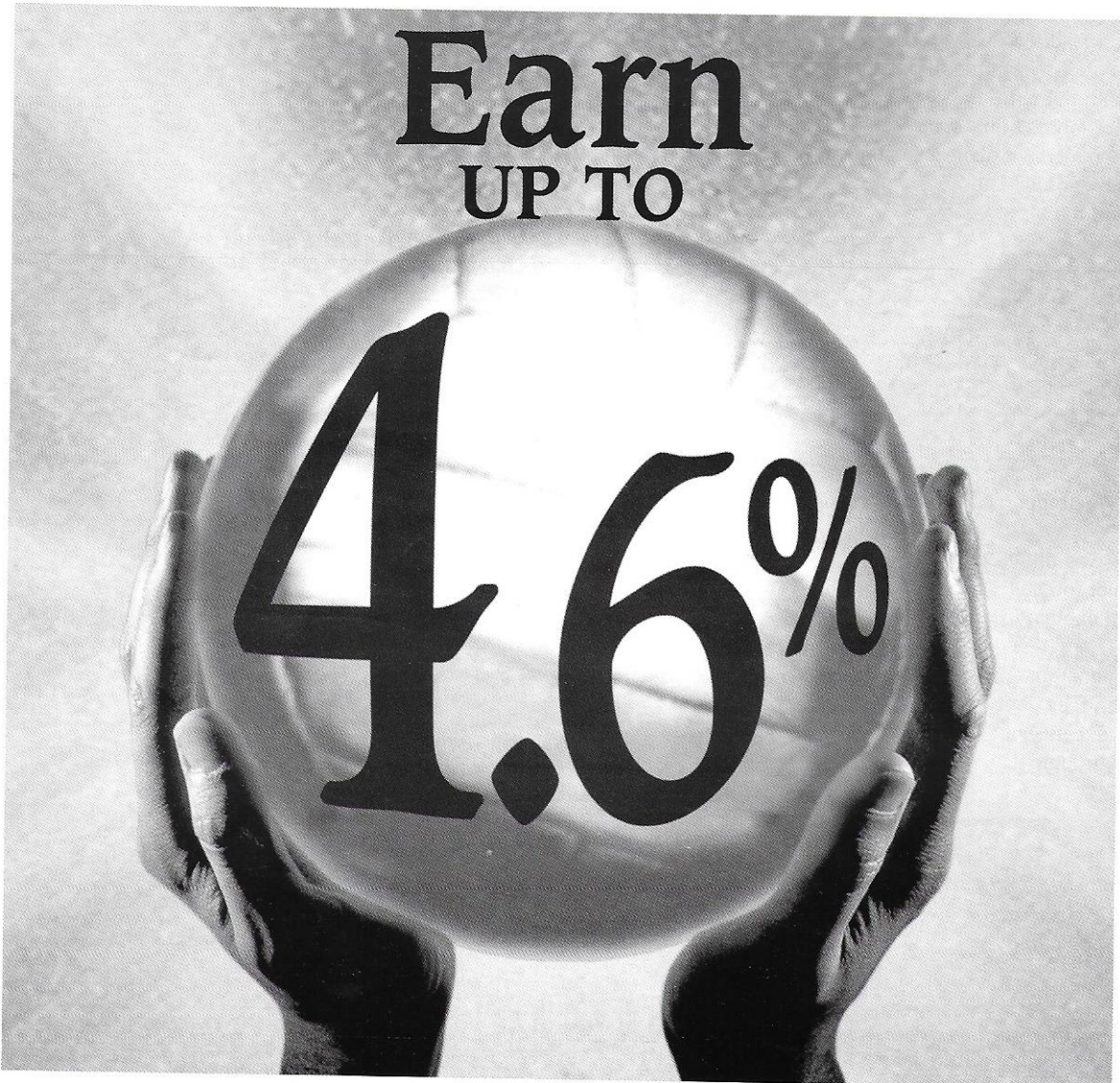
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The Irish Nationwide, Sunday Independent, G.A.A. Jubilee Football Captains, who will be introduced on the field before the start of the senior game are:



Pictured above are Adhmhnan O'Sullivan, Sports Editor, Sunday Independent; Seán Mac Thaidhg, Uachtarán, G.A.A. and Michael Fingleton, Managing Director, Irish Nationwide Building Society discussing arrangements for today's celebration lunch and presentation ceremony.

Tony Hanahoe, Dublin 1976 & 1977; Denis (Ogie) Moran, Kerry 1978; Tim Kennelly, Kerry 1979; Ger Power, Kerry 1980; Jimmy Deenihan, Kerry 1981; Richie O'Connor, Offaly

1982; Tommy Drumm, Dublin 1983; Ambrose O'Donovan, Kerry 1984; Páidí Ó Sé, Kerry 1985; Tom Doyle, Kerry 1986; Mick Lyons, Meath 1987; Joe Cassells, Meath 1988; Denis Allen, Cork 1989; Larry Tompkins, Cork 1990; Paddy O'Rourke, Down 1991; Anthony

Molloy, Donegal 1992; Henry Downey, Derry 1993; D.J. Kane, Down 1994; John O'Leary, Dublin 1995; Tommy Dowd, Meath 1996; Liam Hassett, Kerry 1997; Ray Silke, Galway 1998; Graham Geraghty, Meath 1999 and Seamus Moynihan, Kerry 2000.

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Peil (Buachaillí)

Team U

An Mhí - Green and Gold.

Pitch: Defending Cusack Stand - Canal End.

- Gordon Peters, Lisvemane N.S., Tipperary.
- Eoin Doyle, Screen N.S., Wexford.
- John Sheridan, St. Colmcille's N.S., Aughnaccliffe, Longford.
- Damien Small, Derrylatinee Roan, Dungannon, Tyrone.
- Jonjo Farrell, Ladywell N.S., Thomastown, Kilkenny.
- Simon Miller, Stadbally N.S., Laois.
- Eunan O'Kane, St. Canice's P.S., Feeny, Derry.
- Aidan Gilheany, Scoil Mhuire, Swanlinbar, Cavan.
- Stephen Lynch, Scoil Mhuire, Castleblayney, Monaghan.
- Shane Gleeson, Ballymacarbry N.S., Waterford.

Team V

Gaillimh - Maroon and White.

Pitch: Defending Hogan Stand - Canal End.

- Conor Hughes, Scoil Mhuire, Castleblayney, Monaghan.
- Damien O'Boyle, St. Patrick's N.S., Calry, Sligo.
- Stephen Caulfield, Glenbeigh N.S., Kerry.
- Ronan Killian, Cornafulla N.S., Roscommon.
- Cristóir Ó Maonaigh, Scoil Lorcán, Baile Pámair, BÁC.
- Ruairí Connolly, St. Patrick's C.B.S., Westport, Mayo.
- Cyril Elliffe, Rosemount N.S., Westmeath.
- David O'Neill, Ballinamere N.S., Offaly.
- Shaun Kelly, Niall Mór N.S., Killybegs, Donegal.
- Éamonn Byrne, Holy Spirit B.N.S., Ballymun, Dublin.

Peil (Cailíní)

Team W

An Mhí - Green and Gold.

Pitch: Defending Hogan Stand - Hill 16 End.

- Natasha Quinn, St. Claires N.S., Tubberclare, Westmeath.
- Linda Tully, Yellow Furze N.S., Navan, Meath.
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Team X

Gaillimh - Maroon and White.

Pitch: Defending Cusack Stand - Hill 16 End.

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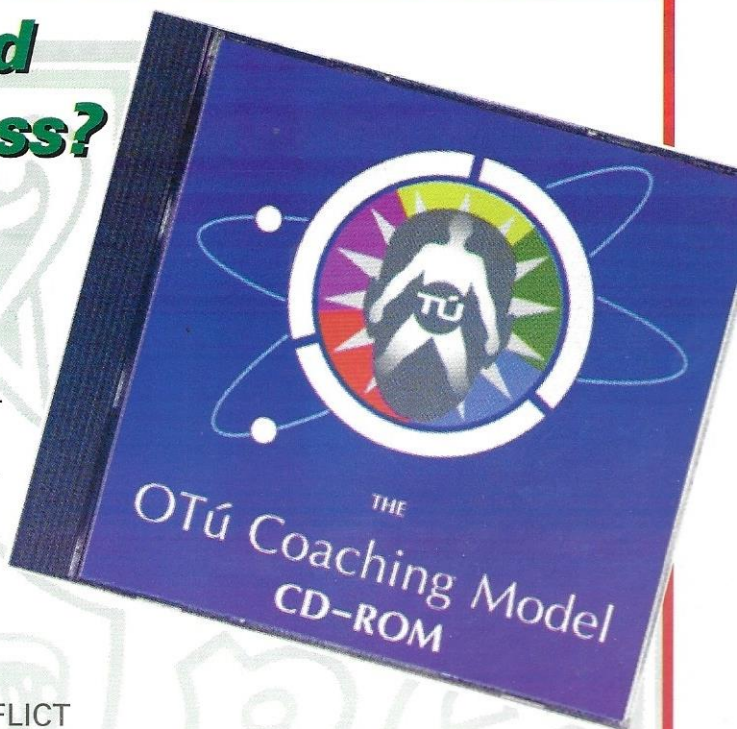
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It's been an exciting summer for football. Our thanks to the players for their skill and commitment, to the managers and mentors for their time and effort and to the referees and their officials for their vital contribution.

The National Referees' Committee's work for the autumn includes:

- (i) Training more Tutors to give training courses for referees in the counties.
- (ii) Having received the names of promising young referees from the provinces, to provide advanced training courses for them. Hopefully Croke Park on All-Ireland day will be their goal.

Talking Points from Championship 2001

1. Substitution Zone and System of introducing Substitutes:

This championship, all substitutions, including a temporary replacement player for a blood injury, had to be made from the substitution zone. This is an area near the centre line and the big change was that the substitute could not enter the field of play until the player he was replacing came out to the substitution zone.

There have been complaints that this is taking too much time and is slowing up play. With a possible five ordinary subs from each team, as well as replacements for blood injuries, there can be a lot of stoppages. Spectators are used to non-stop action in our games and are critical of all stoppages.

It is a factor, of course, that the player who is being replaced sometimes doesn't seem to see his number on the board or hear his name on the public address and, when the bad news finally dawns on him, does not dash off the field at full speed.

But in an effort to streamline the process, the matter will be reviewed at the end of the championship.

2. Free-Kick from the Hands

Mick Dunne in his column in the September issue of *Highball* magazine makes some very specific criticism of refereeing this summer. Mick says:

"By now I've given up on ever again seeing a footballer taking an out-of-the-hands free or sideline kick from the spot indicated by referee or linesman. Many players take it for granted that the indicated spot is where they start their run from and take the kick two or three metres beyond it".

In the meeting with referees in Athlone on August 14th the question of free kicks from the hands was one of those matters discussed under the heading "What we must put right".

What is the Rule?

Rule 4.24 Technical Fouls in Football.

"To advance the ball deliberately from the place at which a free kick or sideline kick is to be taken"

- Penalty: (i) Cancel free kick or sideline kick
(ii) Throw in the ball where the foul occurred except as provided under Exception (v) of Rule 2.2 (i.e. inside the 20m. line).

3. The Hand Pass

Another specific criticism made by Mick Dunne in his column was the amount of illegal hand passes in our games this summer.

What is the Rule?

Rule 4.2 (b) of Technical Fouls in Football

"To handpass the ball without a definite striking action"

- Penalty: Free kick from where the foul occurred except as provided under Exceptions of Rule 2.2.

Definition 7 further defines the Handpass as follows: When in possession, the ball may be struck with the open hand or fist — provided there is a definite striking action, with the striking hand not being in contact with ball before delivering the strike. In a two-handed pass, the ball may be struck off a holding hand by the other hand, or released and struck. In a one-handed pass, the ball shall be released from the hand before being struck by the same hand. The releasing of the ball, when used, shall be considered an integral part of the hand/fisted pass.

But it must be noted, as for any free, that the referee must have a clear view before he blows for a foul.

Spectators' Reaction:

The spectators' reaction to one of the above Technical Fouls can be one of frustration at what they regard as the fussiness of the referee. But the referee's function is to implement all the rules and to penalise Technical as well as Aggressive Fouls.

Knowledge of the Rules

One of the purposes of these articles in the programmes this summer has been to highlight some of the Rules not always clearly known.

There was a clear example of this lack of knowledge in an incident in the Minor Hurling Final two weeks ago. There were howls of protest from some spectators when referee Tommy McIntyre penalised a Cork player, who, having lost his hurley, went toe to hand as in football. The referee blew for a free.

Was the referee right? Yes.

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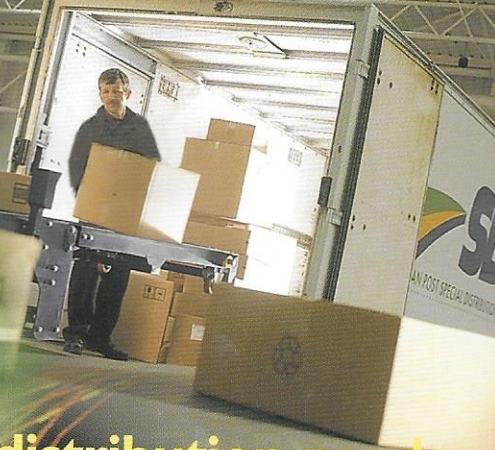
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