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Cill Dara v. Dún na nGall

6.15 i.n. @ St. Conleth's Park, Droichead Nua

Réiteoir:

N. Barrett (Corcaigh)

Linesmen:

D. Joyce (Gaillimh) STAND-BY REFEREE

H. Beirne (Ros Comáin)

C. Buckley (Uibh Fhaili) STAND-BY LINESMAN

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Niall Barrett (Corcaigh)

Niall had charge of the Allianz National Football League final between Mayo and Galway at Croke Park in late April.

He has been refereeing for some ten years and has controlled Cork county senior finals.

Niall is now a very experienced "knight of the whistle" and has refereed games at All-Ireland minor semi-final and interprovincial senior levels. He has also refereed at Bank of Ireland provincial championships in the South.

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BANK OF IRELAND ALL-IRELAND SENIOR **FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS**

Round 1

9th June — Wexford (After extra time): Wexford 1-19; Westmeath 1-19. Top scorer: L. O'Brien (Wexford) 0-11.

9th June — Casement Park:

1-13: Down Armagh 2-4. Top scorer: Steven McDonnell (Armagh) 1-2.

9th June — Casement Park:

Antrim 1-8. 0-13: Leitrim Top scorer: Paddy Logan (Antrim) 0-8.

9th June — Clonmel:

Louth 0-13; Tippperary 1-8. Top scorer: M. Stanfield (Louth) 0-6.

9th June — Dungarvan:

Carlow 3-11; Waterford 1-10. Top scorer: G. Hurney (Waterford) 1-3.

16th June. Enniskillen:

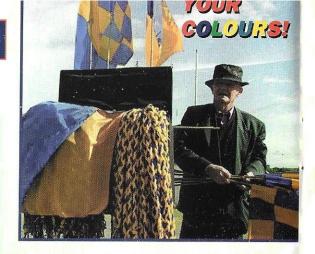
0-15; Fermanagh Donegal 1-6. Top scorer: B.Devenney (Donegal) 0-6.

16th June. Mullingar (Replay):

Westmeath 1-16; Wexford

Top scorers: G. Heavin (Westmeath) 1-3; J. Fallon (Westmeath) 0-6.

Laois received a bye.



Round 2

23rd June, Limerick:

Westmeath 0-17; Limerick 0-7. Top scorer: G. Heavin (Westmeath) 0-8.

23rd June, Carlow:

2-14: Carlow Sligo 2-7. Top scorer: J. McGrath (Carlow) 2-0.

23rd June. Casement Park;

Derry 0-10; Antrim 0-7. Top scorer: G. Diamond (Derry) 0-3.

23rd June. An Uaimh:

Louth 0-12; Offaly 1-8.

Top scorer: C. Kelly (Louth) 0-4.

FIXTURES — Round 2, 30th June, 2001 Cúil Cúilíní Páirc Uí Mhordha, Portlaoise: LAOIS AN CLÁR Cuit Cúiliní Cáil Cáilíní St. Conleth's Park, Droichead Nua: **CILL DARA DÚN NA nGALL** Cúil Cúilíní Cúil Cúilíní Páirc An Chontae, Eachroim: **CILL MHANTÁIN** GAILLIMH Cúll Cúlliní Páirc Naomh Tigharnach, Cluain Eois: MUINEACHÁIN **ARD MHACHA**

1-8.

More noteworthy achievements in football on the way?

s another campaign for the Sam Maguire Cup moves into gear, there is little doubt that the championship race will add some noteworthy achievements to the long history of the All-Ireland senior football championship.

The first senior championship of the new Millennium last year contributed a good quota of happenings that were just a little special.

It is worth-while at this stage taking a look at just a few of these that marked out the campaign in an unusual way.

18 LONG YEARS

The year was a particularly memorable one for Antrim as the county recorded a first Ulster championship win in 18 long years.

The Glensmen went into their Casement Park encounter with Down against the background of not having won a single game in the championship since beating Cavan at Breffni Park in 1982.

But brilliant goalkeeping by Sean McGreevy and the accuracy from frees of Sheeney McQuillan did much to end the losing sequence on a scoreline of 0-13 to 1-7.

ANOTHER LONG WAIT ENDED

Another county that ended a long wait for a senior championship win, though not quite in the same category as Antrim, was Sligo. They had not beaten Mayo in 25 years in the Connacht series when they lined out against their neighbours at Markievicz Park in early June.

But, led in majestic style by their captain Eamonn O'Hara at midfield, the Yeats County finally achieved the long-hoped for breakthrough with a well-earned 1-13 to 1-10 victory in the opening round.

Sligo, of course, recorded championship wins over other counties in the quarter-of a century between those wins over Mayo.

EXCELLENT FINISHING POWERS

The meeting of old rivals Kerry and Cork at Killarney in a Munster semi-final was especially noteworthy for splendid exhibitions of sharpshooting by Dara Ó Cinnéide and Colin Corkery.

Ó Cinnéide, who gave one of his best-ever displays in the Kerry jersey, scored two goals from penalties in the first half and finished up with 2-5.

Corkery's finishing technique was just as impressive. He collected a goal from play, six points from frees and two from play to end the day with a splendid 1-8.

GOALKEEPER'S BRAVE BID

Goalkeeper Padraig Kelly went close to earning Offaly a dramatic last gasp win over Kildare in a Leinster semi-final at Croke Park.

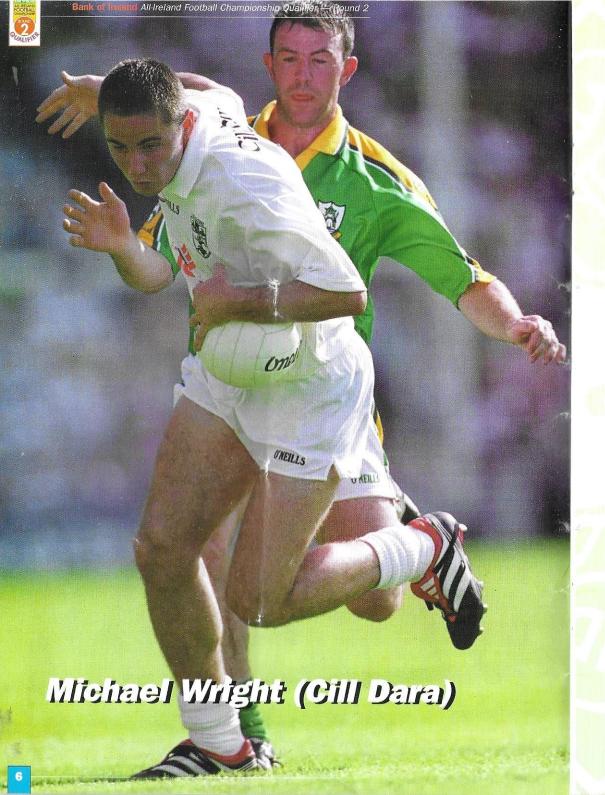
The Faithful County trailed by five points early in the second half but fought back to get on level terms with time almost up.

Then in injury time Offaly were awarded a 60 metres free. Goalkeeper Kelly faced up to the daunting task of trying to earn a sensational winning point. He made a great effort, too, with his shot just drifting wide.

SPOT KICKS ON PARADE

Over the entire Bank of Ireland senior football championship season last year a total of 13 penalty kicks were awarded. Eight produced goals, four were saved and only one was kicked wide.

The penalty king was Dara Ó Cinnéide, of Kerry, who collected three goals from three attempts. He also scored the last penalty awarded-against Armagh in the drawn All-Ireland semi-final.



Donegal and Kildare Similarities and Contrasts



onegal and Kildare are obviously not one of the great championship pairings; indeed, their paths have never crossed at any level in the premier competition. But for counties whose paths have never crossed, they are a number of similarities - and contrasts - in their championship stories. One that immediately springs to mind is that they are the only counties to have won the Sam Maguire Cup (Kildare four times, Donegal once), but never lifted its minor equivalent - the Tom Markham trophy.

At under-21 level Donegal hold the advantage with two national titles (1982 and '87) to Kildare's one (1965). But thereafter one searches the final records in vain for a Donegal or Kildare triumph. The junior grade is littered with near misses; on the seven occasions the Lily Whites came out of Leinster, All-Ireland honours eluded them and a single 'Home' final victory was the best they could manage, but they lost the final proper to London.

Donegal's fate was somewhat similar, although not as numerous; in 1933 they went down to Mayo at the second-last hurdle and in '54 they lost to Kerry by two goals. An interesting coincidence is that both counties lost important ties in the boardroom - Kildare to Galway in the 1931 'Home' final after they had won it on the field, and Donegal to Down in the provincial decider in '34.

The minor grade was equally frustrating; Kildare have reached one final but they were well beaten by Tyrone in 1973, while Donegal have yet to grace All-Ireland final day in the grade, although they came agonisingly close in the 1996 semi-final against Laois, the eventual winners.

Senior championship paths might have

crossed in 1935, but for the intervention of Cavan. Against the Breffni men in the first round. Donegal put up a tremendous fight before going down by 1-9 to 1-11 at Clones; Cavan subsequently took the provincial title with something to spare and faced the Lily Whites in the All-Ireland final and won by four points.

The National League also provided an arena of mutual frustration. Neither county has even won this competition though both came very close to doing so - and on more than one occasion. Donegal and Kildare, despite the paucity of their mutual backgrounds, do have something in common to which today's meeting adds a new dimension.

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- (19) Tadgh Fennin T. Ó Fionnáin (Castlemitchell)
- (20) John Finn S. Ó Finn (Clane)
- (21) Brian Murphy B. Ó Murchú (Clane)
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(16) Darren Nash

D. de Nais

(Milford)

(17) Noel Hegarty

N. Ó hEigertaigh

(18) Patrick McConigley

P. Mac Congaill

(Fanad Gaels)

B. Ó Maoineacháin

(Four Masters)

(19) Barry Monaghan

(20) James Gallagher

S. Ó Gallchóir

(Gweedore)

A. Ó Baoill

(Dungloe)

DUINE

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Shane Carr

(Four Masters)

S. Mac Giolla Chearra

(21) Tony Boyle

(22)

(23)

(24)

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It Happened In Football

NOMINATED

The recent outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease and the disruption caused to sports fixtures in many parts of the country, recalls a similar situation 60 years ago when a number of important inter-county games fell foul of the necessary restrictions. In football the most noticeable of these was the postponement of the Leinster football final between Dublin and Carlow. The postponement was particularly disappointing for Carlow who had qualified for their first provincial final after five games.

With the All-Ireland semi-finals pending, the Leinster Council nominated Dublin who went down to Kerry on a replay. By the time it was possible to stage the provincial final public interest - even in Carlow - had waned considerably and when the game went on at Cullen Park on the second Sunday in November, there was a crowd of just 2,000 present. A disappointing end for Carlow, as in a lacklustre contest they were beaten by 4-6 to 1-4.

FAIR ENOUGH

Games, even the most important, have occasionally been postponed for a variety of reasons - weather, injuries, foot-and-mouth, etc., - but an All-Ireland final being postponed because of a fair day is almost certainly unique.

This novel postponement took place in the 1890 championship in which Midleton, representing Cork and Wexford Blues and Whites were finalists. The final had originally been fixed for November 15, 1890, but when Wexford failed to show, Cork were awarded the title on the spot. However, an appeal by the Slaneysiders resulted in the Central Council ordering the final be played, but now arranging a date became a problem. March 13, 1892 was to have been the date. but the Munster champions declared that they couldn't possibly play on that day as it was a fair day in Midleton. Apparently this was an acceptable excuse and the game was re-fixed and eventually took place the following June.

A revenge win for Donegal as Kildare step into action for the first time

Bank of Ireland All-Ireland Football Championship Qua

It was a case of third time lucky this year for Donegal when they beat Fermanagh at Enniskillen by 0-15 to 1-6 in a somewhat disappointing All-Ireland senior football championship qualifier.

Donegal, beaten by Fermanagh in a replay at the same venue in a preliminary round game in the Ulster championship last month, opened brightly and were well on their way to the next round when they led by 0-9 to 0-0 at the interval.

The visitors had the better of the exchanges in the second half and Fermanagh's goal by Mark O'Donnell was scored in injury time.

Brendan Devenney had a fine game for Donegal and finished as top scorer with six points. Adrian Sweeney, also in attack, and John Gildea in midfield were others to the fore in the success.

Donegal scorers: B. Devenney 0-6, A. Sweeney

O-4, B. Roper O-2, M. Hegarty O-1, B. McLoughlin O-1, T. Boyle O-1.

LOST TITLE

Kildare started their defence of the Leinster senior football title with an 0-19 to1-11 win over Carlow at Croke Park.

Padraig Brennan, who scored eight points, was the Lily-White's leading light.

However, Kildare lost their provincial title nexttime out at Croke Park when they went down to Meath last Sunday by 1-16 to 1-11.

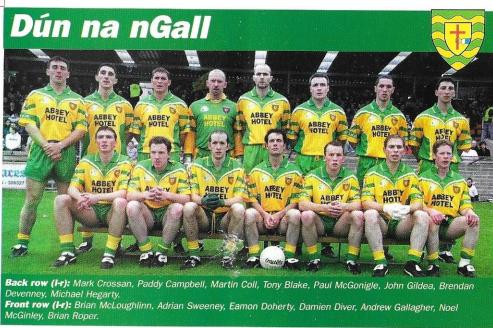
A decisive moment in the game was a penalty goal expertly sent to the Kildare net by Trevor Giles in the 56th minute to put the Royals four points clear.

Niall Buckley worked hard at midfield for Kildare, while Padraig Brennan, their top scorer with four points, second half substitute Killian Brennan, who found the Meath net in the 66th minute and right half back Kenny Duane and right full Brian Lacey, who scored a splendid point, tried hard for the All Whites.

Kildare scorers against Meath: P. Brennan 0-4, N. Buckley 0-3, K. Brennan 1-0, E. McCormack 0-1, K. O'Dwyer 0-1, B. Lacey 0-1, J. Doyle 0-1.







It Happened In Football

FEW SUBS

Team selectors quite often have difficulty in cutting down the number of players for the All-Ireland final programme and over the years there have been many disappointed players who were confident of making the final panel, but didn't. There were no such problems for the Kerry and Wexford mentors as they set about deciding the squad for the 1913 All-Ireland final as each side selected only three subs - and there were no complaints recorded.

GOAL PUSH

Since points are more easily scored than goals, it rarely happens that teams notch more goals than points. Indeed, it hasn't happened in any championship game of note over the past three-quarters of a century or more. That surely makes the opening half of the Kerry-Galway All-Ireland semi-final of 1919 in which just four scores were recorded unique - because they were all goals! Galway had three to Kerry's one in that period to provide that encounter with the distinction of being the only occasion in an All-Ireland semi-final that all the

scores in a first or second half merited the green flag.

A SHORT SEASON

The early 1890s were trying years for the G.A.A. as the Association tore itself apart because of the political turmoil of the time. In fact, the G.A.A. ceased to exist in many parts of the country with the lowest point being reached in 1893 when only four counties took part in the football championship - Cork, Wexford, Kilkenny and Westmeath. That entry should have made for at least 180 minutes of football, but even that pathetic figure wasn't reached as only one of the three games ran its full course - the Wexford-Westmeath meeting at the Phoenix Park. The Leinster final ended abruptly at half-time when Kilkenny withdrew, a move imitated by Cork in the All-Ireland final when they departed the scene ten minutes into the second half after an altercation involving players and spectators.

One hundred and thirty minutes of play in a 'whole' championship season; the G.A.A. had struck rock bottom.

sell yeil seel neill

Kildare 1-14 Donegal 1-7

Today's meeting of Kildare and Donegal will be the counties' first in the Senior Football Championship, but the protagonists do have a history in the National League, the most recent meeting coming at Droichead Nua in March 1997. Both counties were in need of the points, but for different reasons. The home side had won four and lost two of their previous six outings so a win would guarantee them a place in the knock-out stages while the visitors, with just four points from six games, had to win in order to avoid relegation.

Donegal played against the breeze in the opening half. but they looked the more impressive outfit and most of the early action took place in the Kildare half. However, the visiting forwards left their shooting boots at home and bad misses from Tony Boyle and Adrian Sweeney undermined their confidence. Indeed, Kildare opened their account when Niall Buckley converted a free from an awkward angle and, suitably encouraged, the same player added three more before Donegal troubled the scoreboard operator. That initial score for the northerners in the 26th minute from Sweeney was quickly followed by another from the same player, but just before the break a terrific movement involving Glen Ryan, Brian Fahy, Declan Kerrigan and Anthony Rainbow, ended with Declan Lynch splitting the posts to leave it 0-5 to 0-2 at the interval.

On the restart wind-assisted Donegal set about their arrears with gusto and points by Manus Boyle and Ollie

Reid threatened a tight finish. However, the Lily Whites responded with a brace of frees from Buckley and they increased their advantage to four with a fine point by Eddie McCormack after Ryan, Rainbow and Doyle combined to set him up. Donegal responded with a point from Boyle but within 90 seconds Kildare struck for the decisive score - a quickly-taken free by Buckley saw Kerrigan fist the ball past the helpless Paul Callaghan. Although Manus and Tony Boyle replied for Donegal, their scores were swamped by similar efforts from the winners' Buckley, McCormack, Eric Dockery, Lynch and Michael Ryan. A late goal from Brian Roper was of little consolation to the losers.

Kildare scorers: N.Buckley 0-8, D.Kerrigan 1-0, M.Lynch 0-2, E.McCormack 0-2, E.Dockery 0-1, M.Ryan 0-1.

Donegal scorers: M.Boyle 0-3, B.Roper 1-0, A.Sweeney 0-2, O.Reid 0-1, T.Boyle 0-1.

Kildare - C.Byrne, Martin Ryan, J.Finn, K.Doyle, A.Rainbow, G.Ryan, B.Fahy, D.Hyman, N.Buckley, P.Gravin, D.Kerrigan, T.Harris, E.McCormack, M.Lvnch. E.Dockery. Sub - Michael Ryan for Gravin.

Donegal - P.Callaghan, P.McGinley, S.McEwan, J.Cunningham, D.Diver, M.Crossan, O.Reid, J.Ruane, M.Gavigan, J.Ban Gallagher, T.Boyle, B.Murray, A.Sweeney, M.Boyle, B.Roper. Subs - D.McNamara for Gallagher, M.Gallagher for McEwan, J.Gildea for M.Boyle

TOP TAKEOVER OF SCORING CHART BY GER HEAVIN

Ger Heavin has taken over on top of the chart of leading individual scorers for the Bank of Ireland All Ireland senior football championship qualifiers. He scored eight points last Saturday against Limerick at Limerick to pass out the early leader, Leigh O'Brien (Wexford).

Heavin has 1-16 in three games at a match average of 6.33 points.

O'Brien has bowed out of the campaign with 0-16 in two games at an average of eight points an outing. O'Brien helped himself to eleven points, eight from frees. and one from a '45", in Wexford's extra time draw with Westmeath in the opening round at Wexford.

That is the top individual return for the campaign so far.

Westmeath, in fact, now command the

leading two positions in the chart as Joe Fallon has also passed out O'Brien. He is just a point behind his county team captain with 0-18 in three games, or six points a match on average.

The leading scorers in the All-Ireland qualifiers series of matches so far are:

Points		Score	Games	Average
19	Ger Heavin (Westmeath)	1-16	3	6.33
18	Joe Fallon (Westmeath)	0-18	3	6.00
16	Leigh O'Brien (Wexford)	0-16	2	8.00
8	Paddy Logan (Antrim)	0-8	1	8.00
8	Keith Byrne (Wicklow)	1-5	1	8.00
7	Dessie Dolan (Westmeath)	0-7	3	2.33
6	Gar Hurney (Waterford	0-6	1	6.00
6	Brendan Devenney (Donegal)	0-6	1	6.00
6	John McGrath (Carlow)	2-0	2	3.00
6	Mattie Forde (Wexford)	1-3	2	3.00
6	Mark Stanfield (Louth)	0-6	2	3.00





Who, Where, When?

- 1. Who won the 2001 Sigerson Cup?
- 2. Where was that Cup final played?

- 6. When was the final played—early March, or early April?

Last Year's Football Championships

All the questions here relate to the first football championships in all grades in the year 2000.

- 1. Who won the All-Ireland minor football championship last September?
- 2. Name the only county to win a senior championship game outside of Ireland last year.
- Tyrone beat Limerick in the AlHreland under-21 final last year. Was that game played at Croke Park, Athlone or Mullingar?
- Who won the Leinster under-21 football title last season?
- Fermanagh won the All-Ireland "B" football title last November. True or false?
- 6. Who refereed the drawn Bank of Ireland senior football final last September?
- 7. Did Galway score a goal against Kildare in the All-Ireland senior semi-final last August?
- 8. Who captained Kildare to the Leinster senior football title?
- 9. Who beat Kerry in the Altreland junior football final last August?
- 10. Rory Gallagher was the top scorer in his province at senior last year in the championship campaign. What is his county team?

LETTERS MAZE

The letters maze below includes the names of six well-known intercounty footballers and one county football team manager. The names may run from left to right, right to left, up or down or diagonally.

Here are the clues to help you find the names.

1. Tipperarys only All Star so far in football, who is also an accomplished huler. (1, 6).

- 2. One of the best midfielders in football and who led his county to a national senior title last year. (1, 6).
- 3. Played in an AlHreland senior final with his club last year and a leading player with his county team. (1, 7).
- A former provincial title winning captain from the West who has been seen in more recent times in the colours of another county team. (1, 5).
- A splendid full back from a county with Royal connections. (1, 3).
- A recent AlHreland senior final team captain. (1, 5).
- Was team manager when his county won their only All-Ireland senior football title in the early nineties and is back again in the same role with his county, (1, 7).

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Early April. 4. Meath. 5. Mullingar. 6. Early April. Who, Where, When: 1. U.U. Jordanstown. 2. Scotsttown, Co. Monaghan. 3. McEnaney (Monaghan). 7. No. 8. Glen Ryan. 9. Roscommon. 10 Fermanagh 4. Westmeath. 5. True. Fermanagh beat Wicklow in the final. 6. Pat in the opening round of the Connacht championship in London. 3. Mullingar. Last Year's Football Championship: Cork. 2. Roscommon, who beat London reagear-

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