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PEILE NA HÉIREANN
Páirc an Chrócaigh,
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Cluichí Ceannais Peile na hÉireann

Mionúir

An Mhí v. Doire

1.30 i.n.

Réiteoir: Michael Ryan (Luimneach)
Linesmen: H. Beirne (Ros Comáin) **STAND-BY REFEREE**
 A. Mangan (Ciarraí)
 S. Doyle (Loch Garman) **STAND-BY LINESMAN**
Umpires: Francie Kenny (Askeaton), Tom Corrigan (Askeaton),
 Enda Ryan (Askeaton), Albert Burke (Askeaton).

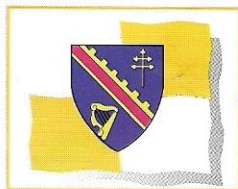


Sinsir

Ard Mhacha v. Ciarraí

3.30 i.n.

Réiteoir: John Bannon (Longfort)
Linesmen: S. McCormack (An Mhí) **STAND-BY REFEREE**
 D. Joyce (Gaillimh)
 M. Daly (Maigh Eo) **STAND-BY LINESMAN**
Umpires: Johnnie Marlowe (Kenagh), Peter O'Reilly (Abbeylara),
 Tommy McCormack (Ballymahon), Mick Doherty (Legan Sarsfields).

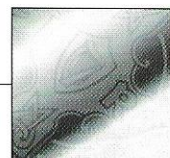


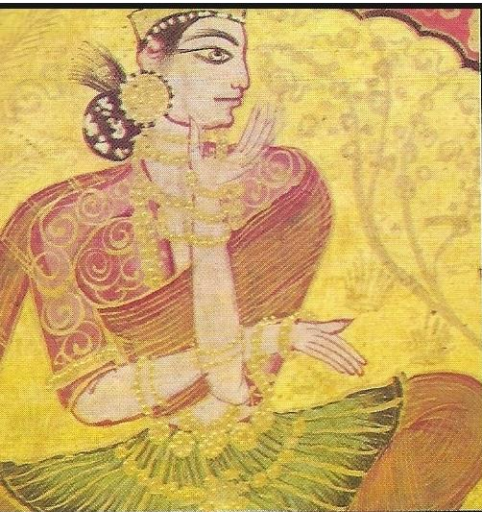
Amhrán na bhFiann

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

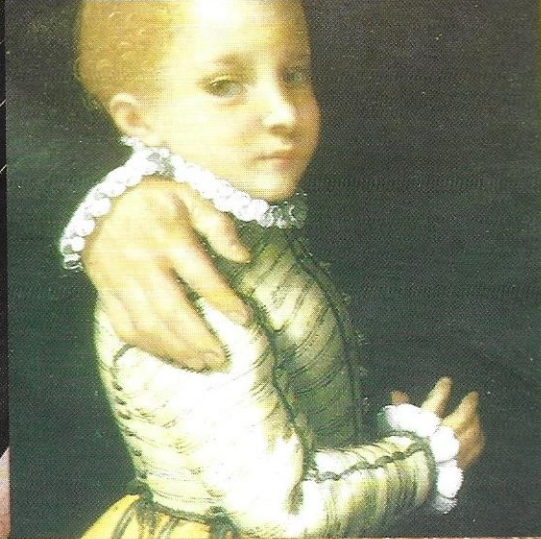
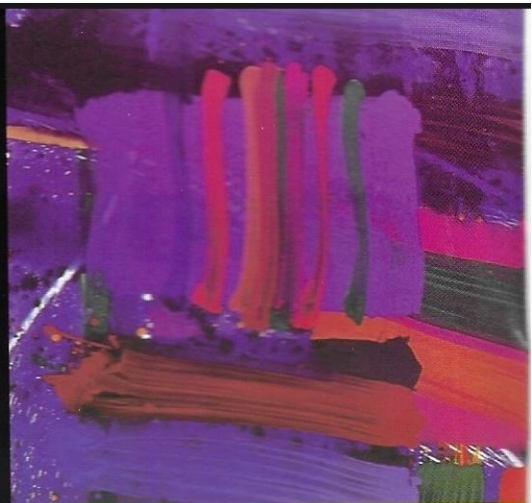


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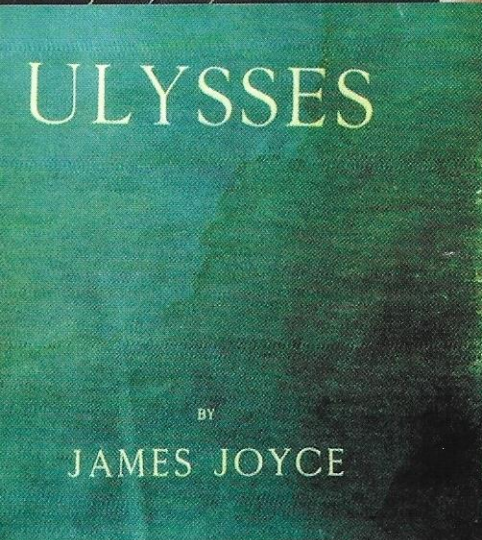




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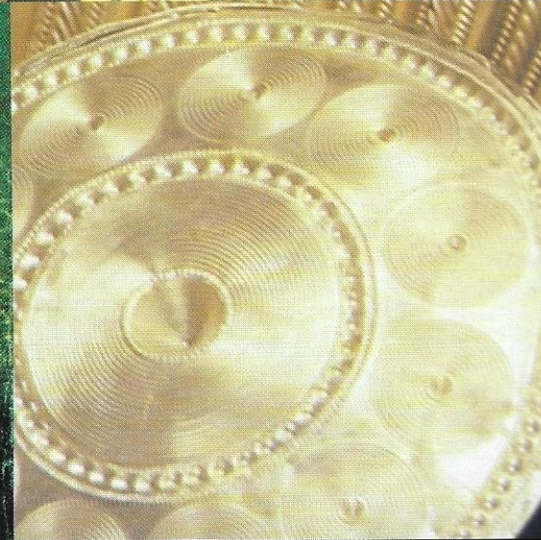


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Teachtaireacht an Uachtaráin

Is cúis mhór áthais dom fíorchaoin fáilte a fhearradh romhaibh go léir go dtí Páirc an Chrócaigh inniú le haghaidh Cluichí Ceannais Peile na hÉireann. Fearaim fáilte faoi leith roimh na himreoirí ó Chiarraí, Árd Mhaca, Doire agus An Mhí a bheidh ag ghlacadh páirte anseo inniú.

I am again privileged to welcome you today to Páirc an Chrócaigh for the Bank of Ireland All Ireland Football Finals. It is a special day for the people of Armagh, Kerry, Derry and Meath, and to their players, officials and supporters we extend our best wishes for an enjoyable day.

This year has provided us with one of the most memorable football championships of recent times. There is no doubt that the standard of the big ball game has improved considerably and it is most pleasing that the abiding memory of the season for us all will be the plethora of excellent games we witnessed along the way. In Leinster, the quality of entertainment in the games between Dublin and Meath, Kildare and Offaly and the Leinster final itself was truly exceptional. Cork and Tipperary served up a cracker in Munster, Tyrone and Armagh lit up the northern scene, while Galway were early favourites for Sam, after playing some delightful free flowing football in the West.

The qualifiers gave us a Limerick side who have a very bright future indeed, and of course who can forget the excitement generated by Sligo's fine run to the quarter finals. The Yeats County's performance against Tyrone was one of the finest seen at Headquarters for many years and the excitement of their draw with Armagh will live long in the memory. Donegal too, had their moments and we applaud all of the counties who took part in this year's championship for their contribution to what was by and large a vintage year.

Nonetheless, only two teams can take the field on All Ireland day, and this year that honour falls to the men of Kerry and Armagh. Their defeat to Cork in the Munster semi-final (a game overshadowed by the tragic

circumstances of the previous week) was the spur needed by the Kingdom to mount a serious challenge on this year's competition. Aided by an exciting forward sextet, the free scoring Kingdom have been most impressive throughout their qualifier odyssey.

Armagh, on the other hand, chose a more traditional route, although they did require a second bite of the cherry against both Tyrone and Sligo. Their semi-final win against Dublin produced a second half of tension, excitement and some terrific football, at the end of which the Orchard County found themselves in their first final since 1977.

The minor final brings together two of the aristocrats at this level over the past twenty years. Both counties have appeared with such regularity over the past few decades, that their appearance here again today is a clear vindication of the underage work being carried out in both Derry and Meath.

I would like to express my thanks to the players, coaches, administrators, our many volunteers and the thousands of exemplary supporters who ensured that this year's championship was such a resounding success. I would also like to express my appreciation to Bank of Ireland for their continued support of the football championship and their promotion of football through the media.

Finally, as always on All Ireland final day, our thoughts are with the Irish diaspora across the globe who, while not here in person, will join us in spirit on television, on radio and via the internet all around the world. For them, and for you, we hope for a traditionally stirring climax to the football season.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh cluichí spóirtíúla den scoth againn inniú.

Seán Mac Thaidhg.

Seán Mac Thaidhg,
Uachtarán C.L.G.

A Message From Bank of Ireland

Following four months and sixty-six games of fantastic football the eagerly awaited 2002 Bank of Ireland Football Final between Armagh and Kerry has arrived.

Armagh remains the one unbeaten team in this year's Championship – a magnificent achievement as they have played seven games since May. Kerry, about to play their ninth game, have also progressed through the Championship with great style.

This year's Bank of Ireland Football Championship has been the most successful to date. Over 1.1m people have already passed through the turnstiles. More games than ever have been played with today's 67th game a new record. Recent surveys have also shown that the Bank of Ireland Football Championship is now the best known sponsorship in Ireland.

I would like to welcome everyone to Croke Park today. The next time Bank of Ireland will be here will be in June of next year for the opening ceremony of the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games. As Premier Sponsor of the Games we hope to see many of you back here again for what promises to be an unforgettable occasion.

I would like to wish both Armagh and Kerry the very best of luck today and I hope you all enjoy a great afternoon of football.

Des Crowley
Chief Executive Retail Financial Services – ROI
Bank of Ireland



Ground Regulations – Páirc An Chrócaigh

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

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- Box Level (Level 6)**
Call Card at elevator opposite Box 633.
- Upper Level (Level 7)**
Pay Phone next to lift at rear of Section 708.

SAFETY NOTICE

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

The policy to prohibit such encroachment in the future has been taken to avoid further injuries and possible fatality and has been taken on the advice and promptings of the safety authorities, namely the Gardaí, Dublin Corporation & Fire Brigade and the Eastern Health Board. Unlike many other grounds, Croke Park with its sunken areas close to the pitch presents particular hazards in a pitch encroachment situation.

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

Medical / Lost Children +

New Stand Lower:

Medical Centre rear of Section 301.

New Stand Upper:

Medical Centre rear of Section 701. Treatment and Cardiac Ambulance rear of Stand. Medical Personnel on duty on Premium & Box Level.

Hill 16:

Treatment Ambulance beside Treatment Centre rear of Terrace.

The Site Medical Officer will be situated on the pitch in front of the Nally Stand. All Treatment Centres are staffed by St. John's Ambulance Brigade members.

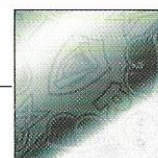
Lost Children

Lost Children can be collected at the above Medical Centres.

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



Peil (Buachaillí)		Peil (Cailíní)	
Team U Ciarraí: Green and Gold Pitch: Defending Hogan Stand — Hill 16 End.	Team V Ard Mhacha: Orange and White Pitch: Defending Cusack Stand — Hill 16 End.	Team W Ciarraí: Green and Gold Pitch: Defending Cusack Stand — Canal End.	Team X Ard Mhacha: Orange and White Pitch: Defending Hogan Stand — Canal End.
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The National Anti-Racism
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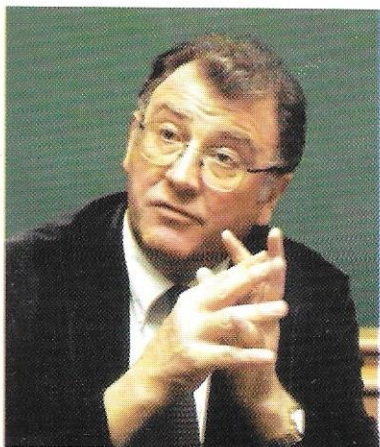
Teachtairacht ó "Know Racism"

Is cúis áthais dom an deis seo a bheith agam cur síos a dhéanamh ar an gclár feasachta frith-chiníochais, "Know Racism".

Most lovers of Gaelic Games know how they have the power to unite. This summer alone many friendships have been forged around Ireland while watching the exploits of Ray Cosgrove or D.J.Carey or Seamus Moynihán. Gaelic Games command the hearts and minds of millions in this country and abroad. That is how it should be; sport uniting individuals and communities, not dividing them.

However, sport can also be a focal point for racism and intolerance. While this is a problem for society as a whole, it is an issue for those who love sport in Ireland and who cannot afford to stand on the sideline. The GAA, its clubs, players and supporters as its ambassadors, have a responsibility to protect and promote the image of all games.

The message from "Know Racism" is simple. The campaign urges us to say "No" to racism in all its forms, while at the same time 'getting to know' racism. Racism has many forms. On one hand, it can manifest itself as a feeling of superiority towards others because of different skin colour, nationality, ethnic or cultural background. On the other hand, it can arise from a lack of knowledge, fear or insecurity. In its more extreme forms it emerges as racially motivated abuse, direct discrimination and violence. The awareness programme is endeavouring to increase our understanding of racism, inform us of what racism is and how to recognise it in its various forms. The programme is also contributing to our knowledge of how to respond to racism and discourage it.



I encourage every Irish sports fan to promote the values of mutual respect espoused by "Know Racism" and help everyone to recognise the value and opportunities that diversity brings to our country.

Iarraim oraibh ar fad dúshlán an chiníochais a shárú ar mhaithe le leas na tíre.

Joe M^cDonagh

Joe McDonagh
Cathaoirleach Coiste Stiúrtha
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team up against
racism

An Clár Náisiúnta Feasachta Frith-Chiníochais.
www.knowracism.ie

Clár an Lae

- 12.25 i.n. The Artane Bands entertain.
- 1.13 i.n. Foireann Mhionúir An Mhí amach ar an bPáirc.
- 1.15 i.n. Foireann Mhionúir Dhoire amach ar an bPáirc.
- 1.24 i.n. Arrival of Uachtarán C.L.G. Seán Mac Thaidhg agus a bhean; Éirleam C.L.G. An Dr. Diarmuid Ó Clúmháin, Ardeaspag Caiseal agus Imleach.
Salute.
- 1.27 i.n. Arrival of An Taoiseach via main tunnel.
Salute.
- 1.30 i.n. Craobh Mhonúir Peile na hÉireann:
An Mhí v. Doire
- 2.01 i.n. G.A.A./I.N.T.O. Mini-games.
- 2.40 i.n. End of Minor Football Final.
- 2.45 i.n. Presentation of Markham Trophy by An Dr. Diarmuid Ó Clúmháin.
- 2.53 i.n. Set Dancing: Kilcummin (Ciarraí) & Carrickcruppin (Ard Mhacha)
- 3.00 i.n. Dublin Football Jubilee Team 1976/1977 – Introduced by Darragh Maloney.
- 3.07 i.n. The Paths to the Final – Introduced by Micheál Ó Muirheartaigh.
- 3.10 i.n. Foireann Ard Mhacha amach ar an bPáirc.
- 3.12 i.n. Foireann Chiarraí 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 Shínsir Peile na hÉireann:
ARD MHACHA V. CIARRAÍ
- 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 Seán Mac Thaidhg, Uachtarán C.L.G..
- 5.05 i.n. Presentation of the Sam Maguire Trophy to the winning Captain by Uachtarán C.L.G., Seán Mac Thaidhg.

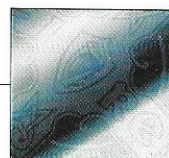
The Combined Bands of the Artane School of Music

Musical Director: Ronan O'Reilly

Tenor: Paul Byrom

- 12.28 i.n. Dublin Millennium March O'Carroll
Step Together O'Carroll
Ambiance Wim Laseroms
- 1.24 i.n. Uachtarán agus Patrún C.L.G. — **Salute**
- 1.27 i.n. Taoiseach — **Salute**
- 2.04 i.n. On The One Road A.J. Potter
- 3.05 i.n. Molly Malone R. O'Reilly
- 3.19 i.n. Presidential Salute. A.J. Potter
- 3.20 i.n. Star of the County Down R. O'Reilly
- 3.22 i.n. God Save Ireland J. Lynch
- 3.28 i.n. Amhrán na bhFiann
Tenor: Paul Byrom
- 4.08 i.n. The Boys from the County Armagh R. O'Reilly
The Rose of Tralee R. O'Reilly
Lord of the Dance R. Hardiman
- 5.05 i.n. Winning County Tune

Programme



Buaicphointe na Bliana Peile

Nach méanar dúinn bheith i láthair inniu ar lá cluichí ceannais peile, lá fíor-Ghaelach agus súil againn le taispeántais glórmhara de scileanna na peile Gaelaí. Ní mór dúinn dul siar go 1953 don uair dheireanach a chas na contaetha iomráiteacha seo - fir Na Ríochta agus fir Chontae an Ulláird - ar a chéile i gluiche ceannais Uile-Eireann.

Bhí an ceann is fearr ag Na Ciarraigh an lá sin agus is iomaí uair atá 'Sam' bailithe leo ó shoin. Bhí Ard Mhacha sa chluiche ceannais arís i 1977, ach go dtí seo tá teipthe orthu an Corn úd a bhuachaint. Inniu tá Ciarraí ar thóir a 33ú craobh agus, gan amhras, tá taithí agus traidisiún na mblianta mar bhuntáiste acu. Ní hionann sin is a rá, áfach, go mbeidh rith an ráis leo inniu.

Tá sé leirithe go maith i mbliana ag fir An Tuaiscirt go bhfuil mianach iontu. Tá an fhoireann áirithe seo ag cnagadh ar an doras le ceithre bliana anuas. Tá craobh Uladh buaite trí uaire acu. Ag tus feachtas craoibhe na bliana seo chuir siad an ruaig ar churaidh Na Sraithe Allianz. Léirigh siad spiorad as an gnách sa chluiche leathcheannais in aghaidh fir na hArdchathrach agus, níos tábhachtaí ná aon ní eile b'fheidir, chruthaigh siad doibh fhéin go raibh ar a gcumas buachaint i bPáirc an Chrócaigh. Le ceithre bliana anuas is beag a bhí idir Ard Mhacha agus aon fhreasúra a bhí ina naghaidh.

Ní bheidh spreagadh de dhíth orthu. Tá cuid mhaith dá nimreoirí ag druidim le deireadh a saol imeartha. Seans maith gurbh i seo an deis dheireanach acu éacht a dhéanamh agus "Sam" a bhuachaint don chéad uair. Beidh siad ina laochra ó Thuaidh má bhuann siad agus mar a léirigh siad i ngach cluiche i mbliana, beidh sé fíor-dheacair iad a chloigh.

Tá peileadoirí den scoth ina measc - Na deartháireacha Justin agus Enda Mc.Nulty' agus Kieran Mc.Geeneey sna cúlaithe : beirt den scoth i lár an ghoirt, Paul Mc.Grane agus John Toal agus triúr atá ar na tosaithe is fearr sa tír - Steven Mc Donnell, Oisín Mc.Conville agus Ronan Clarke.

Tá sár-pheil imeartha ag Ríthe na Mumhan i mbliana. Thainig siad isteach an cúl-dorais tar éis do Chorcaigh iad a dhíbhir ó Chraobh na Mumhan. Caithfear a chur san áireamh, áfach, go raibh an fhoireann faoi scáth an bhróin tar éis bháis Mhichíl Uí Shé. Nuair a thugadar faoi bhealach an 'dara sheans' tá bata is bothar tugtha acu do ghach fhreasúra. Bhíodar ar bharr a maitheasa in aghaidh na Gaillimhe - curaidh reatha Uile Eireann - sa chluiche cheathrúcheannais agus arís in aghaidh Chorcaí sa chluiche leathcheannais. Níl amhras ná go bhfuil taibhsí Na Mí ón bhliain seo chaite ag spreagadh na Ríochta i mbliana.

Táid ann a cheapann go raibh Ciarraí spreagtha go huile is go hiomlán in aghaidh Chorcaí agus nach mbeidh ar chumas Páidí O Sé iad a ghríosadh arís don leibhéal sin. Feicimid inniu, ach muna néiríonn leis, beidh siad i dtrioblóid. Tá sé riachtanach go mbeidh ceannasaíocht acu i lár na páirce agus go mbeidh seirbhís den scoth ag leithéidí Cooper agus Mike Frank os comhair an chúil. Tá tosaithe Ard Mhacha ar fheabhas ach ceaptar go mbeidh siad faoi smacht inniu ag tacaíthe ar chaighdeán níos airde ná mar a bhí ina naghaidh go dtí seo i mbliana.

Pé pleananna a bheidh ag Joe Kernan inniu, níl amhras ná go mbeidh sé ag iarraidh seilbh na liathróide a choimeád ó tosaithe sciliúla Chiarraí. Beidh sé níos éasca é a rá ná a dhéanamh, ach ceaptar go luifidh mé an chluiche seo go mór i dtreo na foirne a gheobhaidh smacht i lár an ghoirt. Sár-choimhlint chughainn mar sin idir na fathaigh O Sé, Daly, Toal agus Mc.Grane agus idir Pháidí O Sé agus Joe Kernan ar an dtaobhlíne.

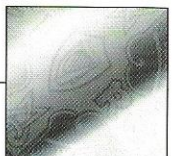
Táimid go mor ag súil le cluichí iontacha chun clabhsúr a chur ar shéasúir thaitneamhach peile. Adh mór ar na himreoirí go léir - páistí óga Chumann na mBunscol agus na mionúir ina measc. Bainigí fíor-thaitneamh as lá mór na nGael.



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First Final Meeting in 49 Years



The Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football championship final brings Armagh and Kerry into opposition in the concluding round for the first time since 1953.

That was the first-ever senior championship meeting of the counties and marked Armagh's debut in an All-Ireland senior final. Such was the tremendous interest in the unique final that a then new attendance record of 85,155 was established.

Spectators were treated to a very entertaining game marked by passages of good football and some grand individual performances.

Armagh started well and led at the interval by a point but a missed penalty in the second half proved costly.

Kerry were two points ahead when Armagh were awarded the penalty twenty four minutes into the second half. The shot was driven wide and Kerry went on for an 0-13 to 1-6 win.

- Armagh's only other All-Ireland senior final appearance was in 1977 when they lost to Dublin by 5-12 to 3-6 before an attendance of 66,542.

Top scorer for the Northerners was midfielder Joe Kernan, who scored 2-1. He is now, of course, the Armagh team manager.

That game was particularly noteworthy for a new individual scoring record for a final established by Dublin full forward Jimmy Keaveney at 2-6.

- The last year a new name was inscribed on the All-Ireland senior football championship Roll of Honor was 1993 when Henry Downey led Derry from centre half back to a 1-14 to 2-8 win over Cork.
- Benny Reddy was left full forward in the Meath team that lost the 1977 All-Ireland minor football final to Down at Croke Park. Later that day Joe Kernan, of course, was in action with Armagh.

Now, amazingly enough, both will again be engaged on the same day in minor and senior finals, but this time as team managers.

- Kerry last met Northern opposition in an All-Ireland senior final in 1986 when a 2-15 to 1-10 win over Tyrone earned the county a third title in succession. Pat Spillane had an outstanding game for the Kingdom and also finished joint top scorer for Kerry with Michael Sheehy at 1-4 each.
- Ulster are doubly represented in All-Ireland football finals for the first time since 1995. Northerners will be hoping for better fortune than that year when Derry lost to Westmeath at

minor and Tyrone went down to Dublin.

Ulster last recorded a minor and senior titles double on the same day at Croke Park in 1948 when Tyrone retained the under-18 title and Cavan retained the senior crown.

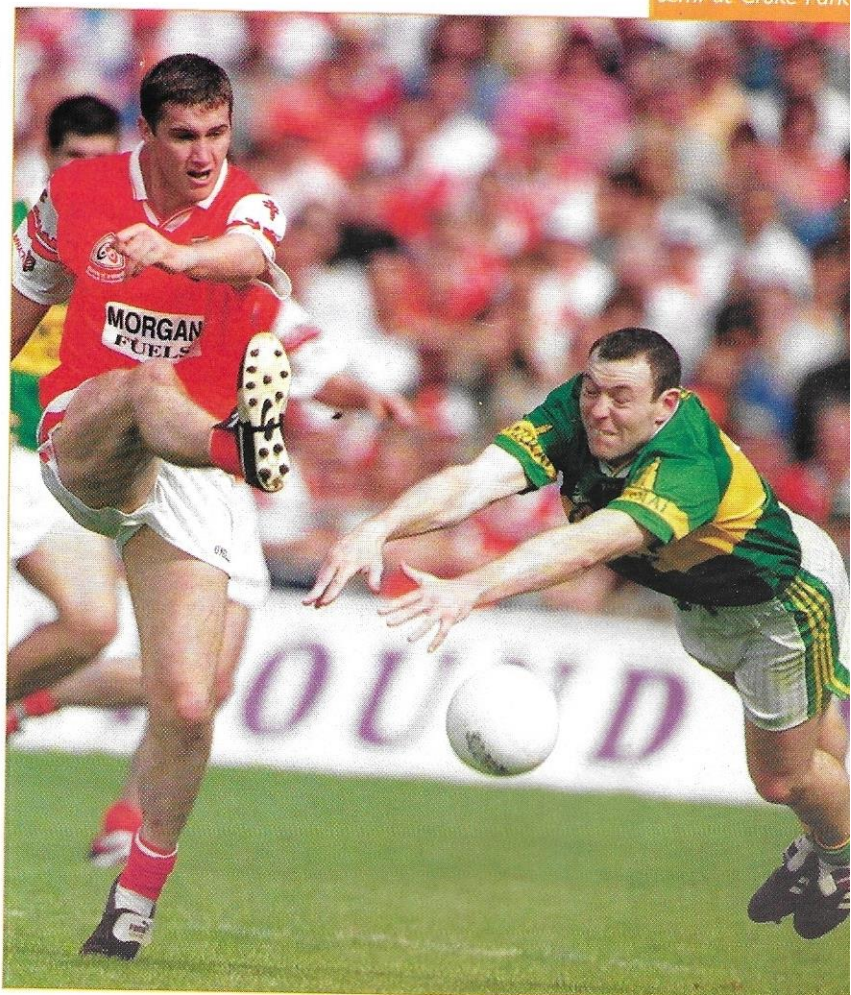
The previous year Cavan beat Kerry at the Polo Grounds, New York, in the only All-Ireland senior football final played outside of this country.

- Kerry manager Páidí Ó Sé won eight All-Ireland senior football championship medals—1975, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984, 1985 and 1986, all on the field of play.

Denis "Ogie" Moran and Pat Spillane also won All-Ireland senior medals in the same year and this trio are the only winners of eight souvenirs on the field of play.

- Joe Kernan has enjoyed All-Ireland senior football title-winning success. He managed Crossmaglen Rangers to their AIB All-Ireland club title wins of 1997, 1999 and 2000.

Tony McEntee (Armagh) has his shot blocked down by Seamus Moynihan (Kerry) in the 2000 All-Ireland Football semi at Croke Park.



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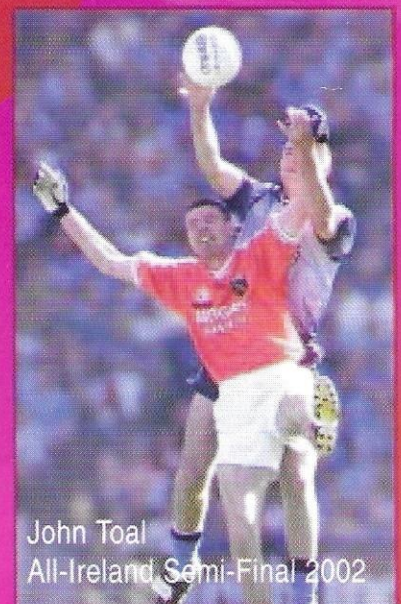
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All-Ireland Semi-Final 2002

Armagh will travel confidently for history-making bid



Armagh ended a long wait when they beat firm favourites Dublin in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football championship semi-final at Croke Park early this month. That was their first senior championship success at headquarters since beating Roscommon in a 1997 semi-final replay.

The Orchard County displayed character and a real will to win against the Dubs. They looked like taking control when Paddy McKeever scored a goal after forty-two minutes to give his side a 1-7 to 0-7 lead.

But supporters had hardly finished celebrating when midfielder Ciarán Whelan scored a superb goal for Dublin.

It was then that Armagh displayed their character by taking that set-back firmly in their stride. They continued to play with skill and determination and finished the stronger with three unanswered points for a hard-earned but well merited 1-14 to 1-13 win.

Dublin had a late, late chance to tie the scores when awarded a 30 metre free, with the last kick of the game and into the Hill 16 goal, but the ball came back off an upright, was collected by a defender and the final whistle sounded.

Armagh, who were in no way over-awed by the reputation of their opponents, took some time to find their rhythm. They trailed by three points to no score after eight minutes and did not open their account until McKeever sent over the bar after eleven minutes.

The Ulster champions made steady progress after that and a couple of points by Oisín McConville late in the half sent them into the dressing room on level terms at 0-6 each.

Armagh moved with more poise and confidence after the restart and McKeever's goal suggested they were about to take control.

But Whelan provided the perfect answer for the Dubs and they went on to lead by two points after sixty one minutes. However, Armagh continued to play with assurance and did not concede a score after that.

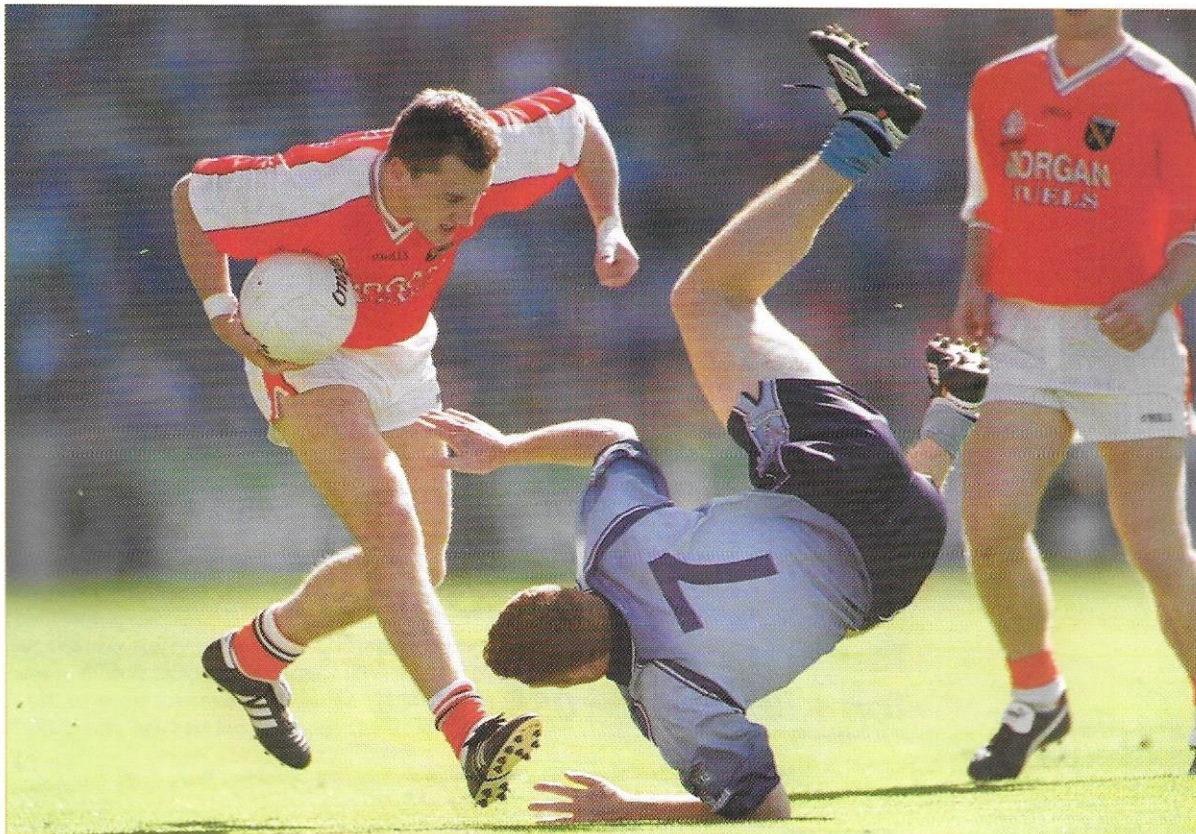
Points by Ronan Clarke, John McEntee and Oisín McConville ensured a rare final appearance for the county. Paul McGrane had an outstanding game at midfield. He was a tower of strength all through in an area in which Dublin were generally expected to dominate.

McKeever was another commanding figure for the Northerners and finished with 1-2. Oisín McConville, who put his side into the lead at a crucial stage with a good point in the 66th minute, and Ronan Clarke were others up front who made a major contribution to the success.

The Armagh defence also impressed. Kieran McGeeney led by example at centre half, while Enda McNulty and Aidan O'Rourke ensured that the lively Dublin attack had to work hard for scores.

This was solid display by Armagh and one that is bound to prove a real boost to morale for the final. The side also is very experienced as there is a strong framework of survivors from their All-Ireland semi-final teams of 1999 and 2000. They will also take encouragement from the fact that they were only beaten by Kerry in a replay and after extra time in the 2000 semi-final.

So Armagh will come to Croke Park today confident that they can write a new chapter in football history.



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Paddy McKeever (Mhacha) in action against Peadar Andrews (Baile Án Cliaith) in the All-Ireland Football S final at Croke Park

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Sparkling display a boost to Kerry's title hopes

Kerry, the All-Ireland senior football title specialists, return to Croke Park buoyed up by their best performance of the championship season when comfortably booking their Bank of Ireland All-Ireland final ticket with a convincing win over old rivals Cork last month.

This was a particularly handsome revenge for their defeat by the Leesiders in a Munster semi-final replay at Páirc Uí Chaoimh in June.

The attack, with teenager Colm Cooper and Michael Francis Russell setting a splendid headline, captured most of the honours in a resounding 3-19 to 3-7 win. This was forward play at its most creative with Cooper and Russell recording some splendid scores as they chalked up 1-5 and 1-6 respectively. Kerry lost no time in stamping their dominance on the game. The match was only thirty seconds old when Dara Ó Cinnéide set the scene for the impressive scoring display by sending over the bar.

Goals by Russell in the 19th minute and Cooper after 29 minutes, and some splendid points scoring had Kerry, playing with the wind, in a very comfortable position at the break when they led by a very commanding 2-10 to 1-4. The Kingdom kept up the scoring flourish with three unanswered points in ten minutes after the restart

Cork rallied strongly and were boosted by a goal, but Kerry continued to play with purpose and a shot from Eoin Brosnan was turned into the Cork net by a defender after sixty-three minutes. The Kingdom went on to complete a very polished and impressive win.

Darragh Ó Sé was an inspirational captain. He was superbly on his game and he displayed his talents to excellent effect. Donal Daly also had a fine game in the middle of the park and this gifted twosome ensured that the forwards has plenty of opportunities to showcase their skills.

The defence also played well, with Seamus Moynihan, Michael McCarthy and John Sheehan anchoring the division with their dependable play.

While Cooper and Russell captured the spotlight up front, Ó Cinnéide and Brosnan also made their presence felt in fine style.

This was an exciting performance by Kerry and a good build-up for the showpiece game. They have certainly come a long way from their crushing defeat by Meath in last year's All-Ireland semi-final.

But the wily Kerry men need no reminding that they have a difficult task in this game. Nevertheless, they have much to going for them and can be depended on to make a very spirited bid to regain the title.



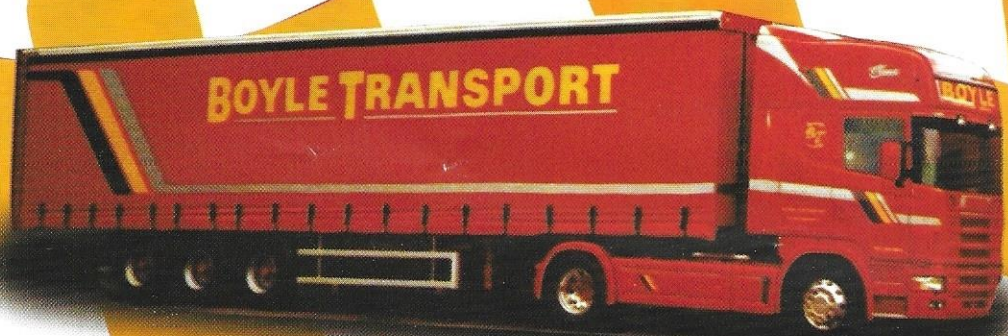
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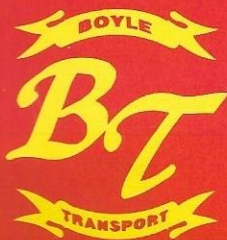
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Last March's League Meeting

Kerry 2-10 Armagh 2-9

Having lost to Limerick earlier in the campaign, Kerry's need for the points was slightly greater than Armagh who came to Austin Stack Park defending a 100% record. However, it was the visitors who started the better and goals by Kieran McKeever and Steven McDonnell within the opening five minutes gave them an early advantage.

For the remainder of the opening half Armagh were more than happy to trade points with the home side and were still two goals clear when Dara Ó Cinnéide pointed to reduce Kerry arrears to five just before the break. However, within a minute Kerry went in front as Noel Kennelly and Eoin Brosnan struck for goals before Oisín McConville levelled.

In lost time Darragh Ó Sé and Declan Quill raised flags and Kerry turned over leading by two points, but on the restart Armagh got on terms thanks to points from McConville and John McEntee. The dismissal of Enda McNulty undermined Armagh's cause and Kennelly

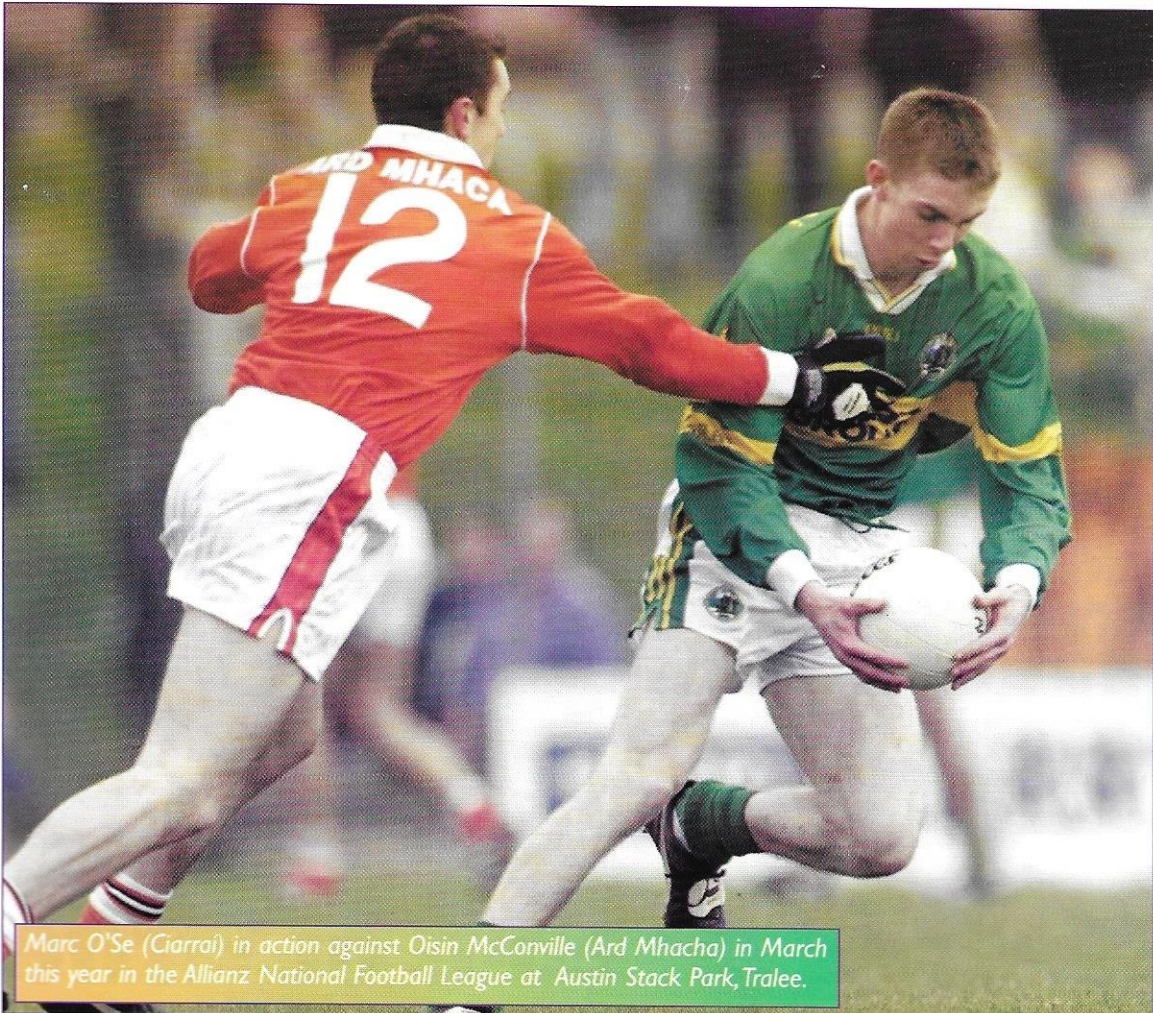
edged Kerry back in front. A late exchange of points between Ó Cinnéide and McConville left Kerry nursing the narrowest of advantages, which they successfully did to collect the points.

Kerry scorers: N.Kennelly 1-5, E.Brosnan 1-0, D.Ó Cinnéide 0-2, I.Twiss 0-1, D.Quill 0-1, D.Ó Sé 0-1.

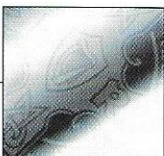
Armagh scorers: O.McConville 0-6, P.McKeever 1-0, S.McDonnell 1-0, D.Marsden 0-2, J.McEntee 0-1.

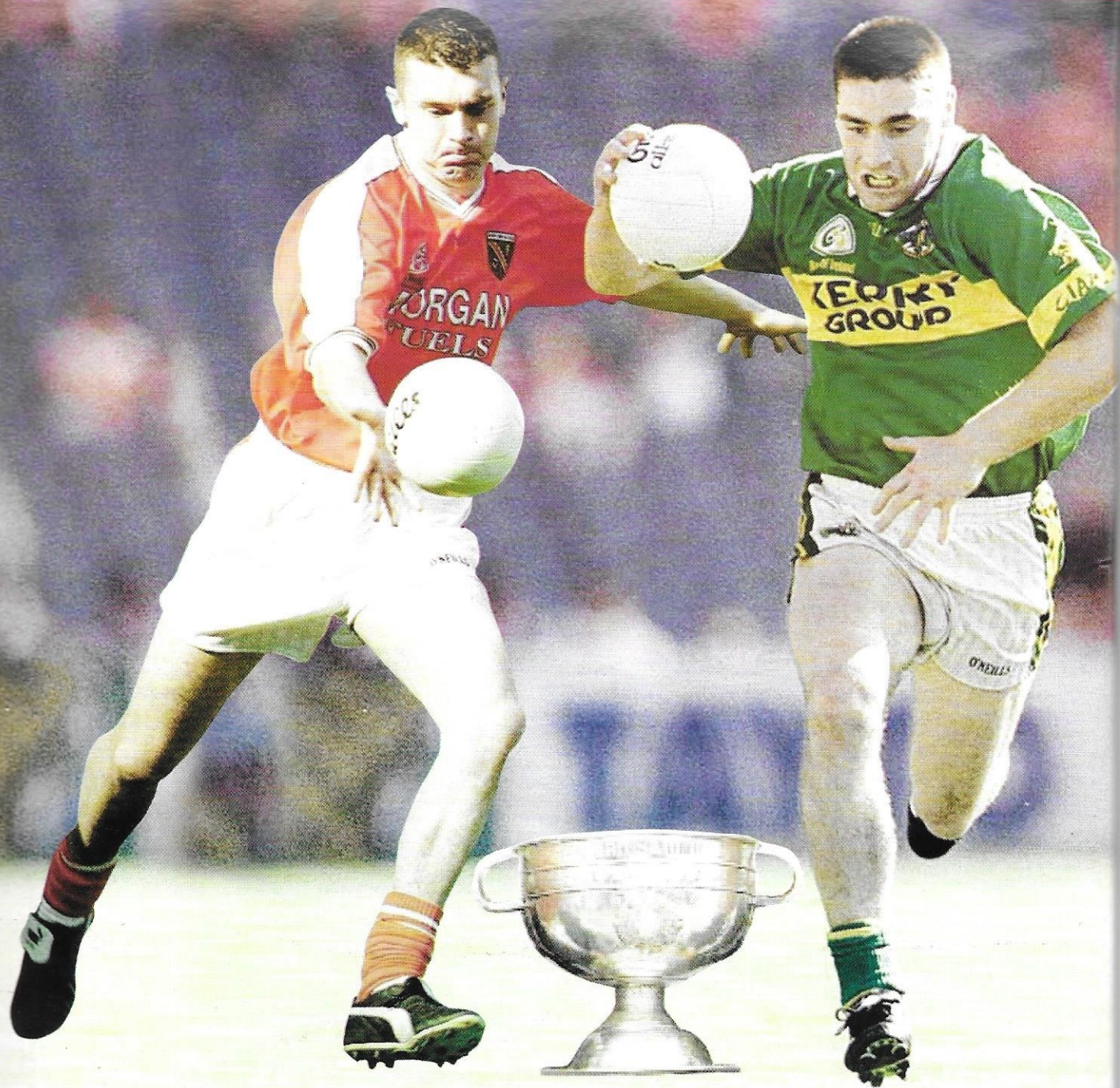
Kerry – D.O'Keeffe, M.Ó Sé, E.Fitzmaurice, M.McCarthy, J.Sheehan, T.Ó Sé, T.O'Sullivan, D.Ó Sé, S.Moynihan, S.O'Sullivan, N.Kennelly, E.Brosnan, D.Quill, A.MacGearailt, I.Twiss. Subs – E.Galvin for M.Ó Sé, S.Kelleher for Moynihan, Moynihan for Kelleher, L.Hassett for Quill, K.Lynch for MacGearailt, D.Ó Cinnéide for Twiss.

Armagh – B.Tierney, E.McNulty, J.McNulty, J.Donaldson, K.Hughes, F.Bellew, A.McCann, P.McGrane, J.Toal, D.Marsden, J.McEntee, O.McConville, P.McKeever, S.McDonnell, K.McGeeney. Subs – A.O'Rourke for J.McNulty, K.McElvanna for Hughes, P.Loughran for McKeever.



Marc O'Se (Ciarraí) in action against Oisín McConville (Ard Mhacha) in March this year in the Allianz National Football League at Austin Stack Park, Tralee.





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The Rose of Tralee and the Bard of Armagh

By Bryan McMahon, Listowel

Kerry v. Armagh All-Ireland Senior Football Final
At Croke Park, 27th September, 1953

*'Twas a day in September, how well I remember,
In the year of Our Lord, nineteen fifty and three,
When the saffron of Ulster and green-gold of Munster,
Had gathered in Dublin the final to see.*

*How our hearts were elated, as to pride dedicated,
With our brothers from under the foreigner's law,
We sat in the sunshine and heard the band playing,
The Rose of Tralee and the Bard of Armagh.*

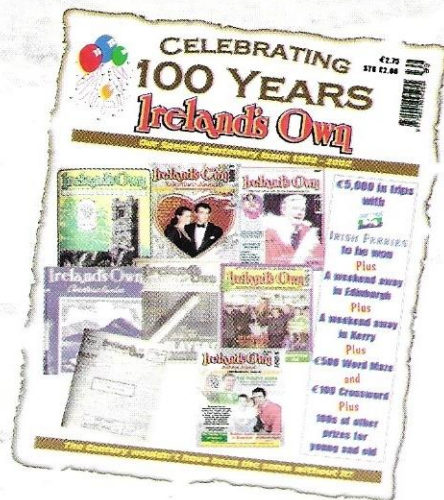
*My old heart went leaping as on the pitch lightly,
Sean Quinn and his heroes came out with a cry,
For to write a new story of old Ireland's glory,
To conquer the Kingdom — to to or to die!
Then on the sward proudly by stalwarts surrounded,
Came Jass Murphy, like oak-tree without any flaw,
While the crowds in their thousands set the blue sky resounding
With the Rose of Tralee and the Bard of Armagh.*

*Oh, how can I tell of the feats of those heroes,
Of Morgan, McCorry and Mal McEvoy,
Who were faced by the lads from the Reeks and the valleys,
Ned Roche and the Murphys with Brosnan and Lyne,
What matter who won, sure old Ireland was gainer,
For our country was free without letter or flaw,
As we stood all united and heard the crowd singing,
The Rose of Tralee and the Bard of Armagh.*

*My blessings be on you, tall men of the Kingdom,
My blessings be on you, brave Armagh lads too,
May Ireland ne'er cease for to give us such champions
To cry out Lámh Dhearg or Ciarraí Abú!
And though I am old and my voice now is broken,
And limbs that were limber seem now made with straw,
Once more ere God calls me, may I see Croke Park swaying,
To the Rose of Tralee and the Bard of Armagh.*



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Derry's goal flair set them on road to final

Derry displayed a real flair for goals in their last two games on the way to the county's first All-Ireland minor final appearance in seven years.

A sharp contrast that with their campaign in Ulster, where they found the net just once in three games. The Oak Leaf County also displayed plenty of character along the way. Take the Ulster final at Clones, for example.

They were four points behind ten minutes from the end of a keenly contested game, but rallied strongly to snatch a dramatic injury time winning point from a free by right half forward Barry McGoldrick.

Then, following a big win over Tipperary in an All-Ireland quarter-final at An Uaimh, the Northerners got off to a disappointing start against Longford in their semi-final at Croke Park.

They were a goal down after only four minutes but did not panic and eight minutes later pulled back that score with a goal from the penalty spot by left half back Paul O'Hea. That score helped Derry to get on level terms at 1-2 each after fifteen minutes and they did not look back after that.

So much so that the Ulster champions conceded just a single point over the remainder of the game. Derry led by 2-6 to 1-2 at the interval—Conleth Moran scored their second goal. Ten minutes into the second half a shot from centre half back Mark Lynch came back off the post and Ciarán Mullan was on hand to send to the net.

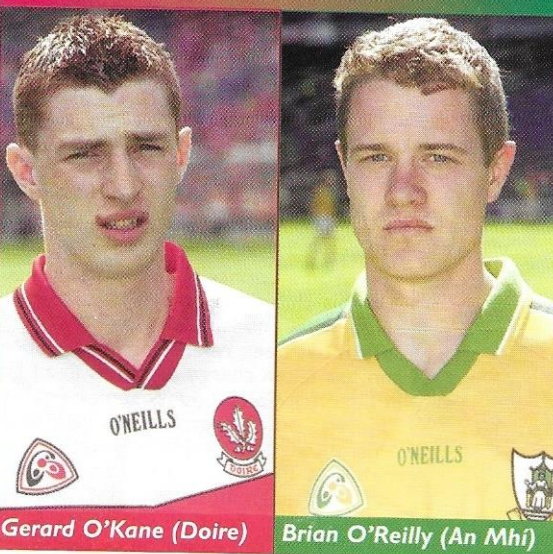
That score effectively sealed a place in the final for Derry, who finished convincing winners by 3-13 to 1-3.

In a good all round performance, Derry's defence was shrewdly marshaled by Lynch, Gerard O'Kane and Joe Keenan who did not allow the Longford attack much room to scheme scores.

Patsy Bradley and Ruairí Convery got through much valuable work in midfield. Mullan, top scorer with 1-4, Moran and James Bateson led the attack cleverly and also took their scoring opportunities in fine style.

Derry have had a good build-up to the concluding game of the championship and one that indicates they have the all round balance and class to present a formidable challenge to keep this title in Ulster for another year

NA CAPTAEIN



Gerard O'Kane (Doire)

Brian O'Reilly (An Mhí)

Meath well armed for bid to end titles famine

Meath have made a splendid recovery from their three points defeat by Longford in the Leinster minor football final in July. They did well to come back from that set-back with wins over Galway and Kerry in their last two outings and those successes will do much to boost morale and confidence for this bid for a first title in ten years.

Kerry are always a force to be reckoned with in any grade of football and at All-Ireland level as well. They were also fancied by many to make a bold bid for the All-Ireland minor crown. However, Meath were in no way overawed and lost no time in demonstrating that fact.

It took them only three minutes to strike a decisive blow by finding the way through to the Munster champions net. The Kerry goalkeeper palmed out a dropping ball and David Murtagh was on hand to flick to the net.

The Royal County kept up the pressure to go 1-3 to no score ahead after eight minutes but Kerry began to come more into the game. They received a real boost with a goal from a penalty and when they followed with a point to trail by just 1-4 to 1-2 the Southerners seemed to be back strongly in contention for the final ticket.

However, Meath remained cool and were soon back in control. An attack ended with a goal from Joe Sheridan and the Royals went on to lead at the interval by 2-7 to 1-4.

The outlook appeared good for Meath at that stage and, backed by the wind on the restart, they quickly found the target again. Sheridan and Murtagh increased their lead to eight points, but Kerry refused to concede defeat. They rallied in typical style to get within four points of their opponents.

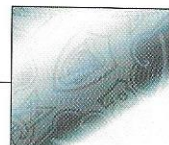
Once again Meath responded to the challenge in fine style. They sent over some splendid points and deservedly booked their place in the final on a 2-13 to 1-11 scoreline.

Their attack moved cleverly and the forwards took their chances well, with Sheridan (1-4) setting a very impressive standard.

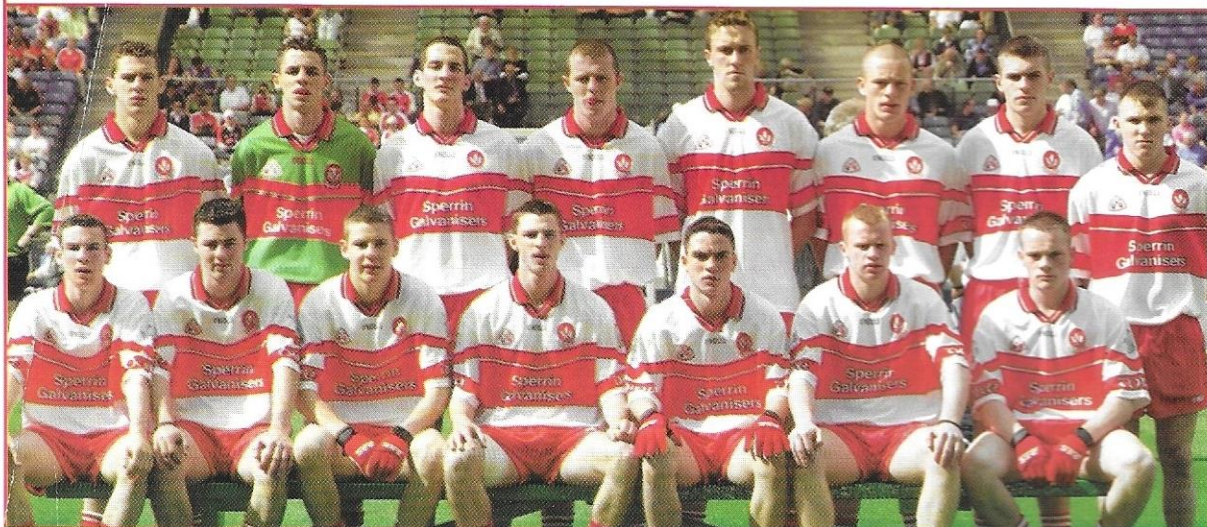
Meath also did well at midfield while the defence gave little away.

Thomas O'Connor, Caoimhín King and Brian O'Reilly did much to mould the rearguard into the type of unit that ensured the Kingdom forwards had to work hard for openings.

The Royal County has undoubtedly come a good way since that loss to Longford. They have accomplished footballers who play with confidence and their teamwork will benefit considerably from the come-back successes. They are well capable of making a bold bid to end the county's lengthy titles famine.



Doire



Back row (l-r): Giarán McCallon, Eoin McNicholl, Paul O'Hea, Barry McGoldrick, Ruairi Convery, Patsy Bradley, Mark Lynch, Michael McGoldrick.

Front row (l-r): James Bateson, Paul Young, Conleth Moran, Gerard O'Kane (captain), Joe Keenan, Cathal O'Kane, Giarán Mullan.

AN RÉITEOIR



Michael Ryan (Luimneach)

The Askeaton clubman is the first from Limerick to referee an All-Ireland minor football final. He had charge of last year's All-Ireland minor semi-final between Tyrone and Mayo.

He won a county minor football medal with his club and also a West Limerick senior championship souvenir.

Ryan has been refereeing locally since 1995 and has taken charge of games in all grades in Limerick up to county senior final level.

He was on duty earlier this year in the Allianz League and also was the man-in-the-middle at the meetings of Laois and Carlow and Fermanagh and Westmeath in the All-Ireland Senior Football Qualifiers. Michael is Secretary of the Askeaton club.

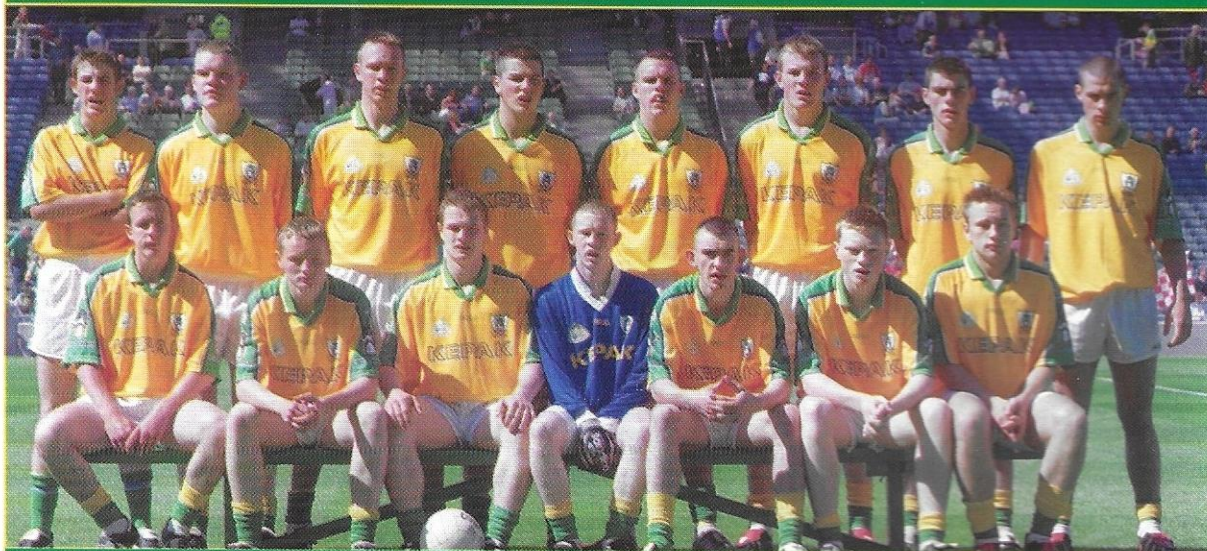
PROMISE UNFULFILLED

When Kerry and Armagh met in the 1994 All-Ireland minor semi-final there were many fine performers on view – players who in time would develop into outstanding seniors. But the years have a tendency to disrupt progress from under-age promise to accomplished premier grade performers...and so it was with the Armagh and Kerry minors of eight years ago.

Today when the Orchard county and the Kingdom line out in quest of the ultimate prize, there will be few survivors of that meeting eight years ago. On the Armagh side Enda McNulty, Aidan O'Rourke and John McEntee will be on duty, and only Mike Francis Russell of the '94 Kerry under-18 team will be in action. However, Eamon Fitzmaurice, who was a sub in 1994, is in today's starting fifteen, while Barry O'Shea, full-back in '94, is now among the substitutes.

The road to the top is strewn with not a few casualties.

An Mhí



Back row (l-r): Brian Farrell, Francis Murphy, Joe Melia, Paul Murray, Barry Regan, Joe Sheridan, David Murtagh, Tom O'Connor.

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Derry's Three Titles

1965 – Derry 2-8 Kerry 2-4

A first All-Ireland win is special, and it is doubly so when it is at the expense of the kingpins of the grade, Kerry, a feat accomplished with style by Derry on their first-ever appearance in a final at this level. And they had to perform magnificently to record this historic triumph.

After an even first half Kerry just about deserved their interval lead of 0-4 to 0-3, but on the restart, with Tom Diamond and Seamus Lagan taking over at midfield, Derry were soon on their way. Between the 31st and 40th minutes they scored 1-3 without reply, and though the Kingdom got through for a goal with eleven minutes remaining, Derry struck back immediately with Phil Friel's goal ensuring a first-ever title.

Derry scorers: B.Mullan 0-5, S.McCloskey 1-0, P.Friel 1-0, E.Coleman 0-2, M.Niblock 0-1.

Derry – E.McCall, G.Burke, T.Quinn, M.Kelly, C.Mullen, M.McAfee, A.McGuckian, T.Diamond, S.Lagan, B.Mullan, M.Niblock, E.Coleman, S.Kearney, S.McCloskey, P.Friel.

1983 – Derry 0-8 Cork 1-3

Having lost to the same opposition at the same stage a couple of years previously, Derry were more than a little motivated for this final meeting with Cork. The Oak Leaf youths played against the wind in the opening half, but all the Leesiders could muster was two long-range points from their centre-back and Derry turned over leading by 0-3 to 0-2.

Eight minutes after the resumption Derry 'keeper Dan Kelly saved a penalty and the action quickly moved to the other end where Tony McKiernan extended their lead. At the end of the third quarter Derry led by 0-6 to 0-3, and another couple of points early in the fourth put them safe, before Cork's late goal gave them a few anxious moments.

Derry scorers: A.McKiernan 0-3, C.Barton 0-1, D.McNicholl 0-

I, E.McElhinney 0-1, C.McNicholl 0-1, E.Lynch 0-1.

Derry – D.Kelly, P.O'Donnell, P.Bradley, R.Conway, J.McGuirk, B.Kealey, N.Mullan, C.Barton, P.Young, D.McNicholl, E.McElhinney, D.Cassidy, C.McNicholl, E.Lynch, A.McKiernan.

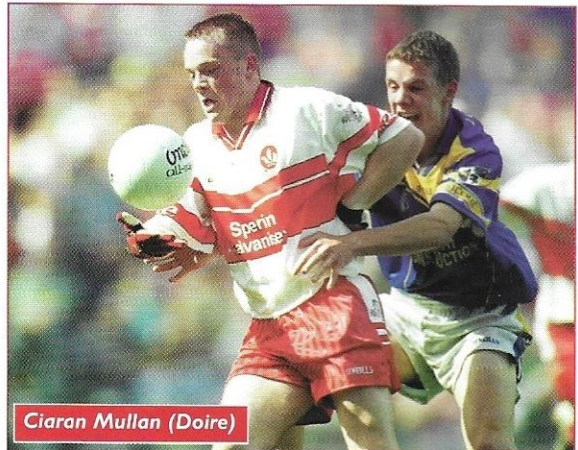
1989 – Derry 3-9 Offaly 1-6

While some might claim that the essential difference between the teams was the towering performance of midfielder Anthony Tohill, it would probably be nearer the truth to say that Derry in every sector, had an edge that Offaly could never quite come to terms with. That edge was supplied by the constructive and skilful efforts of Gary Coleman, John Mulholland, Eamon Burns, Declan Bateson and Dermot Heaney.

A winning margin of nine points might suggest a comfortable hour for Derry, but at the end of the first half they were ahead by just four points (2-4 to 1-3), and by the end of the third quarter three points separated the sides. With ten minutes remaining Offaly were still in with a chance, but then a delightful move ended with Bateson placing Heaney for the third goal, and Derry's third title in the grade was assured.

Derry scorers: E.Burns 1-3, A.Tohill 0-4, D.Bateson 1-1, D.Heaney 1-0, L.McEldowney 0-1.

Derry – M.O'Connor, J.Martin, P.McAllister, G.Simpson, B.McGonigle, G.Coleman, P.Skelly, J.Mulholland, A.Tohill, R.McEldowney, J.Lynn, E.Burns, E.O'Kane, D.Heaney, D.Bateson. Sub – K.Diamond.



Ciaran Mullan (Doire)

victory, but John Cronin's shot was saved by Conor Martin and that was that.

Meath scorers: D.Martin 0-3, C.Sheridan 1-0, C.Macken 1-0, H.Carolan 0-2, J.Hendrick 0-2, T.O'Connor 0-2, B.Kealy 0-1, T.Byrne 0-1.

Meath – C.Martin, V.Ryan, E.McManus, N.Collier, R.McGrath, G.Geraghty, T.Hanley, J.Hendrick, J.McCarthy, T.Byrne, D.Martin, B.Kealy, H.Carolan, T.O'Connor, C.Sheridan. Sub – C.Macken.

1992 – Meath 2-5 Armagh 0-10

Never was the ability of Meath teams to battle through to victory when all seemed lost more graphically illustrated than in this game in which they snatched an injury-time winner against an Armagh team that was ready to celebrate the county's second title at this level.

But if ever a team had good reason to rue the inability of its forwards to turn chances to account it was Armagh who kicked ten aimless wides and missed two chances of goals when completely on top in the opening half. As Niall McGleenan punished Meath indiscretions Armagh kept in front, but danger flared when Trevor Giles shot to the net and then disaster struck with substitute Michael Farrelly's goal in injury time.

Meath scorers: T.Giles 1-2, M.Farrelly 1-0, D.Hunt 0-1, P.O'Sullivan 0-1, P.Nestor 0-1.

Meath – B.Murphy, K.Cantwell, J.Brady, J.Smith, P.Shanky, J.Tighe, B.Sheridan, D.Hunt, N.Dunne, K.Harten, C.Hall, G.Bell, P.Duff, P.O'Sullivan, T.Giles. Subs – P.Nestor, M.Farrelly.

Meath's Three Titles

1957 – Meath 3-9 Armagh 0-4

Much had been expected of this final as both counties boasted impressive qualifying records with Armagh defeating Kerry and Meath hammering Mayo in their respective semi-finals. But rarely have great expectations been more disastrously shattered in a minor final.

From the off Meath were in command and within three minutes of the throw-in Jack Grey had their first goal. Midway through the opening period midfielder Seamus Clynch notched their second and at the break the Royals led by 2-4 to 0-2. Early after the resumption Tom Monaghan ended any lingering hopes Armagh may have entertained when he fired home goal number three and the game fizzled out to its inevitable conclusion.

Meath scorers: M.Greville 0-6, S.Clynch 1-1, J.Grey 1-1, T.Monaghan 1-0, L.Drumm 0-1.

Meath – P.J.O'Reilly, T.Gibney, S.Kelleher, B.Cunningham, J.Fagan, M.Clerkin, T.Fitzsimons, J.Halpin, S.Clynch, P.Hanley, J.Grey, B.Cahill, T.Monaghan, M.Greville, L.Drumm.

1990 – Meath 2-11 Kerry 2-9

The fact that Meath were relative latecomers to minor prominence was the reason that this was the first meeting of these great footballing counties in the under-18 grade. It might be said that it was a contest worth waiting for, as excellence in its most exciting manifestations was spread evenly through both fifteens, and if in the end Meath just about deserved the honours, they might well have been on the losing end if Kerry had a really accomplished place-kicker in their lineup.

Meath at one stage in the second half were holding a six-point lead, but with time running out Kerry had reduced their arrears to two when they were awarded a penalty. A goal at that stage would almost certainly have signalled a Kerry

Individual Feats

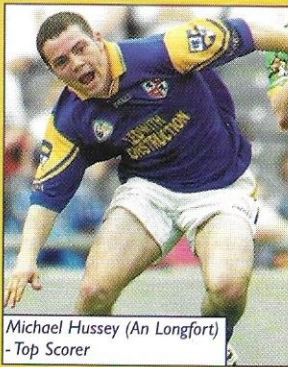
Last season Michael Meehan recorded a score of 1-5 against Leitrim in the opening round of the Connacht campaign and that gave the Corribsider fifth place in the individual feats' chart. The Corribsider notched 2-6 against Mayo in the provincial semi-final this season, and that tally currently leads the way. Two players – Michael Hussey and Paul Earls – had set a target of 11 points in early April, but Meehan set the new mark in mid-May and only Barry McGoldrick with 0-9 against Antrim has threatened that return. As with the overall scoring chart, no Meath player features, but two other Derry players – Ciaran Mullen and Paul Young – do appear. In all, 26 returns (21 last year) of seven points or better were recorded in the 2002 minor football championship and they are:

Michael Meehan (Galway) v Mayo, 19th May at Dr.Hyde Park	2-6
Michael Hussey (Longford) v Louth, 6th April at Longford	1-8
Paul Earls (Wicklow) v Kilkenny, 6th April at Nowlan Park	1-8
Barry McGoldrick (Derry) v Antrim, 2nd June at Casement Park	0-9
Michael Riordan (Kerry) v Clare, 17th April at Miltown Malbay	2-3
Patrick Hally (Tipperary) v Waterford, 17th April at Fermoy	3-0
Damien Dunleavy (Galway) v Roscommon, 4th May at Dr.Hyde Park	0-8
Aidan Ralihan (Dublin) v Westmeath, 18th May at Swords	1-5
Michael Hussey (Longford) v Meath, 14th July at Croke Park	2-2
C Bergin (Laois) v Meath, 29th June at Mullingar	0-7
Declan Gilhooly (Leitrim) v Sligo, 18th May at Markievicz Park	0-7
Mark McKeever (Cavan) v Donegal, 12th May at Breffni Park	0-7
Owen McGrath (Kilkenny) v Carlow, 30th March at Dr.Cullen Park	0-7
Michael Dillon (Tipperary) v Cork, 16th March at Kilmallock	0-7
Ciaran Mullen (Derry) v Longford, 1st September at Croke Park	1-4
Dan Doona (Kerry) v Tipperary, 14th July at Thurles	1-4
Fintan Gould (Cork) v Kerry, 4th July at Tralee	1-4
Michael Hussey (Longford) v Dublin, 29th June at Mullingar	1-4
S Johnston (Cavan) v Down, 1st June at Ballybay	1-4
Michael Hussey (Longford) v Carlow, 4th May at Longford	1-4
Ian Barnes (Tipperary) v Clare, 4th April at Bruff	1-4
Declan O'Sullivan (Kerry) v Limerick, 16th March at Limerick	1-4
Declan Farrell (Longford) v Leitrim, 3rd August at Dr.Hyde Park	2-1
Colin O'Connor (Kerry) v Tyrone, 3rd August at Portlaoise	2-1
Paul Young (Derry) v Tipperary, 3rd August at An Uaimh	2-1
Patrick Earley (Tyrone) v Armagh, 26th May at Clones	2-1

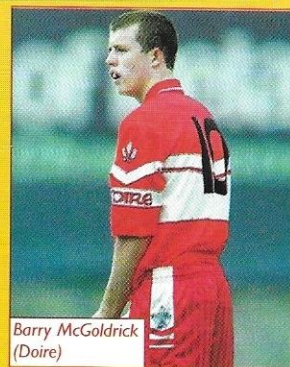
Top Scorers

Michael Hussey is certain to be this year's top scorer in the minor football championship as his closest challenger playing this afternoon – Barry McGoldrick – is 29 points in arrears. Kerry's Declan O'Sullivan lies in second place with Michael Dillon of Tipperary third and the Derry ace would require at least nine points to gain a place on the podium. Meath's top scorer – Brian Farrell – fails to make the top ten. Just one player – Michael Meehan of Galway – returns from last year's chart and he falls one place from sixth to seventh. The top ten marksmen in the minor championship to date are:

1	Michael Hussey (Longford)	7-32 (53)
2	Declan O'Sullivan (Kerry)	4-28 (40)
3	Michael Dillon (Tipperary)	1-30 (33)
4	Ian Barnes (Tipperary)	3-20 (29)
5	Declan Farrell (Longford)	6-9 (27)
6	Patrick Earley (Tyrone)	4-14 (26)
7	Barry McGoldrick (Derry)	0-24
	Michael Meehan (Galway)	4-12 (24)
9	Dan Doona (Kerry)	1-20 (23)
10	Colin Weste (Cork)	0-21
	Sean O'Meara (Clare)	1-18 (21)
	Colin O'Connor (Kerry)	3-12 (21)



Michael Hussey (An Longfort)
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The Lone Championship Meeting... 1990

Meath 3-8 Derry 1-3

When a team can line out in an All-Ireland minor semi-final with eight members of the team that had won the previous year's final, they are entitled to favouritism and to fancy their chances of seeing off the pretenders to their throne. And that was the happy position in which Derry found themselves for this first-ever meeting with Meath in under-18 football.

Meath had impressed in regaining Leinster honours after a lapse of five years, but so had Derry in carrying on after the success of '89. The fact that they included eight players who had been through the rigours of a successful All-Ireland campaign should have inspired them as much as it should have intimidated Meath.

But it didn't work out that way nor did it ever appear likely to do so. After the early spurt, which brought a brace of points by Eamon Burns, Derry were pegged back by points from Terry O'Connor and David Martin. As Meath's strength, manifest in the redoubtable figures of Enda McManus, Graham Geraghty, John McCarthy, Hugh

Carolan, O'Connor and Martin, began to push Derry back, the scenario for a comfortable win was sketched, despite the efforts of Gary Coleman, John Mulholland and Oliver Collins.

At the interval it was 0-7 to 0-2 – not a totally accurate reflection of Meath's superiority, but when a delightful move involving Hendrick and Carolan ended with O'Connor planting the ball safely beyond 'keeper Hasson's reach, the game as a credible contest was over. The subsequent scores by both sides were mere statistics.

Meath scorers: T.Byrne 1-2, D.Martin 1-2, T.O'Connor 1-1, G.Geraghty 0-1, J.Hendrick 0-1, B.Kealy 0-1.

Derry scorers: O.Collins 1-0, E.Burns 0-2, J.Mulholland 0-1.

Meath – C.Martin, V.Ryan, E.McManus, N.Collier, R.McGrath, G.Geraghty, T.Hanley, J.Hendrick, J.McCarthy, T.Byrne, D.Martin, B.Kealy, H.Carolan, T.O'Connor, C.Sheridan. Sub – C.Macken for Sheridan.

Derry – D.Hasson, G.Simpson, B.McGonigle, M.Murray, K.Diamond, G.Coleman, M.McGonigle, J.Mulholland, H.Mullen, E.Burns, O.Collins, D.Dougan, E.O'Kane, R.Murphy, G.McGonigle. Subs – B.McCormack for B.McGonigle, E.Cassidy for Simpson, G.Diamond for Murphy.

2002 MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARD

Leinster

Round Robin

30th March, Dr.Cullen Park:

Carlow 2-9; Kilkeny 1-12

30th March, Arklow:

Longford 0-13; Wicklow 1-5

6th April, Nowlan Park:

Wicklow 2-15; Kilkeny 0-6

6th April, Longford:

Longford 4-12; Louth 2-3

20th April, Drogheda:

Louth 2-9; Kilkeny 0-4

20th April, Aughrim:

Wicklow 1-15; Carlow 0-4

27th April, Dr.Cullen Park:

Louth 2-9; Carlow 0-8

4th May, Drogheda:

Louth 1-10; Wicklow 2-6

4th May, Longford:

Longford 3-13; Carlow 0-3

8th May, Nowlan Park:

Longford 3-13; Kilkeny 0-5

Quarter-Finals

18th May, Swords:

Dublin 1-16; Westmeath 3-4

18th May, Longford:

Longford 2-8; Offaly 0-9

18th May, Wexford Park:

Laois 2-13; Wexford 1-6

18th May, An Uaimh:

Meath 1-9; Kildare 1-7

Semi-Finals

29th June, Mullingar:

Meath 2-7; Laois 1-8

Longford 1-8; Dublin 0-7

Final

14th July, Croke Park:

Longford 3-8; Meath 3-5

Ulster

Preliminary Round

12th May, Breffni Park:

Cavan 0-12; Donegal 0-8

Quarter-Finals

12th May, Clones:

Monaghan 0-11; Fermanagh 0-10

19th May, Clones:

Tyrone 0-12; Armagh 0-12

1st June, Ballybay:

Cavan 2-13; Down 0-12

2nd June, Casement Park:

Derry 1-15; Antrim 0-4

Replay

26th May, Clones:

Tyrone 2-12; Armagh 1-8

Semi-Finals

31st May, Enniskillen:

Tyrone 0-11; Monaghan 1-8

30th June, Enniskillen:

Derry 0-14; Cavan 0-10

30th June, Enniskillen (Replay):

Tyrone 3-11; Monaghan 0-5

Final

7th July, Clones:

Derry 0-12; Tyrone 0-11

Munster

Round Robin

2nd March, Kilmallock:

Tipperary 2-11; Kerry 2-9

2nd March, Limerick:

Limerick 1-14; Clare 1-4

9th March, Carrigtouhill:

Cork 0-12; Waterford 3-3

16th March, Kilmallock:

Tipperary 0-13; Cork 0-13

16th March, the Gaelic Grounds:

Kerry 2-13; Limerick 1-4

16th March, Dungarvan:

Waterford 1-6; Clare 0-9

30th March, Ennis:

Cork 2-9; Clare 1-2

30th March, Fermoy:

Tipperary 0-10; Limerick 0-7

30th March, Killarney:

Kerry 2-14; Waterford 0-7

4th April, Tralee:

Kerry 0-12; Cork 0-9

4th April, Dungarvan:

Limerick 1-12; Waterford 2-6

4th April, Bruff:

Clare 3-9; Tipperary 1-12

17th April, Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Cork 1-10; Limerick 0-9

17th April, Miltown Malbay:

Kerry 2-9; Clare 1-8

17th April, Fermoy:

Tipperary 3-14; Waterford 2-6

Semi-Finals

4th July, Tralee:

Kerry 1-15; Cork 1-14

4th July, Fermoy:

Tipperary 1-9; Limerick 2-4

Final

14th July, Thurles:

Kerry 3-16; Tipperary 2-6

Connacht

Quarter-Final

4th May, Dr.Hyde Park:

Galway 2-14; Roscommon 1-7

Semi-Finals

18th May, Markievicz Park:

Leitrim 0-17; Sligo 0-7

19th May, Dr.Hyde Park:

Galway 2-11; Mayo 2-8

Final

30th June, Castlebar:

Galway 1-12; Leitrim 0-6

All-Ireland

Quarter-Finals

3rd August, Dr.Hyde Park:

Meath 1-8; Galway 1-7

Longford 4-6; Leitrim 1-6

3rd August, Portlaoise:

Kerry 3-14; Tyrone 1-8

3rd August, An Uaimh:

Derry 5-13; Tipperary 1-3

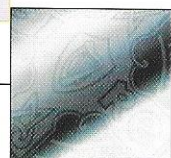
Semi-Finals

25th August, Croke Park

Meath 2-13; Kerry 1-11

1st September, Croke Park:

Derry 3-13; Longford 1-3





Minor Review

Derry and Meath renew rivalry after long interval

Derry and Meath last met in the All-Ireland minor football championship in a 1990 semi-final when the Royal County scored a convincing 3-8 to 1-3 win.

The Meath team included Enda McManus at full back, Graham Geraghty at centre half back and Cathal Sheridan at left full forward.

Gary Coleman was at centre half back for Derry and his team-mates included Eamonn Burns at right half forward, Oliver Collins at centre half forward and Geoffrey McGonigle at left full forward.

Meath are appearing in their first final since 1993 when they lost to Cork. They went into that game as holders of the All-Ireland title, having beaten Armagh in dramatic fashion in the 1992 decider.

Armagh looked poised for victory when they led by two points as the game entered injury time but a Meath raid ended with a goal by substitute Michael Farrelly that gave the Royal County a 2-5 to 0-10 win. Trevor Giles was at full forward for Meath and scored 1-1.

Derry are appearing in their first final since losing to Westmeath in 1995. That team included Johnny McBride and Enda Muldoon.

We have to go back to 1989 for Derry's last final win. Anthony Tohill displayed the budding skills that have made him such an outstanding figure at senior in the meantime by turning on a power-packed display at midfield against Offaly as the Oak Leaf County won by 3-9 to 1-6.

It is a measure of the high standard of under-age football in Ulster that a Derry win would earn the province a fourth title in five years.

Tyrone were successful in 1998 and last year and Down won the title in 1999.

Laois, who beat Tyrone in 1997 for their second successive championship, recorded the last Leinster success.

Derry won their first Ulster minor football title in 1965 and their latest success boosted their record to twelve championships.

Meath, in contrast, do not go into the final as provincial champions. They lost the provincial final to Longford but availed of the new arrangement that allowed the defeated finalists back into the campaign this year to advance to the decider.

The Royal County were last Leinster champions in 1993, their eighth time to win the title since 1957.

Paths to the Final

Doire

2nd June, Casement Park:

Derry 1-15; Antrim 0-4

30th June, Enniskillen:

Derry 0-14; Cavan 0-10

7th July, Clones:

Derry 0-12; Tyrone 0-11

3rd August, An Uaimh:

Derry 5-13; Tipperary 1-3

1st September, Croke Park:

Derry 3-13; Longford 1-3

For: 9-67 (94 points)

Against: 2-31 (37 points)

Average: 2.54

An Mhí

18th May, An Uaimh:

Meath 1-9; Kildare 1-7

29th June, Mullingar:

Meath 2-7; Laois 1-8

14th July, Croke Park:

Longford 3-8; Meath 3-5

3rd August, Dr. Hyde Park:

Meath 1-8; Galway 1-7

25th August, Croke Park:

Meath 2-13; Kerry 1-11

For: 9-42 (69 points)

Against: 7-41 (62 points)

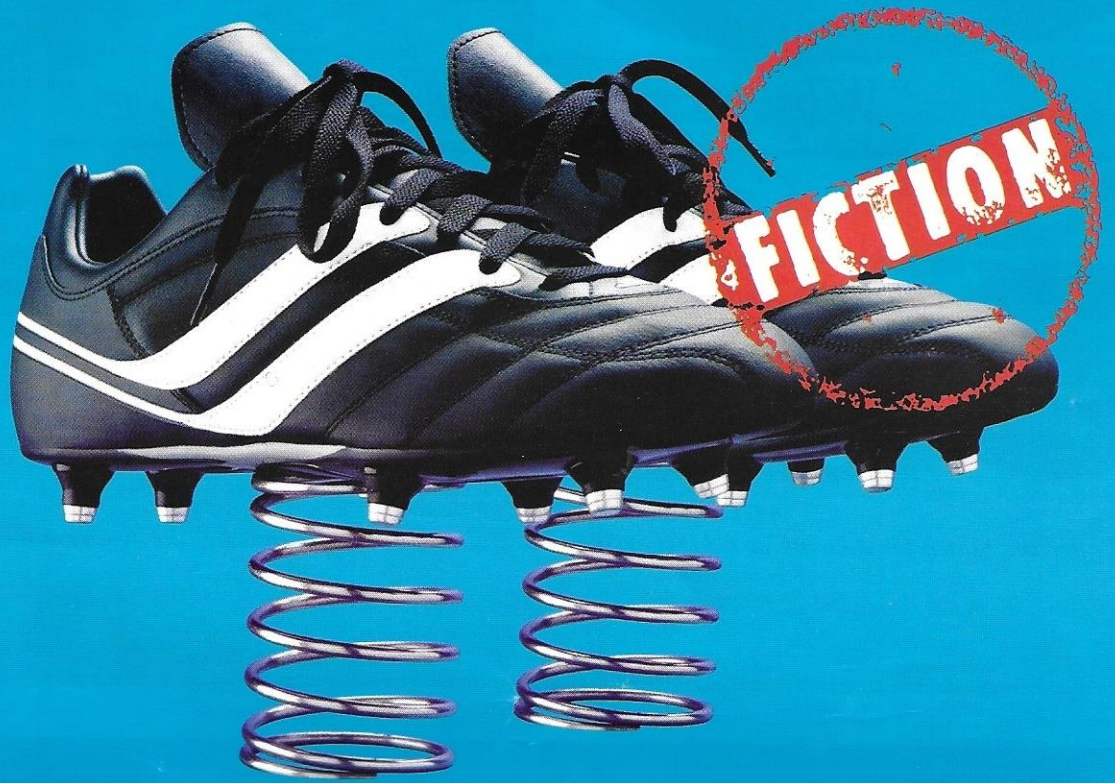
Average: 1.11

	1	2	3	4	5	Score	Total
Barry McGoldrick	0-9	0-5	0-5	0-4	0-1	0-24	24
Ciaran Mullen	1-1	0-2	0-2	0-1	1-4	2-10	16
James Bateson	—	0-3	0-1	1-2	0-3	1-9	12
Paul Young	0-2	0-1	—	2-1	0-1	2-5	11
Mark Lynch	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-2	—	1-5	8
Ruari Convery	—	0-2	0-1	1-1	—	1-4	7
Conleth Moran	0-1	—	—	—	1-2	1-3	6
Cathal O'Kane	0-1	—	—	0-1	0-2	0-4	4
Paul O'Hea	—	—	—	—	1-0	1-0	3
Patsy Bradley	—	—	0-1	0-1	—	0-2	2
Aaron Cassidy	—	—	0-1	—	—	0-1	1

	1	2	3	4	5	Score	Total
Brian Farrell	0-5	0-3	0-3	0-4	0-2	0-17	17
David Murtagh	0-1	2-0	1-1	—	1-2	4-4	16
Joe Sheridan	1-2	—	1-0	0-2	1-2	3-6	15
Barry Regan	0-1	—	1-0	0-1	0-2	1-4	7
Mark Whearty	—	—	—	1-0	0-1	1-1	4
Joe Melia	—	0-2	0-1	—	—	0-3	3
Paul Murray	—	0-1	—	—	0-2	0-3	3
Ger McCullagh	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-2	2
Terence Farrelly	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	1
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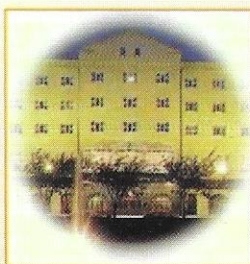
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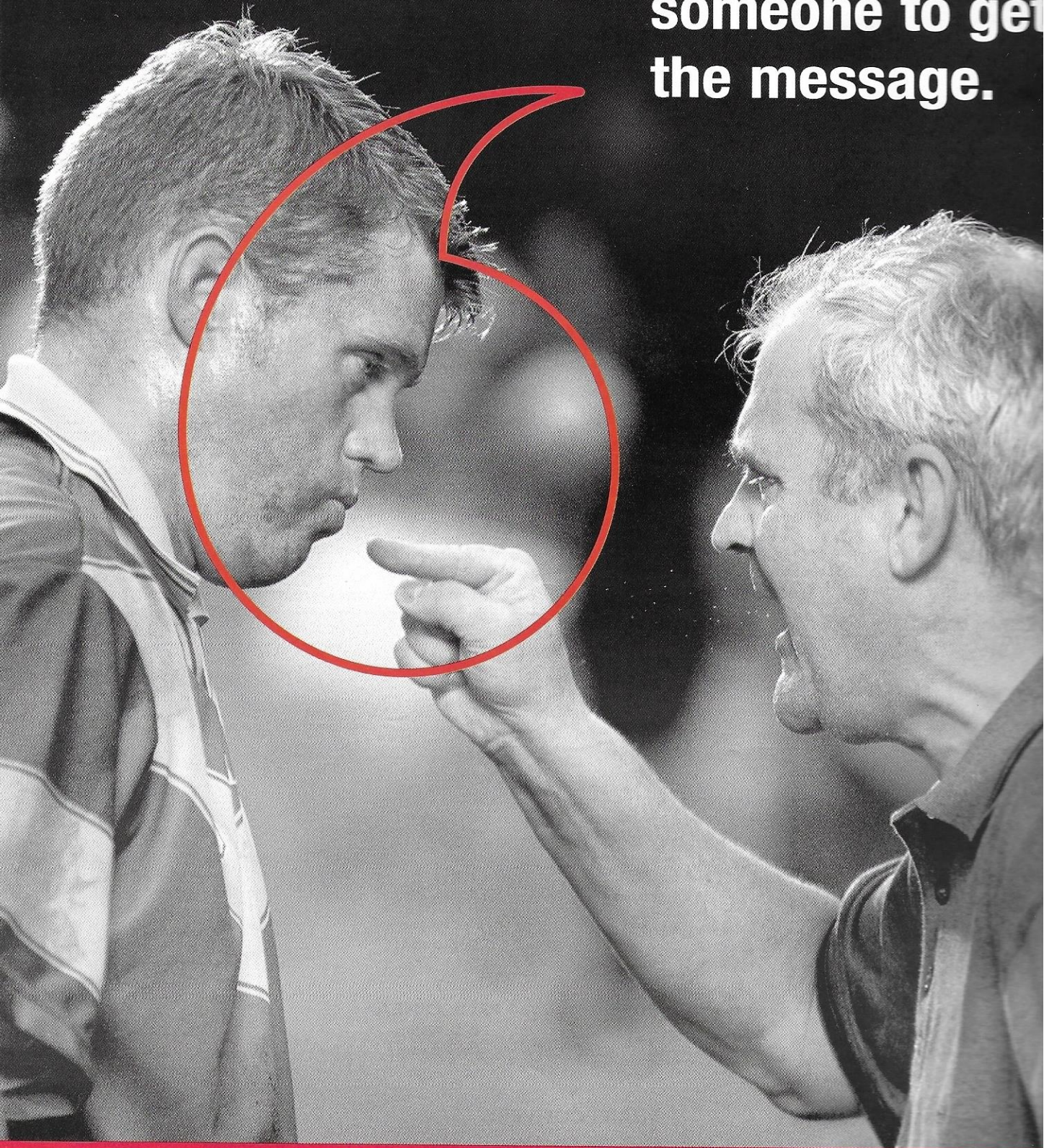
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Scoring Record

Rory Gallagher coloured Fermanagh's Ulster senior football championship first round win over Monaghan at Clones in May by scoring a superb 3-9. He scored two of his goals from penalty kicks.

His return equalled the long standing scoring record for an individual match return in a senior championship tie. Back in 1960, Johnny Joyce scored 5-3 for Dublin in a resounding win over Longford at Mullingar. Dublin won by 10-13 to 3-8 before an attendance of 11,199. Joyce scored all his goals from play.

Long Wait Ended

Longford ended a long wait by beating Meath by 3-8 to 3-5 in the Leinster minor football final at Croke Park in July. That win earned the county a first provincial title in the grade in 64 years.

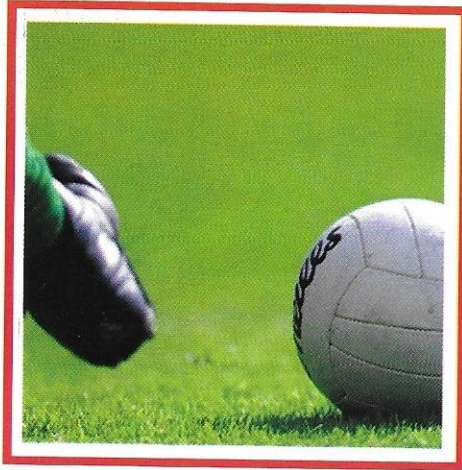
Three Game Saga

Kerry met Cork three times on the way to their latest Sam Maguire Cup tie appearance. They drew with their great rivals at Killarney in a Munster semi-final in June, lost the replay a week later at Páirc Uí Chaoimh and then scored a resounding win over Cork in a unique All-Ireland semi-final last month by 3-19 to 2-7 at Croke Park.

Another Rare Win

Wicklow beat Kerry by 4-9 to 2-12 at Portlaoise in early August to capture their first All-Ireland junior football title in 66 years. The win was something of a personal triumph for Wayne O'Gorman, who contributed a splendid 3-2 to the Garden County tally.

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First Goals

Steven McDonnell scored Armagh's opening goal of the current senior football championship campaign. Ten minutes into the second half of the first round game against Tyrone at Clones he found his way through to the net. That match ended in a draw. Kerry's first goal of the campaign was not recorded until their third appearance in the championship. Six minutes into the second half of the provincial semi-final replay at Páirc Uí Chaoimh Michael Francis Russell opened the goal tally for the Kingdom.

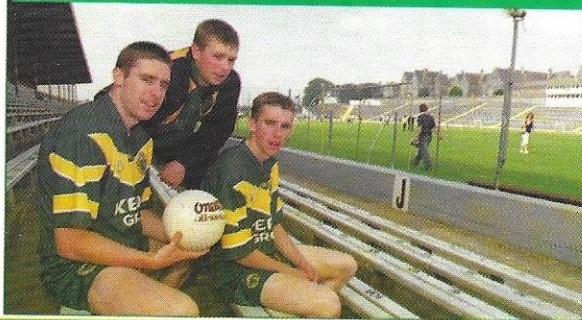
First draw

Louth and Longford played the first draw of the senior football championship season when they met at An Uaimh in early May. Louth scored 1-14 to Longford's 2-11 and the Wee County won the replay.

That was one of nine drawn games over the season, with Cork and Tipperary each involved in two draws. In all there were eight draws, including two in the All-Ireland quarter-finals.

One of the replays, Kildare against Offaly at Kilkenny, went to extra time. The Lily Whites won that clash.

BROTHERS THREE - Kerry's three Ó Sé Brothers, Marc, right, Tomás and Darragh, left, pictured in Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney.



Fermanagh Tops

Fermanagh recorded the highest total of goals by any county in a single game in the senior championships so far at four in their Ulster first round win over Monaghan at Clones.

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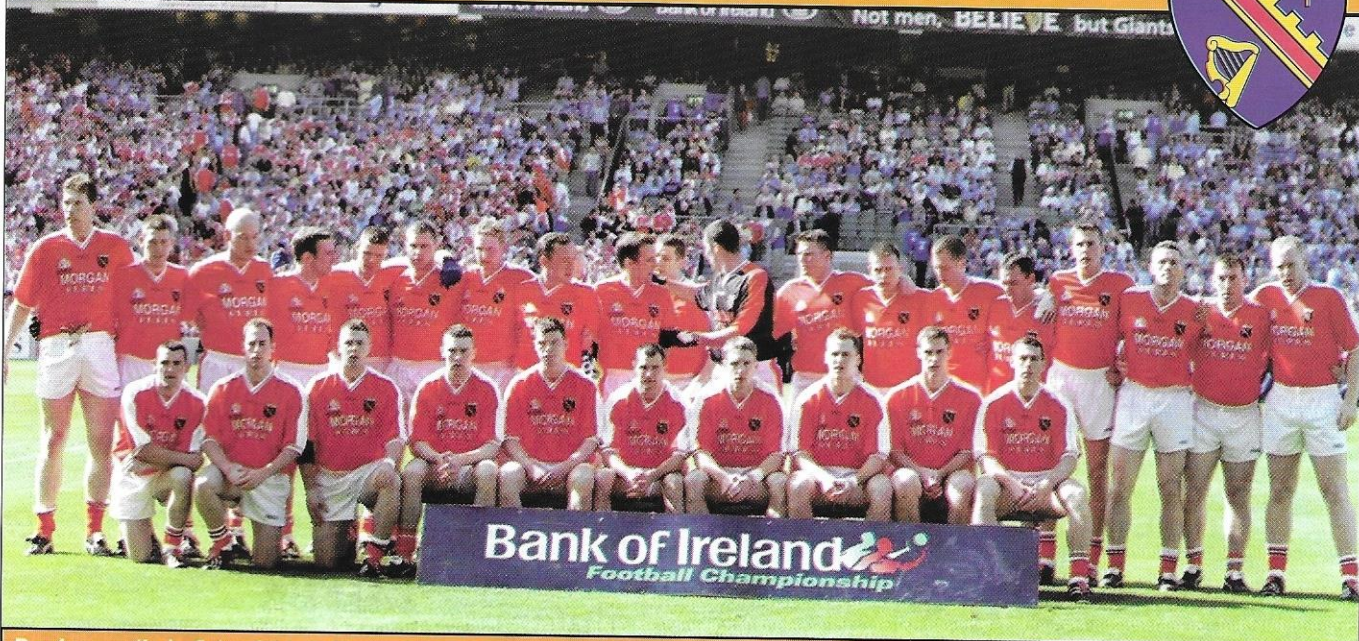
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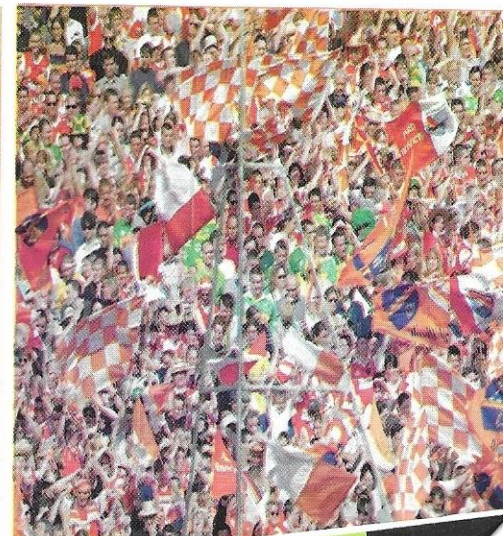


Back row (l-r): Colm O'Neill, Shane Smyth, Gerard Reid, Enda McNulty, John Toal, Tony McEntee, Francie Bellew, John Donaldson, Barry O'Hagan, Paul McGrane, Paul Hearty, Kieran Hughes, Justin McNulty, Andrew McCann, Aidan O'Rourke, Philip Laughran, Simon Maxwell, Cathal O'Rourke, Barry Duffy
Front row (l-r): Padraig Duffy, Kevin McElvanna, Paul McCormack, Oisín McConville, Ronan Clarke, Steven McDonnell, Kieran McGeeney, Paddy McKeever, John McEntee, Diarmaid Marsden (Missing from pic: Brendan Tierney)

Path to the Final

19th May, Clones: Armagh 1-12; Tyrone 1-12	4th August, Croke Park: Armagh 2-9 Sligo 0-15
26th May, Clones (replay): Armagh 2-13 Tyrone 0-16	18th August, An Uaimh: Armagh 1-16 Sligo 0-17
9th June, Clones: Armagh 0-16 Fermanagh 1-5	1st September, Croke Park: Armagh 1-14 Dublin 1-13
7th July, Clones: Armagh 1-14 Donegal 1-10	For: 9-94 (118 points) Against: 4-88 (100 points) Average: 1.18

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	Total
Oisín McConville	0-7	0-2	0-5	0-5	0-6	0-6	0-5	0-36	36
Steven McDonnell	1-1	0-3	0-2	0-3	1-0	0-5	0-2	2-16	22
Ronan Clarke	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-3	—	1-2	0-2	1-11	14
John McEntee	0-1	1-1	—	1-1	0-2	—	0-3	2-8	14
Paddy McKeever	0-1	0-5	0-1	—	—	—	1-2	1-9	12
Diarmuid Marsden	—	0-1	0-3	0-1	1-0	—	—	1-5	8
Barry O'Hagan	—	—	0-1	—	0-1	0-2	—	0-4	4
Paul McGrane	—	—	0-2	—	—	0-1	—	0-3	3
Barry Duffy	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	3
Cathal O'Rourke	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-1	1
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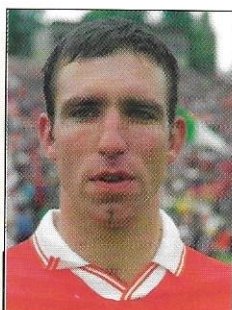


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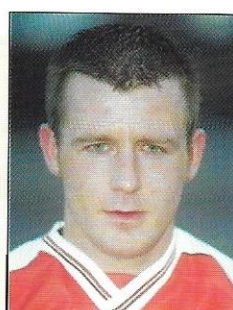
1. BRENDAN TIERNEY

Mullabawn
Age: 33 Ht: 5'11" Wt: 14st.
Occupation: Schoolteacher.
Honours: Ulster: 3 SFC, 2 Dr. McKenna Cup, 1 Club SC.
Brendan made his county debut in 1989 and played his first SFC match the following year. He has won Armagh county medals at Senior, Intermediate and Junior levels. A very dependable goalkeeper, he has played a big part in the county's march to the final.



2. ENDA McNULTY

Ballyboden
Age: 26 Ht: 5'10" Wt: 10st.8lbs.
Occupation: Coaching Officer.
Honours: Ulster: 3 SFC, 1 MFC, 1 MF League; 1 Sigerson Cup.
A tenacious defender and tight marker, difficult to outwit and places his clearances to good effect.

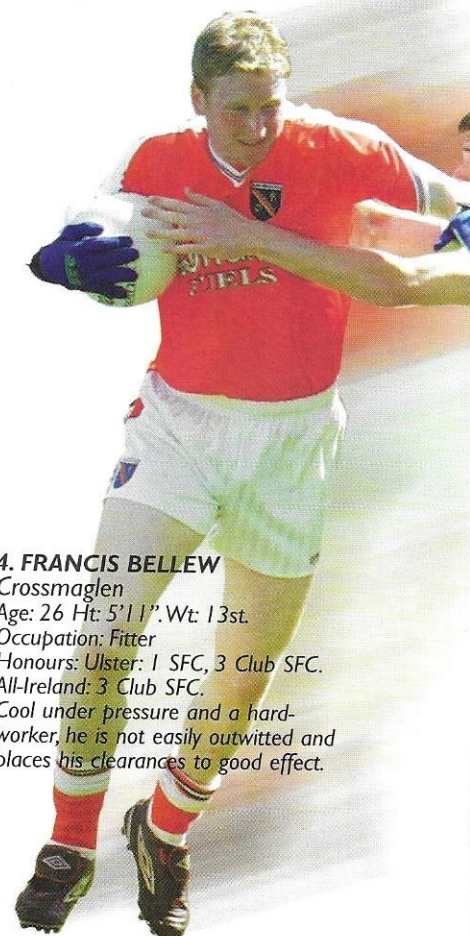


3. JUSTIN McNULTY

Mullabawn
Age: 27 Ht: 5'10" Wt: 10st.6lbs.
Occupation: Civil Engineer.
Honours: Ulster: 3 SFC, 1 MFC, 1 MF League; 1 Sigerson Cup.
He is very reliable, plays with great drive and tight marker, difficult to outwit and places his clearances to good effect.

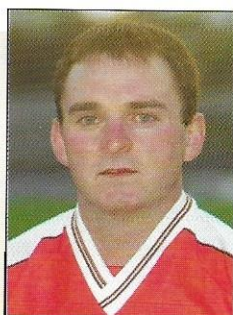
4. FRANCIS BELLEW

Crossmaglen
Age: 26 Ht: 5'11". Wt: 13st.
Occupation: Fitter
Honours: Ulster: 1 SFC, 3 Club SFC. All-Ireland: 3 Club SFC.
Cool under pressure and a hard-worker, he is not easily outwitted and places his clearances to good effect.



8. JOHN TOAL

Keady
Age: 23 Ht: 6'2". Wt: 13st.
Occupation: Student.
Honours: Ulster: 1 SFC, 1 U21F.
Gets through much valuable work in the middle of the park in game after game and is having a good campaign.



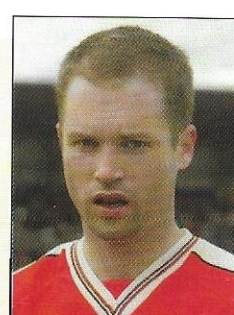
5. AIDAN O'ROURKE

Dromintee
Age: 26 Ht: 5'11". Wt: 13st.
Occupation: Engineer.
Honours: Ulster: 3 SFC, 1 U21F, 2 MFC, 3 MF League.
Had a particularly good game in the semi-final win over Dublin. He is alert and hard-working and gives little away.



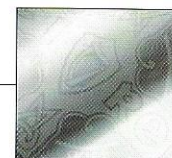
6. KIERAN McGEENEY

Na Fianna
Age: 30 Ht: 6'0". Wt: 14st.
Occupation: Sports Officer.
Honours: 1 Sigerson Cup, 1 All-Star.
Plays a captain's part for his team. Has won county championships in both Armagh and Dublin. Reached All-Ireland Club Final with Na Fianna last year. A strong and forceful defender, he is an inspiring captain with his leadership and outstanding football.



7. ANDREW McCANN

Ballyboden
Age: 28 Ht: 6'1". Wt: 13st.
Occupation: Engineer
Honours: Ulster: 3 SFC, 1 MFC, 1 MF League; 1 Sigerson Cup.
An accomplished footballer with the all round ability and flair to make a major contribution to his county's cause today.





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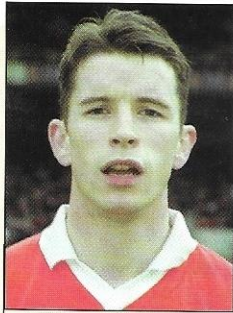
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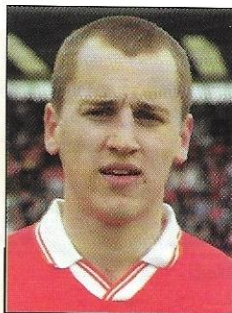


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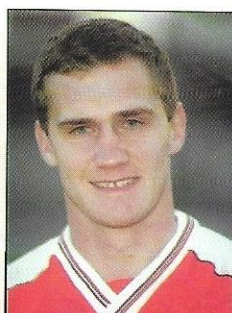
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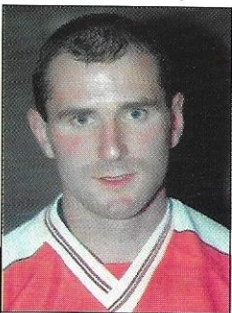
9. PAUL McGRANE
Ballyhegan
Age: 28. Ht: 6'2". Wt: 14st.
Occupation: Accountant.
Honours: Ulster: 3 SFC, 1 MFC, 1 MF League.
One of the best midfielders in the game. He is playing really well and made an outstanding contribution to the semi-final win over Dublin.



10. PADDY McKEEVER
Ballyhegan
Age: 22. Ht: 5'11". Wt: 13st.7lbs.
Occupation: Student.
Honours: Ulster: 3 SFC, 1 U21F; 1 Sigerson Cup.
One of the younger talents in the side, he scored Armagh's vital goal in the win over Dublin and also finished their top scorer that day with 1-2.



11. JOHN McENTEE
Crossmaglen
Age: 25. Ht: 6'0". Wt: 14st.
Occupation: Occupational Therapist.
Honours: Ulster: 3 SFC, 1 MFC, 1 MF League, 1 U21F, 3 Club SFC; All-Ireland: 3 Club SFC.
Another of the brightest stars of the win over Dublin, he is a gifted footballer, who is capable of presenting plenty of problems for opposing rearguards.



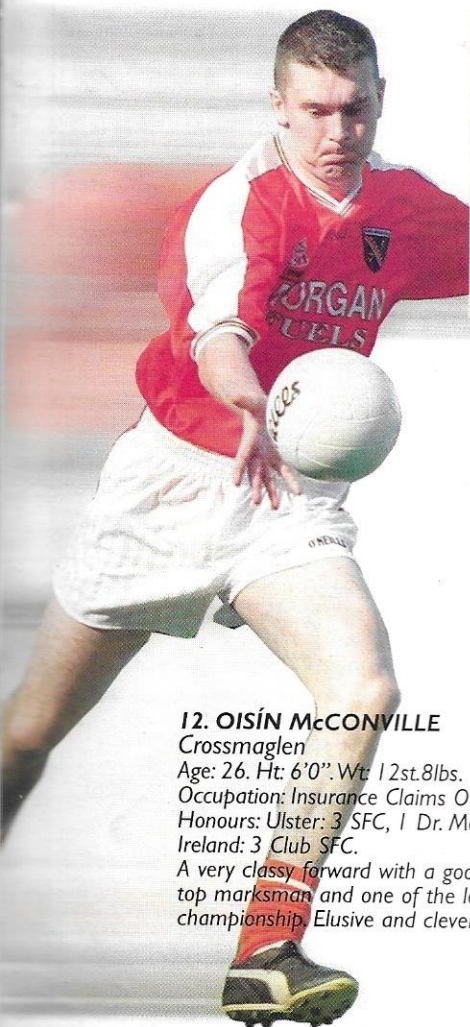
13. STEVEN McDONNELL
Killeavey
Age: 23. Ht: 6'0". Wt: 12st.
Occupation: Joiner.
Honours: Ulster: 3 SFC.
He has a gift for scoring goals. An alert and determined forward, who must be closely and constantly watched.



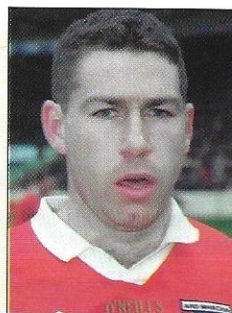
14. RONAN CLARKE
Pearse Óg
Age: 19. Ht: 6'3". Wt: 13st.7lbs.
Occupation: Student.
Honours: Ulster: 1 SFC, 1 U-21.
One of the most promising talents in the sport at present. Not yet out of his teens, he displayed maturity beyond his years with what many rated as a man-of-the-match display in the semi-final win over Dublin.

Fir Ionaid

16. PAUL HEARTY
Crossmaglen
Age: 24. Ht: 6'4". Wt: 15st.
Occupation: Electrician.
17. KIERAN HUGHES
Pearse Óg
Age: 25. Ht: 6'1". Wt: 13st.
Occupation: Welding Engineer.
18. CATHAL O'ROURKE
Dromintee
Age: 30. Ht: 5'11". Wt: 14st.
Occupation: Design Engineer.
19. PHILIP LOUGHRAN
Clady
Age: 21. Ht: 6'4". Wt: 13st.
Occupation: Student.
20. BARRY O'HAGAN
Clan na nGael
Age: 28. Ht: 5'11". Wt: 14st.
Occupation: Software Engineer.
21. JOHN DONALDSON
Crossmaglen
Age: 29. Ht: 6'0". Wt: 13st.
Occupation: Groundsman.
22. BARRY DUFFY
Killeavey
Age: 25. Ht: 6'3". Wt: 15st.7lbs.
Occupation: Quantity Surveyor.
23. GERARD REID
Eire Óg
Age: 32. Ht: 6'2". Wt: 14st.
Occupation: Civil Servant.
24. PAUL McCORMACK
Keady
Age: 23. Ht: 5'11". Wt: 13st.
Occupation: Student.
25. SIMON MAXWELL
Pearse Óg
Age: 28. Ht: 6'2". Wt: 13st.
Occupation: Engineer.
26. PADRAIG DUFFY
Pearse Óg
Age: 20. Ht: 5'10". Wt: 12st.
Occupation: Bricklayer.
27. COLM O'NEILL
Crossmaglen
Age: 30. Ht: 6'6". Wt: 16st.7lbs.
Occupation: Wholesaler.
28. KEVIN McELVANNA
Madden
Age: 22. Ht: 5'9". Wt: 12st.
Occupation: Student.
29. SHANE SMITH
Annaghmore
Age: 23. Ht: 6'0". Wt: 13st.7lbs.
Occupation: Joiner.
30. TONY McENTEE
Crossmaglen
Age: 25. Ht: 6'0". Wt: 14st.
Occupation: Cardiac Officer.



12. OISÍN McCONVILLE
Crossmaglen
Age: 26. Ht: 6'0". Wt: 12st.8lbs.
Occupation: Insurance Claims Officer.
Honours: Ulster: 3 SFC, 1 Dr. McKenna Cup, 3 Club SFC; All-Ireland: 3 Club SFC.
A very classy forward with a good scoring record—he is Armagh's top marksman and one of the leading scorers nationally in the championship. Elusive and clever in general play.



15. DIARMUID MARSDEN
Clan na nGael
Age: 27. Ht: 5'10". Wt: 13st.
Occupation: Civil Servant.
Honours: Ulster: 3 SFC, 1 MFC, 1 MF League; 2 Railway Cup.
An elusive and non-stop trier, he can present defenders with plenty of problems and is capable of taking and creating scores.



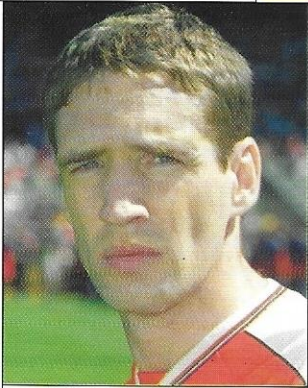


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Kieran McGeeney

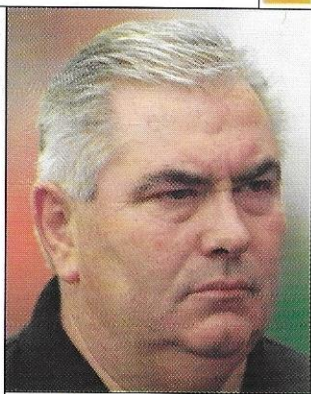
Kieran is the first to captain Armagh in an All-Ireland senior football final since Jimmy Smyth led the county against Dublin in 1977. He has played a big part with his leadership and dependable football in the county's march to this Sam Maguire Cup tie.

McGeeney was Armagh's captain when they lost their 2000 All-Ireland semi-final replay to Kerry in extra time.

He won provincial senior championship medals with Mullabawn (Armagh) and Na Fianna (Dublin) and was also in the Na Fianna side that lost to Crossmaglen Rangers (Armagh) in the 2000 AIB All-Ireland club decider.

The Armagh captain won his third Ulster senior medal last July. He has represented Ireland against Australia in the International Rules Test series and is in the panel for next month's international games.

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(Rathmore)

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S. Ó Muineacháin
(Glenflesk)

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MICHAEL MCCARTHY

M. Mac Cárthaigh
(Kilcummin)

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(An Ghaeltacht)

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E. Mac Muiris
(Finuge)

7

JOHN SHEEHAN

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(Laune Rangers)

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9

DONAL DALY

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(Fries)

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S. Ó Suilleabháin
(Cromane)

11

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(Dr. Crokes)

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(Luane Rangers)

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(17) Aodán Mac Gearailt A. Mac Gearailt (An Ghaeltacht)	(21) Seamus Scanlon S. Ó Scanláin (Carrow)	(25) Fionnán Kelliher F. Ó Céilleachair (Milltown/Castlemaine)	(29) Enda Galvin E. Ó Gealbháin (Finuge)
(18) John Crowley S. Ó Cruallaíoch (Bishopstown)	(22) Declan O'Sullivan D. Ó Suilleabháin (Dromid Pearses)	(26) Declan Quill D. Ó Coill (Kerins O'Rahillys)	(30) Michael D. Cahill M. D. Ó Cathail (Rathmore)
(19) Tom O'Sullivan T. Ó Suilleabháin (Rathmore)	(23) Mossy Lyons M. Ó Liatháin (Desmonds)	(27) Ronan O'Connor R. Ó Conchúir (St. Michael's/Foilmore)	

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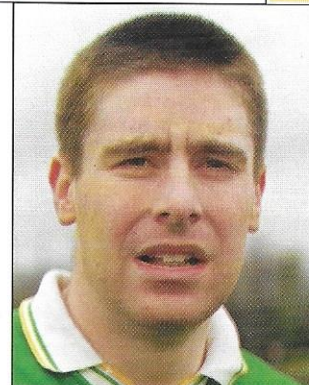
John returns to All-Ireland senior football final refereeing duty after four years. He was the man-in-the-middle at the Galway-Kildare Sam Maguire Cup tie of 1998.

A member of the Legan Sarsfields club, he has been on the intercounty refereeing panel since 1992. He has refereed at All-Ireland minor final level and has taken charge of games in the Allianz League and the AIB Club championship.

A former player he won county championship medals at Senior "B", Intermediate and Junior.

He refereed Kerry's drawn game with Cork in the Bank of Ireland Munster senior championship semi-final in June. His busy programme this year also included the Cork-Mayo All-Ireland quarter-final at Croke Park early last month.

An Captaen



Darragh Ó Sé

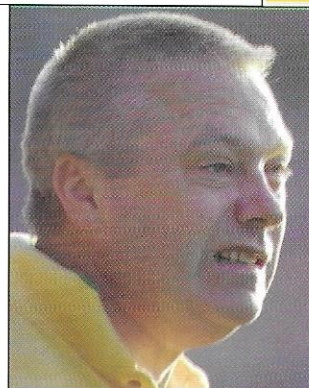
The An Ghaeltacht man is hoping to captain a national title winning side for the second time this year. He led his county to the Allianz Football League Division II crown last April.

Ó Sé appreciates from first hand what is required for success at this level of the championship. He helped Kerry to their Sam Maguire Cup wins of 1997 and 2000.

One of the outstanding mid-fielders in the game, Darragh has been a very influential figure in Kerry's come-back from their Munster semi-final replay defeat by Cork last June.

Ó Sé won All-Ireland under-21 medals in 1995 and 1996 and last October was prominent in the An Ghaeltacht team that won the county senior title for the first time.

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Páidí Ó Sé

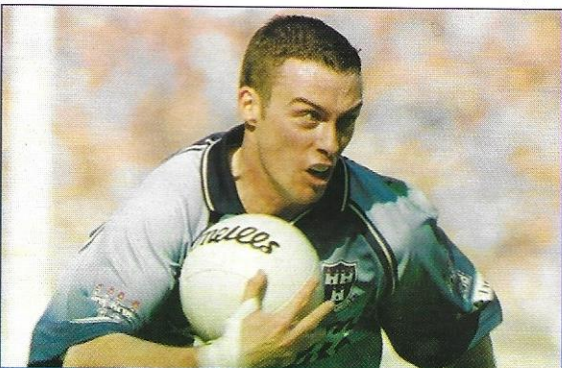
Roghnóirí:

Páidí Ó Sé (Manager), John O'Keefe, John O'Dwyer, Eddie O'Sullivan, Eamon Walsh.

Top Scorers

The battle to emerge as top scorer in the 2002 championship will go down to the wire as Ray Cosgrove's six points against Armagh leapfrogged the Dublin ace above Colin Corkery into pole position. However, his lead over third-placed Oisín McConville is just five points and with the Armagh free-taker averaging just over five points per outing, it looks certain to be close. Not out of the equation either is Kerry's Mike Francis Russell, a further four points in arrears of McConville, and a repeat of his semi-final performance (1-6) could see him take the overall honour.

Nine of last year's top 20, including winner Pdraig Joyce, return to this year's chart and they are – Joyce (1st to 20th), Dara Ó Cinnéide (4th to 12th), Rory Gallagher (6th to 7th), Brendan Devenney (10th to 8th), Russell (12th to 6th), Stephen O'Neill (12th to 15th), Dessie Sloyan (12th to 8th), Steven McDonnell (12th to 15th) and Chris Conway (19th to 11th).



Ray Cosgrove (Baile Átha Cliath) - still on top - just!

The top twenty marksmen (and ties) for the current campaign are:

1	Ray Cosgrove (Dublin)	6-23 (41)
2	Colin Corkery (Cork)	0-40
3	Oisín McConville (Armagh)	0-36
4	Adrian Sweeney (Donegal)	2-28 (34)
5	Declan Browne (Tipperary)	2-27 (33)
6	Mike Francis Russell (Kerry)	3-23 (32)
7	Rory Gallagher (Fermanagh)	4-18 (30)
8	Brendan Devenney (Donegal)	1-26 (29)
	Dessie Sloyan (Sligo)	2-23 (29)
	Michael Reidy (Limerick)	2-23 (29)
11	Chris Conway (Laois)	3-16 (25)
12	Dara Ó Cinnéide (Kerry)	0-24
	Peter Canavan (Tyrone)	0-24
14	Pdraic Davis (Longford)	0-23
15	Stephen O'Neill (Tyrone)	0-22
	Mark Stanfield (Louth)	1-19 (22)
	Steven McDonnell (Armagh)	2-16 (22)
	Colm Cooper (Kerry)	3-13 (22)
19	Pdraig Joyce (Galway)	0-21
	Gerry McGowan (Sligo)	1-18 (21)
	Peter Lambert (Tipperary)	3-12 (21)



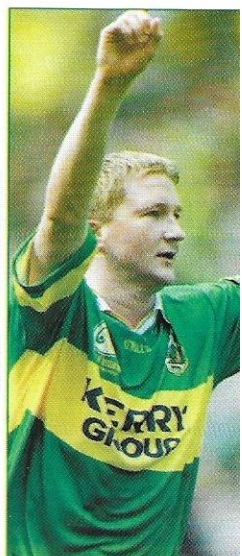
Oisín McConville (Ard Mhacha)

Individual Feats

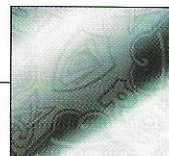
When Rory Gallagher hit a magnificent 3-9 against Monaghan at Clones last May, most believed that such a return was highly unlikely to be equalled again in the championship, let alone beaten. And so it proved as no player even threatened to overtake Gallagher's superb return. Michael Reidy of Limerick came closest, but he was a half a dozen points in arrears, while there was a tie for third place between Colin Corkery and Anthony Nolan. Just three other players – Gerald Pierson, Nigel Dineen and Declan Browne – managed double-digit totals.

No Armagh player features in the chart, but Kerry have three representatives in Mike Francis Russell, Colm Cooper and Eoin Brosnan. In all, 22 returns (21 last year) of eight points or better were recorded in the current campaign and they are:

Rory Gallagher (Fermanagh)	3-9	Ray Cosgrove (Dublin)	2-3
v Monaghan, 12th May at Clones		v Meath, 23rd June at Croke Park	
Michael Reidy (Limerick)	1-9	Dessie Sloyan (Sligo)	0-8
v Cavan, 8th June at the Gaelic Grounds		v Armagh, 18th August at An Uaimh	
Colin Corkery (Cork)	0-11	Declan Browne (Tipperary)	0-8
v Tipperary, 21st July at P.Uí Chaoimh		v Cork, 14th July at Thurles	
Anthony Nolan (Wicklow)	1-8	J.P. Casey (Westmeath)	0-8
v London, 8th June at Aughrim		v Carlow, 12th May at Portlaoise	
Gerald Pierson (Cavan)	0-10	Gerry McGowan (Sligo)	0-8
v Donegal, 12th May at Breffni Park		v New York, 5th May at Gaelic Park	
Nigel Dineen (Roscommon)	2-4	Colm Cooper (Kerry)	1-5
v Mayo, 23rd June at Castlebar		v Cork, 25th August at Croke Park	
Declan Browne (Tipperary)	2-4	Adrian Sweeney (Donegal)	1-5
v Clare, 9th June at Killarney		v Down, 2nd June at Ballybofey	
Stephen Kelly (Laois)	0-9	Michael Slowey (New York)	1-5
v Clare, 22nd June at Portlaoise		v Sligo, 5th May at Gaelic Park	
Mike Francis Russell (Kerry)	1-6	Ray Cosgrove (Dublin)	2-2
v Cork, 25th August at Croke Park		v Donegal, 17th August at Croke Park	
Ciaran McManus (Offaly)	1-6	Stephen O'Neill (Tyrone)	2-2
v Kildare, 22nd June at Nowlan Park		v Dublin, 14th July at Croke Park	
Stephen Lohan (Roscommon)	1-6	Eoin Brosnan (Kerry)	2-2
v Waterford, 8th June at Dungarvan		v Wicklow, 30th June at Portlaoise	



Michael Frank Russell (Ciarraí)





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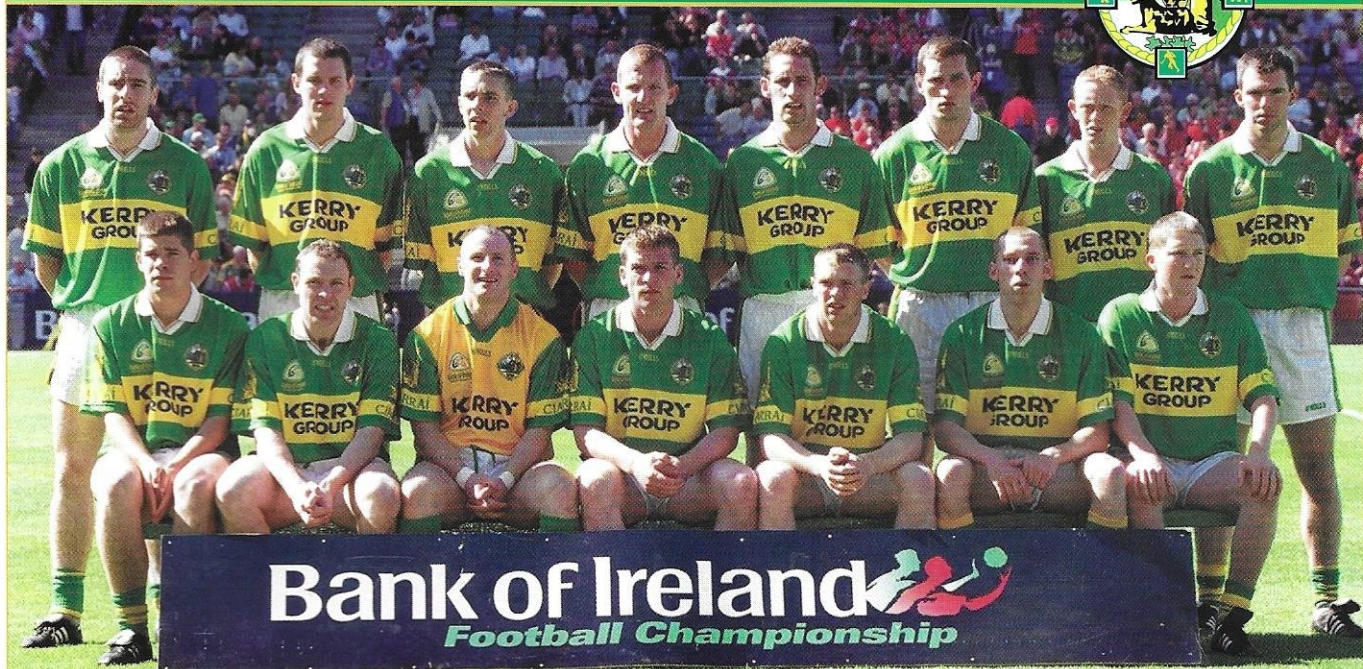
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Back row (l-r): Darragh Ó Sé, Eoin Brosnan, Marc Ó Sé, Liam Hassett, John Sheehan, Donal Daly, Colm Cooper, Michael McCarthy
Front row (l-r): Éamonn Fitzmaurice, Séamus Moynihan, Declan O’Keeffe, Dara Ó Cinnéide, Tomás Ó Sé, Seán O’Sullivan, Michael F.Russell.

Path to the Final

12th May, the Gaelic Grounds:

Kerry 0-14; Limerick 1-7

16th June, Killarney:

Kerry 0-8; Cork 0-8

23rd June, Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Cork 0-15; Kerry 1-9

30th June, Portlaoise:

Kerry 5-15; Wicklow 0-7

6th July, Portlaoise:

Kerry 2-15; Fermanagh 0-4

27th July, Thurles:

Kerry 2-10; Kildare 1-5

4th August, Croke Park:

Kerry 2-17; Galway 1-12

25th August, Croke Park:

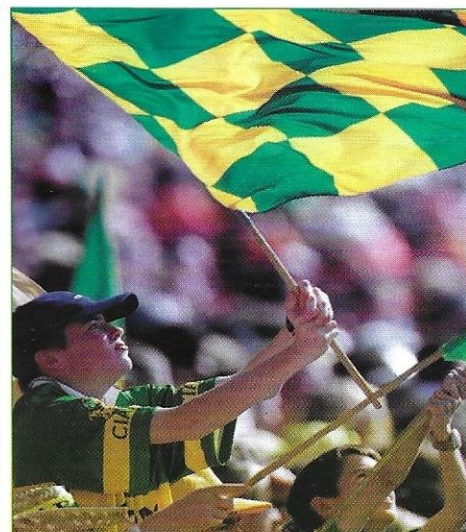
Kerry 3-19; Cork 2-7

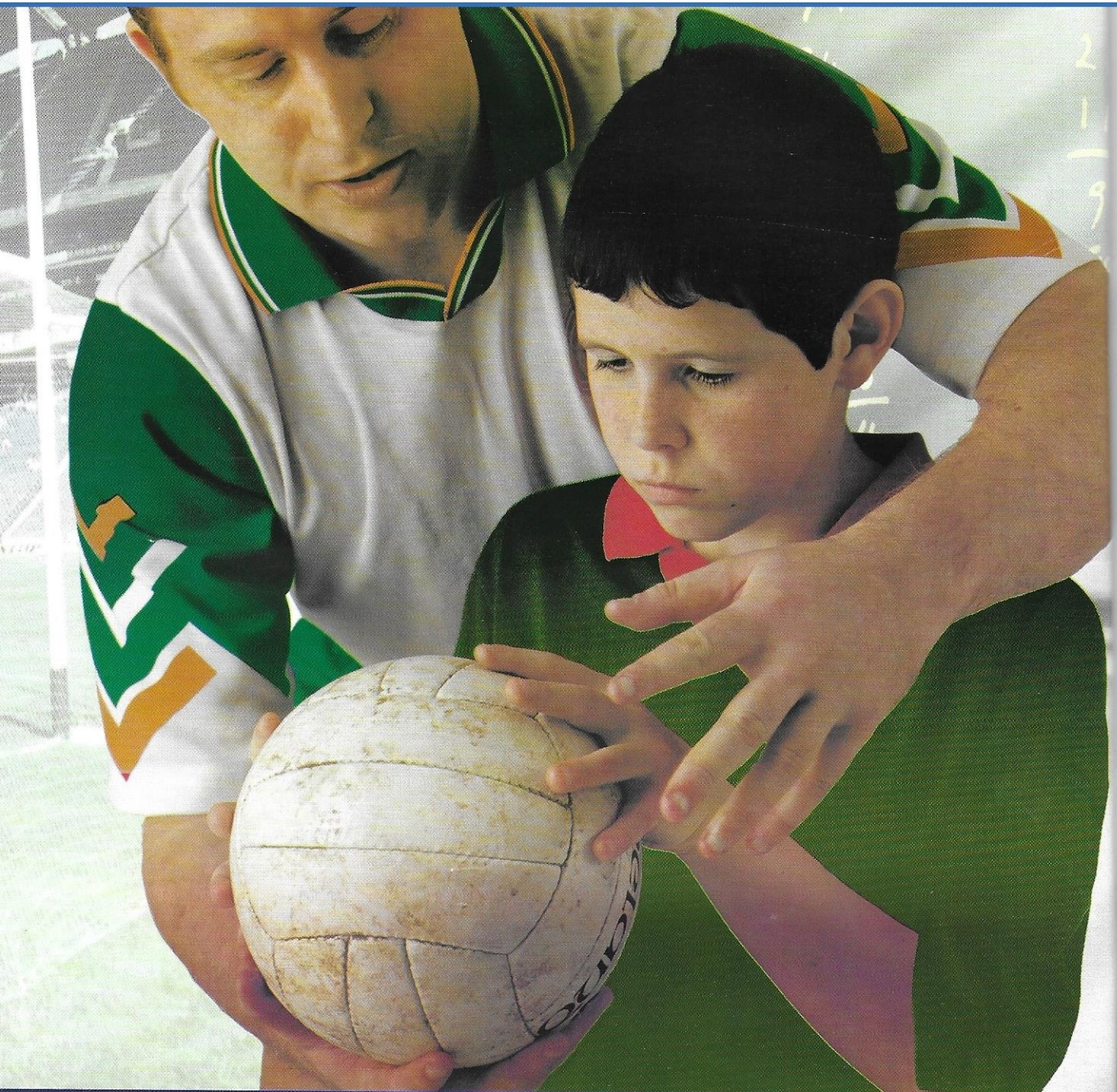
For: 15-107 (152 points)

Against: 5-65 (80 points)

Average: 1.9

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score	Total
Mike Francis Russell	0-4	0-6	1-1	1-2	—	—	0-4	1-6	3-23	32
Dara Ó Cinnéide	0-1	0-1	0-3	0-3	0-6	0-4	0-3	0-3	0-24	24
Colm Cooper	0-1	—	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	0-4	1-5	3-13	22
Eoin Brosnan	—	—	—	2-2	0-3	1-1	0-1	—	3-7	16
Sean O’Sullivan	—	—	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-8	11
Aodán MacGearailt	0-4	—	—	—	—	—	1-1	0-1	1-6	9
Liam Hassett	—	—	—	1-0	1-0	0-1	—	0-2	2-3	9
John Crowley	0-2	0-1	—	0-1	0-2	0-1	—	—	0-7	7
Darragh Ó Sé	—	—	0-1	—	0-1	—	0-1	0-1	0-4	4
Tomás Ó Sé	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	0-1	—	1-1	4
Noel Kennelly	0-2	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-3	3
Declan Quill	—	—	0-2	—	—	—	—	—	0-2	2
Ian Twiss	—	—	—	0-2	—	—	—	—	0-2	2
John Sheehan	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	—	0-2	2
Seamus Scanlon	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-1	1
Ronan O’Connor	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	1
Sean Levis (Cork)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	1-0	3





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Player Profiles



1. DECLAN O'KEEFE

Rathmore
Age: 30. Ht: 5'10".
Wt: 13st.7lbs.
Occupation: Garda.
Honours: All-Ireland: 2 SFC, 1 JFC, Munster: 5 SFC; 1 NFL; 1 Railway Cup; 1 International Rules; 2 All-Star.
A most accomplished goalkeeper, who is cool under pressure and is one of the most experienced in the game.



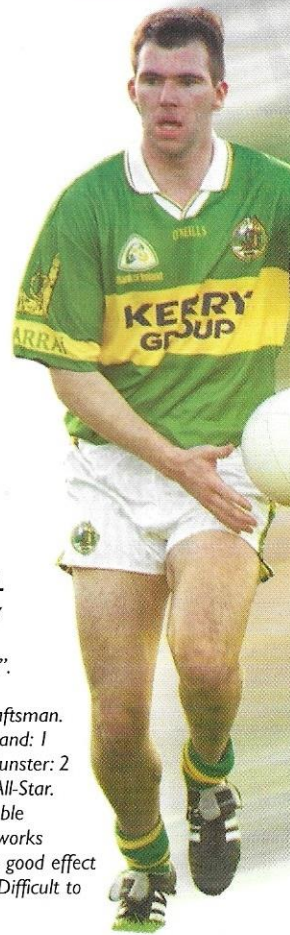
2. MARC Ó SÉ

An Ghaeltacht
Age: 22. Ht: 6'0". Wt: 12st.
Occupation: Student.
Honours: Munster: 1 MFC; County: 1 SFC.
A very dependable footballer, who reads the game well and places his clearances to good effect



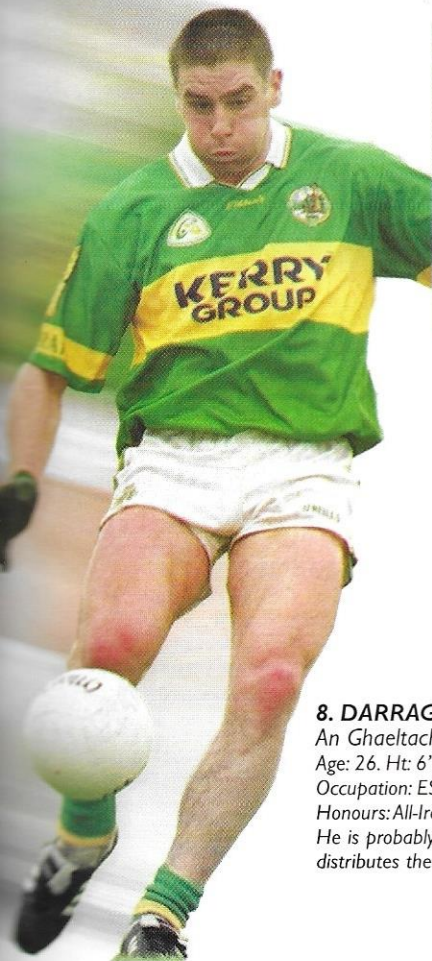
3. SEAMUS MOYNIHAN

Glenflesk
Age: 28. Ht: 5'11". Wt: 13st.
Occupation: Insurance Agent.
Honours: All-Ireland: 2 SFC, 1 Colleges; Munster: 4 SFC, 2 U-21, 1 MFC; 1 NFL; 1 Railway Cup; 4 Sigerson; 4 International Rules; 2 All-Stars.
An inspirational player time and again for Kerry with his shrewd play, good positional sense and excellent blocking of the ball.



4. MICHAEL McCARTHY

Kilcummin
Age: 23. Ht: 6'0".
Wt: 12st.
Occupation: Draftsman.
Honours: All-Ireland: 1 SFC, 1 U-21; Munster: 2 SFC; 1 MFC; 1 All-Star.
A very dependable footballer, who works tirelessly and to good effect in every game. Difficult to outwit.



5. TOMÁS Ó SÉ

An Ghaeltacht
Age: 24. Ht: 5'11". Wt: 12st.7lbs. Occupation: Teacher.
Honours: All-Ireland: 1 SFC, 1 U-21; Munster: 3 SFC, 2 MFC, 3 U-21.
A hard worker, who is difficult to evade and uses the ball well. He has been in consistently good form throughout the campaign.



6. EAMONN FITZMAURICE

Finuge
Age: 24. Ht: 6'1". Wt: 14st.
Occupation: Teacher.
Honours: All-Ireland: 1 SFC, 2 U-21, 1 MFC; Munster: 3 SFC, 2 U-21, 1 JFC, 1 McGrath Cup, 1 Club SFC (with UCC).
Another powerful unit in the defence and an accomplished campaigner, who gives little away easily. Also a gifted hurler.

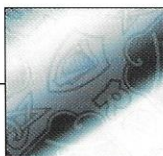


7. JOHN SHEEHAN

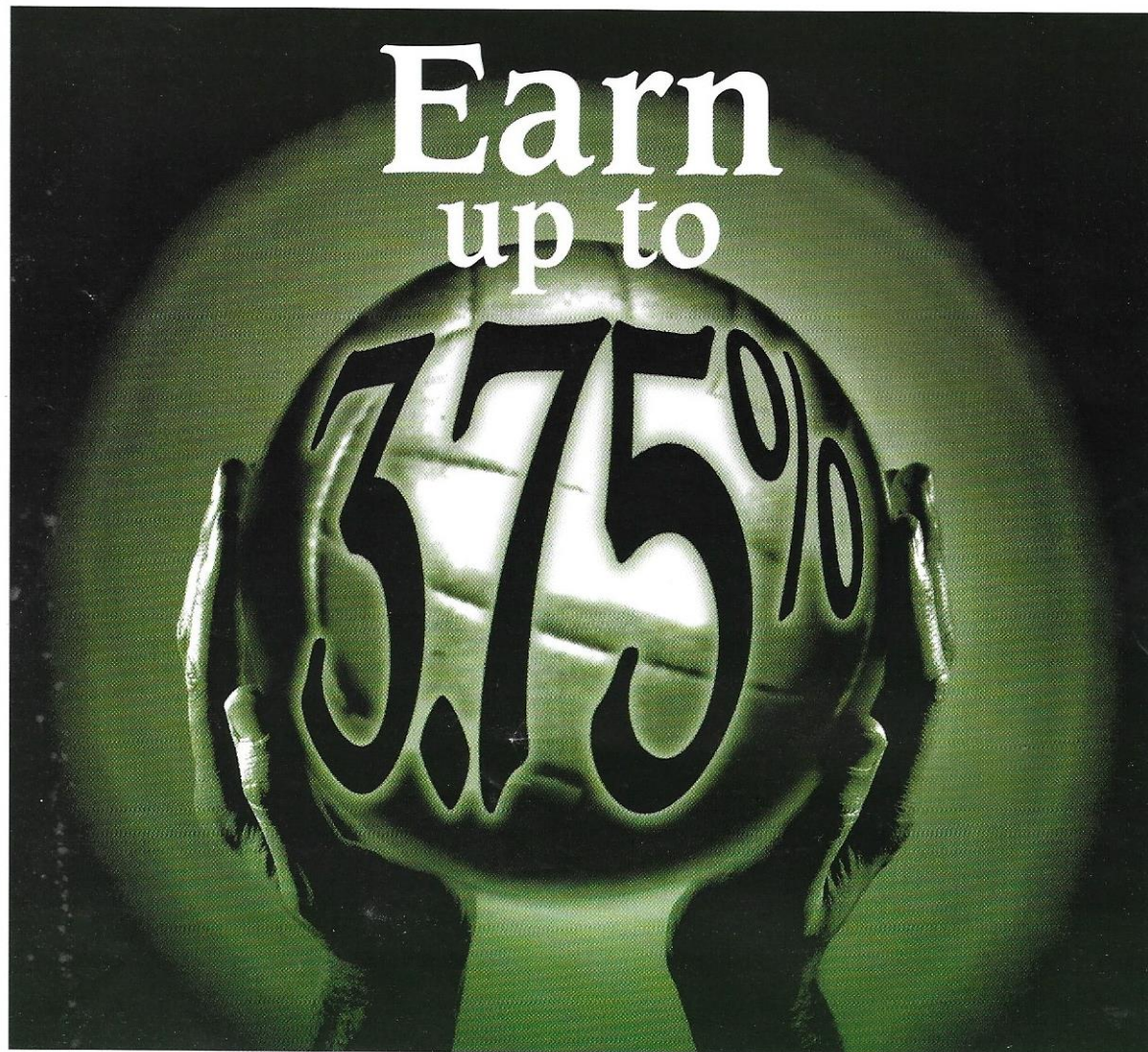
Laune Rangers
Age: 25. Ht: 6'1". Wt: 12st.7lbs.
Occupation: Blocklayer.
Honours: All-Ireland: 2 U-21, 1 Colleges, 1 Club; Munster: 2 U-21, 2 Club.
He is having a good season and is proving himself to be a cornerstone of the rearguard.

8. DARRAGH Ó SÉ

An Ghaeltacht
Age: 26. Ht: 6'0". Wt: 14st.
Occupation: ESB Employee.
Honours: All-Ireland: 2 SFC, 2 U-21; 1 NFL; Munster: 5 SFC, 2 U-21; 1 Railway Cup; 1 All-Star; 1 International Rules.
He is probably playing the best football of his career at present. A splendid fielder, his work-rate is excellent and he distributes the ball to good effect.



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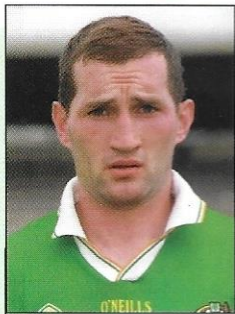
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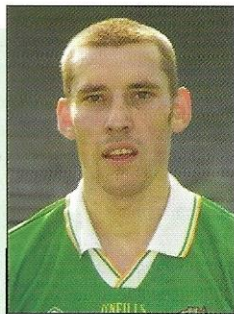
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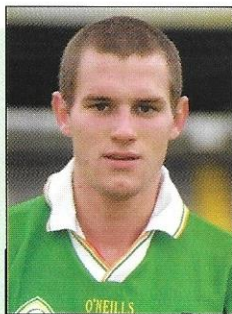
Age: 27. Ht: 6'2". Wt: 14st.
Occupation: Student.
Honours: All-Ireland: 2 SFC, 1 JFC,
1 U-21; Munster: 5 SFC; 1 NFL.
A most accomplished midfielder
and determined worker, he is in
fine form and has been to the
fore in the current campaign.



10. SEÁN O'SULLIVAN

Cromane

Age: 22. Ht: 6'1". Wt: 12st.
Occupation: Bank Official.
Honours: Munster: 1 MFC, 1 U-
21; Trench Cup with LIT.
An accomplished footballer, who
has a good eye for an opening
and capable of taking scoring
opportunities in fine style.



11. EOIN BROSAN

Dr. Crokes

Age: 22. Ht: 6'3". Wt: 13st.
Occupation: Trainee Solicitor.
Honours: Munster: 1 SFC, 1 MFC,
1 Club; County: 1 SFC, 1 Cork SFC.
A clever and creative player, who
blends in well in attack and can
take and make scores in fine style.



13. MICHAEL F. RUSSELL

Laune Rangers

Age: 24. Ht: 5'11". Wt: 11st.7lbs.
Occupation: Exchange Official.
Honours: All-Ireland: 2 SFC, 2 U-
21, 1 MFC, 1 Club, 1 Colleges;
Munster: 4 SFC, 2 U-21, 2 Club;
1 Sigerson Cup; 1 All-Star.
He is having a splendid
campaign. Clever and elusive, he
works to good effect in every
game and is Kerry's leading
marksman this season.



14. DARA Ó CINNÉIDE

An Ghaeltacht

Age: 27. Ht: 5'10". Wt: 13st.7lbs.
Occupation: Radio na Gealtachta.
Honours: All-Ireland: 2 SFC, 2 U-
21, 1 JFC; 1 NFL; 1 Railway Cup.
Backs up his intelligent football
with considerable big-match
experience and is also a good
score-taker.



15. COLM COOPER

Dr. Crokes

Age: 19. Ht: 5'11". Wt: 10st. Occupation: Student.
Honours: Munster: 1 MFC, 1 U-21.
One of the brightest young talents in the game at
present. His mature football belies his 19 years and
he is also building up a good reputation as an
expert finisher.

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16. DIARMUID MURPHY

Dingle

Age: 27. Ht: 6'3". Wt: 14st.7lbs.

Occupation: Clerical Officer.

17. AODÁN MAC GEARAILT

An Ghaeltacht

Age: 24. Ht: 6'1". Wt: 13st.

Occupation: PE Teacher.

18. JOHN CROWLEY

Bishopstown

Age: 27. Ht: 6'0". Wt: 13st.7lbs.

Occupation: Garda.

19. TOM O'SULLIVAN

Rathmore

Age: 23. Ht: 6'2". Wt: 13st.

Occupation: Garda.

20. BARRY O'SHEA

Kerins O'Rahilly's

Age: 26. Ht: 6'1". Wt: 14st.

Occupation: Bank Official.

21. SEAMUS SCANLON

Currow

Age: 20. Ht: 6'2". Wt: 13st.

Occupation: Fitter.

22. DECLAN O'SULLIVAN

Dromid Pearseas

Age: 18. Height: 6'0". Wt: 12st.

Occupation: Student.

23. MOSSY LYONS

Castleisland Desmonds

Age: 25. Ht: 5'10". Wt: 11st.

Occupation: Trainee Actuary.

24. IAN TWISS

Milltown/Castlemaine

Age: 24. Ht: 5'9". Wt: 12st.

Occupation: Student.

25. FIONNÁN KELLIHER

Milltown/Castlemaine

Age: 26. Ht: 5'10". Wt: 11st.5lbs.

Occupation: Civil Engineer.

26. DECLAN QUILL

Kerins O'Rahilly's

Age: 20. Ht: 6'0". Wt: 12st.7lbs.

Occupation: Student.

27. RONAN O'CONNOR

St. Michael's/Foilmore

Age: 21. Ht: 6'0". Wt: 13st.

Occupation: Student.

28. MICHAEL FINN

Austin Stacks

Age: 21. Ht: 6'5". Wt: 12st.

Occupation: Student.

29. ENDA GALVIN

Finuge

Age: 23. Ht: 5'10". Wt: 12st.6lbs.

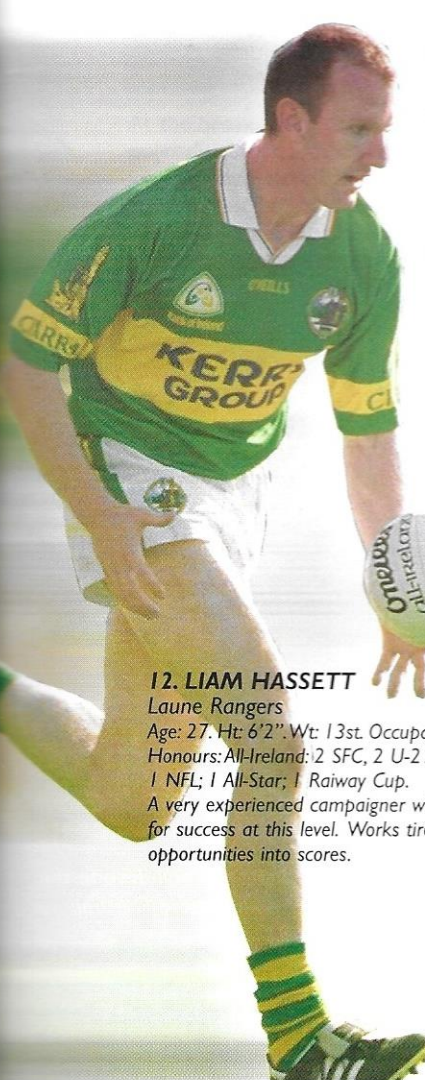
Occupation: Company Representative.

30. MICHAEL D. CAHILL

Rathmore

Age: 24. Ht: 5'11". Wt: 12st.5lbs.

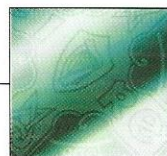
Occupation: Student.



12. LIAM HASSETT

Laune Rangers

Age: 27. Ht: 6'2". Wt: 13st. Occupation: Teacher.

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Armagh and Kerry...Head-to-Head

1953 – Kerry 0-13 Armagh 1-6

Forty-nine years ago Kerry and Armagh clashed for the first time when they met in the All-Ireland final. Both counties had shown good form en-route to the decider, with the Kingdom's victories over Clare, Cork and Louth marginally more impressive than the Orchard county's over Antrim, Derry, Cavan and Roscommon.

Kerry had not tasted All-Ireland success for seven years, which represented a long time in the wilderness for the Munster kingpins and, with Armagh making their debut appearance in the decider, interest was high and the largest attendance at a final to that date – 86,155 – was present for this encounter.

Not surprisingly, Armagh opened nervously and a more experienced Kerry outfit had two early points courtesy of Jim Brosnan and Tom Ashe. Having missed a number of likely chances, it wasn't until the 15th minute that Gerry O'Neill opened the Ulster champions' account, but they swept into the lead when Mal McEvoy's shot was deflected to the net.

A brace of points from Tadgh Lyne brought Kerry level, but Armagh responded with white flags from McEvoy and O'Neill to open up a two-point advantage, before Brosnan had the last score of the opening period to leave it 1-3 to 0-5 at the interval.

Having scored the last point of the first half, Brosnan also registered the first of the second period at the 33rd minute to level matters and that position remained unaltered after McEvoy and Lyne swapped points. However, shortly afterwards Lyne gave Kerry a lead they never subsequently surrendered.

Despite having lost Sean Quinn to injury, Armagh continued on the offensive and were rewarded with a penalty at the 50th minute, but Billie McCorry's powerful shot went just wide of the post. A relieved Kerry had the better of the closing minutes and two points by J.J. Sheehan and a single from Lyne put them safe, before Brian Seeley had a late consolation score for Armagh.

Kerry scorers: T. Lyne 0-6, J. Brosnan 0-3, J.J. Sheehan 0-2, T. Ashe 0-1, J. Lyne 0-1.

Armagh scorers: M. McEvoy 1-1, G. O'Neill 0-3, J. Cunningham 0-1, B. Seeley 0-1.

Kerry – John Foley, James Murphy, Ned Roche, Donie Murphy, Con Keneally, Jim Cronin, Mick Palmer, Sean Murphy, Des Hanafin, Jim Brosnan, J.J. Sheehan, Tadgh Lyne, Tom Ashe, Sean Kelly, Jackie Lyne.

Sub – Gerry O'Sullivan for Hanafin.

Armagh – Eamon McMahon, Gene Morgan, Jack Bratten, John McKnight, Frank Kernan, Pat O'Neill, Sean Quinn, Mick O'Hanlon, Mal McEvoy, Joe Cunningham, Brian Seeley, Bill McCorry, Paddy Campbell, Art O'Hagan, Gerry O'Neill.

Subs – Gerry Wilson for McMahon, Gerry Murphy for Wilson, Joe O'Hare for Quinn.

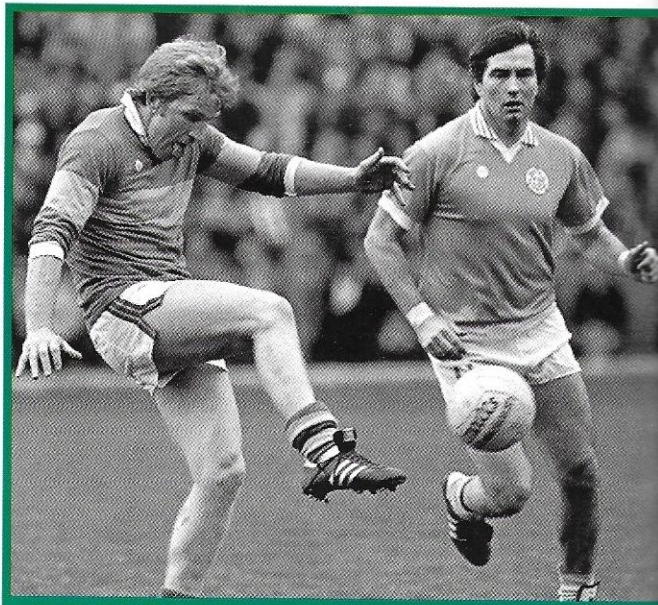
1982 – Kerry 3-15 Armagh 1-11

Twenty-nine years after their first meeting, Armagh and Kerry clashed for the second time and on this occasion it was at the semi-final stage. The Kingdom had been All-Ireland champions for the previous four years, but had been given a scare in Munster when Cork took them to a replay, although they won the second meeting by nine points. Armagh started slowly in Ulster, just edging out Donegal, before recording comfortable wins over Antrim and Fermanagh, but it still left them underdogs for this clash.

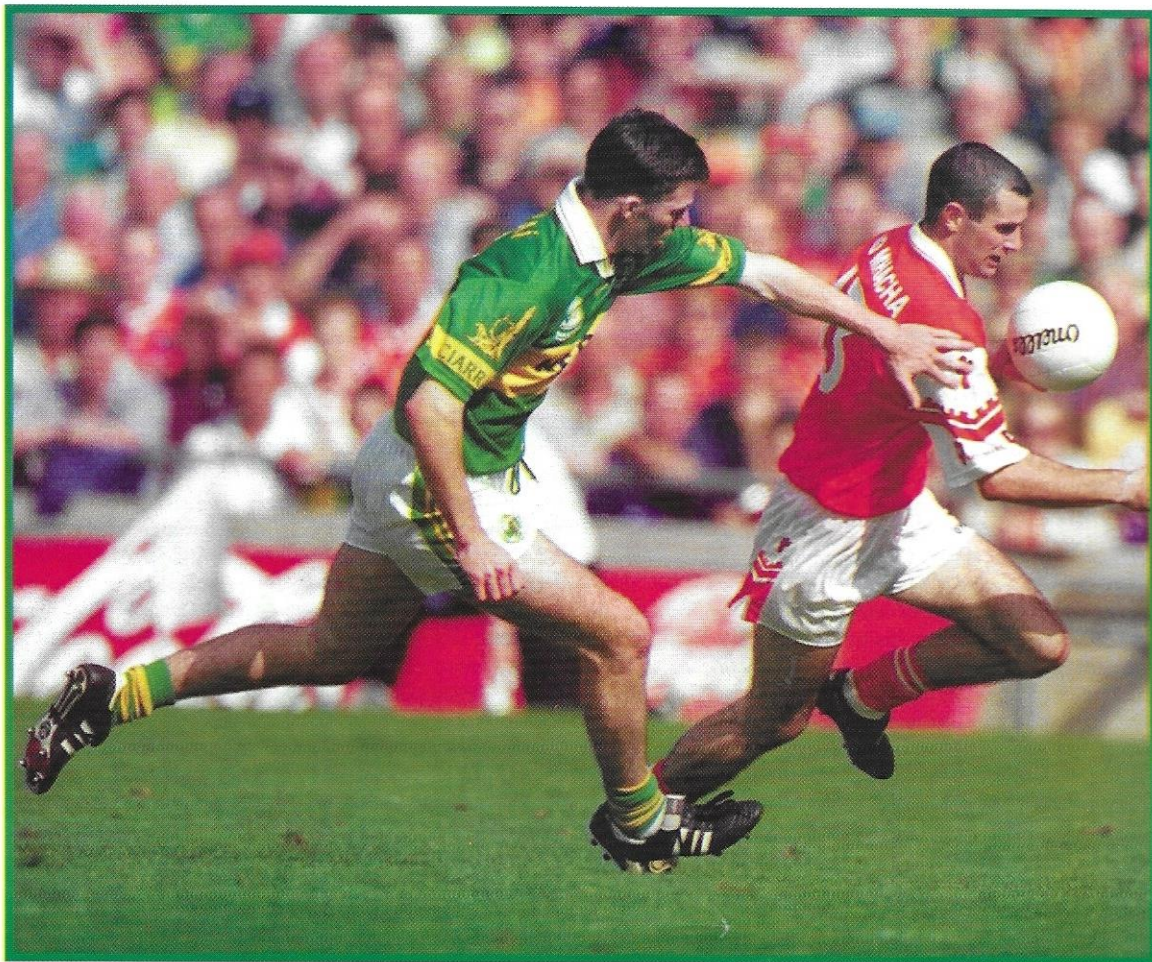
However, Armagh belied their underdogs tag in the opening exchanges and straight from the throw-in they were on the attack – Colm McKinstry's long kick was gathered by John Corvan whose shot came back off the post, before Fran McMahon pointed the rebound.

Kerry's response was immediate and nearly lethal as Jack O'Shea's pile-driver almost broke Brian McAlinden's crossbar, but when Kerry's next chance for a green flag came they made no mistake. Tom Spillane and Ger Power exchanged passes in midfield before Mikey Sheehy, "Ogie" Moran and O'Shea got involved in a move that was finally finished to the net by Sheehy.

Armagh did respond with a goal at the 20th minute when Joe Kernan deflected Peter Rafferty's shot to the net, although Kerry looked likely to negate that score when Power was fouled in the square, but McAlinden saved Sheehy's kick.



15 August 1982: Kerry's Ger O'Keeffe clears the ball despite the attentions of Armagh's Joe Kernan in the All-Ireland Football semi-final at Croke Park.



20 August 2000:
Steven McDonnell
(Ard Mhacha) in
action against
Michael
McCarthy
(Ciarraí) in the
All-Ireland Senior
Football Semi-
Final at Croke
Park.

At the break Kerry led by 1-10 to 1-5, but within a few minutes of the resumption they were nine points clear. John Egan opened the scoring with a point and the same player quickly added a goal following good work by Moran. Nine minutes after the resumption the game was effectively ended as a contest when Eoin Liston found the net after Egan and Power had done the donkey-work.

Kerry continued to press home their advantage and Moran, Power, Sheehy and Liston all pointed before Armagh staged a late rally with points from Kernan, Noel Marley, Corvan, Brian McGeown and McMahon, to put some respectability on the scoreboard.

Kerry scorers: M.Sheehy 1-4, E.Liston 1-3, J.Egan 1-1, T.Spillane 0-2, G.Power 0-2, D.Moran 0-2, S.Walsh 0-1.

Armagh scorers: J.Kernan 1-3, J.Corvan 0-3, F.McMahon 0-2, N.Marley 0-1, B.Hughes 0-1, B.McGeown 0-1.

Kerry – Charlie Nelligan, Ger O’Keeffe, John O’Keeffe, Paud Lynch, Paudie O’Shea, Tim Kennelly, Tony Doyle, Jack O’Shea, Sean Walsh, Ger Power, Tom Spillane, Denis Moran, Mikey Sheehy, Eoin Liston, John Egan.

Subs – Mick Spillane for Doyle, Pat Spillane for Moran.

Armagh – Brian McAlinden, Denis Stevenson, Jim McKerr, John Donnelly, Noel Marley, Paddy Moriarty, Peter Rafferty, Fran McMahon, Colm McKinstry, Denis Dowling, Joe Kernan, Brian Canavan, John Corvan, Brian Hughes, Sean Devlin.

Subs – Aidan Short for Dowling, Kieran McNally for Canavan, Brian McGeown for Devlin.

2000 – Kerry 2-11 Armagh 2-11

Kerry made a whirlwind start to this semi-final clash and were six points clear in as many minutes. Mike Francis Russell opened their account within 60 seconds with a point before Dara Ó Cinnéide converted a penalty two minutes later, and further points by John Crowley and Ó Cinnéide made it 1-3 to nil.

However, Armagh opened their account at the seventh minute with a Paddy McKeever point and a goal by Barry O’Hagan allied to a brace of points from Cathal O’Rourke made it 1-3 apiece at the 15th minute.

The momentum then switched back to Kerry and points by Russell, Ó Cinnéide, Donal Daly and Darragh Ó Sé put them four clear, before Oisín McConville and O’Hagan responded for the Orchard county to leave it 1-7 to 1-5 at the break.

Four minutes after the resumption points by Tony McEntee and McConville brought Armagh level, before a bout of point swapping – Aodán MacGearailt and McConville, Russell and Paul McGrane – left the sides deadlocked at 1-9 apiece with 15 minutes remaining.

A point by Noel Kennelly edged Kerry clear before a brilliant goal by Maurice Fitzgerald appeared to set them on course for victory. A point by O’Rourke at the 63rd minute reduced Armagh arrears to three, but that

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Armagh and Kerry...Head-to-Head

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was still the gap at the 70th minute. However, a goal by Andrew McCann and a point by Kieran McGeeney in injury time looked set to give Armagh an unlikely victory, before Fitzgerald converted a free to set up a second meeting.

Kerry scorers: D.Ó Cinnéide 1-2, M.Fitzgerald 1-1, M.F.Russell 0-3, J.Crowley 0-1, D.Ó Sé 0-1, D.Daly 0-1, A.MacGearailt 0-1, N.Kennelly 0-1.

Armagh scorers: B.O'Hagan 1-1, O.McConville 0-3, C.O'Rourke 0-3, A.McCann 1-0, P.McKeever 0-1, T.McEntee 0-1, P.McGrane 0-1, K.McGeeney 0-1.

McConville sent the game into extra time.

Kerry made a superb start to the first period of extra time as points by John Crowley and Donal Daly were followed by Russell's second goal. Armagh did recover, however, and three unanswered points left them trailing by two at the end of the period (1-14 to 2-13). Half-way through the second period Armagh still trailed by two when McConville was through on goal, but he was denied by Declan O'Keefe and the ball was quickly transferred to the other end where Fitzgerald pointed. The leaders comfortably defended that three-point cushion to the end.

Replay – Kerry 2-15 Armagh 1-15

(after extra time)

Thirteen days after the drawn encounter, another 50,000 people made their way to Croke Park for the replay and they were rewarded with another stirring contest that took extra time to resolve. There was little to separate the sides in the opening half, but Oisín McConville's superb goal at the 34th minute gave Armagh a four-point cushion at the break – 1-7 to 0-6. On the restart John McEntee nudged Armagh five clear and the prospect of a first-ever win over the Kingdom looked bright.

However, instead of pushing for a larger advantage, the leaders adopted a more defensive posture and between the 41st and 59th minutes failed to score. In that period Kerry had four points to narrow their arrears and they took the lead at the 63rd minute when Maurice Fitzgerald placed Mike Francis Russell for a goal. A pointed free from McConville brought parity and a late exchange of points between Dara Ó Cinnéide and

Kerry scorers: M.F.Russell 2-3, D.Ó Cinnéide 0-3, M.Fitzgerald 0-2, E.Fitzmaurice 0-1, D.Ó Sé 0-1, D.Daly 0-1, A.MacGearailt 0-1, J.Crowley 0-1, L.Hassett 0-1, N.Kennelly 0-1.

Armagh scorers: O.McConville 1-9, S.McDonnell 0-2, D.Marsden 0-1, J.McEntee 0-1, B.O'Hagan 0-1, C.O'Rourke 0-1.

Kerry – Declan O'Keefe, Mike Hassett, Seamus Moynihan, Michael McCarthy, Tomás Ó Sé, Eamon Fitzmaurice, Tom O'Sullivan, Darragh Ó Sé, Donal Daly, Denis O'Dwyer, Dara Ó Cinnéide, Noel Kennelly, Mike Francis Russell, Aodán MacGearailt, John Crowley.

Subs – Liam Hassett for MacGearailt, Maurice Fitzgerald for O'Dwyer, Tommy Griffin for O'Sullivan, MacGearailt for Ó Cinnéide, Enda Galvin for Crowley.

Armagh – Brendan Tierney, Justin McNulty, Ger Reid, Enda McNulty, Kieran Hughes, Kieran McGeeney, Andrew McCann, Paul McGrane, John McEntee, Cathal O'Rourke, Barry O'Hagan, Paddy McKeever, Diarmuid Marsden, Tony McEntee, Oisín McConville.

Subs – Alan O'Neill for O'Hagan, Steven McDonnell for O'Rourke, John Donaldson for Tony McEntee, Ger Houlahan for McKeever, Aidan O'Rourke for McGrane.

2 September 2000:
Dara Ó Cinnéide
(Ciarrai) has his
kick blocked down
by Kieran
McGeeney
(Ard Mhacha) in
the All-Ireland
Senior Football
Semi-final replay at
Croke Park.



Ulster and the Double

Derry and Armagh will today be striving to record an Ulster senior-minor championship double – a feat that was last accomplished more than half a century ago by the representatives of the northern province. As the record shows, this particular double is a difficult proposition; indeed, reaching the final at both levels in the one year has been, for Ulster counties, an assignment that has met with, at best, modest success.

The last year in which there was Ulster interest in both finals was seven years ago when Derry minors and Tyrone seniors provided the opposition for Westmeath and Dublin respectively. There was no joy for the northerners on that occasion, however, though considering that the deficits were just one point and two points, it would obviously have taken very little to reverse the outcomes.

Ulster's first dual involvement on All-Ireland final day was in 1937 when Cavan carried hopes in both deciders – and they almost succeeded in recording the province's first double. In fact, for some time it seemed they had done so. Having defeated Wexford in the curtain-raiser, when the final whistle was blown in the senior contest, almost everyone in Croke Park was under the impression that Cavan had won by a point and this was announced on radio. However, after some time the referee, Mick Hennessy of Clare, announced that he had disallowed Cavan's last point, and that what everyone present – including the Cavan and Kerry players – thought was the resultant kick-out, was in fact, a free out for throwing the ball over the bar. It was, at best, a hair-line decision, but it cost Cavan the double as they went down in the replay three weeks later. And that was as near as any Ulster county got to the double.

But the double success did eventually come to the province, though interestingly, the senior and minor final wins were recorded at venues 3,000 miles apart. This was, of course, in 1947 when Cavan beat Kerry at the Polo Grounds in New York a few hours after Tyrone had overcome Mayo in an eight-goal epic at Croke Park.

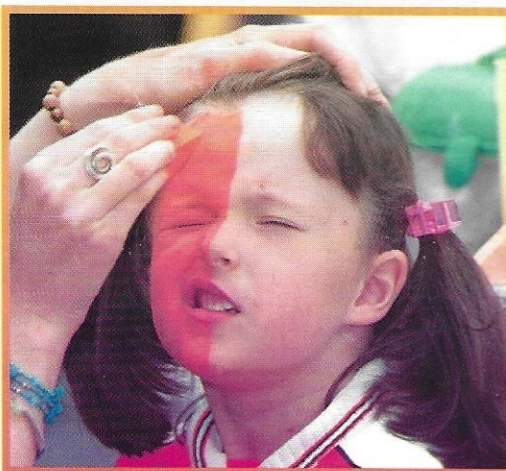
A year later there was another Ulster double with Cavan (senior) and Tyrone again the successful counties, and in 1949 a unique treble looked likely when Armagh beat Kerry in the minor final, only to have Meath thwart Cavan in the main event. The Breffni county was still a power in 1952, reaching both finals, but their experience was the reverse of 1937 as they lost the minor game to Galway and won the senior on a replay from Meath.

Twenty-five years elapsed before there was another double involvement by Ulster on final day, but it was a split verdict in 1977 – Down winning the under-18 title while Armagh lost the senior decider to Dublin. Since then – the 1995 attempt apart – northern counties have dually contested only once, which was in 1992 when they came agonisingly close. A last-minute goal deprived Armagh in the minor final against Meath before Donegal went on to take the senior crown.

No need to remind Ulster followers that the double is a hazardous assignment.



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Damien Eagers of Sportsfile took this photograph of a young Armagh supporter prior to the Ulster Final in Clones last July. Sportsfile would like to use this picture in the 2002 edition of its publication "A Season of Sundays", which will be published in November, and would be anxious to identify the girl by name. If you know who this is, please contact the photographer at Dublin 454 7400.

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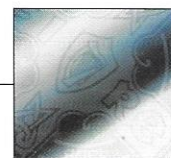
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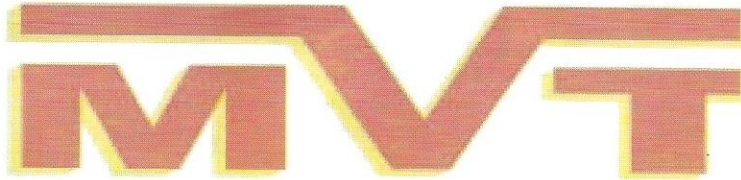
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Two seasons ago, in a 38-game campaign, 13 penalties were awarded, but last year when the campaign was extended to 63 matches the penalty awards fell to just seven. However, this season has seen 19 penalties awarded in the 68 games played to date. The return per penalty, which last year fell to just 1.43, has also jumped back up to 2.26 as 14 goals and one point resulted from the 19 spot-kicks.

Only one keeper, Mickey McVeigh of Down, managed to save a penalty last season but four shot-stoppers – Ollie Murphy, Fergal Maguire, Fergal Byron and Declan O’Keeffe – brought off saves in the current campaign. Three of last season’s penalty takers took kicks this season with mixed results. Frankie Dolan goaled last year’s effort but settled for a point this time around,

while Chris Conway was successful this season having wided last year’s kick, and Colin Corkery was denied by Declan O’Keeffe this year having missed the target last season.

Rory Gallagher, with three goals from three penalties is very definitely this year’s top penalty taker, but Derek Savage and Ciarán McManus were also successful with both their efforts.

The 19 penalties awarded this season and the result of each is as follows:

12th May

Rory Gallagher (Fermanagh)	GOAL	v Monaghan
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Colm Mullen (Clare)	GOAL	v Waterford
Michael Walsh (Waterford)	GOAL	v Clare
Mark Stanfield (Louth)	GOAL	v Longford

19th May

Frankie Dolan	POINT	v Galway
Derek Savage (Galway)	GOAL	v Roscommon
Chris Conway (Laois)	GOAL	v Offaly

8th June

Peter Canavan (Tyrone)	SAVED	by Ollie Murphy (Wexford)
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9th June

Rory Gallagher (Fermanagh)	GOAL	v Armagh
Fintan McBrien (Leitrim)	GOAL	v Sligo
Declan Browne (Tipperary)	SAVED	by Fergal Maguire (Clare)

16th June

Adrian Sweeney (Donegal)	GOAL	v Derry
Ciaran McManus (Offaly)	GOAL	v Kildare

22nd June

Colm Mullen (Clare)	SAVED	by Fergal Byron (Laois)
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23rd June

Ciaran McManus (Offaly)	GOAL	v Kildare
Colin Corkery (Cork)	SAVED	by Declan O’Keeffe (Kerry)

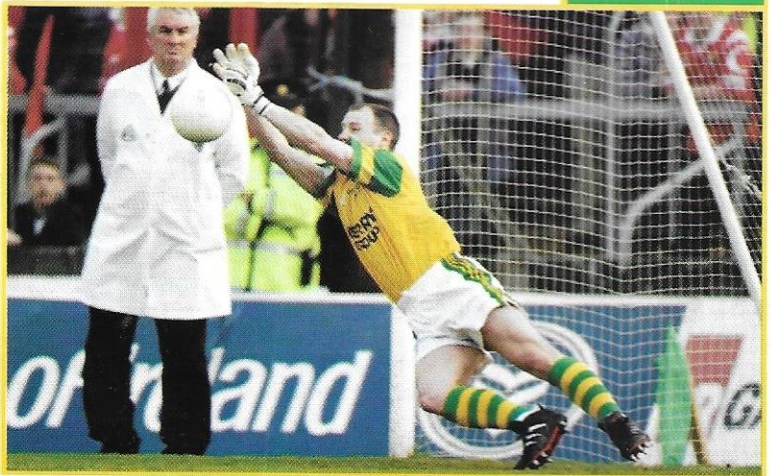
30th June

Derek Savage (Galway)	GOAL	v Sligo
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5th August

Kieran McDonald (Mayo)	GOAL	v Cork
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Declan O’Keeffe (Ciarraí) saves a penalty in the replay against Cork.



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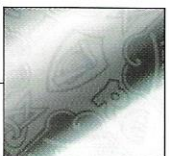


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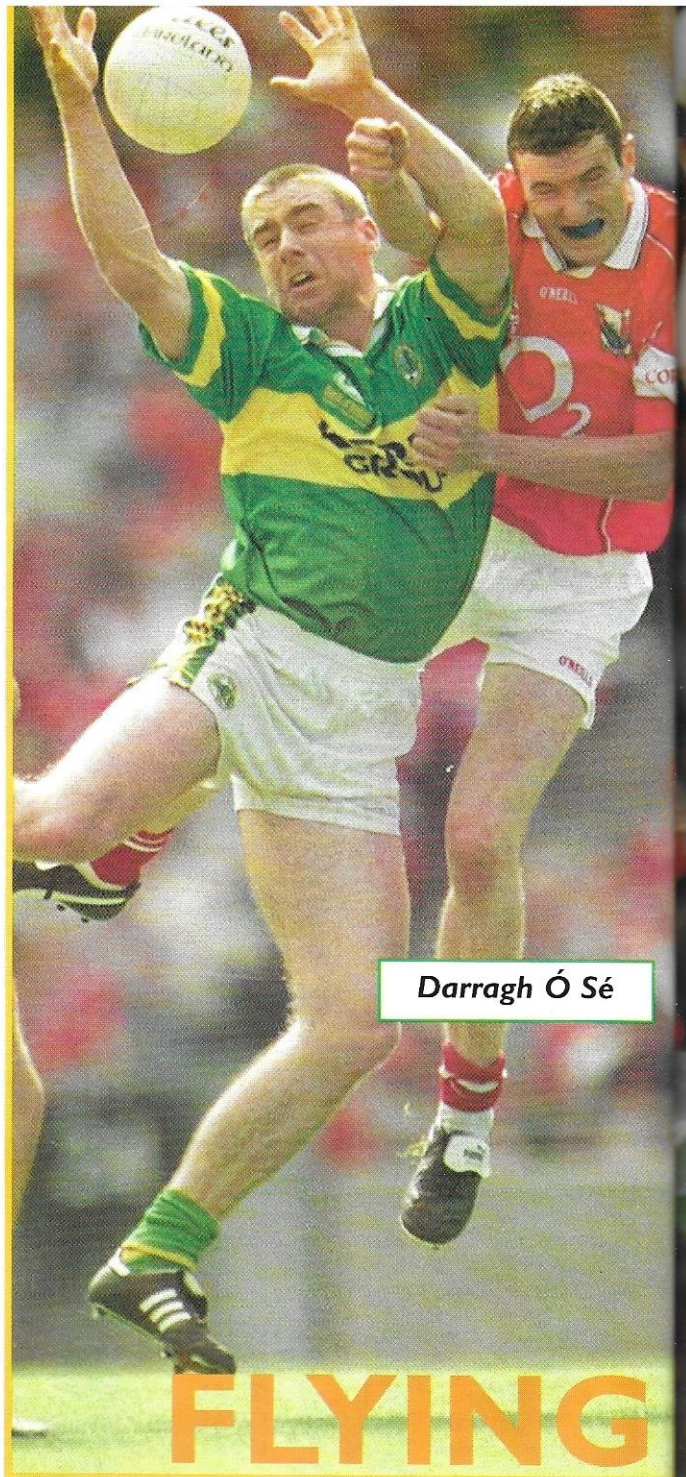
Second Chance

As Kerry qualified for today's final by way of the qualifiers' group (their first time to do so), there is a widespread belief that it is the first time for the Kingdom to reach an All-Ireland final after losing a game at an earlier stage. This is not correct.

More than 90 years ago Kerry were beaten in the Munster final and still emerged to contest – and win – the All-Ireland final. That was in 1909 when Cork beat them by 2-8 to 1-7 at the Markets' Field in Limerick, but the losers objected – a rare venture by the Kingdom – on the grounds that one of the Cork players (ironically a native of Kerry) played illegally in a tournament in Kerry. Cork argued that the tournament was not an official competition, but the Munster Council accepted Kerry's argument and ordered a replay, which was, at that time, the standard solution.

The replay was staged at the Cork Athletic Grounds on the first Sunday in November two months after the initial meeting, and Kerry, thanks to the only goal of the game scored by Cork-born Johnny Skinner, won by 1-5 to 0-6. They then went on to beat Mayo in the semi-final before taking the title with a double-scores win over Louth.

An interesting and poignant sideline to that second meeting was the decision of the Munster Council to donate the gate receipts (£116) to the family of the great Bob Quane, who had won an All-Ireland medal with Tipperary in 1900 and died suddenly a couple of weeks before the replay.



Darragh Ó Sé

A Provincial Debut

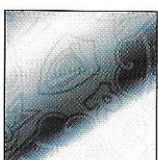
It was almost 50 years after Armagh made their first appearance in an All-Ireland semi-final that they played their first senior championship at Croke Park. Armagh's 1890 semi-final with Cork was played at Clonturk Park while their second in 1902 took place at Drogheda. Amazingly, Armagh's debut at headquarters wasn't in an All-Ireland context, but a provincial one after their initial meeting with Cavan in the 1939 provincial decider at Castleblaney was abandoned because of crowd control problems. The Ulster Council asked the parent body for permission to stage the replay at Croke Park and it was readily given. The game, which Cavan won by 2-3 to 1-4, was staged as a curtain-raiser to the Mayo-Kerry All-Ireland semi-final and was the only occasion on which a provincial senior football final and an All-Ireland semi-final went on as a double bill at Croke Park.

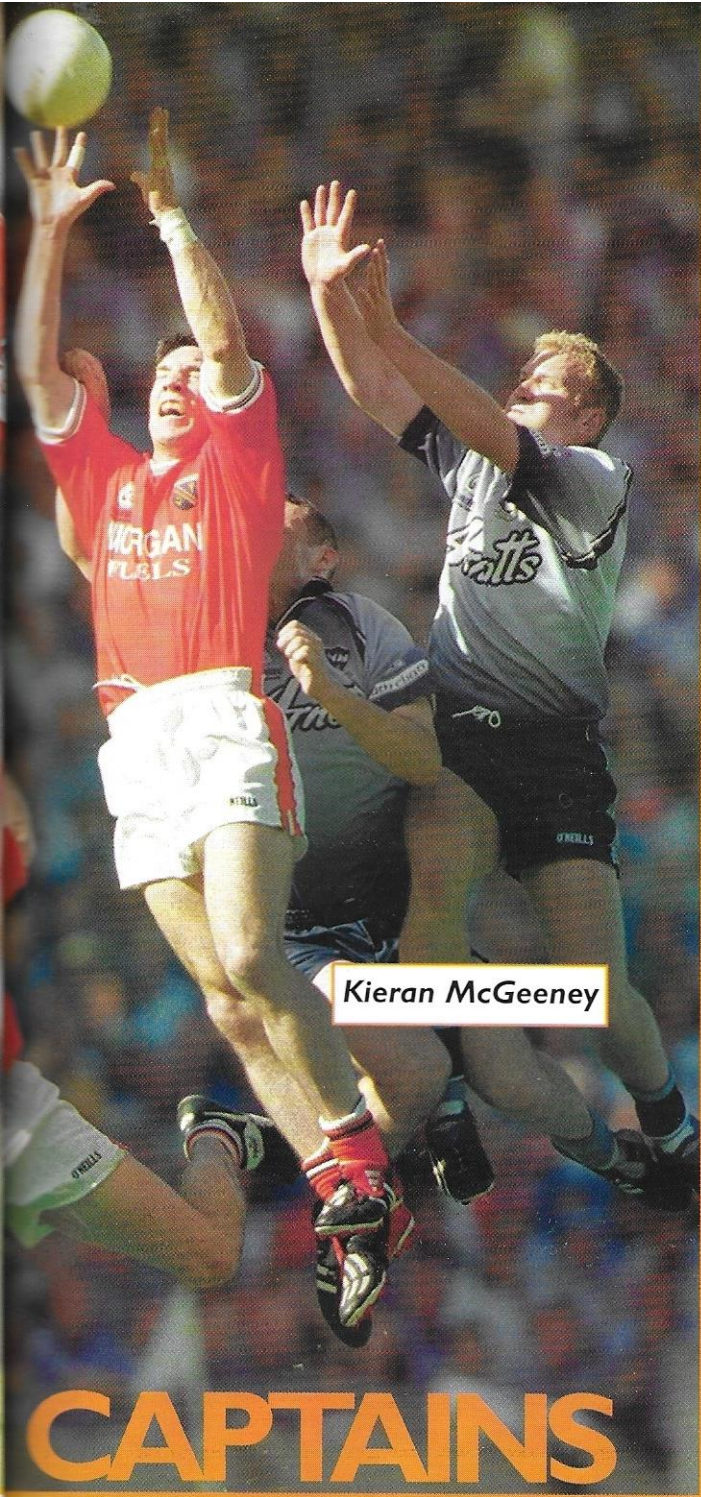
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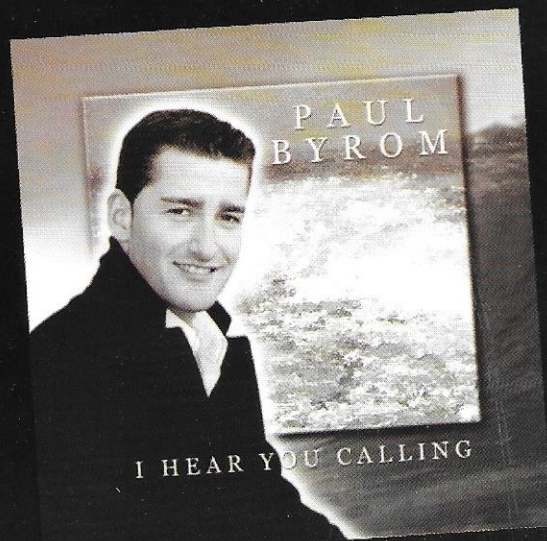
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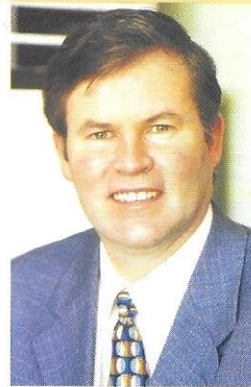
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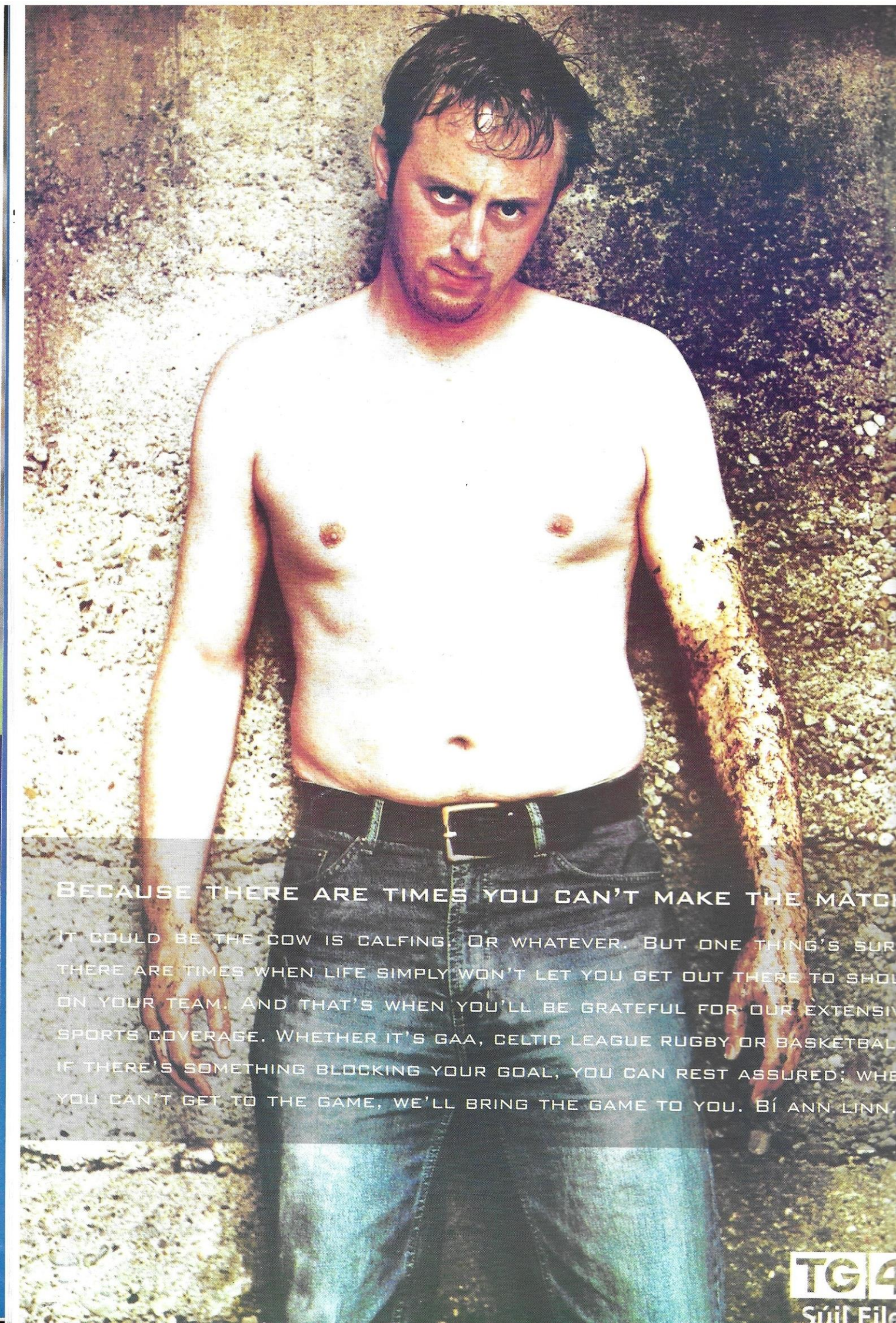
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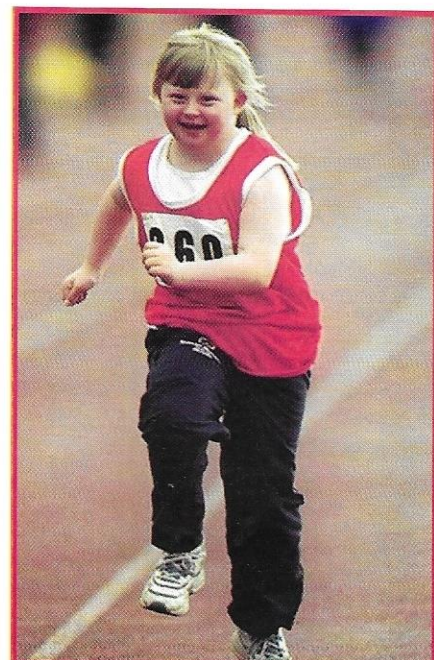
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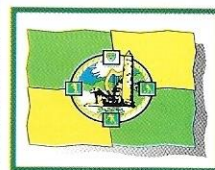
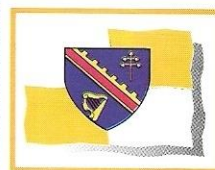
The Headquarters Report

Today Kerry will be making their 110th championship appearance at Croke Park, 97 years after their debut in the 1903 All-Ireland final (the championship was running late and the game didn't take place until November 1905). Kerry did contest a final in the capital before that, but the 1892 final with Dublin was played at Clonturk Park, as were many of the other early deciders.

The 1905 contest was the beginning of the Kingdom's long and rewarding association with Croke Park or Jones's Road as it was known before 1913. To date, Kerry have played a total of 109 championship games at Croke Park with the record reading – 68 wins, 14 draws and 27 defeats. Leaving aside Leinster counties,

most of which have had regular outings at the venue for decades, Kerry's appearances far outnumber those of any other county in the other three provinces. In fact, the nearest any county comes to Kerry in this regard is Galway whose outings at Croke Park, between their first in 1919 and their most recent last month, number 56.

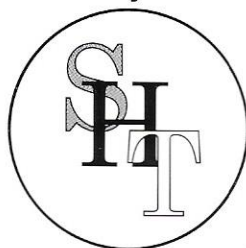
Armagh, incidentally, were latecomers to the Croke Park scene, making their debut in 1939 in the replayed Ulster final with Cavan and their most recent outing was, of course, the semi-final meeting with Dublin. Of their 15 outings at headquarters Armagh have won three, drawn three and lost nine.



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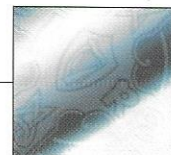
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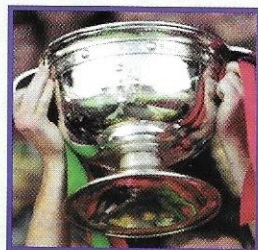
All-Ireland Senior Football Championship

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.
22: Dublin:	1891, 1892, 1894, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1942, 1958, 1963, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1983, 1995.
9: Galway:	1925, 1934, 1938, 1956, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1998, 2001.
7: Meath:	1949, 1954, 1967, 1987, 1988, 1996, 1999.
6: Cork:	1890, 1911, 1945, 1973, 1989, 1990.
5: Down:	1960, 1961, 1968, 1991, 1994.
Cavan:	1933, 1935, 1947, 1948, 1952.
Wexford:	1893, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918.
4: Kildare:	1905, 1919, 1927, 1928.
Tipperary:	1889, 1895, 1900, 1920.
3: Louth:	1910, 1912, 1957.
Mayo:	1936, 1950, 1951.
Offaly:	1971, 1972, 1982.
2: Limerick:	1887, 1896.
Roscommon:	1943, 1944.
1: Derry:	1993.
Donegal:	1992.



All-Ireland Minor Football Championship

11: Kerry :	1931, 1932, 1933, 1946, 1950, 1962, 1963, 1975, 1980, 1988, 1994.
10: Dublin:	1930, 1945, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959, 1979, 1982, 1984.
Cork:	1961, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1972, 1974, 1981, 1991, 1993, 2000.
6: Mayo:	1935, 1953, 1966, 1971, 1978, 1985.
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1: Armagh:	1949.
Clare:	1929.
Offaly:	1964.
1: Tipperary:	1934.
Westmeath:	1995.



The Sam Maguire Cup

The Sam Maguire Cup is named in honour of the late Sam Maguire who gave outstanding service to Cumann Luthchleas Gael in Britain being the mainstay of the GAA in London for the first twenty years of its existence.

Born in Mallabraga, County Cork in 1879, he came to London in 1899 and took a huge interest in the infant GAA scene here. Sam found a job in the Post Office and played for the Hibernian football club, captaining them to four consecutive London Championships (1901-1904).

Sam was to the fore as the London County panel contested four All-Ireland finals in a row from 1900 to 1903, although the exiles were unsuccessful in all four games, losing to Dublin (twice), Tipperary and Kerry. However, his sheer leadership qualities and amazing determination for the success of London GAA earned him the respect of every player in London. In 1907 he

was elected chairman of the London County Board.

While in the Gaelic League in London, Sam joined up with the I.R.B. and it was he who recruited Michael Collins into the movement in 1909. Maguire's contribution to the London GAA scene ended in 1923 when he returned to Ireland. He passed away on the 6th Feb, 1927 at the young age of 47. The Sam Maguire Cup was first presented to the All Ireland champions in 1928 after Kildare defeated Cavan in the All Ireland final.

The new Sam Maguire Cup was first presented in 1988 to Meath's Joe Cassells, who captained his county to victory over Cork in a replay.

Since then the Cup has been presented to Dinny Allen (Cork) in 1989, Larry Tompkins (Cork) in 1990, Paddy O'Rourke (Down) in 1991, Anthony Molloy (Donegal) in 1992, Henry Downey (Derry) in 1993, D.J. Kane (Down) in 1994, John O'Leary (Dublin) in 1995, Tommy Dowd (Meath) in 1996, Liam Hassett (Kerry) in 1997, Ray Silke (Galway) in 1998, Graham Geraghty (Meath) in 1999, Seamus Moynihan (Kerry) in 2000 and Padraig Joyce (Galway) last year.

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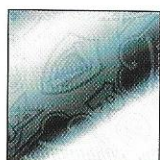
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Archbishop Thomas W. Croke

The centenary anniversary of the death of the Most Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Croke, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly and first patron of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael was commemorated on Monday July 22nd this year. Croke was widely considered to be one of the greatest Irishmen of his generation and his contribution to the GAA and Irish nationalism in general was reflected in the naming of Ireland's premier sporting venue in honour of the Archbishop in 1913.

Dr Croke was born in the parish of Ballyclough near Mallow in Co. Cork in 1824. He was the son of a mixed marriage (his mother a Protestant, Isabella Plummer, his father, William Croke, a Catholic), and interestingly all five children of that marriage became priests or nuns.

It is reported that the young Croke was a fine athlete at school, with a particular interest in boxing and hurling. His education took him first to Paris, and then to the famous La Trappe Monastery in France, before concluding his studies in the Irish College in Rome and his ordination in 1847.

On his return to Ireland, Archbishop Croke taught in St Patrick's college in Carlow before returning to his own diocese of Cloyne, where he served as curate in Mallow, Charleville and Middleton before becoming the first president of St. Colman's college in Fermoy. In 1865 he was appointed parish priest of Doneraile and Chancellor of the Diocese of Cloyne and later became bishop of Auckland, New Zealand where he ministered for five years.

Eventually appointed Bishop of Cashel and Emly in 1875, he had long advocated tenant rights and was also a fervent Nationalist. A great admirer of

Parnell, he gave his support to Davitt and the Land League, becoming a national figure in the process.

His support for the GAA was manifested in a letter he wrote on 18 December 1884 in which he outlined the reasons for his backing of the infant Association. "Croke's Letter" as it became known, has since been regarded as the Charter or Manifesto of the Association. On many occasions throughout the 1880's and 90's, Croke helped the GAA in it's growth through his presence at games or meetings, with generous grants and indeed at times as mediator.

Archbishop Croke passed away on July 22nd 1902, 100 years ago this summer.

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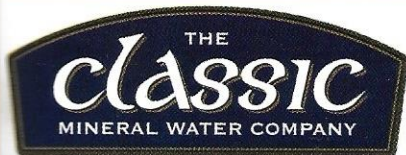
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Financing the Future

Feargal Mac Giolla, Information Officer C.L.G.

As we reach the end of the season, it is reasonable to assume that the year will be remembered for the opening of the redeveloped Croke Park and the record crowds which have flocked to the North Dublin venue. Already this year, Croke Park, even with its significantly increased capacity, has hung out the "sold out" signs on five separate occasions, with today no doubt bringing that figure to six. In the past, the stadium seldom sold out for any games other than the All Ireland finals but the enormous demand for tickets to big games this season has already justified the decision to overhaul the famous stadium, improving facilities and increasing its capacity.

The excitement generated by the unique atmosphere inside the Ground and the excellence of the stadium's spectator accommodation, have attracted a new breed of observer to Headquarters and in the process helped to significantly boost the finances available to Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

"Yes, it's been a good year for attendances in Croke Park" says Cathy Slattery, finance manager with the GAA "but we did see a drop off in attendances in the earlier games outside of the Stadium". In fact it is estimated that overall revenue from the football qualifiers will be down by up to €1m on last year.

Nonetheless, the growth of the GAA and the popularity of Gaelic Games, ensures that the Association generates substantial income each year, with a total from gate receipts of €16.4m last year, a sizeable return for an Amateur Association. "It is a substantial figure", says Slattery, "but you have to consider the enormous costs involved with running an Association of this size and nature." So just how is the revenue from gate receipts administered?

"The cost of staging games alone is far in excess of what people may appreciate" says Slattery. In 2002 the GAA spent almost €4.5m on match related costs (over 27% of total gate receipts). Nearly half of this money (45%) went

straight back to the various grounds as rent, to be used for ground maintenance, development and to assist with recurring running costs. Another 25% was accounted for by sundry expenses such as Gardaí and security, printing and promotional expenses, stewards and catering, medals and trophies.

Deborah Kavanagh, of Páirc an Chrócaigh Teoranta (the company which runs the new stadium), gives an insight into the type of costs associated with a big game in Croke Park: "Obviously security and insurance are two of the more significant elements of our expenditure, but we also have to finance the Garda presence inside the ground on match day. Other costs such as cleaning, both within the stadium and in the residential areas around Croke Park, and general maintenance and services have also to be considered".

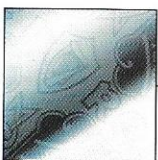
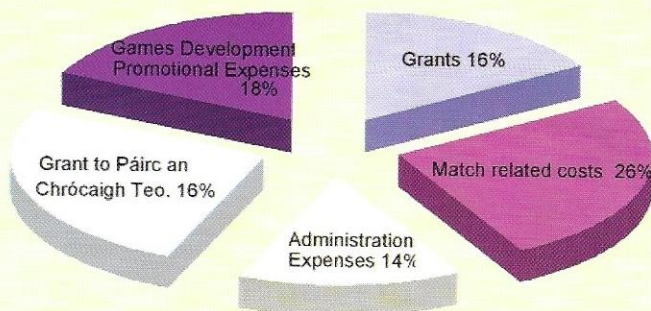
While the players receive no actual payments for representing their counties, 30% of total match expenses are directly related to the needs of the panels involved. Cathy Slattery explains: "6% of gross gate receipts are used to finance the players Injury scheme, which is available to players at all levels of the Association. In addition, a substantial amount is paid from Central Council funds towards team expenses and finalists' grants". This money is spent by county boards on players to cover such as travel and accommodation, meals, equipment, playing gear, and other general expenses incurred by county boards during the preparation of teams during a Championship season. The enormity of the expense involved can be gauged from the fact that the recent increase in the minimum mileage allowance for players is costing county committees an average of €1.25m per annum.

On a broader platform, the number of games being played at all levels of the GAA gives a clearer indication of just how much money is needed to fund the Association. For instance, Leinster Council estimate that up to 1,800 games will be played throughout the province in second level school competitions alone in any given year! Only a tiny proportion of these games would even collect a gate and thus the cost of running such competitions has to be financed from more central funds.

By far the greatest proportion of the GAA's central funds still come from gate receipts (66%). Aside from match related costs, grants to the Association's club and County board units, administration expenses, and plans for development of the games have all to be financed from central funds. In addition, all surplus revenues over the past number of years have been used to fund the redevelopment of Croke Park or loan schemes for clubs.

Five years ago, a study showed that over 40% of county committees were technically insolvent and over half were in debt to the banks. While this situation is slowly improving, Cathy Slattery insists that many of the Association's county boards are struggling to cover increased expenses associated with county teams, the

Utilisation of Revenue 2001



administration of internal club competitions and other general running costs.

She estimates that up to €10m was spent by county boards on preparation of their county teams last year alone. "Much of this is financed by Head Office, both directly and indirectly" she says. Indeed, grants from Central Council to other units accounted for 16% of total revenue last year.

In an era of increased competition for the attentions of our youth, the GAA has significantly increased its commitment to coaching and games development. This investment in the future is designed to protect the Association's longer term ambitions, but comes at a significant cost. "I would estimate that nationwide we will spend approximately €5m on Games Development this year", says Ms Slattery. This money will be used to finance a network of coaching officers and administrators, summer camps and schools of excellence. Grants to primary, second and third level schools and colleges, subsidies for hurleys and helmets, the Féile competitions and International development among a host of smaller projects highlight the need for such a generous budget.

At more local level, clubs, county boards and provincial councils will commit even more funds to ensure the continued development of both the games and the players. In 2001, Leinster Council alone had a coaching and games development budget of well over €1.25m, further emphasising the Association's commitment to the future. Pat Daly, the GAA's head of Coaching and Games Development, has overseen the development of a major underage strategic plan, including the training of 34,000 coaches, the appointment of in excess of 100 games promotion officers, initiating schools of excellence and development squads and developing the Summer Camp model from a start up position in 1994 to the participation of 54,000 youngsters in 2001. He believes that such a committed investment in the future will guarantee the survival and continued development of Gaelic Games.



"There is a certain amount of misinformation around as to both the amount of money being generated from our games and also the allocation of our funds" says Cathy Slattery. "One commentator recently suggested that the Donegal v Dublin replay would generate €3m in gate receipts for the Association. Our actual gross receipts for that game would only have been in the region of €1.2m, yet it is assumed in certain quarters that we generated significantly more income from that replay".

"Our accounts are published annually and it is easy to see where and how our money is channelled from central funds" she says. "There is a huge amount of expenditure across the board within the Association and we have little difficulty in allocating what is generated. In 2001, after all of our operations we transferred only €56,000 to central funds." It is an indication of the cost of running such a vast Association and highlights the GAA's continuing policy of re-investment in all areas of its infrastructure.

Despite its success in recent years, the Association continues to recognise the need for such investment. There are still many areas, particularly new urban centres, where new facilities and programmes are badly needed. It is estimated that in terms of current purchasing power, the GAA has invested the equivalent of €2600million in physical facilities in the last fifty years, quite aside from what has been spent on coaching.

And it appears that this is a process which will continue. The recently published Strategic Review has re-emphasised the need for reinvestment and has highlighted a number of areas and projects which can be undertaken to ensure that Gaelic Games continue to grow in quality and popularity as the Association rises to the challenges of the 21st century.

*The GAA's Annual report, including its accounts, is available to download on the Official GAA website www.gaa.ie

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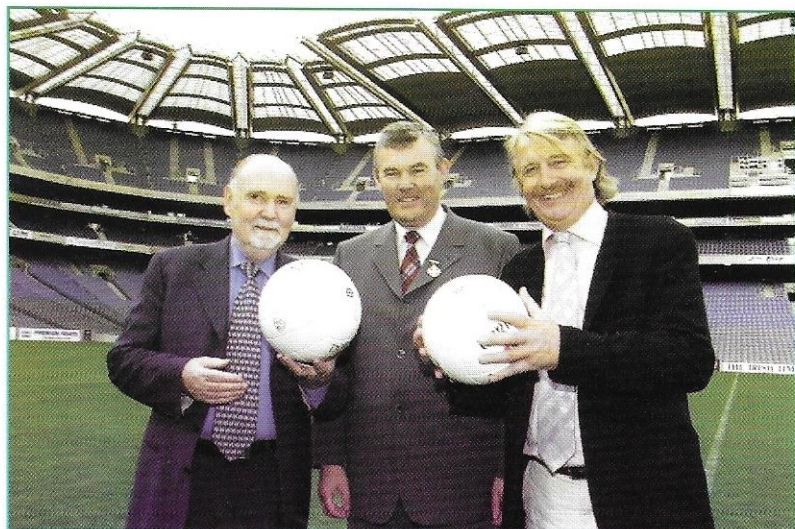
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LICENSED PREMISES AND RESTAURANTS — DUBLIN AND KERRY



Jubilee Awards for 1976/1977 Champions



In Croke Park to finalise arrangements for today's Jubilee Awards presentation were Michael Fingleton, Managing Director, Irish Nationwide Building Society; Sean McCague, President of the G.A.A. and Aengus Fanning, Editor, Sunday Independent.

Picture: Gerry Mooney.

Promoted jointly by the Irish Nationwide Building Society and Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and supported by the Sunday Independent, the G.A.A. Jubilee Football Awards this year go to the great Dublin team of 1976 and 1977 and the players and subs who won All-Ireland fame in those consecutive finals are honoured guests at Croke Park today and will be introduced on the field before the start of the game.

The Irish Nationwide/G.A.A. Jubilee Awards were inaugurated twenty-two years ago to honour the All-Ireland winning teams of twenty-five years past.

The recipients of this year's football awards are: Paddy Cullen, Gay O'Driscoll, Sean Doherty, Robbie Kelleher, Paddy Reilly, Alan Larkin, Brian Mullins, Bobby Doyle, Tony Hanahoe, David Hickey, John McCarthy, Jimmy Keaveney, Anton O'Toole, Brendan Pocock, Paddy Gogarty, Leslie Deegan, Bernard Brogan, Jim Brogan, Fran Ryder, Kevin Moran, Pat O'Neill, Tommy Drumm, Norman Bernard, Mick Hickey, Liam Egan, Dermot Maher, Martin Noctor, Johnny Corcoran, Kevin Synott.

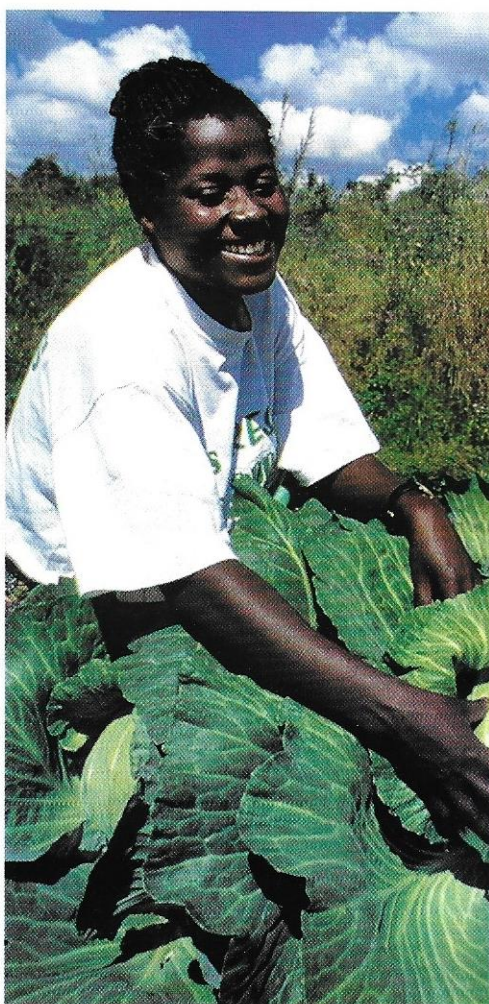
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Ag Féachaint Siar

Twenty-Five Years Ago (1977)

In Connacht, London created a big surprise by defeating Leitrim at Carrick-on-Shannon (0-9 to 0-6), while Roscommon impressed when overcoming Mayo at Castlebar. The London bubble was burst in no uncertain manner at Ballinasloe where Galway won by 5-13 to 1-9 and Roscommon continued to impress, proving too good for a ragged Sligo side to win by 2-9 to 1-6. The final at Dr. Hyde Park was the best game of the campaign with Roscommon just holding off a fierce Galway challenge (1-12 to 2-8).

No surprises in the opening round in Leinster where Offaly crushed Wicklow (0-19 to 0-7), Kildare easily saw off Kilkenny (4-13 to 2-4) and Louth edged by Westmeath in an entertaining contest at An Uaimh (2-9 to 0-12). Carlow also made the next round by defeating Longford at the second attempt (1-10 to 1-8) at Portlaoise following a 1-9 all draw at Tullamore. Dublin, the reigning All-Ireland champions, were not overly impressive in defeating Kildare (1-14 to 2-8) at An Uaimh, while Wexford shocked Offaly with late goals at Croke Park (4-6 to 2-10). However, the Slaneysiders were no match for Dublin in the semi-final at Carlow, which they lost by 0-6 to 3-11. Laois (over Louth) and Meath (over Carlow) qualified for the other 'semi' following easy wins and the Royals continued in the same vein winning the penultimate tie by 3-20 to 1-13. However, Dublin retained their title on a 1-9 to 0-8 scoreline.

Defending Ulster champions Derry were first-round winners over Donegal (1-12 to 0-12), as were Monaghan over Antrim (0-10 to 0-6), Down over Fermanagh (3-9 to 0-7) and Armagh over Cavan (2-14 to 1-12). As the pace quickened Derry moved on with a 3-10 to 1-11 verdict over Tyrone and Armagh sneaked by a spirited Monaghan challenge (2-12 to 3-5) to qualify for the final. Derry defeated Down by 0-10 to 0-8 to join them there, but they disappointed in the final at Clones where Armagh were never troubled and took provincial honours for the first time in 24 years (3-10 to 1-5).

The Munster campaign opened with Tipperary beating Limerick by 4-10 to 1-5 at the Gaelic Grounds and Clare overcoming Waterford at Dungarvan by 1-18 to 3-6. In the first defence of their provincial title, Kerry had an easy run against Tipperary at Tralee (3-14 to 0-9), while Cork had an equally easy task in seeing off Clare (3-12 to 1-5) at Limerick. The final at Killarney was surprisingly one-sided considering it had taken a replay and extra time to separate the side twelve months previously - this time Kerry won by 3-15 to 0-9.

Armagh, making their first appearance in an All-Ireland semi-final since 1953, had to settle for a 3-9 to 2-12 draw with Roscommon, but a fortnight later edged out the westerners by the odd point in 29 (0-15 to 0-14). Dublin's great win over Kerry in the other semi-final made them the warmest favourites for the title for years - and they justified that rating. Ahead by 3-6 to 1-3 at the break, the favourites were never in danger against an Armagh team that fought to the bitter end (5-12 to 3-6).

Fifty Years Ago (1952)

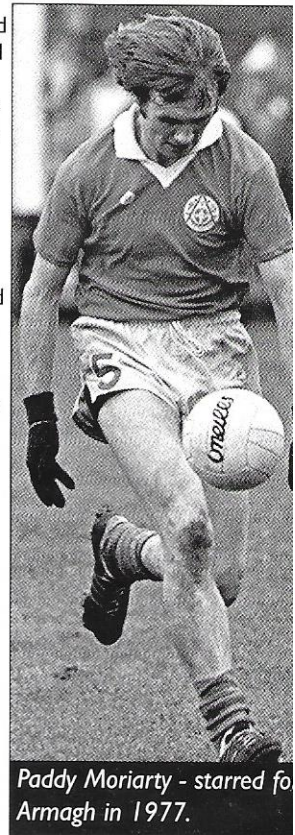
Kildare made an unexpectedly early exit when Longford beat them easily at Mullingar by 3-8 to 0-5 and Wicklow also went out after an undistinguished hour at Athy, where Carlow won by 2-8 to 1-7. Dublin's hopes were ended by Meath at Drogheda (2-7 to 2-5) while Offaly found Westmeath a tough proposition at Mullingar, but won through by 0-8 to 1-1. Louth's experience was a vital factor in holding off Wexford at Croke Park (0-9 to 1-2) while Carlow continued on their way with another win at Athy - this time Laois lost by 2-5 to 2-7. However, next time out at the semi-final stage they were hammered by Louth at Croke Park - 3-11 to 0-4. Longford and Meath contested the other semi-final, which the Royals won by 1-9 to 0-8, and they also struggled in the final against Louth, but won a typical tight encounter between these old rivals by 1-6 to 0-8.

Mayo, the reigning All-Ireland champions, struggled to see off a strong Sligo challenge at Charlestown, but did so by 0-9 to 0-6, while on home turf, Roscommon just managed to edge out Galway by 1-6 to 1-5. Overwhelming favourites for the final at Castlebar, the home side were hit by goals either side of half time and never recovered as Roscommon won by 3-5 to 0-6.

Up North, Monaghan were comfortable winners over Derry (2-12 to 0-12) and Armagh ousted Tyrone with considerable difficulty (1-8 to 1-6). Defending champions Antrim had only a point to spare over an eager Donegal side (1-7 to 2-3), but Cavan had few problems in disposing of Down by 3-10 to 1-3. Armagh's interest ended at Castleblaney where the home side won by 1-8 to 1-5 and Cavan continued to impress as they defeated Antrim (0-8 to 0-2) at Clones. With the advantage of a home venue at Breffni Park, Cavan took the title with a goal to spare over Monaghan (1-8 to 0-8).

The first round in Munster produced the expected Tipperary win over Limerick at Kilmallock (0-9 to 1-4) and the unexpected victory of Waterford over Clare at Ennis (1-3 to 0-5). Cork and Kerry came in at the semi-final stage to record their expected wins, but only after they had experienced the odd anxious moment. At Clonmel, Cork overcame the home side by 1-7 to 0-5 while at Tralee the home fifteen struggled before defeating Waterford by 0-14 to 1-7. Ironically, the final produced the most one-sided match of the campaign. At the Athletic Grounds the Kerry attack was completely tied up and Cork strolled to an easy 0-11 to 0-2 victory.

Roscommon had the chances to beat Meath, but failed to take them and the experience and craft of the Royal county was much in evidence as they edged home by 1-6 to 0-7. In the second 'semi' Cavan hit five points in the last eight minutes to pip Cork by 0-10 to 2-3 and in the final the Breffni men again had to come from behind to earn a 2-4 to 1-7 draw. But they were convincing winners of the replay - 0-9 to 0-5.



Paddy Moriarty - starred for Armagh in 1977.

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Ag Féachaint Siar

Seventy-Five Years Ago (1927)

Competition in Connacht was fairly even with Leitrim beating Roscommon by 1-3 to 0-2 at Carrick-on-Shannon and then – following an objection by the losers – having to do it all again at Ballinamore (0-7 to 1-0). Mayo lost to Sligo (2-3 to 1-8) and got a second chance via the boardroom, which they took in an unfinished game at Castlerea (1-1 to 0-1). Galway, reigning provincial champions, inched past their great rivals Mayo by 1-5 to 1-4, but Leitrim made history in winning the title for the first time (2-4 to 0-3) at Roscommon.

Carlow, Wicklow, Westmeath and Offaly opted for junior fare in Leinster leaving it a straight-forward battle at the opening round stage, which saw Meath beat Louth at An Uaimh (2-7 to 0-5), Kildare beat Kilkenny at Portlaoise (1-4 to 0-2), and Wexford defeat Longford in a high-scoring encounter at Croke Park (7-10 to 6-2). The Lily Whites ended Meath's interest (1-6 to 0-2) at Drogheda, but the other 'semi' took two games to decide. At Nowlan Park, Dublin scored 0-11 and conceded 2-5, and the Liffeyiders also failed to find the net in the replay at the same venue, but they still defeated Wexford by double scores (0-8 to 1-1). Forwards had a poor innings in the final, with Kildare's front six faring slightly better in a 0-5 to 0-3 win.

In Ulster, Antrim just beat Tyrone (1-9 to 0-11) at Belfast, but Cavan had no trouble in defeating Derry at Dungannon – 7-7 to 4-3. Down put up a stiff fight against Monaghan before going down by 1-2 to 2-5, and they were joined on the sidelines by Donegal who lost by 0-4 to 1-5 against Armagh. Then Armagh comfortably saw off Antrim (3-6 to 0-4) and they were joined in the decider by Monaghan, who surprised the reigning champions (Cavan) by 2-6 to 1-6. Armagh had home advantage for the final, but the verdict went to the visitors who won a closely-contested game by 3-5 to 2-5.

Kerry's dominance in the south was never seriously threatened. Cork managed only a point at the Athletic Grounds against the Kingdom's 1-7, and though Tipperary had impressed in beating Limerick by 4-3 to 0-4, they really had no answer to the champions in the semi-final and went down by 1-1 to 2-6. Clare booked a place in the final when beating Waterford by 2-6 to 1-1 at Ennis, but even the advantage of playing at Kilrush was of little help as the formality of yet another Kerry Munster success was completed by 4-4 to 1-3.

The Kerry-Leitrim semi-final was a veritable David and Goliath affair, but on the day at Tuam there was precious little between the teams. Kerry just survived on a 0-4 to 0-2 scoreline. At Drogheda, Kildare were never in trouble where Monaghan could manage just 0-2 in reply to the Lily White's 1-7. Kerry started promisingly and went three points clear in the decider before Kildare opened their account. However, thereafter Kildare dominated and kept the opposition scoreless for the second period to win by 0-5 to 0-3.

One Hundred Years Ago (1902)

Just three teams lined up for the Ulster campaign. The Armagh-Tyrone game at Cookstown was unfinished and when the sides met again Armagh were not pushed to record a 1-6 to 0-3 win. Armagh faced the reigning provincial champions Antrim in the final at Belfast, and they gained revenge for the previous year's loss (by a goal) as they took their second title by 2-2 to 1-4.

For the first time ever all twelve counties took part in Leinster with Dublin and Wexford the most likely candidates. The first round saw easy wins for Dublin (Wicklow), Louth (Westmeath), Wexford (Longford), Offaly (Carlow) and Laois (Meath). Kilkenny ousted Kildare by 0-7 to 0-3 at Abbeyleix and then beat Laois by 1-8 to 0-4. Dublin made their expected advance at the expense of Louth at An Uaimh, but Wexford needed three games to see off Offaly and a further two to get by Kilkenny. In the final at Carlow Dublin scored two goals – and won by them (2-4 to 0-4), but Wexford lodged an objection and were granted a replay. However, it availed them little as Dublin again emerged victorious (1-5 to 0-5).

It was only with extreme difficulty that Cork, the reigning provincial champions, held off Clare at Tipperary town where the score was 0-7 to 1-2. Waterford also made the going anything but easy at Cork before going down by the narrowest of margins (0-3 to 0-4). Although Tipperary had only six of the team that won the 1900 All-Ireland, they were far too strong for Limerick and coasted to a 5-6 to 0-4 win at Cork. Kerry won their first provincial championship game for ten years when they beat Cork by 2-7 to 0-3 at Millstreet, before playing a thrilling drawn final with the Premier county (1-4 all) at Turner's Cross. However, the Kingdom's ambitions ended in the replay, which Tipperary won by 1-6 to 1-5.

Champions Mayo and Galway were the only entrants in the West, but the one game, which was played at Claremorris, was a close encounter. The defending champions grabbed two early goals and they needed them to withstand Galway's fight back (2-2 to 0-6). However, Mayo declined to take any further part in the championship and Galway were nominated for semi-final action.

Appearing in the All-Ireland semi-final for the first time, Galway had home advantage at Athenry, but the concession of two early goals undermined their efforts and they lost by 0-4 to 2-5 against Tipperary. At Drogheda, Dublin had a trouble-free outing against Armagh – winning by 4-16 to 1-6. The "Home" final at Kilkenny was one of the best games of the championship with Tipperary pushing the defending champions to the limit. However, Dublin just managed to get the verdict (0-6 to 0-5) and they then had an easy time in the final against a London side lacking in guile, winning by 2-8 to 0-4.

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TOP SCORES

The biggest winning margin in an All-Ireland senior football final was 19 points – a margin Cork had in their favour when beating Antrim by 6-6 to 1-2 in 1911. A remarkable feature of the Cork tally was that they scored all but one of their goals in the second period, having led at the break by 1-4 to 1-0.

In minor football the biggest winning margin was 21 points – when Dublin hammered Leitrim in the 1956 decider (5-14 to 2-2). Cork came within a point of the Metropolitans' record in 1967 when they beat Laois by 5-14 to 2-3.



The Underage Strategic Plan

Apart from the Gaelic Athletic Association's significant investment in facilities, the Association spends a considerable sum on Coaching and Games Development. Here, Pat Daly (GAA Head of Games) speaks to Feargal McGill (Information and Publications Officer in Croke Park) about different elements of the Strategic plan for Coaching and Games Development.

1. Why does the GAA have an Underage Strategic Plan?

- To maximise playing numbers
- To develop and maintain optimum playing standards.

2. What are the essential elements?

Ensuring adequate personnel are in place to implement Coaching and Games Projects within Primary Schools, Post-Primary Schools, Clubs and Schools of Excellence (U.14/U.15)/Development Squads (U.16/U.17).

3. Who are the key personnel?

Teachers, Club Mentors, Parents, Students (third level or transition year), Coaching Tutors, Fixture Coordinators and Full-Time Games Promotion Officers.

4. What's the key ingredient?

Providing players with a regular programme of games where Coaches focus on assisting players to achieve their full potential as distinct from "having to win".

5. When did the Association employ its first Games Promotion Officer?

In 1989 when Colm Bonner was appointed in Waterford I.T.

6. How many Games Promotion Officers are currently employed?

Just over one hundred.

7. What area of operation best reflects their contribution to date?

- Summer Camps. These have progressed from a start up position in 1994 to a situation where there were 54,000 participants in 2001. (At an average of €25 per participant per week, these Camps provide exceptional value for money).
- Dovetailing with voluntary officials to ensure there is a greater level of administrative efficiency.

8. Why is the Code of Best Practice so important?

It provides, in practical terms, guidelines about how things can best be organised and ensures the best interests of young players are safeguarded at all times.

9. How many Coaches have completed Foundation and Level 1 courses over the past six years?

34,000 approx.

10. The Coaching Academy comprises of Schools of Excellence (U.14/U.15) and Development Squads (U.16/U.17). What do these involve?

The selection of talented players and providing them with specialist Coaching tuition – 8 sessions – and the opportunity to play four games with their County.

11. What philosophy underpins the Coach Education Programme?

Coaches should devise Training Programmes within which extensive use is made of the ball if players are to develop the level of Technical Proficiency, Tactical Prowess and Team-Play which will enable them to develop their True Potential and experience a sense of Total Performance.

12. Why did the GAA launch the OTú Coaching CD last year?

To provide more Coaches with the ability to provide 200 ball contacts per coaching session and ensure that Coaches have a better understanding of how to create a Cohesive team unit.

13. What are the essential characteristics of a Cohesive team unit?

Players, on an individual and collective level, are competent, confident, composed, committed and competitive.

14. What accounts for the strength of GAA Units in Third Level Institutions?

Having students as Officers of the GAA Clubs and a full-time Games Promotion Officer who maintains a link between each succeeding generation of students.

15. How is the Plan funded?

By contributions from Clubs, Divisional and County Committees, the Provincial and Central Councils and the Irish Sports Council. (No one unit could, or should be expected to shoulder the overall cost involved – five million euro approx.)

16. What's the biggest challenge ahead?

- Establishing administrative structures in Urban areas – modifying the rules if necessary – so that the biggest possible amount of young people will be afforded the opportunity to play Gaelic games. (The development of floodlit Astro turf facilities will be a key element in this regards, too).
- Integrating all elements of the Plan to ensure that every unit is contributing to the overall well-being of the Association.

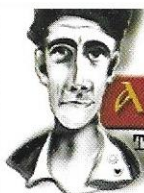
GAA OBJECTIVES

The National Coaching and Games Development Committee is committed to:

- Increasing Playing Numbers
- Improving Playing Standards
- Integrating Organisational Structures
- Ensuring Better Promotion

This involves the implementation of the following Integrated Strategic Plan:





An tImreoir: "Drop your front bucket!"

“Wouldja ever get up off-a yer backside and write something for the Croke Park programme!” says An Fear Rua to an tImreoir the other day...

Easy for him to say, says I to meself, but as he was paying for the dinner, I thought I'd better humour him. (It was around one o'clock and, where I come from, we still eat dinner in the middle of the day). They must have nothing better to do in Gowlnacalloy, says I to meself, but sit around the place and write articles about the state of the nation or anything else that tickles their fancy. Meanwhile, down in me own little corner of the country, we're desperately trying to get on with the re-development of our club grounds.

*“ ... nabbed
on his way
out of 11.00
Mass iv'a'
Sunda' ... ”*

We only bought our own field in the early eighties, as the club had been decommissioned through the fifties and on into the seventies. Emigration, you see, had robbed us of the necessary bodies to field a team. Back in 1976 the tide had begun to turn and we re-emerged with a Junior team for that year's championship. For years we struggled to get fifteen and many's the poor unfortunate that was nabbed on his way out of eleven o'clock Mass iv' a' Sunda' mornin' to make up the numbers for a game at the other end of the county.

Changed times now, mind you. We have three adult teams (one senior and two junior), a ladies team and a host of underage teams of both genders. Not bad going for a wee parish of 600 odd souls (most of them very odd!). Our grounds were first opened in 1986, complete with new dressing rooms, which made a grand change from togging out in the turf shed of the 'local' and running a quarter of a mile to the pitch for every game.

They were great days though. Football and hurling didn't seem half as serious. There was no training to speak of (until a couple of weeks before the Championship), matching togs and socks were unheard of (unless you were in a county final), and the subs wore either leather jackets, duffel coats or fair isle jumpers instead of fancy shellsuits or tracksuits (that's if you had subs of course).

Referees frequently togged out in their ordinary Sunday clothes (for league games anyway), and a meal after the game was a ham sandwich or a packet of crisps in whatever pub the other crowd drank in. Underage games were the best craic of the whole lot. How many of you played U-14 when you were ten and marked some buck who'd cut himself shaving that morning? My cousin played his last U-12 game for us when he was fifteen. We'd have had him the following year too, but he

abandoned seventh class and headed to England to work for Murphy instead.

That's another thing. Does seventh class still exist? They used to register bucks at home in seventh class so they could play for the school in the evenings, and spend their days running the farm for their oul fellas. I presume it was the same countrywide.

Then there were the characters you'd find on the sideline. I remember one man exhorting a young lad to "Drop your front bucket, for God's sake!" when the poor soul was a bit slow on bending down for the pick-up. Or the lad who encouraged one of our crowd to flatten an opponent. "Flatten him?" says one of the oul crew, "He wouldn't flatten cow dung!"

I'd better stop it there, because I'm beginning to sound like me own oul fella, reminiscing about the good old days. It's only fifteen years ago for God's sake, but how the GAA has changed in the meantime. Now, of course, there's sponsors for everything from jersies to boots to post-match meals. There's intensive training that lasts from January to October and is as regimented as anything at county level. It doesn't end with "Next score wins lads" anymore either. It feckin' well ends with ten more laps.

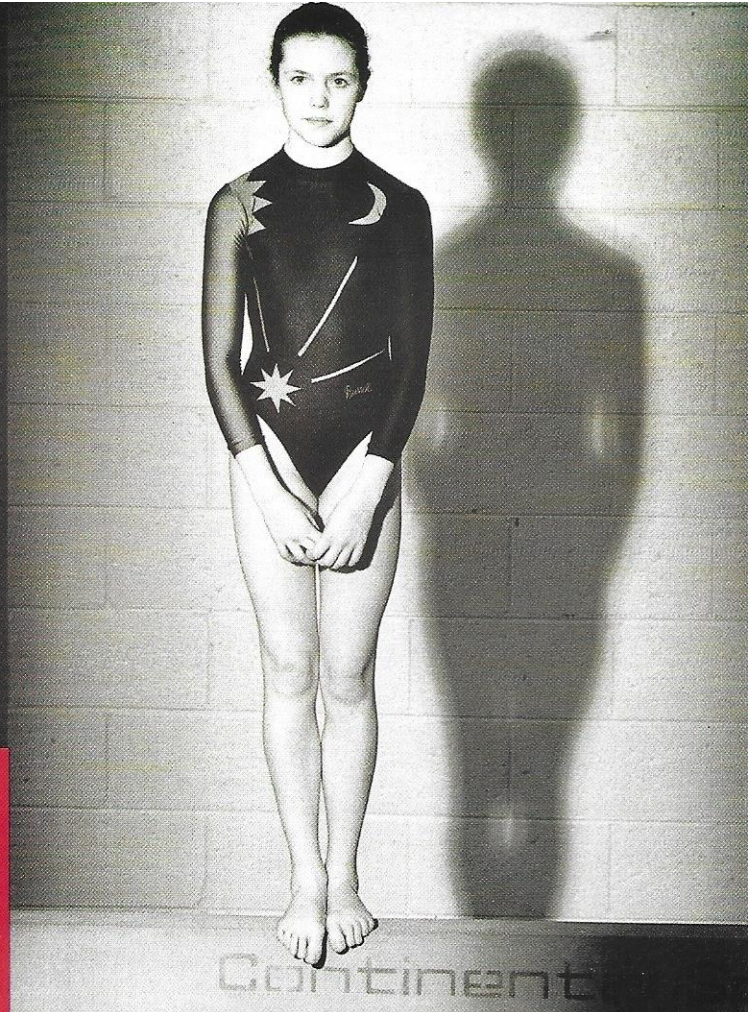
The characters are either gone from the sidelines, or we're just too busy to listen any more. You won't see the oul man with the cap, hobnail boots, walking stick and the Sunday suit anymore, standing on the sideline extolling the virtues of catch and kick. They are there alright, but now they're wearing Levi's and a pair of Nike runners with the Walkman the granddaughter got them for Christmas tuned into the big game in Croke Park. Sure they're too busy to be shouting obscenities at anybody now..

It's so professional now that TG4 are showing club games live on the box and water is provided for players in blue plastic Lucozade sport containers instead of pub issue Smirnoff or Paddy bottles. Even league games now start on time, a "warm-up" is more than just booting the ball in and out of the goal area, and you have no hope of winning the county championship unless you have a physiotherapist of good standing.

Ah it's changed times alright. Even a couple of players in a big town club near us recently 'came out'. Maybe the lads in d'Unbelievables were right after all: 'Some a' dem' lads are only down for the showers....'

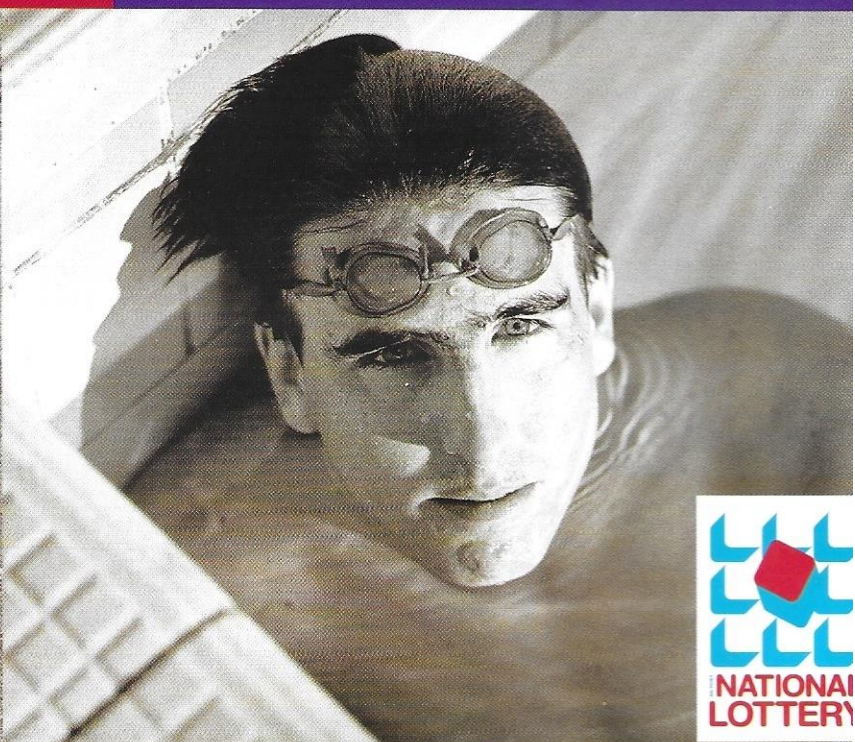
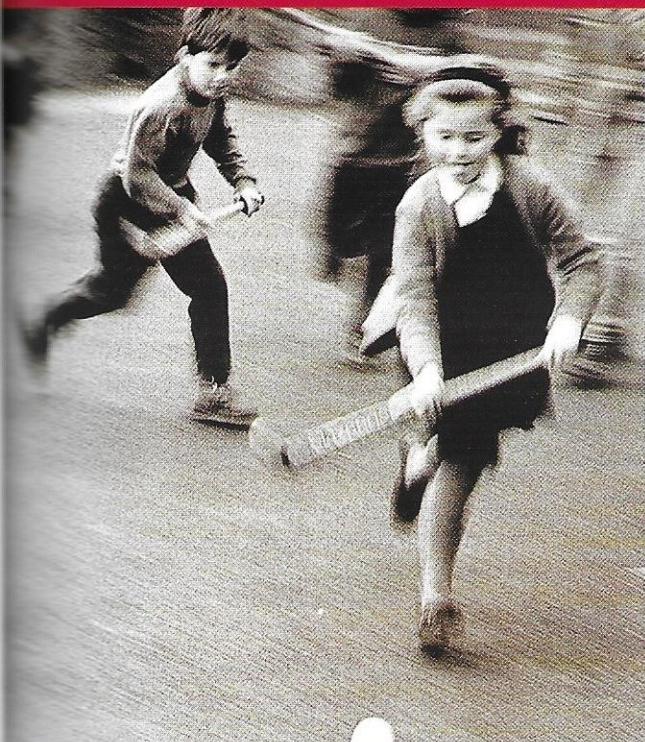
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Abbey CBS Newry: The Back-Bone of Armagh!

Abbey CBS, Newry have a special interest in to-day's final. The Newry school straddles the two counties of Armagh and Down and has long been associated with Down's All-Ireland victories: Sean O'Neill (1960, 1961 and 1968) and D.J. Kane (1994 Captain) were prominent past pupils. Today's Armagh team has even greater links with the Abbey. No less than 10 members of to-day's squad received their education at the Newry school.

Joe Kernan the team manager played in a MacRory Final in 1972 when the present Headmaster, Dermot McGovern was a team-mate. Cathal O'Rourke played MacRory football for four years between 1988-91 while his brother Aidan played in 1992-94 and the last member of this family Micheal, a current county minor, is still attending the school.

Justin McNulty played in MacRory Cup semi-finals in 1992 and 1993 while his brother Enda played in 4 MacRory cup semi-finals (1992-1995). Throughout these four years the Abbey team also contained the twins John

and Tony McEntee and Barry Duffy. All of these latter players including Aidan O'Rourke won Corn na nÓg medals with the school. Oisín McConville also won Dalton Cup and Corn na nÓg medals in the Abbey.

The present county captain Kieran McGeeney played MacRory Cup football for the school in 1988.

The present Vice-Principal and Down All-Ireland medal winner Val Kane was manager of the school senior teams throughout this period and he has fond memories of all these players. "All these young boys made significant sacrifices to play football for the school. They were all from rural parishes and travelled daily on buses to the school. Playing and training for football meant returning home in the dark yet they never failed to attend training. Each of them had outstanding football ability but above that they were individuals of exemplary character. Their successes have been a just reward for their talents and dedication and the whole Abbey community will be delighted to greet them when they bring Sam Maguire across the border on Monday night."



Abbey CBS, Newry congratulates Past Pupils.

Dermot McGovern Headmaster, Abbey Christi Brothers' Grammar School Newry wishes the 10 Past Pupils involved with the Armagh Panel the best of luck in the All-Ireland Final against Kerry.

Back row: (l-r) Kieran McGeeney (Captain), Tony McEntee, Justin McNulty, Joe Kernan (Manager), Dermot McGovern (Headmaster), Val Kane (Vice-Principal), Cathal O'Rourke.

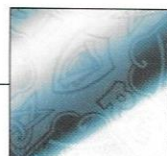
Front row: (l-r): Enda McNulty, Aidan O'Rourke, John McEntee, Oisín McConville and Barry Duffy.

Croke Park Tours

Throughout the summer, the GAA have been giving tours of the redeveloped Croke Park. To date in excess of 12,000 visitors have come to the stadium for this hugely popular venture under the guidance of GAA museum staff. The tours feature "behind the scenes" insights into match days, including the players entrance, team dressing rooms and the tunnel up to the pitch. The make up of the new pitch is also extensively covered and visitors also view Corporate boxes and the premium level, as well as the Hall of Fame and receiving an insight into the huge catering operation that goes into match day at Croke Park.

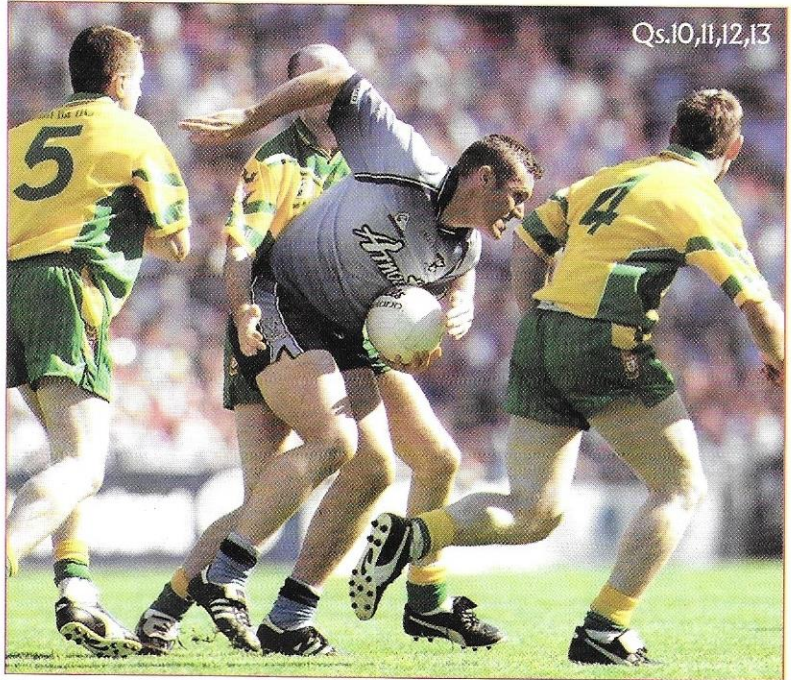
Tours do not run on match days, and may be restricted on other days. Groups must pre-book their tour (a maximum of thirty per group) while tours for individuals will be at scheduled times.

Further information is available from the GAA Museum, Croke Park, Dublin 3
Phone: 01 8558176 or fax 8558104.



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- How many goals were scored in last year's Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football final?
- Who won last year's All-Ireland under-21 football title?
- Eoin Kennedy won the All-Ireland 60 x 30 senior softball singles title in handball earlier this month. What is his club?
- What was Galway's winning margin over Kerry in the All-Ireland under-21 football semi-final at Ennis earlier this month—four, five or six points?
- What county lost to Monaghan in the first of this season's All-Ireland ladies football senior semi-finals?
- Who won the All-Ireland ladies senior football title last year?
- Who captained Armagh in the 1953 All-Ireland senior football final against Kerry?
- What is the name of the trophy presented to the winners of the All-Ireland minor football championship?
- Kerry beat Tyrone in the All-Ireland senior football final of 1986. Who captained the Kingdom in that game?
- Who is the footballer in possession of the ball in our photograph?
- What is his club?
- Who is the footballer in the No.4 jersey?
- What is his club?
- How many times have Kerry won the NEW Sam Maguire Cup?
- How many Ulster counties have won the NEW Sam Maguire Cup?
- Dublin won the Leinster ladies football title this year for the first time. True or false?
- Who refereed the Bank of Ireland Leinster senior football final between Dublin and Kildare last July—Michael Collins (Cork), Brian White (Wexford) or Paddy Russell (Tipperary)?
- Longford won their first Leinster minor football title in July in 60, 62 or 64 years. Your choice!
- When did Donegal last win the Ulster senior football title?
- What county won the Sam Maguire Cup in the Centenary Year of the G.A.A.?



Qs.10,11,12,13

1. None. 2. Tyrone. 3. St. Brigid's, Dublin. 4. Five points—0-17 to 2-6. 5. Waterford, who lost by 2-11 to 3-7. 6. Laois. 7. Left half back Sean Quinn. 8. The Tom Markham Cup. 9. Tommy Doyle from right half back. 10. Claran Whelan (Dublin). 11. Raheny. 12. Noel McGinley. 13. Naomh Columba. 14. Twice—1997 and 2000. 15. Three—Down (1991 and 1994), Donegal (1992) and Derry (1993). 16. True. They beat Laois, last year's All-Ireland champions, in the final. 17. Michael Collins. 18. 64 years. 19. 1992. 20. Kerry in 1984.

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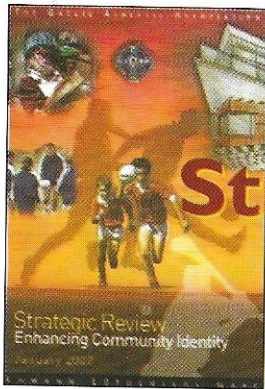
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Strategic Review

What has happened with the report of the Strategic Review Committee since it was launched earlier this year?

The report was circulated to all our units and the committee asked that it be examined in detail. It is important that all our members are well versed in the conclusions and how we came to those conclusions. Committee members have been meeting with as many GAA members as possible and discussions have been interesting and informative.

How does the committee feel about the final report?

It was inevitable that some of the recommendations would be seen as controversial and meet opposition. The committee is concerned that one or two proposals might overshadow other equally important proposals that would not get the attention they deserve. The report contains a wide range of recommendations, none of which on its own would change the GAA to any significant extent. Together they have the potential to accelerate the forward momentum of the association, reducing any confusion about the implications of its 'vision' and its 'mission in the Ireland of the 21st century'.

So what happens now?

A special Congress of the GAA has been called by Central Council, and will be held in Dublin on October 25th and 26th. Each of our counties will be represented at that Congress and will be allowed to debate the various issues that are dealt with by the report.

Can counties propose changes to the report?

In a democratic organisation anyone has the right to say 'no' to a proposal or set of proposals. We would like the report to be accepted in principle and any

variations or rejections would then be taken separately, requiring the necessary majority to deviate from the original proposal.

Why is that?

Because the committee members feel that delays in the implementation of other reviews in the past meant they failed to realise their potential. Others did not work because they were not taken as a whole but were 'cherry-picked' and emasculated to the point where they became inoperable.

How far-reaching is this report?

Our aim was to produce a strategy for the GAA that would cover the next ten years. The GAA has undergone more changes in the last ten years than it did in the previous 100 years of its existence and we have to continually look forward and be prepared for the changes that are to come in the future.

So it will be another ten years before there is another review?

No, we recommend that strategic planning must become an integral part of the GAA's activities and that a review of the progress and appropriateness of this strategy should be initiated within five years.

If the report is accepted when will it be implemented?

Ideally, the Management Committee would form a new committee to take responsibility for the implementation of the recommendations. Deadlines would be put in place for the implementation of various aspects of the report and regular updates would be given to the Management Committee, the Central Council and members of the association.

Gael Coach — The new Online Coaching and Games Development Magazine from the GAA

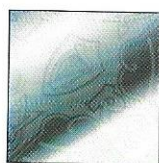
The GAA has just launched a new Online Coaching and Games Development Magazine. The Monthly magazine (first edition September 2002) is web based and is available on the internet through the coaching section of the GAA website at www.gaa.ie.

With sections on Coaching, Refereeing, Education, Games Administration, Monthly profiles of top stars and experts, plus features on the topical issues of the day Gael Coach should be an invaluable asset not only to coaches but also to players, referees and administrators alike. Gael Coach will also keep you abreast of all the latest initiatives in the area, pooling ideas from around the country in an insight into the most successful and progressive projects currently underway.

Updated monthly, the magazine will contain an archive section of all published articles as the months go by, while each is also available in printer friendly version.

We hope that Gael Coach will become the primary resource for those involved in promoting and developing our games.

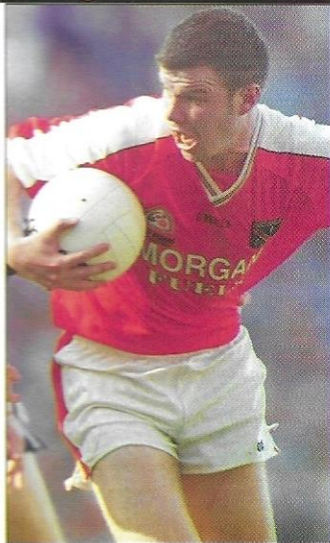
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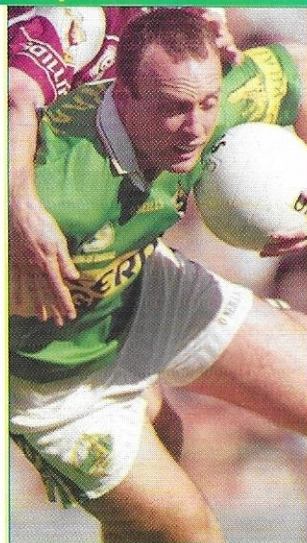
Who am I from Armagh?

I scored my team's only goal in the All-Ireland senior quarter-final replay win over Sligo at An Uaimh. I am 19 and over six foot tall. I scored two points on my last Croke Park appearance and many rated me as the man-of-the-match. I was my club's only representative in the starting line-up against Dublin in the recent All-Ireland senior semi-final.



Who Am I From Kerry?

I won All-Ireland senior medals in 1997 and 2000 when my club was Glenflesk. I am now playing football with a club outside of Kerry. I am a forward and I went into the recent All-Ireland senior semi-final win over Cork as a substitute. I wore the No.19 jersey on my last appearance at Croke Park. I also went in as a substitute in the quarter-final win over Galway. I have been honoured by the All Stars selectors.



Mixed Up!

Mixed up below are seven persons (first and second names) who will be involved one way another with today's finals programme. See if you can sort them out.

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| 1. NSEA | GEUCMCA |
| 2. OHJN | NNBNOA |
| 3. SIINO | EMCCNLLIVO |
| 4. MLCO | PROCOE |
| 5. LMHIECA | NYAR |
| 6. DGRARE | EOAKN |
| 7. NBIRA | YORELLI |

All Stars

Footballers engaged in today's senior football final will be among the leading contenders for places in the Eircell Vodafone All Stars team later in the year. Here is a brief exercise to see what you can remember about last year's All Stars football selection.

- How many Ulster players were honoured?
- Who brought an award to Westmeath for the first-time ever in football?
- Name the only Kerry footballer honoured last year?
- Who was chosen in goal?

County Colours

What are the colours of the four counties listed below? Leitrim, Louth, Westmeath, Limerick.

Crests

We reproduce here sections of the crests of four counties. Can you identify the counties?



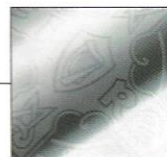
All-Ireland Captains

Here is your chance to find out how expert you are in regard to All-Ireland senior football title winning captains of the last decade. Listed below are six title-winning captains and six dates and the object is to list each team leader with the correct date.

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|----------------|------|
| Anthony Molloy | 1996 |
| John O'Leary | 1998 |
| Ray Silke | 1991 |
| Paddy O'Rourke | 1992 |
| Larry Tompkins | 1995 |
| Tommy Dowd | 1990 |

All-Ireland Captains: Anthony Molloy—1992 (Donegal), John O'Leary—1995 (Dublin), Ray Silke—1998 (Galway), Paddy O'Rourke—1991 (Down), Larry Tompkins (Cork)—1990 (Cork), Tommy Dowd—1996 (Meath).
County Colours: Leitrim—Green, Gold and White (Meath).
Crests: 1. Carlow 2. Down 3. Kildare 4. Louth and White trim. Limerick—Green and White trim. Louth—Red and White trim. Westmeath—Maroon and White trim.

Who am I from Kerry? John Crowley
Who am I from Armagh? Ronan Clarke
Freagraí: Cormac Sullivan (Meath).
All Stars: 1. One (Stephen O'Neill, Tyrone), 2. Rory O'Connell, chosen at left midfield, 3. John Crowley, 4. (Armagh), 4. Colm Cooper (Kerry), 5. Michael Ryan (Minor final referee), 6. Gerard O'Kane (Derry minor captain), 7. Brian O'Reilly (Meath minor captain).
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Cumann na mBunscol is the organisation of primary school teachers committed to the promotion and development of Gaelic games in 3,500 schools throughout the country. It has the same structure as the Gaelic Athletic Association with national, provincial and county units. Hurling, camogie and football for boys and girls are promoted as well as rounders and handball. Some county units have an extensive athletics programme. The two flagship promotions of Cumann na mBunscol are the I.N.T.O.-G.A.A. Mini-Sevens - a promotional scheme which climaxes in Croke Park at championship time - and the Primary Game in Munster which caters for children with special talent. The G.A.A. through its Coaching and Games' Development committee and other structures provides financial and material support for Cumann na mBunscol.

- The I.N.T.O.- G.A.A. Mini-Sevens is now in its 17th year. Many participants have gone on to represent their counties at various age levels. The latest to make their senior inter-county debuts this year were Wexford hurler, Rory Jacob and Johnny Davey of Sligo.

- Former Offaly hurling greats Pat Delaney and Mark Corrigan had daughters, Patrice and Fiona, participating in the Mini-Sevens this summer. They represented Kinnity N.S.

- The Church and General "Junior Whistlers" young referees scheme is a promotion of Cumann na mBunscol, Ath Cliath. It is in its fourth year and aims to promote an appreciation among young people of the difficult task of the referee and to coach effective refereeing techniques. Today's exhibition games will be refereed by Tadhg Ó Meachair, (Gaelscoil Reachrainn) and Mark Moore, Holy Trinity N.S. Donaghmede.

- Waterford hurlers, Brendan Landers and Dave Bennett, played in the Mini-Sevens at the 1989 All-Ireland hurling final. They played on opposite sides. Landers wore the Tipperary jersey, while Bennett lined out in the Antrim strip.

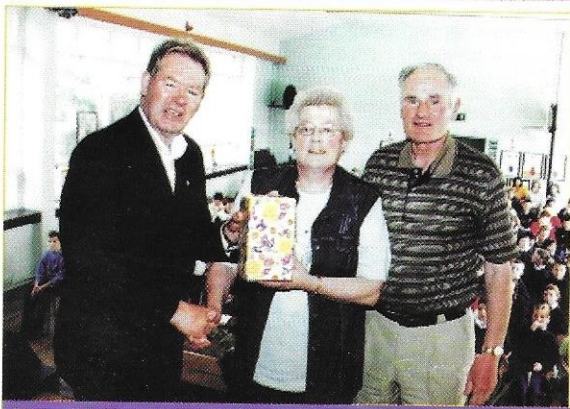
- Armagh goalkeeper Brendan Tierney is a primary school teacher from Mullaghbawn while Mark Ó Sé and Eamonn Fitzmaurice are secondary school teachers.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

G.A.A. President, Sean Mc.Cague, has taken time out from his busy schedule to meet the children participating in the Mini-Sevens on the morning of All-Ireland finals since his election. His words to children, parents and teachers in The Mater Dei Institute are always worth listening to. He is very appreciative of the work done by Cumann na mBunscol teachers throughout the country and, of course, as a primary teacher himself, he is fully informed about Cumann na mBunscol promotions in all four provinces. He was particularly delighted that two children from his own school played in the Mini-Sevens at the semi-final stage this summer.



President, Sean McCague addressing attentive children, parents and teachers in The Mater Dei Institute prior to the hurling final.



Micheal O Muircheartaigh made a presentation to Kay and Christy O'Connell at St. Mary's N.S. Athlone, on behalf of their son, Rory O'Connell, Westmeath's first All-Star and a past pupil of the school.

THE JURY IS OUT

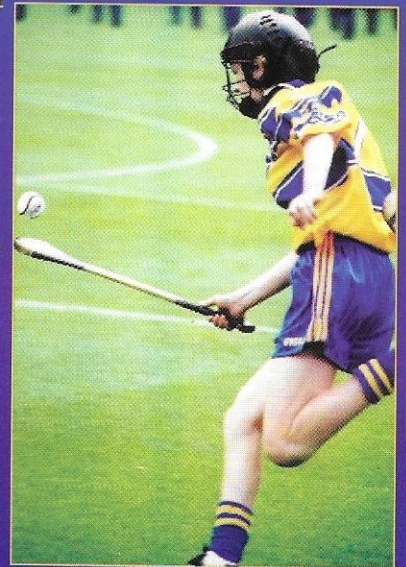
President Mary Mc.Aleese will present the awards at his year's fourth annual Roadstone-Cumann na mBunscol National Awards ceremony in The Berkeley Court Hotel on December 7th. Judging of entries is currently in progress in a scheme designed to reward excellence in games promotion and development as well as public relations projects in Cumann na mBunscol units. This year's scheme has a category for individual schools for the first time. G.A.A. President, Sean Mc.Cague, will also be a special guest on the night. Roadstone provinces Managing Director, Michael Grogan, has pledged continuing sponsorship of the initiative.



Roadstone Provinces Managing Director, Michael Grogan, made a presentation to Sean Mc.Cague at last year's banquet in Clontarf Castle Hotel.

MACKAY CONNECTION

A small but significant percentage of Mini-Sevens participants come from G.A.A families with a distinctive record of achievement at senior inter-county level. This summer two grand-daughters of legendary Limerick hurler, John Mackey, who are also grand-nieces of the great Mick Mackey, played in Croke Park. The photograph shows one of them, Niamh Mulcahy, Lisnagry N.S. in full flight as she demonstrated her exceptional skills in our wonderful new stadium at the All-Ireland hurling final. Her sister, Judith, wore the Tipperary colours during one of the semi-finals.



CUMANN FROM KERRY

Kerry stars, Liam Hassett, Mike-Frank Russell, John Sheehan and Sean O'Sullivan have strong Cumann na mBunscol pedigrees. Liam was on the Glounaguillagh N.S. team that won the Mid-Kerry Cumann na mBunscol title in 1986. Mike-Frank played in two losing finals in 1987 and 1988, before recording a great "A" final victory, along with John Sheehan, in 1989. Sheehan had also been on a winning "B" team in 1988. In 1990, '91 and '92 Sean O'Sullivan helped Cromane N.S. to three-in-a-row victories in the 3-teacher schools final. Sean was also Kerry primary schools skills champion in 1992.



Liam Hassett when he played for Glounaguillagh N.S.



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Refereeing Matters in 2002

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2002

In the football championship this year sixty-eight games have been played. They were refereed by twenty-nine referees. The Referees' Appointments Committee has been trying to introduce new referees gradually. In the League a good number of new referees refereed games. If they got positive assessments they were then appointed to senior championship games. It's the ambition of all young referees to be on the National Panel of Referees and to be given the honour and responsibility of refereeing at such a level. It's the top of the refereeing ladder but it is important that referees be promoted gradually to reach this level.

REFEREEING INITIATIVES IN 2002

- (a) Meeting with Managers: Before the championships began the Games Administration Committee and the Referees' Committee invited all Managers of County Senior teams to four regional meetings in the provinces. They were good discussion meetings in which Managers made their views on championship games known. Most were satisfied that the standard of refereeing was improving and most of the problems they raised were regarding match regulations, size of panels, communicating with players during games. They asked that meetings take place again in the Autumn.
- (b) Spokesperson for Referees: In meetings with Radio, TV and Print media it was agreed that there would be a Spokesperson from the Referees' Committee to speak to the referee if requested by the media to clarify any problem after any championship game.
- (c) Link with Linesmen: The link-up between referee and linesmen continued through the paging system. This removed almost completely the spectacle of a linesman or umpire vainly trying to attract the attention of the referee. It has also facilitated the more speedy introduction of substitutes. In a number of games the referee and linesmen were linked by microphone as well and hopefully this system will be widespread next year.

- (b) Free-Kicks from the Hands: Players taking free kicks from the hands are inclined to advance some distance and the referee is often considered "fussy" when he cancels the free and throws in the ball. But Rule 4.24 is specific: "To advance the ball deliberately from the place at which the free kick is to be taken:
Penalty: (i) Cancel free kick or sideline kick
(ii) Throw in the ball where the foul occurred.
- (c) Red and Yellow Cards: Some well-publicised incidents arose during the summer regarding Red and Yellow cards. This was not an issue at intercounty level. If the referee does not see an incident, usually an "off-the-ball" one, himself, he must weigh carefully the information he gets from his officials. At intercounty level his linesmen are intercounty referees and should be working from the same criteria as himself. The umpires are chosen by the referee himself and are of no use to him unless he can trust their judgement. Clearly, at intercounty level, he should be able to act on the information of his umpires. If, on this information, he issues a red card to a player, it should follow that, unless video evidence clearly shows otherwise, he should stick to his decision.
- (d) Blocking a Player: A trend which has crept into football games is the blocking of a player who has delivered a pass, continues his run to get a return pass, but is deliberately blocked by an opponent. The referee may give the team in possession the advantage but he should apply the appropriate penalty when the ball goes out of play.
Aggressive Fouls 5.18: To charge an opponent
Unless (i) He is in possession of the ball or
(ii) He is playing the ball or
(iii) Both players are moving in the direction of the ball to play it
Penalty: (i) Free kick
(ii) Caution offender (Yellow Card)

Note: If the referee has given advantage he cannot award a free kick but should caution the offender.

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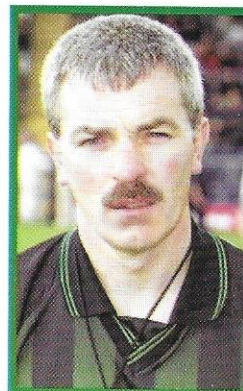
As today's game is the last in the championship of 2002 (unless a draw) our thanks to all involved in the sixty-eight games — players, managers, mentors, officials. Their commitment, skill and dedication have given us many hours of enjoyment. Our referees and their officials deserve equal thanks. Often they are mentioned only when there is a mistake. Their commitment, enthusiasm, enjoyment and disappointment are no less than the other participants. Buíochas ó chroí dóibh go léir.



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