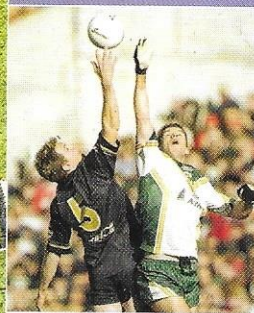
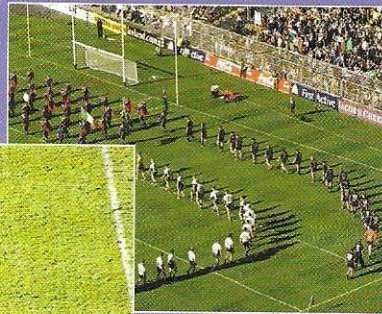
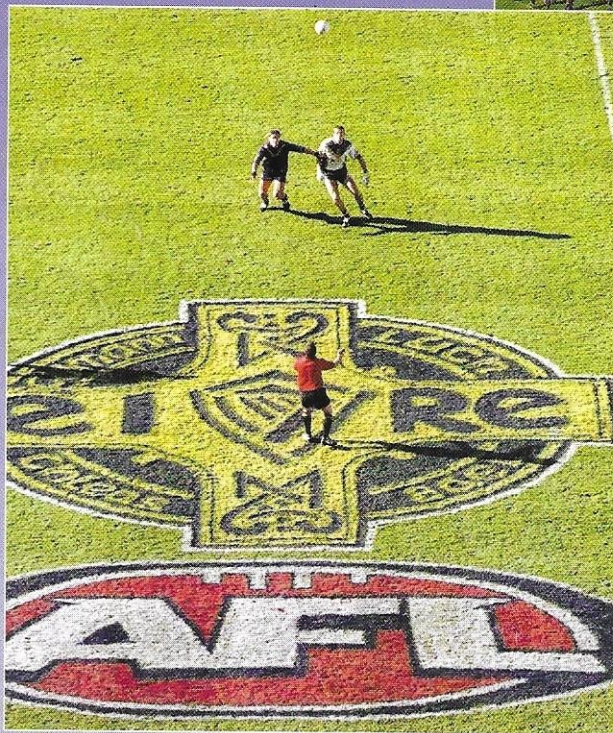


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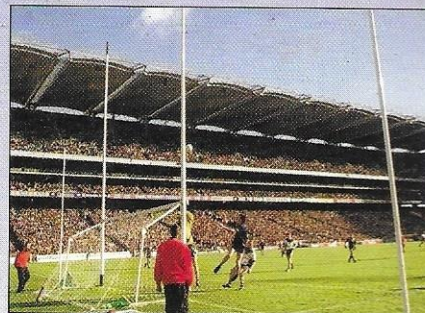
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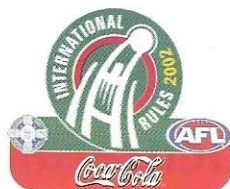


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I would like to welcome to you all to Croke Park for the Coca Cola International Rules series between Ireland and Australia. I extend a very special welcome to our Antipodean friends, the players, officials and supporters from Down Under.

Since its revival in 1998, the International Rules series has gone from strength to strength. The excellent fare provided by the teams over the past four years allied to skilful marketing by our Associations and sponsors in Ireland and Australia has ensured that the appeal of the games has spread among the fans and large attendances have been the norm at recent games.

Our Australian friends will have noticed some changes to Headquarters since their last visit. It has been an excellent summer for Gaelic Games and we are delighted that the 'Croke Park' experience has been sampled by so many throughout the summer. Today we welcome a huge number of children here, through our special rates for family, school and club tickets and we hope that their enjoyment of this series will ensure that a bright future lies ahead for these games.

Ireland regained the series in spectacular fashion in Australia last season, but recent history has shown that the family atmosphere evident in the touring camp has proven a major asset to the visiting team. With this in mind, and with their wounded pride at stake, we can expect a mammoth challenge from the visitors and their trademark skills to be on show at every turn.

I would like to thank Coca Cola for their continued sponsorship of the series. The International dimension provided by the series has provided an unprecedented opportunity for the top players from both codes to come together and represent their respective countries. I know it is a wonderful honour for them to be here today and indeed it is a great honour for us all as spectators to see their talents on show in such an arena.

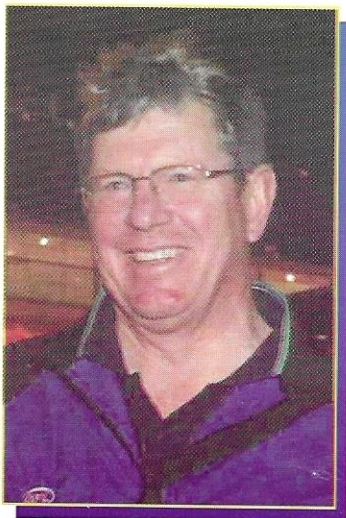
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Seán Mac Thaidhg,
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Message from the AFL



Once again it is our pleasure to come to Ireland for the International Rules series, to savour your hospitality and to enjoy the high octane sporting activity that this game between our two national teams has produced in the past.

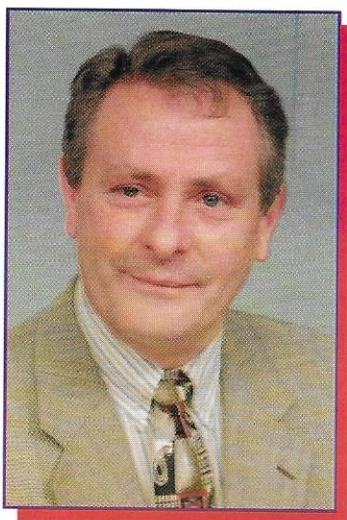
Australian sport is undergoing an emotional high at the moment and our elite players from the AFL are delighted to be able to participate on the international stage at this particular time. This series of games has provided the players with the unique international experience of competition and travel which is highly valued.

We have enjoyed a wonderful season of competition at home and these games against the best Irish footballers bring the year to an exciting climax. The International Rules game has added a new dimension to our game and has aroused passion and interest at home. The success of the Tests in Melbourne and Adelaide last year, has created a great awareness of the event. With widespread television and newspaper coverage, this series will be watched with interest all over Australia.

We arrive in Ireland in the knowledge that your team are the reigning holders of the series. Our squad includes some familiar faces and names and some players who are new to the game. I hope we enjoy a repeat of the entertainment that these games have given in the past. The players and officials look forward to renewing old friendships and making some new ones.

Wayne Jackson,
Chief Executive Officer, AFL

Message from Coca-Cola



Coca-Cola are pleased to continue with our sponsorship of the International Rules Series. The Series has now become a major event in the Irish sporting calendar. Who can forget the wonderfully exciting series of games in Australia last year and in Croke Park in 2000?

We extend a very warm welcome, "Céad Míle Fáilte", to our friends from Australia and we hope that they will return home with fond memories of their visit to Ireland.

We congratulate all of the Irish team on being selected to represent their country, which must be the ultimate honour for any sportsman and we trust it will be an enjoyable and rewarding experience for them.

In conclusion, we hope that the patrons will be treated to a highly competitive, sporting and enjoyable game.

Jim Whelan,
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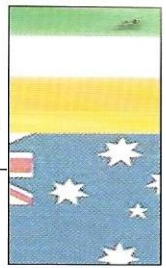
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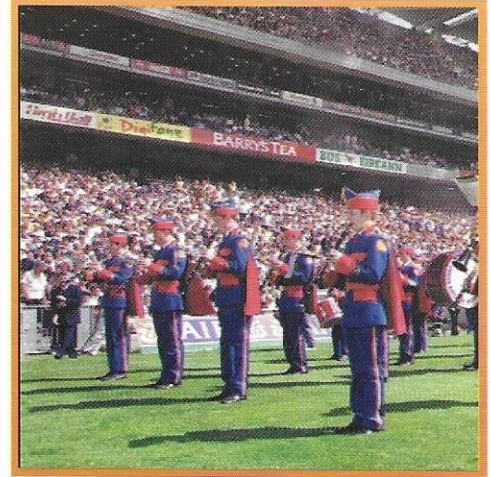
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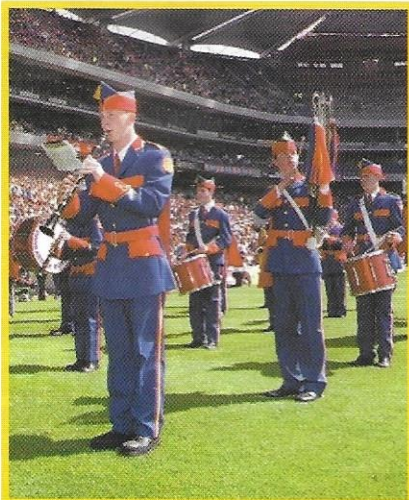


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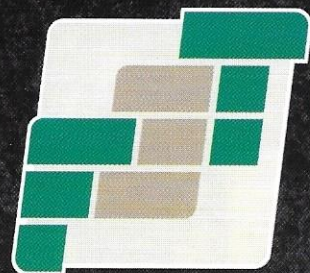
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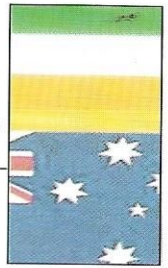


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1984 – Series 1 (Australia won 2-1)

October 21, Cork:

Australia 70 Ireland 57

October 28, Croke Park:

Ireland 80 Australia 76

November 4, Croke Park:

Australia 76 Ireland 71

1986 – Series 2 (Ireland won 2-1)

October 11, Perth:

Australia 64 Ireland 57

October 19, Melbourne:

Ireland 62 Australia 46

October 24, Adelaide:

Ireland 55 Australia 32

1987 – Series 3 (Australia won 2-1)

October 18, Croke Park:

Ireland 53 Australia 51

October 25, Croke Park:

Australia 72 Ireland 47

November 1, Croke Park:

Australia 59 Ireland 55

1990 – Series 4 (Ireland won 2-1)

November 2, Melbourne:

Ireland 47 Australia 38

November 10, Canberra:

Ireland 52 Australia 31

November 17, Perth:

Australia 50 Ireland 44

1998 – Series 5 (Ireland won 128-118)

October 11, Croke Park:

Australia 62 Ireland 61

October 18, Croke Park:

Ireland 67 Australia 56

1999 – Series 6 (Ireland won 122-114)

October 7, Melbourne:

Ireland 70 Australia 62

October 15, Adelaide:

Ireland 52 Australia 52

2000 – Series 7 (Australia won 123-98)

October 9, Croke Park:

Australia 55 Ireland 47

October 16, Croke Park:

Australia 68 Ireland 51

2001 – Series 8 (Ireland won 130-105)

October 12, Melbourne:

Ireland 59 Australia 53

October 19, Adelaide:

Ireland 71 Australia 52

SERIES VICTORIES:

Ireland 5

Australia 3

TEST VICTORIES:

Ireland 10

Australia 9

Drawn 1

AGGREGATE SCORES:

Ireland 1,158

Australia 1,080

AVERAGE PER TEST:

Ireland 57.9

Australia 54

1984

Colm O'Rourke, later Ireland manager, was Top Scorer in the first series with 45 points.

1st Test

Australia 70
Ireland 57



The visitors pulled well clear early in the final quarter, but two late goals narrowed Irish arrears to 13 points by the finish. Best for Australia were Garry McIntosh, Gary Pert, Brad Hardie, Murray Rance, Maurice Rioli, Ross Glendinning and Craig Bradley while Ireland were best served by Seamus McHugh, Jimmy Kerrigan, Tom Spillane, Jack O'Shea, Eoin Liston and Matt Connor.

Australia scorers: C.Bradley (10), R.Glendinning (10), M.Lee (10), M.Aish (9), J.Platten (8), S.Kernehan (7), M.Rioli (6), R.Flower (4), B.Hardie (3), T.Daniher (2), A.Daniels (1).

Ireland scorers: E.Liston (13), B.Rock (9), J.O'Shea (9), J.Kerrigan (6), M.Connor (6), B.O'Donnell (6), D.McNicholl (4), C.O'Rourke (3), P.J.Buckley (1).

Australia – G.McIntosh, C.Holden, G.Pert, B.Hardie, K.DiPierdomenico, M.Rance, R.Flower, M.Lee, M.Rioli, C.Bradley, R.Glendinning, A.Daniels, S.Malaxos, T.Daniher, J.Platten.
Interchange – F.Motley, R.Wiley, M.Aish, D.Ackerley, S.Kernehan, S.Madden.

Ireland – M.Furlong, N.Roche, M.Lyons, S.McHugh, J.Kerrigan, T.Spillane, P.J.Buckley, J.O'Shea, S.Fahy, B.Rock, E.Liston, D.McNicholl, C.O'Rourke, T.Dwyer, M.Connor. **Interchange –** S.Walsh, R.Connor, L.Tierney, J.Costello, L.Hayes, B.O'Donnell.

1984 2nd Test

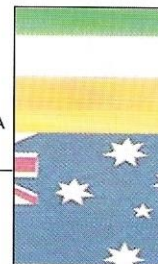
Ireland 80 Australia 76

A week later at Croke Park a crowd of 12,500 was in attendance for the second test and they saw the home team emerge narrow victors. Although the tackling continued to be of the robust nature, the nasty niggling elements of the previous encounter disappeared, with particular credit going to the visitors in this regard. Indeed, most of the pulling and dragging was carried out by the home team.

Ireland had slightly the better of the opening quarter and turned over leading by 16 to 15 and that slight edge continued into the second period and at the interval they led by six points – 40-34. At the end of the third quarter it was 65-60 to Ireland, but with just two minutes remaining Australia had pulled level – 76 points each. However, Colm O'Rourke added an over and a behind before the end to give the home team the verdict.

Ireland scorers: C.O'Rourke (18), B.Rock (10), D.McNicholl (10), L.Austin (8), J.Kerrigan (7), B.O'Donnell (6), M.Martin (6), S.Fahy (4), J.O'Shea (4), L.Tierney (3), G.Blaney (2), P.J.Buckley (1), N.Roche (1).
Australia scorers: R.Flower (15),

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S.Malaxos (10), G.Healy (10), S.Kernehan (9), R.Glendinning (8), M.Rioli (7), M.Lee (4), M.Rance (3), C.Bradley (3), T.Daniher (2), R.DiPierdomenico (1), J.Platten (1), A.Daniels (1), R.Greene (1), B.Hardie (1).

Ireland – J.O’Leary, N.Roche, M.Lyons, S.McHugh, J.Kerrigan, T.Spillane, P.J.Buckley, J.O’Shea, S.Walsh, P.McGinnity, S.Fahy, D.McNicholl, B.Rock, C.O’Rourke, B.O’Donnell. Interchange – L.Austin, L.Tierney, P.Donaghy, G.Blaney, F.McMahon, M.Martin.

Australia – G.McIntosh, C.Holden, G.Pert, R.Greene, B.Hardie, M.Rance, R.DiPierdomenico, S.Malaxos, T.Daniher, R.Flower, R.Glendinning, G.Healy, C.Bradley, M.Lee, J.Platten. Interchange – D.Ackerly, F.Motley, M.Aish, S.Kernehan, M.Rioli, A.Daniels.

1984 3rd Test
Australia 76 Ireland 71

Interest in the series had grown substantially and a crowd in excess of 32,000 made their way to Croke Park for the deciding test. It was a close contest with a late rally from the Australians giving them an exciting victory, but unfortunately some of the rougher edges of the opening test reappeared and three players – Robert DiPierdomenico, Craig Bradley and Greg Blaney – were sent off with a further six being booked.


Australia sprinted out of the blocks to establish an early 14-1 lead, but a brilliant Irish rally saw them turn over at the end of the first quarter leading by 18 to 17. At the end of the opening half Australia had edged back in front (36-35) and by the end of the third quarter they were five points to the good – 61-56. However, the home side started the final quarter in the ascendancy and led by 71-69 with just six minutes remaining, before overs by Daniels and Healy and a behind by Greene gave the visitors a five-point victory and the series.

Australia scorers: S.Malaxos (13), J.Platten (13), A.Daniels (10), G.Healy (8), R.Glendinning (6), M.Rioli (6), M.Lee (6), T.Daniher (4), M.Aish (3), S.Kernehan (2), B.Hardie (2), P.Motley (1), G.Pert (1), R.Greene (1).
Ireland scorers: C.O’Rourke (24), J.O’Shea (10), E.Liston (8), G.Blaney (7), M.Martin (6), B.Rock (6), L.Austin (3),

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Ireland – C.Nelligan, N.Roche, M.Lyons, L.Tierney, J.Kerrigan, T.Spillane, P.J.Buckley, J.O’Shea, S.Fahy, G.Blaney, L.Austin, D.McNicholl, C.O’Rourke, E.Liston, M.Martin. Interchange – S.McHugh, B.Rock, B.O’Donnell, P.Donaghy, J.Cassells, F.McMahon.

1986	John O’Driscoll led the scoring list in the 1986 series with a magnificent 48 points.
1st Test	
Australia 64	Ireland 57

A week prior to this test Australia beat Ireland in a warm-up fixture by 60-51 at the Hands Oval in Banbury and at the Western Australia Cricket Association Oval at Perth the home country gave a repeat performance to win by seven points. However, after some violent scenes on the pitch, which resulted in five players – Pat O’Byrne, Pat Spillane, Gary Pert, Robert DiPierdomenico and Garry McIntosh – being sent to the line, the future of the series looked in serious doubt.

The game itself saw the Australians use the breeze cleverly in the opening quarter to establish an early cushion, which Ireland were unable to overcome. The home side led throughout, although the visitors did have chances in the final quarter, but their kicking for overs let them down.

Australia scorers: C.Langford (11), T.Daniher (9), P.Wilson (7), G.Anderson (7), M.Rioli (6), W.Johnson (6), M.Bairstown (4), G.Healy (4), M.Naley (3), D.Weightman (3), M.Richardson (3), K.Walsh (1).
Ireland scorers: J.O’Driscoll (19), J.McNally (13), D.McNicholl (10), G.Blaney

(8), C.O’Rourke (3), J.O’Shea (1), V.Daly (1), J.Kerrigan (1), P.Spillane (1).

Australia – G.McIntosh, C.Holden, T.Daniher, R.DiPierdomenico, M.Bairstow, P.Roos, P.Wilson, M.Rioli, C.Langford, W.Johnson, G.Pert, G.Healy, A.McGuinness, K.Walsh, J.Platten. Interchange – G.Anderson, M.Naley, D.Weightman, M.Richardson.

Ireland – J.O’Leary, N.Cahalane, B.McGilligan, C.Murray, M.Holden, P.O’Byrne, G.Hargan, J.O’Shea, T.Spillane, G.Blaney, D.McNicholl, V.Daly, J.O’Driscoll, J.McNally, J.Kerrigan. Interchange – C.O’Rourke, P.Spillane, M.Lyons, M.Fagan.

1986 2nd Test
Ireland 62 Australia 46

Six days later at the V.F.L. in Melbourne, Ireland levelled the series with a comfortable 16-point victory in a game that wasn’t marred by the violent scenes of Perth. The ability of the Irish players to mark (field) and an improvement in their kicking for overs were the crucial elements of this win.

The visitors established an early advantage in the opening quarter, which they never subsequently lost, and turned over leading by 14 to 8. Despite playing against the wind in the second quarter Ireland continued to have the better of affairs and at the interval led by 23 points (41-18) thanks mainly to goals by John O’Driscoll, Jimmy Kerrigan and Damien O’Hagan. By the end of the third quarter Ireland led 51-33 and they cruised through the final quarter to emerge easy winners.

Ireland scorers: G.Blaney (13), D.O’Hagan (13), J.O’Driscoll (12), J.Kerrigan (10), D.McNicholl (4), J.O’Shea (4), M.Lyons (2), T.Spillane (2), M.Fagan (1), J.McNally (1).
Australia scorers: T.Daniher (9), J.Platten (8), M.Rioli (4), W.Johnson (3), P.Curran (3), D.Brereton (3), R.DiPierdomenico (3), D.Bolton (3), G.Anderson (3), M.Naley (3), G.Buckenara (2), M.Richardson (1), D.Weightman (1).

Ireland – J.O’Leary, N.Cahalane, B.McGilligan, C.Murray, G.Hargan, P.O’Byrne, S.McHugh, J.O’Shea, M.Fagan, G.Blaney, D.O’Hagan, V.Daly,



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D.McNicholl, J.O'Driscoll, J.Kerrigan.
 Interchange – M.Lyons, N.Roche,
 J.McNally, T.Spillane.
Australia – B.Hardie, C.Holden,
 D.Brereton, R.DiPierdomenico, D.Bolton,
 P.Roos, P.Wilson, C.Langford, M.Rioli,
 W.Johnson, P.Curran, G.Healy, J.Platten,
 T.Daniher, D.Weightman. Interchange –
 M.Richardson, G.Anderson, M.Naley,
 G.Buckenara.

1986 3rd Test
Ireland 55 Australia 32

A crowd of 10,000 turned up for the deciding test at the Football Park in Adelaide, with Ireland again emerging comfortable winners. A goal by Damien O'Hagan after just two minutes gave the Irish an early lead, but by the end of the opening quarter the Australians were on level terms (eight points each). However, Greg Blaney's goal early in the second quarter helped the visitors into an interval lead of eight points – 19 to 11.

Despite being outplayed in the third quarter, Jimmy Kerrigan's goal allowed Ireland to turn over leading by 29 to 26, and early in the final quarter they killed off the game. Three overs and a converted penalty by John O'Driscoll were supplemented by overs from Kerrigan and Teddy McCarthy to make it 50-26, and with the outcome decided the game petered out.

Ireland scorers: J.O'Driscoll (17), D.O'Hagan (11), J.Kerrigan (9), G.Blaney (7), D.McNicholl (4), J.McNally (3), T.McCarthy (3), J.O'Shea (1).
Australia scorers: G.Healy (6), G.Buckenara (5), D.Bolton (4), D.Weightman (4), G.Anderson (3), P.Roos (3), M.Rioli (3), G.Pert (1), W.Johnson (1), T.Daniher (1), R.DiPierdomenico (1).

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Australia – G.McIntosh, C.Holden, C.Langford, R.DiPierdomenico, G.Healy, P.Roos, P.Wilson, T.Daniher, J.Platten, M.Rioli, G.Pert, W.Johnson, G.Williams, D.Brereton, D.Wieghtman. Interchange – A.McGuinness, G.Anderson, G.Buckenara, D.Bolton.

1987

Jim Stynes from Dublin played for Australia in 1987 and was Top Scorer for the series.

1st Test

**Ireland 53
 Australia 51**



Ireland had yet to win the opening game of a series, but they put that right when they won this contest by two points before 15,500 spectators at Croke Park. Australia elected to play with the breeze in the opening quarter, but Kieran Duff's goal allowed the locals to turn over on level terms – 13 points each. With the elements, the home team had the better of the second quarter and led at the break by 24-17.

However, the Australians dominated the third quarter and a goal by Richard Osborne helped them into a 37-31 lead with 20 minutes remaining. Two overs and a behind helped the visitors move 13 points clear early in the final quarter, but with seven minutes remaining Ireland were on level terms – 47 points apiece. Two overs from the locals brought one in reply from the visitors, and Bruce Linder's late shot from in front of the posts garnered only one point to give Ireland an historic win.

Ireland scorers: G.Blaney (17), J.Reilly (12), K.Duff (9), D.McNicholl (7), V.Daly (3), T.Spillane (2), N.Roche (1), L.Hayes (1), M.Fagan (1).

Australia scorers: R.Osborne (18), J.Stynes (9), T.McGuinness (7), B.Royal (6), P.Roos (3), S.Malaxos (3), B.Linder (3), G.Pert (1), M.Mitchell (1).

Ireland – J.O'Leary, R.O'Malley, M.Lyons, N.Roche, S.McHugh, P.O'Byrne, C.Murray, T.Spillane, V.Daly, G.Blaney, D.McNicholl, K.Duff, P.Spillane, P.Earley, G.Lynch. Interchange – L.Hayes, M.Fagan, B.McGilligan, J.Reilly, B.Sex.

Australia – M.Campbell, A.Bews, D.Frawley, S.Sailsbury, B.Abernathy, P.Roos, B.Lindsay, G.Pert, S.Malaxos, T.McGuinness, B.Linder, M.Mitchell, R.Osborne, J.Stynes, B.Royal. Interchange – B.Foster, P.Bubner, C.Lewis, A.Jarman, P.Walsh.

1987 2nd Test
Australia 72 Ireland 47

A virtual identical attendance turned up for the second test, but they witnessed a totally different game as Australia powered to a 25-point win – the biggest ever in the series. From the off the visitors looked a determined bunch and at the end of the first quarter they led by eleven points – 17 to 6. They continued to have the better of matters in the second quarter and were not flattered by an interval lead of 32-16.

Each side notched two goals in the third quarter – Jim Stynes and Chris Lewis for Australia, Niall Cahalane and Tom Spillane for Ireland – at the end of which Australia were still comfortable leaders – 51-32. Halfway through the final period Sean Wright punched home the visitor's third goal to end the game as a contest, before Pat Spillane had a late consolation goal for a well-beaten home side.

Australia scorers: J.Stynes (18), S.Wright (13), B.Royal (10), T.McGuinness (9), M.Mitchell (6), C.Lewis (6), B.Lindsay (3), P.Foster (3), R.Osborne (2), A.Jarman (1), D.Hart (1).

Ireland scorers: N.Cahalane (13), P.Spillane (10), T.Spillane (9), D.McNicholl (3), M.Fagan (3), B.McGilligan (3), M.Lyons (2), L.Hayes (1), V.Daly (1), C.Murray (1), J.Reilly (1).

Australia – M.Campbell, A.Bews, D.Frawley, S.Sailsbury, B.Abernathy, P.Roos, B.Lindsay, G.Pert, S.Malaxos, T.McGuinness, P.Foster, M.Mitchell, R.Osborne, J.Stynes, B.Royal. Interchange – A.Jarman, D.Hart, C.Lewis, S.Wright, R.Gibbs.

Ireland – J.O'Leary, R.O'Malley, M.Lyons, N.Roche, S.McHugh, P.O'Byrne, G.Hargan, T.Spillane, L.Hayes, D.McNicholl, P.Spillane, K.Duff, G.Lynch, V.Daly, M.Fagan. Interchange – N.Cahalane, J.Lynch, B.McGilligan, C.Murray, J.Reilly.

1987 3rd Test
Australia 59 Ireland 55

The attendance had swelled to 27,000 for the deciding test and they saw the Australians continue their dominance from the preceding week to

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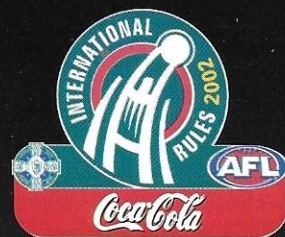
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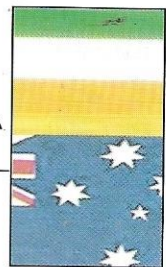
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open up a 23-0 lead after eleven minutes. Ireland did finally get off the mark, but at the end of the first quarter they trailed by 16 points – 8-24. Little divided the sides in the second quarter with the Irish sniping another three points off the deficit to turn over trailing 22-35.

The home side had the better of the third quarter, but wasted chances meant that at the end of the period Australia still enjoyed a 12-point cushion – 44-32. Ireland continued to close the gap in the final quarter, but the Australians always remained just out of reach, although Bernard Flynn's goal shortly before the end did give them a few anxious moments.

Australia scorers: J.Stynes (11), T.McGuinness (9), S.Wright (9), R.Osborne (8), C.Lewis (6), B.Royal (5), S.Malaxos (4), G.Pert (3), M.Mitchell (3), P.Roos (1).

Ireland scorers: B.Flynn (14), P.Spillane (14), D.McNicholl (13), T.Spillane (8), B.Sex (3), N.Cahalane (2), B.McGilligan (1).

Australia – M.Campbell, A.Bews, D.Frawley, S.Sailsbury, B.Abernethy, P.Roos, B.Lindsay, S.Malaxos, G.Pert, T.McGuinness, C.Lewis, S.Wright, R.Osborne, J.Stynes, B.Royal. Interchange – M.Mitchell, P.Walsh, A.Jarman, D.Hart, D.Pearce.

Ireland – J.O'Leary, R.O'Malley, B.McGilligan, N.Roche, S.McHugh, C.Murray, G.Lynch, T.Spillane, B.Sex, G.Blaney, J.Reilly, N.Cahalane, S.King, D.McNicholl, B.Flynn. Interchange – C.Browne, P.Spillane, T.Scullion, M.Lyons, M.Fagan.

1990

Bernard Flynn — Top Scorer in the 1990 series.

1st Test

Ireland 47
Australia 38



The opening test at Waverly Stadium in Melbourne was a tight affair played out before an attendance of 18,332. The home outfit had the better

of the opening exchanges, but a dogged visiting side kept in touch and ended the first quarter at parity – 11 points each. Ireland continued to make the most of their chances in the second period and led by 26-19 at half-time.

With the momentum in their favour, Ireland continued to extend their lead in the third quarter and entered the final "twenty" holding an eleven-point lead – 38 to 27. Paul Curran had a couple of chances for goals early in the final quarter that would have killed off the game, but missed both. Luckily the visitors were not penalised for those misses and won comfortably by nine points.

Ireland scorers: B.Flynn (18), J.O'Shea (10), M.Gavigan (5), K.O'Brien (4), P.Curran (4), J.McCartan (3), J.Stynes (2), J.Grimley (1).

Australia scorers: G.Browne (15), N.Bruns (8), T.Daniher (5), B.Allison (3), S.Malaxos (3), M.Hanna (1), S.Loewe (1), M.Mitchell (1), D.Anderson (1).

Ireland – P.Comer, T.Scullion, S.O'Brien, N.Roche, K.Barr, P.O'Byrne, M.Gavigan, M.Grimley, B.O'Malley, A.Mulholland, V.Daly, J.O'Shea, B.Flynn, J.Stynes, K.O'Brien. Interchange – E.Heary, P.Curran, J.Grimley, J.McCartan, B.Sex.
Australia – M.Campbell, N.Bruns, D.Frawley, J.Worsfold, J.Gastev, T.Daniher, M.Hanna, P.Couch, G.Brown, T.McGuinness, S.Loewe, M.Mitchell, S.Wright, D.Anderson, B.Stephens. Interchange – B.Allison, S.Malaxos, D.Bain, R.Jackson, G.O'Donnell.

1990 2nd Test

Ireland 52 Australia 31

Just 7,000 spectators turned up for the second test at Bruce Stadium in Canberra, which Ireland won every bit as convincingly as suggested by a 21-point margin of victory. Despite playing against the wind in the opening quarter a John Grimley goal kept the visitors in touch, and when the wind was at their backs in the second period, they dominated completely with Grimley scoring a second goal to help the visitors into a 39-14 interval lead.

Again with the elements in their favour, Australia had the majority of the possession in the third quarter, but poor shooting restricted them to just seven

behinds while Ireland replied with one over (Kevin O'Brien). Leading by double scores (42-21), Ireland were more than happy to trade scores in the final quarter – each side scored ten points – and won the series 2-0.

Ireland scorers: J.Grimley (16), K.O'Brien (13), J.Stynes (9), N.Roche (6), V.Daly (4), B.Flynn (3), J.McCartan (1).

Australia scorers: M.Hanna (8), G.Brown (5), R.Smith (4), P.Dean (3), G.O'Donnell (3), B.Stephens (3), S.Loewe (2), T.McGuinness (1), D.Frawley (1), S.Malaxos (1).

Ireland – P.Comer, T.Scullion, S.O'Brien, N.Roche, A.Mulholland, P.O'Byrne, M.Gavigan, B.O'Malley, J.Grimley, J.O'Shea, P.Curran, V.Daly, B.Flynn, J.Stynes, K.O'Brien. Interchange – E.Heary, B.Sex, J.McCartan, T.Carr, M.Fagan.

Australia – M.Campbell, S.Wright, D.Frawley, R.Smith, M.Hanna, B.Stephens, J.Blakey, P.Couch, T.Daniher, G.Brown, S.Loewe, T.McGuinness, N.Bruns, P.Salmon, M.Mitchell. Interchange – B.Allison, P.Dean, J.Gastev, S.Malaxos, G.O'Donnell.

1990 3rd Test

Australia 50 Ireland 44

With the series already decided, just 7,700 turned up for the final test at W.A.C.A. in Perth, but the home side did restore some pride with a well-deserved six-point victory. A determined Australia dominated the opening quarter to establish a 14-4 lead, and although Ireland came roaring back to lead 18-17, an over by Terry Daniher just before the break gave the home team a two-point half-time advantage.

The visitors faded somewhat in the third quarter to leave Australia leading by 38-29 and early in the fourth they pressed on with Daniher scoring a 50-yard over to increase the lead to 18 points. In the closing stages Australia eased off the pedal to allow Ireland score four overs, but the six-point winning margin they enjoyed in no way flattered them.

Australia scorers: T.Daniher (10), J.Romero (7), D.Anderson (7), M.Hanna (5), G.Brown (5), M.Mitchell (4), P.Salmon (3), S.Loewe (3), B.Stephens (3), S.Malaxos (3).

Ireland scorers: K.O'Brien (10), B.Flynn

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(8), J.O'Shea (7), M.Plunkett (6), V.Daly (4), B.Burke (3), M.Fagan (3), M.Grimley (2), D.Barry (1).

Australia – M.Campbell, G.O'Donnell, D.Frawley, R.Smith, J.Gastev, B.Stephens, J.Worsfold, S.Malaxos, T.McGuinness, T.Daniher, S.Loewe, G.Brown, M.Mitchell, P.Salmon, D.Bain.

Interchange – J.Romero, R.Jackson, M.Hanna, D.Anderson, P.Deans.

Ireland – P.Comer, T.Scullion, K.Fagan, M.Fagan, A.Mulholland, P.O'Byrne, M.Gavigan, B.O'Malley, M.Grimley, P.Barrett, J.Stynes, V.Daly, B.Flynn, E.Liston, D.Barry. *Interchange* – P.Curran, J.O'Shea, B.Burke, M.Plunkett, K.O'Brien.

in touch, but a 13-point deficit at the end of the third quarter (41-54) looked too big a gap to close. Three minutes into the final quarter overs by Canavan and Brian Stynes left Ireland 19 points clear and cruising, but halfway through the quarter Australia had narrowed the arrears to six – with Nathan Eagleton's goal the major score. Ireland were still six clear three minutes from time until David Neitz scored the equalising goal and in the final minute Camporeale scored the winning behind to complete a memorable comeback.

Australia scorers: W.Carey (16), M.Lloyd (10), D.Neitz (10), N.Eagleton (8), P.Everitt (4), S.Camporeale (4), J.Farmer (4), S.Crawford (3), N.Buckley (2), J.Stynes (1).

Ireland scorers: D.McCabe (14), B.Stynes (13), M.Donnellan (10), P.Canavan (9), D.Foley (7), J.Fallon (4), P.Brewster (2), C.McManamon (1), A.Tohill (1).

Australia – S.Silvagni, B.Hart, D.Neitz, S.Crawford, R.Smith, S.Wellman, N.Smart, M.Ricciuto, N.Buckley, R.Harvey, W.Carey, B.Johnson, N.Eagleton, P.Everitt, A.Stevens. *Interchange* – N.Holland, M.Lloyd, J.Stynes, S.Camporeale, J.Farmer, W.Campbell.

Ireland – F.Connell, J.Kenny, D.Fay, S.M.Lockhart, F.Cullen, J.Nallen, K.McGeeney, J.McDermott, A.Tohill, J.Fallon, C.McManamon, B.Stynes, B.Devenney, D.McCabe, P.Canavan. *Interchange* – D.Marsden, P.Brewster, D.Foley, S.Moynihan, M.Donnellan, S.dePaor, G.Ryan, K.O'Brien.

However, five minutes into the third quarter Jarlath Fallon fired home Ireland's third goal and two minutes later Donnellan fisted home the fourth. Those scores gave the home side a comfortable advantage heading into the final quarter, but unlike the previous week, there was no fall off in performance. Indeed, Ireland's tactic of quickly resting and introducing players negated the fitness advantage of the visitors, who didn't change personnel as frequently. The Australians did battle to the end, but Ireland just stayed out of reach and the eleven-point winning margin gave them the series with ten points to spare.

Ireland scorers: P.Canavan (16), J.Fallon (14), S.dePaor (7), M.Donnellan (6), B.Stynes (6), M.Daly (4), A.Tohill (3), J.Kenny (3), G.Cavlan (3), S.M.Lockhart (3), D.Foley (2).

Australia scorers: R.Harvey (9), N.Holland (8), S.Camporeale (7), N.Eagleton (7), M.Ricciuto (7), N.Buckley (5), A.Stevens (4), J.Stynes (3), M.Lloyd (3), W.Campbell (1), W.Carey (1), B.Johnson (1).

Ireland – F.Connell, S.Moynihan, D.Fay, S.M.Lockhart, F.Cullen, G.Ryan, J.Nallen, J.McDermott, D.Foley, J.Fallon, N.Buckley, B.Stynes, D.McCabe, A.Tohill, P.Canavan. *Interchange* – M.Daly, S.O'Domhnaill, G.Cavlan, P.Brewster, J.Kenny, M.Donnellan, S.dePaor. **Australia** – S.Silvagni, S.Crawford, B.Hart, B.Johnson, R.Smith, N.Buckley, S.Wellman, S.Rehn, M.Ricciuto, R.Harvey, W.Carey, A.Stevens, D.Neitz, M.Lloyd, S.Camporeale. *Interchange* – N.Holland, J.Stynes, P.Everitt, N.Eagleton, J.Farmer, W.Campbell.

1998

Wayne Carey —
Australia's Top Scorer
in 1998.

1st Test

Australia 62
Ireland 61



At Croke Park an attendance of 23,000 saw the home team make the ideal start as they moved 11-0 ahead before Australia registered their first score – a behind from Matthew Lloyd. Ireland continued to have the better of matters and led 16-2 before overs by Lloyd and Wayne Carey narrowed the Australian deficit to eight, but Peter Canavan (over) had the last score of the opening quarter to leave it 19-8. Early in the second quarter overs from Peter Everitt and Carey reduced Australian arrears to five and they remained at that level after Everitt (1) and Scott Camporeale (3) replied to Canavan (3) and Jarlath Fallon (1). A goal by Dermot McCabe brought Ireland's advantage back to eleven points and by the end of the second quarter that was still the gap between the sides – 39-28.

A Carey over at the start of the third quarter brought a goal in reply from Michael Donnellan to push Ireland's advantage out to 14 points and it looked as if the home team were heading for a comfortable victory. Australia – thanks principally to scores from Lloyd, Carey and Jeff Farmer – kept

1998 2nd Test

Ireland 67 Australia 56

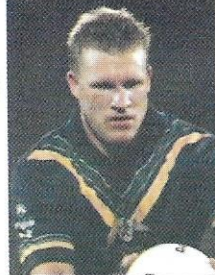
The attendance had swelled to 35,000 at the same venue a week later as Ireland sought to atone for their late fade-out in the opening test. There was little between the teams in the opening half and Ireland turned over with the narrowest of advantages, but the ability of the home side to score goals was the telling point. Ten minutes before half-time Ireland notched their first goal with Michael Donnellan and Paul Brewster involved in the build up to Sean dePaor's finish. Six minutes later Peter Canavan got the second, but Australia replied with a goal of their own almost immediately through Robert Harvey to leave it 37-36 at the break.

1999

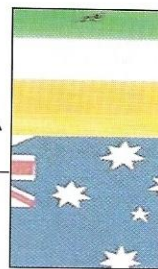
Nathan Buckley
(Australia) — headed
the scorers list in
1999 with 35 points.

1st Test

Ireland 70
Australia 62



At the Melbourne Cricket Grounds an attendance of 64,326 (the largest of the series to date) saw the visitors dominate the opening exchanges and



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17 minutes after the start they led by 17 points with the home side yet to score. However, a flurry of scoring before the end of the opening quarter saw Australia reduce their arrears to seven points – 14-21. With the momentum, the home side had the better of the second quarter and were unlucky to still be trailing at half-time – 31-33.

Early in the third quarter Ireland notched their first goal courtesy of Ciarán Whelan and that gave them a cushion, which Australia were unable to overcome. The home side relied on overs to narrow the gap with Nathan Buckley their principal marksman, but at the end of the third quarter Ireland led by 60 to 46. Early in the final quarter the visitors moved 16 points clear, but a late rally saw Australia get within two points with a minute remaining. However, a goal by Jarlath Fallon clinched victory for Ireland and ended Australia's comeback hopes.

Ireland scorers: J.Fallon (18), P.Canavan (11), T.Giles (10), J.Kavanagh (9), C.Whelan (7), D.Earley (4), D.Dolan (4), N.Buckley (3), A.Tohill (3), B.Stynes (1).

Australia scorers: N.Buckley (19), C.Waterhouse (7), A.McRae (7), P.Bell (6), W.Campbell (6), J.Leppitsch (4), S.West (3), R.Smith (3), T.Croad (2), B.Cousins (1), S.Crawford (1), P.Burgoyne (1), M.O'Loughlin (1), M.Ashcroft (1).

Ireland – D.O'Keefe, S.Moynihan, D.Fay, S.M.Lockhart, F.Cullen, G.Ryan, S.dePaor, J.McDermott, N.Buckley, T.Giles, J.Fallon, M.Donnellan, P.Canavan, A.Tohill, D.Dolan. Interchange – D.Earley, C.McManus, J.Nallen, C.Whelan, J.Kavanagh, B.Stynes, C.O'Sullivan, D.Foley.

Australia – S.Silvagni, S.Crawford, T.Croad, B.Hart, A.McRae, J.Leppitsch, R.Smith, M.Allan, N.Buckley, P.Bell, M.Richardson, S.Camporeale, M.Ashcroft, C.Waterhouse, M.O'Loughlin. Interchange – W.Campbell, S.West, J.Akermanis, P.Burgoyne, B.Cousins, J.Molloy, A.McKay.

scored four overs in the opening quarter and the Irish management introduced Seamus Moynihan to see if the Kerry man could curtail Buckley's performance. However, just before the end of the opening quarter the home side led by 19-7, but a goal by John McDermott reduced Irish arrears to six points – 13-19. A converted penalty by Shane Crawford early in the second quarter kept Australia comfortably in front, but despite enjoying the majority of the possession, they led by just seven points at the interval – 33 to 26.

Ireland had the better of the third quarter to reduce their arrears to two points (38-40), but the higher fitness levels of the home side were expected to tell in last twenty minutes. However, the Irish made a great start to the final quarter and ten unanswered points – Michael Donnellan (1), Graham Geraghty (3), Niall Buckley (3) and Jarlath Fallon (3) – gave them an eight-point cushion. Australia reduced their arrears to five with an over, but an over and a behind saw Ireland nine clear, with time running out. The home side did stage a late rally, which included overs from Rohan, Buckley and Smith, but it was only enough to secure a draw on the night, and Ireland's winning margin from a week previously (eight points) was enough to win the series.

Ireland scorers: J.Fallon (8), J.McDermott (7), A.Tohill (7), N.Buckley (6), G.Geraghty (5), M.Donnellan (4), T.Giles (3), J.Kavanagh (3), C.McManus (3), B.Stynes (3), P.Canavan (1), C.Whelan (1), (1) og.

Australia scorers: N.Buckley (16), M.O'Loughlin (8), R.Smith (6), S.Crawford (6), B.Graham (3), M.Richardson (3), C.Waterhouse (3), W.Campbell (3), P.Bell (3), (1) og.

Ireland – D.O'Keefe, S.Moynihan, D.Fay, S.M.Lockhart, F.Cullen, C.O'Sullivan, G.Ryan, J.McDermott, C.Whelan, T.Giles, J.Fallon, A.Tohill, D.Earley, G.Geraghty, P.Canavan. Interchange – N.Buckley, M.Donnellan, J.Horan, C.McManus, J.Nallen, S.dePaor, B.Stynes, J.Kavanagh.

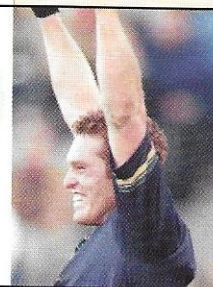
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2000

Australia's Top Scorer in 2000, Justin Leppitsch, celebrates his country's victory.

1st Test

Australia 55
Ireland 47



At Croke Park the home side made the perfect start and after 14 minutes they enjoyed a 12-0 lead. However, Ireland failed to add to that total for the remainder of the opening quarter and, with Australia recovering from their tentative opening, they reduced their arrears to five points on the turnaround. Yet again the hosts made the better start to the quarter and at the 27th minute they were 14 points to the good – 22-8, but when the visitors moved Justin Leppitsch from defence to attack, the Australians had a target man capable of doing much damage to the opposing defence. His consistent marking and subsequent kicking of overs allowed Australia to close the gap to nine points by the interval (19-28).

However, five minutes after the restart Ireland struck what appeared to be a significant blow when Trevor Giles and Graham Geraghty combined for the latter to flick home the game's only goal. But Australia refused to panic and with Leppitsch and Blake Caracella calmly slotting over the three-pointers, the deficit was just six points at the third changeover – 34-40. In the opening three minutes of the final quarter Ireland had one over and their opponents one behind to extend the home advantage to eight points, before a period of Australia pressure cut the deficit to two points. Dermot Earley kicked an over to increase the gap to five points 13 minutes from time, but a clearly tiring home side scored just one more point before the hooter. Australia finished strongly and added 14 points in the same period to deservedly take an eight-point lead into the second test before an attendance of over 38,000.

Australia scorers: J.Leppitsch (17), B.Caracella (14), B.Harvey (5), R.Smith (3), T.Croad (3), J.Blumfield (3), J.Hird (3),

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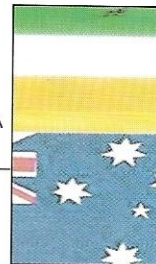
1999 2nd Test
Ireland 52 Australia 52

A capacity attendance of 45,187 at Adelaide saw the home team the quicker out of the blocks and with Nathan Buckley showing the way, they established an early lead. The Aussie



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N.Brown (3), A.Yze (2), W.Campbell (1), D.King (1).

Ireland scorers: *G.Geraghty (10), D.Earley (7), G.Cavlan (6), B.Stynes (6), P.Canavan (4), L.Reilly (4), A.Rainbow (3), C.Moran (3), T.Giles (1), A.Tohill (1), C.McManamon (1), F.Cullen (1).*

Australia – *A.Kellaway, J.Akermanis, J.Leppitsch, W.Campbell, R.Smith, T.Croad, A.McLeod, S.West, S.Woewodin, C.Bradley, J.Blumfield, M.O'Loughlin, A.Yze, J.Hird, M.Ricciuto, Interchange – D.King, B.Johnson, B.Ratten, D.Hardwick, N.Brown, C.Heffernan, B.Harvey, B.Caracella.*

Ireland – *C.Sullivan, E.Sexton, D.Fay, S.M.Lockhart, F.Cullen, G.Ryan, A.Rainbow, A.Tohill, C.Whelan, T.Giles, B.Stynes, D.Earley, L.Reilly, G.Geraghty, P.Canavan. Interchange – M.Crossan, S.Quinn, J.McGee, P.McGrane, G.Cavlan, C.McManamon, C.McManus, C.Moran.*

2000 2nd Test
Australia 68 Ireland 51

A week later the attendance had swelled to more than 57,000, but they left Croke Park bitterly disappointed as Ireland gave a poor account of themselves in going down by 17 points. The drawn All-Ireland final replay played the previous afternoon did not help preparations and the withdrawal of Ciarán Whelan and Glen Ryan, injured in club games just 24 hours earlier, further undermined the home cause. However, the home side made a promising start and Peter Canavan was only denied a goal by a fine save by Aussie 'keeper Andrew Kellaway, but it wasn't to be the Tyrone player's day as he was sent off, along with Jason Akermani, at the end of the opening quarter. The score at that stage was 20-6 and the Australians continued on top in the second quarter and at half-time the series result was a foregone conclusion with the visitors leading by 47-19.

The trailing team moved Dermot Earley to full forward for the second period and his presence, along with the improved performances of Brian Stynes, Anthony Tohill and Seamus Moynihan ensured that Ireland were much more competitive after the restart. By the end of the third quarter the deficit was 21 points (35-56) and half-way through the

final quarter Australia's lead was down to 15 and it took a couple of superb saves from Kellaway, denying both Earley and Larry Reilly in quick succession, to keep the leaders out of reach. However, at no stage did the Irish look likely to save this game, let alone the test series, and Australia took the series by 123 to 98.

Australia scorers: *M.O'Loughlin (17), J.Leppitsch (11), B.Caracella (9), A.Yze (9), A.McLeod (6), M.Ricciuto (4), L.Power (3), S.West (3), T.Croad (3), S.King (2), J.Hird (1).*

Ireland scorers: *D.Earley (12), E.Gormley (6), B.Stynes (6), S.Moynihan (6), C.McManus (5), F.Cullen (4), A.Rainbow (4), A.Tohill (3), G.Geraghty (2), T.Giles (1), P.McGrane (1), L.Reilly (1).*

Australia – *A.Kellaway, J.Akermanis, D.Hardwick, C.Heffernan, J.Hird, B.Johnson, R.Smith, T.Croad, S.West, S.Woewodin, L.Power, C.Bradley, M.O'Loughlin, J.Leppitsch, A.McLeod. Interchange – J.Blumfield, B.Ratten, A.Yze, S.King, M.Ricciuto, B.Caracella, D.King, S.Goodwin.*

Ireland – *C.Sullivan, F.Cullen, D.Fay, S.M.Lockhart, S.dePaor, E.Sexton, A.Rainbow, S.Moynihan, A.Tohill, P.Joyce, T.Giles, D.Earley, L.Reilly, G.Geraghty, P.Canavan. Interchange – G.Cavlan, M.Crossan, E.Gormley, K.McGeeney, P.McGrane, C.McManus, C.McManamon, B.Stynes.*

2001 Brendan Devenney — headed the scorers' list in Australia last year.

1st Test

Ireland 59
Australia 53

With the series now well established down under, just under 50,000 poured into the Melbourne Cricket Ground for the opening test twelve months ago. Matthew Lloyd opened the home side's account with an over in the opening minute and seven minutes passed before Brendan Devenney made it 3-3. Two quick overs from Anthony Tohill were quickly supplemented by a

brace of behinds from Devenney to make it 13-3 at the 13th minute. However, Australia finished the opening quarter strongly and overs from Goode and Harvey sandwiched a behind from Lloyd, to which the leaders' sole reply was Cormac McAnallen's single to leave it 14-10.

The first five minutes of the second quarter was scoreless before Devenney notched overs at the 25th and 27th minutes to make it double scores (20-10), but three overs – Black and Bowden (two) and a behind (Lappin) had the sides level six minutes later. Australia continued on the offensive and further overs from Johnson and Harvey and a behind from Stuart Maxfield made it 27-20, before Pdraig Joyce and Michael Donnellan's single-pointers sandwiched a behind from Black to leave the home side leading by 28-22 at half-time.

A brace of overs from Graham Geraghty within two minutes of the resumption made it 28 apiece, but a goal and an over from Caracella gave the Aussies a nine-point lead. That extended to ten at the 56th minute, but an over from John Crowley, a goal by Tohill and a behind by Darragh Ó Sé left the sides deadlocked (41-41) at the end of the penultimate quarter.

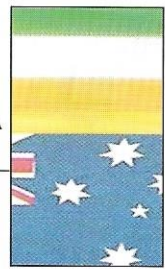
The visitors started the final quarter brilliantly and within five minutes had registered four scores – Devenney (1), Seamus Moynihan (1), Kieran McGeeney (6) and Tadhg Kennelly (3) – to establish an eleven-point cushion that Australia was not able to overcome. Half-way through the final quarter they narrowed the arrears to seven, but two overs in three minutes from Geraghty left Ireland 13 clear with eight minutes remaining. Five behinds – four to Australia and one to Ireland – littered the closing minutes as Ireland took a six-point lead into the second test.

Ireland scorers: *B.Devenney (14), A.Tohill (13), G.Geraghty (10), K.McGeeney (6), J.Crowley (3), D.Earley (3), T.Kennelly (3), C.McAnallen (3), M.Donnellan (1), P.Joyce (1), S.Moynihan (1), D.Ó Sé (1).*

Australia scorers: *B.Caracella (10), J.Bowden (9), A.Goodes (9), M.Lloyd (8), B.Harvey (6), S.Black (4), J.Johnson (3), S.Maxfield (2), N.Stevens (1), N.Lappin (1).*

Ireland – *C.Sullivan, A.Rainbow, D.Fay, S.M.Lockhart, E.O'Hara, S.Moynihan,*

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S.dePaor, D.Ó Sé, A.Tohill, P.Joyce, T.Kennelly, M.Donnellan, G.Geraghty, D.Earley, J.Crowley. Interchange – N.Buckley, G.Canty, B.Devenney, C.McAnallen, K.McGeeney, C.McManus, M.F.Russell, C.Whelan.

Australia – S.Goodwin, B.Sanderson, D.White, M.Nicks, J.Smith, C.Scott, C.Bradley, A.Goodes, J.Bowden, D.Chick, B.Caracella, S.Black, W.Tredrea, M.Lloyd, A.McLeod. Interchange – S.Maxfield, J.Johnson, N.Stevens, D.Hardwick, A.Ramanauskas, B.Harvey, D.King, N.Lappin.

2001 2nd Test
Ireland 71 Australia 52

At Football Park in Adelaide little divided the sides in the opening quarter before an attendance of just under 32,000. Graham Geraghty opened the scoring with a behind in the second minute to which Australia replied with a brace of one-pointers from Bradley and Lloyd. Michael Donnellan had the first over of the evening to make it 4-2, before Smith (over) and Stevens (behind) made it 6-4 to the home team. A goal by Anthony Tohill put Ireland back in front and half-way through the opening quarter they led by 16-6, but they failed to score again and Australia narrowed their arrears to the

minimum after Lappin, Lloyd and Bradley scored overs.

A swap of overs between Brendan Jer O'Sullivan and Harvey left Australia still trailing by the minimum, before a goal by Graham Geraghty and an over by Tadhg Kennelly made it 28-18. However, a goal by Lloyd was accompanied by overs from Maxfield and Harvey to edge the Aussies in front, and three overs – two to Ireland one to Australia – completed the first-half scoring at which point the home team led by 33-32.

Within a minute of the restart Brendan Devenney brought Ireland level and 60 seconds later another behind from the same player put them ahead. A brace of overs from Kennelly increased the lead to seven and after Lloyd and John Crowley swapped overs the gap remained the same. When Cormac McAnallen fired over at the 53rd minute it gave the Irish a 50-40 lead and they extended that to twelve points (56-44) by the end of the third quarter.

Five minutes into the final quarter Ireland moved 15 points clear when Kennelly scored an over to which Australia responded with two behinds from Bowden. A behind from O'Sullivan and an over from Devenney made it 63-46 with ten minutes remaining, and it was clear that Ireland were going to win the series. Australia did battle on and Harvey and Ottens scored overs, but Pdraig Joyce and Kennelly replied with like scores for the visitors to which Francie Grehan and Joyce added behinds to stretch the final margin to 19 points.

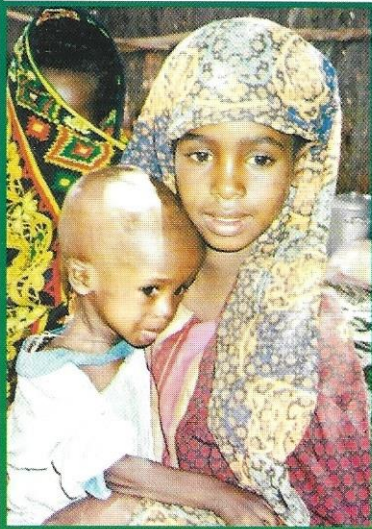
Ireland scorers: T.Kennelly (15), G.Geraghty (11), P.Joyce (10), B.Devenney (8), B.J.O'Sullivan (7), A.Tohill (6), J.Crowley (6), M.Donnellan (3), D.Earley (3), F.Grehan (1), C.McAnallen (1).

Australia scorers: M.Lloyd (13), M.Lappin (9), B.Harvey (9), S.Maxfield (4), C.Bradley (4), B.Ottens (3), A.Goodes (3), J.Smith (3), J.Bowden (2), N.Stevens (1), S.Black (1).

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From small beginnings ...

Donal Keenan, *Ireland on Sunday*

In May of 1983 a small group of men, entrusted by the GAA with investigating the possibility of a link between Gaelic Football and Australian Rules, issued a comprehensive report. It dealt with every aspect of such a marriage in minute detail and opened the way for the International Rules series we have today.

In their deliberations, the wise men listed four reasons why tours in general for GAA teams were worthwhile. Three of those reasons were connected to the promotion and development of Gaelic Games. Significantly the first reason stated pleasure and reward for players.

Had the committee added the words "officials and journalists" to that sentence they would have been even more prophetic. Over three years later the first tour by an Ireland team to Australia took place and set the tone for a marriage that might not have been made in Heaven but has been great fun anyway.

Any reflection on the Irish experience in Australia since the International Rules series was initiated must concentrate on the 1986 experience. It was a voyage into the unknown. Although Meath and Kerry had organised tours to the Antipodes in the past, this was the first international jaunt. It was a coming together of some of the top talent in the country to play a competitive series abroad.

Those pioneers (and the word is used strictly in the sense of adventure) set off on a month-long odyssey that would take them across the world to a vast continent. The amateurs were becoming professionals for a month and taking on the hardened pros of the Footy game who had imposed themselves so physically when they had played in Ireland in 1984.

It was impossible to know then how the players would react to such a new environment; how they would marry the opportunity to visit a new land and witness new lifestyles and cultures, while at the same time playing competitive sport. We know now it was a spectacular success.

CONTROVERSY

There was a controversial edge to the tour that, on reflection, made a huge difference. The choice of Kevin Heffernan as coach was popular in many quarters in the GAA, though not in Kerry where there was anger that Mick O'Dwyer was overlooked. Then Jack O'Shea, O'Dwyer's star pupil, was named Ireland's captain and that simply added to the fury within the Kingdom.

These turned out to be inspirational appointments. Heffernan proved to be the coaching and tactical master over his abrasive counterpart John Todd. O'Shea charmed his way into the hearts of the Australians, appearing on prime time television chat shows and becoming a major star throughout Australia.

There was an innocence in some aspects to the planning of the tour. The series took place over three tests in order to incorporate Western Australia into the visit. So the Irish party started their visit in Perth, the wonderful capital of the western state and a five-hour flight from Melbourne, the heart of Aussie Rules. After three nights in the luxury of the Hilton Hotel, the party travelled to the seaside town of Bunbury where a warm-up game was played. Then it was back to Perth for four days and the first Test at the WACA Oval, a famous cricket ground that was staging its first major event under lights.

There were times that evening when the authorities must have been tempted to turn off the lights to protect the capacity crowd from witnessing some of the scenes. The Australians were clearly intent on proving how much stronger they were physically. The Irish were having none of it and the game developed into a brawl. Pat Spillane was one of five players sent off! Australia won by seven points.

As Heffernan tried to re-group he had to contend with a flying visit to Adelaide where the Australasian GAA finals were taking place and where his players would play a Gaelic football game against an Australasian selection. One note of considerable interest was the presence of the Brooke brothers, Zinzan

and Robert with a New Zealand team. They would later achieve worldwide fame with the All Blacks.

"BUNCH OF WIMPS"

The squad moved to Melbourne and the quaint Old Melbourne Hotel for the second test. This would prove to be the scene for the memorable tirade from Aussie coach John Todd that the Irish were just a bunch of wimps, a quote spat at the late Mick Dunne in a memorable interview after the Irish had won the second test quite comfortably.

The stay in Melbourne also gave us an insight into the Australian sporting psyche at the time. The sport you followed depended on where you lived. In the state of Victoria, in which Melbourne is situated, Aussie Rules dominates and other sports were ignored. A regular visitor to the Irish team hotel was Andy Slack, the Australian Rugby Union captain who had played rugby for a time in Dublin. He was hugely popular with the Irish who were amazed that no one amongst their hosts seemed to know who he was.

Through the promotional efforts of captain O'Shea and the performances of Brian McGilligan, Teddy McCarthy, Pat O'Byrne, Jimmy Kerrigan, Damien O'Hagan and 19 year old John O'Driscoll, the Irish team was gaining a reputation. By the time of the Third Test in Adelaide, two nights before the Australian Grand Prix on the streets of the city, not even a monsoon could prevent the crowds from turning up. They were given an exhibition by O'Driscoll who repeatedly tormented the bigger and more powerful Aussies with high-fielding, balance and shooting power. Ireland won the test and the series.

The most remarkable sight of all was that which greeted the squad on their return. Almost 3,000 people packed the arrivals hall of Dublin Airport to greet the team, an emotional occasion that is still talked about when the players gather.

Eugene McGee was coach, with Sean McCague as his assistant, when the Irish toured for a second time in 1990. Bob



O'Malley captained the team that had the series won by the second test. This time the Irish were far superior with Bernard Flynn, Martin Gavigan, Noel Roche and Stephen O'Brien amongst the stars.

That tour brought the Irish to Canberra, the seat of government in Australia and not the most exciting place in the world to visit. People live there from Monday to Friday and then go elsewhere. After a few slow days in the city the Irish were desperate for some action. Two officials were dispatched to find some

nightlife and engaged the services of a local taxi-driver. "Can you bring us to a club where we might find some action?", was the simple request.

After a short drive, the driver pulled into a side street and told the two gentlemen to climb the stairs and knock on the door. They did as told and climbed in great anticipation. On knocking they were ushered into a brightly lit room where a bingo session was taking place!

There was a nine-year wait before the

next tour. The stamina-sapping month long tours were replaced with shorter, snappier tours. Western Australia is no longer on the itinerary and that is a pity. Perth, Fremantle, Bunbury and places north and south in that remote part of the world are magical. Apart from the proximity of the vineyards of South Australia, there is little to recommend Adelaide. It closes down at 10.30 at night anyway.

Note to the GAA and AFL: Melbourne and Perth would be the perfect venues in 2003.

REFEREES / UMPIRES



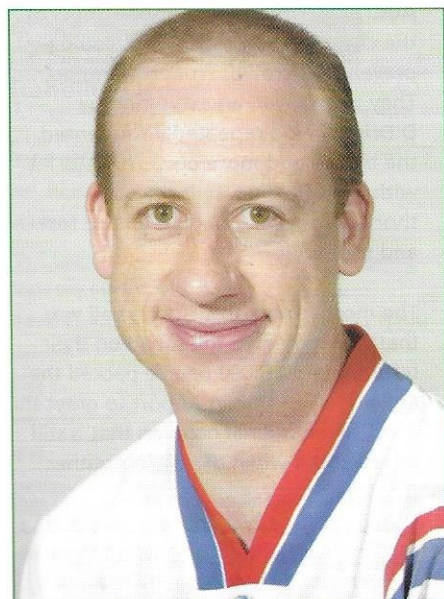
Brian White (Ireland)

Brian, from Co. Wexford, is one of the most experienced referees in the GAA. He has taken charge of major games throughout the country as well as in New York for the Kerry-Cavan National League tie in 1997 to commemorate the All-Ireland senior final of 1947 at the Polo Grounds, New York.

He refereed the 1997 All-Ireland senior final and officiated at the 2000 Sam Maguire Cup tie replay between Kerry and Galway.

Last year he had charge of the All-Ireland semi-final between Meath and Kerry while earlier this year he controlled both meetings of Cork and Kerry, in the drawn Munster Championship game at Killarney and their historic first-time meeting at Croke Park in the All-Ireland semi-final.

He was also on duty during the Allianz League as well as in the Ulster Senior Football Championship replay between Armagh and Tryone at Clones.



Scott McLaren (Australia)

Scott McLaren is one of the most experienced officials in the Australian game having umpired 10 finals in Australia, including the Grand Finals of 1999 and 2001, the greatest honour that can be afforded to an Australian umpire.

The 34 year old hails from Victoria and was recruited from the Eastern District Football league in 1993. He joined the AFL senior squad in 1994 and this year's International tour sees him take over from Brett Allen as the Australian umpire.

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John Crowley is caught by David King

Darren Fay under pressure from Adam Goodes

CTION FROM LAST YEAR



Last year's victorious Ireland team celebrate with the cup

Brendan Devenney slips past Damien Hardwick



International Yarn

By David Adamson, Editor, AFL Record.

Ever since the first Australian Football team ventured to Ireland in 1967 to play the hybrid brand of the game, the International Rules experiment has been widely supported by Australians.

It is no different this year as 25 of the best Australian Football League players cross the globe to avenge their defeat in last year's International Rules Series in Australia.

It has been 35 years since the first Australian footballers took on the Irish. The year was 1967 and some of the best players of the then Victorian Football League donned green blazers and slouch hats topped with plumes to take on the Irish champions.

The Aussies faced All-Ireland champion County Meath and while the visitors towered over their local counterparts, the Irish won the match 4-8 to 0-5. That was the start of a tradition.

Even in those early days, the Australian players spoke highly of the hybrid game experiment. Royce Hart, then a rookie with the Richmond Football Club, said he had been surprised by the skill of the Irish.

"We didn't know much about the Gaelic game apart from the training sessions (we had) behind the Royal Children's Hospital in Royal Park, Melbourne," Hart recalls.

"We arrived at Croke Park and saw these little five foot nothing Irish blokes run out on spindly legs and thought, 'What have we got here?' But they were as tough as hell."

LAVISH

One of Australian Football's most decorated players, Bob Skilton, was equally lavish in his praise of the Irish after the first international game.

"It was a great trip," he said. "Croke Park was chockful and it had a wonderful atmosphere. When they played the national anthem and we were wearing the green-and-gold jumpers, I felt as though I was representing my country.

"The real enjoyment was the companionship in going away with a

bunch of blokes. Some of my closest friends now are the guys I went away with."

The organiser of the original Australia v Ireland match, Harry Beitzel, arranged another trip the next year, 1968. This time, the Australians were better prepared and won the best-of-five series 3-2.

Australian vice-captain Neil Kerley fondly remembers the first Test. "It remains one of my greatest sporting memories. The opening game was against Kerry at Killarney. We jumped in the bus and drove to the ground. There was not a soul there. The pitch was covered in sheep. I asked the bus driver where the crowd was and if it was normal an hour before the game for sheep to be grazing. 'They're at church,' I was told. And the sheep? 'They're mowing the pitch.'

"Sure enough, a huge crowd turned up and we drew the game."

TEN YEAR GAP

It was 10 years before the next tour of Ireland could be arranged with the Australians again triumphant 2-1. In 1984, the concept gained momentum. It was also the year in which Robert 'Dipper' DiPierdomenico make his first trip to Ireland.

"Going to Ireland for the first time was the highlight of my whole career," says Dipper, a premiership player and winner of the game's highest individual honour, the Brownlow Medal.

Melbourne-based football writer Bill Cannon, who toured with the Australians, remembers a series of physical Tests that eventually went the visitors' way 2-1.

"Australian coach John Todd worked out that they (the Irish) were really skilful and that without tackling, our blokes stood no chance. He knew they had to take out Jack O'Shea. Mark Lee punched him right in the head and then there were all sorts of smack-ons," Cannon remembers.

"Looking back, I felt sorry for the Irish, these skinny, skilful little blokes, against the muscular semi-professional Australians."

Ireland got their own back in 1986 when they travelled to Australia for the first time and won the series 2-1.

DiPierdomenico says the series was as physical as in 1984 with the Irish playing for their national pride.

"They came out here and for the first time, we played them under lights at the WACA. I suppose we thought we'd keep going where we left off in 1984 and hit them hard. You wouldn't believe it – they hit us with everything. They'd had karate lessons, judo lessons, step-on-your-toe lessons. They knew every dirty trick in the book. We lost the series."

REBOUNDED

Australia rebounded with a 2-1 series win in Ireland in 1987, with the Irish bouncing back in 1990 with a 2-1 win in Australia.

The 1990 Test series will be remembered for Melbourne Football Club champion Jim Stynes playing for Ireland against Australia. Stynes remembers the series with enthusiasm.

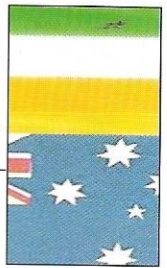
"I always wanted to play for Ireland. You always want to represent your own country. In 1987, they (Ireland) didn't know I was in Australia or if I was up to it. It gave me the chance to play with some of the legends of the game – blokes like Jack O'Shea. He was huge.

"The crowd seemed to be mainly Irish. At Waverley Park (Melbourne), there were a lot of Irish, but at Bruce Stadium in Canberra, they were everywhere."

After an eight-year break in International Rules Tests, interest was rekindled with a one-all series draw in Ireland in 1998. The draw proved that the two countries were as evenly matched as ever.

POPULAR

The following year, the game was enormously popular with 64,000 fans watching the opening Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Ireland won 70-62 and then fought out a draw in the second and final Test at Football Park in Adelaide.



International Yarn

That series loss to Ireland seemed only to fuel support for the game and there was unprecedented enthusiasm for the 2000 series in Ireland.

"The most important thing about the tour of Ireland in 2000 was the number of AFL club officials who were over there with us," DiPierdomenico says.

"They came and saw the national team wearing the Australian colours and then went home and told their players just how big this International Rules Series thing had become. They finally understood it."

Australian captain in 2000, Craig Bradley, who this year returns to Ireland 18 years after his first tour, sums up the development. "You could see the changes," he says. "The whole thing was more professional. The thing I remember most is seeing a little Aussie flag on the second tier (at Croke Park), up in the distance. (That) makes you feel proud."

COMMITMENT

As if to underline its commitment to the four-year agreement between the Australian Football League and the Gaelic Athletic Association, Australia won the series 2-0.

But last year in Australia, the Irish made a statement of their own, with a series clean sweep.

Which brings us to this year's tour of Ireland. The Australian team, coached by Garry Lyon, boasts some of the biggest names in the AFL and all are keen to represent their country with distinction.

If the intensity at the final practice session before leaving for Ireland is any indication, then the Australian team circa 2002 is just as excited by the International Rules concept as the original team was 35 years ago.

RULES IN SCHOOLS

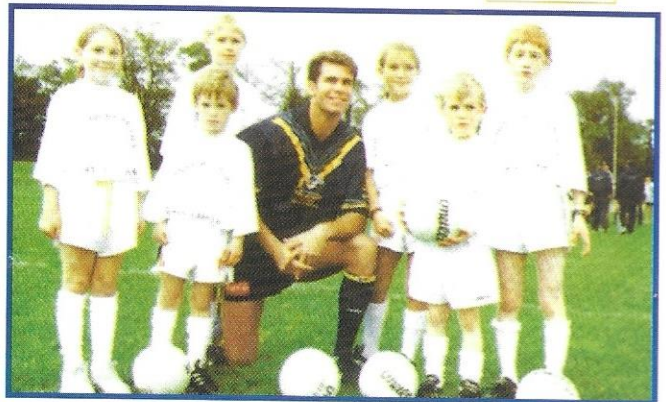


THE INTERNATIONAL RULES SERIES has captured the imagination of children in the primary schools of Ireland. They find the games fast, exciting and skilful and they relish the opportunity to support a Gaelic football team wearing an International jersey.

These games also enable them to see stars from counties not regularly seen on television and to realise that there are talented players in all counties who have reached a level of skill and fitness comparable to the very best.

Cumann na mBunscol, Áth Cliath - an

organisation of primary teachers promoting a love of Gaelic games in the primary schools of Dublin - has always taken a keen interest in the International Rules Series. Schools have been encouraged to take advantage of generous group rates to attend the games and the feed-back has been



Australian captain Wayne Carey pictured with Ann-Marie Prendergast, Mark Fitzgibbon, Morgan Boland, Aoife Quinn, Niall Fitzgibbon and Alan Fitzgibbon.



Pictured at the 'warm-up' game in Parnell Park two years ago were team captains, James Hird, Australia and Peadar Andrews, Dublin, with match referees Pat Mc.Aneaney and Brett Allen. Also in the picture are team mascots Róisín Ni Channon and Matthew O'Connor, who presented Dublin pennants.

phenomenal. Follow-up work in the classrooms and on the playing fields has been impressive.

Cumann na mBunscol, Áth Cliath, has had a special relationship with the Series in recent years as organisers of the 'warm-up' game for the travelling party. This year's game in Parnell

Park was a tremendous success, with thousands of children and their parents visiting our County Grounds for the very first time.

The occasion provided a unique honour for the Dublin All-Star selection to play against our visitors and test their fitness and skills against professional athletes. It was an experience they will never forget and it will, no doubt, motivate them to develop their skills in the months ahead.

Cumann na mBunscol welcomes the entire Australia party to our shores and sincerely hopes they enjoy all aspects of their visit. Fáilte mór rompu.



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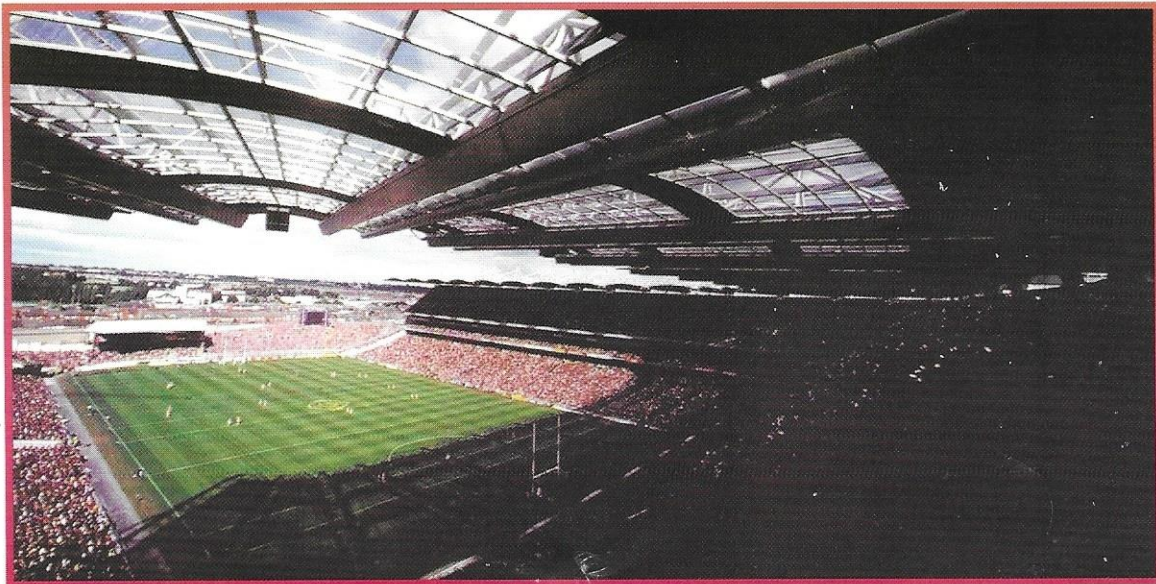
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- Scores will be registered as follows:
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- OVER - 3 points: when the ball is driven between the goal posts and over the crossbar.

- POINT (BEHIND) - 1 point: is scored when the ball is driven between the goal and behind posts.

- Each country will appoint an official to act as timekeeper/scorer. These officials will be responsible for recording scores and indicating the end of each quarter by siren or horn. The officials will add on time as instructed by the referees.

- A player will not be allowed to carry the ball more than 10 metres without bouncing or playing the ball.

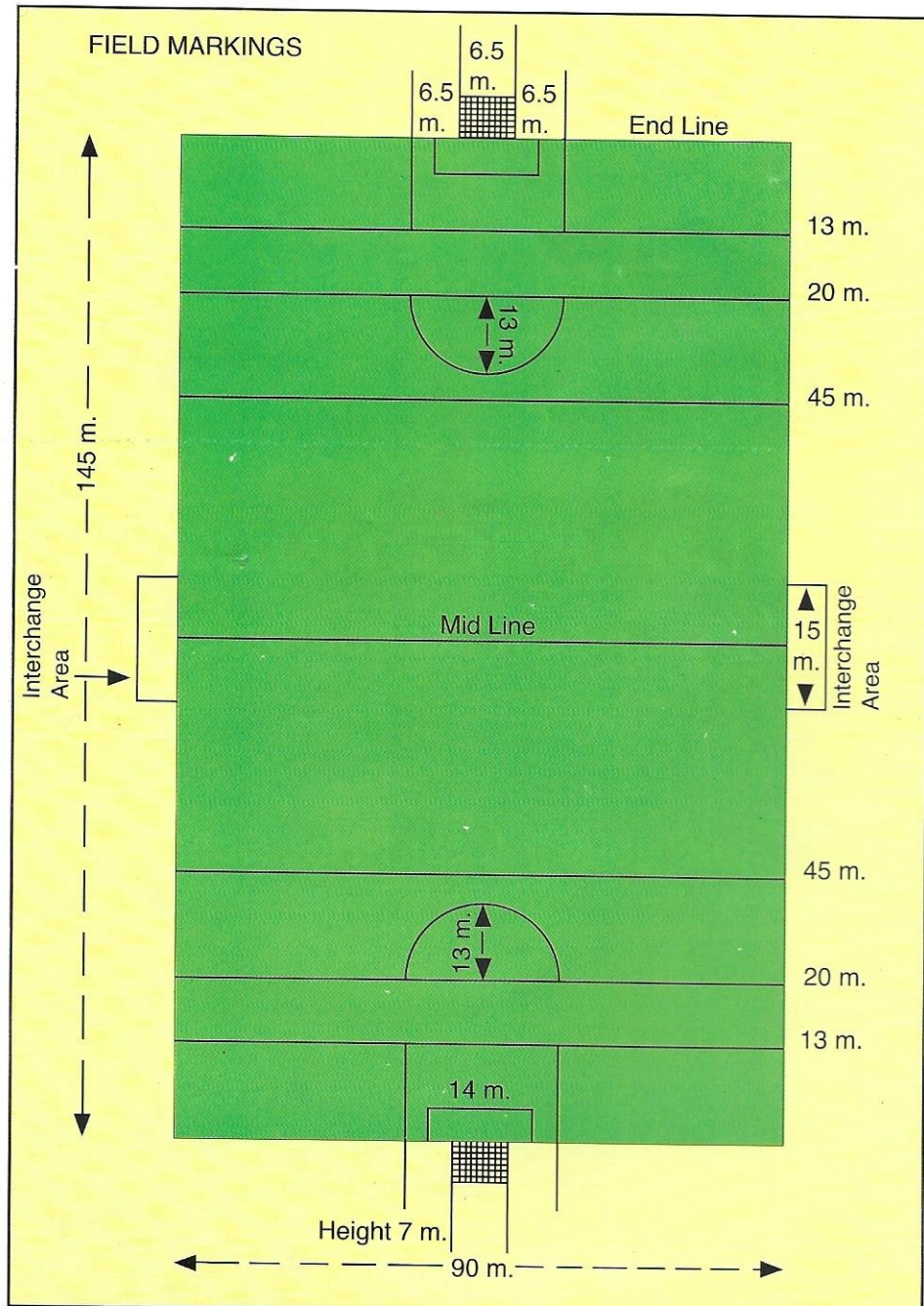
- A mark is catching the ball directly from the kick of another player, not less than 20 metres distant. Having being awarded a mark a player may move back behind the spot where the mark was made and take a free kick. Alternatively the player may play on immediately after taking the mark, kicking or hand passing the ball.

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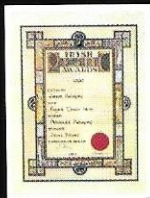
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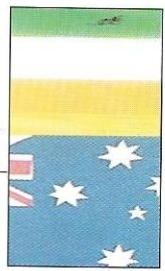
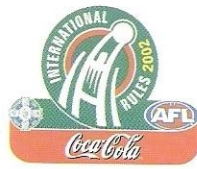
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A-Z OF AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

A - AFL: The Australian Football League runs the most popular spectator sport in the nation with 16 clubs out of five Australian states (Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia).

B - Bounce down/Ball up: A bounce down is the term used for the umpire bouncing the ball to commence play at the start of each quarter, after a goal is scored or during general play. At this point the opposition ruckmen attempt to either knock or tap the ball to one of their players, or to take clean possession of it. Ball up is the term used when the umpire tosses the ball up instead of bouncing - this usually occurs when unfavourable ground conditions prevent a suitable bounce down occurring.

C - Centre Square: Only four players from each team (the ruckman, ruck-rover, rover and centreman) are allowed inside the centre square (clearly marked on the arena) as the ball is bounced at the start of each quarter and after each goal is scored.

D - Defenders: There are six nominated players known as defenders in each team. Their role is to prevent opposition goalscoring and are said to play "in the back lines" - two half back flanks, a centre half back, two back pockets and a full back.

E - Eighteen: The number of players in each team actually competing, on the field, at any one time. This does not include the interchange players.

F - Finals: Held in September of each season they are the most exciting time of the year for football supporters of all clubs. On the last Saturday of September the Coca-Cola AFL Grand Final is held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG, or affectionately known as "The G"). It is the ultimate day in Australian Football.

G - Goal: A team is awarded six points for kicking the ball between the tall goalposts provided the ball has not been touched between the time of being kicked and going between the tall posts. If touched by any player after being kicked, only one point is awarded. If the ball is off target and hits a tall goalpost only one point is awarded. If the ball goes between the tall posts and small posts the team is awarded one point.

H - Handball: The ball is held on the palm of one hand and hit on one end of the ball with a clenched fist by the other. It is one of the skills that makes the game move so quickly. It is one of the two (handball and kicking) legal methods of disposing of the ball and can be used at virtually any time except when attempting to score a goal.

I - Interchange: Four players sit on an interchange bench. In overseas games numbers on the interchange increase. Players can be replaced at any time and as many times as

the coach decides during a game. They must, however, enter and exit the playing arena at a specific point known as the interchange gate which is simply a marking on the boundary line.

J - Jumpers: Also called guernseys: Treated as sacred parts of Australian Football. "Play for the jumper" is a famous cliché of the game.

K - Kick: The most important skill in Australian Football. Players need to kick well under pressure, both physical in general play and mentally when taking set shots for goal. Good players must be able to kick accurately for goal or in general play, with either foot. There are different types of kicks, the most commonly used being known as the drop punt.

L - Ladder: There are 16 teams on an AFL ladder, the weekly points table. A win gains four points. The team which finishes on the top of the ladder immediately prior to the commencement of finals is known as the "Minor Round Premier".

M - Mark: One of the spectacular aspects of Australian football is the catching of the ball, the "marking". Some players are able to leap high, often using other players as "stepladders" in their attempts to take marks. These are commonly called "spec-cies" due to their spectacular nature.

N - NSW: The largest state in Australia, New South Wales (NSW) has had an AFL club, Sydney, playing as part of the AFL since 1982. Australian Football is now a hugely popular spectator sport in Sydney, the capital city of NSW.

O - Out of bounds: When the ball crosses the boundary line the boundary umpire will signal to the field umpire that the ball is out of bounds. The ball is then thrown back in by the boundary umpire. If the ball is kicked over the boundary without touching the ground or without any player touching it then it is out of bounds "on the full" and the opposition gets a free kick.

P - Play on: This can occur after a player takes a mark (catches the ball after it has been kicked and without touching the ground or any other player) or is given a free kick. If the player with the ball runs off to continue play then the umpire will call play on and it is permissible to tackle the player.

Q - Quick hands: A player who is able to deftly and accurately dispose of the ball by legal handball is said to have "quick hands". Occasionally a player may attempt to dispose of the ball too quickly and in doing so not execute a strictly legal handball, which may then be deemed a "throw". A free kick will result.

R - Ruckmen/Rovers: Generally the tallest players in each team, ruckmen contest centre bounce downs or ball ups and

boundary throw ins. Rovers tend to be the smallest men on the field and are usually the quickest. The ruckmen attempt to direct the ball to the rovers whose jobs it is to clear the ball from any assembled pack by kicking, by running and bouncing the ball, or by handpassing.

S - Spoil/Shepherd: Both are defensive tactics. A spoil is when a player punches the ball away from an opponent who is attempting to mark. A shepherd is applied by a teammate to fend off opposition players and allow a player with the ball free passage. The shepherd can only be applied if the ball is within five metres.

T - Tackle: A method of impeding a player in possession of the ball. A tackle can only legally be applied above the knees and below the shoulders and involves wrapping the arms around the opposition player to halt his progress, or by grabbing the opposition player's jumper. A tackle above the shoulders is deemed "too high" and below the knees is deemed a "trip" and a free kick against the tackler will be awarded.

U - Umpires: There are three field umpires, two boundary umpires and two goal umpires who control a game of Australian Football. The three field umpires are the main adjudicators of decisions. They can in fact override decisions of the goal and boundary umpires. However, in practice this rarely occurs.

V - Versatile: A player who has the ability to play in a variety of positions, forward lines, defence or midfield, is said to be versatile. While most players have preferred positions match developments will often call on their ability to play other roles.

W - Work rate: Teams have expectations which relate to how much effort a player is putting in - his "work rate". Players will be called on by coaches to "lift their work rate" when things are not going as well as they should.

X - Xenophobia: The great passion for the game is the fact that supporters will hear no evil, see no evil, think no evil of their club.

Y - Youth policy: When teams look to gain young players through the draft (player selection process) and develop them they are said to be embarking on a "youth policy".

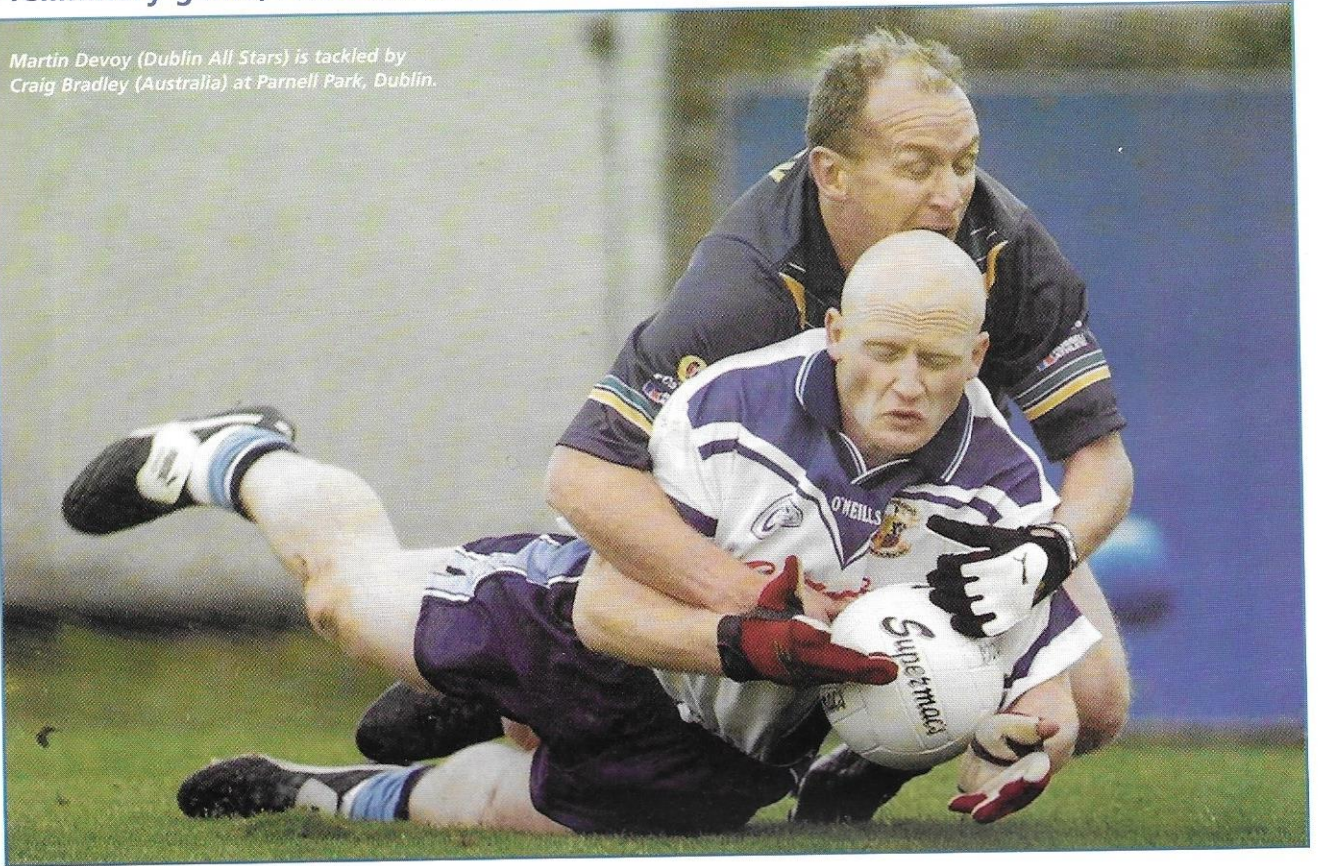
Z - Zone defence: Players will be assigned a particular section of the ground to cover. They need to be very good at reading the play and moving to pick up a loose (unattended) opposition player if that player is in a position to receive the ball. With kickouts (conducted when a point has been scored) the forwards will cover particular areas of the ground making it hard for the defender kicking out from full back to find space.



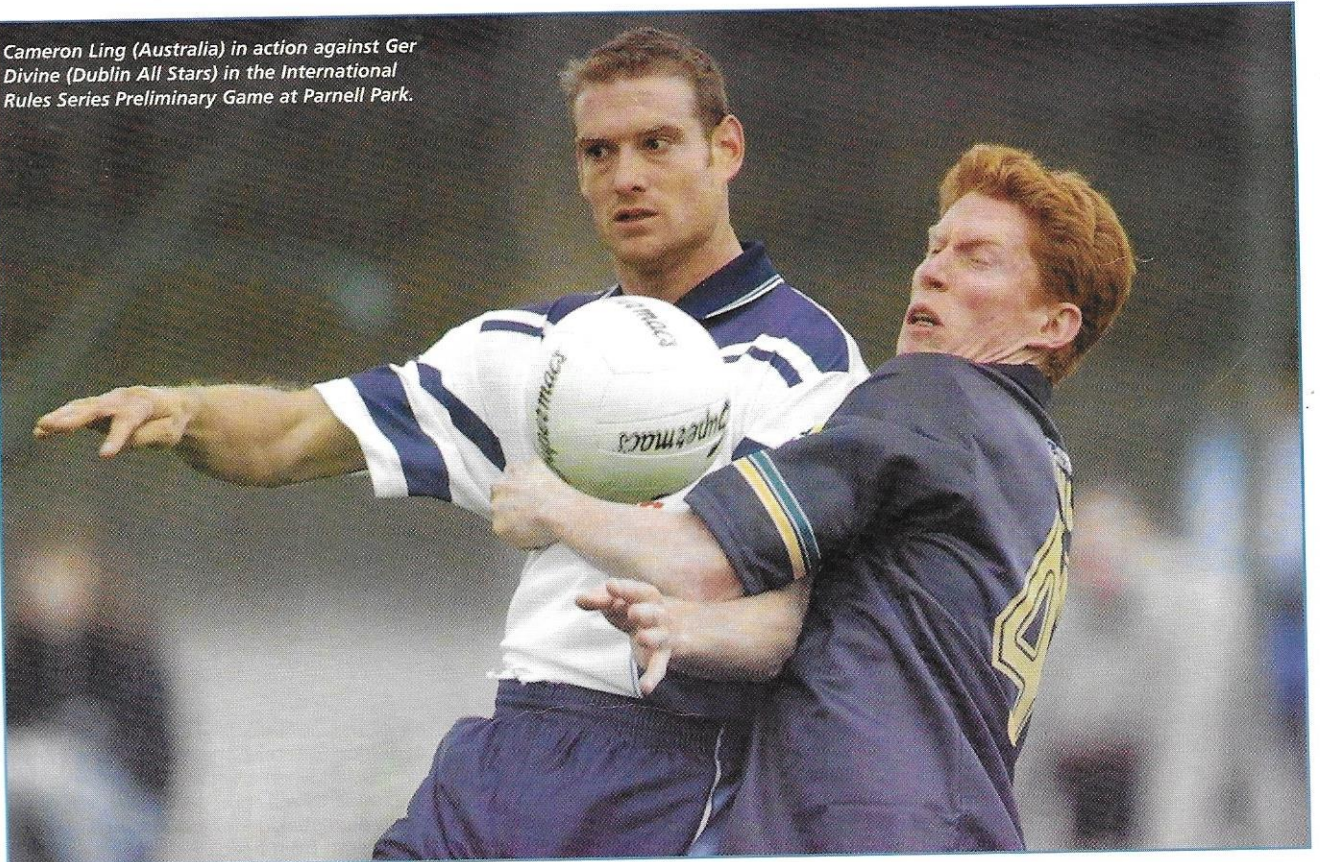
Action from Parnell Park

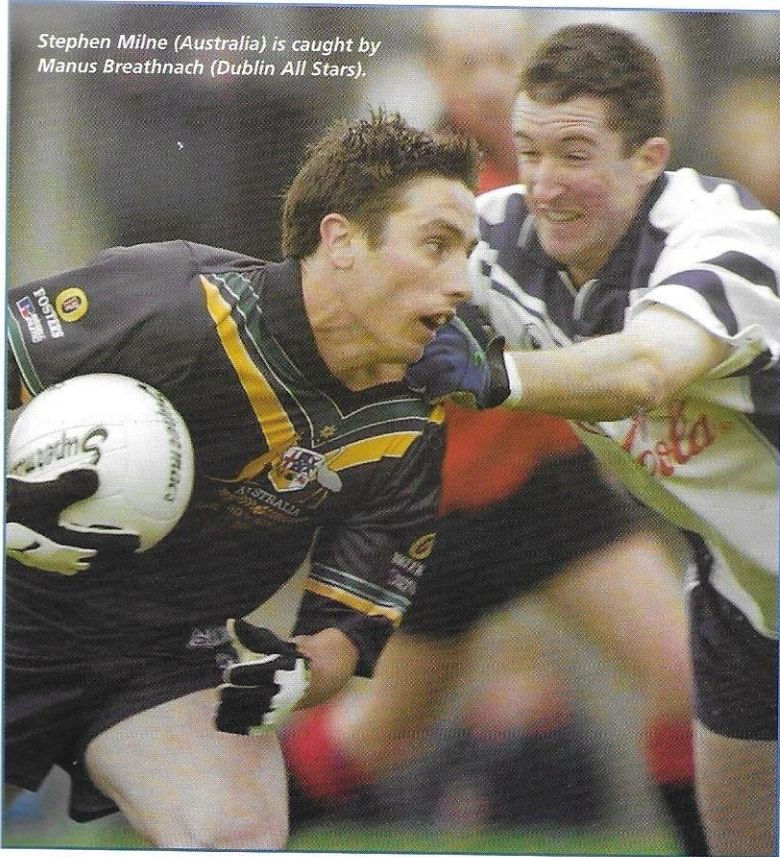
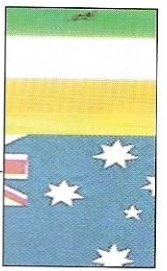
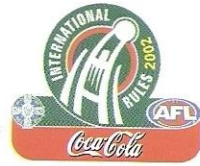
Preliminary game, Australia v. Dublin All-Stars, Wednesday 9 October, 2002.

Martin Devoy (Dublin All Stars) is tackled by Craig Bradley (Australia) at Parnell Park, Dublin.



Cameron Ling (Australia) in action against Ger Divine (Dublin All Stars) in the International Rules Series Preliminary Game at Parnell Park.



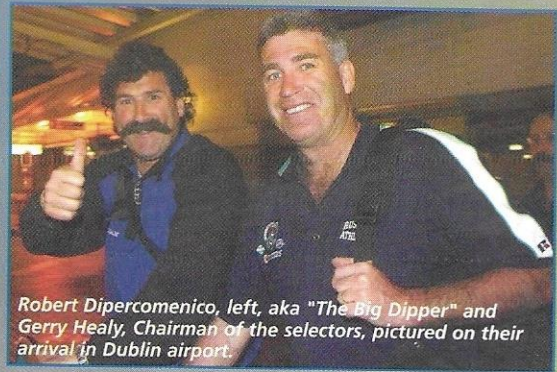


Stephen Milne (Australia) is caught by Manus Breathnach (Dublin All Stars).

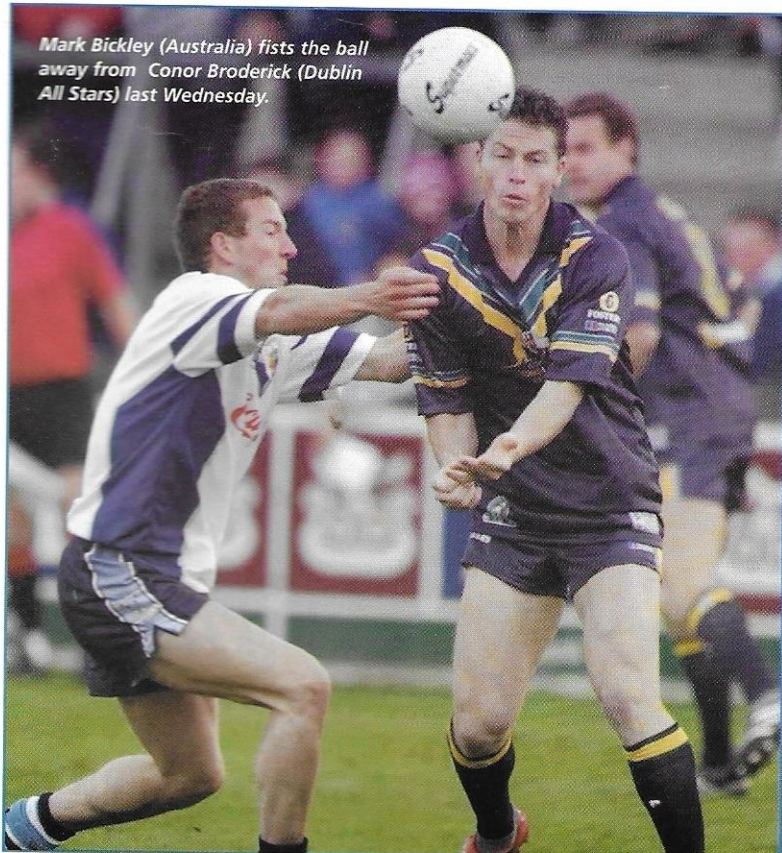
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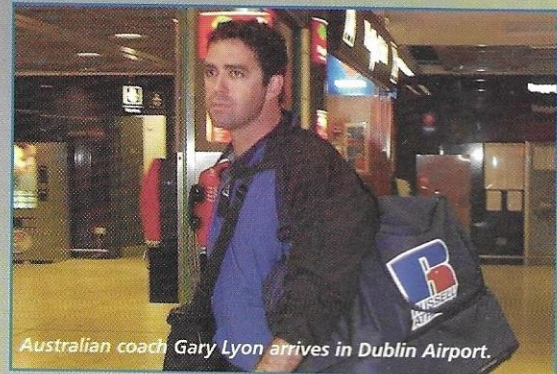
Liam Mulvihill, left, Ard Stiurthoir, and Sean McCague, right, Uachtarán greet Wayne Jackson, CEO of the Australian Football League on the Australian team's arrival in Dublin Airport.



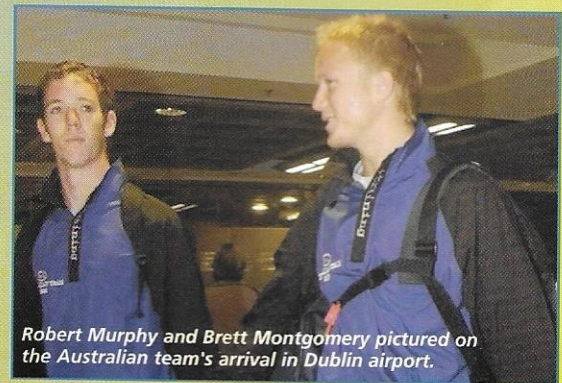
Robert Dipercomenico, left, aka "The big Dipper" and Gerry Healy, Chairman of the selectors, pictured on their arrival in Dublin airport.



Mark Bickley (Australia) fists the ball away from Conor Broderick (Dublin All Stars) last Wednesday.

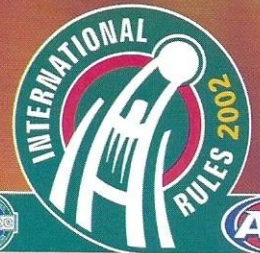


Australian coach Gary Lyon arrives in Dublin Airport.



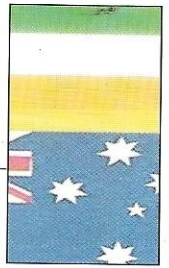
Robert Murphy and Brett Montgomery pictured on the Australian team's arrival in Dublin airport.

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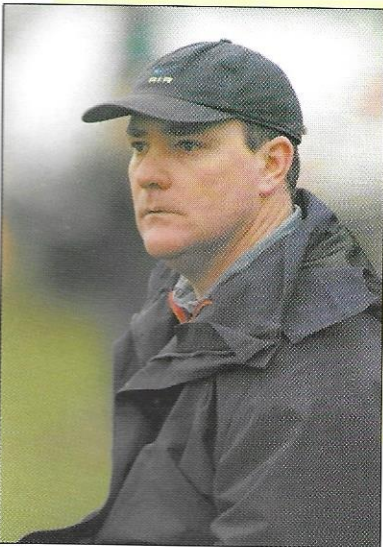
Irish Management Team



Manager:
John O'Keefe
(Kerry)

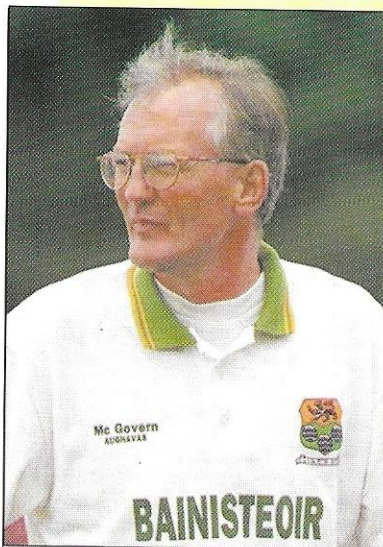
O'Keefe was elevated to the position of manager earlier this year having been assistant to Brian McEniff for the last two series. A well known defender with the Kerry "team of all talents", his first foray into management saw him take Limerick to a Munster final where they were only narrowly defeated by his native Kerry. He later became manager of Clare before accepting a position with the Irish team along with Paddy Clarke.

Selectors



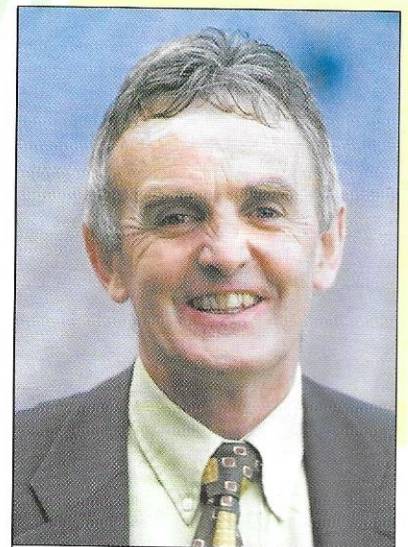
Matt Connor

One of the finest forwards ever to grace the game before an accident cut short his career, the Offaly man won an All-Ireland with Offaly in 1982 and recently was inducted into the An Post Hall of Fame.



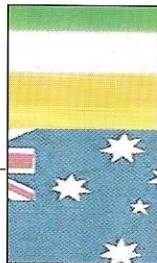
Peter McGinnity

The Fermanagh man is well respected for his knowledge of the game. A former intercounty manager (with Leitrim), he played for the Erne county in the 1982 Ulster Final defeat to Armagh



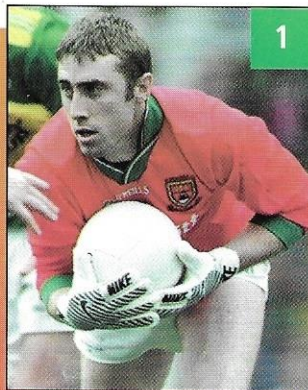
Martin Carney

Martin has long been involved at U-21 level with Mayo. A schoolteacher by profession, he has the distinction of having played senior championship football in two different provinces, with Donegal in Ulster and with Mayo in Connacht.



Apart from the goalkeeper, players are listed in alphabetical order.

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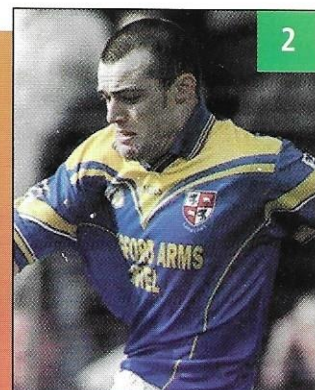


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PETER BURKE (MAYO)

Int. Rules Apps: 0
Position: Goalkeeper

The Mayo goalkeeper has had an excellent summer with his county side, prompting his promotion to the International Rules squad. His excellent positional sense and lightning reactions are among his most noted attributes and he follows in the footsteps of Cormac O'Sullivan, Declan O'Keefe and Finbar McConnell as the Irish netminder.



2

PAUL BARDEN (LONGFORD)

Int. Rules Apps: 0
Position: Forward

Barden recently starred for his club Clonguish in their march to the Longford County final where they were defeated by Ballymahon. His speed and accuracy have seen him deliver some memorable performances for his county over the past couple of years and his inclusion in the Irish panel will be widely welcomed by followers of the game.

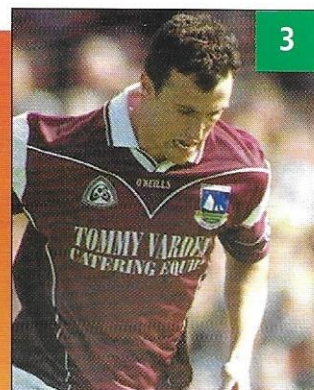
CAPTAIN

SEAMUS MOYNIHAN (KERRY)

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Int. Rules Apps: 7
Position: Defender

Moynihan has gained God-like status in his native Kerry on the back of some breathtaking performances in the green and gold. Initially deployed in the half-back line for his county, a seamless transition to the full-back's jersey earned him the accolade of Player of the Year for 2000. Though small in stature, Moynihan is possessed of tremendous pace and a gazelle-like leap that generally guarantees his aerial dominance. The possessor of two All-Ireland medals, the Glenfesk man was Ireland's Player of the Series in 1999 and this year takes over the captaincy of the Irish team as the most capped player in the squad.

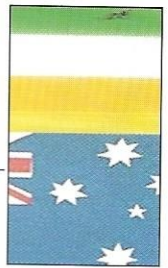


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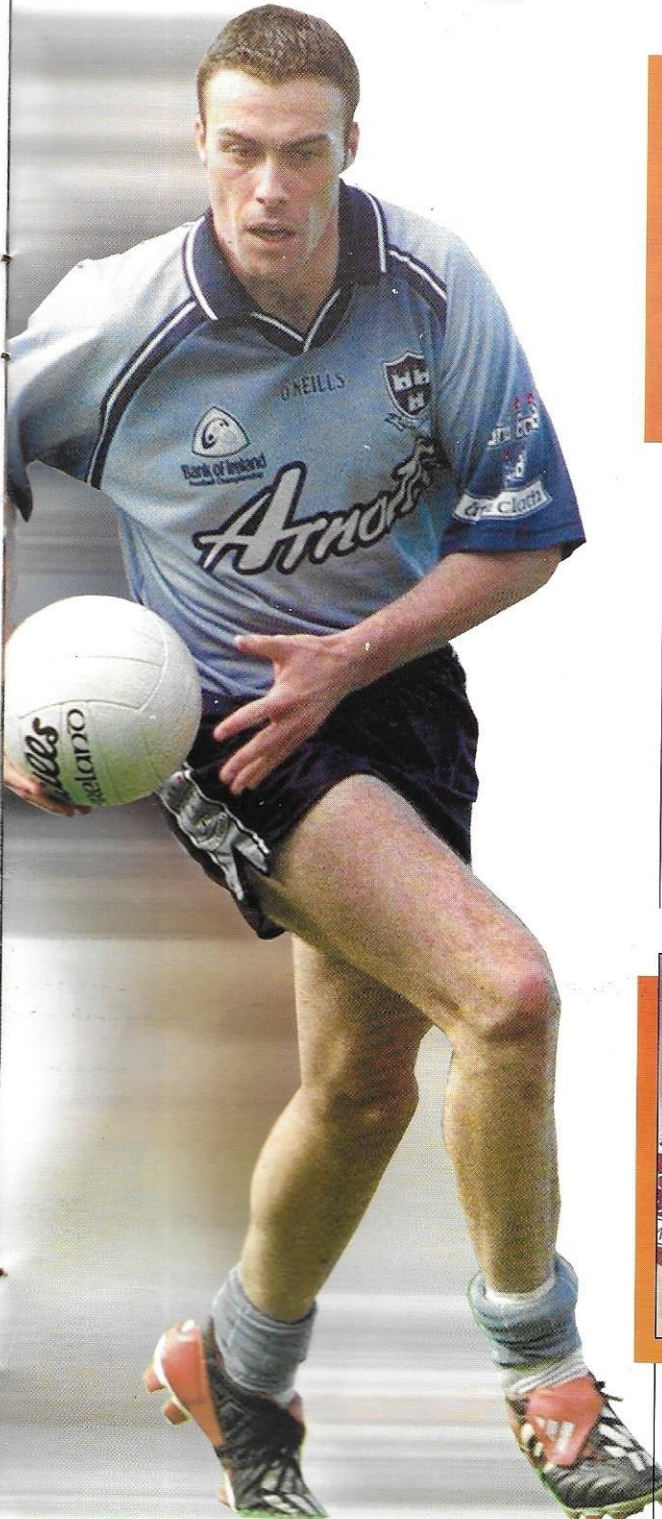
JOE BERGIN (GALWAY)

Int. Rules Apps: 0
Position: Midfield/Forward

Despite his relative youth, Bergin has been a prominent figure on the national scene for the past three years. He first came to the public's attention when he played on the Galway team defeated by Kerry in the 2000 All Ireland Final, winning his first All-Ireland medal as the Tribesmen defeated Meath the following year. Captained Galway in the U-21 final against Dublin last weekend and is sure to play an important role in Ireland's challenge this year.



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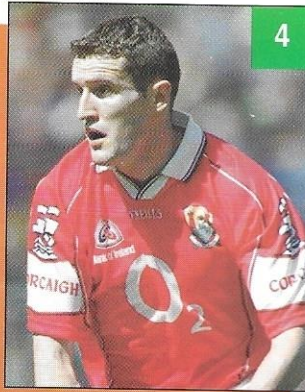


RAY COSGROVE (DUBLIN)

Int. Rules Apps: 0
Position: Forward

The Dublin forward crowns a memorable year by taking his place in the International Rules panel. A member of the Kilmacud Crokes club, Cosgrove has blossomed this season under the guidance of Tommy Lyons and his Championship haul of 6-23 made him joint top scorer with Armagh's Oisín McConville. His eye for goal will be vital to the Irish team's chances.

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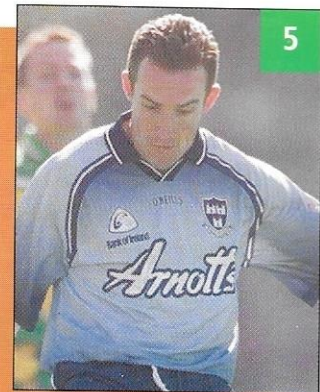


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GRAHAM CANTY (CORK)

Int. Rules Apps: 2
Position: Defender

An international debutant last year, he was a Cork Minor in 1998 and was on the Cork Under-21s for three seasons from 1999-2001. His ultimate honour in the Cork jersey was captaining the Cork Under21 team to their Munster Final win in April 2001. He established himself in the full back line for the Cork Seniors last year, giving some excellent performances in the famous red of Cork when moved to midfield in Cork's Munster Championship winning campaign this season. Back in 1998, Graham was the youngest member of the Bantry Blues Senior team which won the Cork County Championship.

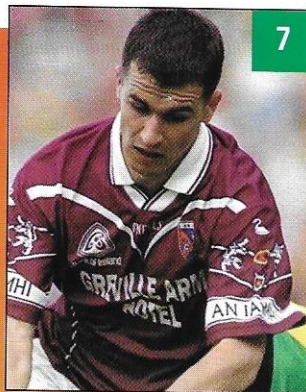


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PADDY CHRISTIE (DUBLIN)

Int. Rules Apps: 0
Position: Defender

Dublin's full back is another making his debut on the International scene. Christie was one of the main contributors to Dublin's excellent summer and with Darren Fay out for the Irish through injury, Christie will be hopeful of making the full back position his own. A tough tackling and tight marking defender, he can be relied upon to play most direct opponents out of the game.

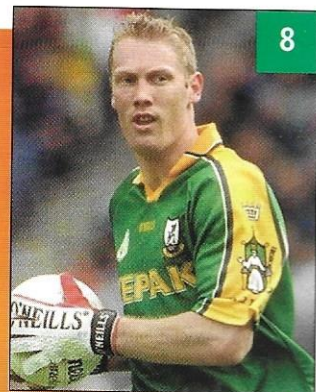


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DESSIE DOLAN (WESTMEATH)

Int. Rules Apps: 1
Position: Forward

A member of the 1999 Irish panel which toured Australia, Dolan's sole appearance was in the first test in Melbourne when he scored four points for his country. A lively and accurate forward, Dolan was one of the stars of Westmeath's excellent championship run in 2001, when they reached the All-Ireland Quarter Finals before being eliminated by Meath after a replay.

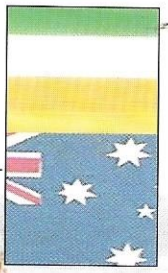


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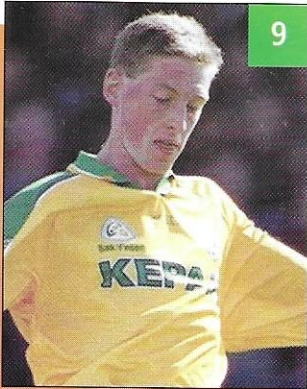
GRAHAM GERAGHTY (MEATH)

Int. Rules Apps: 5
Position: Forward

Another of the Meath contingent, Geraghty was part of the Irish panel that captured the series in Australia two years ago and again last year. He began his career as a defender, but Meath manager Sean Boylan converted Geraghty to the full forward position with great success a few seasons ago and he has remained in that position since. A hard worker with excellent ball skills, Geraghty's most effective International Rules performance came in the first test last year when he scored 21 points between the two tests and generally proved quite a handful for the Australian rearguard.



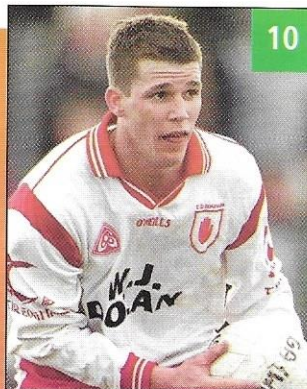
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**TREVOR GILES
(MEATH)****Int. Rules Apps: 4
Position: Forward**

A past pupil of the famed St Patrick's Classical school in Navan, Trevor returns to the Irish panel having missed last year's trip to Australia. A very talented footballer, Giles began his career as a defender but really came to prominence when spearheading the Meath attack that helped the Royals to All Ireland titles in '96 and '99. A former player of the year, his first forays into the world of International Rules were marked by the ease with which he adapted to the compromise game.



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**COLIN HOLMES
(TYRONE)****Int. Rules Apps: 0
Position: Midfield**

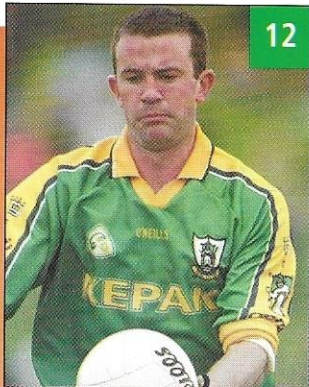
The Tyrone midfielder will be making his International Rules debut if he earns a call to John O'Keefe's starting line up. His goal against Derry in the All Ireland qualifiers was one of the highlights of the O'Neill county's campaign. A past pupil of Queen's University like fellow panellists Paul Mc Grane, Kieran McGeeney and Cormac McAnallen.



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**PADRAIG JOYCE
(GALWAY)****Int. Rules Apps: 3
Position: Forward**

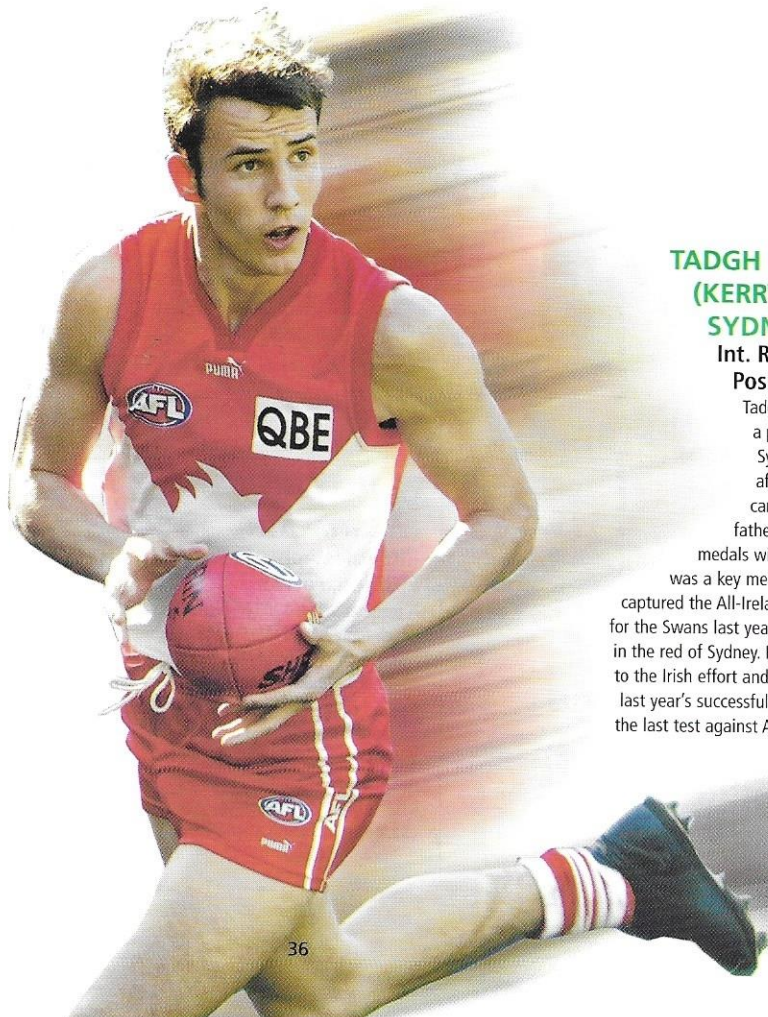
Padraig Joyce came to national prominence in 1998 when he enjoyed a starring role on the Galway team which won that year's All-Ireland. Since then he has developed into one of the finest forwards in the Irish game. His scoring returns for his county have regularly been to the fore of the national scoring charts and he is deadly accurate when given an opportunity. The Killierin man was one of the stars of the show for Ireland on the trip to Australia last year and has been in excellent form for Galway in this year's Championship



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**EVAN KELLY
(MEATH)****Int. Rules Apps: 0
Position: Forward**

Evan is making his debut with the Ireland squad this year having been named as a stand-by player for the tour of Australia last year. A strong, tireless player, he is ideally suited to the International game and his accuracy in front of the posts has made him an ever present with Meath over the last few seasons.

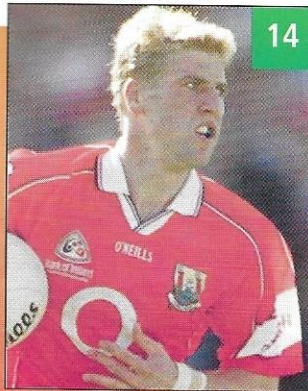
**TADHG KENNELLY
(KERRY/
SYDNEY SWANS)****Int. Rules Apps: 2
Position: Forward**

Tadhg left his native Kerry to become a professional player with the Sydney Swans three seasons ago after a very successful underage career with his home county. His father won a number of All-Ireland medals with the Kingdom and brother Noel was a key member of the Kerry side who captured the All-Ireland in 2000. He made his debut for the Swans last year and has continued to improve in the red of Sydney. His inside knowledge will be vital to the Irish effort and he was one of the key players on last year's successful touring side, scoring 15 points in the last test against Australia

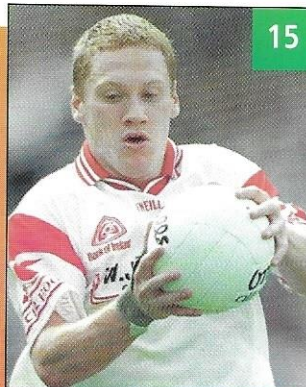
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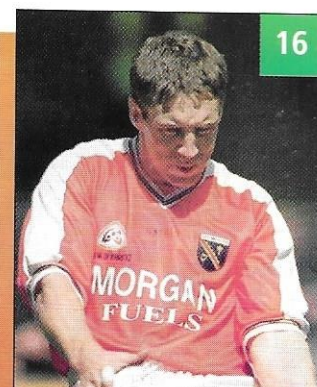
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**ANTHONY LYNCH
(CORK)****Int. Rules Apps: 0
Position: Defender**

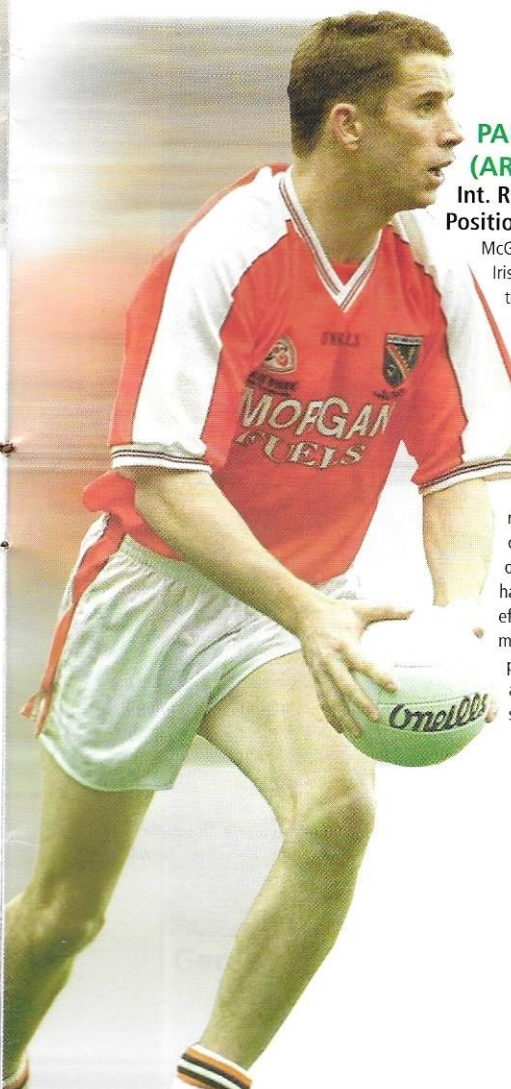
The Cork defender is well over due a run at International level having proved himself as one of the country's best exponents of back play through some excellent performances with the Rebel county over the past few years. Won a Munster Championship medal with Cork this year and his tight marking and excellent positional sense will be vital to the Irish to subdue the Aussie hitmen.

**CORMAC MacANALLEN
(TYRONE)****Int. Rules Apps: 2
Position: Midfield/Forward**

McAnallen made his international debut last year and has long been tipped as a future star of the Gaelic game. He won an All-Ireland minor title with Tyrone in 1998 when he starred as team captain. Since then he has established himself as Tyrone's first choice midfielder at Senior level moving into the forward line during this year's campaign. In 2001, he played a vital role in Tyrone's march to the U-21 All-Ireland.

**KIERAN McGEENEY
(ARMAGH)****Int. Rules Apps: 4
Position: Defender**

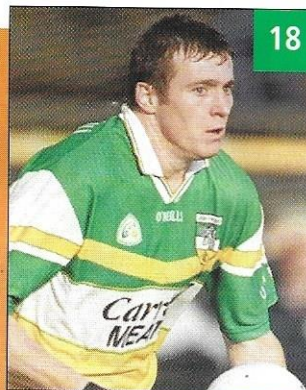
A strong, forceful defender, he holds the distinction of having won provincial club championships in two different provinces and most recently captained Armagh to their first ever All-Ireland title. An employee of the Irish Sports Council, Kieran has won two Ulster Senior Championships with Armagh in the last three years. A noted carrier of the ball, he is another you can expect to see charging out of the Irish defence. This is Kieran's fourth time to be involved with the Irish panel. His previous appearances came in the first test defeat in '98, the final test in 2000 and on last year's trip when he played in both games, scoring 6 points in the first test.



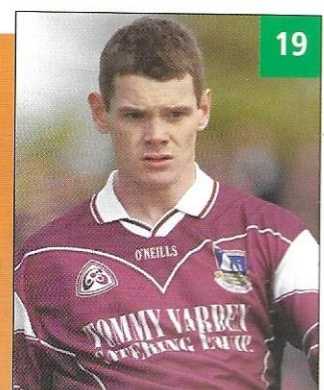
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**PAUL McGRANE
(ARMAGH)****Int. Rules Apps: 1
Position: Midfield**

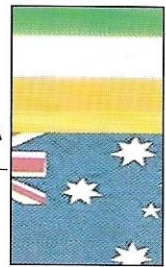
McGrane is re-called to the Irish panel having missed the trip down under last year. Was vital in Armagh's successful run to capture the All Ireland this year and has become the Orchard county's first choice midfielder, earning rave reviews from commentators and opponents alike for his hard working and efficient displays in the middle of the park. His previous International appearance was in the second test in 2000.

**CIARAN McMANUS
(OFFALY)****Int. Rules Apps: 6
Position: Forward**

The big Offaly lad has been a member of the Irish panel for the past three series and with his robust and strong running style has adapted exceptionally well to the hybrid game. Burst into the Offaly team in 1996 and has been an ever present since. Won a Leinster Championship with his county in 1997 and was top scorer the following spring when the Faithful county captured the National League title. Will almost certainly be a starter in the Irish team as he can be relied on to kick a few scores in every game.

**DECLAN MEEHAN
(GALWAY)****Int. Rules Apps: 0
Position: Defender**

The Galway wing back joined up with the Irish squad while in Australia last year as the Vodafone player of the month for September. Will always be remembered for his spectacular goal against Kerry in the 2000 All-Ireland final. On that occasion the Kingdom were victorious, but a year later, Meehan earned an All-Ireland medal with a fantastic display for the Tribesmen against Meath.



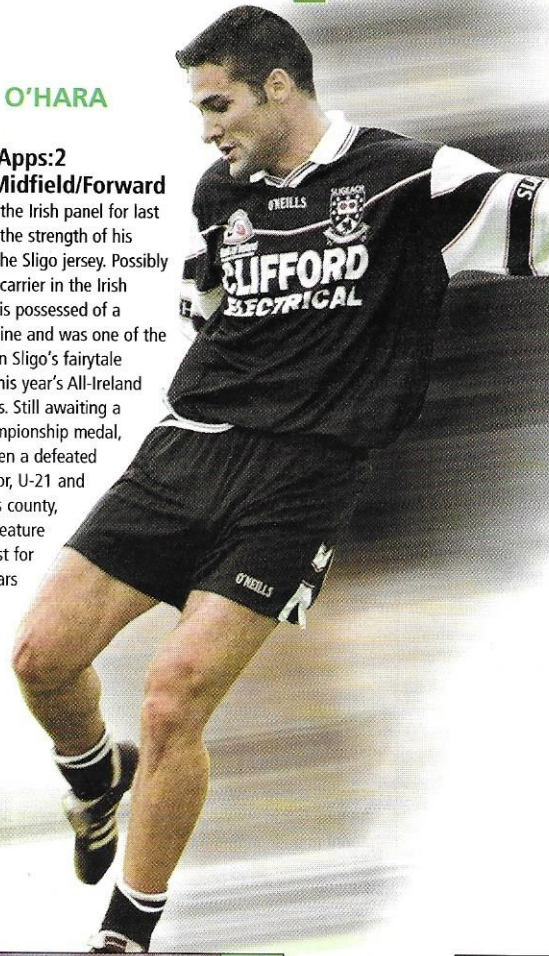
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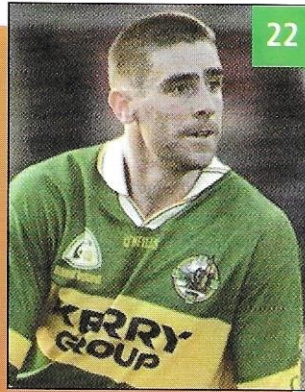
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EAMON O'HARA
(SLIGO)**Int. Rules Apps: 2****Position: Midfield/Forward**

O'Hara joined the Irish panel for last year's tour on the strength of his finest year in the Sligo jersey. Possibly the finest ball carrier in the Irish panel, O'Hara is possessed of a wonderful engine and was one of the key elements in Sligo's fairytale adventure in this year's All-Ireland Championships. Still awaiting a Connacht championship medal, O'Hara has been a defeated finalist at Minor, U-21 and Senior with his county, but may well feature on the short list for the Irish All-Stars this winter.

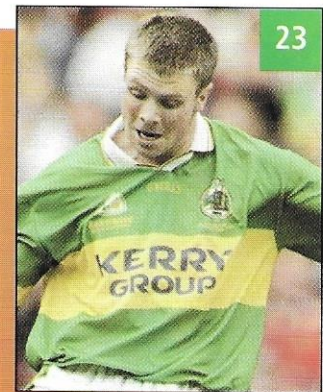


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**DARRAGH Ó SÉ**
(KERRY)**Int. Rules Apps: 2****Position: Midfield**

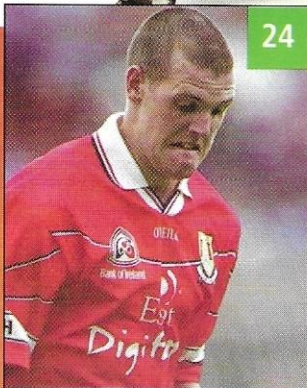
The Kerry midfielder was part of the Irish panel for the last two series, debuting down under last year. The driving force behind Kerry's renaissance in the last couple of years, Ó Sé is a hard working and sure-footed midfielder who uses the ball well and backs up his clever play with considerable big match experience. Darragh has won two All-Ireland medals with Kerry as well as two U-21 awards. A former All-Star, Ó Sé was one of the stars of the Irish summer.

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**TOMÁS Ó SÉ**
(KERRY)**Int. Rules Apps: 0****Position: Defender**

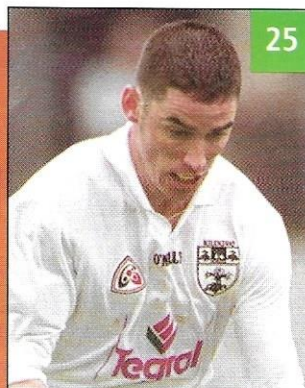
A brother of Darragh, he joins the panel for the first time. Tomás has often been likened to his uncle Páidí with his no-nonsense playing style and winning attitude on the pitch. A member of the An Gaeltacht club in Kerry, Ó Sé played at wing back for the Kingdom throughout this year's Championship which ended in All-Ireland final defeat to Armagh.

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**BRENDAN JER O'SULLIVAN**
(CORK)**Int. Rules Apps: 1****Position: Forward**

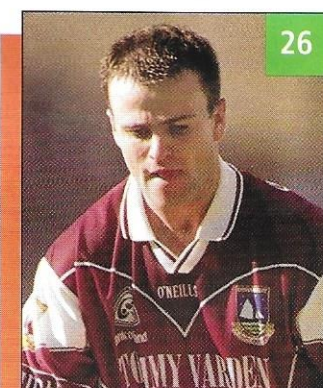
He has performed consistently in the red of Cork for the past two seasons and returns to the Irish squad for this year's series having debuted last year in Ireland's second test win, when he contributed 7 points to the victory. A member of the Adrigole club, Brendan Jer is a hard working and speedy forward and his elevation is well deserved following some fine displays at wing forward for Cork in this year's All-Ireland campaign.

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**ANTHONY RAINBOW**
(KILDARE)**Int. Rules Apps: 4****Position: Defender**

Made his debut for Ireland two years ago in the defeat to Australia at Croke Park. He has been an influential figure on Kildare panels for the last number of years and has won two Leinster titles as the Lilywhites came to prominence in the last few years. A tireless and attacking half back, Rainbow has long been known as a very stylish exponent of the game.

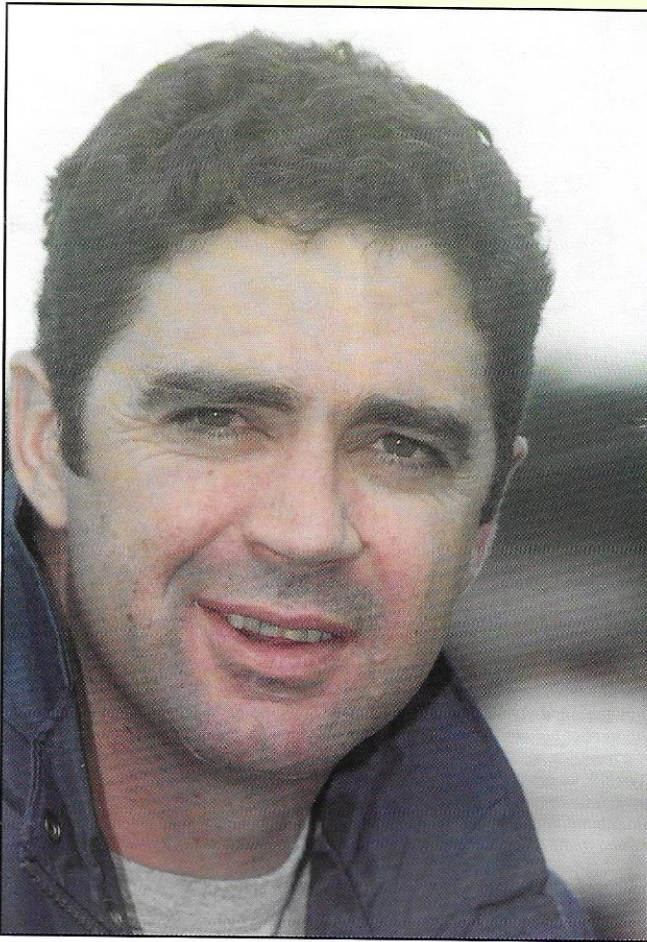
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**DEREK SAVAGE**
(GALWAY)**Int. Rules Apps: 0****Position: Forward**

Savage has been recognised as one of the top forwards in Ireland since he first won an All-Ireland medal with Galway in 1998. Manager John O'Keefe has said that Savage's eye for goal will be crucial to the Irish cause, so expect the Galway player to feature prominently in the Irish attack. One of the smallest members of the Irish panel, he will not be found wanting on the pitch.

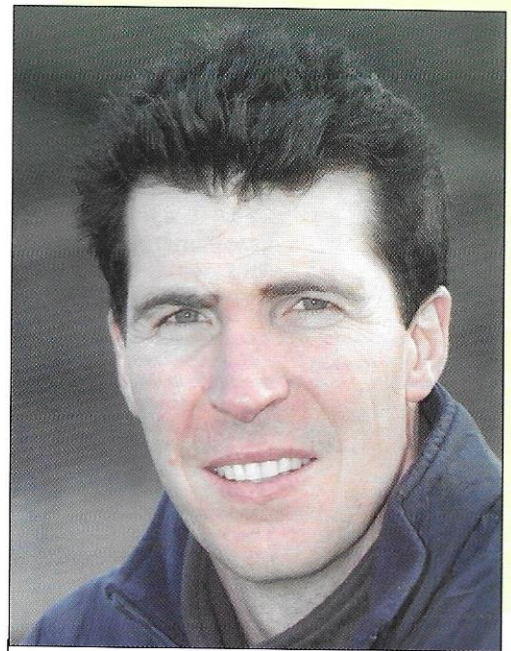


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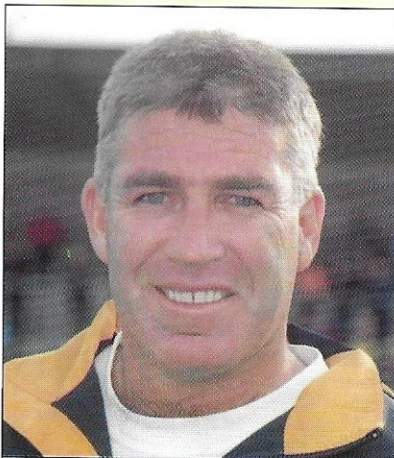
Coach: Garry Lyon

Garry is a former Melbourne Demons player, with whom he had a long and distinguished career. He is renowned in Australia as a champion goalkicker, having been top scorer for his club on numerous occasions. Currently in his second year as Coach to the Australian team.



Assistant Coach: Jim Stynes

A former Dublin Gaelic football player, he played Australian Rules for Melbourne Demons. He has represented both Ireland and Australia previously in this series. He is a former winner of the Brownlow Medal, the biggest individual honour in Australian Rules football. He is a brother of former Dublin star, Brian.



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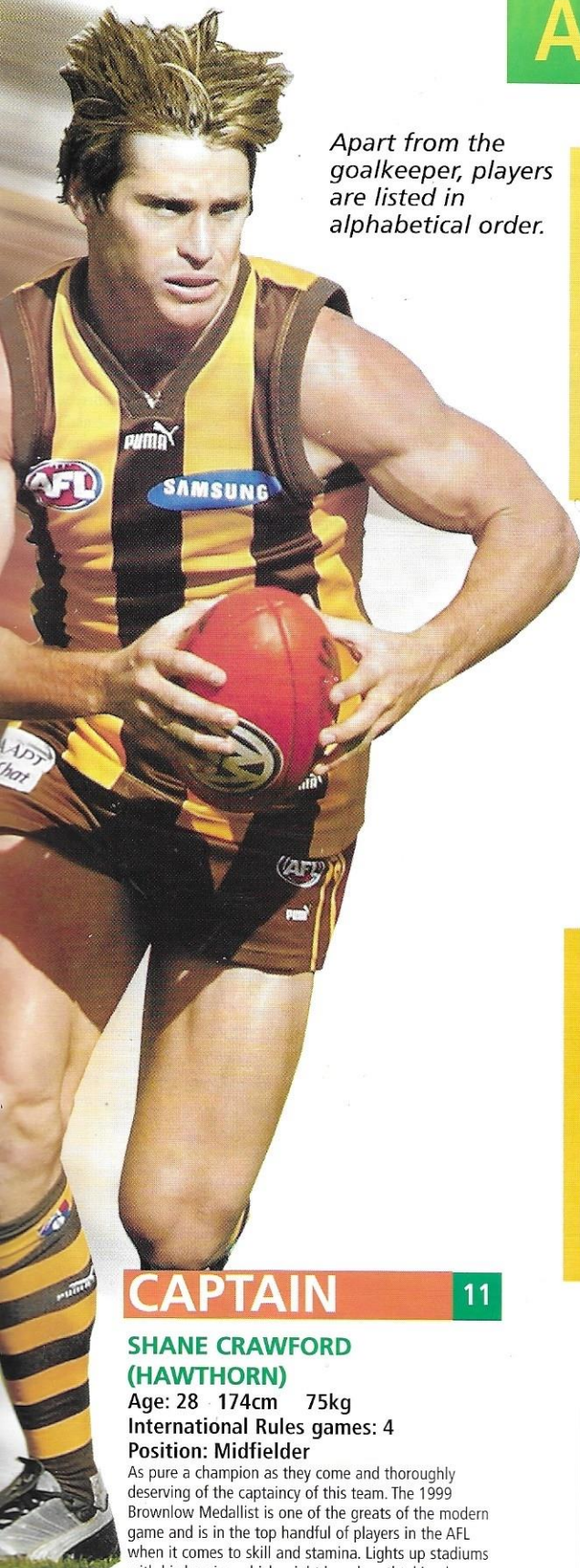
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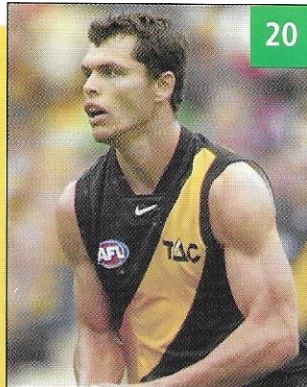
CAPTAIN

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SHANE CRAWFORD (HAWTHORN)

Age: 28 174cm 75kg
International Rules games: 4
Position: Midfielder

As pure a champion as they come and thoroughly deserving of the captaincy of this team. The 1999 Brownlow Medallist is one of the greats of the modern game and is in the top handful of players in the AFL when it comes to skill and stamina. Lights up stadiums with his heroics, which might be a breathtaking bouncing run or a sublime finish on goal. Fresh from winning his third club best and fairest award, the Hawk skipper is at the peak of his powers as a player, so expect him to collect plenty of the ball.

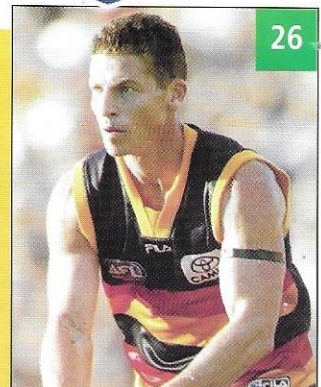


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ANDREW KELLAWAY (RICHMOND)

Age: 26 190cm 88kg
International Rules games: 2
Position: Defender

A dependable backman who can blanket an opposition forward and create play himself by winning one-on-one contests. Kellaway, who won Richmond's best and fairest award in 2000, plays the percentages and, if required, is only too willing to sacrifice his own game for the benefit of the team. Strong, athletic, a good mark and a tidy kick, he has no obvious weakness. At his peak, Kellaway is an offensive weapon in defence, where he can springboard attacks and create a loose man.

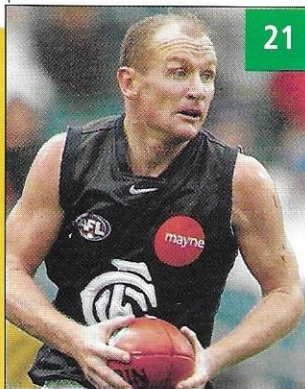


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MARK BICKLEY (ADELAIDE)

Age: 33 178cm 79kg
International Rules games: 0
Position: Midfielder

The dual premiership captain is still going strong in the twilight of his career. Just when most thought he would retire after enjoying a testimonial season with Adelaide, Bickley has announced that he will have a shot at a third premiership with his beloved Crows. Fresh from one of his best seasons in his 12 years at AFL level, Bickley is tough, consistent and battle-hardened. After being suspended for five weeks, and subsequently his side's entire finals campaign, after an out-of-character indiscretion, he will be super-keen to make amends with a solid performance for his country.

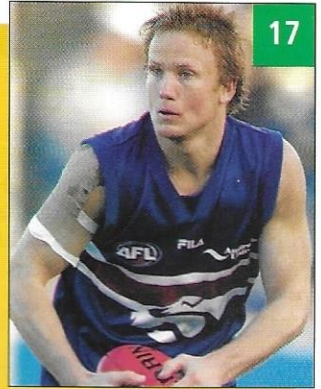


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CRAIG BRADLEY (CARLTON)

Age: 38 180cm 87kg
International Rules games: 7
Position: Midfielder

The elder statesman of the Australian line-up. Bradley is the only survivor from the 1984 series, when he donned the green and gold as a 20-year-old. While he'll be 39 on October 23, he captained Australia last year after injuries to other candidates forced him into the leadership role. In good form again in 2002 when he finished third in Carlton's best and fairest award. Adapts easily to the round-ball game, with his deft kicking, tireless running and second-to-none experience setting a superb example for his teammates. Could be employed in a sweeping role in the defensive half.



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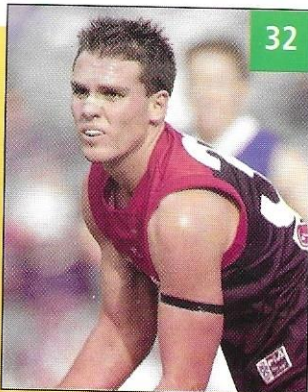
NATHAN BROWN (WESTERN BULLDOGS)

Age: 24 182cm 81kg
International Rules games: 1
Position: Midfielder/forward

A potential trump card who often displays brilliance bordering on genius. Highly skilled on either foot, but simply deadly on his left anywhere in the vicinity of goal. Kicked 57 goals for the Bulldogs this season, including 33 in last eight rounds – a marvellous effort considering he is not a key-position forward – and finished third in his club's best and fairest award. Can play as a sweeper in defence and rotate through the midfield, but will likely spend most of his time in attack. Could be a match-winner.

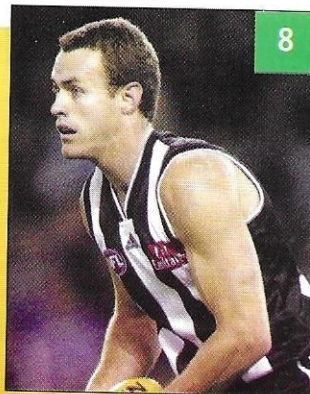


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**CAMERON BRUCE**
(MELBOURNE)

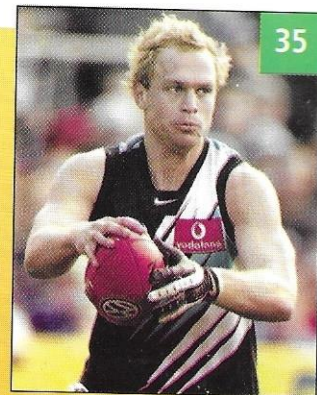
Age: 23 190cm 85kg
International Rules games: 0
Position: Defender

One of the big improvers of 2002, finishing second in Melbourne's best and fairest award. After starting his career as an opportunist forward who could kick three or four goals one week and struggle to get a kick the next, Bruce has become so versatile that he can play anywhere, whether it be setting up play from the back half, running through the midfield or as a goalsneak up forward. He will be best suited here in a stopping job in defence, where his accountability, commitment and common sense approach are valued most.

**JAMES CLEMENT**
(COLLINGWOOD)

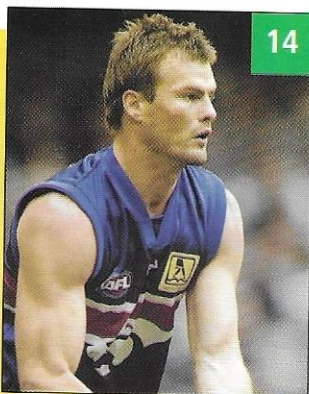
Age: 26 190cm 93kg
International Rules games: 0
Position: Defender

After leaving his roots in Perth two years ago, Clement has blossomed into one of the most accomplished defenders in the competition. He is deceptively well-endowed with strength and pace, allowing him to play on tall and small forwards. A feature of his game is his kicking, which he performs with great distance and precision. A no-frills customer, he is rarely beaten, a fact confirmed by his third placing in Collingwood's best and fairest award.

**CHAD CORNES**
(PORT ADELAIDE)

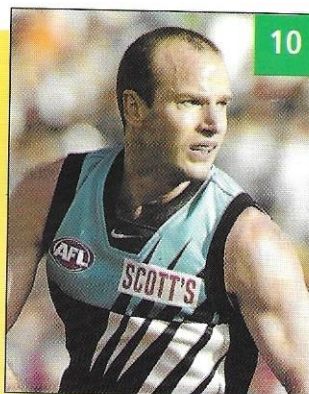
Age: 21 191cm 91kg
International Rules games: 0
Position: Utility

An emerging champion who could make his mark at either end of the ground for Port Adelaide. Such is Cornes' value that he can create havoc as a mobile, marking forward in tandem with Warren Tredrea or, if the need arises, shut down the opposition's best forward and provide great run on the rebound. Daring and confident in his own abilities, Cornes is difficult to counter because of his size and pace. Almost single-handedly beat Essendon in the semi-final in Adelaide when he took 13 marks. Finished equal third in the minor premier's best and fairest count.

**LUKE DARCY**
(WESTERN BULLDOGS)

Age: 27 196cm 98kg
International Rules games: 0
Position: Ruck/forward

One of the players of the 2002 AFL season, Darcy shared the AFL Players' Association MVP award with Brisbane premiership captain Michael Voss and finished a close runner-up in the Bulldogs' best and fairest award. Dominated matches in the ruck, often achieving double figures in each of kicks, marks and handballs. Hurts the opposition when allowed to pluck the ball out of the air in ruck situations. A driving left-foot kick, he is agile for his size and could even be used as a pinch-hitter up forward.

**JOSH FRANCOU**
(PORT ADELAIDE)

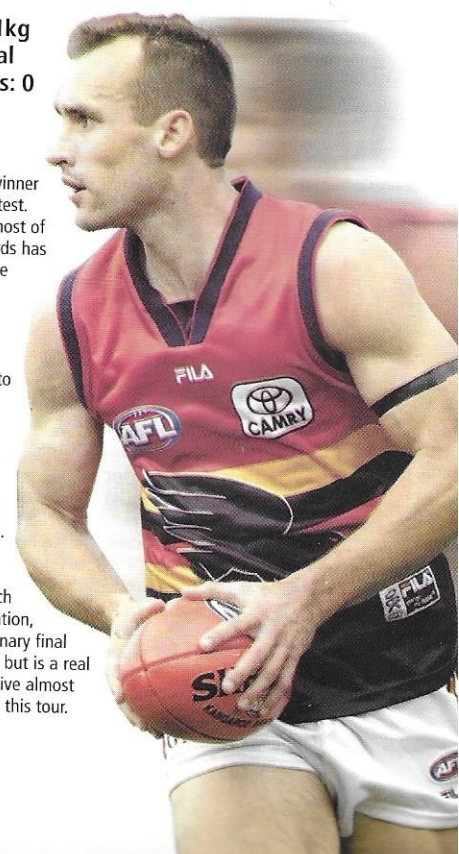
Age: 28 185cm 82kg
International Rules games: 1
Position: Midfielder

Gun midfielder who this year finished second to Brisbane's Simon Black in the AFL's highest individual award, the Brownlow Medal, and ran equal third in Port Adelaide's club champion award. When it comes to stoppages, Francou is the clearance king of the AFL. Reads the play like it is second nature and boasts super-quick hands, which are a constant source of nutrition for his outside runners. One of the most prolific ball-winners in the competition, he will also pose plenty of headaches for the Irish with his toughness in close and ability to find the right option.

12 TYSON EDWARDS (ADELAIDE)

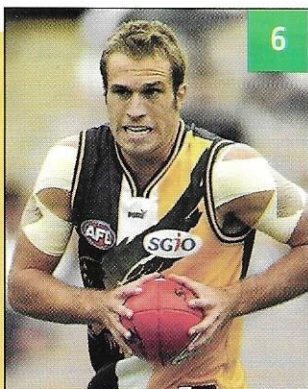
Age: 26
177cm 81kg
International
Rules games: 0
Position:
Midfielder

A rock-solid, consistent ball-winner who loves a contest. Underrated for most of his career, Edwards has emerged from the shadow of high-profile Mark Ricciuto, Andrew McLeod and Simon Goodwin to become a front-line player in his own right, finishing runner-up in Adelaide's best and fairest count this season. Suffered concussion and a broken nose, which required an operation, in the AFL preliminary final on September 21, but is a real goer and would give almost anything to be on this tour.



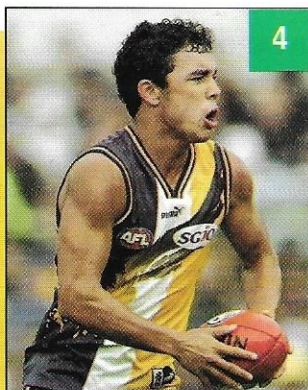


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**CHRIS JUDD**
(WEST COAST)

Age: 19 188cm 82kg
International Rules games: 0
Position: Midfielder

The youngest player in the Australian squad, but also one of the quickest and most dangerous. Few players have had such an impact in their first season of AFL football like Judd, who finished third in West Coast's best and fairest award. Kicked some brilliant goals, showcasing his pace, evasive ability, kicking power and confidence. A level-headed teenager who could become one of the game's greats. Has played International Rules at under-17 level, so there should be no problems adjusting to the subtleties of the hybrid game.

**DANIEL KERR**
(WEST COAST)

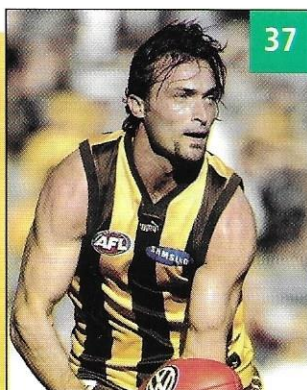
Age: 19 177cm 74kg
International Rules games: 0
Position: Midfielder

Another outstanding young talent who has the potential to become an all-time great. Despite being diminutive in stature, Kerr has brilliant ball skills, electrifying pace, enormous stamina, great vision and decision-making skills. Wins a lot of the ball and is dangerous near goal. Courageous and clever, he has neat disposal skills on either side of his body. An AFL Rising Star nominee last year in his debutant season, he may well help form one of the Eagles' best on-ball brigades along with ruckman Michael Gardiner, skipper Ben Cousins and fellow youngster Chris Judd. Finished runner-up in West Coast's club champion award.

CHRIS JOHNSON
(BRISBANE)

Age: 26 177cm 90kg
International Rules games: 0
Position: Defender

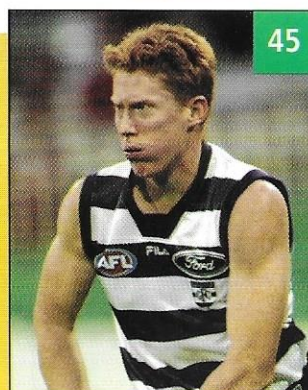
Arguably the best small defender in the AFL. Mixes tight and tough defensive play with non-stop offensive running and flair. Although normally stationed deep in the back line where he regularly rebounds the ball, Johnson always seems to find his way into the midfield to become a dangerous player with his precise ball use. Reliable, honest and loyal, he was superb in the Lions' premiership triumph over Collingwood. Seems to have been on the AFL scene forever but is only just reaching prime time in his career. Rarely plays a poor game.

**ANGELO LEKKAS**
(HAWTHORN)

Age: 26 185cm 85kg
International Rules games: 0

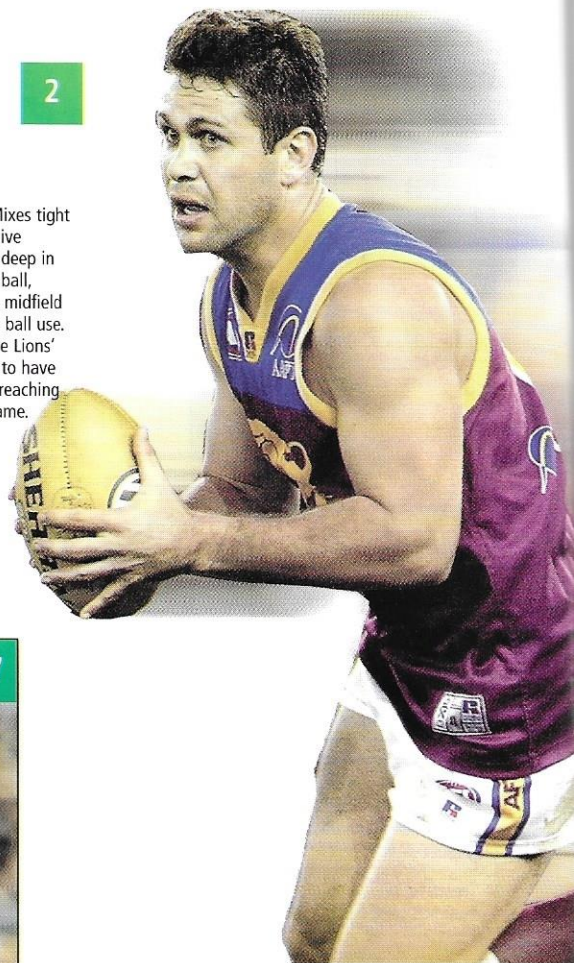
Position: Midfielder

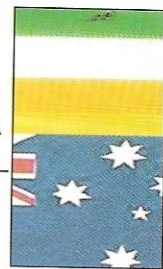
The hard-running Hawk was in career-best form in 2002 and if injury didn't prevent him from playing five matches mid-season, he may well have won his first club best and fairest award. He still finished third after averaging more than 20 touches in each of his 17 appearances. A half-back flanker for most of his early career, Lekkas has transformed himself into an attacking midfielder who can kick multiple goals.

**CAMERON LING**
(GEELONG)

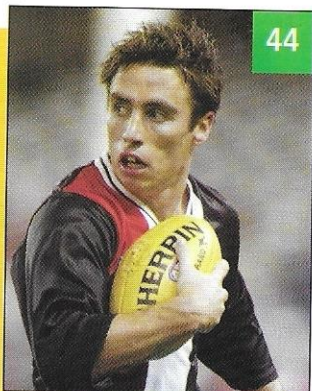
Age: 21 189cm 86kg
International Rules games: 0
Position: Midfielder

A feisty red-head with a neat left foot – who could miss him? Won the most votes for Geelong in this year's Brownlow Medal and finished runner-up in the Cats' best and fairest award. Became one of the best run-with/taggers in the game in 2002, when he toppled big names like Ben Cousins and Nathan Buckley. Several centimetres taller than most midfielders, he uses his reach to great advantage in one-on-one contests. A passionate footballer who is willing to take on the tough assignments.





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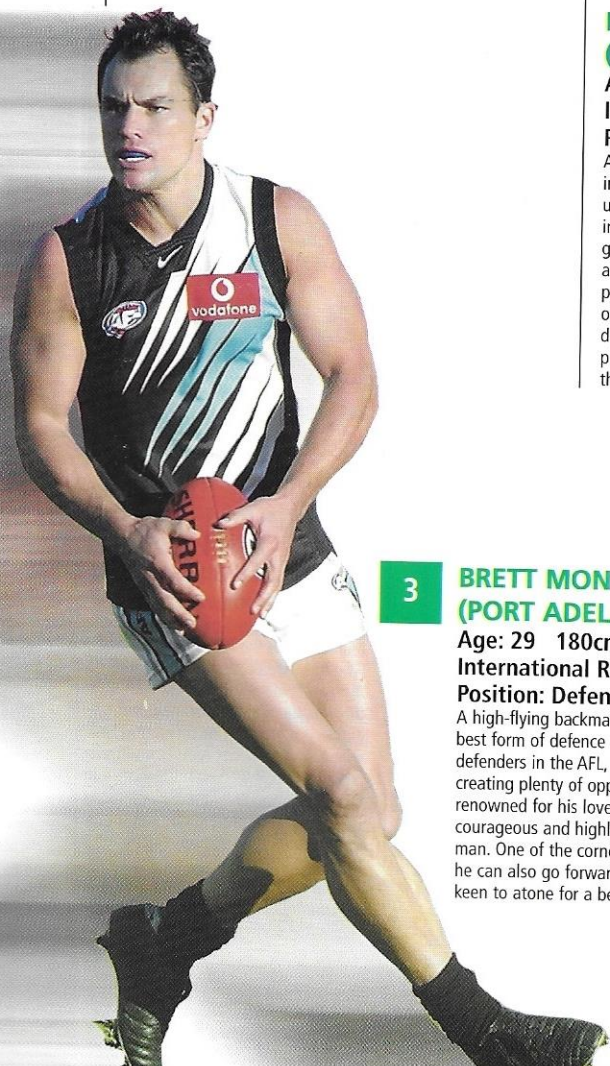


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**STEPHEN MILNE
(ST KILDA)**

Age: 21 175cm 77kg
International Rules games: 0
Position: Forward

One of the best opportunists in the AFL. Milne ferrets the ball in the forward line and can produce some unbelievable manoeuvres in his quest to score. A speedster who drives defenders insane with his cheek, he was introduced into the squad for his potential to score vital six-pointers. Kicked 50 goals and only 11 behinds this season at the phenomenal success rate of 82 per cent. At one point during his spree, he kicked 24 goals without a miss.



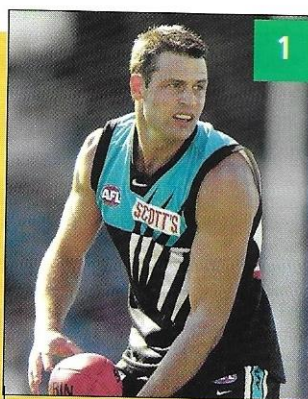
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**ROBERT MURPHY
(WESTERN BULLDOGS)**

Age: 20 184cm 78kg
International Rules games: 0
Position: Defender/midfielder

A youngster with the football world at his feet. Has been likened to former Melbourne champion Robert Flower for his light frame, composure under pressure, ability to find time and space when there appears to be none and his sublime skills on both sides of his body.

Murphy has the gift of knowing where to run to get the ball and manufactures numerous forays into attack from half-back. In time, he is expected to become an elite midfielder, where his silky-smooth skills will be used to even greater effect.

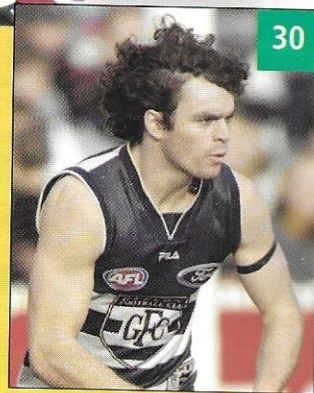
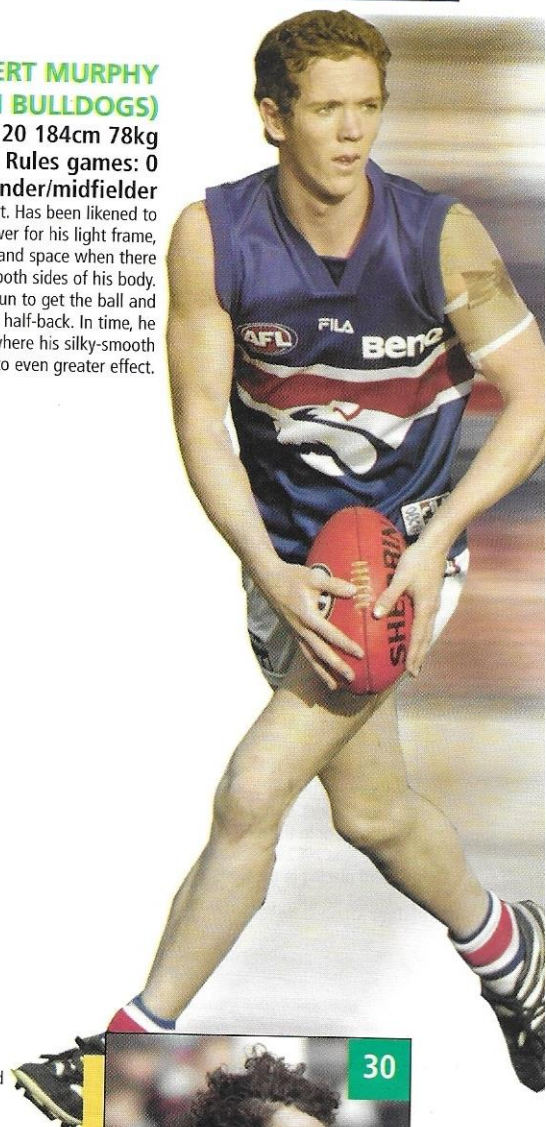


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**MATTHEW PRIMUS
(PORT ADELAIDE)**

Age: 27 198cm 106kg
International Rules games: 0
Position: Ruck

A true leader of men. Exudes enormous influence over his Port Adelaide teammates and urges his team on both vocally and, more importantly, with actions. Capped off another great season with the Power's club champion award. A superb tap-ruckman who continually palms the ball to a moving teammate, Primus is one of the few players going around who doesn't need possessions to be a damaging player. The Irish will be in plenty of bother if they allow this man to dictate terms.



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**3 BRETT MONTGOMERY
(PORT ADELAIDE)**

Age: 29 180cm 80kg
International Rules games: 0
Position: Defender

A high-flying backman who believes in the adage that the best form of defence is attack. One of the hardest running defenders in the AFL, gathering many possessions and creating plenty of opportunities for his forwards. Although renowned for his love of taking big marks, he is a courageous and highly effective spoiler and great team man. One of the cornerstones of Port Adelaide's defence, he can also go forward and be a scoring option. Will be keen to atone for a below-par finals series.

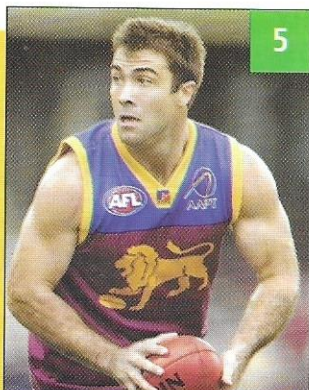
**MATTHEW SCARLETT
(GEELONG)**

Age: 23 191cm 90kg
International Rules games: 0
Position: Defender

An unbelievably courageous defender who shows scant regard for his own well-being. He's tenacious, loves a scrap and makes his opponent earn every touch. A quiet achiever who is happy for his teammates to take the limelight, Scarlett has become a reluctant cult figure at Geelong, with fans donning 'Matty Mop' wigs in his honour. Hates being beaten and is completely undaunted about taking on the game's biggest names.

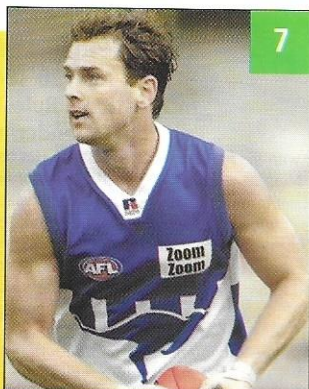


AUSTRALIA

**BRAD SCOTT
(BRISBANE)**Age: 26 181cm 86kg
International Rules games: 0

Position: Midfielder/defender

The ultimate team player: unselfish to the extreme. Scott places his body on the line for his teammates, seems to do everything right and leaves nothing to chance in his preparation. Tougher than a burnt steak, he is also a good all-round player – a neat kick, strong mark and a fierce tackler. Can play negating roles in defence or in the midfield. Was rewarded for a fine 2002 season with an equal third placing in the Lions' best and fairest award.

**ADAM SIMPSON
(KANGAROOS)**Age: 26 185cm 86kg
International Rules games: 0

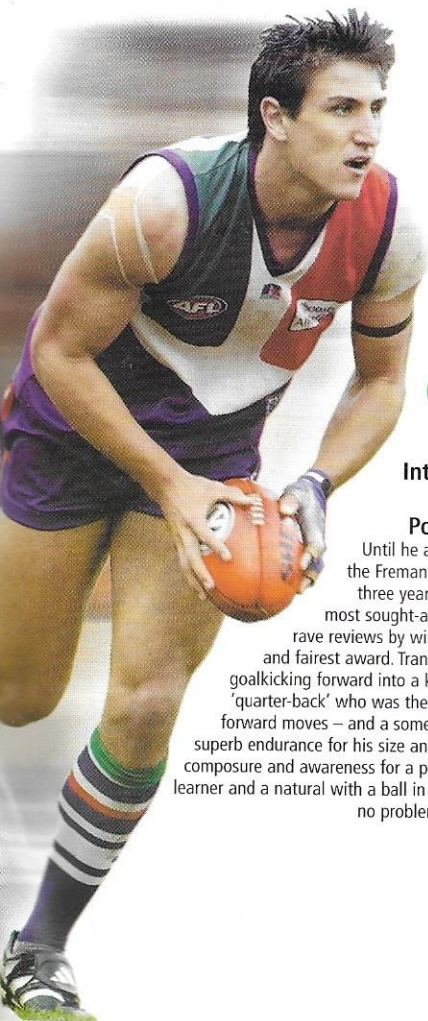
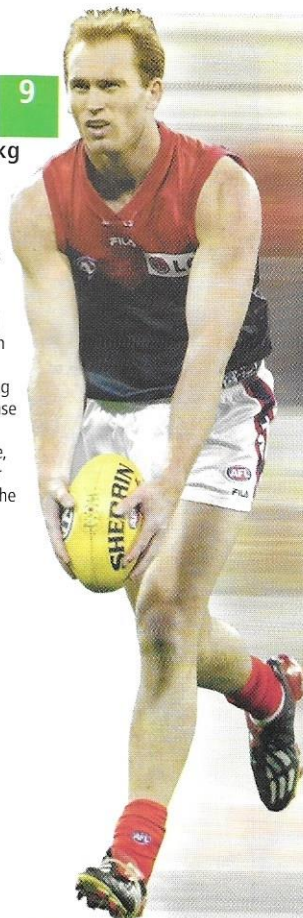
Position: Midfielder

Footballers don't come more honest, reliable and hard-working than this man. Simpson received long overdue plaudits in 2002 – a season in which he won his first best and fairest award with the Kangaroos and was one of the highest possession-winners in the AFL. Although he looks as though he could play for at least another five years, Simpson already knows his game back-to-front and is becoming a more attacking player by the season. Can also play a run-with role.

**DAVID NEITZ
(MELBOURNE)**Age: 27 193cm 101kg
International Rules games: 2

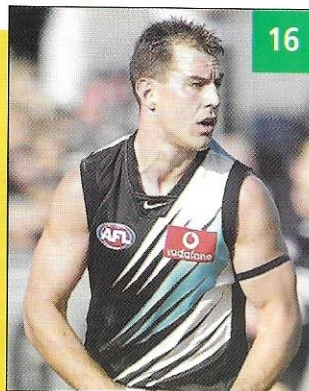
Position: Forward

With 82 goals in 2002, Neitz was the most potent forward in the AFL, earning him the Coleman Medal and Melbourne's best and fairest award. Imposed himself on several matches, kicking match-winning bags of goals and making his presence felt in a physical sense too. A man-mountain who possesses great agility for his size, he was an inspirational leader for the Demons and richly deserves the role of spearhead in the national team. Can also play in defence if needed.

**MATTHEW
PAVLICH
(FREMANTLE)**Age: 20
192cm 100kg
International Rules games: 0

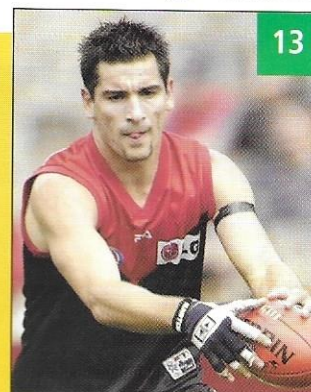
Position: Defender

Until he agreed to continue with the Fremantle Dockers for the next three years, Pavlich was the AFL's most sought-after talent. Justified the rave reviews by winning his first club best and fairest award. Transformed himself from a goalkicking forward into a key defender – a virtual 'quarter-back' who was the architect behind Freo's forward moves – and a sometime midfielder. Boasts superb endurance for his size and also has phenomenal composure and awareness for a player so young. A quick learner and a natural with a ball in his hands, he will have no problems with the round ball.

**WARREN TREDREA
(PORT ADELAIDE)**Age: 23 194cm 97kg
International Rules games: 2

Position: Forward

The best marking forward in the AFL. A colossus of a man who is nigh on impossible to stop when on song, which was the case for most of 2002 as he finished runner-up in Port Adelaide's club champion award. While the only chink in his armour is his occasionally, inaccurate kicking for goal, Tredrea is a driving kick on either foot – in fact, he is better on his non-preferred left foot than many others are on their preferred side. Despite his size and strength, he is a great specimen of athleticism, boasting magnificent skills at ground level. Thrives on physical contests and few players can match him for his ability in this area of the game.

**ADEM YZE
(MELBOURNE)**Age: 25 186cm 86kg
International Rules games: 2

Position: Midfielder

A class act and one of the most prolific midfielders in the AFL. Yze is a kickaholic who has led the competition in kicks for the past two seasons. But it's not simply the volume of kicks that make him so dangerous; it's how he distributes them with his piercing left foot. Few players have been able to curb his brilliance in recent seasons. Wins the ball almost at will all over the ground and can move forward with devastating effects. Unfazed by pressure-cooker situations, he will relish the opportunity to play for his country.

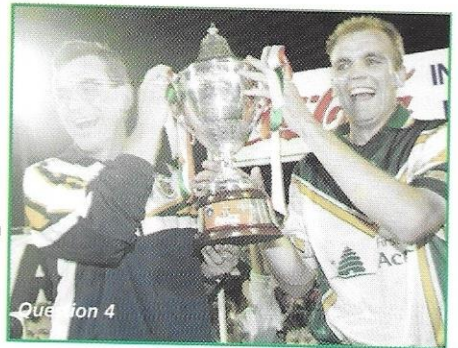


Cúinne na nÓg

A page of quizzes for the younger fans

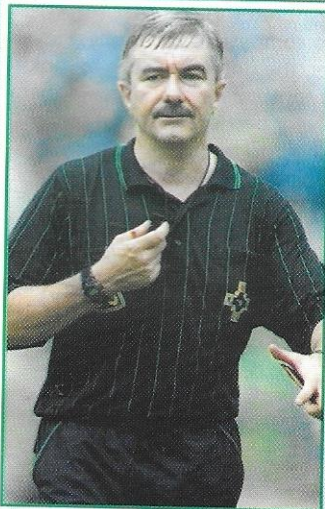
Tráth na gCeist

1. Brian McEniff, the Ireland team manager in 2000 and again last year, was Donegal's manager when they won their only All-Ireland senior football title so far. In what year did the county capture the Sam Maguire Cup?
2. Where was the second game in the Test series between Ireland and Australia played last year?
3. Pat McEnaney was Ireland's Referee/Umpire in Australia last year. He is from what county?
4. Who are the personalities proudly displaying the International Rules Test Trophy in our photograph?
5. What position did Joe Bergin, a member of the Ireland squad today, line-out when leading Galway to their All-Ireland under-21 football final win last Sunday over Dublin?
6. Who provides an Australian connection with the Irish squad today?
7. In what year did Ireland last make a successful defence of the title in the International Rules Test series?
8. Anthony Tohill, who captained Ireland to victory last year, spent some time in Melbourne as an under-age player in Australian Rules football. True or false?
9. Coman Goggins, Dublin's captain this year in senior football, was in the Ireland squad last year. True or false?
10. Who was President of the G.A.A. when Australia last visited this country?

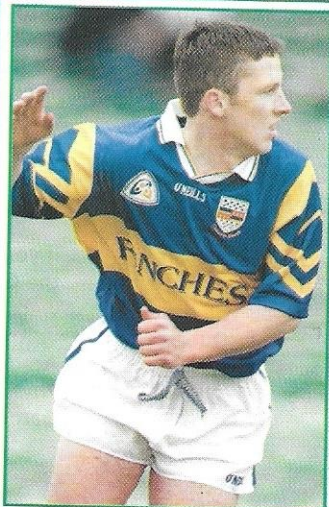


Who am I?

Pictured here are two well-known personalities in Gaelic games — one a leading referee and the other a top-class footballer. What you have to do is to identify each personality. There are a number of clues below to help you.



1. I am from Donegal.
2. I refereed one of this year's All-Ireland football championship finals.
3. My club is Aodh Ruadh, Ballyshannon.



1. I was one of the leading scorers nationally in this year's Bank of Ireland senior football championship.
2. I have also played intercounty hurling.
3. I am still my county's only winner of an All Star award in football.

Short and to the Point

A short exercise with the emphasis on clubs that have been in the news in recent times.

1. Kieran McDonald scored 1-5 when helping this club to win the Mayo senior football title last Sunday.
2. What club lost to Nemo Rangers in the Cork county senior hurling final last week?
3. Strokestown or St.. Brigid's won the Roscommon senior football title last Sunday. Which?
4. Ballinderry, who won the AIB All-Ireland club senior football title last St. Patrick's Day, retained the county senior title last month. True or false?

Who won what at home?

Listed below are six teams which won major titles during this year and six titles. What you have to do is to match each team with the correct title or Cup.

Wicklow	All-Ireland Ladies Senior Football
Galway	All-Ireland Junior Hurling
Antrim	Leinster Minor Football
Longford	All-Ireland Colleges' "B" Football
Moyne C. S.	All-Ireland Intermediate Hurling
Mayo	All-Ireland Junior Football

Freagraí / Answers

Tráth na gCeist

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2. John McDermott, of Kerry, now with Sydney Swans in Tadhg Kennedy, both from Meath. 5. Right midfield. 6. Wicklow—All-Ireland Junior Football. Galway—All-Ireland Intermediate Hurling. Antrim—All-Ireland Junior Hurling. Longford—Leinster minor football. Moyne Community School—All-Ireland Colleges' "B" Football. Mayo—All-Ireland Ladies Football.

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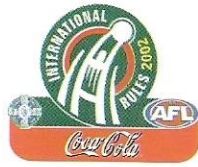
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THE MARK

One of the outstanding features of the Australian Rules game is 'The Mark' whereby the player making a clean catch of a kicked ball from another player not less than 20 metres distant cannot be tackled and is allowed to take a free kick. The Mark is incorporated in the International Rules game and there have been many suggestions that its introduction would greatly improve gaelic football. Like most suggested changes there is much to be said for and against; many followers of the gaelic

code would be surprised to learn that more than a century ago when the rules were still at a developing stage with different interpretations in various parts of the country, in one area at least "The Mark" was a feature of the game. This was confirmed by the well-known writer, Sceilig in the 1940s when he recalled that in the game being played in the Ring of Kerry in the 1880s - "When one player fielded the ball, he stood back and no member of the opposition was permitted to approach beyond the mark thus made

until the man in possession had kicked off".

Other interesting features of the game was that a player was not allowed to catch from a hop, nor was lifting with the toe allowed, except when it was done without bending the body. And when a goal was scored the teams changed sides.

However, "The Mark" eventually disappeared as the rules became more unified, but the fact that it did exist represents an interesting connection between the Irish and Australian games.



Queen's develops Australian-Style Academy for Gaelic Footballers

Having produced some of Ireland's top Gaelic footballers, Queen's University is now looking to the future. As well as being a centre of academic excellence, Queen's is proud of its reputation for sporting participation and achievement. Top class former international players' footballers of the calibre of Greg Blaney, James McCartan, Anthony Tohill and Paul Brewster, have all come through and graduated to the highest honours in the game. Today's Irish squad features Kieran McGeeney, Paul McGrane, Colin Holmes, Cormac McAnallen and present Queen's student Ronan Clarke. All have competed in the Sigerson Cup, and they look back at their involvement with Queen's as a key part of their development as footballers.

The new concept of a GAA Academy comes at an opportune time. Perhaps it may be said that such a concept follows the model of the Australian Sports

Academy, whereby the top players of Australian Rules Football were guided from a young age through their development.

Queen's hope to attract some of the brightest young stars from across the country to the college, and to do so they are working alongside other partners to ensure that they will cater for their needs. With the proper resources, the academy can aid in a player's development to ensure that he can achieve his goals. At Queen's, the GAA and the Sport and Recreation Department are ambitious in terms of performance and achievement, and in developing the Academy they hope that young players of all levels will have the opportunity to enjoy their 'Queen's Experience' while advancing their potential as footballers.

The college will provide for the best young Gaelic footballers, and aims to support them with the best services and

structures including top class coaching, physiotherapy, sports science, performance planning, bursary schemes and academic guidance. At a time when players are facing increasing demands and the threat of burnout, Queen's believe that the needs of the player must be catered for. In order for players to compete at the highest levels for longer, the university aims to look after our footballers, and provide them with the very best coaches and services that will help to improve their performances and lift some of their burdens as students.

If you would like further information on the GAA Academy, please visit our website at www.queensgaa.com or write to us at Queen's University GAA Academy, Sport and Recreation, QUB Physical Education Centre, Botanic Gardens, Belfast. Our email address is academy@queensgaa.com

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About the AFL ...

Australian football is the country's only indigenous game and boasts some of the oldest football clubs of any code throughout the world.

Geelong and Melbourne, now members of the national AFL competition, were formed in 1858 and 1859 respectively. From those humble beginnings, Australian football has grown into the country's most successful national sports competition, the AFL, which consists of two teams from Perth, two from Adelaide, ten based in Victoria and one each in Sydney and Brisbane.

In recent years, the Coca-Cola AFL premiership season, which is completed at the end of August, attracted over six million spectators. That represents an

average of approximately 35,000 people for each of the 176 matches which make up the premiership season.

The Seven Network attracts a cumulative national television audience of some around seven million people for the final round of the premiership. When you consider that the population of Australia is about 18 million, you get an appreciation of the support for the AFL competition which is at least three times greater than the next most popular spectator sport, rugby league.

Off the field, major stadia developments have been occurring at major AFL venues around the country.

About A\$40 million has been spent on an upgrade of the Gabba stadium in Brisbane which has taken the capacity

of this stadium to some 42,000 for Brisbane Lions home games. In Perth, Subiaco Oval, which is a venue shared by the West Coast Eagles and Fremantle Dockers, has had a A\$35 million redevelopment, completed in the year 2000.

The new Docklands Stadium, built at a cost of A\$420 million on the western fringe of Melbourne's central business district, will be the venue for at least 30 AFL games per year from 2000 and for A\$30 million, the AFL will ultimately own the stadium after 25 years.

Plans for the continued upgrade of the MCG, where the AFL will schedule 41 games per year plus four finals including the Grand Final until 2032, are also being developed.

Question Time

- Who captained Ireland in their last title winning series at Croke Park in 1998?
- Who was manager of that 1998 title winning side?
- Who captained Ireland in the 2000 series at Croke Park?
- Michael Curley (Galway) was the Ireland Referee/Umpire in 1998. True or false?
- Dermot Brereton or Jim Stynes was the Australian coach for the 2000 games at Croke Park. Your choice!
- How many games did Australia win during their 2000 visit to Dublin?
- The Harry Beitzel team of Galahs pioneered the way for the International Rules Test series with their visit to Ireland in what year?
- What county team went on a tour of Australia in 1968?
- Who was the Ireland team manager in Australia last year?
- Name the only Irish player to captain two International Test title winning teams?
- The opening game in the 1984 International series was not played at Croke Park. Name the venue for that match.
- Who was Ireland's team manager when they won the 1986 series in Australia by 2-1?
- John O'Keeffe, Ireland's current team manager, is a former Ireland Assistant Coach. True or false?
- What is the club of Anthony Tohill (Derry), who captained Ireland to last year's success in Australia?
- Armagh had two representatives in the Ireland squad in 2000. Kieran McGeeney was one. Who was the other?
- Joe Bergin, who led Galway to the All-Ireland under-21 football title last Sunday, is a member of the Irish squad for the latest series. What is his club?
- Australia were captained in last year's series by Michael Voss of the Brisbane Lions. True or false?
- Was Tadgh Kennelly (Kerry) a member of the Ireland squad for last year's series in Australia?
- Garry Lyon, the current Australia coach, was also their coach last year. True or false?
- Seamus Quinn made his international debut in 2000. He is from what county?

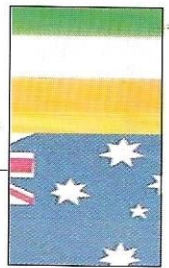
Fragal / Answers

1. John McDermott (Meath). 2. Colm O'Rourke (Meath). 3. Trevor Giles (Meath). 4. True. 5. Dermot Brereton. 6. Two. 7. 1967. 8. Chaoimh. 9. Brian McEniff (Donegal). 10. John McDermott (Meath) in 1998 and 1999. 11. Páirc Uí Leitrín. 12. Kevin Heffernan (Dublin). 13. True. 14. Swatragh. 15. Paul McGrane. 16. Mountbellew-Moylough. 17. True. 18. Yes. 19. True. 20. Leitrim.

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