

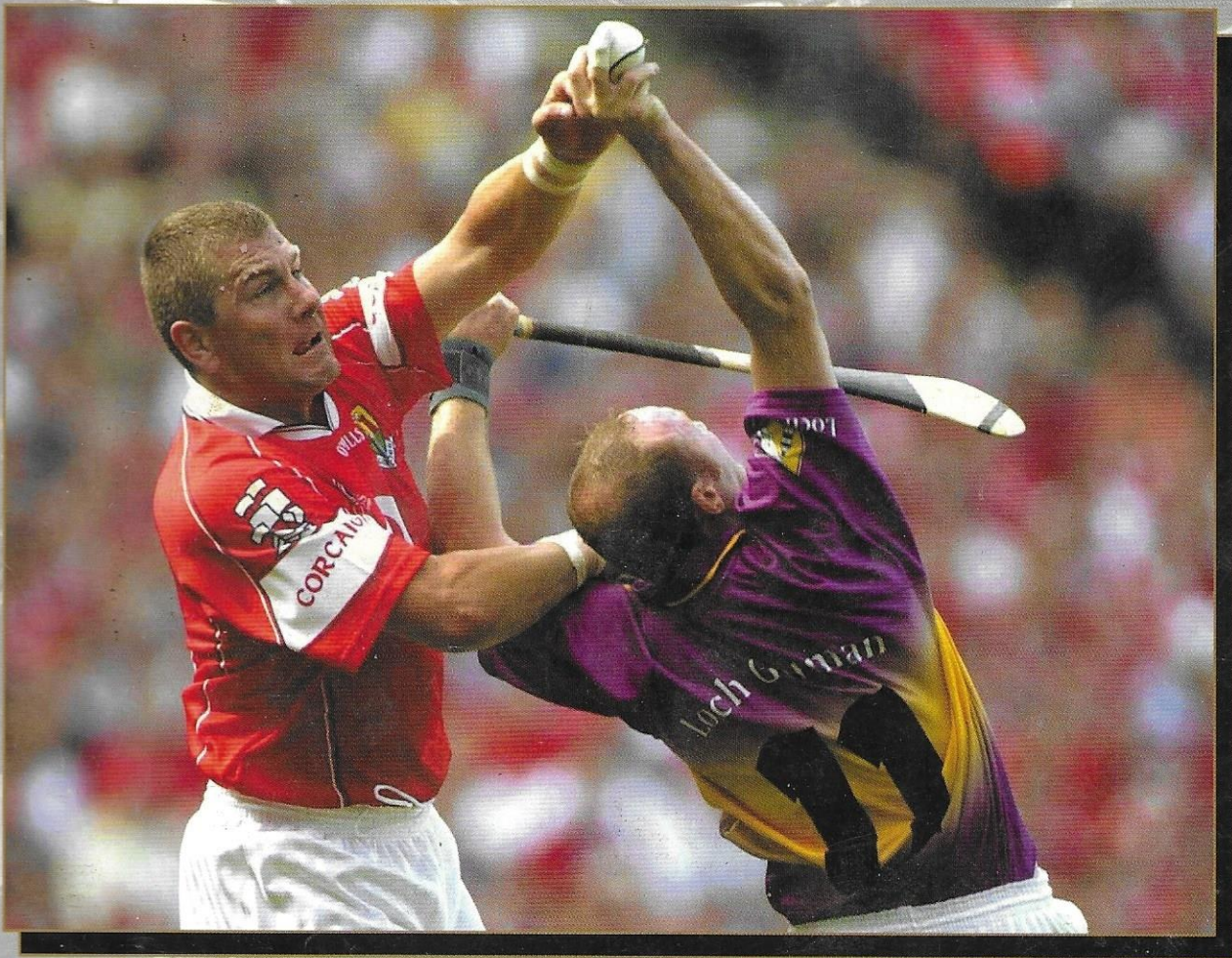
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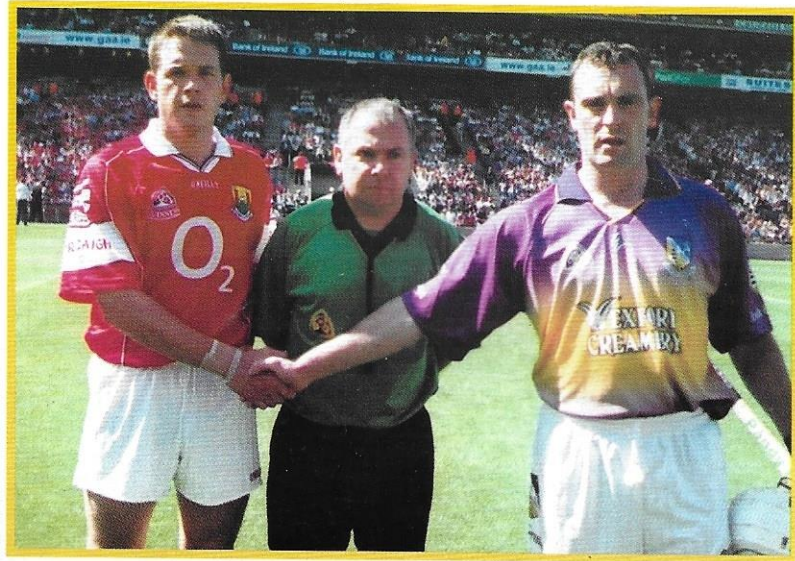
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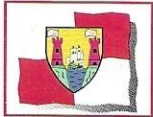
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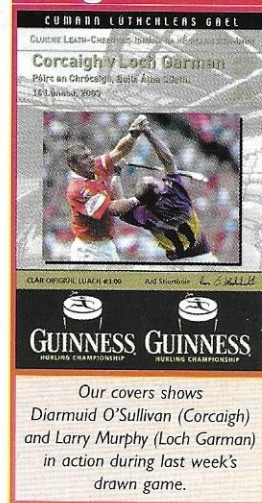
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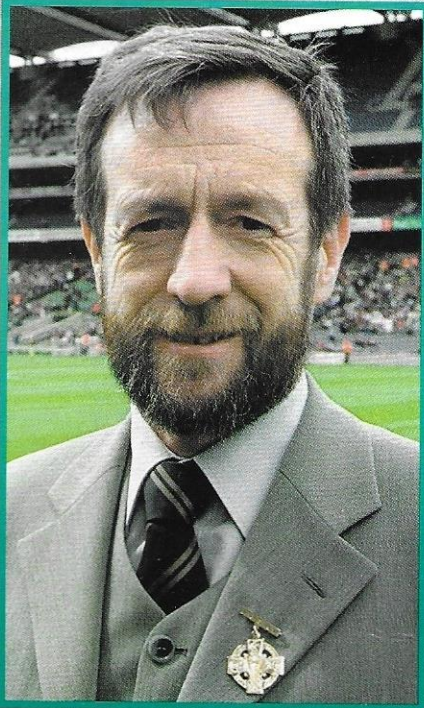
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It is my honour to extend a special welcome to you on the occasion of this replayed Guinness All Ireland hurling championship semi-final. Last Sunday here in Páirc an Chrócaigh we were witness to one of the truly great hurling occasions. It was the best game of hurling that I have ever had the honour of witnessing and the thoughts of a similar thrill a minute encounter today is truly a mouth watering prospect. The game exemplified all that is best in the game – great scores and passes, high fielding and drama with excitement right down to the final second.

Loch Garman had a terrific start to last week's game and will be hoping to rediscover their form of the first thirty-five minutes which appeared to have set the Slaneysiders on the road to victory. Corcaigh came to life in spectacular fashion in the second half, and seemed to have repelled the Wexford challenge until that last gasp thunderbolt from Rory Mc Carthy. Regardless of what happens today, the memory of last week's semi-final will live with us all for many years to come.

The atmosphere in Croke Park for last week's game was quite exceptional and I think that the activities of our newly established PR and Presentation Task Force added greatly to the sense of occasion on the day. The big screen and the player introductions have been a big hit with the fans over the past few weeks and we look forward to further developments on match days in the coming weeks. We will also be looking at the content of our programmes and examining ways to improve on our product in this regard.

Another of our committees who have begun to make progress is our Social and Recreational Games Committee. The function of this committee is to examine ways in which Gaelic Games can be played in an atmosphere that is not overly competitive and the Committee have already begun to examine the standardising of rules and equipment for Indoor Gaelic football and Hurling, 7 a-side competitions and the development of Social Football and Hurling – a concept that aims to lengthen the playing career of all of our players, male and female, and allow participants the opportunity to enjoy Gaelic Games in a more relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere. As always, if you have any suggestions in this regard, we'd be delighted to hear them and you can send them to Páirc an Chrócaigh c/o our Chairman Tony Dempsey TD.

In the meantime, I hope you all enjoy today's game as the excitement builds and we enter the closing stages of the 2003 Championships.

Ráth De oraibh go léir.

Seán Ó Ceallaigh,
Uachtarán

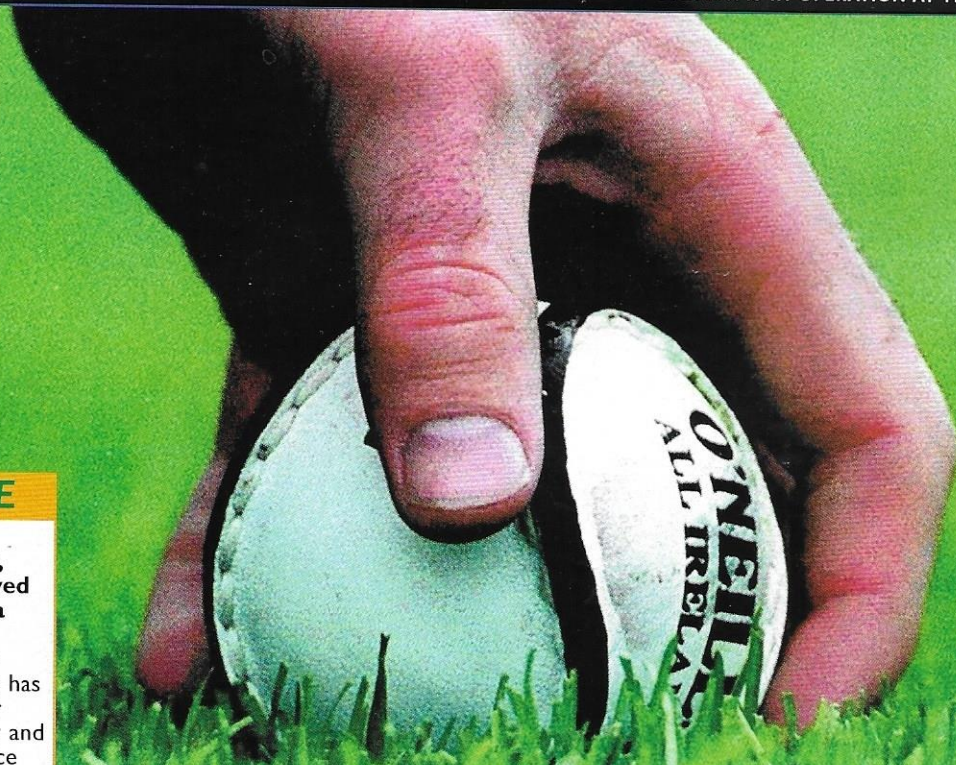




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The policy to prohibit such encroachment in the future has been taken to avoid further injuries and possible fatality and has been taken on the advice and promptings of the safety authorities, namely the Gardaí, Dublin Corporation & Fire Brigade and the Eastern Health Board. Unlike many other grounds, Croke Park with its sunken areas close to the pitch presents particular hazards in a pitch encroachment situation. Supporters are sincerely thanked for their co-operation to date and are asked to continue this co-operation in the future to ensure that games can be enjoyed without recourse to fencing or avoidable obstructions to seeing the action from all vantage points. Together we can ensure that a Croke Park experience is both enjoyable and safe, particularly for the young and vulnerable.

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Pay Phone at rear of Sections 309/310.

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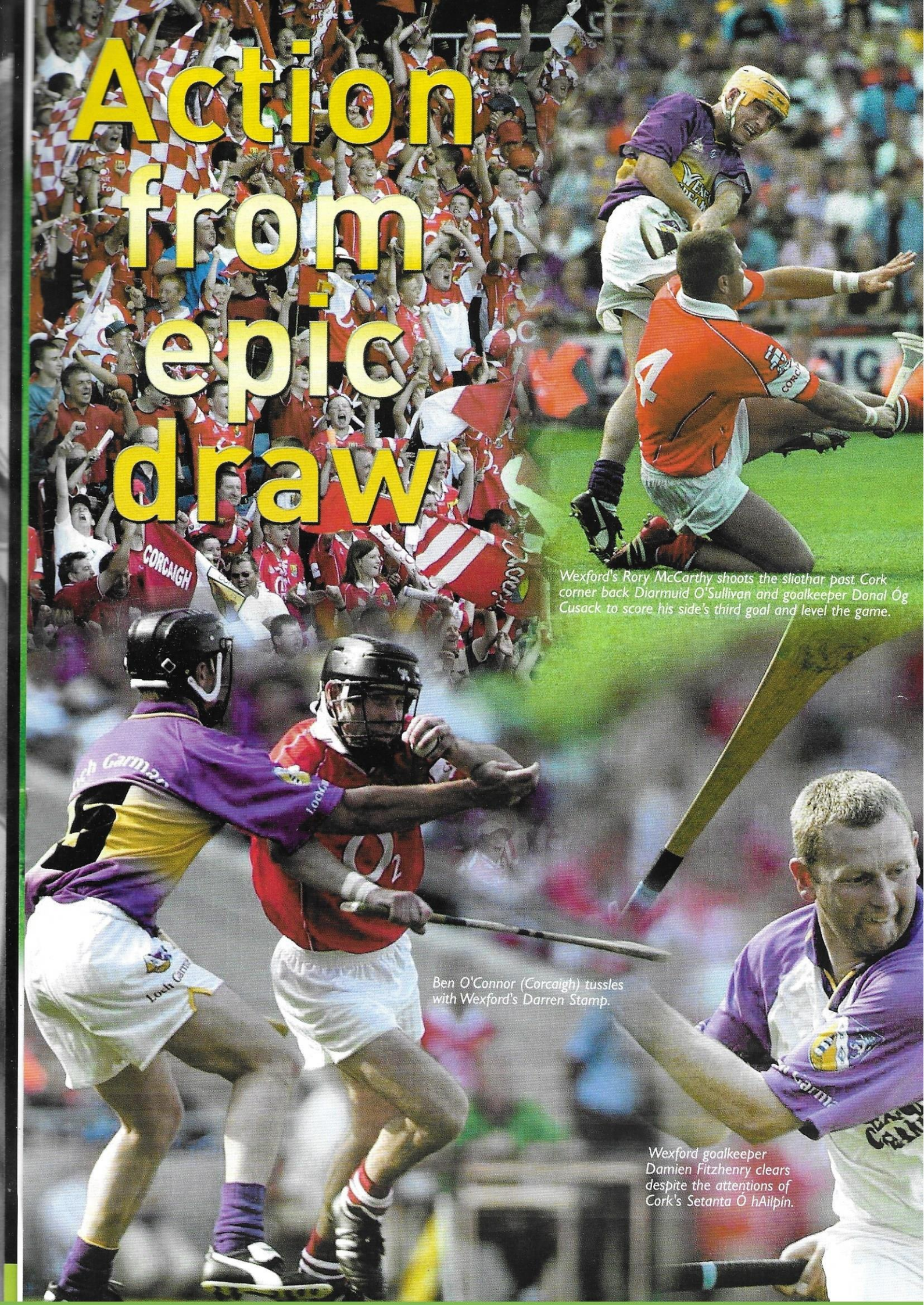
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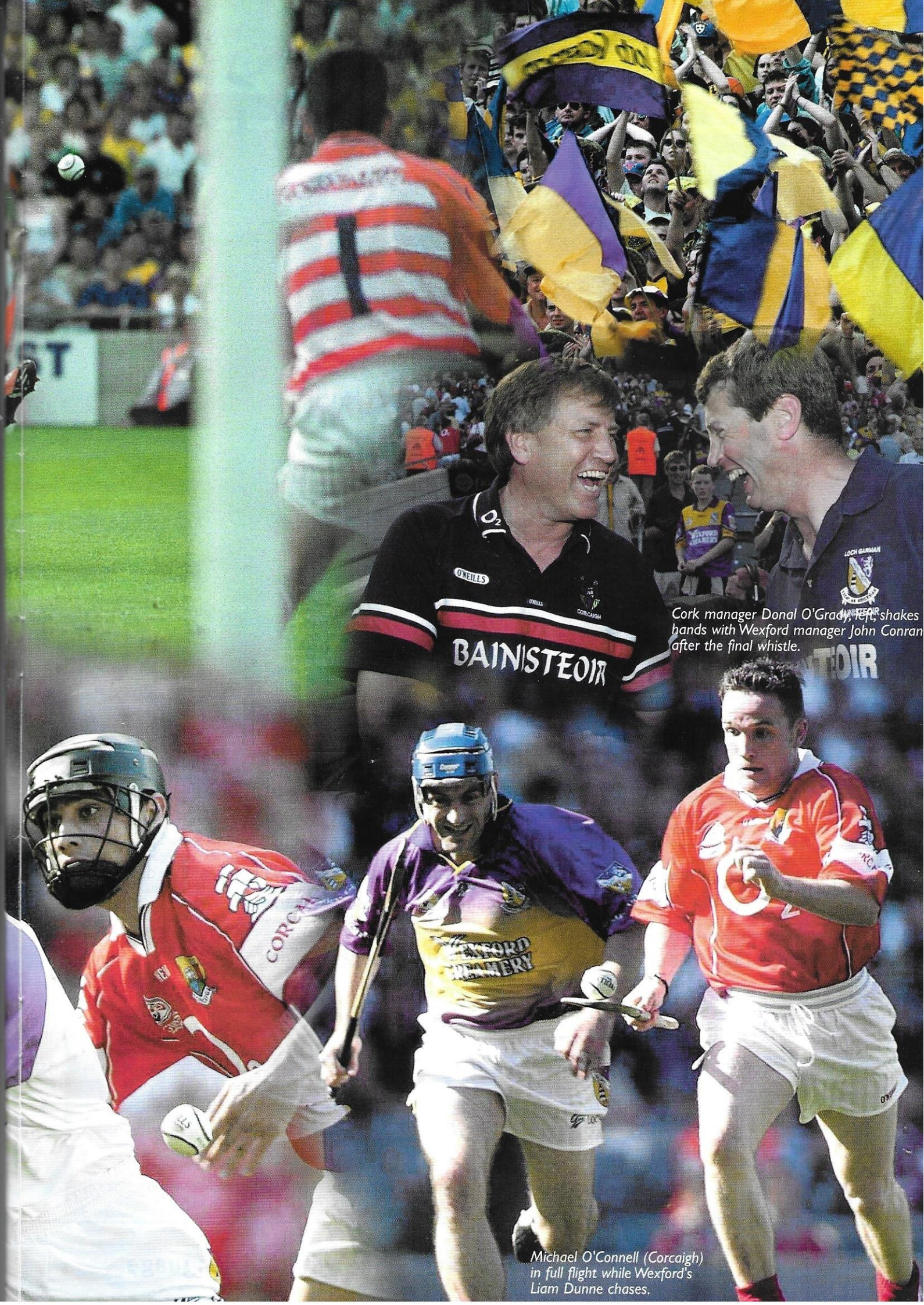
Action from epic draw



Wexford's Rory McCarthy shoots the sliotar past Cork corner back Diarmuid O'Sullivan and goalkeeper Donal Og Cusack to score his side's third goal and level the game.

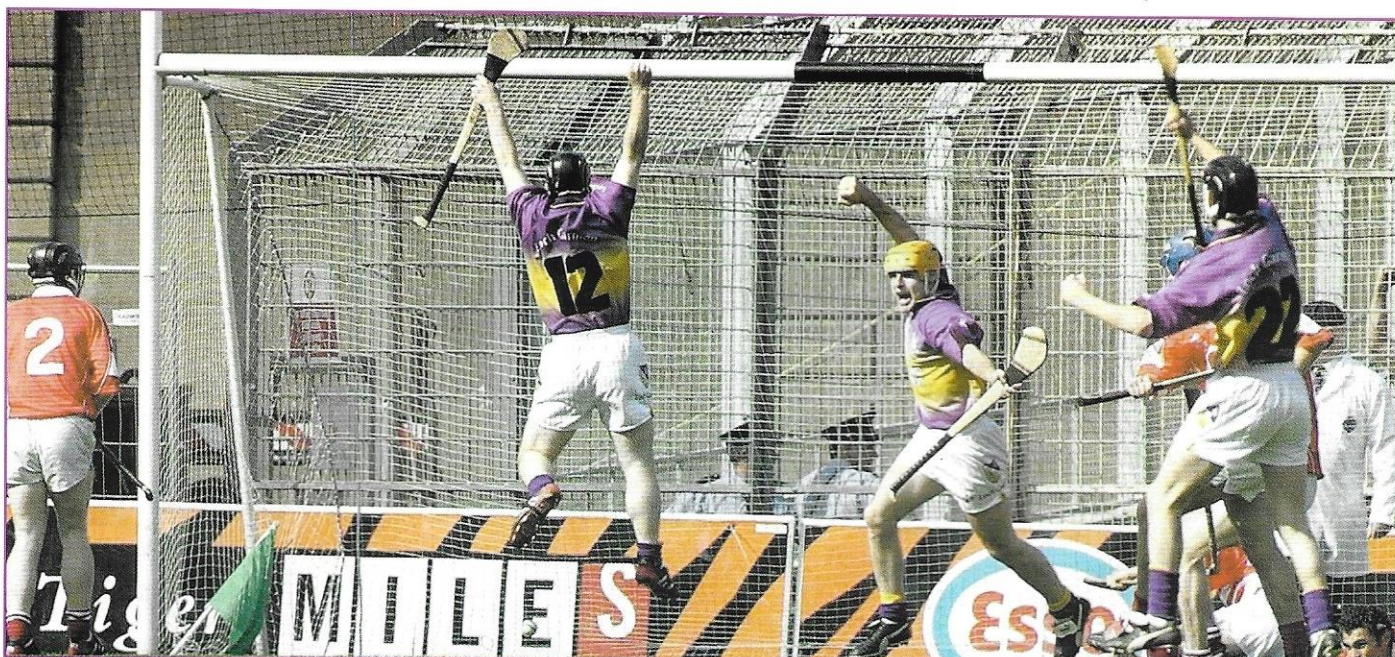
Ben O'Connor (Corcaigh) tussles with Wexford's Darren Stamp.

Wexford goalkeeper Damien Fitzhenry clears despite the attentions of Cork's Setanta Ó hAilpin.



Cork manager Donal O'Grady, left, shakes hands with Wexford manager John Conran after the final whistle.

Michael O'Connell (Corcaigh) in full flight while Wexford's Liam Dunne chases.



Wexford's Michael Jordan (centre) celebrates after scoring Wexford's second goal with teammate Michael Jacob (12) in the 2003 Guinness All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship Semi-Final at Croke Park.

Arís, Le Bhúr dToil

Chruthaigh cluiche éachtúil na seachtaine seo chaite nach mbíonn cluiche thart go mbuailtear an fheadóg dheiridh. Nuair a bhuaíl Rory McCarthy cúl na heangaí in am breise chuir sé ceann de na cluichí iománaíochta is fearr, le blianta anuas, ar chomhscór.

Nach méanar dúinn bheith i láthair don athimirt agus súil arís le cluiche den scoth san staid is fearr san Eoraip. Is féidir a bheith cinnte de rud amháin. Troidfidh an dá fhoireann iomráiteacha seo le gach a bhfuil iontu chun áit a bhaint i gcluiche ceannais Uile Éireann i mí Mheáin Fhómhair.

Cé a bhuaifadh coimhlint an lae inniu? Ceaptar go mbraithfidh freagra an ceiste arís ar cad a thitfidh amach ar pháirc na himeartha ar an lá ach go mbeidh tionchur ag imeachtaí na seachtaine seo chaite ar chúrsaí. freisin. Ní raibh taithí ar bith ag laochra Chorcaí ar Pháirc an Chrócaigh roimh chaismirt na seachtaine seo chaite. Beidh ciall cheannaithe acu inniu agus, mar is eol do chách, foghlamaíonn na Réabhlóidigh tapaigh do leor.

N'fheadar an leor sé lá dona Carmannaigh bheith ar bharr a maitheasa arís do dhúshlán an lae inniu? Beidh sé deacair dá

seanfionduiri, leithéidí Larry O'Gorman agus Larry Murphy ach go háirithe, bheith réidh do choimhlint úr. Mar sin féin, tá spiorad iontach sa bhfoireann seo agus beidh sé deacair iad a chloí má éiríonn leo tús maith a dhéanamh agus na scóranna a aimsiú le cruinneas an seachtaine seo thart.

Beidh sé níos éasca ag na Corcaigh aghaidh a thabhairt ar a gcéili comhraic arís inniu. Tá siad óg agus aclai agus beidh a chuid obair bhaile déanta ag Dónal O'Grady. Bhí fadhanna acu sa líne lán-chúil an lá faoi desired. agus is cinnte go gcuirfidh Loch Garman iad faoi dhian-scrúdú arís. Tá na deartháireacha Jacob ag éirí níos fearr le gach cluiche agus má éiríonn le Mitch Jordan an ceann is fearr a fháil ar chúilaithe Chorcaí arís beidh rith an ráis leis na Carmannaigh.

Ceaptar go bhfuil an-chluiche chugainn arís inniu agus cé go bhfuil Corcaigh mar rogha na núdar don athimirt faoi mar a bhíodar don chéad chluiche, moltar na Carmannaigh arís in ainneoin na mi-bhuntaistí thuasluaite. Tá spiorad agus diogbháilteacht faoi leith ag baint leo agus mar a léirigh siad an lá faoi desired, níl scileanna na hiománaíochta de dhíth orthu ach an oiread.

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Cork 2-20 Wexford 3-17

Prior to this clash there had been some comment in the media about how this contest was likely to be a poor relation of the magnificent matches between the same sides in the 1950s, but on an afternoon to savour Cork and Wexford served up a terrific 70 minutes before 59,435 spectators, which deservedly went to a second meeting.

A ring-rusty Cork team edged the early possession, but shot three wides in the opening four minutes. Wexford made them pay for such profligacy at the sixth minute when Paul Codd finished a move that included Darragh Ryan and Liam Dunne in supporting roles for the game's opening goal. The underdogs notched 1-4 without a wide in the opening 13 minutes and Codd's goal continued to divide the teams. Cork had a chance of a goal of their own nine minutes before the break, but Damien Fitzhenry saved Niall McCarthy's effort.

Leading by four points at the break (1-11 to 0-10), Wexford added another to their tally on the restart when Adrian Fenlon scored a superb point from a line ball. Points by Michael Jacob and Larry Murphy brought just a single in reply from Cork to leave it 1-14 to 0-11 and Wexford apparently on course for victory.

However, Mickey O'Connell's point at the 46th minute was the start of a Leaside revival, which yielded a goal by Setanta Ó hAilpiín just 60 seconds later. In the next ten minutes Cork raised the white flags five times,

Wexford just once, and when Joe Deane goaled at the 57th minute to make it 2-17 to 1-15, it appeared as if Cork would cruise to victory.

But on the hour mark Wexford were right back in it when Michael Jordan raised the green flag and two minutes later Michael Jacob reduced the deficit to the minimum. Cork, however, stalled Wexford's momentum, and a couple of points pushed them three clear as the game entered lost time. Only a goal would save the Slaneyiders now and in the last attack of the game Jordan fed Rory McCarthy who blasted the ball past Dónal Óg Cusack for the equaliser.

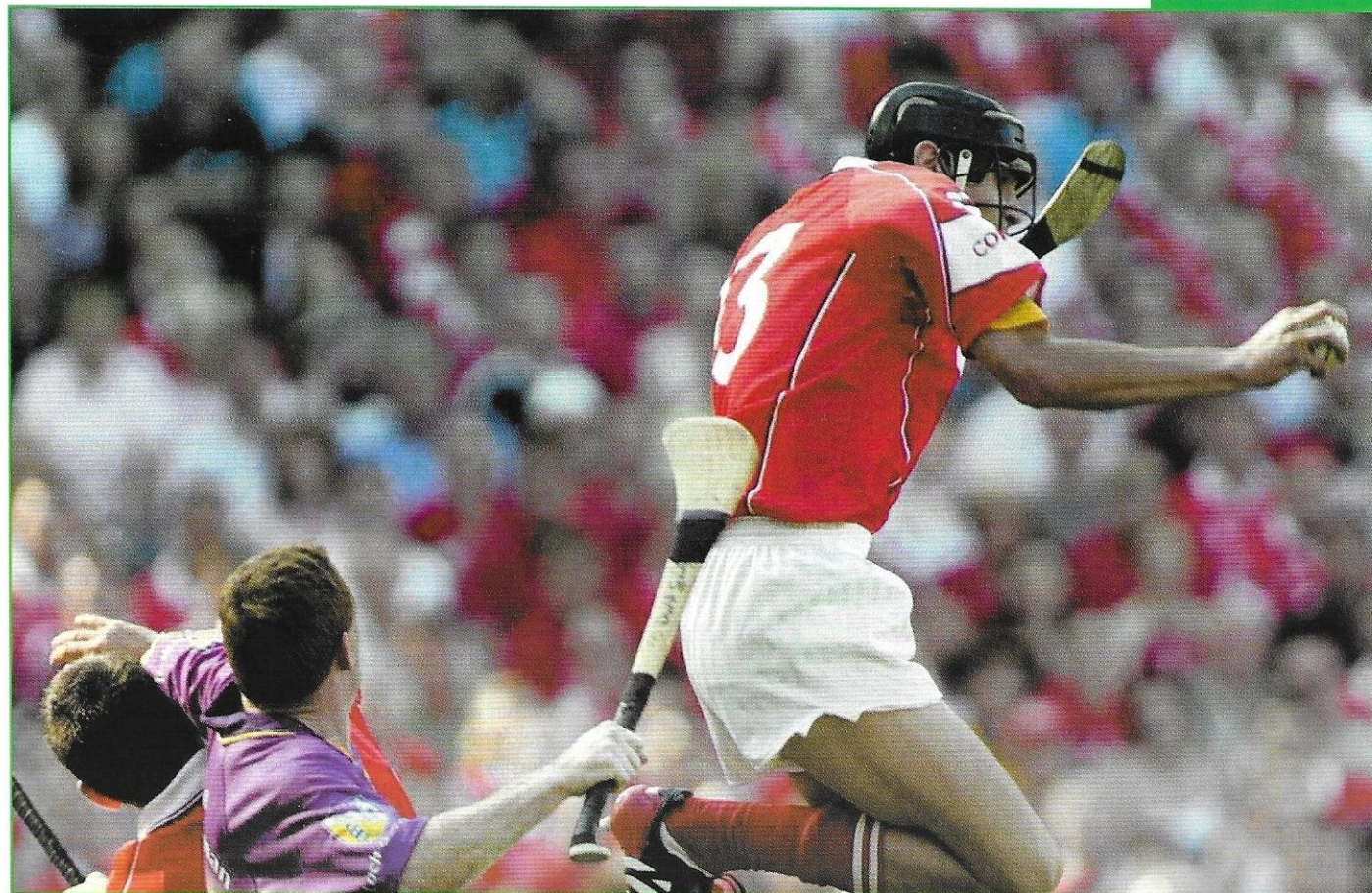
Cork scorers: J.Deane 1-7, Setanta Ó hAilpiín 1-3, J.Gardiner 0-4, A.Browne 0-2, T.McCarthy 0-1, N.McCarthy 0-1, M.O'Connell 0-1, B.O'Connor 0-1.

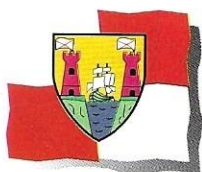
Wexford scorers: P.Codd 1-5, M.Jordan 1-3, M.Jacob 0-3, A.Fenlon 0-3, R.McCarthy 1-0, L.Murphy 0-2, R.Jacob 0-1.

Cork – Dónal Óg Cusack, Wayne Sherlock, Pat Mulcahy, Diarmuid O'Sullivan, Tom Kenny, Ronan Curran, Seán Óg Ó hAilpiín, John Gardiner, Michael O'Connell, Ben O'Connor; Niall McCarthy, Timmy McCarthy, Setanta Ó hAilpiín, Joe Deane, Alan Browne. Subs – Jerry O'Connor for Timmy McCarthy, Seanie McGrath for Niall McCarthy.

Wexford – Damien Fitzhenry, Dave Guiney, Darragh Ryan, David O'Connor, Darren Stamp, Declan Ruth, Liam Dunne, Rory McCarthy, Larry O'Gorman, Adrian Fenlon, Larry Murphy, Michael Jacob, Michael Jordan, Paul Codd, Rory Jacob. Subs – Tomás Mahon for O'Gorman, Chris McGrath for Murphy.

Setanta Ó hAilpiín (Corcaigh) catches the sliothar on the way to scoring his sides second goal in the 2003 Guinness All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship Semi-Final at Croke Park.





Their League final marathon

Although Cork and Wexford hadn't drawn in the championship until six days ago, the counties have experienced stalemate in the National League, the most famous, and recent, of which was their 1993 final meeting that took three matches to decide.

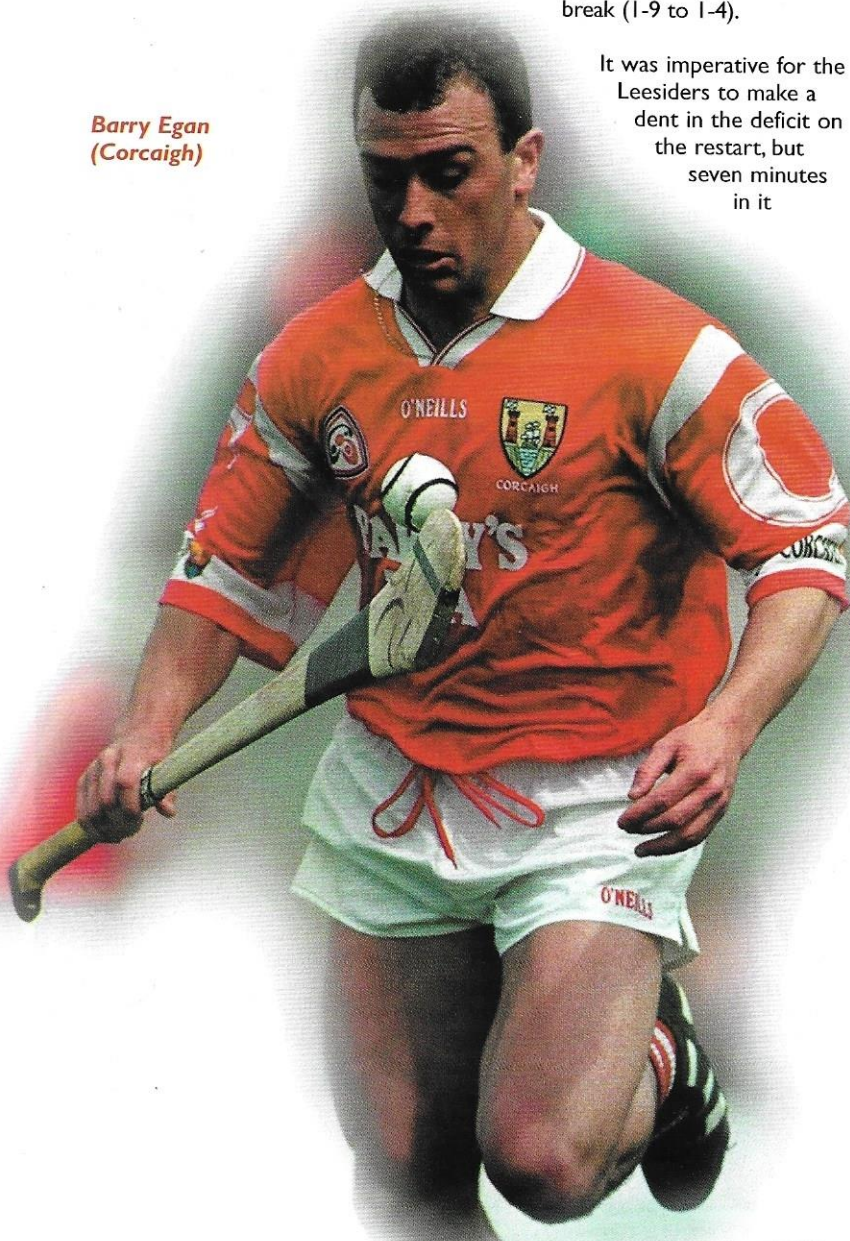
MAY 9TH

Cork 2-11 Wexford 2-11

This was a superb contest played out before 21,900 spectators at Semple Stadium. Seeking their first league title in more than 20 years, Wexford availed of the breeze in the opening half and had the better of affairs, but Ger Manley's goal at the 13th minute kept them in check and ten minutes before half-time they led by just two points (0-6 to 1-1). However, a superb goal by Larry Murphy gave the Slaneysiders a five-point lead and that was still the gap between the sides at the break (1-9 to 1-4).

It was imperative for the Leesiders to make a dent in the deficit on the restart, but seven minutes in it

**Barry Egan
(Corcaigh)**



appeared as if Wexford were on their way when Eamonn Scallan collected Tom Dempsey's centre and brilliantly shot past Tom Kingston for a seven-point lead. The Rebels did respond with points from Barry Egan and Sean McCarthy and then had a goal when Manley scooped the ball home after Damien Fitzhenry had brilliantly denied Pat Buckley.

George O'Connor pointed to settle Wexford, but the momentum was with Cork and following points by Egan and McCarthy (two), three minutes from time Manley edged the Rebels in front. But Wexford refused to go quietly and Murphy fired over the equaliser. Indeed, Wexford might have sneaked it but John O'Connor missed a 50-yard free with the last puck of the game.

Cork scorers: G.Manley 2-1, B.Egan 0-6, S.McCarthy 0-3, C.Casey 0-1.

Wexford scorers: L.Murphy 1-3, E.Scallan 1-1, J.O'Connor 0-2, G.O'Connor 0-2, M.Storey 0-2, E.Cleary 0-1.

Cork – T.Kingston, J.Considine, S.O'Gorman, B.Corcoran, D.Walsh, J.Cashman, P.Hartnett, C.Casey, S.McCarthy, T.McCarthy, T.Mulcahy, P.Buckley, G.Manley, K.Hennessy, B.Egan.

Wexford – D.Fitzhenry, S.Flood, G.Cush, N.McDonald, J.O'Connor, L.Dunne, L.O'Gorman, T.Dunne, G.O'Connor, M.Storey, J.Bolger, T.Dempsey, E.Scallan, E.Cleary, L.Murphy. Subs – D.Guiney for McDonald, B.Byrne for Dempsey.

MAY 16TH

**Cork 0-18 Wexford 3-9
(after extra time)**

In soggy conditions, the replay was every bit as exciting as the drawn encounter and extra time could not force a decision. Cork looked marginally the better outfit in the early stages and opened up a 0-3 to 0-1 lead, but were lucky to stay in front after a Tom Kingston error appeared to give Eamonn Cleary a goal, but the referee gave a free out. However, Wexford soon got back on terms and at the break the sides couldn't be separated.

Cork got back into their stride on the restart and with the Slaneyside attack struggling, they slowly pulled clear. With just five minutes remaining the Leesiders led by 0-10 to 0-6, but a goal by Billy Byrne left just a point in it and two minutes from time Larry O'Gorman fired over the equaliser. A '65' from Cathal Casey edged Cork back in front, but Liam Dunne fed Martin Storey for an equaliser to force extra time (0-11 to 1-8).

Within a minute of the opening period of extra time Wexford were three points to the good after Larry Murphy's shot was deflected into the net by Sean O'Gorman, but they didn't score again as points by Egan (two), Casey and Tom Mulcahy put Cork ahead on the changeover. However, Wexford struck early again and within 30 seconds of the resumption Cleary had their



third goal for a two-point lead. A point from O'Gorman pushed them three clear, before points from Pat Buckley and Egan left just the minimum between the sides. Nine scoreless minutes passed before Jim Cashman lofted over the equaliser. Again John O'Connor had a late chance for victory but, as in the drawn encounter, it wasn't to be.

Cork scorers: B.Egan 0-5, C.Casey 0-4, T.McCarthy 0-3, G.Manley 0-2, P.Buckley 0-2, J.Cashman 0-1, S.McCarthy 0-1.

Wexford scorers: M.Storey 0-4, E.Cleary 1-0, L.Murphy 1-0, B.Byrne 1-0, E.Scallan 0-2, L.O'Gorman 0-2, T.Dempsey 0-1.

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Wexford – D.Fitzhenry, S.Flood, G.Cush, L.McDonald, J.O'Connor, L.Dunne, L.O'Gorman, G.O'Connor, T.Dunne, M.Storey, J.Bolger, T.Dempsey, E.Scallan, E.Cleary, L.Murphy. Subs – B.Byrne for Bolger, E.Sinnott for Scallan, C.McBride for Sinnott, D.Prendergast for Murphy.

MAY 22ND

Cork 3-11 Wexford 1-12

Despite the fact that Cork won this second replay by five points, this was the best game of the three and the final margin belies just how close a contest this was. Playing with the wind, the Slaneysiders needed to build up an early advantage, but it was Cork who took the lead at the sixth minute when Barry Egan booted the ball past Damien Fitzhenry and the same player quickly added a point to make it 1-2 to 0-2.

However, at the tenth minute the leaders were reduced to 14 men when Leonard Forde was dismissed, rather harshly, for a challenge on Martin Storey, but the Leesiders continued to have the better of affairs to lead by 1-5 to 0-4 at the 20th minute. But Wexford made use of their numerical superiority to score four unanswered points and be on terms at the break (0-8 to 1-5).

However, within 30 seconds of the restart Tomás Mulcahy goalied for Cork, but Wexford calmly responded with points from Tullie McBride and Tom Dempsey to reduce the deficit to the minimum. And six minutes after the restart they took the lead when Eamonn Cleary beat Ger Cunningham for Wexford's only goal, which was quickly supplemented by a Dempsey point.

A brace of points by Egan brought Cork within one before the end of the third quarter and Cathal Casey's minor three minutes into the fourth left it 2-8 to 1-11. The momentum and the elements were with the Rebels and Pat Buckley fired over the lead point. An opportunist goal from John Fitzgibbon pushed Cork four

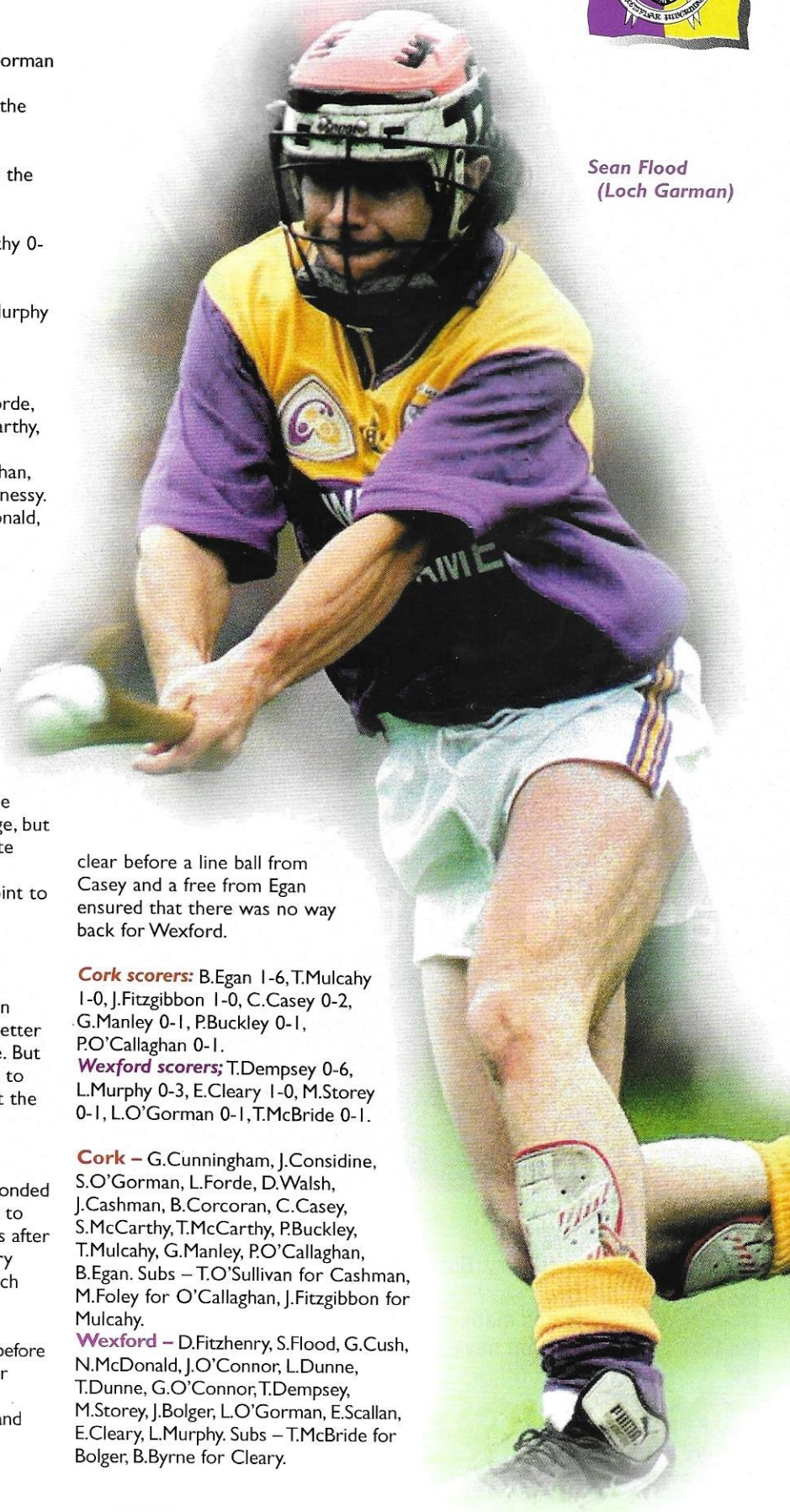
clear before a line ball from Casey and a free from Egan ensured that there was no way back for Wexford.

Cork scorers: B.Egan 1-6, T.Mulcahy 1-0, J.Fitzgibbon 1-0, C.Casey 0-2, G.Manley 0-1, P.Buckley 0-1, P.O'Callaghan 0-1.

Wexford scorers: T.Dempsey 0-6, L.Murphy 0-3, E.Cleary 1-0, M.Storey 0-1, L.O'Gorman 0-1, T.McBride 0-1.

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Sean Flood
(Loch Garman)

Corcaigh agus
Loch Garman

LEAGUE AND CHAMPIONSHIP



Including last Sunday's epic, Cork and Wexford have played eight championship and 50 league games against each other. In the premier competition Cork have won six, drawn one and lost one, but their lead in the secondary competition is surprisingly narrow with the Leesiders winning 24, losing 21 and drawing five.

CHAMPIONSHIP

1890 at Clonturk Park:

Wexford 2-2; Cork 1-6

*A goal exceeded any number of points, but Cork awarded the tie when Wexford withdrew.

1901 at Jones's Road:

Cork 2-8 Wexford 0-6

1954 at Croke Park:

Cork 1-9; Wexford 1-6

1956 at Croke Park:

Wexford 2-14; Cork 2-8

1970 at Croke Park:

Cork 6-21; Wexford 5-10

1976 at Croke Park:

Cork 2-21; Wexford 4-11

1977 at Croke Park:

Cork 1-17; Wexford 3-8

2003 at Croke Park:

Cork 2-20; Wexford 3-17

1972/73 at Cork:

Wexford 1-9; Cork 1-7

1973/74 at Wexford:

Wexford 1-14; Cork 2-9

1974/75 at Midleton:

Cork 4-9; Wexford 2-7

1975/76 at New Ross:

Wexford 3-7; Cork 1-0

1976/77 at Wexford:

Wexford 2-15; Cork 4-8

1977/78 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Cork 1-15; Wexford 0-9

1980/81 at New Ross:

Cork 4-12; Wexford 1-7

1981/82 at Thurles (Semi/final):

Wexford 2-17; Cork 1-16

1982/83 at Wexford:

Wexford 1-10; Cork 0-6

1983/84 at Midleton:

Cork 2-11; Wexford 1-9

at Thurles (Semi-final):

Wexford 4-9; Cork 1-14

1984/85 at Wexford Park:

Wexford 2-17; Cork 2-6

1986/87 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Cork 2-12; Wexford 2-7

1987/88 at New Ross:

Wexford 1-10; Cork 2-6

1989/90 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Cork 2-13; Wexford 0-15

at Thurles (Semi-final):

Wexford 2-12; Cork 2-12

at Nowlan Park (Replay):

Wexford 1-9; Cork 0-6

1990/91 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Wexford 3-15; Cork 3-9

1991/92 at Wexford Park:

Cork 3-13; Wexford 1-10

1992/93 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Wexford 3-13; Cork 1-10

at Thurles (Final):

Cork 2-11; Wexford 2-11

at Thurles (Replay):

Cork 0-18; Wexford 3-9

at Thurles (2nd replay):

Cork 3-11 Wexford 1-12

1993/94 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Cork 2-12; Wexford 1-5

1998 at New Ross:

Wexford 1-11; Cork 1-11

1999 at Gorey:

Cork 1-18; Wexford 1-14

2000 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Cork 4-16; Wexford 2-14

2001 at Enniscorthy:

Wexford 2-14; Cork 1-9

2002 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Cork 0-24; Wexford 2-12

2003 at Wexford Park:

Cork 2-14; Wexford 1-10

LEAGUE

1945/46 at :

Cork 4-9; Wexford 1-5

1946/47 at New Ross:

Wexford 6-7; Cork 6-3

1947/48 at New Ross:

Wexford 7-5; Cork 5-5

1948/49 at Cork:

Cork 8-5; Wexford 4-4

1951/52 at New Ross:

Wexford 5-11; Cork 4-6

1952/53 at Cork:

Cork 3-7; Wexford 2-6

1953/54 at Cork:

Cork 3-11; Wexford 0-6

1954/55 at Enniscorthy:

Wexford 3-6; Cork 1-4

1955/56 at Wexford:

Wexford 1-14; Cork 1-8

1956/57 at Cork:

Cork 5-8; Wexford 3-11

1957/58 at New Ross:

Wexford 4-4; Cork 4-3

1958/59 at Cork:

Cork 5-7; Wexford 5-6

1959/60 at Cork:

Cork 7-9 Wexford 5-4

1960/61 at Enniscorthy:

Wexford 2-10; Cork 3-7

1961/62 at Cork:

Cork 9-7; Wexford 3-6

1962/63 at Enniscorthy:

Wexford 5-13; Cork 7-4

1963/64 at Croke Park (Semi-final):

Wexford 2-9; Cork 2-7

1968/69 at Croke Park (Final):

Cork 3-12; Wexford 1-14

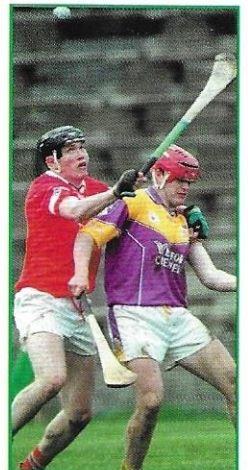
1970/71 at Cork:

Cork 1-16; Wexford 3-6

1971/72 at New Ross:

Cork 6-7; Wexford 3-8

John Browne (Corcaigh) in action against Colm Byrne (Loch Garman) in the National Hurling League at Enniscorthy.





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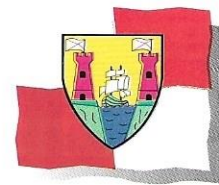
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The Cork report... draws and replays



Cork's first experience of draws and replays was neither a happy nor inspiring one. In the 1896 championship at Kilmallock, Tipperary and Cork played a 1-3 all draw in the Munster semi-final. That game, with the championship running late, was played on August 1st, 1897, and the replay was eagerly looked forward to by all hurling enthusiasts. But the second meeting was a disaster for Cork. For some reason that has never been explained, the Central Council (there were no provincial councils at that time) decided that the replay should be played at Jones's Road, and it was on the first Sunday in November. Short several regulars, Cork were never in the game and finished a well-beaten side, 2-3 to 7-9.

And it was Tipperary that Cork played in their next drawn game when they scored 2-3 to the opposition's 3-0 at Dungarvan in the 1898 championship, and again it was an August-November affair with Tipperary again victors by 1-13 to 1-2 at Kilmallock. An unfinished game with Tipperary in 1905 resulted in a walk over for Cork, and in the same year Cork beat Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final only to be called back to a replay as a result of an objection by the losers, which they lost at Dungarvan (2-9 to 7-7).

Victory At Last

For 20 years stalemate and replays were unknown by the Lee, but then in the 1926 Munster final, Cork at last got the second-meeting problem right. Cork's liberation could not have come in more appropriate circumstances. At the Athletic Grounds the huge crowd spilled over onto the pitch and the game with Tipperary had to be abandoned after only 15 minutes.

A week later at Thurles a classic ended in a 4-1 to 3-4 draw, and on the first Sunday in October, again at Thurles, it was sweetness all the way as Cork beat the reigning All-Ireland champions by 3-6 to 2-4. Cork's first replay victory was one of the county's most cherished achievements. Having discovered the replay touch Cork again applied it in beating Clare at the second attempt (6-4 to 2-2) in the 1928 Munster final.

But it was in 1931 that Cork really blossomed as replay specialists. Their epic journey began at Clonmel on August 16th when they drew (1-9 to 4-0) with Waterford. A fortnight later at the same venue Cork won by 5-4 to 1-2. Seven days after the Clonmel replay Cork took on Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final and finished level (1-6 all). Five weeks later one of the greatest All-Ireland finals ended with the scores level (2-5 each). There was no provision for extra time and on the 1st of November a decision was reached with Cork winning by 5-8 to 3-4.

A Huge Shock

Cork had their sights on Limerick in 1936, but Clare was to provide a shock in the quarter-final when, after the 3-7 to 4-4 draw at Thurles, they were destroyed in the replay by 19 points (9-1 to 2-3). It took some time for Cork to recover from that shock; but though they lost the next replay (1940), their two games with Limerick in that year's provincial final were classics – the Shannonsiders winning margin being two points (3-3 to 2-4).

The 1944 dual confrontation with Limerick was, if

anything, a more celebrated episode of a great rivalry. Despite wartime travel restrictions there was a huge crowd at Thurles on July 16th. At one stage Cork led by nine points, but had to depend on a late goal to earn a draw (6-7 to 4-13). The replay a fortnight later will always be recalled for Ring's wonderful solo run and parting shot, which produced the winning goal (4-6 to 3-6). The "bicycle finals", as they were popularly known, were wonderful occasions.

Cork's third draw and replay of the Forties was in 1949. At Limerick in the first round, what looked a perfectly good goal was not flagged, possibly due to the poor reactions of the umpire. That goal would have won the match for Cork and at the end of the hour in the replay the sides still couldn't be separated, but in extra time Tipperary edged it by 2-8 to 1-9.

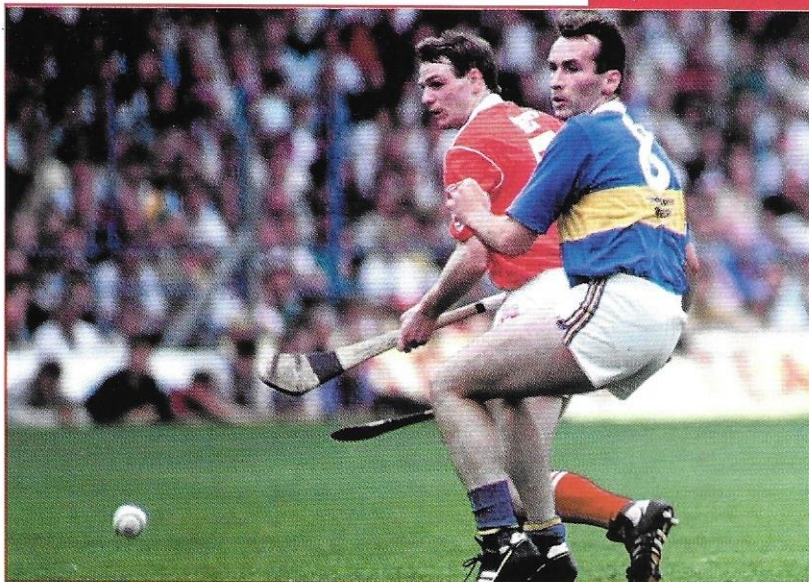
The Modern Era

Through all of the fifties and early sixties it was decisions all the way for Cork, and it wasn't until 1965 that they again finished an hour "all square", which was in their semi-final clash with Waterford at Limerick, where it was 2-6 all before Cork held out to win the second meeting by 1-11 to 2-5 at the same venue. The following year Clare held Cork in the first round (3-8 each), but the Leesiders strolled to an easy victory in the replay at the Gaelic Grounds (5-11 to 1-7). And the decade was finished with yet another replay success – a 3-8 to 1-4 dismissal of Clare at Thurles, where five weeks previously it had finished 2-11 to 4-5.

But it was strictly decisions all the way in the 1970s and 14 years were to pass before stalemate again attended Cork's efforts. This time Cork prevailed at the second attempt by 1-14 to 1-12 at Limerick's expense in 1983. Four years later Cork beat the same opposition at the second time of asking, but that was to prove their last replay success as since then they have lost second meetings to Tipperary (1987), Waterford (1989) and Tipperary again (1991).

In Cork's 19 draws and replays to date, the Leesiders have won eleven and lost eight; a good overall record considering their poor start and disappointing finish.

Action from the 1991 Munster Hurling Final, Semple Stadium, Thurles.





The Replay Routes

Corcaigh

8th June at Thurles:

Cork 1-18; Clare 0-10

Scorers – Joe Deane 1-8, Setanta Ó hAilpín 0-3, Niall McCarthy 0-2, Timmy McCarthy 0-1, Mick O'Connell 0-1, Ben O'Connor 0-1, John Gardiner 0-1, Diarmuid O'Sullivan 0-1.

29th June at Thurles:

Cork 3-16; Waterford 3-12

Scorers – Joe Deane 1-4, Ben O'Connor 0-4, John Gardiner 0-4, Alan Browne 1-1, Setanta Ó hAilpín 1-0, Niall McCarthy 0-2, Tom Kenny 0-1.

10th August at Croke Park:

Cork 2-20; Wexford 3-17

Scorers – Joe Deane 1-7, Setanta Ó hAilpín 1-3, John Gardiner 0-4, Alan Browne 0-2, Timmy McCarthy 0-1, Niall McCarthy 0-1, Mick O'Connell 0-1, Ben O'Connor 0-1.

Total Scored 6-54 (72)

Total Conceded 6-39 (57) Average 1.26

Scorers – Joe Deane 3-19, Setanta Ó hAilpín 2-6, John Gardiner 0-9, Ben O'Connor 0-6, Alan Browne 1-3, Niall McCarthy 0-5, Timmy McCarthy 0-2, Mick O'Connell 0-2, Diarmuid O'Sullivan 0-1, Tom Kenny 0-1.

Loch Garman

8th June at Nowlan Park:

Wexford 0-16; Offaly 1-12

Scorers – Paul Codd 0-7, Rory Jacob 0-2, Michael Jordan 0-2, Damien Fitzhenry 0-1, Rory McCarthy 0-1, Barry Goff 0-1, Chris McGrath 0-1, Michael Jacob 0-1.

6th July at Croke Park:

Kilkenny 2-23; Wexford 2-12

Scorers – Paul Codd 0-4, Barry Lambert 1-1, Chris McGrath 1-0, Michael Jacob 0-2, Michael Jordan 0-1, Rory Jacob 0-1, Darren Stamp 0-1, Adrian Fenlon 0-1, Barry Goff 0-1.

19th July at Nowlan Park:

Wexford 1-20; Waterford 0-18

Scorers – Paul Codd 0-8, Rory Jacob 1-3, Michael Jacob 0-2, Larry Murphy 0-2, Michael Jordan 0-2, Adrian Fenlon 0-1, Darren Stamp 0-1, Thomas Mahon 0-1.

27th July at Croke Park:

Wexford 2-15; Antrim 2-12

Scorers – Paul Codd 1-7, Larry Murphy 0-3, Chris McGrath 1-0, Rory Jacob 0-2, Michael Jacob 0-1, Barry Lambert 0-1, Rory McCarthy 0-1.

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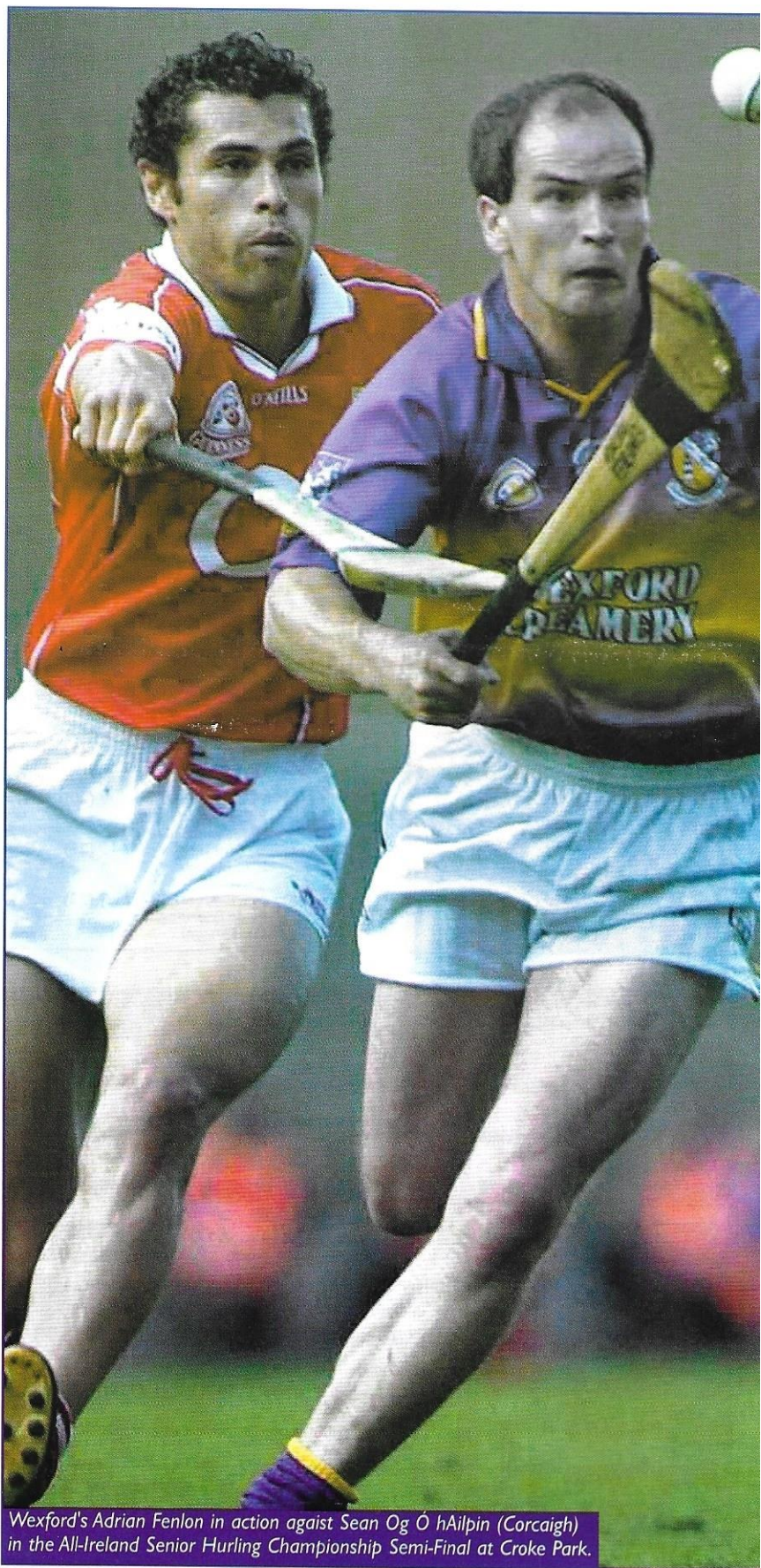
Wexford 3-17; Cork 2-20

Scorers – Paul Codd 1-5, Michael Jordan 1-3, Michael Jacob 0-3, Adrian Fenlon 0-3, Rory McCarthy 1-0, Larry Murphy 0-2, Rory Jacob 0-1.

Total Scored 8-80 (104)

Total Conceded 7-85 (106) Average 0.98

Scorers – Paul Codd 2-31, Rory Jacob 1-9, Michael Jordan 1-8, Michael Jacob 0-9, Larry Murphy 0-7, Chris McGrath 2-1, Adrian Fenlon 0-5, Barry Lambert 1-2, Rory McCarthy 1-2, Darren Stamp 0-2, Barry Goff 0-2, Damien Fitzhenry 0-1, Thomas Mahon 0-1.



Wexford's Adrian Fenlon in action against Sean Og Ó hAilpín (Corcaigh) in the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship Semi-Final at Croke Park.



Corcaigh

Dathanna: Dearg is Bán



An Captaen



Alan Browne

The Blackrock man went in as a second half substitute in the 1999 Munster senior final win, and in Cork's All-Ireland senior final win that year over Kilkenny, he also was sent in from the substitutes bench and hit a point.

Alan was on duty from the start in Cork's Munster final win over Tipperary three years ago.

In last year's Cork county final, full forward Browne's goal in the 20th minute was a key factor in his club's successful defence of the title.

He was also on the target in his two earlier county senior medal wins. In the 1999 summit Browne scored 2-2 as Blackrock regained the title after fourteen years and in their 2001 final win he hit a superb 3-8.

2
WAYNE SHERLOCK
U. Scórlog
(Blackrock)

5
TOM KENNY
T. Ó Cionaoith
(Grenagh)

8
JOHN GARDINER
S. Ó Gairnéir
(Na Piarasaigh)

10
BEN O'CONNOR
B. Ó Conchúir
(Newtownshandrum)

13
SETANTA Ó hAILPÍN
S. Ó hAilpín
(Na Piarasaigh)

3
PAT MULCAHY
P. Ó Maolchathaigh
(Newtownshandrum)

6
RONAN CURRAN
R. Ó Corráin
(St. Finbarr's)

9
MICHAEL O'CONNELL
M. Ó Conaill
(Midleton)

11
NIALL McCARTHY
N. Mac Cárthaigh
(Carrigtwohill)

14
JOE DEANE
S. Ó Déin
(Killeagh)

4
DIARMUID O'SULLIVAN
D. Ó Súilleabháin
(Cloyne)

7
SEÁN ÓG Ó hAILPÍN
S. Óg Ó hAilpín
(Na Piarasaigh)

12
TIMMY McCARTHY
T. Mac Cárthaigh
(Castlelyons)

15
ALAN BROWNE
A. de Brún (Capt.)
(Blackrock)

Fir Ionaid

(16) Paul Morrissey P. Ó Muireasa (Newtownshandrum)	(19) Derek Barrett D. Baróid (Cobh)	(23) Brendan Lombard B. Lombard (Ballinhassig)	(27) Adrian Coughlan A. Ó Cochláin (Blackrock)
(17) Brian Murphy B. Ó Murchú (Bride Rovers)	(20) Kieran Murphy C. Ó Murchú (Sarsfields)	(24) Paul Tierney P. Mac Tiarnaigh (Blackrock)	(28) Aidan Fitzpatrick A. Mac Giolla Phódraig (St. Finbarr's)
(18) Mark Prendergast M. de Priondragás (Na Piarasaigh)	(21) Sean McGrath S. Mac Craith (Glen Rovers)	(25) Martin Coleman M. Ó Colmáin (Ballinhassig)	(29) John Anderson S. Andersan (Glen Rovers)
	(22) Jerry O'Connor D. Ó Conchúir (Newtownshandrum)	(26) Michael Burns M. Ó Broin (Killeagh)	(30) Jason Barrett S. Baróid (Carrigtwohill)

Corcaigh

Cúil Cúilíní Seachai 65m Saor Pocanna

1adh Leath

2adh Leath

IOMLÁN

Bainisteoir

Donal O'Grady



Donal is in his first season as manager of the Cork senior side. He was full back in the team that beat Offaly in the Centenary Year All-Ireland final at Thurles (1994). He also won a National League medal in 1981, when he captained the side.

O'Grady helped his club, St. Finbarr's, to Cork county senior hurling titles and he also won a county senior football souvenir with the club.

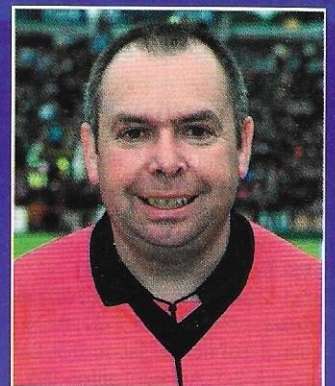
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An Réiteoir:

Aodán Mac Suibhne

(Baile Átha Cliath)



Loch Garman

Dathanna: Corcora is Ór



1 DAMIEN FITZHENRY

D. Mac Einrí
(Duffry Rovers)

2 DAVE GUINEY

D. Ó Guiní
(Rathnure)

3 DARRAGH RYAN

D. Ó Riain
(St. Anne's)

4 DAVID O'CONNOR

D. Ó Conchúir
(St. Anne's)

5 DARREN STAMP

D. Stamp
(Oulart-The Ballagh)

6 DECLAN RUTH

D. Rút
(Rapparees)

7 LIAM DUNNE

L. Ó Doinn
(Oulart-The Ballagh)

8 RORY MCCARTHY

R. Mac Cárthaigh
(St. Martin's)

9 LARRY O'GORMAN

L. Ó Gormáin
(Faythe Harriers)

10 ADRIAN FENLON

A. Ó Fionnaláin
(Rapparees)

11 LARRY MURPHY

L. Ó Murchú
(Cloughbawn)

12 MICHAEL JACOB

M. Iacob
(Oulart-The Ballagh)

13 MICHEÁL JORDAN

M. Mac Shiúrtáin
(Marshallstown)

14 PAUL CODD

P. Mac Óda (Capt.)
(Rathnure)

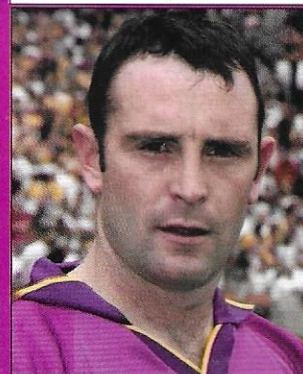
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	(22) Tomás Mahon T. Ó Mathúna (Rapparees)	(26) M. J. Furlong M. S. Furlong (Cloughbawn)	(30) Duine Eile

An Captaen



Paul Codd

Paul made his senior inter-county debut on his 18th birthday (1st December 1994) in Wexford's Oireachtas Cup final win over Cork.

He captained Wexford to their 1996 Leinster under-21 title and a year later helped to bring the provincial senior title to the Slaneyside.

One of the most efficient finishers in the game, the Wexford captain is maintaining a proud family record.

His grandfather, Martin, was centre half forward in the Wexford team that beat Cork in the 1956 All-Ireland senior final and his father, Mike, also represented the county.

The St. Jude's clubman takes charge of his third All-Ireland senior semi-final tie in a year. He refereed last year's Kilkenny-Tipperary match and, of course, was the man-in-the-middle at last Sunday's epic Cork-Wexford clash.

Aodán made his debut as an All-Ireland senior final referee at last year's meeting of Kilkenny and Clare. That followed appearances as an All-Ireland referee at minor (1994) and under-21 (2001).

He has refereed at interprovincial and National League finals level, as well as championship games in Leinster, Ulster and Munster. A major assignment earlier this year was the Leinster final between Kilkenny and Wexford.

Loch Garman

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	65m	Saor Pocanna
Iadh Leath					
2adh Leath					
IOMLÁN					

Bainisteoir



John Conran

John won an All-Ireland Colleges' senior medal in 1973 with St. Peter's College, Wexford, and was a member of the county senior panel from 1976 to 1991.

He won two Leinster senior hurling medals as a substitute and was an All Star in 1987 at left half back.

Conran had a long career in club games and played in twenty two consecutive senior campaigns with Rathnure, during which he won eight county medals and four Leinster senior souvenirs.

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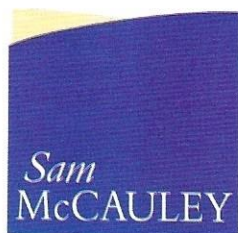
John Conran (Manager),
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Wexford's last draw and replay victory... 1994

Wexford 3-13 Dublin 2-16

At Nowlan Park there was an electric start to this contest with four players sent to the line with the game just three minutes old. Eamonn Clancy and Shay Boland of Dublin, along with Wexford's George O'Connor and Tom Dempsey all received their marching orders, but despite that show of authority by referee Sean O'Meara, three more players – Ciaran Barr, John O'Connor and Liam Dunne – were booked before the break. Dublin had just one wide in the opening half and scored 2-8, while Wexford had eight and notched just 0-5.

On the restart, Dublin added another couple of points to their lead and things looked very bleak for Wexford when they trailed by nine points at the end of the third quarter (0-9 to 2-12). Paul Finn's goal took three of that deficit, but O'Grady's point edged Dublin's lead back up to seven. However, in the next ten minutes Wexford hit 2-3 without reply (Larry Murphy and Finn grabbing the goals) to lead by two points, but three unanswered points for the Metropolitans had them back in front, before Storey fired over the equaliser in front of an enthralled attendance of 10,000.

Wexford scorers: P.Finn 2-1, A.Fenlon 0-5, M.Storey 0-5, L.Murphy 1-1, J.O'Connor 0-1.

Wexford – D.Fitzhenry, D.McDonald, J.O'Connor, G.Kavanagh, T.Dunne, L.Dunne, L.O'Gorman, A.Fenlon, T.Kehoe, P.Finn, M.Storey, T.Dempsey, L.Murphy, G.O'Connor, E.Scallan. **Subs** – C.McBride, E.Cleary, P.Carton.

Replay – Wexford 3-22 Dublin 1-11

Amazingly the replay was nearly as robust as the drawn encounter with Dublin again finishing with just 13 players, but this time a full-complement Wexford strolled to a 17-point victory. The Slaneysiders got off to a good start and a John O'Connor penalty in the second minute helped them into a 1-2 to nil lead. Dublin did respond to get on terms, but Billy Byrne's goal soon had Wexford back in front and by the interval, despite playing against the wind, the Slaneysiders led by six points – 2-7 to 0-7.

Dublin lost their first player within two minutes of the resumption and Byrne's second goal quickly followed as Wexford sped to a 13-point advantage by the end of the third quarter. They continued to press on and had 18 points to spare when Dublin were reduced to 13 men six minutes from time. With victory assured, the leaders eased up in the closing minutes to allow Dublin a consolation goal, but even if the Metropolitans had been at full-strength throughout, it is unlikely that Wexford would have been denied.

Wexford scorers: B.Byrne 2-2, E.Scallan 0-7, M.Storey 0-3, J.O'Connor 1-0, P.Finn 0-2, L.Dunne 0-2, A.Fenlon 0-2, G.Cush 0-1, L.Murphy 0-1, J.Fleming 0-1, T.Kehoe 0-1.

Wexford – D.Fitzhenry, D.McDonald, G.Cush, J.O'Connor, G.Kavanagh, L.Dunne, L.O'Gorman, A.Fenlon, T.Dunne, P.Finn, M.Storey, T.Kehoe, L.Murphy, B.Byrne, E.Scallan.

Subs – G.Kearns, J.Fleming, E.Cleary.



A Wexford replay win over the Rebels

1990: Wexford 1-9 Cork 0-6

Wexford do have a semi-final replay success over Cork to their credit and it occurred in the penultimate round of the national league 13 years ago. The stalemate encounter at Thurles the previous week had been a fine contest with a draw (2-12 each) the fairest outcome and much was expected of this replay at Nowlan Park. A little over 17,000 turned up for the contest, but they were to be sadly disappointed as Cork had a complete off day and in truth, were flattered by the losing margin.

Unlike the drawn encounter, Wexford took a firm grip on the midfield proceedings with Billy Byrne and Ger Coady comfortably getting the better of Teddy McCarthy and Pat Buckley. Although they had the majority of the possession, Wexford failed to turn it to account and were only on level terms (0-2 apiece) at the end of the opening quarter. However, a speculative shot from Martin Storey from 45 yards deceived Ger Cunningham at the 18th minute for the game's only goal and this helped the Slaneysiders to turn over leading by 1-3 to 0-4.

On the restart, points by Tom Dempsey, Jimmy Holohan and John O'Connor pushed Wexford five clear and Cork didn't add to their interval total until nine minutes from time when Brian Cunningham converted a free. Three more unanswered points from the leaders settled the issue before Sean McCarthy had a late point for the losers. To shoot 18 wides and still win by double scores shows just how in control of this game Wexford were.

Wexford scorers: M.Storey 1-2, J.Holohan 0-3, T.Dempsey 0-2, R.Colman 0-1, J.O'Connor 0-1.

Cork scorers: P.Buckley 0-1, T.McCarthy 0-1, M.Foley 0-1, S.McCarthy 0-1, J.Fitzgibbon 0-1, B.Cunningham 0-1.

Wexford – T.Morrissey, N.McDonald, E.Cleary, J.Conran, D.Prendergast, G.O'Connor, L.Dunne, B.Byrne, G.Coady, M.Storey, R.Colman, J.O'Connor, T.Dempsey, J.Holohan, E.Sinnott. **Sub** – M.Morrissey for Sinnott.

Cork – G.Cunningham, J.Considine, S.O'Gorman, D.Walsh, S.McCarthy, J.Cashman, S.Quirke, P.Buckley, T.McCarthy, J.Fitzgibbon, M.Foley, T.O'Sullivan, G.Fitzgerald, K.Hennessy, T.Mulcahy. **Subs** – B.O'Sullivan for Fitzgibbon, B.Cunningham for Foley.



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Wexford ... stalemate and decisions

Wexford have one of the best replay records in hurling with the county emerging victorious in five of the eight 'second meetings' they have played, while at the All-Ireland semi-final stage they have an even record with one win and one loss. However, the Slaneysiders were slow to embrace stalemate and after their debut in 1887, it was early in the following century before they met the same opposition for a second time. Even then, the need for a second, and in this case third, meeting came about, not because of activity on the field, but by way of an objection.

In the 1901 provincial semi-final at Carlow, Wexford were given little chance against a Kilkenny side that had won three of the four most recent provincial crowns, but on a superb afternoon for the underdogs, they emerged winners by ten points. The Noresiders objected and were granted a replay in which they completely reversed that verdict with a 4-9 to 0-6 win. However, yet again the losers lodged an objection and, at Jones's Road, Wexford settled the issue with an emphatic 7-6 to 1-7 victory.

A LONG WAIT

Having tasted success at the first time of asking, Wexford promptly ignored second meetings for the next half-century. During that period Wexford endured some terrible periods when a draw of any kind, against any opposition, would have been welcome. In 1951 Wexford faced Meath at Trim, and having shown good form in going down to Kilkenny in the previous year's provincial decider, the away team was expected to win comfortably, but on an afternoon to forget they were relieved to emerge with a 2-7 all draw. But when the action moved to Enniscorthy, Wexford were not found wanting and duly dispatched the visitors by 3-10 to 0-2.

The fifties was proving a fruitful decade for Wexford and as reigning provincial champions in '56 they were held to a draw by Kilkenny in the decider (2-7 apiece). Wexford duly held on to their crown in an epic replay, which they won by 5-6 to 3-9.

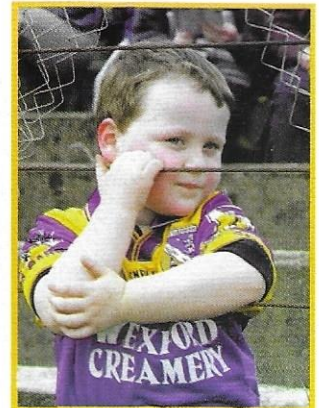
The following decade saw Wexford continue to keep their 100% success rate in replayed encounters. However, it was a surprise that it was Dublin, and not Kilkenny, that came closest to stopping them on their way to the 1960 All-Ireland title. The Metropolitanians gave as good as they got in the provincial semi-final at Nowlan Park to force a 3-5 to 2-8 draw, and they still continued to trouble the Slaneysiders in the replay before they finally succumbed by five points (4-6 to 2-7), also at Nowlan Park.

THE FIRST FAILURE

Finally in 1972 Wexford tasted replay defeat for the first time and, not surprisingly, it was Kilkenny who ended their run. In the provincial final both attacks had profitable afternoon as each side registered 6-13, but in the second meeting the Noresiders triumphed by 3-16 to 1-14. However, Wexford got back on the winning trail next time out as, having drawn with Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh in 1976 (5-14 to 2-23), they won the replay at the same venue a week later by 3-14 to 2-14.

Seventeen years passed before Wexford again experienced stalemate when they were denied victory by a somewhat dubious goal against Kilkenny in the 1993 provincial final (1-17 to 2-14). The Noresiders made the most of their good fortune to win the replay by 2-12 to 0-11. The following season Wexford had to rely on a late charge to earn a second chance against Dublin in the semi-final of the Leinster campaign (3-13 to 2-16), but they made no mistake in the replay at Nowlan Park, winning by 17 points (3-22 to 1-11).

However, Wexford's most recent experience of stalemate wasn't a happy one as just two years ago in the All-Ireland semi-final against Tipperary, they staged a late rally to earn a second chance (3-10 to 1-16). But in the replay the loss of two players was too much of a burden and they eventually went down by eleven points (0-10 to 3-12).



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Cork's most recent draw and replay... 1991

Cork 4-10 Tipperary 2-16

At Páirc Uí Chaoimh, Michael Cleary opened the scoring in the first minute, but the home side soon levelled through Tony O'Sullivan. John Fitzgibbon and Pat Fox swapped points before Cormac Bonner edged the visitors in front. However, Brendan O'Sullivan's long ball was tapped to the net by Kevin Hennessy for the lead at the seventh minute, and it wasn't until seven minutes from time that Cork were caught.

Ger Fitzgerald had Cork's second goal at the ninth minute and when the same player added a second at the end of the opening quarter to make it 3-3 to 0-5, it appeared as if the Leesiders might be in for a comfortable afternoon. However, a goal from John Leahy and a point from Declan Ryan brought Tipperary back into it before Cathal Casey and Hennessy replied for the leaders and at the break it was 3-5 to 1-7.

The first couple of scores on the restart fell to Tipperary and it was the 45th minute before the leaders added to their interval total – a Tony O'Sullivan point. Tipp continued to stay in touch and it took points from O'Sullivan and Fitzgibbon to give Cork a four-point advantage heading into the final quarter.

With a quarter of an hour remaining, Cork appeared to have secured victory when O'Sullivan's long free was fired home by Fitzgibbon to make it 4-8 to 1-10. Tipp responded with three quick points to which Pat Buckley had one for the leaders, but Pat Fox's goal was supplemented by points from Cleary to level matters at the 63rd minute. Two minutes from time Hennessy edged Cork in front, but Fox equalised on the call of time to end a great contest.

Cork scorers: G.Fitzgerald 2-0, K.Hennessy 1-2, J.Fitzgibbon 1-2, T.O'Sullivan 0-3, C.Casey 0-2, P.Buckley 0-1.

Cork – G.Cunningham, J.Considine, R.Browne, S.O'Gorman, S.McCarthy, J.Cashman, C.Casey, B.O'Sullivan, P.Hartnett, T.Mulcahy, M.Foley, T.O'Sullivan, G.Fitzgerald, K.Hennessy, J.Fitzgibbon.

Subs – D.Quirke, P.Buckley, T.McCarthy.

Replay – Tipperary 4-19 Cork 4-15

The replay at Semple Stadium was an equally exciting contest with Tipperary again falling well behind before staging a magnificent recovery to win by four points. The winners had the first two scores of the game before Tony O'Sullivan opened Cork's account at the seventh minute. Having pushed 0-4 to 0-1 ahead, Tipp were caught by three unanswered points from Jim Cashman (2) and O'Sullivan to leave it all square at the end of the opening quarter.

A goal by John Fitzgibbon was quickly supplemented by points from Ger Fitzgerald and O'Sullivan to give Cork a five-point lead, and when Fitzgerald netted a second at the 26th minute it cancelled out Michael Cleary's effort four minutes earlier. There was a bout of tit-for-tat scoring before the break and at the whistle Cork led by 2-8 to 1-7.

Three quick points on the restart from O'Sullivan pushed Cork's advantage out to seven, but Cleary then had a hat-trick for the home side to bring the deficit back to the interval level. However, points by Tomás Mulcahy and Fitzgibbon preceded a Kevin Hennessy goal to make it 3-13 to 1-10 at the 47th minute, but a spell of Tipp pressure yielded 1-3 without reply to leave just a goal in it as the game entered the final quarter.

A swap of points between Cleary and Cathal Casey left the position unaltered, but with ten minutes remaining Declan Carr flicked home the equaliser (3-14 apiece). Aidan Ryan briefly put Tipp ahead, but Pat Buckley equalised. Leading by two points at the 70th minute, Aidan Ryan goaled, but within 60 seconds Fitzgibbon had a like score at the other end. However, Cleary had two late-late points to settle the issue.

Cork scorers: J.Fitzgibbon 2-1, T.O'Sullivan 0-6, G.Fitzgerald 1-2, J.Cashman 0-3, K.Hennessy 1-0, C.Casey 0-1, P.Buckley 0-1, T.Mulcahy 0-1.

Cork – G.Cunningham, S.O'Gorman, R.Brown, D.Walsh, C.Casey, J.Cashman, P.Hartnett, B.O'Sullivan, T.McCarthy, T.Mulcahy, M.Foley, T.O'Sullivan, G.Fitzgerald, K.Hennessy, J.Fitzgibbon. **Sub –** P.Buckley.

Cork's last replay victory... 1987



Cork 3-14 Limerick 0-10

The estimated 35,000 that turned up for this second meeting at Semple Stadium saw an opening 20 minutes comparable with the 70 minutes of the game which made this meeting necessary. Thereafter, the game was always going Cork's way and long before the end the trek through the exits was under way.

Limerick had a few changes – personnel and positional – from the drawn game while Dermot McCurtain, who had retired from inter-county hurling after the 1986 All-Ireland final, came back to replace the injured Tom Cashman at right-half back.

For a game that ended so tamely it had a promising opening 20 minutes during which Limerick had at least 50% of the exchanges, but when they missed several good chances during that period they left themselves vulnerable to the inevitable Cork strike. And when it came it had all the hallmarks of class.

Yet Limerick did not die as Cork upped the tone and pace of the proceedings for, strange to relate, the Cork forwards never really dominated the battle with a Limerick defence

in which Liam O'Donoghue was an inspiring figure. But Cork's timing and ability to make the most of their chances was the difference between the sides and there was early evidence of this at a stage when Limerick, despite their wastefulness up front, were leading by two points. Cork wrestled the lead from them with a typical Kevin Hennessy goal as the Midleton man connected perfectly with John Fenton's sideline cut.

Scores were level three times during the next ten minutes and then came goal number two when John Fitzgibbon, taking a pass from Hennessy, blasted to the net and, though only 19 minutes had elapsed, the distress signals began to appear among the opposition. But if the two goals already registered had been well-worked efforts, the third was an absolute gem – a goal in a million. Such was its splendour that friend, foe and neutral gasped in admiration. Tomás Mulcahy deftly knocked the ball into Fenton's path and the midfielder struck the ball on the ground 40 yards out in front of goal and the sliotar raced by Tommy Quaid in the Limerick goal.

That score put Cork ten points up, a lead

which they held to the break (3-7 to 0-6) and only the memory of their fight-back in the drawn game from a similar position kept Limerick's hopes alive. When the advantage was stretched to 15 points early in the final quarter, the Cork foot was lifted from the pedal. It didn't make the slightest difference; Limerick needed goals – several of them – and they never looked like coming as Ger Cunningham and the men in front of him closed every angle.

After such an exciting drawn game this was a huge disappointment, though not to Cork followers who clearly enjoyed every minute of it. And when all else about this game had been forgotten, John Fenton's goal would be fresh in the memory of those lucky enough to have seen it.

Cork scorers: J.Fenton 1-8, K.Hennessy 1-2, J.Fitzgibbon 1-0, T.McCarthy 0-2, J.Cashman 0-1, T.O'Sullivan 0-1.

Cork – Ger Cunningham, Denis Mulcahy, Richard Brown, John Crowley, Dermot McCurtain, Pat Hartnett, Denis Walsh, John Fenton, John Cashman, Teddy McCarthy, Tomás Mulcahy, Tony O'Sullivan, Kieran Kingston, Kevin Hennessy, John Fitzgibbon.

Subs – Mark Mullins, Sean O'Gorman.



Only five “semi” draws

Drawn All-Ireland hurling semi-finals are a rare phenomenon and last Sunday's stalemate was only the fifth in the championship to date. And it is also a recent phenomenon with all four previous drawn penultimate games occurring in the last 27 years, with Wexford involved in the first in 1976 and the most recent in 2001.

1976

Wexford 5-14 Galway 2-23

In this contest at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, Galway made the brighter start and dominated the opening quarter to open up a six-point lead (0-8 to 0-2), thanks mainly to the efforts of Frank Burke and Gerry Coone. However, Wexford had the better of the second quarter and goals by Tony Doran and Mick Butler brought them right back into it, although P.J. Qualters' goal allowed the Westerners to lead by the minimum at the break (1-13 to 3-6). The momentum stayed with the Slaneysiders on the restart and Tony Doran's second goal at the 49th minute helped them into a five-point lead. But Galway had the better of the final quarter and calmly fired over the points that earned them a second meeting.

Wexford scorers: M. Butler 2-2, T. Doran 2-0, J. Quigley 0-5, N. Buggy 1-2, C. Kehoe 0-3, M. Quigley 0-1, J. Murphy 0-1.

Galway scorers: P.J. Qualter 2-1, S. Silke 0-4, Joe Connolly 0-4, G. Coone 0-3, P. Fahy 0-3, John Connolly 0-2, P.J. Molloy 0-2, F. Burke 0-2, J. McDonagh 0-1, M. Connolly 0-1.

Replay

Wexford 3-14 Galway 2-14

Seven days later at the Cork venue both sides took to the field with the same starting fifteen as the drawn encounter, but this time Wexford didn't give the Connacht side a head start and, despite playing against the breeze, goals by John Quigley, Tony Doran and Ned Buggy had them in front at the interval. However, Galway fared better against the breeze than with it and for most of the second period they kept close to the pace-setters before drawing level late in the game. But Wexford finished strongly and points by Mick Butler, John Quigley and Tony Doran edged them clear for a deserved three-point verdict.

Wexford scorers: J. Quigley 1-3, T. Doran 1-2, N. Buggy 1-1, M. Quigley 0-3, M. Butler 0-3, W. Rowsome 0-1, C. Kehoe 0-1.

Galway scorers: P.J. Molloy 1-1, John Connolly 0-3, P.J. Qualter 1-0, S. Silke 0-2, I. Clarke 0-2, G. Coone 0-2, Joe Connolly 0-2, P. Fahy 0-2.

Wexford – J. Nolan, T. O'Connor, W. Murphy, J. Prendergast, L. Bennett, C. Doran, N. Buggy, M. Jacob, W. Rowsome, J. Murphy, M. Quigley, J. Quigley, M. Butler, T. Doran, C. Kehoe.

Galway – F. Larkin, N. McInerney, J. Clarke, A. Fenton, J. McDonagh, S. Silke, I. Clarke, M. Coen, F. Burke, G. Coone, John Connolly, P.J. Molloy, Joe Connolly, P.J. Qualter, P. Fahy.

1981

Galway 1-8 Limerick 0-11

As reigning All-Ireland champions, Galway were favourites for this contest with the team they had defeated in the previous year's final. In a low-scoring encounter there

was never much between the sides, which was a credit to the challengers as they had been reduced to 14 men as early as the 14th minute. However, the Shannonsiders were helped by the champions' shooting in the opening half when they shot 14 wides and at the break Galway trailed by 1-2 to 0-6. Inside the last ten minutes Limerick were holding on to a two-point lead, but a late rally earned the Westerners a second chance.

Galway scorers: Joe Connolly 0-3, B. Lynskey 1-0,

F. Gantley 0-2, I. Clarke 0-1, S. Linnane 0-1, S. Mahon 0-1.

Limerick scorers: E. Cregan 0-5, J. McKenna 0-2, J. Flanagan 0-1, F. Nolan 0-1, L. O'Donoghue 0-1, O. O'Connor 0-1.

Replay

Galway 4-16 Limerick 2-17

The replay was the opposite of the drawn encounter as the forwards on both sides had much the better of the argument. Limerick started promisingly and by the end of the opening quarter they were four points to the good. And although the Shannonsiders still led at the break, Michael Connolly and Steven Mahon were starting to get on top at midfield and a goal from Joe Connolly nine minutes after the restart put Galway in front for the first time. However, Limerick responded and entered the last quarter with a four-point advantage, but the champions' dominated the closing quarter with late scores from Noel Lane and the Connolly's giving them a five-point victory.

Galway scorers: Joe Connolly 2-7, John Connolly 1-2, N. Lane 0-3, P.J. Molloy 1-0, I. Clarke 0-2, B. Forde 0-1, S. Mahon 0-1.

Limerick scorers: E. Cregan 1-5, J. McKenna 0-4, B. Carroll 1-0, W. Fitzmaurice 0-2, O. O'Connor 0-1, P. Foley 0-1, M. Grimes 0-1, T. Carroll 0-1, F. Nolan 0-1, L. Enright 0-1.

Galway – M. Conneely, S. Coen, N. McInerney, J. Cooney, S. Linnane, S. Silke, I. Clarke, M. Connolly, S. Mahon, F. Gantley, Joe Connolly, P.J. Molloy, B. Forde, John Connolly, N. Lane. Sub – P. Piggott for Silke.

Limerick – T. Quaid, P. Fitzmaurice, L. Enright, D. Murray, L. O'Donoghue, J. Carroll, J. McCarthy, P. Foley, M. Grimes, O. O'Connor, J. Flanagan, B. Carroll, W. Fitzmaurice, J. McKenna, E. Cregan. Subs – F. Nolan for Grimes, C. Keating for Enright.

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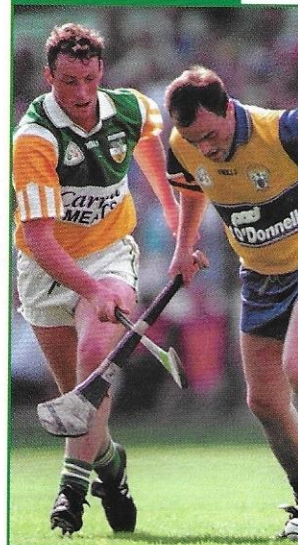
Offaly 1-13 Clare 1-13

Clare, as the reigning All-Ireland champions, wore the mantle of favourites for this contest, but Offaly, as is often the case, wore the underdogs' tag well and deservedly earned a second chance. The champions edged the opening exchanges, but five unanswered points had the challengers ahead by 0-6 to 0-3 at the 20th minute. Just two more scores were registered in the opening half, both for Clare, to leave just the minimum between the sides at the break. By the end of the third quarter Clare appeared to be on course for victory and Fergus Tuohy's goal early in the fourth appeared to confirm it. But Offaly



Galway goalkeeper, Michael Connolly, comes under pressure from Joe McKenna (Luimneach) in the 1981 All Ireland Hurling Semi Final at Croke Park.

Anthony Daly (An Clár) in action against John Ryan (Uibh Fhaili) in the 1998 All Ireland Hurling Semi Final at Croke Park.



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roared back with a goal by Johnny Pilkington and points by Johnny Dooley and the Offaly number nine to edge ahead before a late James O'Connor free brought parity. **Offaly scorers:** B.Whelahan 0-4, J.Pilkington 1-1, J.Troy 0-2, P.Mulhare 0-2, Johnny Dooley 0-2, M.Duignan 0-1, Joe Dooley 0-1.

Clare scorers: J.O'Connor 0-6, F.Tuohy 1-2, D.Forde 0-1, S.McMahon 0-1, P.J.O'Connell 0-1, G.O'Loughlin 0-1, O.Baker 0-1.

Replay

Clare 1-16 Offaly 2-10

Certainly the most famous replay in hurling history as the premature ending of the game by referee Jimmy Cooney ensured that the sides would have to meet for a third time. Joe Dooley opened the scoring for Offaly, but Clare were the superior force in the opening half and deservedly led by 1-9 to 0-4 at the interval. Seven points still divided the sides at the end of the third quarter, but in a late rally a goal by Joe Errity and a point by John Troy brought the Midlanders within three of the champions. James O'Connor and Alan Markham pointed, but Offaly replied through Billy Dooley and Brian Whelahan and with two minutes of injury time to play Cooney whistled early. An objection was lodged and a replay granted.

Clare scorers: A.Markham 1-3, J.O'Connor 0-5, S.McMahon 0-3, B.Murphy 0-2, F.Tuohy 0-1, A.Daly 0-1, O.Baker 0-1.

Offaly scorers: B.Dooley 1-1, J.Troy 0-3, J.Errity 1-0, Joe Dooley 0-2, M.Duignan 0-1, J.Pilkington 0-1, G.Hanniffy 0-1, B.Whelahan 0-1.

2nd Replay

Offaly 0-16 Clare 0-13

The action moved to Semple Stadium for the third meeting with Offaly opening with the games' first four scores. Clare responded by recording the next five and the sides had split a dozen points evenly by the half-hour mark. Points by Joe Errity, Gary Hanniffy and Brian Whelahan gave the Midlanders a 0-9 to 0-6 interval lead. Johnny and Joe Dooley extended Offaly's advantage to five on the restart, but by the hour mark Clare had reduced the deficit to just two. However, points by Joe Dooley, Hanniffy (two) and Whelahan tripled Offaly's advantage, before three late points brought Clare within range, but Stephen Byrne denied them an equalising goal.

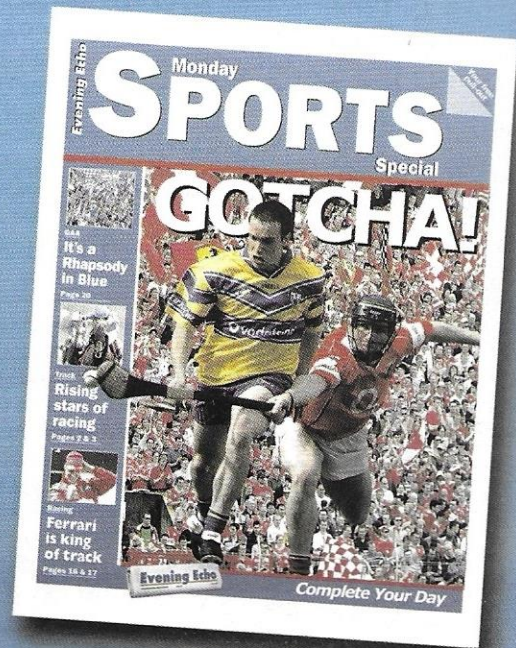
Offaly scorers: Joe Dooley 0-5, B.Whelahan 0-3, G.Hanniffy 0-3, J.Troy 0-1, J.Pilkington 0-1, B.Dooley 0-1, J.Errity 0-1, Johnny Dooley 0-1.

Clare scorers: J.O'Connor 0-5, D.Forde 0-2, S.McMahon 0-1, J.Reddan 0-1, O.Baker 0-1, N.Gilligan 0-1, A.Daly 0-1, A.Markham 0-1.

Offaly – S.Byrne, S.Whelahan, K.Kinahan, M.Hanamy, B.Whelahan, H.Rigney, K.Martin, Johnny Dooley, J.Pilkington, M.Duignan, J.Errity, P.Mulhare, B.Dooley, J.Troy, Joe Dooley. Subs – G.Hanniffy for Mulhare, J.Ryan for Troy, K.Farrell for B.Dooley.

Clare – D.Fitzgerald, B.Quinn, B.Lohan, F.Lohan, L.Doyle, S.McMahon, A.Daly, J.Reddan, O.Baker, J.O'Connor, F.Tuohy, A.Markham, N.Gilligan, G.O'Loughlin, D.Forde. Subs – F.Hegarty for Tuohy, D.Scanlan for O'Loughlin, C.Clancy for Scanlan.

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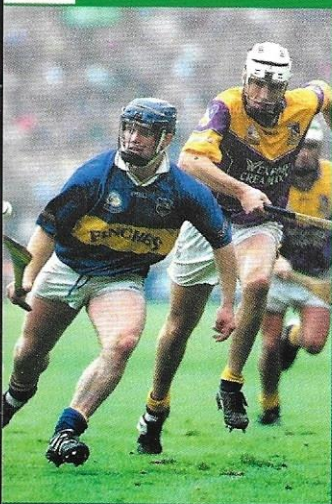
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Eugene O'Neill (Tiobraid Árann) in action against David O'Connor (Loch Garman) in the 2001 Guinness All-Ireland Hurling Championship Semi-Final Replay at Croke Park.

**2001****Tipperary 1-16 Wexford 3-10**

Wexford had qualified for this tie with the narrowest of victories over Limerick in the quarter-final, and the Munster champions, despite finding the Shannonsiders an equally tough proposition, were the hot favourites for this semi-final. And for most of the way that favouritism looked justified as Tipp overcame an even opening quarter to run up a seven-point interval lead – 1-9 to 0-5. On the restart Lar Corbett increased the lead to eight, although goals by Larry O'Gorman and Rory McCarthy left Wexford trailing by just four entering the final quarter. That lead increased to five with as many minutes remaining, but O'Gorman's second goal and points by Adrian Fenlon and Michael Jordan earned Wexford a reprieve.

Tipperary scorers: E.Kelly 0-5, M.O'Leary 0-4, J.Carroll 1-1, T.Dunne 0-2, B.O'Meara 0-1, D.Ryan 0-1, E.Enright 0-1, L.Corbett 0-1.

Wexford scorers: L.O'Gorman 2-0, M.Jordan 0-4, P.Codd 0-4, R.McCarthy 1-0, A.Fenlon 0-2.

Replay**Tipperary 3-12 Wexford 0-10**

Wexford started the replay poorly and it took them 13 minutes to open their account through Paul Codd. By

the end of the opening quarter the Premier county led by 1-4 to 0-2, but four unanswered points reduced Slaneyside arrears to the minimum and a swap of points by Eoin Kelly and Codd left them there at the break (1-6 to 0-8). However, two dismissals (Tipperary had one) undermined Wexford's cause and seven minutes after the restart Eugene O'Neill's goal put some daylight between the sides. It was all one way after that and O'Neill's second goal in injury time brought Tipperary's final victory margin to a somewhat flattering eleven points.

Tipperary scorers: E.Kelly 0-9, E.O'Neill 2-1, J.Carroll 1-0, M.O'Leary 0-2.

Wexford scorers: P.Codd 0-7, M.Jordan 0-1, B.Goff 0-1, L.Murphy 0-1.

Tipperary – B.Cummins, T.Costello, P.Maher, P.Ormonde, E.Corcoran, D.Kennedy, P.Kelly, T.Dunne, E.Enright, M.O'Leary, J.Carroll, B.O'Meara, E.Kelly, D.Ryan, L.Corbett. Subs – E.O'Neill for Corbett, P.O'Brien for Ryan, A.Butler for O'Leary.

Wexford – D.Fitzhenry, D.O'Connor, D.Ryan, R.Mallon, D.Ruth, L.Dunne, D.Stamp, A.Fenlon, L.O'Gorman, M.Jordan, L.Murphy, R.McCarthy, P.Codd, N.Lambert, G.Laffan. Subs – B.Lambert for Laffan, M.Storey for O'Gorman, S.Flood for Murphy, B.Goff for B.Lambert.

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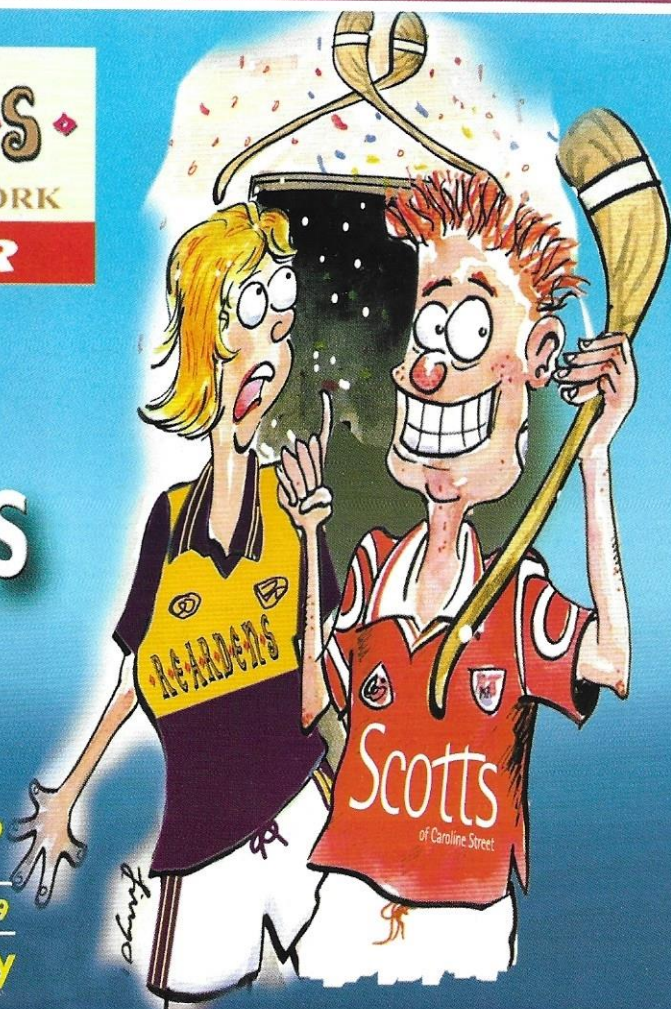
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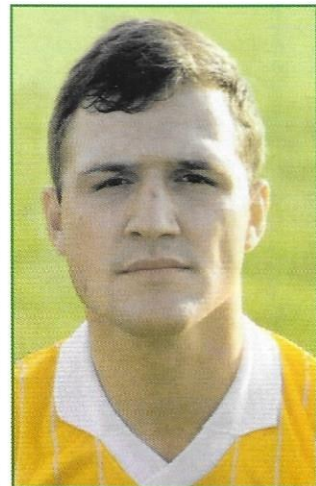
On 26 April 1953, on the sticky sod of Corrigan Park, Belfast, a team of fifteen hurlers from Queen's University, Belfast, recorded perhaps the most remarkable victory in the history of hurling. By beating a celebrated UCD side, 1-3 to 0-5, the Queen's students defied their own short history of heavy defeat, to achieve the only national senior hurling trophy for Ulster – the Fitzgibbon Cup – in the first 99 years of the GAA. With Loughgiel's All-Ireland club title of 1983, Queen's 1953 win stands alone as a symbol of northern glory on the national hurling field. Besides all their hurling prowess, the 1953 players hold one other notable distinction: they were the first GAA stars to appear on television anywhere in Ireland, as the BBC Belfast station, set up in spring of that year, showed some snippets of the Fitzgibbon final on its news and in a regional programme about the northern state – much to the chagrin of some non-hurling politicians.

On 27 September 2003, An Cumann Iománaíochta, Ollscoil na Banríona, will honour the gallant men of 1953 in a gala dinner in the Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast. In attendance will be Ted McConnell, captain of the 1953 team and today, head ?? of Barclays McConnell Bank, Toronto, Canada, along with scores of other players and administrators from the foundation of Queen's Hurling Club in 1943. Not least among these will be

the 1986 Queen's side, who reached the Fitzgibbon Cup final in Croke Park, inspired by future All-Star Ciarán Barr (pictured). In conjunction with the occasion, there will also be a tournament on the afternoon of 27 September for former Queen's hurlers, which it is hoped to make an annual competition.

The focus of the evening will be far from strictly nostalgic, however. Over the last decade, Queen's hurling fortunes have slumped somewhat, as a reflection of a general decline in Ulster hurling form on the All-Ireland stage. Without the advantages of development officers and scholarships available to third-level colleges in the south, it has been difficult for Ulster universities to keep pace. To make Queen's hurling a competitive force once again, a sub-committee has been set up to formulate long-term strategies for the advancement of hurling, within the burgeoning Queen's GAA Academy. These plans will be launched at the gala dinner on 27 September.

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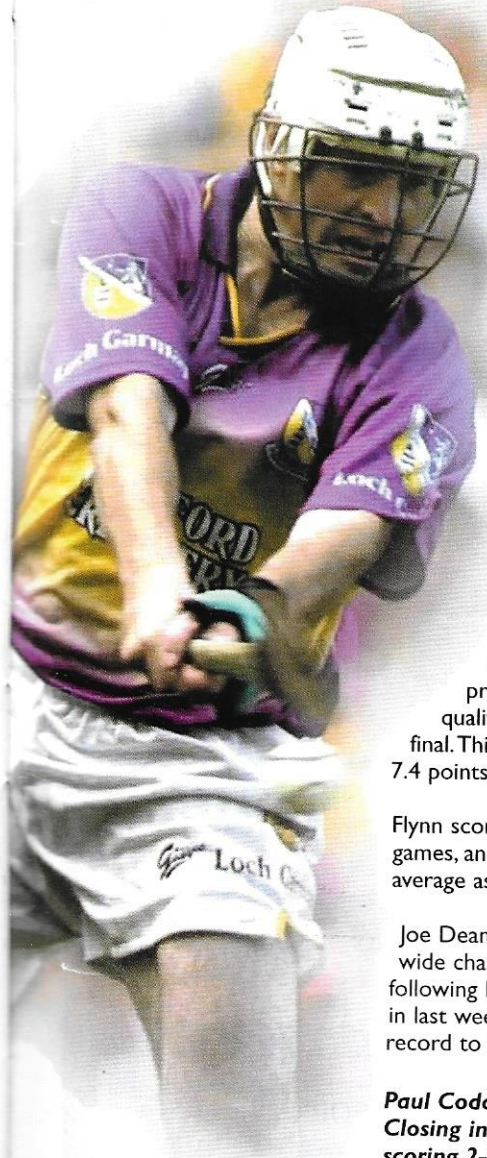
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Rapid promotion for Paul Codd



Paul Codd has put himself strongly in position for a takeover at the top this weekend in the chart of leading scorers after recording 1-5 in last Sunday's epic draw with Cork in the Guinness All-Ireland senior semi-final at Croke Park.

The Wexford sharpshooter has moved up to joint second position with Paul Flynn (Waterford), a mere three points behind the long-time leader, Brian McFall (Antrim).

Codd has 2-31 (37 points) from five games in the provincial championship, qualifiers and All-Ireland semi-final. This gives him an average of 7.4 points a match.

Flynn scored 6-19, also in five games, and shares the same match average as Codd.

Joe Deane comes into the nationwide chart for the first time following his fine return of 1-7 for Cork in last week's draw. He boosted his record to 3-19 (28 points) in three

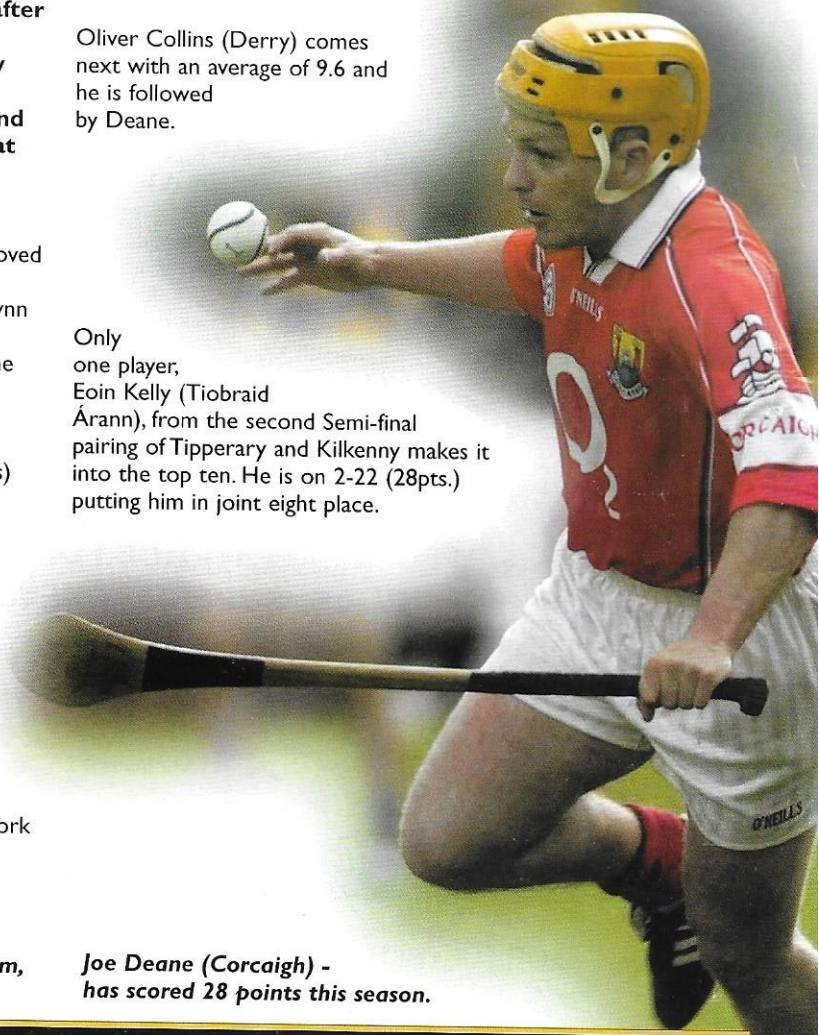
Paul Codd (Loch Garman) - Closing in on Brian McFall of Antrim, scoring 2-31 so far

games at a first-rate match average of 9.33.

McFall still leads in the match-average chart with ten points and he is now unlikely to be relieved of that distinction at the season's end.

Oliver Collins (Derry) comes next with an average of 9.6 and he is followed by Deane.

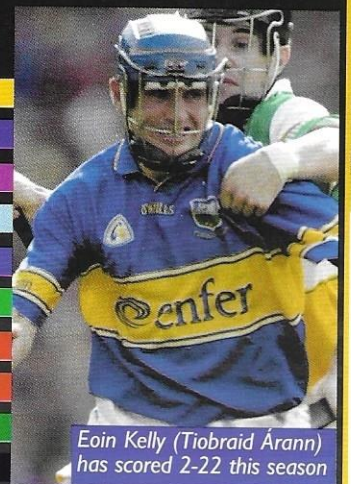
Only one player, Eoin Kelly (Tiobraid Árann), from the second Semi-final pairing of Tipperary and Kilkenny makes it into the top ten. He is on 2-22 (28pts.) putting him in joint eight place.



Joe Deane (Corcaigh) - has scored 28 points this season.

THE LEADING SCORERS NATIONALLY FOR THE PROVINCIAL SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS, QUALIFIERS AND ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL STARTING THIS WEEKEND'S GAMES ARE:

Points	Score	Games	Average	
40	Brian McFall (Antrim)	5-25	4	10.0
37	Paul Flynn (Waterford)	6-19	5	7.4
37	Paul Codd (Wexford)	2-31	5	7.4
36	Tomas McGrane (Dublin)	2-30	5	7.2
35	James Young (Laois)	0-35	5	7.0
32	Michael Slattery (Kerry)	3-23	5	6.4
29	Oliver Collins (Derry)	0-29	3	9.6
28	Joe Deane (Cork)	3-19	3	9.33
28	Conor Fitzgerald (Limerick)	1-25	4	7.0
28	Eoin Kelly (Tipperary)	2-22	4	7.0



Eoin Kelly (Tiobraid Árann) has scored 2-22 this season

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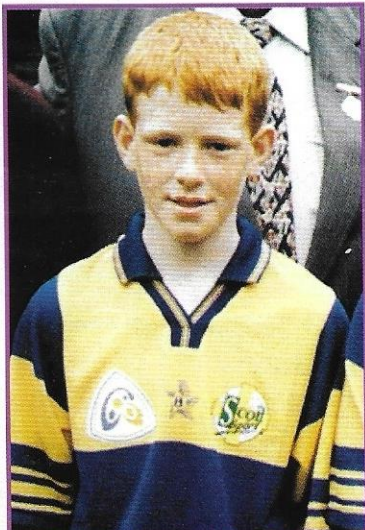


Cumann na mBunscol

It has been another successful year for Cumann na mBunscol with all 32 counties running leagues and the national committee promoting initiatives such as the INTO-GAA Mini-Sevens and the Roadstone National Awards. The McDonald's 'Catch and Kick Challenge' is the latest addition to the portfolio and it has been a great success in its inaugural year. Cumann na mBunscol, Corcaigh, celebrated 100 years in existence and Cumann na mBunscol, Áth Cliath, celebrating its 75th. anniversary, was involved in new and exciting initiatives such as the innovative 'Other Foot' game, face-painting at matches and some exciting school-based projects. Cumann na mBunscol teachers made a significant contribution to the Special Olympics World Games, an event that will never be forgotten by those privileged to have experienced it. Appropriately, it was the best year yet for the great sport of Wheelchair Hurling. Cameras were present to capture the drama and excitement of the league final in the Irish Wheelchair Association Sports Complex in Clontarf. This and other special moments will form part of the awards banquet night for the Roadstone awards next November.

The Two Rorys

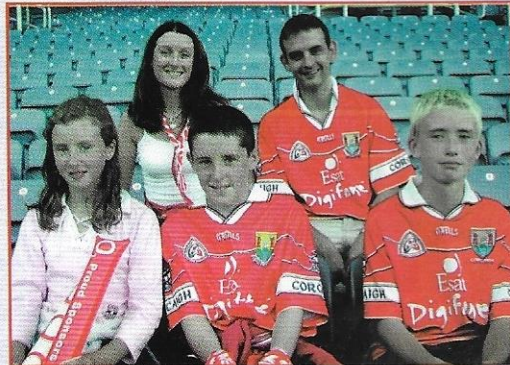
Rory McCarthy's late, late goal last week will not be forgotten too easily by Wexford fans or, indeed, by anyone lucky enough to be in Croke Park for the great encounter. Rory Jacob also made a telling contribution to Wexford's sterling display from the corner-forward position. Both players have had the privilege of playing twice in the Mini-Sevens when they were in primary school. Rory McCarthy appeared as a footballer and as a hurler while Rory Jacob was selected on two successive occasions to play hurling.



Rory Jacob when he played in the Mini-Sevens.

Rebels in Red

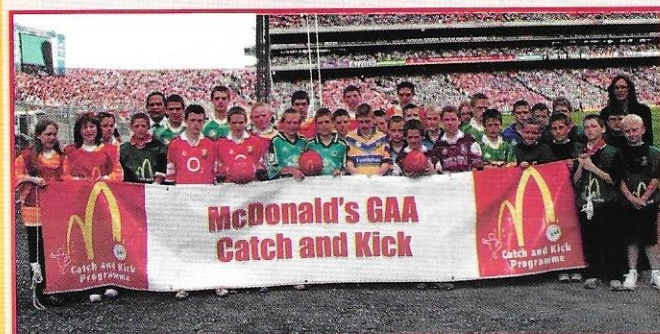
A noticeable feature of recent games in Croke Park has been the large number of primary school children in attendance. Cork was well represented



last week and, prominent among them, were a group from Scoil Barra Naofa in Beaumont. Pictured in front - l to r - are Liadan Ruiséal, Aonghus Ó Drisceoil and Colmán Ruiséal. At the back are Yvonne Collins and Rory O'Byrne who will also be cheering on The Rebels again today.

McDonald's Success

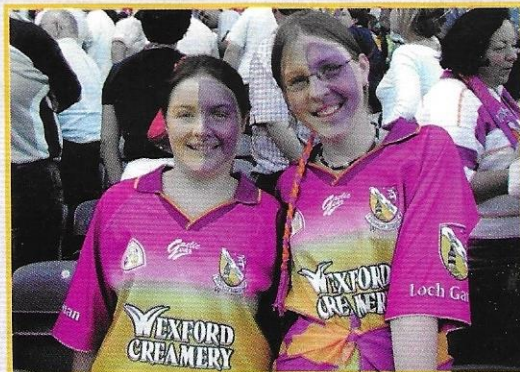
The McDonald's 'Catch and Kick Challenge' has been a great success at school, county and regional level throughout the country this summer. An initiative of the GAA Coaching and Games Development Committee in partnership with McDonald's Restaurants of Ireland and in association with Cumann na mBunscol, the scheme delivered a considerable amount of games equipment to every primary school in the country. Coaching materials were also produced as part of the project and approximately 50,000 coaching sessions, and thousands of fun blitzes for the youngest children, were held throughout the country. The final stage of this year's 'Catch and Kick Challenge' will be held in Croke Park on August 24th, when the winners from the four previous sessions will exhibit their skills again in front of huge audience at the All-Ireland football semi-final in the National Catch and Kick Skills' Exhibition.



Participants and helpers at the McDonald's 'Catch and Kick Challenge' photographed with Tony Watene, Croke Park and Cliona Whyte, representing the sponsors, in Croke Park recently.

Primary Colours

The face painters of Cumann na mBunscol, Áth Cliath, have made quite an impact at recent games in Croke Park. Operating from custom-built multi-coloured



Lynne Browne and Katie Byrne in the Hogan Stand last Sunday.

carts, under the slogan 'Show Your Primary Colours', six teams of painters have won compliments for the manner in which they have dealt with the public and the colour they have added to the great hurling and football occasions. At last Sunday's drawn hurling semi-final, Wexford girls Lynne Browne and Katie Byrne availed of the free service and wore the Purple and Gold with pride. The avid Loch Garman supporters are from Ferns and attend Ballyduff N.S. Their coach is Miss Cairtriona Kinsella and they play for Ferns GAA club. The school recently won a prestigious Rackard League competition and Lynne's hero, Rory McCarthy, presented the medals. Katie is a big fan of Darragh Ryan. The girls are back in Croke Park today hoping their team can earn a place in the All-Ireland final in September.

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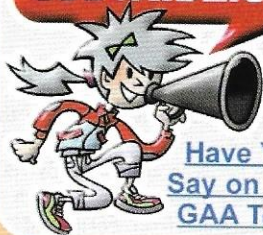
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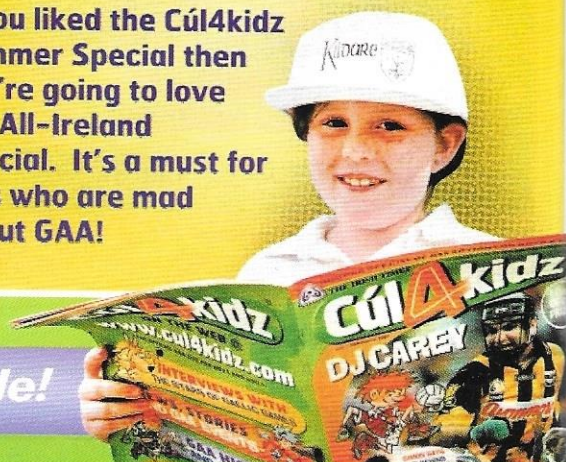
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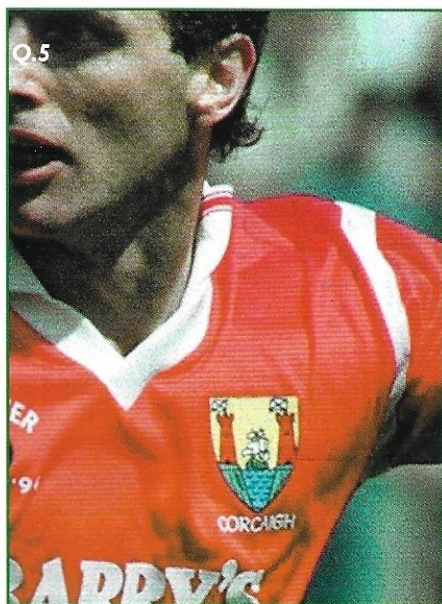
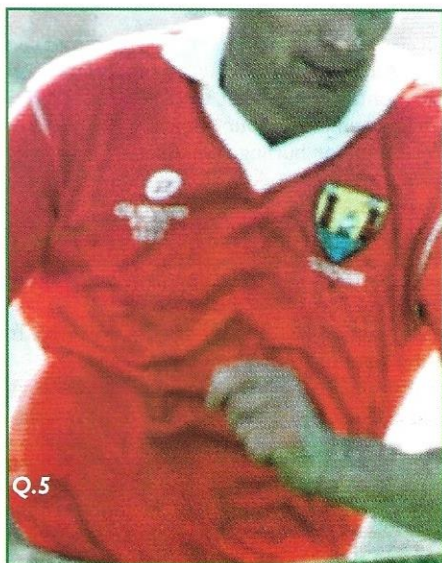


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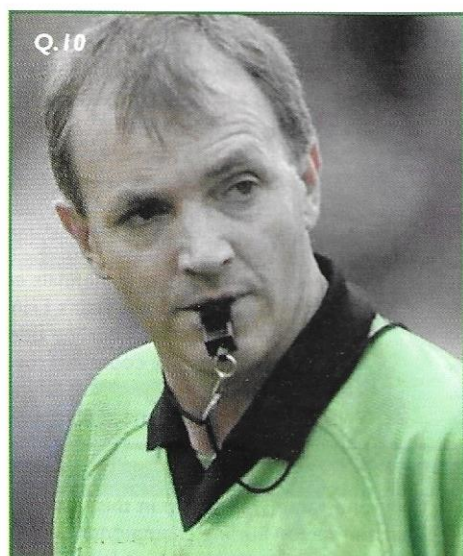


Fiche Ceist

- How many points did Joe Deane (Cork) score from frees in last Sunday's drawn Guinness All-Ireland senior hurling semi-final?
- Cork were appearing in their first senior hurling semi-final in how many years?
- What county lost to Wexford in their last successful All-Ireland senior hurling final in 1996?
- Has Wexford ever made a successful defence of the Liam McCarthy Cup?
- Cork completed the big double in Gaelic Games in 1990 by winning the All-Ireland senior hurling and senior football titles in the same season. Name their respective captains.
- Wexford has the distinction of being the first county to win four All-Ireland senior football titles in succession. True or false?



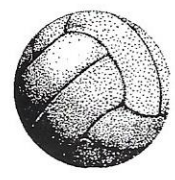
- How many times has Wexford won the Liam McCarthy Cup?
- Cork first inscribed their name on the Liam McCarthy Cup in what season?
- Martin O'Doherty and Tony Doran were the respective captains in the All-Ireland senior hurling final of what year?
- Dickie Murphy, the well-known Wexford hurling referee and currently a county senior selector, last refereed an All-Ireland senior hurling final in what year?
- What county beat Cork in an All-Ireland senior hurling qualifier last year?
- How far did Wexford advance in last year's All-Ireland senior hurling qualifiers?
- Did Clare and Cork meet in last year's Munster senior hurling championship?
- How many goals were scored in last year's Leinster final between Kilkenny and Wexford—none, two or four?
- Who won the final of the All-Ireland hurling preliminary round qualifier this year?
- Did Galway reach the All-Ireland senior hurling semi-finals last year?
- Waterford won their first Munster senior hurling title in how many years last season?
- When did a Cork club last win the All-Ireland senior title?
- Only one Wexford club has won the All-Ireland club senior hurling title. Name the club in question?
- Who won the Shield in interprovincial senior hurling last November?



1. Five. 2. Three. 3. Limerick. 4. Yes, in 1956. 5. Tomás Mulcahy (hurling) and Larry Tompkins. 6. True. They achieved that distinction in the 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918 championships. 7. Five times. 8. 1926. 9. 1977. 10. 1998. 11. Galway at Thurles. 12. They lost to Clare in Round Three. 13. No. 14. None. 15. Kerry. 16. No. They lost a quarter-final to Clare. 17. 39 years. 18. 1988 when Middleton were successful. 19. Buffer's Alley in 1989. 20. Connacht, who beat Ulster.



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Last Week

This six question exercise concentrating on happenings in last week's All-Ireland minor and senior hurling semi-finals.

1. What was Galway's winning margin over Tipperary in last Sunday's All-Ireland minor hurling semi-final?
2. Galway and Kilkenny or Cork minor hurlers will be striving next month to win what trophy?
3. Niall Healy scored 0-9, 0-10, or 0-11 for Galway in last week's minor semi-final. Your choice!
4. Name the Dublin referee who had charge of last Sunday's All-Ireland minor hurling semi-final.
5. Who led at half-time in last Sunday's All-Ireland senior hurling semi-final?
6. Did Damien Fitzhenry score a point for Wexford against Cork last week?

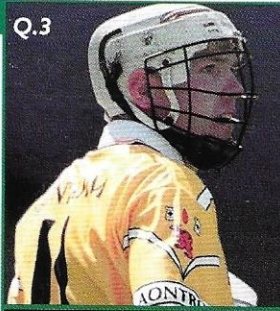
This Weekend

1. This week-end's senior semi-finals could result in a final between counties from the same province. When did that last happen?
2. Who led Kilkenny to last year's Liam McCarthy Cup triumph?
3. Cork's All-Ireland senior hurling title winning captain of 1999 was in action last Sunday against Wexford. True or false?
4. Wexford lost to what county in their last All-Ireland senior hurling semi-final replay two years ago?
5. Tipperary went into last year's All-Ireland senior hurling semi-final against Kilkenny after a defeat earlier in Munster. True or false?
6. Where was the Kilkenny-Tipperary Allianz Hurling League final played on May Bank Holiday Monday last?

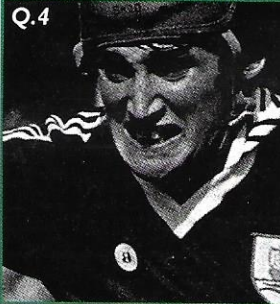
General Review

1. Only one game was drawn in this year's Munster senior hurling championship. Name the two counties involved in that game.
2. Dublin were involved in a draw and replay with what county this summer in the Leinster senior hurling championship?
3. I captained my county to the Allianz Hurling League Division II title earlier this year and also to the Ulster senior championship. My club is Dunloy. Who am I?
4. I was in action earlier this year in a new role as a county senior hurling team manager with my native county. I am a former full back and I am also the only man from my county to captain two All-Ireland senior hurling title-winning teams. Who am I?
5. Where was the Tipperary-Galway All-Ireland senior hurling qualifier tie played last month?
6. Name last year's All-Ireland minor hurling finalists.

Q.3



Q.4



LETTERS JUMBLES

Each Letters Jumble contains the initial and surname of a hurler who will be in action this week-end in the Croke Park programmes.

1. **Y G D N E I U**

Back in action after a long absence with an injury.

2. **E A R B W N O**

I scored two points in the No. 14 jersey last week.

3. **N R R R C U A**

I was one of the half-backs in action last week-end.

4. **E T N N U D**

I was a forward in my county's last All-Ireland senior final win but have been playing as a defender of late.

5. **L L R J Y A**

I won a Leinster senior hurling medal in July on my debut in a provincial final. I was on duty in the full back line.

6. **N E E B N N R A**

I scored a goal for Kilkenny just after the start of the second half in the Leinster final.

SPLIT PERSONALITIES

Here are the photographs of four players from each of the teams involved in this year's All-Ireland Hurling Semi-finals, but to confuse you, we have mixed up the top and bottom halves of the pics. Can you identify the players?



Final at Thurles. 2. Laois. 3. Colm McGuckian (Antrim). 4. Conor Hayes (Galway). 5. Pearse Stadium, Galway. 6. Kilkenny and Tipperary. **Letters Jumble:** 1. D. Guiney (Wexford). 2. A. Browne (Cork). 3. R. Curran (Cork). 4. T. Dunne (Tipperary). 5. J. Ryall (Kilkenny). 6. E. Brennan (Kilkenny). **Split Personalities** 1-D: James McGarry (Cill Chainnigh); 2-C: Donal O'g Cusack (Corcaigh); 3-A: Damien Fitzhenry (Loch Garman); 4-B: Brendan Cummins (Tibraid Arann). **General Review** 1. Waterford and Limerick who played a draw in a Munster semi-score at all. **This Weekend:** 1. 2000, when Kilkenny beat Offaly. 2. Andy Comerford. 3. False. Mark Landers was captain in 1999. 4. Tipperary. 5. True. They lost the Munster final to Waterford. 6. Croke Park. **Last Week:** 1. Three points—2-19 to 2-16. 2. The IRISH PRESS Cup. 3. 0-10. 4. Eamonn Morris. 5. Wexford by 1-11 to 0-10. 6. He did not

Today's winner will need a bigger trophy cabinet.



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