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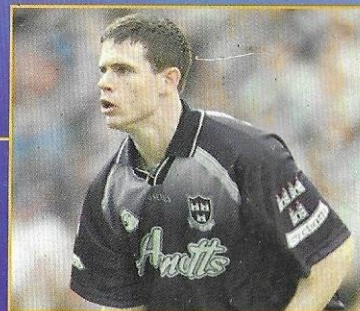
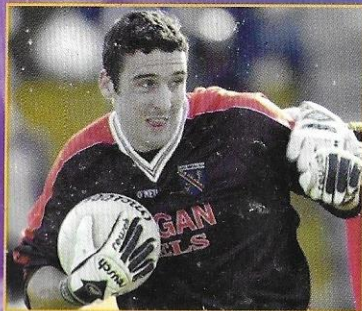
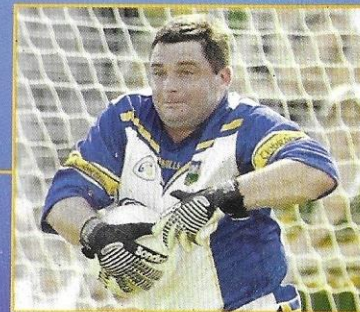
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Ard Mhacha v Baile Átha Cliath

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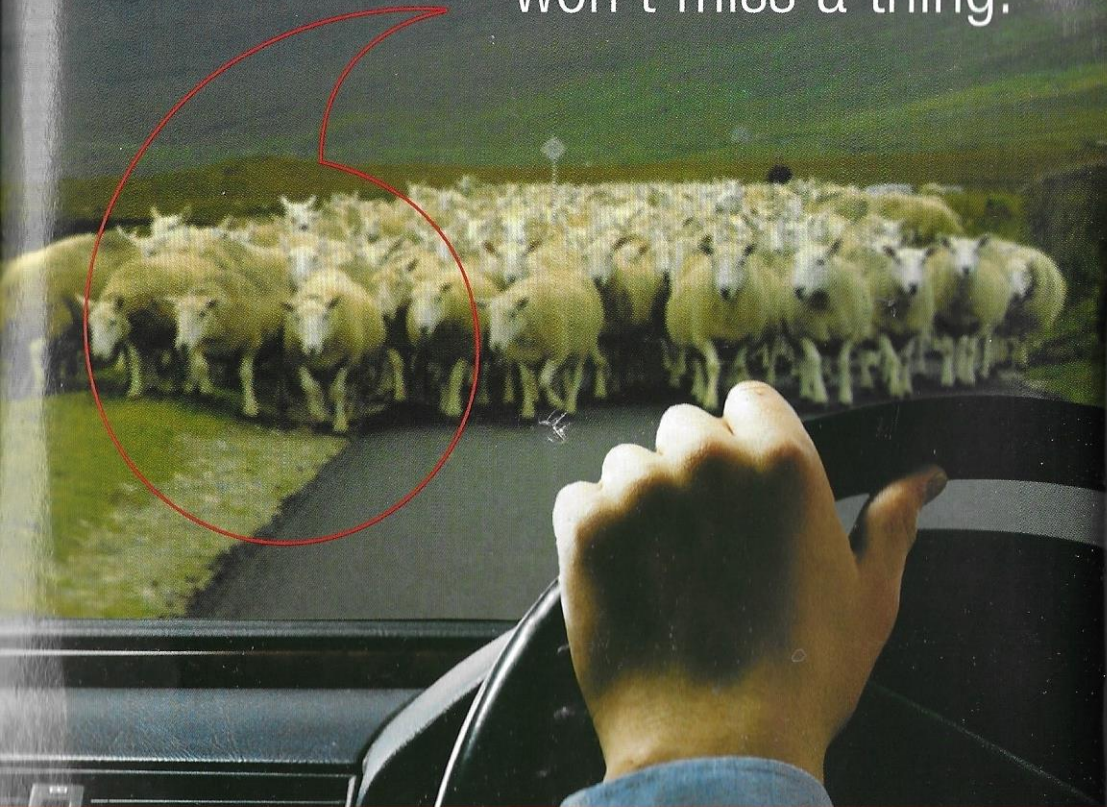
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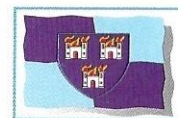
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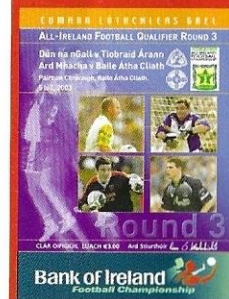
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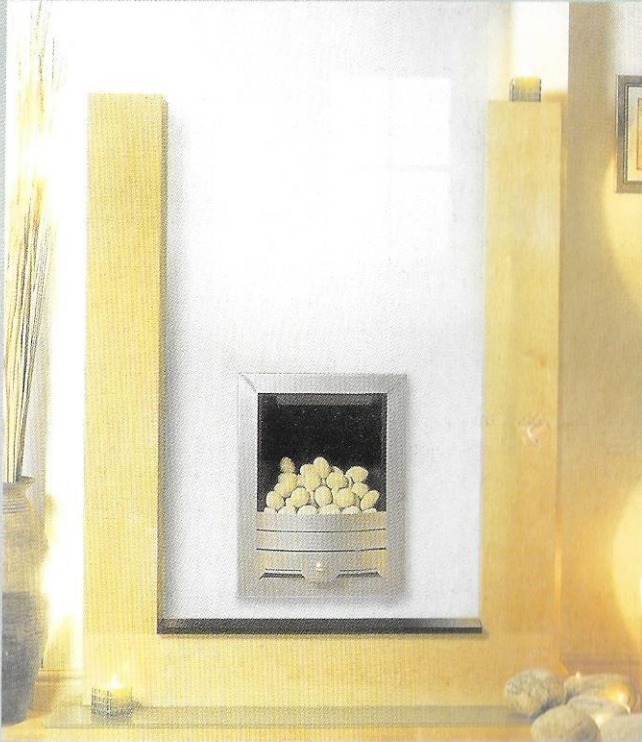
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It is my honour to extend a special welcome to you on the occasion of today's Bank of Ireland All Ireland football championship qualifier games. The prospect of two enthralling games should keep supporters on the edge of their seats throughout the afternoon. The first game today pits Donegal against Tipperary in a novel pairing. The teams have never met before and the prize of a place in the 4th round of the qualifiers will await today's winners. Donegal are no strangers to headquarters, having played here in last year's qualifier series, but for the men from the Premier County this Croke Park appearance is the first in many years. It is particularly pleasing in this context to welcome Tipperary here today and we hope their many talented players will use this opportunity to exhibit their undoubted skills on the GAA's biggest stage.

The second game today will revive memories of last years thrilling All Ireland semi-final when the width of a post was all that separated Dublin and eventual All Ireland champions Armagh. The Metropolitans bounced back admirably from their defeat to Laois by recording an excellent victory over Derry last weekend, while Armagh have been making steady progress in the qualifiers since their shock Ulster Championship exit to Monaghan.

Croke Park itself returns to action this weekend following the recent Special Olympic Games. The games were a reminder to us all of what sport is really about and we in the GAA were delighted to be given the opportunity to "share the feeling" and we are very proud of the part we played in what was a wonderful week for our country. The fact that the fundraising activities of our clubs allowed us to present a cheque for €250,000 to the organisers of the games is a fitting reflection of the organisational ability and generosity of spirit of our membership. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

I would also like to extend a special welcome to An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern TD to today's games. He has been a great supporter of the GAA down through the years and I'm sure he'll be keeping a close eye today on the performance of his native Dublin.

This is the third year of the All Ireland football championship qualifiers and interest in the games is currently at an all time high. We have established a task force to examine our Championship structures going forward, and indeed I would welcome any submissions from our supporters in this regard to our Games Development Department in Croke Park.

I hope you all enjoy today's games and we look forward to the latter stages of the 2003 Championship with great anticipation.

Ráth De oraibh go léir.

Seán Ó Ceallaigh, Uachtarán



## Féile Peile

**B**eidh aird lucht leanta peile na tíre dírithe ar Pháirc an Chrócaigh, Cluain Eois agus ar Mhuileann gCearr an deireadh seachtaine seo agus na cluichí sa chomórtas cáilithe, babhta a trí, ar siúl. Le leithéidí Ollie Murphy, John Devenney agus Enda McNulty ag filleadh ar pháirc na himeartha agus Declan Browne ag imirt i bPáirc an Chrócaigh don chéad uair i gcluiche sinsir, ta féile peile chugainn.

Tabharfaidh fir an úllóird aghaidh ar a sean-cháirde ón bpríomhchathair i mórchluiche an deireadh seachtaine i bPáirc an Chrócaigh. Athimirt de chluiche leathcheannais na bliana seo chaite a bheidh anseo agus Áth Cliath dírithe ar chúiteamh a fháil as diomá an chluiche úd. Tá craobh an chúige cailte ag an dá chontae faoin am seo ach siad na hUltaigh curaidh Uile-Éireann go fóill agus beidh drugall orthu fáil réidh leis.

Bhi na seanfhundóirí, Dessie Farrell agus Jason Sherlock, imeasc laochra an chluiche do 'Bhleá Cliath an lá faoi dheireadh in aghaidh Dhoire agus d'imir an fhoireann ar fad i bhfad níos fearr ná mar a d'imir siad in aghaidh Laoise. Caithfear a adhmháil, áfach, go gcuirfidh Ard Mhacha scrúdu níos déine orthu an babhta seo. Nuair a thug siad aghaidh ar a chéile sa Sraith níos luaithe sa bhliain bhí bua éasca ag Ard Mhacha. Ní raibh stró ró mhór ar fhir Joe Kernan sa chraobh-chomórtas in aghaidh Aontroma, Loch Garman, nó Phort Láirge ach meastar nach bhfuil caihdeán na bliana seo chaite sroichte acu go dtí seo i mblíana agus go mbeidh na Gormaign ró-ghlic dóibh an babhta seo le buntáiste baile agus spreagadh an bhua i gCluain Eois úr ina naigne fo fóill. Fiú le Enda McNulty ar ais, ceaptar go mbeidh céiliúradh eile sa príomhchathair.

Cé go bhfuil Declan Browne i mbarr a mhaitheasa

faoi láthair ceaptar go mbeidh deireadh inniu le feachtas Thioibraid Arann i gCraobhchomórtas peile 2003, nuair a rachaidh siad i ngleic le Dún na nGall don chéad uair riamh sa chomórtas seo. Is iontach go bhfuil Browne ag fáil seans a scileanna a léiriú i bPáirc an Chrócaigh. Bhí droch-thús ag Na Conallaigh i mblíana, ach léirigh siad in aghaidh Shligigh go bhfuil dul chun cinn sontasach déanta acu. Má bhíonn Brendan Devenney ar ais ar a shean-léim, tógfaidh na Tuaisceartaigh céim eile chun tosaigh os chomhair slua mór i gceannáras Chumann Lúthchleas Gael.

Bhi an tarraingt an-chineálta do Ríogaigh na Mí. Cé gur thug Cill Dara bata is bóthar dóibh i gcéad bhabhta Laighean, tá siad ag feabhsú de réir a chéile agus ceaptar go mbeidh siad fós san iomaíocht ag deireadh na himeartha sa chluiche seo. Nil amhras ná go bhfuil dul chun cinn déanta ag Fear Manach i mblíana Bhi coicíos ag An Cábhán le hullmhú do chluiche an deireadh seachtaine seo chaite ach thug fir na hEirne léasadh ceart dóibh sa dara leath, ach go háirithe. Agus sin ráite, áfach, ní dócha go mbeidh siad láidir go leor d'fhir Seán Boylan i gCluain Eois ach d'fheadfadh siad bheith an-chóngarach dá chéile ag an fheadóg deiridh.

Tá an-chluiche chugainn sa Mhuileann gCearr. Bhi mí-ádh ar Uibh Fháili nár bhuaigh siad ar Laois i gcéad bhabhta Laighean agus tá fir Mick O'Dwyer i gcluiche ceannais Laighean anois. Tá na fir lár-tíre fós san iomaíocht, áfach agus nuair a thugadar aghaidh ar an gClár agus ar Londain ní raibh stró ar bith orthu. Cuirfidh fir Tommy Carr dian scrúdu orthu inniu. Le buanna ar Chorcaigh agus Liatróim i mblíana agus an-taispeántais in aghaidh na Gaillimhe, ní bheidh spreagadh de dhíth ar laochra Ros Comáin inniu. Ní bheidh mórán eatarthú ag an deireadh ach moltar Ros Comáin le dul ar aghaidh.

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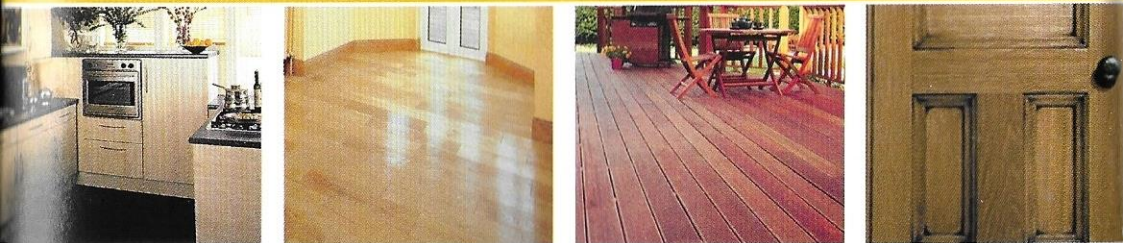
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## Good comeback by Donegal from Ulster defeat

**D**onegal have come back well in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football qualifiers from the disappointment of their somewhat unexpected defeat by Fermanagh in the opening round of the Ulster championship.

The North West county gave a very disappointing performance in their four points defeat by Fermanagh at Enniskillen, but have now firmly put that showing in the shade with two fine wins on the way to this latest engagement in the qualifiers.

Quality play by Adrian Sweeney and newcomer Stephen McDermott contributed to a step up in form when seeing off Longford at Ballybofey in round one by a clear-cut six points margin. McDermott scored the goal early on in the game.

Last time out Donegal gave their best display in a long time in a win over Sligo, also at Ballybofey. There were many positive features for the North West county in that success. Adrian Sweeney proved an inspiring captain with his polished and clever football in attack, and his accuracy that resulted in seven points.

Jim McGuinness, one of the longer serving members of the side, was another to show up well in attack. McDermott, who is only 21, had a splendid game at midfield. He moved into the attack time and again and also rifled over three splendid long range points. John Gildea was a progressive worker at midfield until he had to retire with an injury while Kevin Cassidy, an All Star last year, Damien Diver and Raymond Sweeney were commanding figures in a tenacious rearguard.

Donegal took some time to find their form against the Connacht county and might well have been in arrears

rather than a point ahead after the first ten minutes had the visitors made better use of their scoring opportunities. They short five wides in that period.

The home side improved steadily after that, with Adrian Sweeney a real leader and were 0-8 to 0-6 ahead at the break. Sligo reduced their deficit to a point early in the second half, but Donegal responded in impressive style.

They produced their best football of the game over the last twenty minutes or so when they played with real passion and drive to dominate the exchanges and run out good winners by 0-16 to 0-11.

That was Donegal's best performances since the heady days of last summer when they beat Meath in round four of the qualifiers and played a memorable draw with Dublin at Croke Park before failing to come up to general expectations in the replay, in which they sustained a heavy defeat in a lack-lustre showing.



Jim McGuinness (Dún na nGall)

## THE CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD SO FAR

1st June. Enniskillen

**Donegal 0-6; Fermanagh 0-10.**

Scorers: Adrian Sweeney 0-4, Brian Roper 0-1, Colm McFadden 0-1.

7th June. Ballybofey.

**Donegal 1-17; Longford 1-11.**

Scorers: Adrian Sweeney 0-8, Stephen McDermott 1-1, Brian Roper 0-3, Colm McFadden 0-3, Michael Hegarty 0-2.

22nd June. Ballybofey:

**Donegal 0-16; Sligo 0-11.**

Scorers: Adrian Sweeney 0-7, Stephen McDermott 0-3, Michael Hegarty 0-2, John Harnan 0-2, Brian Roper 0-1, Jim McGuinness 0-1.

**TOTAL SCORED: 1-39 (42 points).**

**TOTAL CONCEDED: 1-32 (35 points).**

Scorers: Adrian Sweeney 0-19, Stephen McDermott 1-4, Brian Roper 0-5, Colm McFadden 0-4, Michael Hegarty 0-4, John Harnan 0-2, Jim McGuinness 0-1.

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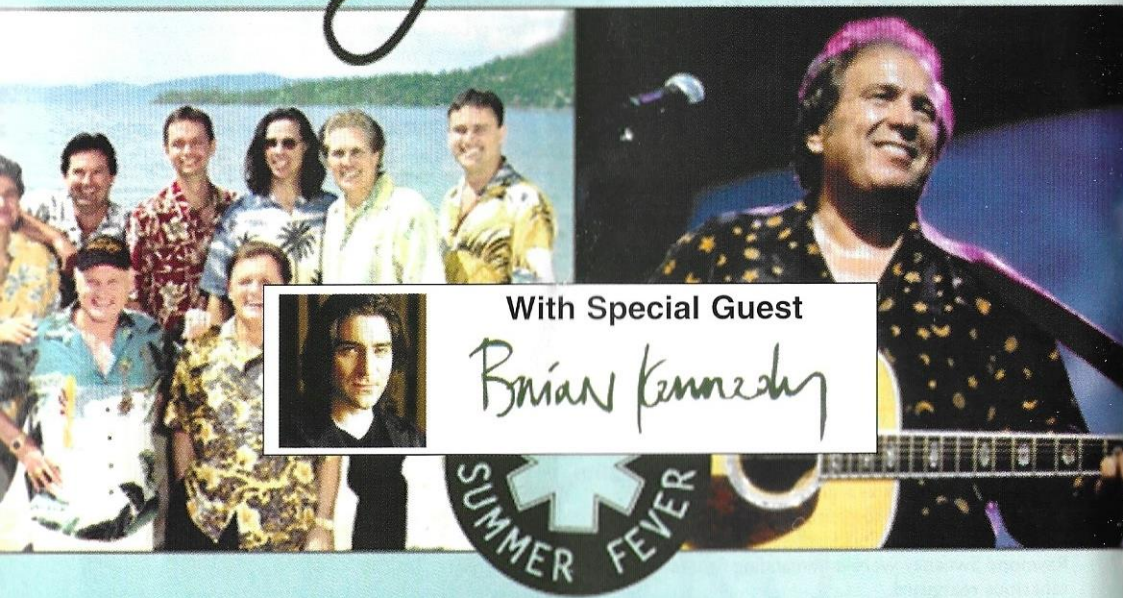
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## IT HAPPENED IN FOOTBALL

### Few Dubs

Wherever Dublin appear nowadays a huge attendance is the norm; but it wasn't always so when the capital was in action – even in a Leinster final. For instance, when Dublin contested their first-ever provincial decider (against Wexford in 1890), Clontarf Park wasn't exactly bursting at the seams. In fact, there was only a tiny attendance at the Drumcondra venue to see the Blues and Whites and Isles of the Sea (the counties were represented by their champion clubs) battle it out. A daily paper commenting on the games estimated the attendance at 400 and added that it was largely made up of Wexford followers.

Hill 16 was a long way in the future.

### Debut and Departure

To play in an All-Ireland final is the ambition of every gaelic footballer and those who realise that ambition usually do so after a tough and lengthy 'apprenticeship' through provincial campaigns and often over many seasons. But an Offaly player of the late sixties had the most unusual experience of making his championship debut in an All-Ireland final, and even more unusual, that debut was the only championship appearance he ever made for the county at senior level. The man was Frank Costello of the St. Brigid's club who came on as a substitute in the second half of the 1969 All-Ireland final. The Croghan man had been a member of the panel from the start of the campaign without ever being called in, and as he failed to make the squad after his '69 appearance against Kerry, it proved to be the only one he ever made for the Faithful county.

Frank Costello's playing career may have been one of the shortest on record, but it did give him a unique place in Offaly football history.

### Medals...Late and Early

As recently as the late forties, it was the practice to present the medals of the winners of the All-Ireland final on the evening of the game – usually at a function organised by the successful county, in Dublin. But before functions became the accepted location for the presentation, it was not unusual for the medals to be presented on the field at the conclusion of the game, as was the case when Tipperary and Meath met in 1895, and was believed to be one of the reasons why the Royals did not object to the winners on that occasion (it would have meant the Premier county returning the medals). This immediate presentation of the medals was certainly not in vogue when the first championship was decided in 1887; in fact no arrangement was made for any awards for the

winners, and the Limerick Commercial who won that final did not receive their medals until 1910, by which time a number of the team had died or emigrated.

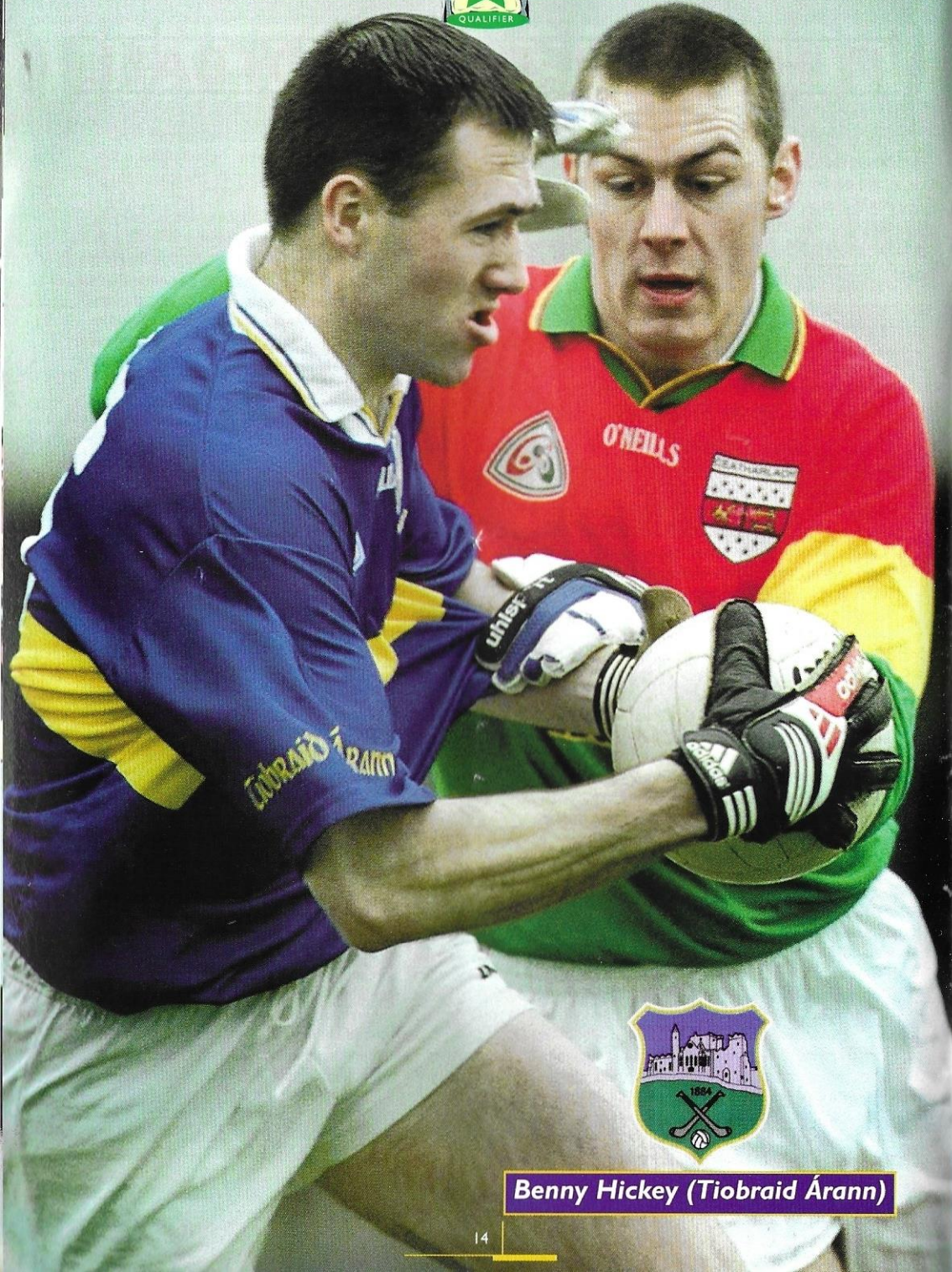
A more recent instance of an exceptional delay in players receiving their mementoes was in 1925 – or rather in 1927 – by which year, Galway players were still awaiting their 1925 medals. The '25 campaign had ended in some confusion with Galway being declared champions, though Mayo apparently had some claim also. In the event, sometime in 1926, the medals were handed over to the Connacht Council to be passed on to Galway, but by April 1927 the Western body had made no move to carry out the Central Council's instructions. However, at Congress on April 17th, the President ordered the Connacht Council to hand over the medals to Galway, and apparently that was done as there was no further mention of the matter.

### Burst

When Kildare and Laois lined out in the first round of the Leinster championship at Portlaoise in 1918, arrangements were less than perfect – at least in respect of the most important item...the ball. In the pre-match kick-about the ball burst and when a substitute was procured for the game proper, it too, had a short life as, with only ten minutes played, it failed to survive a clash of competing boots and deflated even quicker than its predecessor. Efforts to repair both balls were frantic, but unavailing, and eventually referee J. McGrath of Dublin abandoned the game and the spectators had their money refunded.

And that wasn't the first time that a less than perfect ball had caused the abandonment of a game. The 1890 Munster final at the Markets' Field in Limerick had only a few minutes to go when the ball 'gave up the ghost', and with no replacement available Cork and Kerry had to wait three weeks to decide who should advance to the All-Ireland stage.

As recently as 1948 there was another case of a deflated sphere...but this time the "burst up" did not lead to the game being abandoned. It was in the junior "Home" final between Dublin and Armagh at Dundalk, when close to half time Armagh's Mal McEvoy slapped the ball to the Dublin net. However, when the 'keeper turned to retrieve the ball, it was as flat as a pancake. This, of course, created a problem for the referee, but after some delay he decided to allow the score. But like the 1890 and 1918 games, this match did fail to run its course, though its early termination was due to a crowd invasion and not the burst ball. Still, most would consider that three burst balls in less than 60 years was quite enough.


**Benny Hickey (Tiobraid Árann)**


## Browne to the fore in Tipperary comeback

**T**he sharp finishing of Declan Browne, the county's only All Star in football, has been a feature of what is proving a somewhat in-and-out season for Tipperary in the Bank of Ireland senior championship.

Browne was a very influential figure as Tipperary opened their Munster programme with a win over Waterford at Walsh Park. He scored eleven points.

The Moyle Rovers clubman was again impressively on the target in the provincial semi-final at Austin Stack Park in Tralee, where he hit 1-5. But that return was still not enough to prevent the Premier County from bowing out of the chase on a 1-10 to 0-25 scoreline.

Tipperary did really well, however, to get back into winning form at the expense of Carlow at Thurles in their initial appearance in this season's qualifier.

The visitors went into that game buoyed up by a good win over Wicklow in their opening engagement in the current qualifiers. Once again Browne was a commanding figure, finishing with his best match return of the season so far at an impressive 1-9.

Carlow had the better of the opening half and might well have finished at the interval with a bigger margin than four points ahead but for a great save by Tipperary captain and goalkeeper Philly Ryan.

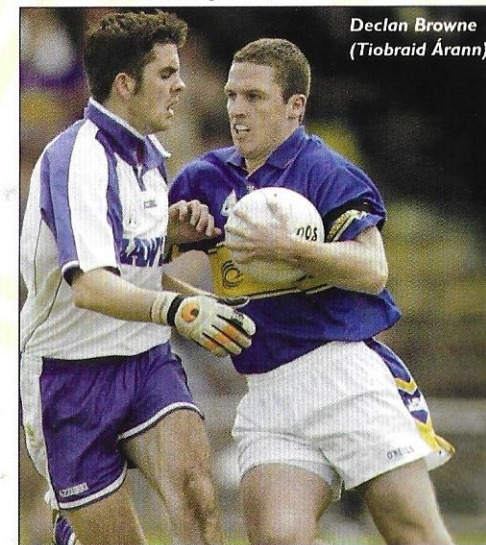
Tipperary, with Browne to the fore, came much more into the picture after the change of ends and were on level terms at 0-11 each after fifty-eight minutes.

Fergal O'Callaghan put the Premier County ahead four minutes later and they went on to finish

deserving winners by 1-14 to 0-13.

While Brown was the star of the success, others contributed in rich measure to the ticket to the next round. Goalkeeper Ryan, who brought off another splendid save late in the game, midfielder O'Callaghan and Aidan Fitzgerald in attack were other very influential figures.

A fine return by Tipperary to match-winning form and one that should give them much encouragement for this latest challenge.


**Declan Browne (Tiobraid Árann)**

### THE CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD SO FAR

25th May. Walsh Park:

**Tipperary 0-18; Waterford 1-12.**

**Scorers:** Declan Browne 0-11, Fergal O'Callaghan 0-2, Liam England 0-2, Bernard Hahessy 0-1, Aidan Fitzgerald 0-1, Declan Fanning 0-1.

15th June, Tralee:

**Tipperary 1-10; Kerry 0-25.**

**Scorers:** Declan Browne 1-5, Fergal O'Callaghan 0-2, Aidan Fitzgerald 0-2, Liam England 0-1.

21st June. Semple Stadium:

Tipperary 1-14; Carlow 0-13.

**Scorers:** Declan Browne 1-9, Aidan Fitzgerald 0-2, Fergal O'Callaghan 0-1, Eamonn Hanrahan 0-1, Tony Doyle 0-1.

**TOTAL SCORED: 2-42 (48 points).**

**TOTAL CONCEDED: 1-50 (53 points).**

**Scorers:** Declan Browne 2-25, Fergal O'Callaghan 0-5, Aidan Fitzgerald 0-5, Liam England 0-3, Bernard Hahessy 0-1, Declan Fanning 0-1, Eamonn Hanrahan 0-1, Tony Doyle 0-1.

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## A special anniversary for Tipperary

**F**or many years now, if anniversaries were celebrated in Tipperary Gaeldom, they invariably had to do with hurling. And while it may not be entirely accurate to state that football is the poor relation of the more ancient game, it is none the less true that the county's football achievements have tended to be forgotten – despite a modest resurgence, which saw them take All-Ireland junior honours as recently as 1998.

But this year, should Tipperary be so inclined, they can celebrate the 75th anniversary of their last win over Kerry in senior championship football. Since 1923 Tipperary had lost every year to Kerry by margins ranging from four to ten points and when they were again in opposition in 1928 in the semi-final at Tipperary town, not many would be prepared to bet that the sequence was in the slightest danger

of being broken.

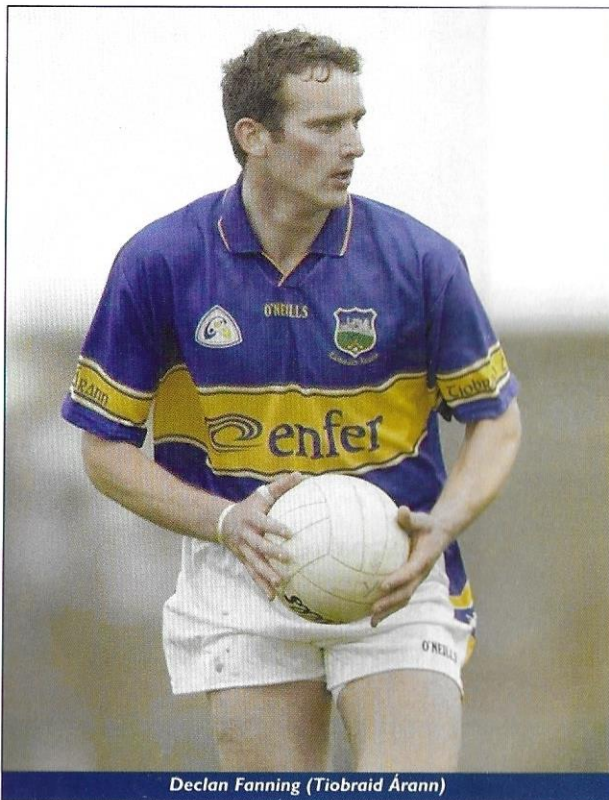
Excitement was not exactly at fever pitch when a team drawn from all the old strongholds of Templemore, Fethard, Clonmel, Ardfinnan, Kilsheelan, Mullinahone and Carrick, lined out against a star-studded Kingdom side, which positively bristled with names that were already great – John Joe Sheehy, Johnny Riordan, Joe Barrett, Jack Walsh, Paul Russell, Bob Stack and Paddy Whitty to name some of the most famous. Only Willie Barrett on the Tipperary side had ever played in an All-Ireland final.

But on this day they all played as they never had before. With wind advantage Tipperary were immediately on the attack and after the Kerry defence had repulsed a couple of forays, Paddy Kenny hit a great long-range point for a lead that was never lost. Having the better of matters,

Tipperary went further ahead with points by Connie Keane and a goal by Kenny with Kerry still to score. They did eventually, close to half time when Russell and Sheehy raised flags, but that was only after the Premier county had notched their fourth and fifth points, which left it 1-5 to 0-2 at the break.

Early second-half Kerry pressure yielded nothing before Kenny had another Tipperary point. Seven points behind and a hint of desperation was beginning to show in Kerry's play, but they were moving well when they hit and a goal and a point in quick succession to reduce their arrears to three. Tipperary struggled back for their last point, and it was a vital one, which meant that Sweeney's late goal for the visitors made no difference to the result – Tipperary 1-7 Kerry 2-3.

Three-quarters of a century later Tipperary are still waiting to repeat that success, but the team which recorded the county's last win over Kerry was – J. Weston, M. Barry, R. Heffernan, R. Mockler, J. Darcy, J. O'Leary, E. Lonergan, T. McCarthy, T. Lee, W. Barrett, C. Keane, D. Mullins, P. Arrigan, T. O'Keefe, P. Kenny.



Declan Fanning (Tiobraid Árann)



## Donegal's long wait

**A** more appropriate caption might be – Donegal Long Waits, for it is more than the simple truth to state that few counties had as long to wait for even a modest measure of success as Donegal. In the realm of Ulster football the county was late arriving on the scene as it wasn't until 1906 that a Donegal team appeared in the championship for the first time, and their debut was less than impressive. Pitted against a Derry team that had recorded its first-ever win a few weeks previously, Donegal, despite the advantage of a home venue (Letterkenny), made a poor showing against the Oak Leaf and went down by 0-2 to 0-18. July 1st, 1906 was not a date to be remembered with any satisfaction.

For the next 12 years Donegal failed to make a championship appearance, but when they did return to active participation it was to score an emphatic 0-16 to 0-3 win over Tyrone at Strabane in 1919. However, next time out Cavan proved too strong and Donegal went down by 0-8 to 0-17. Recording back-to-back championship wins was to become an almost impossible task for Donegal footballers. For the next six years Donegal departed the race on their first outing and 23 years after their championship debut Donegal could claim just two wins; and they were six years apart.

In the 1930s Donegal won three games and lost eight and it was a similar tale in the forties – four wins and ten defeats. The returns from the 1950s

showed no improvement; indeed, they had slipped back to just one win and one draw, but the sixties were to bring some relief, although that decade opened with another grim reminder when, for the 20th time in 20 meetings, Donegal had to give way to Cavan.

The 1963 championship, however, was to see the first chink of light illuminate a dark history when, having beaten Fermanagh in the opening round, Donegal at last recorded back-to-back wins with a first-ever semi-final victory; appropriately it was at the expense of their old tormentors Cavan, who had given them so much misery over the years. Donegal were in an Ulster final for the first time. However, there was to be no fairytale ending that year as Down's powerful squad had ten points to spare at Casement Park – a 2-11 to 1-4 scoreline tells its own story.

The remainder of the sixties saw the old order reinstated as back-to-back wins again eluded Donegal. But suddenly, out of the blue was it were, success came in Ulster: First-round defeats in 1969, '70 and '71 represented an unpromising prelude to the 1972 campaign, but wins over Down and Cavan on a replay secured a place in the final, and at Clones the years of bitter disappointment faded into history as Tyrone were beaten by 2-13 to 1-11. For the first time Donegal had won three championship games in the one season and were Ulster champions for the first time.

But it had been a long wait.

## Tipperary's long route

**F**ive months nowadays suffices for a county to go through any campaign, which climaxes in an All-Ireland final appearance. But that was not the experience of the Tipperary team which won the county's fourth – and last – All-Ireland title in 1920. Their campaign began at the Market's Field in Limerick where they drew 1-2 all with Clare on June 6th. A week later at Dungarvan the teams finished level (0-2 all) and it took a third meeting at Clonmel (August 15th) before the Premier county advanced by 1-7 to 0-1. But then as the War of Independence intensified, the championship was put on hold and it was found impossible to stage the provincial semi-finals until February 19th 1922, when Tipperary overcame Waterford by 3-4 to 0-1 at Dungarvan. On April 9th Tipperary were crowned provincial champions at the Cork Athletic Grounds following a 2-2 to 0-2 win over Kerry.

The All-Ireland semi-final with Mayo went on at Croke Park on May 7th and then on June 11th 1922 – two years and five days after they had started their campaign – All-Ireland honours were annexed with a 1-6 to 1-2 win over Dublin.

Interestingly, Dublin's route to the decider was even longer as they had played their first game in Leinster on May 16th 1920, three weeks before Tipperary set out on their campaign.



## Former glory... Tipperary and Croke Park



**W**hen the Tipperary team lines out at Croke Park today, their appearance will bridge a gap of 68 years back to the county's last championship game at senior level, which was in the 1935 All-Ireland semi-final. Tipperary had been no strangers to the venue in the 40 years preceding the game with Cavan, and indeed the Premier county could claim some notable deeds in that four-decade spell at Jones's Road.

Pride of place must surely go to their winning of the first All-Ireland played there in 1895 – a day made doubly memorable by the fact that the hurlers were also successful as they, too, annexed All-Ireland honours. And Tipperary were back to claim another football title in 1900 when London were overcome, and though the remainder of that decade saw them perform mostly on provincial fields, when the first All-Ireland junior final was staged at Jones's Road in 1912, Tipperary were there to take All-Ireland honours at Louth's expense.

Back on the senior scene in 1918, Tipperary beat Mayo in the All-Ireland semi-final by a point and then experienced the agony of defeat by the same margin when they took on record-seeking Wexford in the final a few weeks later. By a point Kerry denied them another visit to headquarters in 1919 before the terrible events of Bloody Sunday in 1920 confirmed a special Tipperary connection with Croke Park. And when the delayed 1920 championship was finally completed, Tipperary came to Dublin to beat Mayo in the semi-final and Dublin in the final to bring the county's tally of senior football titles to four.

A second junior title was won when Carlow were beaten in 1923, but as Kerry's dominance of the

Munster football scene became almost total, Croke Park vanished from Tipperary's football agenda and it wasn't until 1935 that the blue and gold returned. Their assignment could scarcely have been more difficult – Cavan, the 1933 All-Ireland champions eager to compensate for a bizarre semi-final defeat in '34.

For a team, all of whom were appearing in a senior semi-final for the first time, Tipperary played with remarkable composure and took an early lead.

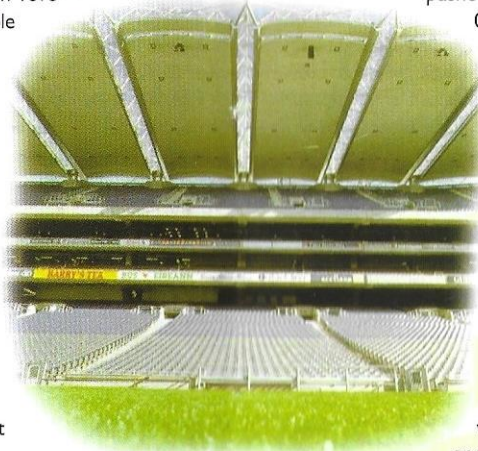
Cavan, however, with much less of the play, proved more adept at taking their chances and gradually pushed to an interval lead of 0-5 to

0-2. There was little change in the pattern of play in the third quarter; but by now the Tipperary forwards had found their range and points by Kieran Holland, Dick Lonergan and Watty Scott countered Cavan's lone third-quarter flag.

With ten minutes remaining Holland drove over the equaliser (0-6 each), and as Cavan strove to regain control, the Tipperary defence was equal to every demand and when play swung to the

other end Dick Power and Holland made it 0-8 to 0-6. A Cavan point left the minimum between the sides, but with time almost up disaster struck. A '50' to Cavan was believed by most spectators to be the last kick of the game and when Jim Smith squared up to take it, the most he could have hoped for was the equalising point. But the ball dropped short and Hugh O'Reilly deflected it to the net. Tipperary went out to the eventual All-Ireland champions on a 1-7 to 0-8 scoreline – their last appearance at Croke Park.

The team that did duty that day for the Premier county was – J. Williams, M. Morrissey, R. McGann, G. Kenny, W. Purcell, L. Scott, J. Lonergan, T. O'Keeffe, T. McDonald, R. Lonergan, K. Holland, P. Power, R. Allen, J. Noonan, W. Scott.



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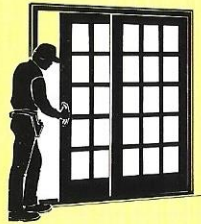
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## Last league meeting

February 1993 – Donegal 1-12 Tipperary 1-9

Donegal and Tipperary have no history as far as the senior football championship is concerned, but the counties have met in the national league, with the most recent meeting just over a decade ago at Thurles. The League records to date – Donegal four wins out of four, Tipperary one win out of four – suggested that the reigning All-Ireland champions would have a comfortable afternoon, but in the end they were happy to escape with a three-point verdict.

Taking the field with two thirds of the All-Ireland fifteen, Donegal started impressively and a goal by Declan Bonner helped them into a 1-4 to nil lead early in the second quarter. Tipp finally got off the mark at the 19th minute through Brian Burke, who, having been dragged down in the large square, converted the penalty kick himself.

At the break Donegal led by 1-7 to 1-2 and points by Brian Murray and Bonner on the restart increased

their advantage to seven points. The leaders then eased off, allowing Tipperary to claw their way back into the game. However, the visitors never looked like being caught and always appeared to have enough in reserve if the home side had got too close.

**Donegal scorers:** T.Boyle 0-5, D.Bonner 1-2, B.Murray 0-2, A.Molloy 0-1, B.Cunningham 0-1, M.Boyle 0-1.

**Tipperary scorers:** P.Maguire 0-3, P.Lambert 0-3, B.Burke 1-0, M.Sheehan 0-2, D.Foley 0-1.

**Donegal** – G.Walsh, J.J.Doherty, M.Gallagher, B.McGowan, M.Crossan, M.Gavigan, P.Carr, A.Molloy, B.Cunningham, D.Bonner, B.Murray, S.Maguire, J.McGuinness, T.Boyle, M.Boyle.

**Subs** – T.Ryan for McGuinness, N.Hegarty for Crossan, M.McHugh for M.Boyle.

**Tipperary** – P.Ryan, J.O'Meara, S.Collum, P.Gleeson, J.Owens, D.Finn, T.Macken, B.Burke, K.Coonan, D.Foley, P.Maguire, G.Deeley, P.Lambert, A.Crosse, D.Hogan.

**Subs** – M.Sheehan for Crosse, G.Ryan for Finn, D.Hahessy for Deeley.

## Today's Referees:



### Pat Fox (An Iarmhí)

The Westmeath man has been on the inter-county panel for a number of years and has taken charge of games in the Allianz League and at championship level.

He won an All-Ireland Colleges' senior football

medal with Carmelite College, Moate, in 1980 and played in all grades from under-14 up to senior with Westmeath.

Pat is a member of the Rosemount club and played in goal with the senior team. He won a county senior medal in 1989, as well as under-16 and minor souvenirs with the club.

His programme this year included the clash of Down and Sligo at Newry in the Allianz League as well as duty in the Leinster under-21 championship.



### Pat McEnaney (Muineachán)

The Monaghan official refereed the Dublin-Donegal All-Ireland quarter-final replay at Croke Park last August. He was also the man-in-middle at last Sunday's Fermanagh-Cavan qualifier at Enniskillen.

McEnaney is a referee of tremendous experience. He took charge of the 1996 All-Ireland senior final draw and replay featuring Meath and Mayo and the drawn Sam Maguire Cup tie between Kerry and Galway in 2001.

He has refereed at Connacht senior championship level in New York and was the Irish Referee/Umpire in the International Rules Test series both in this country and Australia.

Pat has refereed provincial finals in all four provinces.

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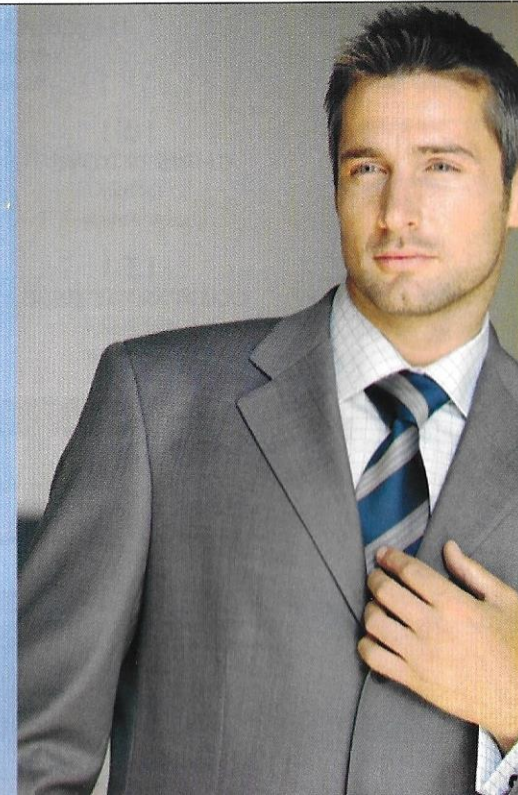
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- (16) **Sean Sweeney**  
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(Gaoth Dobhair)
- (17) **Michael Gurn**  
M. Ó Goirn  
(Aodh Ruadh)
- (18) **Dessie MacNamara**  
D. Mac Conmara  
(Bundorán)
- (19) **Brendan Boyle**  
B. Ó Baoill  
(Ard an Ratha)
- (20) **James Ruane**  
S. Ó Ruáin  
(Bundorán)
- (21) **Johnny McCafferty**  
S. Mac Eafartaigh  
(An Tearmain)
- (22) **John Haran**  
S. Ó hAráin  
(Naomh Adhamhain)
- (23) **Kevin Rafferty**  
C. Ó Raifeartaigh  
(Naomh Adhamhain)
- (24) **Brian McLaughlinn**  
B. Mac Lochlainn  
(Naomh Micheál)
- (25) **Mark Crossan**  
M. Ó Chrossáin  
(Naomh Adhamhain)
- (26) **Paul McGonigle**  
P. Mac Congail  
(Buncranaigh)
- (27) **Eamon Reddin**  
E. Ó Rodáin  
(Beart)
- (28) **Noel McGinley**  
N. Mac Fhionnaghaile  
(Naomh Columba)
- (29) **Brendan Devenney**  
B. Ó Duibhennaigh  
(Naomh Adhamhain)

Dathanna: Uaithne, Ór is Bán

<b>1</b> <b>TONY BLAKE</b> A. de Blaca (Naomh Adhamhain)		
<b>2</b> <b>NIALL MCCREADY</b> N. Mac Riada (Aodh Ruadh)	<b>3</b> <b>RAYMOND SWEENEY</b> R. Mac Suibhne (An Clochán Liath)	<b>4</b> <b>DAMIEN DIVER</b> D. Ó Duibhir (Ard an Ratha)
<b>5</b> <b>SHANE CARR</b> S. Mac Giolla Chearra (Na Ceithre Maistri)	<b>6</b> <b>BARRY MONAGHAN</b> B. Ó Muineacháin (Na Ceithre Maistri)	<b>7</b> <b>KEVIN CASSIDY</b> C. Ó Casaide (Gaoth Dobhair)
<b>8</b> <b>JOHN GILDEA</b> S. Mac Giolla Dé (Naomh Conail)	<b>9</b> <b>STEPHEN McDERMOTT</b> S. Mac Diarmada (Gleann Fhinne)	
<b>10</b> <b>CHRISTY TOYE</b> C. Ó Tuaithe (Naomh Micheál)	<b>11</b> <b>BRIAN ROPER</b> B. Ó Ropier (Aodh Ruadh)	<b>12</b> <b>JIM MacGUINNESS</b> S. Mac Aonasa (Naomh Conail)
<b>13</b> <b>COLM McFADDEN</b> C. Mac Phadín (Naomh Micheál)	<b>14</b> <b>ADRIAN SWEENEY</b> A. Mac Suibhne (Capt.) (Clochán Liath)	<b>15</b> <b>MICHAEL HEGARTY</b> M. Ó hEigearthaigh (Cill Chartha)

### Roghnóirí:

Brian McEniff, Manager  
P. J. McGowan,  
Michael Oliver McIntyre,  
Trainer: Patsy McGonigle,  
Coach: Anthony Harkin.

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# Tiobraid Árann 0-15



## Fir Ionaid

- (16) **Brian Enright**  
B. Mac Ionnrachtaigh  
(Cahir)
- (17) **Niall Kelly**  
N. Ó Ceallaigh  
(Kildangan)
- (18) **Bernard Hahesy**  
B. Ó hAitheasa  
(Carrick Swan)
- (19) **Patrick Hally**  
P. Ó hAllai  
(Rockwell Rovers)
- (20) **Damian Byrne**  
D. Ó Broin  
(Fethard)
- (21) **Shane Maher**  
S. Ó Meachair  
(Burgess)
- (22) **Fergus O'Callaghan**  
F. Ó Ceallacháin  
(Commericals)
- (23) **Niall Sheehan**  
N. Ó Stocháin  
(Arravale Rovers)
- (24) **Tony Doyle**  
A. Ó Dúill  
(Killenaule)
- (25) **James Williams**  
S. Mac Uilliam  
(Moyle Rovers)
- (26) **John Shanahan**  
S. Ó Seanacháin  
(Moyle Rovers)

Dathanna: Gorm is Ór

<b>1</b> <b>PHILLY RYAN</b> P. Ó Riain (Capt.) (Commericals)		
<b>2</b> <b>ROBBIE COSTIGAN</b> R. Mac Oistigín (Cahir)	<b>3</b> <b>SEAN COLLUM</b> S. Mac Colaim (J. K. Brackens)	<b>4</b> <b>LIAM CRONIN</b> L. Ó Cronín (Moyle Rovers)
<b>5</b> <b>DUINE EILE</b>	<b>6</b> <b>DECLAN FANNING</b> D. Ó Fanín (Killenaule)	<b>7</b> <b>NIALL FITZGERALD</b> N. Mac Gearailt (Moyle Rovers)
<b>8</b> <b>FERGAL O'CALLAGHAN</b> F. Ó Ceallacháin (Commericals)		<b>9</b> <b>EAMON HANRAHAN</b> E. Ó hAnracháin (Commericals)
<b>10</b> <b>AIDAN FITZGERALD</b> A. Mac Gearailt (Fethard)	<b>11</b> <b>KEVIN MULRYAN</b> C. Ó Maoilriain (J. K. Brackens)	<b>12</b> <b>PAUL CAHILL</b> P. Ó Cathail (Grangemockler)
<b>13</b> <b>DAMIAN O'BRIEN</b> D. Ó Briain (Éire Óg - Annacarthy)	<b>14</b> <b>DECLAN BROWNE</b> D. de Brún (Moyle Rovers)	<b>15</b> <b>BENNY HICKEY</b> B. Ó hÍcí (Cahir)

### Roghnóirí:

Tom McGlinchey (Manager)  
Jerry Cahill,  
Michael Fitzgerald.

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## Bank of Ireland Football Qualifiers Digest

### UNUSUAL DOUBLE

Niall McCready completed an unusual senior football championship double when he helped Donegal from right full back to their win over Sligo in round two at Ballybofey last month.

In May of last year he was left full back in the New York team that lost to Sligo by 1-19 to 1-11 in a first round

Connacht senior championship tie at Gaelic Park, New York.

McCready's team-mates that day included Michael Slowey who was top scorer for New York with 1-5. He was on duty with Monaghan in this season's championship campaign.

Ciaran McManus

### McMANUS LEADS IN GOALS REVIEW

Ciaran McManus (Offaly) ranks as the only footballer to score three goals in a single game in Rounds 1 and 2 of this season's qualifier. He achieved that feat in the Faithful County's opening win over London at Tullamore—4-15 to 0-10.

The McManus return also ranks Offaly as the only county so far to score four goals in a single game.

Donegal and Fermanagh head the points returns with sixteen each in their wins over Sligo and Cavan.

### RENEWING RIVALRY



Armagh and Dublin meet in the qualifiers for the first time, but, of course, they were in opposition in last year's All-Ireland senior football semi-final. Their clash attracted an attendance of 79,386 to Croke Park and Armagh, with forwards Ronan Clarke and Oisín McConville, midfielder Paul McGrane and left full back Enda McNulty to the fore, won by 1-14 to 1-13.

Enda McNulty

### ONLY ALL STAR

Declan Browne, who has been in sharpshooting form again this season, with Tipperary, is the county's only All Star in football in the history of this prestigious promotion that stretches back to 1971.

Browne, a member of the Moyle Rovers club, earned his place in the 1998 side at left full forward.

This game marks Tipperary's first senior football championship appearance at headquarters since losing a 1935 All-Ireland semi-final to Cavan.

Declan Browne

### LINKS WITH '95

Dessie Farrell and Jason Sherlock, who shared 2-4 between them in Dublin's win over Derry at Clones last Saturday in their debut in the current qualifiers, are the only links with the county's last Sam Maguire Cup winning team in 1995.

Farrell was one of Dublin's best players at centre half forward and also scored four points. Sherlock also did well at full forward.

Dublin won by 1-10 to 0-12.

Jason Sherlock

### MEATH'S SECOND SEASON

Meath are bidding to reach the fourth round for the second successive year. Last year in their debut in the series they beat Louth and Laois but lost to Donegal in round four by 0-14 to 1-13 at Croke Park.

Richie Kealy was their leading marksman with 2-6 from the three games.

Richie Kealy

### GALLAGHER SHINES IN FIRST WIN

Fermanagh recorded their second win in the history of the qualifiers by beating Cavan last Sunday. They opened their programme last year with an 0-14

to 0-7 win over Westmeath at Mullingar. Raymond Gallagher was prominent in forging out the success and scored six points.

The Ulster county lost next time out to Kerry at Portlaoise.

This will be the first senior championship meeting of Fermanagh and Meath.

Raymond Gallagher

### GOAL-GETTERS

Roscommon proved to be one of the goal-getters of last season's Qualifiers.

They scored three in their first round win over Waterford at Dungarvan, and hit two in an unsuccessful visit to Mayo at Castlebar.

Nigel Dineen was their ace marksman with 2-7 in two games for an average of 6.5 points. He has been on the target again with the county in the current series.

Nigel Dineen



# Ard Mhacha 0-15

## Fir Ionaid

- (16) **Ciarán McKinney**  
C. Mac Coinnigh  
(Pearse Óg)
- (17) **Barry O'Hagan**  
B. Ó hÁgain  
(Clann na nGael)
- (18) **Justin McNulty**  
S. Mac an Ultaigh  
(Mullabawn)
- (19) **Ronan Clarke**  
R. Ó Cléirigh  
(Pearse Óg)
- (20) **John Toal**  
S. Ó Tuathail  
(Keady)
- (21) **Kieran Hughes**  
C. Ó hAodha  
(Pearse Óg)
- (22) **Barry Duffy**  
B. Ó Dufaigh  
(Killeavey)
- (23) **Paul McCormack**  
P. Mac Cormaic  
(Keady)
- (24) **Kevin McElvanna**  
C. Mac Giolla Mheana  
(Madden)
- (25) **Malachy Mackin**  
M. Ó Maicín  
(St. Patrick's)
- (26) **Martin O'Rourke**  
M. Ó Ruairc  
(Dromintee)
- (27) **David Turley**  
D. Ó Toirealaigh  
(Tir na nÓg)
- (28) **Padraig Duffy**  
P. Ó Dufaigh  
(Pearse Óg)
- (29) **Des Mackin**  
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- (30) **Ciarán McKeever**  
C. Mac Iomhair  
(St. Patrick's)

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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
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<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>AIDAN O'ROURKE</b> A. Ó Ruairc (Dromintee)	<b>KIERAN McGEENEY</b> C. Mac Géibheannaigh (Capt.) (Na Fianna)	<b>ANDREW McCANN</b> A. Mac Cana (Ballyboden)
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>PHILIP LOUGHRAN</b> P. Ó Luachráin (Clady)	<b>PAUL McGRANE</b> P. Mag Ráine (Ballyhegan)	
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>PADDY McKEEVER</b> P. Mac Iomhair (Ballyhegan)	<b>JOHN McENTEE</b> S. Mac an tSaoi (Crossmaglen)	<b>OISÍN McCONVILLE</b> O. Mac Conmhaoil (Crossmaglen)
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>STEVEN McDONNELL</b> S. Mac Dónaill (Killeavey)	<b>DIARMAID MARSDEN</b> D. Mac an Mháistir (Clann na nGael)	<b>TONY McENTEE</b> A. Mac an tSaoi (Crossmaglen)

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(Naomh Barróg)
- (17) **Coman Goggins**  
C. Ó Gógan  
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- (18) **Paul Casey**  
P. Ó Cathasaigh  
(Lucan Sarsfields)
- (19) **Tom Mulligan**  
T. Ó Maolagáin  
(Ballinteer/St. John's)
- (20) **Tomás Quinn**  
T. Ó Coinn  
(St. Vincent's)
- (21) **John McNally**  
S. Mac an Fhailí  
(Ballinteer/St. John's)
- (22) **Declan O'Mahony**  
D. Ó Mathúna  
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- (23) **Brian Cullen**  
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- (24) **Liam Óg O hÉineacháin**  
L. Óg Ó hÉineacháin  
(Kilmacud Crokes)
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- (26) **Peter Lawless**  
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- (27) **Declan Cahill**  
D. Ó Cathail  
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- (28) **Keith Kavanagh**  
C. Ó Caomhánach  
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- (29) **Brian McEvoy**  
B. Mac Fhlobhúí  
(Round Towers)
- (30) **Kevin Kehilly**  
C. Mac Caochlaioich  
(Raheny)

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<b>1</b>		
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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
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<b>DAVID HENRY</b> D. Mac Éinrí (Raheny)	<b>JONATHAN MAGEE</b> S. Mag Aodh (Kilmacud Crokes)	<b>COLIN MORAN</b> C. Ó Móráin (Ballyboden/St. Enda's)
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<b>CIARÁN WHELAN</b> C. Ó Faoláin (Capt.) (Raheny)	<b>DARREN MAGEE</b> D. Mag Aodh (Kilmacud Crokes)	
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## Challenging the champions



**A**by no means unfamiliar task faces the Dublin team today – challenging the reigning All-Ireland champions. And Dublin was one of the earliest competitors in this field when they relieved Cork of their title in 1891. For the next ten years or more Dublin were more often the defenders of the crown than the challengers, but they were back to challenge Kerry in 1904, only to lose a low-scoring All-Ireland final at Thurles. Two years later they had better luck when they toppled Kildare in the Leinster final at Kilkenny and they were again triumphant when they took on Louth in 1911.

In 1916 Dublin conceded a walkover to champions Wexford and in 1917 failed to the same opposition by two points in the provincial final. But they were successful in their challenge to Kildare in 1920, though not in 1928 when the Lily Whites beat them by a point in the Leinster final. Back in their role as challengers in 1932, Dublin lost the All-Ireland semi-final to Kerry by 1-1 to 1-3, as they did next time out against the same opposition – a replay in 1941.

For the next 14 years Dublin did not have the opportunity to test themselves against the holders; but when they did eventually in 1955, they crushed

Meath by a staggering 20 points. The march to All-Ireland honours in 1958 saw Dublin dispose of champions Louth, and though the 1960s were blank years in the challengers' role, the capital came back in 1974 to record a stunning victory over Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final. An exchange of roles with Kerry in 1975 and '76 saw Dublin triumphant in the latter year, but next time the Kingdom was challenged (1979), Dublin went down heavily in the final.

Winning ways were resumed in 1983 when Offaly were humbled in the provincial final, but not Kerry in the 1985 All-Ireland, which Dublin lost by 2-8 to 2-12. As the great rivalry with Meath entered a new era, Dublin failed to topple the champions in 1988, but twelve months later they got it right, defeating the Royals in the Leinster final. In the 1997 first-round tie, defending champions Meath held out against Dublin's best efforts, and in their most recent joust with the champions, Dublin had to give best to Kerry in the quarter-final at Thurles in 2001.

To date Dublin have opposed the reigning All-Ireland champions on 20 occasions with the record reading ten wins and ten defeats. Today's encounter presents the chance to inch ahead in this field of endeavour; but of course Armagh will have something to say about that.

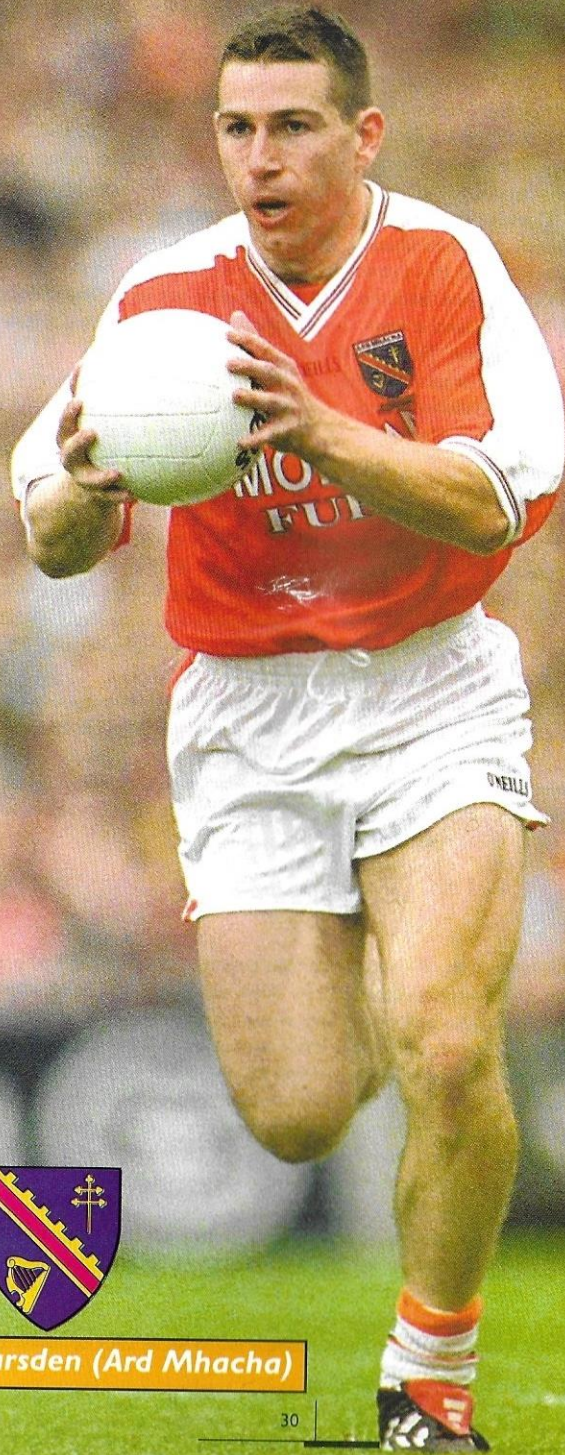
## Retaining the title



**T**hanks to the qualifier system, Armagh are still there with a chance of joining the company of counties which retained the All-Ireland crown after winning it for the first time. It is a distinguished company in which Dublin takes pride of place as the first county to record this particular double with their victories in 1891 and '92. Kerry were next in line (1903 and '04), but then there was a wide gap to Roscommon's successes of 1943 and '44. Down became the first – and still the only – Ulster county to retain the title after their first win, which was in 1961 following their initial success of 1960. Offaly became the fifth member of this exclusive group in 1972, and since then, although Donegal and Derry have recorded their first outright wins, like so many before them, did not add a second title the following year.

But retaining the title after a first win would appear to be a very difficult assignment as, apart from the five mentioned, only Cork have actually reached the following year's decider after their first win. Three other counties – Galway (1926), Cavan (1934) and Mayo (1937) made it as far as the semi-final in the wake of their first success.

Against this background Armagh, it would appear, have it all to do as they continue their championship campaign today.



 Diarmaid Marsden (Ard Mhacha)


## Armagh advance bid for Sam Maguire cup double

**C**an Armagh take another step on the comeback road following their shock defeat by Monaghan in a preliminary round tie in the Bank of Ireland Ulster senior football championship?

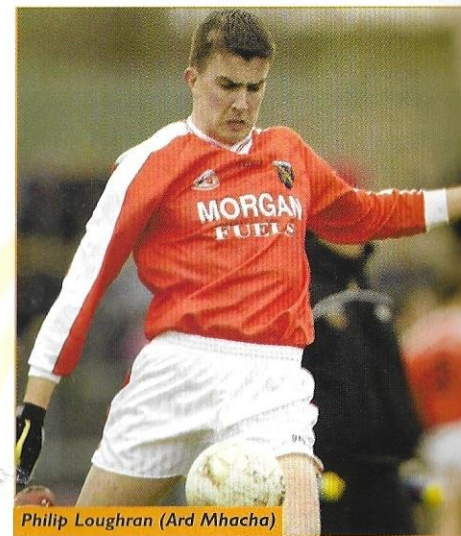
As the Orchard County bid to advance their hopes of becoming the first county to make a successful defence of the Sam Maguire Cup since Cork in 1990, today's test will go a long way to establish their All-Ireland potential.

The All-Ireland champions, who were hit by injury problems against Monaghan, have had contrasting successes so far in the qualifiers. They scored freely in a big win first round win over Waterford at Walsh Park, Waterford. The expert finishing of Oisín McConville, who scored 1-7, the goal from a penalty, and Steven McDonnell, were features of the resounding 2-21 to 0-8 victory.

Next time out, however, they had to work hard for a three points win over Antrim at Casement Park. Twenty minutes from the end the visitors were only a point ahead but they then found their best form to set the seal on their success.

Sharpshooting McConville sent over a point and Armagh went on to build up a comfortable-looking five points lead. However, they still had to stage a strong rearguard action as Antrim battled back bravely but the Orchard County held out for a well-merited 0-14 to 0-12 win.

McConville again proved his expertise as a marksman, scoring five points from frees, one from a "45" and one from play. Steven McDonnell was



Philip Loughran (Ard Mhacha)

another who contributed in large measure to the success. Midfielder Paul McGrane and defenders Kieran McGeeney and Aidan O'Rourke were also influential figures for the winners.

So, Armagh can feel well pleased with the way they have comeback from the disappointment of that loss to Monaghan. They have shown that they still have the hunger for further successes and this, allied to their great experience will give them every chance of continuing on the winning trail.

### THE CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD SO FAR

11th May. Clones:

**Armagh 0-9; Monaghan 0-13.**

**Scorers:** Diarmuid Marsden 0-2, Philip Loughran 0-2, Paddy McKeever 0-2, Steven McDonnell 0-2, Tony McEntee 0-1.

7th June. Walsh Park:

**Armagh 2-21; Waterford 0-8.**

**Scorers:** Oisín McConville 1-7, Steven McDonnell 1-4, Diarmuid Marsden 0-3, Paddy McKeever 0-3, Philip Loughran 0-1, Barry O'Hagan 0-1, John McEntee 0-1, Aidan O'Rourke 0-1.

21st June. Casement Park:

**Armagh 0-15; Antrim 0-12**

**Scorers:** Oisín McConville 0-7, Steven McDonnell 0-6, Paul McGrane 0-1, Ronan Clarke 0-1

**TOTAL SCORED: 2-45 (51 points).**

**TOTAL CONCEDED: 0-33.**

**Scorers:** Oisín McConville 1-14, Steven McDonnell 1-12, Paddy McKeever 0-5, Diarmuid Marsden 0-5, Philip Loughran 0-3, Tony McEntee 0-1, Barry O'Hagan 0-1, John McEntee 0-1, Aidan O'Rourke 0-1, Paul McGrane 0-1, Ronan Clarke 0-1.





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## IT HAPPENED IN FOOTBALL

### From the Shoulder

There is a widespread belief that hard-hitting comment from sports journalists is very much a development of recent years. Not so it would seem, to go by a report of the 1903 All-Ireland semi-final at Jones's Road between Kildare and Cavan, which appeared in the *Anglo-Celt* in its issue of the Saturday following the game. The report, penned by a writer under the pseudonym of "B. Flapper" had this to say: "The whole proceedings at Jones's Road on Sunday are open to adverse criticism and provincial clubs (sic) visiting the Metropolis would do well not to follow the example of the Metropolitans in the way they carry out the arrangements for important matches. Naturally when the provincials go to Dublin we expect to see things well done – but bless the mark! Confusion and ineptitude reigned supreme. The playing ground although surrounded by good railing and ample stand accommodation was encroached upon by thousands of spectators, and the feeble attempts to maintain order would shame a junior club in county Cavan. The onlookers were allowed to crowd inside the goal and points' posts and a ball kicked towards touch was frequently dropped amongst the spectators fully ten yards inside the line. As to the referee – most of his time was occupied in eliciting from onlookers what was best to be done under certain circumstances – and then having been enlightened, it was generally too late to give a ruling, so the game let rip".

But would 'Flapper' have been so critical if Cavan had won?

### An Unlikely Combination

Kilkenny, Cork and Cavan look an unlikely trio in anything pertaining to the current senior football championship; but they do share the distinction of being the only counties ever to keep the opposition scoreless in two championship games in the one season.

At the beginning of the last century, when Noreside hurlers were struggling for a place in the sun, the footballers were flying – especially in Leinster. In the 1900 first-round tie at Borris they beat Carlow by 2-11 to 0-0, and later in the provincial final at Wexford Park they crushed Louth by 0-12 to 0-0 to record a remarkable double. (It is worthy of note here that Louth had beaten Meath and Offaly by more than 30 points in earlier rounds).

Eighteen years later Cavan equalled the Noresiders feat when they beat Armagh by 2-4 to 0-0 in the Ulster semi-final at Lurgan before taking the title with a 3-2 to 0-0 win over Antrim at Clones. But Cork preceded Kilkenny and Cavan in this sphere of achievement when, on their way to All-Ireland

success in 1890, they opened their campaign with a 0-6 to 0-0 win over Waterford at Youghal. And when they opposed Armagh in the All-Ireland semi-final, the defence was again in superb form at Clonturk Park where they won by 1-15 to 0-0.

### Noughts...For and Against

To hold the opposition scoreless was not an uncommon occurrence in the early years of the championship when 42 players on the pitch made scoring a difficult – and often impossible – assignment. But what was unusual was for a team to beat their opponents without conceding a score and then be beaten scoreless themselves later in the same campaign. And Armagh is the county that enjoys that dubious distinction – a distinction they acquired in the fourth championship to be decided.

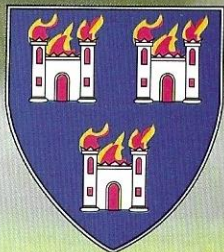
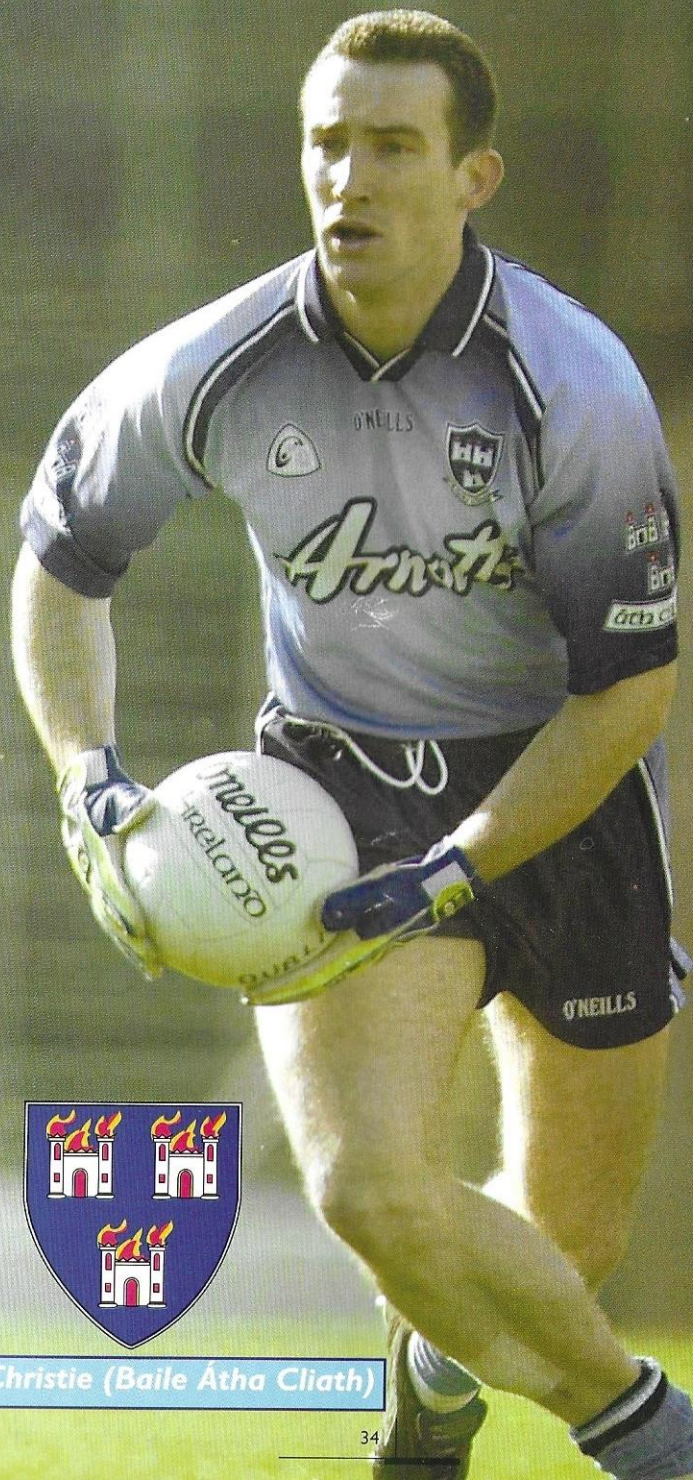
At Lisburn on August 10th, 1890, the Orchard county forwards were in fine fettle as they ran in 3-17 against a weak Antrim side while the defence did not concede a single score. However, three months later in the All-Ireland semi-final at Clonturk Park, it was an entirely different story as the Northerners came to grief in no uncertain manner when they failed to reply to Cork's 1-15.

### Big Dubs

Most counties today would be reluctant to play two vital championship games on successive Sundays, and indeed, those responsible for fixing important ties would go to any lengths to avoid placing any county in such a position. But footballers of more than a hundred years ago would undoubtedly scorn this attitude – at least the great Dublin team of the 1890s surely would as they appeared to think nothing of turning out Sunday after Sunday as their campaign in the closing stages of the 1892 campaign bears witness.

In the spring of 1893 Dublin won a provincial title, an All-Ireland semi-final and an All-Ireland final – all within the space of 15 days! This remarkable feat – by today's standards – was performed by the city footballers in March 1893. On the 12th at Clonturk Park, Dublin met Kildare in the Leinster semi-final (which they won) with the final listed for later in the afternoon. However, the opposition failed to appear and Dublin got the title on a walkover. On the following Sunday Dublin were again at Clonturk where they beat Roscommon in the All-Ireland semi-final and then on the 26th, again at Clonturk Park, they completed their triumphant campaign with a 1-4 to 0-3 win over Kerry in the final.

A record of intense activity that will hardly be equalled.



Paddy Christie (Baile Átha Cliath)

## Dublin in goal scoring form

**T**he old adage that "goals win matches" was underlined by Dublin as they celebrated their return to action in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football qualifier after an interval of a year with a well-merited win over Derry at Clones.

The Dubs ability to capitalise on goal scoring opportunities proved very influential in getting them back into winning form after their surprise defeat by Laois at Croke Park in a Leinster semi-final last month.

Dessie Farrell, in the starting line-up for the first time since the August semi-final loss to Armagh, and Jason Sherlock, survivors from the county's last All-Ireland senior title winning team of 1995, were two of the architects of the success.

Derry were well in the hunt in the opening stages of the game before Farrell struck the first decisive blow for Dublin. He capitalised fully on a mistake in the Oak Leaf defence to power to the net and give his side a 1-4 to 0-2 lead after twenty-seven minutes.

Soon afterwards Senan Connell provided the perfect finish to a good move by sending to the Derry net to power his side to an interval lead of 2-4 to 0-5.

Dublin were eight points clear twelve minutes into the second half, but Derry responded with two points. Then Connell and Farrell combined in a sparkling movement that put second half substitute Sherlock through for a goal

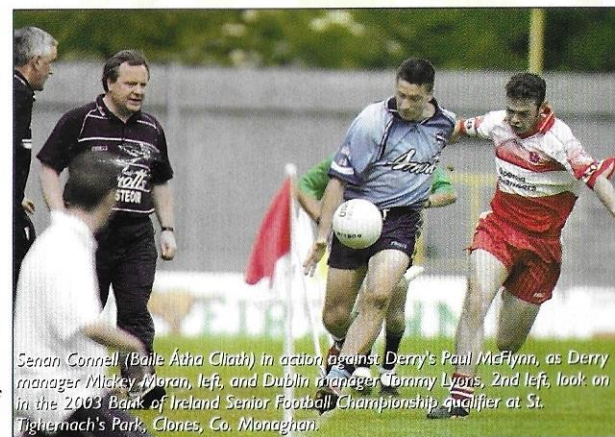
to really ensure a place in the next round.

Derry, to their credit, did not throw in the towel and Paddy Bradley boosted hopes with a goal, but Dublin finished in style for a good 3-9 to 1-9 win.

Right half back Shane Ryan excelled with a tireless and very effective display. Paddy Christie also showed up well in defence. Connell was very influential up front and his goal did much to blue-print the success.

Farrell and Sherlock (he finished top scorer for the side with 1-3 despite his limited time on the pitch) were others who contributed greatly to the success.

This was an impressive come-back by Dublin from their defeat by Laois and one that should boost morale for this bid to take revenge for their defeat by Armagh in last year's All-Ireland semi-final.



Senan Connell (Baile Átha Cliath) in action against Derry's Paul McFlynn, as Derry manager Mickey Moran, left, and Dublin manager Tommy Lyons, 2nd left, look on in the 2003 Bank of Ireland Senior Football Championship qualifier at St. Tighernach's Park, Clones, Co. Monaghan.

## THE CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD SO FAR

1st June. Croke Park:

**Dublin 1-19; Louth 0-9.**  
**Scorers:** Alan Brogan 1-0, Brian Cullen 0-3, Ray Cosgrove 0-3, Tomas Quinn 0-3, Ciaran Whelan 0-3, David O'Callaghan 0-2, David Henry 0-1, Senan Connell 0-1, Tom Mulligan 0-1, Darren Magee 0-1, Coman Goggins 0-1.

15th June. Croke Park:

**Dublin 0-14; Laois 0-16.**  
**Scorers:** Tomas Quinn 0-3, Alan Brogan 0-3, Tom Mulligan 0-3, Ray Cosgrove 0-2, Senan Connell 0-1, Shane Ryan 0-1, Colin Moran 0-1.

28th June. Clones:

**Dublin 3-9; Derry 1-9.**

**Scorers:** Jason Sherlock 1-3, Dessie Farrell 1-1, Senan Connell 1-1, Ray Cosgrove 0-2, Ciaran Whelan 0-1, Darren Homan 0-1.

**TOTAL SCORED: 4-42 (54 points).**

**TOTAL CONCEDED: 1-34 (37 points).**

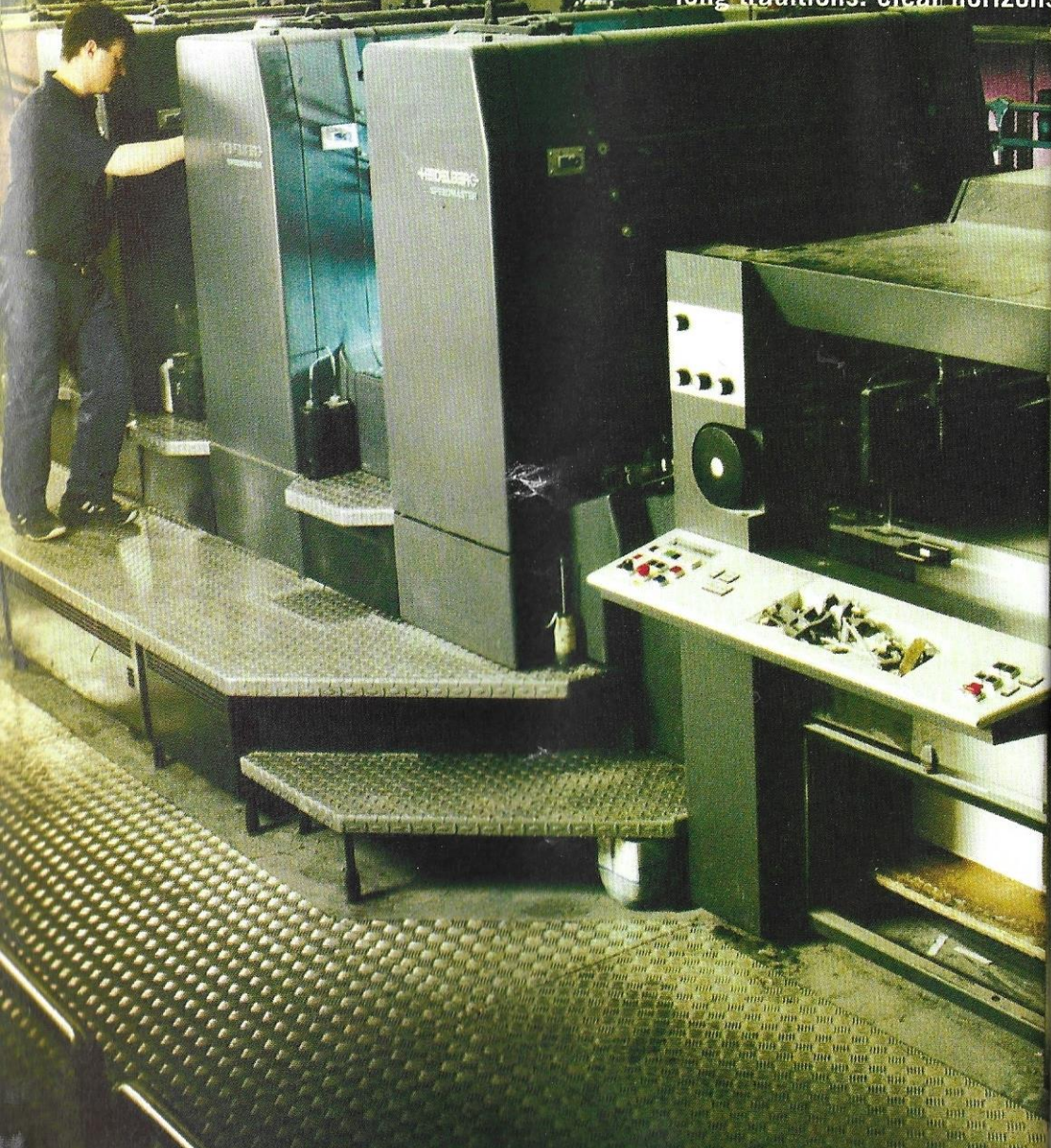
**Scorers:** Ray Cosgrove 0-7, Jason Sherlock 1-3, Tomas Quinn 0-6, Senan Connell 1-3, Alan Brogan 1-3, Tom Mulligan 0-4, Dessie Farrell 1-1, Ciaran Whelan 0-4, Brian Cullen 0-3, David O'Callaghan 0-2, David Henry 0-1, Darren Magee 0-1, Coman Goggins 0-1, Shane Ryan 0-1, Colin Moran 0-1, Darren Homan 0-1.

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## Last February's league meeting



**Armagh 1-15 Dublin 0-7**

A crowd in excess of 54,000 turned up at Croke Park last February to see Armagh and Dublin rejoin battle after their epic All-Ireland semi-final of the previous September. However, the large crowd were disappointed with the fare on offer as the confident All-Ireland champions proved far too strong for the home side.

The opening exchanges were pretty even with the sides deadlocked at 0-2 apiece after 22 minutes, Dublin having the better of the chances with Paul Hearty denying Colin Moran with an excellent save. However, coming up to the break Armagh suddenly took over and by the interval they led by 0-7 to 0-3.

Within four minutes of the resumption the game as a contest was as good as over – following a brace of points by Diarmuid Marsden, Barry Duffy punched home a goal to give the champions a nine-point lead. From there to the end the leaders were more than

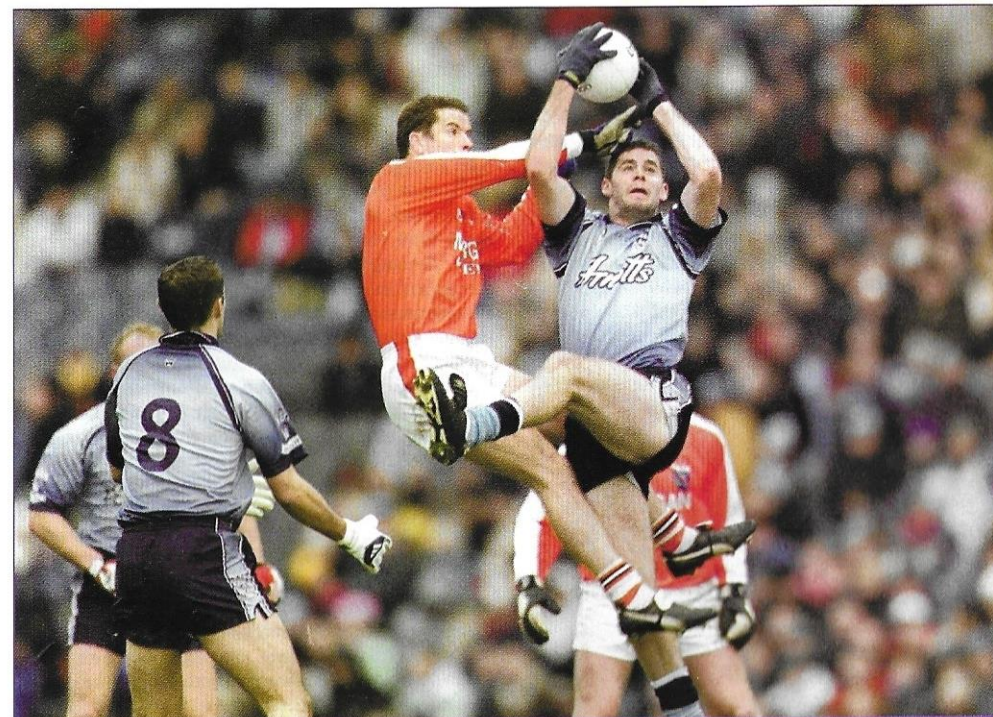
happy to trade points with the Metropolitans and at the final whistle they had eleven points to spare.

**Armagh scorers:** O.McConville 0-5, D.Marsden 0-3, S.McDonnell 0-3, B.Duffy 1-0, P.McGrane 0-2, P.McKeever 0-1, A.O'Rourke 0-1.

**Dublin scorers:** T.Quinn 0-3, J.McNally 0-2, C.Moran 0-1, B.Cullen 0-1.

**Armagh –** P.Hearty, E.McNulty, J.McNulty, F.Bellew, A.O'Rourke, K.McGeeney, A.McCann, J.McEntee, P.McGrane, P.McKeever, B.Duffy, O.McConville, S.McDonnell, T.McEntee, D.Marsden. **Subs –** K.Hughes for O'Rourke, P.Duffy for B.Duffy, M.O'Rourke for McKeever, D.Turley for J.McEntee, P.McCormack for McDonnell.

**Dublin –** S.Cluxton, B.Cahill, P.Christie, D.Henry, C.Goggins, S.Ryan, P.Andrews, C.Whelan, D.Magee, C.Moran, B.Cullen, S.Connell, E.Bennis, J.McNally, T.Quinn. **Subs –** D.O'Mahony for Bennis, D.Homan for Connell, P.Casey for Andrews, J.Sherlock for Moran, P.Griffin for Goggins.



Darren Magee (Baile Átha Cliath) leaps high with Paul McGrane (Ard Mhacha) in the 2003 National Football League match at Croke Park



## Three Meetings

**1902**  
**Dublin 4-13 Armagh 1-6**

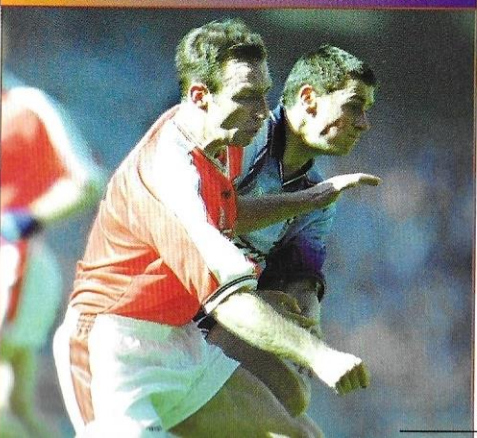
The championship was running almost two years late and it was November 1903 before Dublin stepped out in the first defence of their All-Ireland crown; progress was slow and it was the first Sunday in June before the Leinster final was decided. All 12 counties had taken part in Leinster, but although there were only four teams involved in Ulster, it was April 1904 before Armagh won the provincial final.

There was no delay in arranging the All-Ireland semi-final and if Dublin felt that they should not have been asked to play on successive Sundays, no disapproval was voiced by anyone involved. The Drogheda pitch where the game was staged had a double-header as the football semi-final was on in conjunction with the Dublin-Derry hurling semi-final, although most interest focussed on the football game.

Armagh, excited at the prospect of challenging the champions, travelled in force. The Armagh Harps club organised a special excursion, which was accompanied by no fewer than three bands – the Catholic Boys Association War Pipers, the National Foresters' Brass Band, and St. Malachy's Fife and Drum Band.

If noise could have won a game Armagh certainly would have won this tie and Dublin must have been startled by the roar that greeted Armagh's opening score – a point by Bermingham. An even louder roar came when Barney Corr fired home a goal. Dublin, however, were champions and all that implied and were soon bombarding the Armagh posts as their experienced attackers found their way through an enthusiastic, but poorly organised, rearguard.

Enda McNulty (Ard Mhacha) in action against Alan Brogan (Baile Atha Cliath) in the 2002 All Ireland Football Semi - Final at Croke Park.



Well supplied from further afield, Jack Grace, the Bradys, P.D. Breen and Tom Erritty were soon racking up the scores and at the break it was 1-10 to 1-3. Early second-half attacks were easily dealt with by the Dublin defence and as Armagh's dribbling tactics floundered in the very generous covering of grass, Dublin steadily pulled further away.

Whatever semblance of a contest that had survived into the third quarter disappeared completely when Dublin scored their second goal. Not that Armagh threw in the towel. Indeed, they were battling away in a hopeless cause every bit as eagerly as they had in the first half. The final score requires no elaboration, but in the years ahead if Armagh sought some consolation from that semi-final, it was in the knowledge that no Ulster team bettered their score in an All-Ireland semi-final for many years.

**Dublin** – J. Dempsey, S. Mulvey, W. Casey, D. Brady, W. Sherry, A. Wall, T. Dunne, J. Fahy, J. Keane, J. Grace, J. Weymes, P. Daly, P. Brady, N. Brady, J. McCann, P. McCann, T. Erritty.

**Armagh** – P. Kennedy, D. Marron, G. Bermingham, G. Hanvey, J. McGerrigan, W. Selvin, R. Corr, P. Rafferty, T. Rafferty, J. McKenna, P. Cleary, P. McAvinchey, B. Shaw, N. McVeaghy, P. Cullen, P. O'Neill, C. Quinlan.

**1977**  
**Dublin 5-12 Armagh 3-6**

As reigning All-Ireland champions, Dublin went into this final as overwhelming favourites, thanks especially to their superb semi-final victory over a much-fancied Kerry side. Armagh, on the other hand, had struggled to see off a game, if limited, Roscommon outfit and were not expected to unduly trouble the champions. And that was how it turned out, with Dublin registering scores at a pace that the challengers just couldn't match, and although Armagh battled gamely, there was never any danger of the Metropolitans relinquishing their crown.

Facing the reigning All-Ireland champions in the final can be a daunting task and the challengers badly needed a good start, but unfortunately it was the title-holders that emerged from the blocks quickest. An Armagh free was collected by Brian Mullins and his lofted centre evaded Tom McCreesh before falling into Jimmy Keaveney's path, who blasted the ball past Brian McAlinden.

However, Armagh were undaunted and at the seventh minute they earned a penalty, which was hammered to the roof of the net by Paddy Moriarty



## Three Meetings

for the equaliser. It looked as if a battle royal was in prospect, but Dublin soon took over and goals by Bobby Doyle and John McCarthy helped the champions into an interval lead of nine points – 3-6 to 1-3.

Armagh restarted promisingly, but Peter Loughran's effort came back off the post. The leaders quickly swept down the field and a flowing movement ended with Keaveney registering his second, and Dublin's fourth, goal. Now 14 points in arrears, Armagh only had pride to play for and a brace of goals by Joe Kernan reduced the deficit to eight points. However, Dublin finished strongly and Doyle had their fifth goal shortly before the whistle as the champions retained their title with twelve points to spare.

**Dublin scorers:** J. Keaveney 2-6, B. Doyle 2-2, J. McCarthy 1-2, D. Hickey 0-1, A. O'Toole 0-1.

**Armagh scorers:** J. Kernan 2-1, P. Moriarty 1-0, P. Loughran 0-2, J. Smith 0-1, S. Devlin 0-1, P. Trainor 0-1.

**Dublin** – Paddy Cullen, Gay O'Driscoll, Sean Doherty, Robbie Kelleher, Tommy Drumm, Kevin Moran, Pat O'Neill, Brian Mullins, Bernard Brogan, Anton O'Toole, Tony Hanahoe, David Hickey, Bobby Doyle, Jimmy Keaveney, John McCarthy. **Subs** – Paddy Reilly for O'Neill, Alan Larkin for Brogan, Jim Brogan for Kelleher.

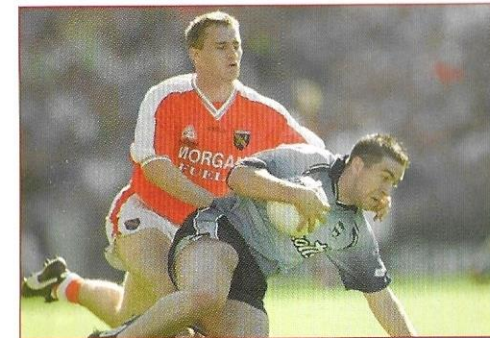
**Armagh** – Brian McAlinden, Denis Stevenson, Tom McCreesh, Jim McKerr, Kevin Rafferty, Paddy Moriarty, Joey Donnelly, Joe Kernan, Colm McKinstrey, Larry Kearns, Jimmy Smith, Noel Marley, Sean Devlin, Peter Trainor, Peter Loughran. **Subs** – Jim Loughran for Donnelly, Sean Daly for Marley, Frank Toman for McKerr.

**2002**  
**Armagh 1-14 Dublin 1-13**

Twenty-five years after their first meeting, Armagh and Dublin clashed again, but this time at the semi-final stage of the championship, and with both sides having won their quarter-finals on a replay, this contest was expected to be close. It was, and only the width of an upright prevented another stalemate.

The early stages were dominated by Dublin and by the eighth minute they had three points to their credit with Armagh struggling to register their first flag of the afternoon. They finally managed to open their account at the 11th minute when Paddy McKeever fired over and the same player almost had a goal 60 seconds later as he deflected Oisín McConville's '45' goal-wards, and only a superb reflex save from Stephen Cluxton kept it out.

The rest of the first half saw Dublin just holding an edge, but in a brief spell of pressure just before the break, McConville converted a brace of frees to



John Magee (Baile Atha Cliath) in action against John McEntee (Ard Mhacha) in the 2002 All Ireland Football Semi - Final at Croke Park, Dublin.

leave it 0-6 each at the interval.

On the restart Steven McDonnell edged Armagh in front for the first time, but Senan Connell quickly restored parity. However, at the 42nd minute Armagh went three points clear after McKeever had the game's opening goal, but the advantage lasted barely 60 seconds as Ciaran Whelan hammered a superb shot past Brendan Tierney for the equaliser.

The momentum appeared to be with the Leinster side and they quickly moved two points in front, but Armagh continued to hang on. Just a point divided the sides when Ray Cosgrove pointed at the 61st minute to make it 1-13 to 1-11, but that was to prove Dublin's last score, and within three minutes points by Ronan Clarke and John McEntee had Armagh level. At the 66th minute McConville edged Armagh in front, but Dublin had their chances to save the day, most notably with Cosgrove's late free, which came back off the upright. **Armagh scorers:** O. McConville 0-5, P. McKeever 1-2, J. McEntee 0-3, S. McDonnell 0-2, R. Clarke 0-2.

**Dublin scorers:** R. Cosgrove 0-6, C. Whelan 1-1, S. Connell 0-2, A. Brogan 0-2, D. Magee 0-1, C. Moran 0-1. **Armagh** – Brendan Tierney, Francis Bellew, Justin McNulty, Enda McNulty, Aidan O'Rourke, Kieran McGeeney, Andrew McCann, John Toal, Paul McGrane, Paddy McKeever, John McEntee, Oisín McConville, Steven McDonnell, Ronan Clarke, Diarmuid Marsden. **Subs** – Kieran Hughes for McCann, Philip Loughran for Toal, Barry O'Hagan for Marsden, Cathal O'Rourke for McKeever.

**Dublin** – Stephen Cluxton, Barry Cahill, Paddy Christie, Coman Goggins, Paul Casey, John Magee, Peadar Andrews, Ciaran Whelan, Darren Magee, Senan Connell, Des Farrell, Shane Ryan, Alan Brogan, Ray Cosgrove, John McNally. **Subs** – Colin Moran for Ryan, Darren Homan for Darren Magee, Jason Sherlock for McNally, Declan Darcy for Moran.

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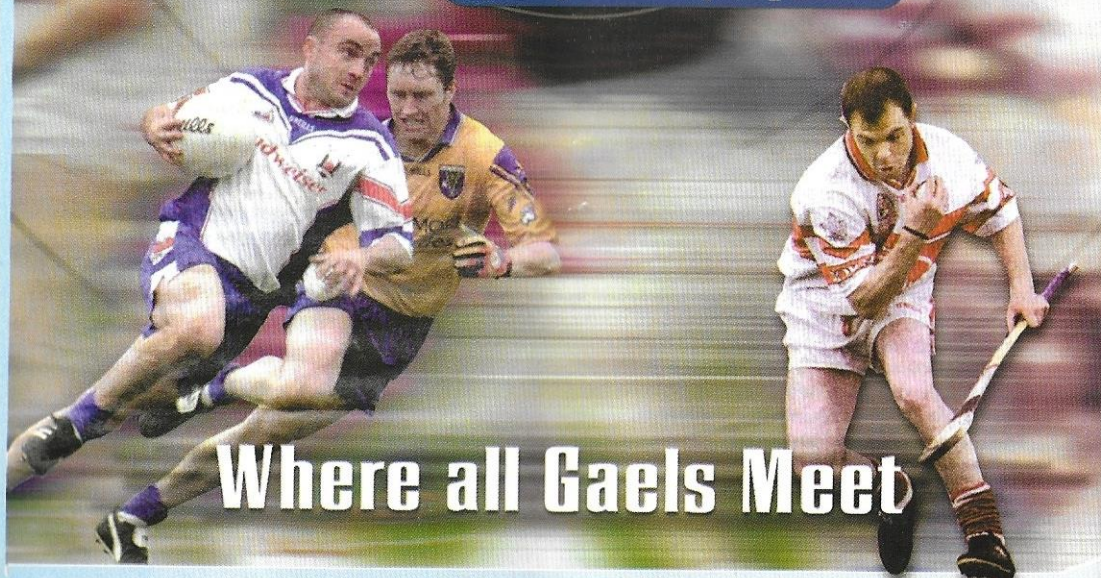
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The Other Foot Game was demonstrated in Croke Park on June 1 at half time in the Dublin-Louth Leinster Championship game. It was an unusual game for the spectators that day. The players wore two different coloured socks and had a Dublin sock on their "other foot" (their weaker foot). All kicking and soloing had to be done with this "other foot" and the Dublin sock made it easy for the referee and spectators to follow the action.

In addition the scoring system reflected fundamental changes which had been introduced in Dublin juvenile football competitions over the past two seasons whereby scores were awarded for the successful performance of selected skills. Point scoring was encouraged by making a "point" more valuable than a goal. The scoring system in summary was as follows

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|--------------------------|----------|
| • Kick over the bar      | 2 points |
| • Fist over the bar      | 1 point  |
| • Kick under the bar     | 1 point  |
| • Successful block       | 1 point  |
| • High catch from a kick | 1 point  |

Many observers expressed surprise at how naturally these 9 and 10 year old players kicked with their other foot. The exciting thing is that this came about after just one month of preparation.

The demonstration will be repeated today at half time in the Dublin - Armagh game. This time the Armagh sock will be worn on the other foot. Hopefully you will enjoy it, give the players your encouragement and take the idea home and try it in your own club.

If interested, get the score sheet and rules from [www.ClontarfGAA.com](http://www.ClontarfGAA.com).

The players today are:

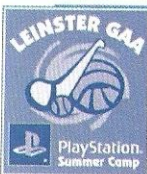
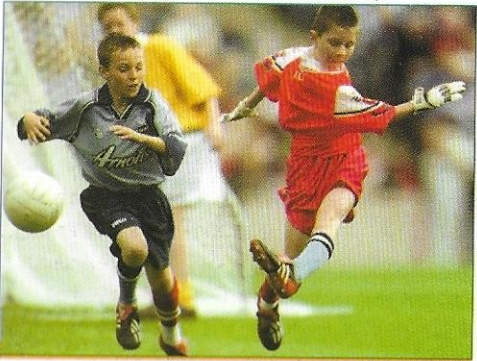
**Clontarf:** Sean Deery, Niall Dunleavy, Leo Farrelly, Robert Forrest, Ryan Lattin, William Lillis, Jack McCaffrey, Thomas O'Donoghue, Mark Plunkett

**St Vincent's:** Danial Elebert, Kevin McMahon, Conor O'Hara, Niall O'Flynn

**Syngé St - Templeogue:** Niall Lalor, Mark Hiney, Cian O'Sullivan

**Kilmacud Crokes:** Gavin Ahearne, Kenneth Kelly, Paul Mannion, William Shanahan, Alex Walsh

**Raheny:** Simon Deignan, Eoin Gillen, Brian Talty.



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St Finians Swords	Rivervalley Swords	Hurling	Marie McDonagh, 52 Brookdale Drive, Rivervalley, Swords, Co Dublin	8409068
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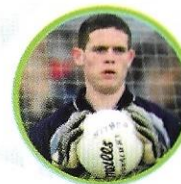
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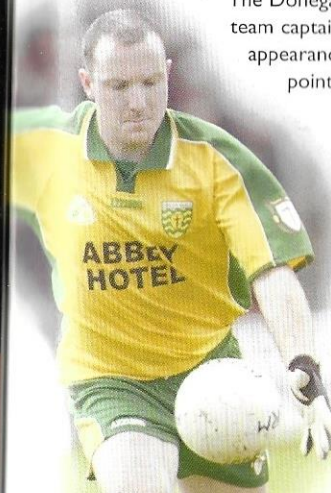
# TOP SCORERS • TOP SCORERS

## OISÍN MCCONVILLE SETS THE SCORING PACE

Oisín McConville (Armagh) sets the pace in the nation-wide chart of leading marksmen for the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football qualifiers.

He has 1-14 from two games at an average of 8.5 points a game and a lead of two points over his closest rival, Adrian Sweeney.

The Donegal sharpshooter and team captain scored 0-15 in two appearances at an average of 7.5 points a match.



Adrian Sweeney (Dún na nGall) - Total of 15 points so far

Striking another blow for Ulster finishing powers is Steven McDonnell, who chalked up 1-10 in two outings with Armagh at 6.5 points an outing. Ciaran McManus ensures that there is not a complete take-over by Ulster players in the leading positions by sharing third spot with McDonnell. He is also the goal expert of the series with 3-4 from his two outings with

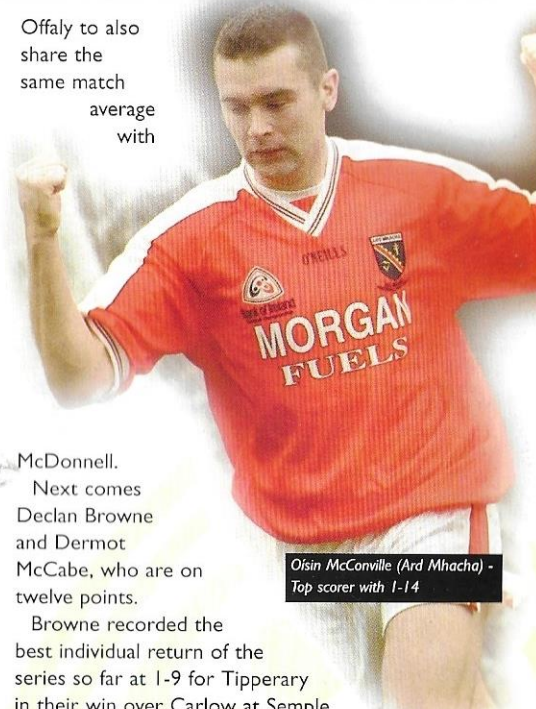
Offaly to also share the same match average with

McDonnell.

Next comes Declan Browne and Dermot McCabe, who are on twelve points.

Browne recorded the best individual return of the series so far at 1-9 for Tipperary in their win over Carlow at Semple Stadium in the Premier County's only appearance so far.

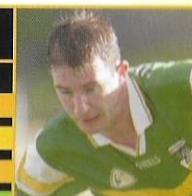
McCabe has bowed out after two games with 0-12 for an average of six points a game.



Oisín McConville (Ard Mhacha) - Top scorer with 1-14

THE LEADING SCORERS IN THE BANK OF IRELAND ALL-IRELAND QUALIFIERS, AS DISTINCT FROM THE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND QUALIFIERS COMBINED ARE:

Points	Score	Games	Average
17	Oisín McConville (Armagh)	1-14	2 8.5
15	Adrian Sweeney (Donegal)	0-15	2 7.5
13	Steven McDonnell (Armagh)	1-10	2 6.5
13	Ciaran McManus (Offaly)	3-4	2 6.5
12	Declan Browne (Tipperary)	1-9	1 12.0
12	Dermot McCabe (Cavan)	0-12	2 6.0
10	Paul Finlay (Monaghan)	0-10	2 5.0
9	Kevin Madden (Antrim)	0-9	1 9.0
9	Colm Quinn (Offaly)	0-9	2 4.5
9	Frankie Dolan (Roscommon)	0-9	2 4.5
9	Simon Rea (Carlow)	0-9	2 4.5



Colm Quinn (Offaly)



Frankie Dolan (Roscommon)

# Cúinne na nÓg

## The Qualifiers

Here's your chance to see what you can recall of events from some earlier games in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football qualifiers.

1. Colm Footy was in action with what side in the qualifiers last month?
2. Simon Rea was prominent with Carlow or Wicklow in the earlier rounds. Your choice!
3. Where did Cavan and Louth meet in Round 1 last month?
4. Mark Stanfield scored a goal from a penalty kick for this county in their unsuccessful first round engagement last month?
5. Who refereed last Saturday's game between Dublin and Derry at Clones?
6. What is the name of the ground where Fermanagh beat Cavan in the qualifier last Sunday?
7. Have two Munster counties met in the competition this season so far?
8. One of Donegal's stars of their recent win over Sligo was their only winner of an All-Star last year. His name, please.
9. Páirc Tailteann, which was the venue of one qualifier game last month, is situated in An Uaimh. True or false?
10. James Sherry has been in action this season with Monaghan or Fermanagh. Your choice!

## Who Am I?

I scored my county's only goal when they regained the All-Ireland senior football title a few years ago after a very long interval. I won my second All-Ireland senior medal nearly two years ago. My club is Killereerin and I am a former All-Ireland Colleges' senior football title-winning captain. I am a forward with a good scoring record.



## Under-Age Players

There has been plenty of under-age activity in recent weeks and this exercise will show how well you are keeping abreast of youth championship games.

1. Who won the second Ulster minor football semi-final between Cavan and Tyrone?
2. Galway will be striving for a second successive Connacht minor football title tomorrow. True or false?
3. Dublin qualified for the Leinster under 21 hurling final late last month at the expense of what county?
4. What was Tipperary's winning margin over Cork in last Sunday's Munster minor hurling final?
5. What county will provide the opposition to Galway in tomorrow's Connacht minor football final?

## Name the players

Here are photographs of eight well-known footballers who have appeared in this year's Qualifiers, but to confuse you, we have mixed up the top and bottom halves of the pics. Can you identify the players?



## Spot The Deliberate Mistakes

Each of the three sentences below contains a deliberate mistake. Can you spot all three?

- Shane Brick was in sharpshooting form for Limerick in their Guinness All-Ireland senior hurling championship qualifier against Kerry last week-end at Tralee.

- Tipperary lost their opening game in the Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior camogie championship first round game last week-end to Wexford at Cashesel.
- Enda Muldoon, who captained Derry in last week-end's Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football qualifier, won an All-Ireland senior medal in 1993.

**Spot The Deliberate Mistakes:** 1. Shane Brick was in action with Kerry, not Limerick. 2. Tipperary won the camogie title in 1993, not 1992. 3. Tipperary did not win an All-Ireland senior medal in 1993.

**Name the Players:** 1-D: Paul McGrane (Armagh) 2-E: Brian Roper (Donegal) 3-A: Ray Cosgrove (Dublin) 4-C: Stephen Maguire (Fermanagh) 5-G: Euan Kelly (Meath) 6-H: Kevin Meenan (Offaly) 7-F: Seamus O'Neill (Roscommon) 8-B: Philly Ryan (Tipperary)

**Fréagraí:** 1. London. 2. Carlow. 3. An Uaimh. 4. Louth. 5. Brian White (Wexford). 6. Brewster Park in Enniskillen. 7. No. 8. Kevin Cassidy at left half back. 9. True. 10. Fermanagh.

**Who Am I? Pádraig Joyce (Galway):** 1. The game ended in a draw. 2. True. 3. Wexford at Dr. Cullen Park. 4. Two points—2-12 to 0-16. 5. Mayo.

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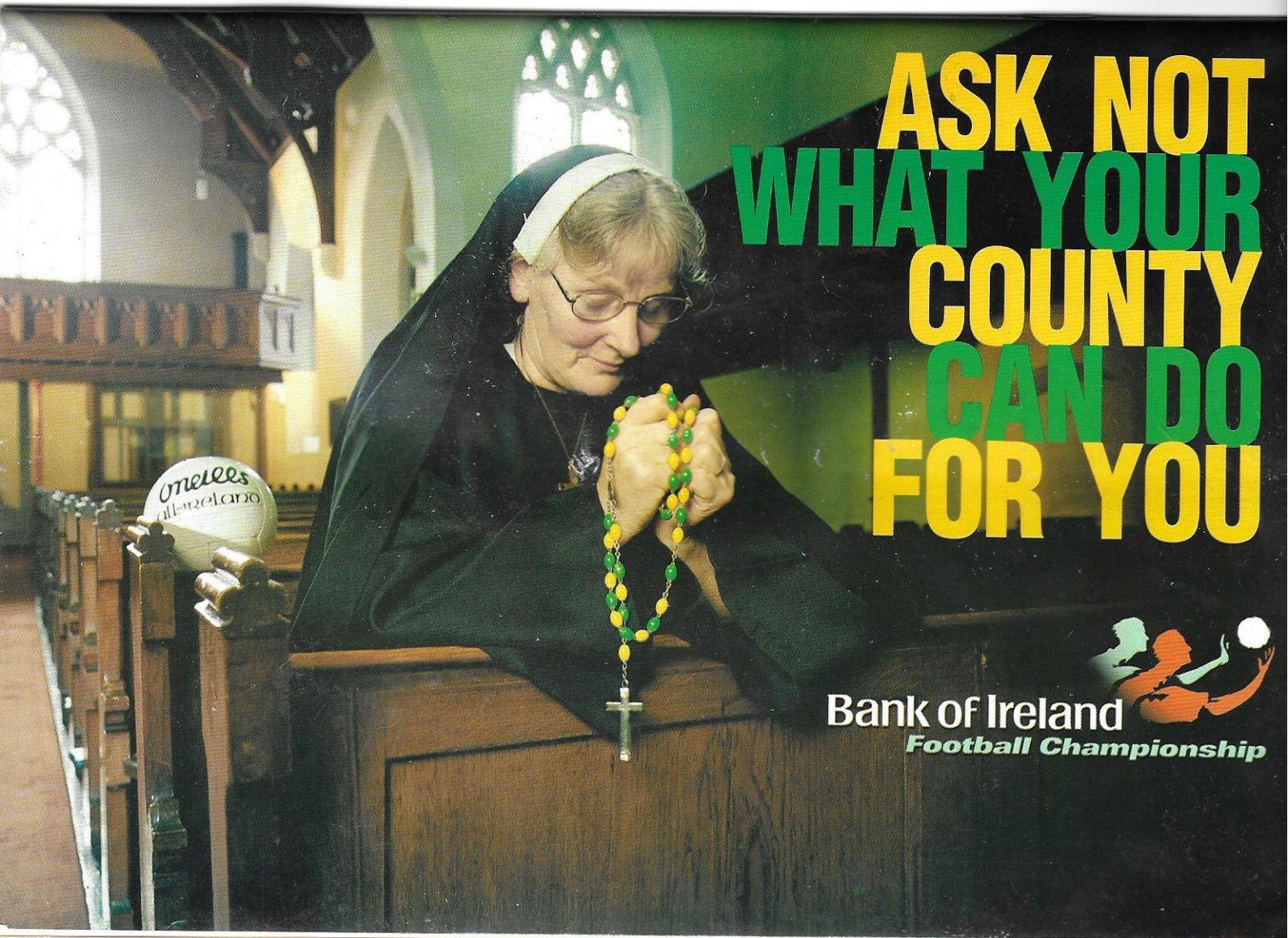


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