

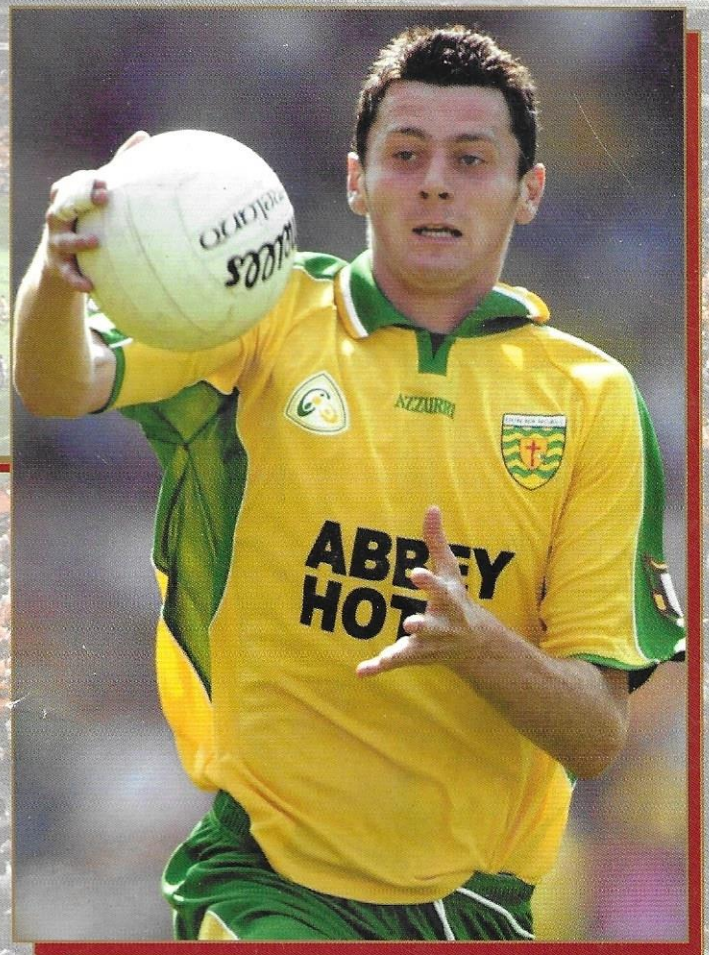
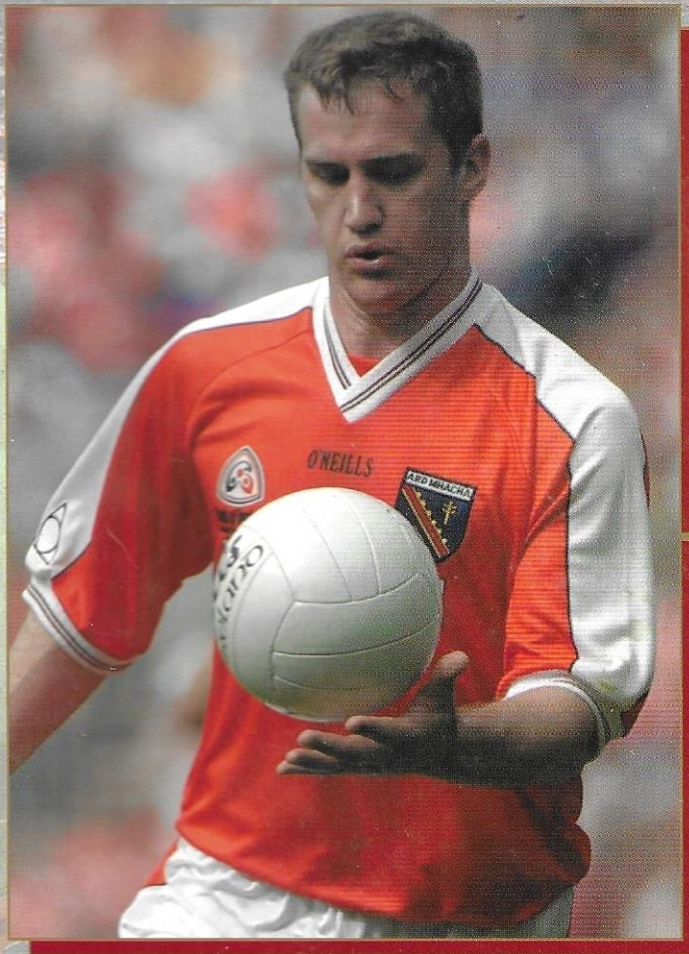
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Páirc an Chrócaigh, Baile Átha Cliath.

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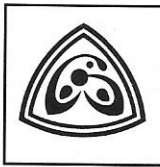
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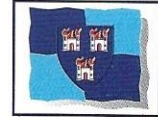
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### Mionúir



## Baile Átha Cliath v. Corcaigh

1.45.i.n. Réiteoir: C. Broderick (An Dún)  
Linesmen: D. Joyce (Gaillimh) STAND-BY REFEREE  
M. Duffy (Sligeach)  
Sideline Official: R. Doone (Aontroim)



### Sinsir



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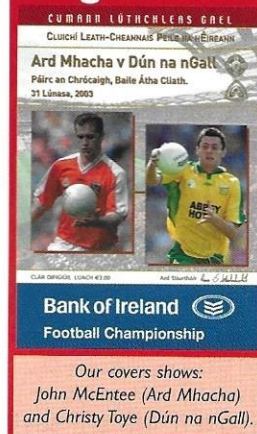


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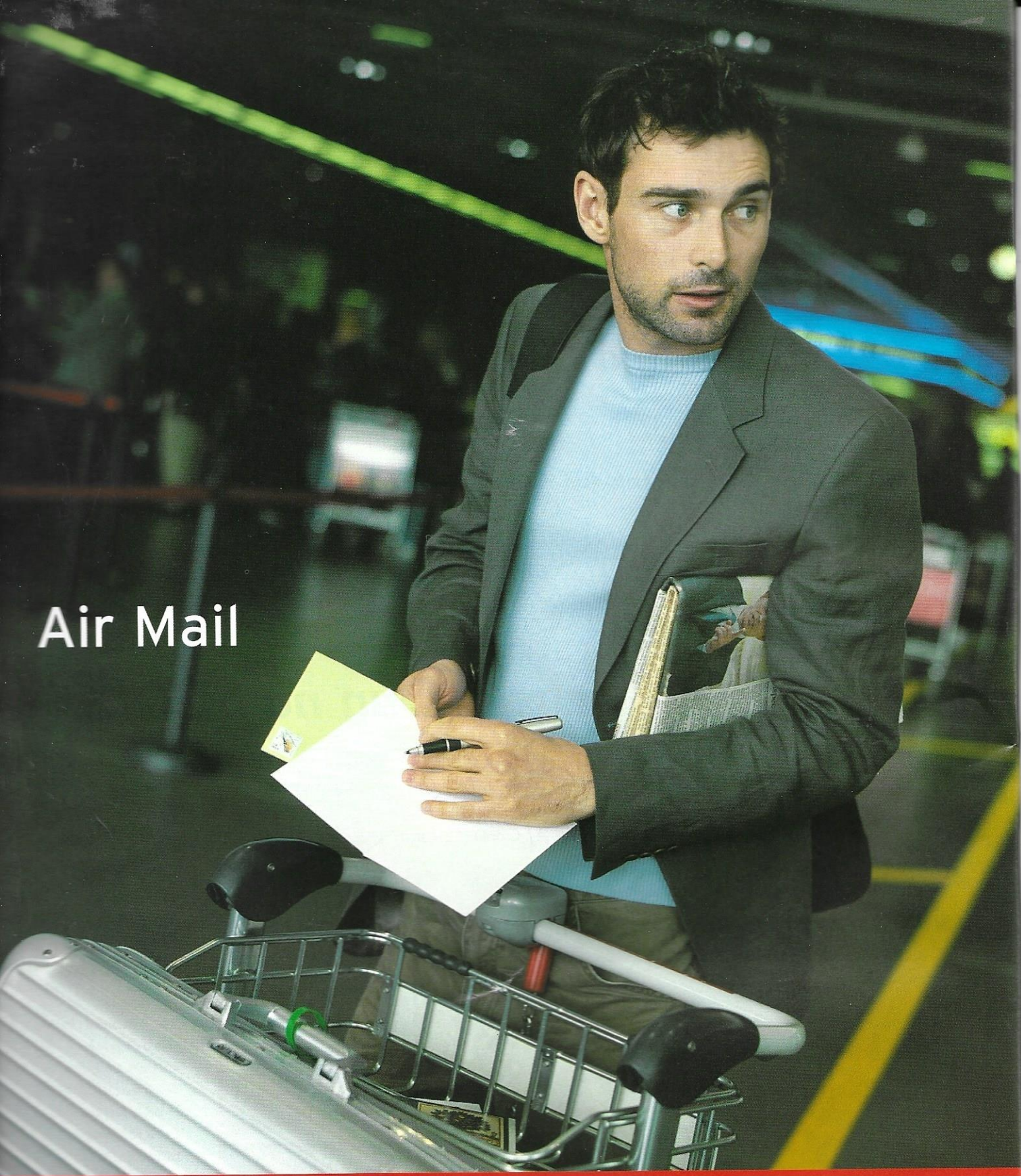
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The Centenary year of the Ulster Council is being well celebrated in the nine counties. John O'Reilly and Danny Murphy have a well laid out plan, operating like clockwork. But not even the most ardent Ulster fan could have predicted that when the Bank of Ireland Championship reached its concluding stages Ulster would have five counties in the last eight, three in the last four and now all three teams

remaining are from the northern province. So the cup goes North. Let us relax and enjoy therefore as we observe the sons of Ulster marching towards the Sam! Bravo Ulster.

Both Dún na nGall and Ard Mhaca arrive here today fresh from their tour of Ireland via the back-door. It shouldn't be surprising that Brian Mc Eniff, no stranger to tourism, should choose this route. Brian has been associated with all Dún na nGall's successes over the years so it was no wonder that when he took over firstly as Chairman and then as Bainisteoir people should expect that the sky(lon) was the limit! Is there another person in the country (world!) who would take over the dual roles of Cathaoirleach and Bainisteoir Contae simultaneously?

Big Joe and the boys from the County Armagh come here defending their hard won, much acclaimed and highly popular title success last year. Joe Kernan orchestrated Crossmaglen Rangers and Ard Mhaca's All Ireland titles, a rare and impressive feat. On the field, there should be a wonderful contest between two athletic and skilful teams. Off the field the tactical manoeuvres of both sidelines will be very interesting. Impeccable records, master tacticians, shrewd as foxes. Intriguing! Enjoy.

Last Sunday's minor semi-final between Ciarraí and Laoise was great fare. I expect the same today. Having seen both Corcaigh and Áth Cliath in action already they are definitely two very talented teams and should provide a treat for all early arrivals.

A special word of welcome and support to our referees and other officials. I met with the national referees last Tuesday night. Most people are oblivious to the dedication and sacrifices required from referees, especially those that make it on

to the inter-county panel. It's a tough job, a huge responsibility with little reward and plenty of abuse. If referees could market the abuse they get, they'd all be millionaires.

Last year Bank of Ireland renewed their contract with us for the Bank of Ireland Championship. It was a great vote of confidence in the competition and together we intend to grow the product into the future. It gives me pleasure to welcome their CEO Michael Soden, Des Crowley, Lisa Browne et al to Páirc an Chrócaigh again today. Buíochas ó chroí daoibh.

There has been much comment on how beautiful the surface in Croke Park looks. Thanks to our dedicated ground staff it gets better by the day. Do you know that it's cut with a push-lawnmower? It can take up to six or seven hours to cover every blade of grass. If you are in here around 8.30am any morning you'll see two guys in shorts up and down the field following dead straight lines – marked with twine like a builder on a wall or a gardener setting peas – so that the place is in perfect nick. And so it is.

I mentioned that this is the centenary of the Ulster Council. They have arranged something special for every county. It was my pleasure to attend, all too briefly alas, a wonderful Irish course in Downings. The Cathaoirleach of our Coiste Gaeilge agus Cultúr is Armagh's former captain, the great Jarlath Burns. Together we witnessed a well organised course for adults, open to GAA people from anywhere, incorporating what you might expect, but may not always get in a Gaeltacht course – total emphasis on all things Gaelic – an teanga, ranganna ceoil, céilithe, comórtais, ceolchoirmeacha, tráth na gceist srl. Mar a dúras, sin an tslí chun cúrsaí samhraidh a eagrú. B'fhiú d'aon duine freastal ar an bhliain seo chugainn. Comhghairdeas Comhairle Uladh agus údaráis an chúrsa.

We have asked for and received many submissions from the public regarding our competitions, presentation, awards, etc... Any suggestions are welcome and will be dealt with by the relevant body. One other task which we are undertaking is a revision of our rules. The rules revision committee are undertaking that process since Congress. The Ard Stiúirthóir and others were well aware that there were anomalies in our rules. That's why I set up the committee when elected last April. No moment of inspirational genius by agents discovered that for us. But again submissions from our members and fans are welcome. Multiple heads are better than one. Together we progress.

Finally, after today, barring a draw, we turn our attention to the All Ireland finals. And that means tickets. Tickets – please don't mention the word until October. Beir Bus,

Seán Ó Ceallaigh, Uachtarán.

## Welcome from Bank of Ireland



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Football Championship

**O**n behalf of Bank of Ireland, I would like to welcome you all to Croke Park on this, the last weekend in August. I am sure, like me, you have been thrilled to witness many exciting games this summer and today's Bank of Ireland Football Semi-Final promises to be another such match.

I'm looking forward to seeing two teams that have come through the entire qualifying system after defeats in the first round of the Ulster Championship. Along the way both Donegal and Armagh have accounted for some of the favourites for this year's title and they now face off against each other for a place in the first All-Ulster final. It will also be a special occasion for rival managers, Joe Kernan and Brian McEniff. Kernan has set his sights on becoming the first manager since Cork's Billy Morgan in 1989-90 to mastermind a successful title defence, while McEniff is hoping to regain the heights of 1992 when he led Donegal to their first ever All-Ireland triumph.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally congratulate the Ulster Council on this, their Centenary year. It is proving to be a bumper year for the province with two Ulster teams guaranteed to meet in this year's Bank of Ireland Football Final. This pays testament to the hard work

the GAA and the Ulster Council have put into promoting and developing the game in the province in recent years, and that effort is bearing fine fruit this year.

We in Bank of Ireland are proud to sponsor the Football Championship. It is without doubt Ireland's largest and most compelling sporting championship. This in turn has helped to make our sponsorship the best known in the country. The Championship is also hugely popular with our customers and staff members-90% of our customers see the sponsorship as worthwhile, and 83% of our staff members wished to see the sponsorship renewed earlier this year.

Finally, I would like to thank you the fans for your part in this success story. You have been attending the games like never before. The million spectator barrier was broken again this year during the Quarter-Finals on the August bank holiday weekend. May you all enjoy today's encounter and I would like to wish you all, both Donegal and Armagh, the very best of luck

Des Crowley  
Chief Executive Retail Financial Services-ROI  
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## DONEGAL BID TO BRIDGE AN ELEVEN YEAR GAP

Donegal are bidding for their first All-Ireland senior football semi-final win since 1992 when they beat Mayo at Croke Park by 0-13 to 0-9 to reach the final for the first time in their history.

That was Donegal's fifth semi-final appearance and they were on level terms at 0-6 each at the interval.

Mayo went two points clear midway through the second half, but Donegal finished the stronger. They conceded just a single point over the remainder of the game and chalked up seven for an historic 0-13 to 0-9 win.

- Martin Gavigan contributed richly to the success with his quality play at centre half back. Matt Gallagher at full was another commanding figure in the defence.
- Anthony Molloy at midfield and Declan Bonner, top scorer for the side with four points, and Martin McHugh were other giants for the Ulster County. Donegal were managed by Brian McEniff.
- They made a winning debut in the All-Ireland final, in which they beat firm favourites Dublin by 0-18 to 0-14. Their win meant that a new name was inscribed on the All-Ireland senior football championship Roll of Honour for the first time since Offaly won their initial title in 1971.
- Donegal have not won the Ulster title since 1992. Their earlier successes were in 1972, 1974, 1983 and 1990.

They qualified for this semi-final outing, of course, via the All-Ireland qualifiers and a quarter-final replay win over Galway.

## HISTORY-MAKING BID BY ARMAGH

This semi-final affords Armagh an opportunity to write history as the county has still to contest two All-Ireland senior football finals in succession.

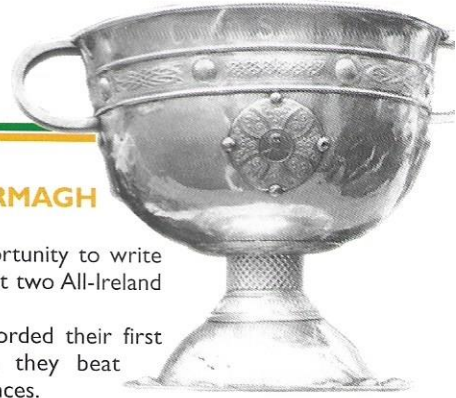
On September 1 last year they recorded their first semi-final victory since 1977 when they beat favourites Dublin in dramatic circumstances.

The scores were level at the break—0-6 each—and Armagh looked like taking a grip on the exchanges when Paddy McKeever goaled in the 42nd minute to put his side 1-7 to 0-7 clear.

But Dublin hit back immediately with a goal by Ciarán Whelan. However, two minutes into injury time the Northerners were a point ahead when Dublin were awarded a 30 metres free.

Ray Cosgrove took the kick into the Hill 16 goal, the ball came back off an upright and was gathered by an Armagh defender as the final whistle went: Armagh 1-14; Dublin 1-13.

- McKeever, with his vital goal, Oisín McConville, who scored five points, teenage forward Ronan Clarke, midfielder Paul McGrane and defenders Aidan O'Rourke and Enda McNulty were very prominent in fashioning the semi-final win.
- The Armagh-Dublin semi-final attracted an attendance of 79,386.
- Armagh celebrated their return to All-Ireland senior final action last September by beating Kerry for a first-ever title in the grade.
- Armagh lost their Ulster title when they were beaten by Monaghan in the opening round last May. They won ten Ulster senior titles between 1890 and 2002.



## An tUllord fé bhláth arís?

**N**íl amhras ná go seasfaidh bua na bliana seo chaite le hArd Mhacha inniu agus aghaidh á thabhairt acu ar fhir Brian McEniff. Tá foireann láidir cumasach acu agus beidh ar gach ball d'fhoireann Dhún na nGall imirt ar bharr a chumais chun an cluiche seo a bhaint.

Beidh brú ar Ard Mhacha inniu, áfach, mar is fada an lá gur éirigh le foireann an craobh a bhaint dhá bhliain as a chéile. Beidh fonn ar Thír Chonaill freisin filleadh ar laethanta glórmhara 1992. An bhfuil said láidir go leor chun an beart a dhéanamh inniu? Sin i ceist mhór an lae.

Is bua mór dóibh go bhfuil Barry Monaghan, Michael Hegarty agus Brendan Devenney réidh chun catha agus go bhfuil Stephen McDermott ar ais i lár an ghoirt. Tar éis droch-thaithí na Sraithe, bhain na Conallaigh leas iontach as buntáiste an chúl-dorais. D'fheabhsaigh siad le gach cluiche agus is fíor a rá nach raibh súil ag a lucht leanta le bua ar an nGhaillimh sa chluiche ceathrúcheannais. B'fhéidir go raibh an taidh leo an lá sin ach bhí an bua tuillte acu.

Dúshlán úr atá rompu inniu agus an choimhlint is déine go dtí seo. Níl amhras ná go bhfuil seans iontach acu ma éiríonn leo seilbh

a fháil i lár an ghoirt agus má fhaigheann Adrian Sweeney agus Brendan Devenney go leor den liathróid os comhair an chúil. I gcomparáid le hArd Mhacha, áfach, níl rogha ró-mhór ionadaíochta acu agus ceaptar gur mhí-bhuntaíste oll-mhór é seo gcomhthéacs cluiche an lae inniu.

Is faoiseamh mór é do Joe Kernan nach bhfuil gortú ar bith ag cur as dó agus, cosúil leis na Canallaigh, bhaineadar leas as bhealach an chúil-dorais i mbliana freisin. Bhíodar go maith anuraidh agus níl amhras ar bith ná go bhfuil siad níos fearr fós i mbliana. Tháinig Muineachán aniar aduaidh orthu sa chéad chluiche i mbliana ach ina dhiaidh sin d'imir siad peil den scoth in aghaidh 'Bhleá Cliath agus foireann mhaith Laoise. Tá cumas faoi leith acu i lár na páirce agus ceaptar nach bhfaighidh Devenney ná Sweeney go leor den liathróid chun damáiste suntasach a dhéanamh inniu.

Le dóchas, féinmhuinín agus leis an gcumas peile atá acu, is féidir le rith an ráis a bheith ag Tír Chonaill inniu. Ceaptar, áfach, nach mbeidh siad láidir go leor do curaidh reatha Uile Éireann agus go mbeidh Ard Mhacha ag glacadh páirte arís i gcluiche ceannais na bliana seo.

**I.N.T.O. / G.A.A. Mini-Sevens****Peil (Buachaillí)**

**TEAM M**  
Dún na nGall: Green and Gold  
Pitch: Defending Hogan Stand — Canal End.

- Ronan Caldwell, St. Annins N.S., Roscahill, Galway;
- Nigel Hannon, Drumlease N.S., Leitrim.
- Eimhin Ó Scanláin, Gaelscoil Míde, Cill Bhráiróg, Baile Átha Cliath.
- Shane Clarke, St. Brigid's N.S., Bagnelstown, Carlow.
- Eamonn Ruane, St. Oliver Plunkett's N.S., Ballina, Mayo.
- Alan Naughton, Corballa N.S., Sligo.
- Barry Kelly, Killenard N.S., Laois.
- Jason Kelly, Aughnagarron N.S., Longford.
- Alan Fitzpatrick, St. Ciarán's N.S., Baylin, Westmeath.
- Larry Mahon, Castledermot N.S., Kildare.

**TEAM N**  
Ard Mhacha: Orange and White  
Pitch: Defending Cusack Stand — Canal End.

- Craig Walsh, St. Peter & Paul's N.S., Baldoyle, Dublin.
- Dean Foster, Killenard N.S., Laois.
- Thomas Kelly, St. Patrick's N.S., Wicklow.
- David Walsh, St. Annin's N.S., Roscahill, Galway.
- Eoghan Grennan, St. Ciarán's N.S., Baylin, Westmeath.
- Fionán Clabby, Our Lady's B.N.S., Ballinteer, Dublin.
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- Cathal Flattery, Boardsmill N.S., Meath.
- Brian Gilbert, Scoil Lorcán N.S., Palmerstown, Dublin.
- Shane Mangan, St. Colman's N.S., Cappagh, Offaly.

**Peil (Cailíní)**

**TEAM O**  
Dún na nGall: Green and Gold  
Pitch: Defending Cusack Stand — Hill 16 End.

- Aedin Ní Neachtain, Scoil Neasáin, Baile Hearmáin, Baile Átha Cliath.
- Ruth Farrell, Owing N.S., Kilkenny.
- Deirdre Doherty, Tauneena N.S., Mayo.
- Niamh Ní Dhubhlaing, Scoil Móibhí, Glasnaoin, Baile Átha Cliath.
- Theresa Hyland, Scoil Bhríde N.S., Conaslee, Laois.
- Sarah Staunton, Curraghboy N.S., Roscommon.
- Aoifa Jacob, Scoil Bhríde, Milltown, Kildare.
- Mairéad Flannery, St. Rynagh's N.S., Banagher, Offaly.
- Fiona Toher, Killoe N.S., Longford.
- Aine Tighe, St. Brigid's N.S., Drumcong, Leitrim.

**TEAM P**  
Ard Mhacha: Orange and White  
Pitch: Defending Hogan Stand — Hill 16 End.

- Aoife McWeeney, St. Brigid's N.S., Drumcong, Leitrim.
- Victoria Schultz, Tubberclare N.S., Westmeath.
- Siobhán Sorohan, Killoe N.S., Longford.
- Laura Daly, St. Rynagh's N.S., Banagher, Offaly.
- Deirdre Doyle, Bennekerry N.S., Carlow.
- Niamh McLoughlin, Tauneena N.S., Mayo.
- Kathryn Kavanagh, Vallemount N.S., Wicklow.
- Shauna Parle, Kilmore N.S., Wexford.
- Sarah Greene, St. Brigid's G.N.S., Cabinteely, Dublin.
- Gráinne Colleary, Curry N.S., Sligo.

## Semi-Final Snippets

### GIVING & RECEIVING

In 1890, the first year in which they competed in the championship, Armagh certainly experienced mixed fortunes in the matter of flag raising – preventing opponents scoring and failing to score themselves. At Lisburn on August 11th they beat Antrim by 3-17 to 0-0 in the first round, but it was the other side of the coin when they opposed Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final at Clonturk Park three months later as they finished with the double noughts on the board, with Cork winning by 1-15 to 0-0.

It was said of the game that Armagh could have scored a 'bag of points' in the second half, but scorned to do so as they concentrated on trying to score goals.

### DEBUTANTS

The last occasion on which both counties were appearing in an All-Ireland semi-final for the first time was 112 years ago when Dublin and Cavan

met at Clonturk Park in 1891. And the last time both contestants in a semi-final were seeking a first win at this stage was in 1960 when Down and Offaly were in opposition. The last county to make its semi-final debut was Donegal in 1972 – the 28th county to do so. The counties still awaiting to make a first penultimate-round appearance are Westmeath, Wicklow, Fermanagh and Waterford. The Decies did appear in an All-Ireland final (1898), but with Connacht and Ulster inactive, there were no semi-finals that year. Also, Fermanagh came close to becoming the 29th county to reach the semi-final stage, but they failed to Tyrone in this year's quarter-final.

### IN ALL FOUR

Once Croke Park was firmly established as the setting for All-Ireland semi-finals in 1939, there was no chance of any newcomers to semi-final

action being able to claim that they played 'semis' in all four provinces. That distinction is shared by Cavan and Kerry. Needless to say their appearances in some provinces were few in number. For instance, Kerry's only outing in Ulster was in 1933 when they lost to Cavan, while the Breffni men performed only once on Munster soil when they met Kerry in 1925. Cavan also made just one trip across the Shannon – in 1934 to Tuam where, as reigning All-Ireland champions, they were surprisingly beaten by Galway.

### ALL FORMATIONS

Armagh is one of just six counties that have contested All-Ireland semi-finals with teams comprising 21, 17 and 15 players. Their first semi-final in 1890 was 21-a-side, their second in 1902 was 17-a-side, and all their penultimate contests since 1950 have been 15-a-side. Dublin, Tipperary, Louth, Cork and Cavan are the other five counties that share that distinction.

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# MINOR GAME BRIDGES A LONG GAP

**D**ublin and Cork bridge a long gap in the All-Ireland minor football championship semi-final. This is the first meeting of the counties since a 1986 semi-final, in which the Munster county came out on top by 2-7 to 0-8.

The Dubs recovered from a poor start that had them 1-3 to 0-1 behind after twenty minutes to get on level terms with seven minutes remaining. However, midfielder Gabriel Lally then scored a splendid goal for Cork, who went on to win well.

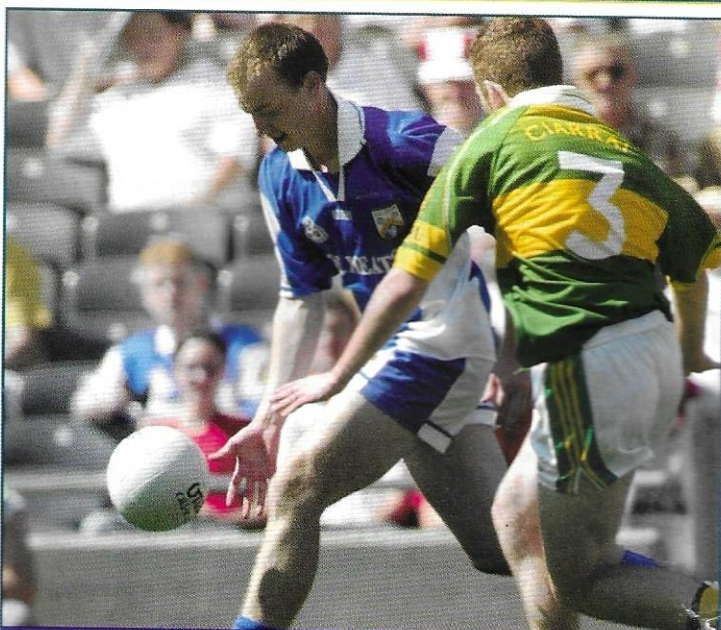
Mark O'Connor and Steven O'Brien in defence, Lally and forwards Noel Twomey and David Larkin were best for Cork. Keith Barr, John Madden, in defence, Declan Bolger at midfield and Gerard Butler and Colm McEvoy, joint top scorers for the county with three points each, were best for the Dubs.

## SEMI-FINAL WINNERS LAST TIME OUT

- Dublin regained the Leinster title last month after two years. They won their last All-Ireland semi-final at the expense of Kerry by 2-13 to 2-9 in 2001 and lost the final to Tyrone in a replay.
- Cork were beaten by Kerry in the Munster final in July, but returned to winning ways in an All-Ireland quarter-final against Connacht championship Galway at Ennis.

They are back in an All-Ireland semi-final after three years. James Masters, captain and right full forward, led by example for Cork as they forged out a hard-earned 0-15 to 0-14 win over Derry in that last semi-final engagement.

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Chris Bergin (Laois) scored 1-5 against Kerry last week.

## BERGIN JOINS THE RANKS AS LENNON STILL LEADS THE WAY

**C**hris Bergin took his place in the ranks of the leading individual match returns for the minor football championship as a result of his 1-5 for Laois in last week's All-Ireland semi-final win at Croke Park. He joins a lengthy list of players on eight points.

No other player has moved into the chart following last week's semi-final.

Shane Lennon (Louth) continues to be well placed to finish on top of the table by the season's end with 2-7 against Kilkenny at Nowlan Park in his county's second appearance of the season in the Leinster championship.

It is a measure of Lennon's sharpshooting in the Leinster championship that he also recorded 2-6 twice in the campaign—against Wicklow at Aughrim in early May and against Offaly later in the month at Ardee.

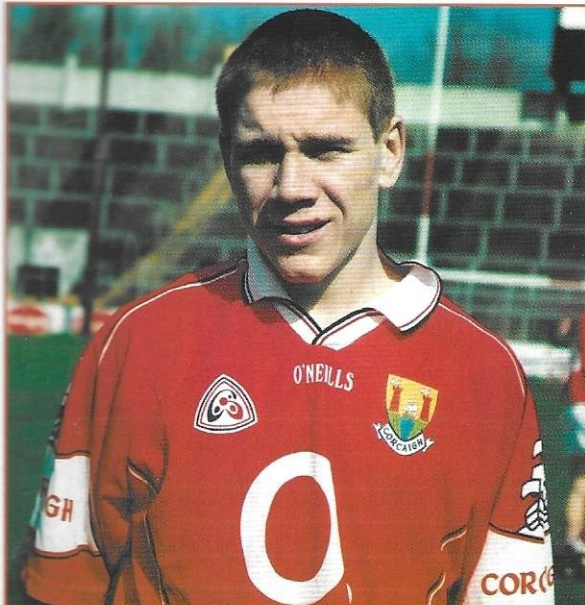
### THE LEADING INDIVIDUAL MATCH RETURNS IN THE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINALS AND LAST WEEK'S SEMI-FINAL WERE:

2-7: Shane Lennon (Louth) v Kilkenny at Kilkenny on 19th April.	1-6: Ian Barnes (Tipperary) v Waterford at Fermoy on 16th April.
2-6: Brian Mulvihill (Tipperary) v Cork at Ballyagran on 8th March.	1-6: Shane Hogan (Galway) v Roscommon at Ballinasloe on 3rd May.
2-6: Shane Lennon (Louth) v Wicklow at Aughrim on 2nd May.	2-3: Shane Hogan (Galway) v Leitrim at Pearse Stadium on 18th May.
2-6: Shane Lennon (Louth) v Offaly at Ardee on 17th May.	1-6: Damien McDermott (Tyrone) v Derry at Clones on 18th May.
2-6: Damian McDermott (Tyrone) v Derry at Casement Park on 28th May.	1-5: Dan Doona (Kerry) v Tipperary at Kilmallock on 1st March.
2-5: Alan Curran (Carlow) v Kilkenny at Kilkenny on 29th March.	1-5: W. Murphy (Wicklow) v Kilkenny at on 12th April.
2-5: Bryan Sheehan (Kerry) v Mayo at Ennis on 2nd August.	0-8: Colin Weste (Cork) v Limerick at Newcastlewest on 16th April.
2-4: Sean O'Meara (Clare) v Tipperary at Cloughaun on 29th March.	2-2: Joe O'Brien (Longford) v Carlow at Carlow on 7th May.
2-4: Damian McDermott (Tyrone) v Fermanagh at Clones on 13th July.	0-8: N. McNamee (Offaly) v Louth at Ardee on 17th May.
2-4: Colin Weste (Cork) v Galway at Ennis on 2nd August.	2-2: Gavin Devlin (Derry) v Tyrone at Clones on 18th May.
0-9: Colin Weste (Cork) v Clare 0-7 at Buttevant on 15th March.	1-5: Chris Bergin (Laois) v Kerry at Croke Park on 24th August.
2-3: Ger Aherne (Limerick) v Tipperary at Fermoy on 15th March.	1-5: Colin Weste (Cork) v Tipperary at Kilmallock on 3rd July.
	0-8: Shane O'Brien (Fermanagh) v Tyrone at Clones on 13th July.





# Cork back in winning mood after Munster final defeat



Stephen O'Donoghue (Corcaigh) is a nephew of Eamonn O'Donoghue who won All-Ireland Hurling medals with Blackrock and Cork. (Pic: George Hatchell)

**C**an Cork emulate today the achievement in the minor football championship of Laois, who lost their provincial final last month, but still booked their place last Sunday in the All-Ireland final?

The Rebel County take another step today in their comeback bid following a disappointing display when losing the Munster final by seven points to Kerry at Fitzgerald Stadium.

Cork, who started firm favourites for that game, showed plenty of character and ability seeing off a fancied Galway side at Ennis in an All-Ireland quarter-final earlier this month.

Colin Weste made an outstanding contribution to getting the revival on the rails with two first half goals. Those scores helped the Munster side to a comfortable looking 2-6 to 0-6 lead at the break.

When Cork went seven points clear in the second half they looked securely on the road to a semi-final place. However, Galway rallied well and collected two goals to get on level terms as the game neared a close.

But the Munster county, who had a defender dismissed by the referee, did not panic and a point in injury time by Daniel Goulding secured a place in the last four by 2-11 to 2-10.

This was a fine comeback by Cork from the Munster final defeat. Weste had a big say in the success with his good general play and finishing powers that yielded 2-4. Goulding also played a big part. That match-winning score was his third point of the day and he also had a good game over-all.

An encouraging come-back by Cork and one that will send them into their quest for the county's first final appearance in three years in a quietly confident mood.



## HOW THEY GOT HERE



Dublin won the Leinster minor football championship last month for the 27th time since 1930. Cork were beaten in the Munster final by Kerry, but returned to winning form in an All-Ireland quarter-final at the expense of Clare. The Rebel County last won out in Munster in 2000, their 26th title since 1939. This is how the counties reached the semi-final.

### Baile Átha Cliath

**17th May at An Uaimh:**  
Dublin 0-14; Meath 2-4.  
Scorers: A. Relihan 0-3, J. O'Hara 0-3, M. Vaughan 0-3, C. Noone 0-2, C. Fitzgerald 0-2, B. Kennedy 0-1.

**2nd July at An Uaimh:**  
Dublin 0-11; Louth 1-8.  
Scorers: J. O'Hara 0-3, M. Vaughan 0-2, B. Kennedy 0-2, F. Fitzgerald 0-1, C. Noone 0-1, I. Ward 0-1, A. Relihan 0-1.

**9th July at An Uaimh:**  
Dublin 1-12; Louth 1-7.  
Scorers: M. Vaughan 1-2, A. Relihan 0-3, J. O'Hara 0-2, F. Fitzgerald 0-2, B. Kennedy 0-1, D. Reilly 0-1, J. O'Brien 0-1.

**20th July at Croke Park:**  
Dublin 1-11; Laois 1-9.  
Scorers: J. O'Hara 1-1, K. Leahy 0-3, B. Kennedy 0-2, M. Vaughan 0-2, A. Relihan 0-2, J. O'Brien 0-1.

**2nd August at Longford:**  
Dublin 0-15; Fermanagh 0-5.  
Scorers: M. Vaughan 0-3, K. Leahy 0-3, A. Relihan 0-3, B. Kennedy 0-2, J. O'Hara 0-2, I. Ward 0-1, J. O'Brien 0-1.

**TOTAL SCORED: 2-63 (69 points).**  
**TOTAL CONCEDED: 5-33 (48 points).**  
Scorers: M. Vaughan 1-12, J. O'Hara 1-11, A. Relihan 0-12, B. Kennedy 0-8, K. Leahy 0-5, F. Fitzgerald 0-5, J. O'Brien 0-3, C. Noone 0-3, I. Ward 0-2, D. Reilly 0-1.

### Corcaigh

**1st March at Dungarvan:**  
Cork 3-14; Waterford 2-2.  
Scorers: J. O'Sullivan 1-1, C. Weste 0-4, P. Kelly 1-0, P. O'Shea 1-0, J. Hayes 0-3, C. O'Connell 0-2, H. Curran 0-2, A. O hAilpin 0-1, A. Milner 0-1.

### 8th March at Ballygaran:

Cork 1-9; Tipperary 2-9.  
Scorers: F. Gould 1-1, C. Steed 0-2, J. Hayes 0-2, H. Curran 0-1, M. Harrington 0-1, A. O'Connor 0-1, N. Horgan 0-1.

### 15th March at Buttevant:

Cork 1-18; Clare 0-7.  
Scorers: C. Weste 0-9, J. Hayes 1-1, H. Curran 0-3, F. Gould 0-2, J. O'Sullivan 0-1, M. Harrington 0-1, B. Cotter 0-1.

### 28th March: Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Cork 2-12; Kerry 1-11.  
Scorers: C. Weste 1-4, A. O hAilpin 1-0, J. Shanahan 0-3, J. Hayes 0-2, B. Cotter 0-2, S. McCarthy 0-1.

### 16th April at Newcastle West:

Cork 1-12; Limerick 1-10.  
Scorers: C. Weste 0-8, J. Shanahan 1-0, J. Hayes 0-1, H. Curran 0-1, A. O hAilpin 0-1, B. Cotter 0-1.

### 3rd July at Kilmallock:

Cork 2-18; Tipperary 0-8.  
Scorers: C. Weste 1-5, J. Shanahan 1-1, D. Goulding 0-3, P. Kelly 0-2, J. Hayes 0-2, B. Cotter 0-2, J. O'Sullivan 0-1, P. Kerrigan 0-1, S. Bermingham 0-1.

### 17th July at Killarney:

Cork 0-10; Kerry 1-14.  
Scorers: C. Weste 0-2, J. Hayes 0-2, J. O'Sullivan 0-1, P. Kelly 0-1, J. Shanahan 0-1, B. Cotter 0-1, D. Goulding 0-1, S. Bermingham 0-1.

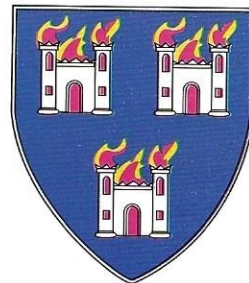
### 2nd August at Ennis:

Cork 2-11; Galway 2-10.  
Scorers: C. Weste 2-4, D. Goulding 0-3, B. Cotter 0-2, J. Hayes 0-1, P. Kerrigan 0-1.

### TOTAL SCORED: 12-104 (140 points).

### TOTAL CONCEDED: 9-71 (98 points).

Scorers: C. Weste 4-36, J. Hayes 1-14, J. Shanahan 2-5, B. Cotter 0-9, H. Curran 0-7, D. Goulding 0-7, J. O'Sullivan 1-4, P. Kelly 1-3, F. Gould 1-3, A. O hAilpin 1-2, P. O'Shea 1-0, C. O'Connell 0-2, C. Steers 0-2, P. Kerrigan 0-2, S. Bermingham 0-2, A. O'Connell 0-2, N. Horgan 0-2, A. Milner 0-1, M. Harrington 0-1.



# Dublin bid to boost provincial champions' record

**D**ublin have the distinction of being the only provincial champions still in the campaign for the All-Ireland minor football title. They regained the Leinster title with a two points win over Laois at Croke Park last month.

That win has taken on an added significance following the O'Moore County's achievement in booking their place in the All-Ireland final last Sunday at the expense of Kerry.

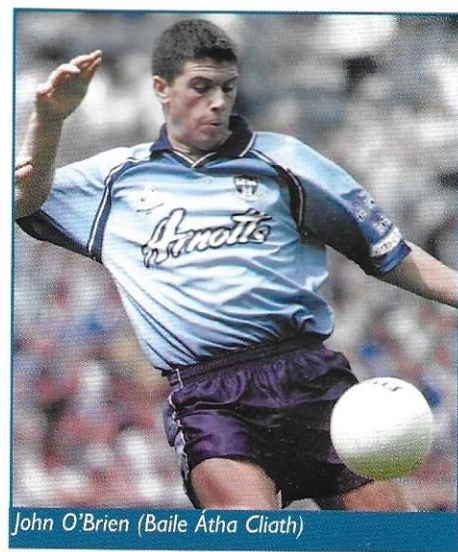
A goal well into the second half by John O'Hara did much to turn secure the Dubs 1-11 to 1-9 win. Gerard O'Meara at midfield, full back and captain Kian Cleere and forwards Barry Kennedy and substitute Kevin Leary were other key figures in fashioning the Dublin win.

The Metropolitans kept up the winning momentum in fine style in their All-Ireland quarter-final against Fermanagh at Longford earlier this month. They lost no time in getting into their stride and some grand points scoring by Kennedy, Mark Vaughan and Alan Relihan set

them firmly on the road to success by half-time when they led by 0-8 to 0-3.

Dublin continued to have much the better of the exchanges in the second half. They conceded just two points in that period and boosted their own tally by seven points to finish very convincing winners by 0-15 to 0-5.

Overall, this was an efficient performance by Dublin. Vaughan, Leahy and Relihan did well up front. Brendan Phelan and O'Meara combined to good effect at midfield, while the defence, shrewdly marshaled by Cleere, Ian Ward and Donnacha Reilly, gave the Fermanagh forwards few opportunities to scheme scores.



John O'Brien (Baile Átha Cliath)

## Corcaigh agus Áth Cliath - last two meetings

**1968 - Cork 2-10 Dublin 1-6**

A game of which much was expected proved a most disappointing encounter in which both sides were guilty of too much fouling, often for no apparent reason. A statistic that gives some idea of what was wrong with this game was that no fewer than eleven of the 16 points came from frees with the guilt more or less evenly shared (six/five), with Dublin the chief offenders. And it wasn't that there was a scarcity of good players on view; many of them would eventually make their mark in senior football, notably Seamus Looney, Declan Barron, Con Hartnett, John Coleman and Brendan Cummins on the cork side, and Pat O'Neill, David Hickey and Pat Gogarty with the opposition.

However, on this day little went right for most of them, though there were occasional flashes of brilliance, which suggested things might have been different. The little good football that was played was mainly by Cork who, having notched a couple of first-quarter points, were rocked by Vincent Daly's goal at the 17th minute.

But Dublin's lead was short-lived as two minutes later Donal Aherne's kick was deflected past goalkeeper Mick Nolan by full-back Liam Sweeney. That score may not have exactly shattered Dublin, but when it was supplemented by another from Tony Murphy, it signalled that, if not the end, for Dublin the way back, if there was one, would be difficult in the extreme.

Cork had an interval lead of 2-4 to 1-1 and in the second half they had little trouble in coping with Dublin's disjointed efforts to get back in the game. In the second period Dublin scored five times to Cork's six, but nine of those scores were from frees, which just about sums up this poor contest.

**Cork scorers:** A.Murphy 1-8, D.Aherne 1-0, J.Coleman 0-1, D.McCarthy 0-1.

**Dublin scorers:** J.Reilly 0-5, V.Daly 1-0, P.Gogarty 0-1.

**Cork -** D.O'Mahony, G.Coleman, F.Cronin, S.Looney, D.Cogan, R.O'Sullivan, C.Hartnett, B.Murphy, D.Aherne, A.Murphy, J.Coleman, H.O'Sullivan, B.Cummins, D.Barron, D.McCarthy. Subs - F.Twomey for Barron, W.Cogan for O'Sullivan, Barron for Cummins.

**Dublin -** M.Nolan, N.Redmond, L.Sweeney, D.Kane, C.Hanley, P.O'Neill, D.Hickey, M.Fitzpatrick, J.Furlong, J.Reilly, P.Gogarty, F.Twomey, B.Lee, J.Kennedy, V.Daly. Sub - M.Manning for Twomey.

**1971 - Cork 2-13 Dublin 1-10**

Having ousted the Munster champions Kerry, Cork came into this semi-final with a big reputation, but in the early stages they looked less than an accomplished outfit as Dublin hit three points before the Leesiders had their first. Then came the first in a series of lucky breaks for the Rebels when a badly-hit free by Dave Philpott was scrambled to the net by Aidan Fahy past a disorganised trio of defenders, any one of whom could have been blamed for this gift to the opposition.

Dublin, however, appeared to recover from this setback and with Bernard Salmon and John McCarthy shading the midfield exchanges, the forwards saw plenty of the ball for the next 15 minutes. But as Philpott began to punish Dublin indiscretions, Cork stayed in touch and limited Dublin's interval lead to one point (0-8 to 1-4).

Clearly less than happy with the way things were going, the Cork mentors made a number of switches during the break, and though there was no great overall improvement, the Dublin midfield threat was considerably reduced. The opening 20 minutes of the second period may not have been completely dominated by Cork, but the ability of the forwards to take their chances was underlined by the alacrity with which they snatched the goal that really put them on their way at the 48th minute, with Sean Murphy providing the finishing touch. That score left Cork eight points clear as Dublin had failed to add to their half-time total.

The Metropolitans did raise a glimmer of hope when Redmond burst through for a fine goal with six minutes remaining, but one goal was obviously not enough and the pressure subsequently put on the Cork defence went without reward. A margin of six points may have flattered the winners, but they certainly deserved their success.

**Cork scorers:** D.Philpott 0-8, S.Murphy 1-1, A.Fahy 1-1, M.Corbett 0-1, D.Crowley 0-1, S.Fitzgerald 0-1.

**Dublin scorers:** M.Hickey 0-4, D.Redmond 1-1, B.Pocock 0-1, J.McCarthy 0-1, P.Hickey 0-1, M.Holden 0-1, S.McCarthy 0-1.

**Cork -** G.Stanton, K.Collins, S.O'Shea, K.Murphy, C.Kelleher, M.Corbett, R.Wilmot, J.Lynch, S.Fitzgerald, S.Murphy, S.Coughlan, D.Crowley, D.Philpott, J.Barry-Murphy, A.Fahy. Sub - V.Twomey for Fitzgerald.

**Dublin -** T.Fayne, D.Billings, D.Hobbs, C.McCane, P.Glavery, V.Holden, B.Pocock, J.McCarthy, B.Salmon, M.O'Donoghue, P.Hickey, D.Redmond, M.Hickey, M.Holden, S.McCarthy. Subs - D.Murray for Glavery, C.O'Donoghue for M.O'Donoghue.



# MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARD

## CONNACHT

3rd May. Ballinasloe: Galway 3-11;	Roscommon 1-2.
<b>SEMI-FINALS</b>	
17th May. Markievicz Park: Mayo 1-11;	Sligo 1-10.
18th May. Pearse Stadium: Galway 2-7;	Leitrim 1-9.
<b>FINAL</b>	
6th July. Pearse Stadium: Galway 1-9;	Mayo 0-9.

## LAIGHIN

29th March. Kilkenny: Carlow 4-15;	Kilkenny 0-11.
29th March. Ballymahon: Longford 3-16;	Wicklow 0-11.
12th April. Drogheda: Louth 0-12;	Longford 0-9.
12th April. Aughrim: Wicklow 5-9;	Kilkenny 3-6.
19th April. Nowlan Park: Louth 5-18;	Kilkenny 0-3.
19th April. Carlow: Carlow 1-11;	Wicklow 1-8.
29th April. Ardee: Louth 2-12;	Carlow 0-1.
2nd May. Aughrim: Louth 3-12;	Wicklow 1-8.
7th May. Carlow: Longford 2-13;	Carlow 2-9.
17th May. An Uaimh: Dublin 0-14;	Meath 2-4.
17th May. Wexford: Kildare 1-14;	Wexford 2-2.
17th May. Mullingar: Laois 3-10;	Westmeath 0-4.
17th May. Ardee: Louth 4-7;	Offaly 0-12.
<b>SEMI-FINALS</b>	
2nd July. An Uaimh: Dublin 0-11;	Louth 1-8.
2nd July. Tullamore: Laois 1-14;	Kildare 1-4.
9th July. An Uaimh: Dublin 1-12;	Louth 1-7.
<b>FINAL</b>	
20th July. Croke Park: Dublin 1-11;	Laois 1-9.

## MUMHA

1st March. Kilmallock: Kerry 2-13;	Tipperary 1-7.
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1st March. Dungarvan: Cork 3-14;	Waterford 2-2.
1st March. Ennis: Clare 0-11;	Limerick 0-4.
8th March. Ballyagran. Tipperary 2-9;	Cork 1-9.
8th March. Killarney: Kerry 3-10;	Limerick 2-5.
8th March. Ennis: Clare 0-8;	Waterford 1-5.
15th March. Buttevant: Cork 1-18;	Clare 0-7.
15th March. Cappaquin: Kerry 0-21;	Waterford 1-9.
15th March. Fermoy: Tipperary 2-6;	Limerick 2-5.
29th March. Páirc Uí Chaoimh: Cork 2-12;	Kerry 1-11.
29th March. Cappamore: Limerick 0-16;	Waterford 1-7.
29th March. Claughaun: Clare 4-9;	Tipperary 1-10.
16th April. Newcastlewest: Cork 1-12;	Limerick 1-10.
16th April. Fermoy: Tipperary 2-15;	Waterford 1-3.
16th April. Ballylongford: Kerry 0-9;	Clare 1-4.
<b>SEMI-FINALS</b>	
3rd July. Tralee: Kerry 1-10;	Clare 0-4.
3rd July. Kilmallock: Cork 2-18;	Tipperary 0-8.
<b>FINAL</b>	
13th July. Killarney: Kerry 1-14;	Cork 0-10.

## ULADH

11th May. Clones: Armagh 0-13;	Monaghan 1-9.
18th May. Clones: Derry 2-9;	Tyrone 2-9.
25th May. Casement Park: Cavan 0-11;	Antrim 1-7.
28th May. Casement Park: Tyrone 2-7;	Derry 0-12.
1st June. Enniskillen: Fermanagh 1-4;	Donegal 0-7.
8th June. Ballybofey: Fermanagh 1-10;	Donegal 0-11.
8th June. Casement Park: Down 2-14;	Armagh 0-6.
<b>SEMI-FINALS</b>	
22nd June. Clones:	

Fermanagh 2-3;	Down 0-8.
29th June. Enniskillen: Cavan 1-11;	Tyrone 2-8.
2nd July. Enniskillen: Tyrone 1-9;	Cavan 0-9.
<b>FINAL:</b>	
13th July. Clones: Tyrone 3-9;	Fermanagh 0-9.

## ALL-IRELAND QUARTER FINALS

2nd August. Longford: Laois 0-15;	Tyrone 1-8.
2nd August. Longford: Dublin 0-15;	Fermanagh 0-5.
2nd August. Ennis: Cork 2-11;	Galway 2-10.
2nd August. Ennis: Kerry 2-10;	Mayo 1-8.

## ALL-IRELAND SEMI FINAL

24th August. Croke Park: Laois 2-15;	Kerry 2-10.
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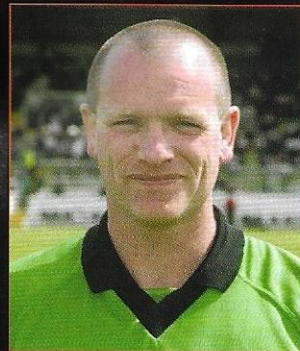
## AN RÉITEOIR

### Colm Broderick (An Dún)

The Banbridge man was in charge of the Dublin-Kerry All-Ireland minor semi-final in 2001.

He played under-16 and minor hurling with Down and has refereed county finals in a number of grades.

Colm has been on the intercounty panel for a number of years and was in action earlier this year in the Allianz League and the Bank of Ireland qualifiers. His assignments included the Cavan-Louth first round qualifier at An Uaimh in



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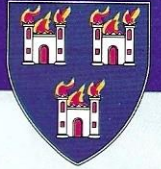
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# Baile Átha Cliath

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## Fir Ionaid

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|   | 1<br><b>KIERAN WALSH</b><br>C. Breathnach<br>(Thomas Davis)         |   |
| 2<br><b>AIDAN DOWNES</b><br>A. Ó Dubháin<br>(Na Fianna)             | 3<br><b>KIAN CLEERE</b><br>C. de Cléir (Capt.)<br>(St. Sylvester's) | 4<br><b>WILLIE LOWRY</b><br>L. Ó Labhraí<br>(St. Vincent's)                 |
| 5<br><b>DONNACHA REILLY</b><br>D. Ó Raghallaigh<br>(Skerries Harps) | 6<br><b>GERARD BRENNAN</b><br>G. Ó Braonáin<br>(St. Vincent's)      | 7<br><b>IAN WARD</b><br>I. Mac an Bhaird<br>(Round Towers)                  |
|   | 8<br><b>BRENDAN PHELAN</b><br>B. Ó Faoláin<br>(Kilmacud Crokes)     | 9<br><b>GERARD O'MEARA</b><br>G. Ó Méara<br>(O'Tooles)                      |
| 10<br><b>KEVIN LEAHY</b><br>C. Ó Laocha<br>(Clontarf)               | 11<br><b>BARRY KENNEDY</b><br>B. Ó Cinnéide<br>(St. Mark's)         | 12<br><b>JOHN O'BRIEN</b><br>S. Ó Briain<br>(St. James Gaels Robert Emmets) |
| 13<br><b>AIDAN RELIHAN</b><br>A. Ó Roileacháin<br>(St. Sylvester's) | 14<br><b>DUINE EILE</b>   | 15<br><b>JOHN O'HARA</b><br>S. Ó hEára<br>(Skerries Harps)                  |

Roghnóirí:  
Ciarán O'Hare (Manager),  
Brendan Horan,  
Shane O'Hanlon,  
Michael Whelan.

# Corcaigh

Dathanna: Dearg is Bán



## Fir Ionaid

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|  | 1<br><b>JAMES DOWN</b><br>S. Ó Dubháin<br>(Kilmurry)             |   |
| 2<br><b>CONOR BARRETT</b><br>C. de Baróid<br>(Ballincollig)    | 3<br><b>STEPHEN O'DONOGHUE</b><br>S. Ó Donnchú<br>(Ballincollig) | 4<br><b>KEVIN HARTNETT</b><br>C. Ó hArreachtáin<br>(Bantry Blues) |
| 5<br><b>MICHAEL SHIELDS</b><br>M. Ó Siall<br>(St. Finbarr's)   | 6<br><b>EINO CADOGAN</b><br>E. Ó Ceadagáin<br>(Douglas)          | 7<br><b>NIALL HORGAN</b><br>N. Ó hArgáin<br>(St. Nicholas)        |
|  | 8<br><b>PATRICK KELLY</b><br>P. Ó Ceallaigh<br>(Ballincollig)    | 9<br><b>FIONTAN GOULD</b><br>F. de Gúl<br>(Macroom)               |
| 10<br><b>PAUL KERRIGAN</b><br>P. Ó Ciaragáin<br>(Nemo Rangers) | 11<br><b>BRIAN COTTER</b><br>B. Mac Coitir<br>(Ballincollig)     | 12<br><b>JOE SHANAHAN</b><br>S. Ó Seancháin<br>(Shamrocks)        |
| 13<br><b>DANIEL GOULDING</b><br>D. Ó Góillín<br>(Éire Óg)      | 14<br><b>COLIN WESTE</b><br>C. Weste<br>(Ballincollie)           | 15<br><b>JOHN HAYES</b><br>S. Ó hAodha<br>(Carbery Rangers)       |

Roghnóirí:  
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Liam de Barra, Liam Ó hOdnéid,  
Liam Ó Duineacha,



# Armagh show second-half flair



**A**rmagh are displaying a flair for second half match-winning performances in senior football championship outings at Croke Park. Remember their second half come-back against Kerry in last year's Bank of Ireland All-Ireland final and against Dublin in an All-Ireland Round three qualifier in early July?

They staged another powerful display in the last twenty minutes or so to ensure a hard-earned but well-merited win over Leinster champions Laois at Croke Park in an All-Ireland quarter-final at the start of the month.

The O'Moore County, winners in July of their first Leinster senior title in fifty seven years, were in no way over-awed by the reputation of the All-Ireland champions, Helped by two splendid saves by goalkeeper Fergal Byron, they were on level terms at seven points each at the break.

However, Armagh powered forward with much more drive and purpose after the change of ends. Philip Loughran and Paul McGrane came more into the picture at midfield and their good displays ensured that the attack put strong pressure on the Leinster champions rearguard.

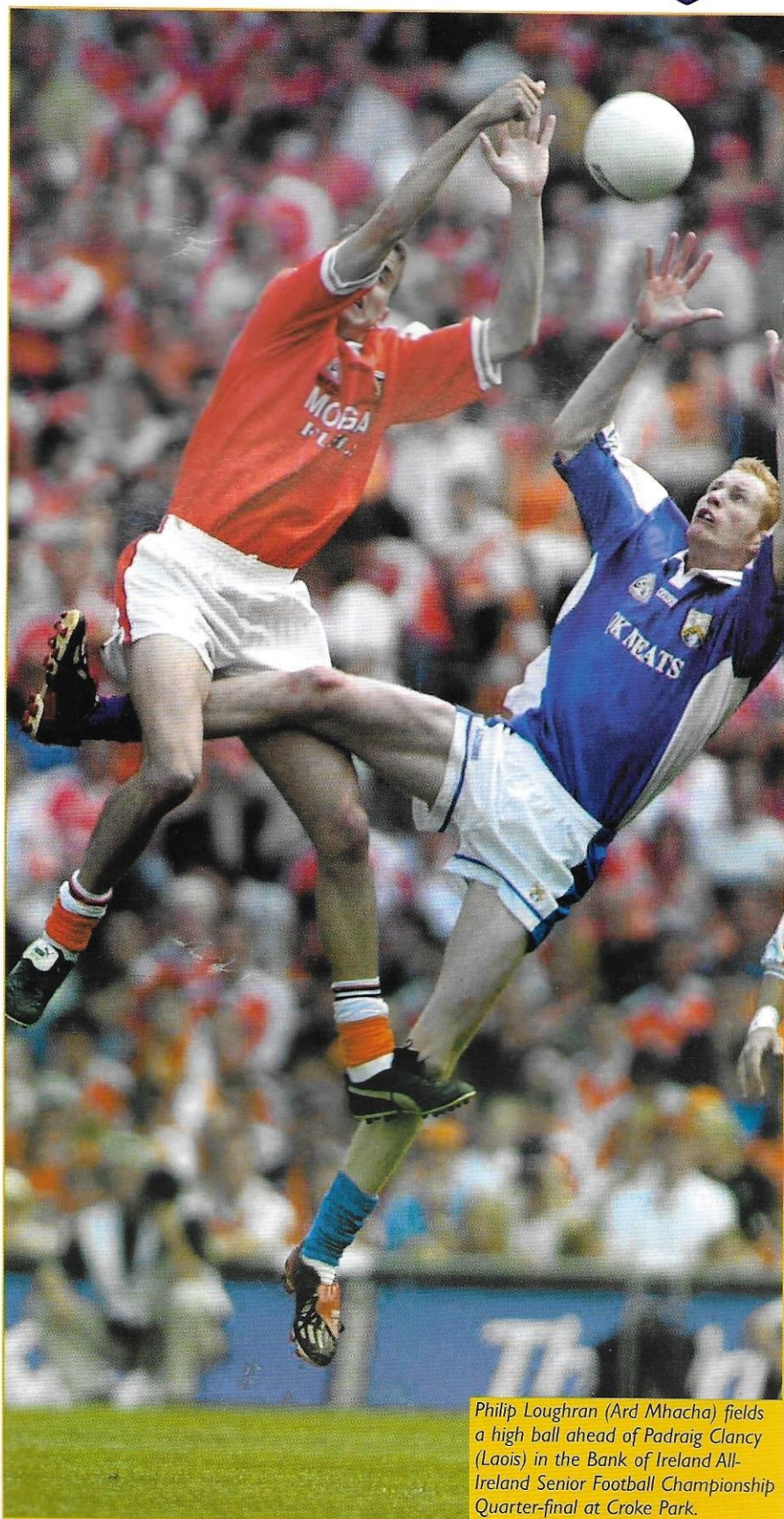
John McEntee, Oisín McConville and Diarmuid Marsden set the standard up front and the All-Ireland champions steadily built up a four points advantage.

Laois kept battling on bravely but Armagh remained cool and collected, continued to play with power, determination and assurance, and qualified for their fourth semi-final in five years by 0-15 to 0-13.

This was another workmanlike rather than spectacular performance by Armagh. Their back division, with Andrew McCann, captain Kieran McGeeney, especially in the second half, and Aidan O'Rourke leading by example, made the Laois attack work hard for their scores.

Loughran and McGrane also contributed to the success with their midfield play, and the creative football up front of McConville, who was top scorer for both teams with seven points, John McEntee and Marsden also proved very influential in keeping Armagh on the winning trail.

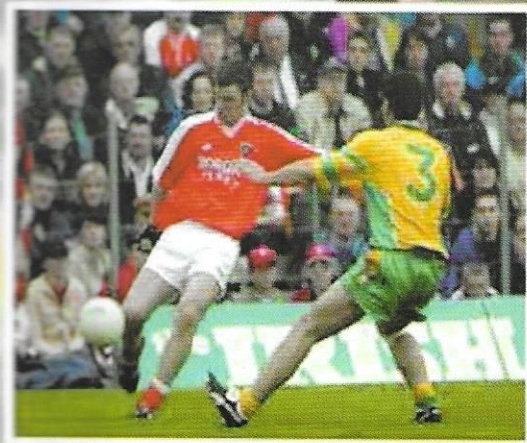
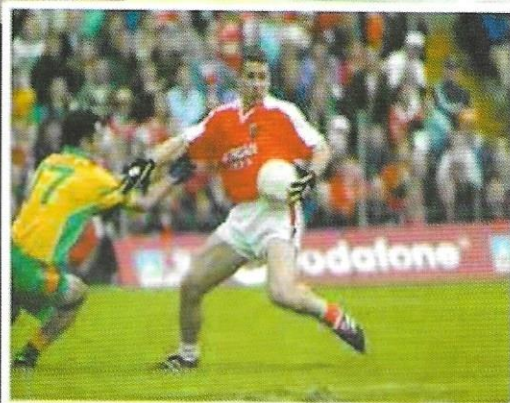
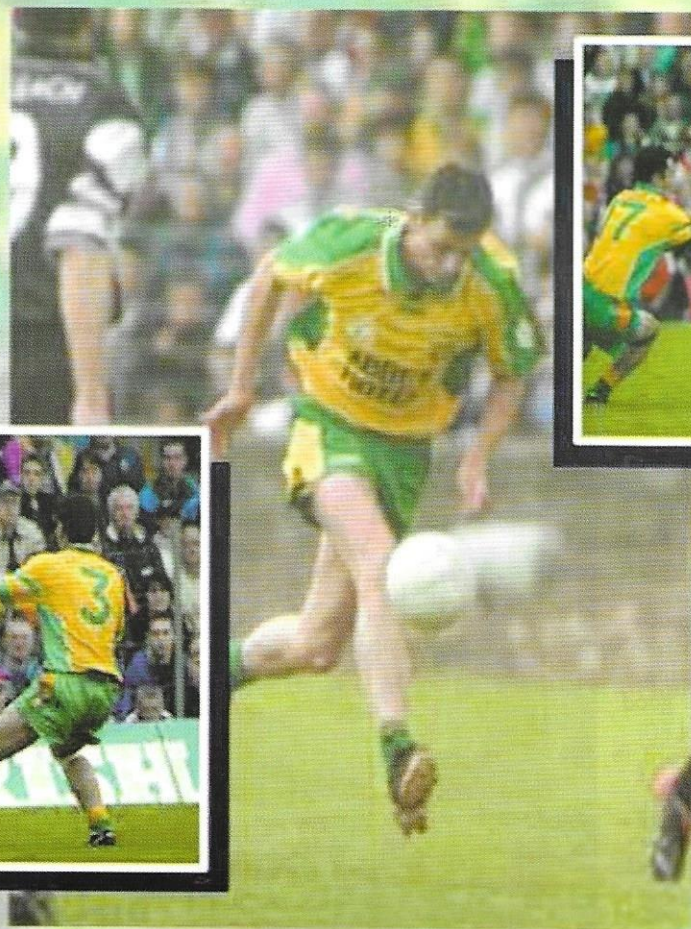
The All-Ireland champions have come a long way since the defeat by Monaghan at Clones in early May that cost them their Ulster title in their initial defence of the championship. That comeback impetus and the assurance that comes from being the champions equips them well for today's challenge.



Philip Loughran (Ard Mhacha) fields a high ball ahead of Pádraig Clancy (Laois) in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland Senior Football Championship Quarter-final at Croke Park.

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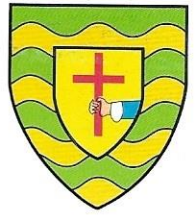
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# Donegal a much improved side



**D**onegal must rank as the most improved football sides in the country at the moment. After a poor League campaign early in the year and a most disappointing performance when losing to Fermanagh in the opening round of the Ulster championship at Enniskillen, they go into this All-Ireland semi-final with very impressive credentials.

Five wins and a draw in six outings since the Fermanagh game underlines the county's steady rate of improvement over the summer and their right to rank as very worthy semi-finalists.

Donegal ensured their first semi-final appearance in eleven years with a hard-earned but fully deserved quarter-final replay win over Galway at Castlebar a few weeks ago. A bright start that matched the sunshine that bathed the County Mayo venue set the scene for the Ulstermen's win. Backed by the breeze they moved with purpose and confidence and their fast, flowing football earned them an interval lead of 0-9 to 0-6.

Donegal maintained the momentum in the early stages of the second half and scored some splendid points to build up an 0-14 to 0-7 lead with twenty minutes remaining. However, they failed to score after that and

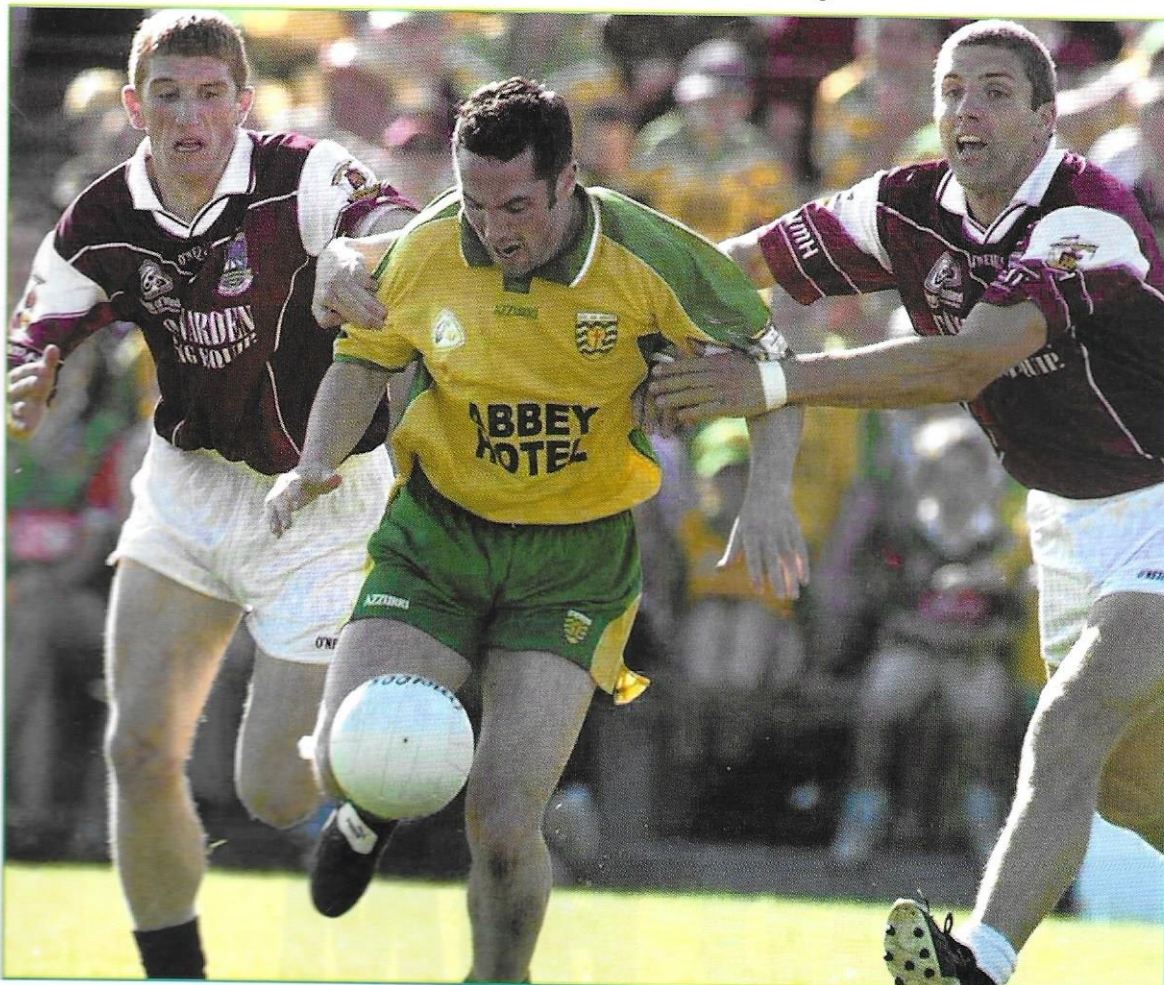
had to stage a strong rearguard action to save the day. Tony Blake also brought off a couple of fine saves in goal before the North-West county booked their place in the last four by 0-14 to 0-11.

This was a good all round display by Donegal. The forward division, with Michael Hegarty, Brendan Devenney and Adrian Sweeney orchestrating matters, moved with fluency and took scoring opportunities well for most of the game.

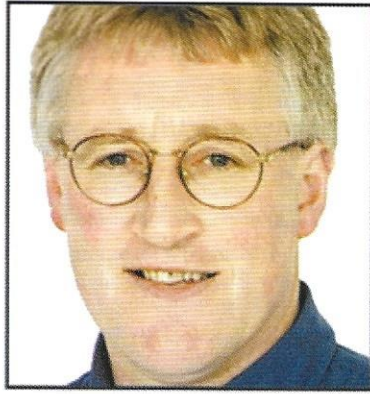
John Gildea, as ever, got through much valuable work in the middle of the park. Barry Monaghan, Kevin Cassidy and Niall McCreedy constructed a rocky road to goal for the Galway attack, while Blake also played his part with his vital saves late in the match.

So, Donegal have certainly put that poor championship start against Fermanagh firmly in the shade. They are now a well drilled and smart-moving side, with confidence in their own ability growing with every game.

They will not be over-awed by Armagh's status as All-Ireland champions and as favourites for this game. They will be confident of knocking their Ulster opponents off their perch and gaining their second-ever appearance in the All-Ireland final stage.



Brendan Devenney (Dún na nGall) breaks through Galway's Kieran Fitzgerald, left, and Kevin Walsh in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland Senior Football Championship Quarter-Final replay at McHale Park, Castlebar.



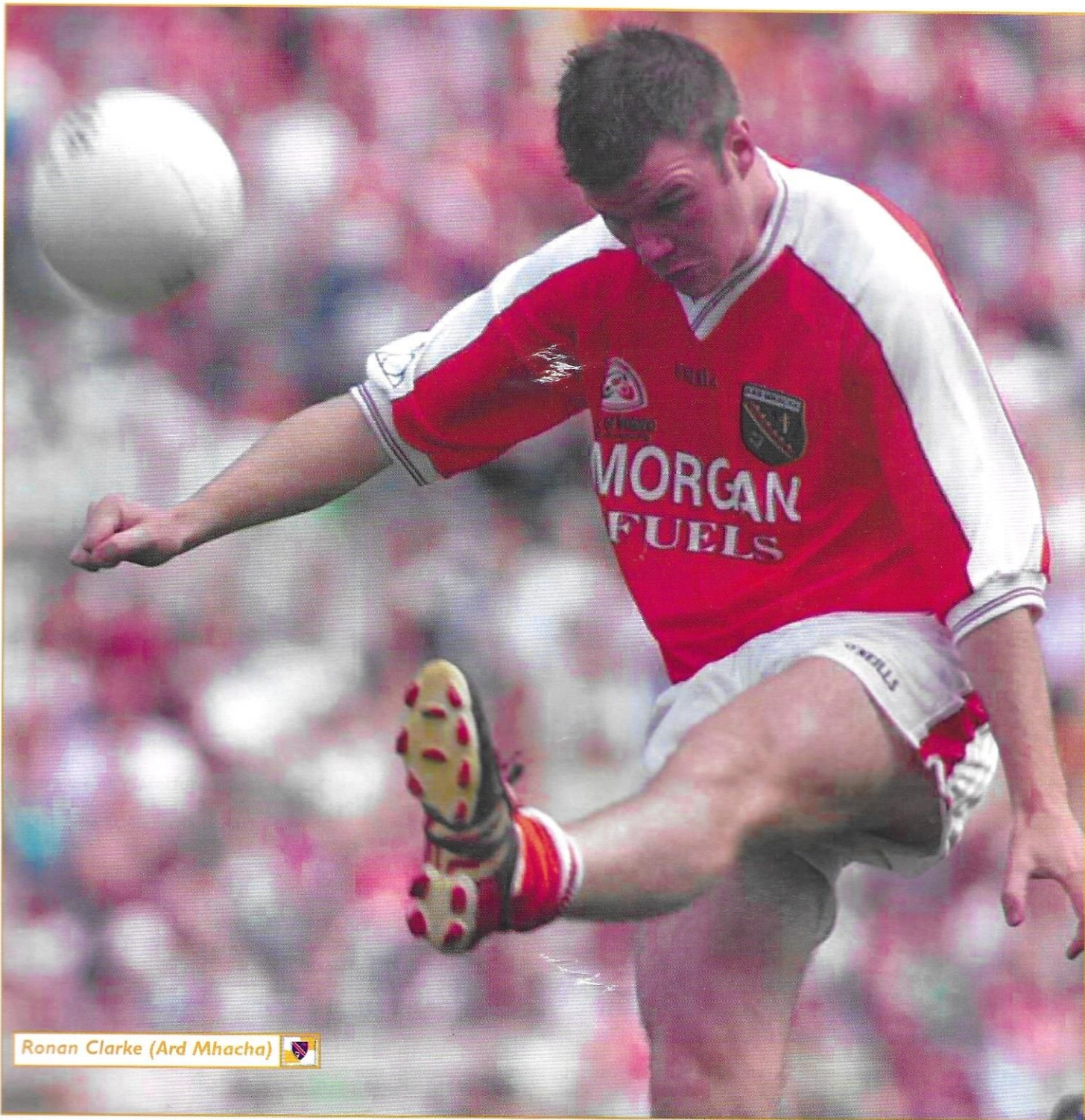
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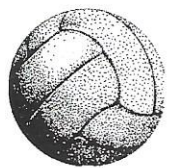




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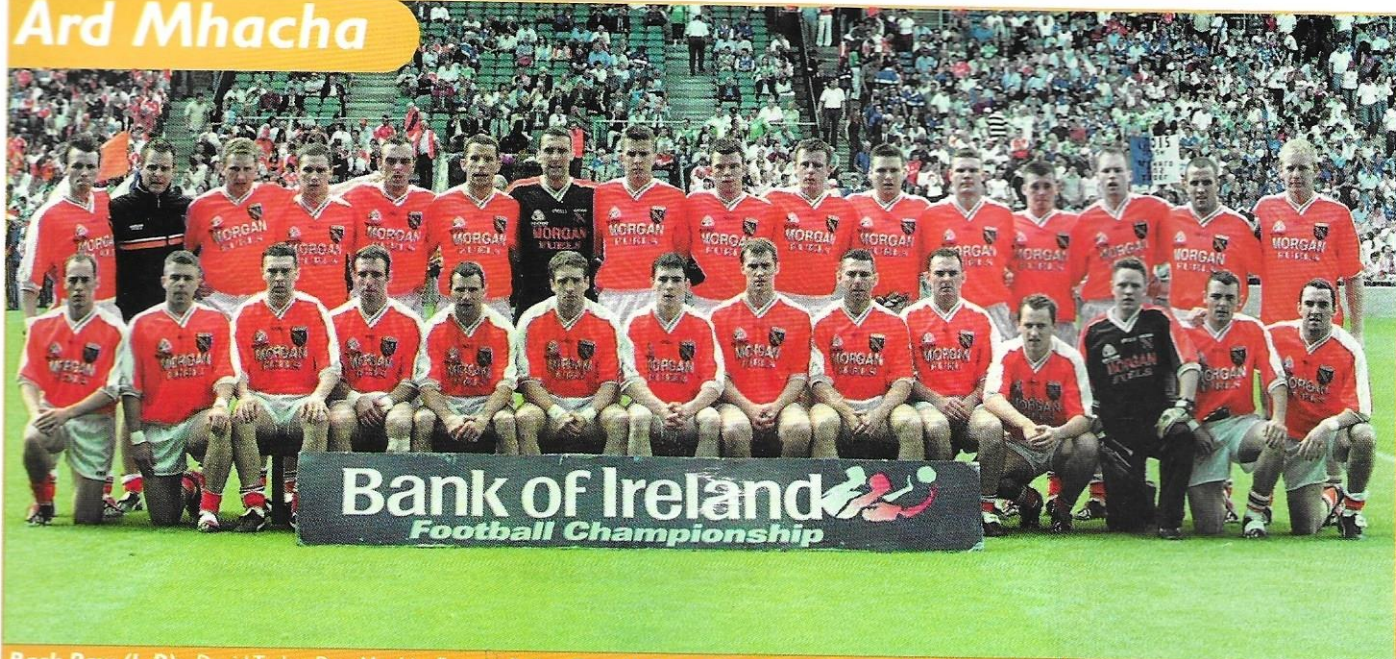
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# Ard Mhacha



**Back Row (L-R):** David Turley, Des Mackin, Francie Bellew, Tony McEntee, Malachy Mackin, Paul McGrane, Paul Hearty, Philip Loughran, Ronan Clarke, Justin McNulty, Kieran Hughes, John Toal, Ciaran McKeever, Andrew McCann, Barry O'Hagan, Barry Duffy  
**Front Row (L-R):** Kevin McElvanna, Paul McCormack, Oisín McConville, Enda McNulty, Steven McDonnell, Kieran McGeeney (Capt) Andy Mallon, John McEntee, Diarmaid Marsden, Aidan O'Rourke, Patrick McKeever, Ciaran McKinney, Pdraig Duffy, Martin O'Rourke.

## Armagh's path to the Semi-final

### 11th May at Clones:

Armagh 0-9; Monaghan 0-13.

### 8th June at Waterford:

Armagh 2-21; Waterford 0-8.

### 21st June at Casement Park:

Armagh 0-15; Antrim 0-12.

### 5th July at Croke Park:

Armagh 0-15; Dublin 0-11.

### 20th July at Dr. Hyde Park:

Armagh 4-10; Limerick 0-11.

### 3rd August at Croke Park:

Armagh 0-15; Laois 0-13.

### TOTAL SCORED:

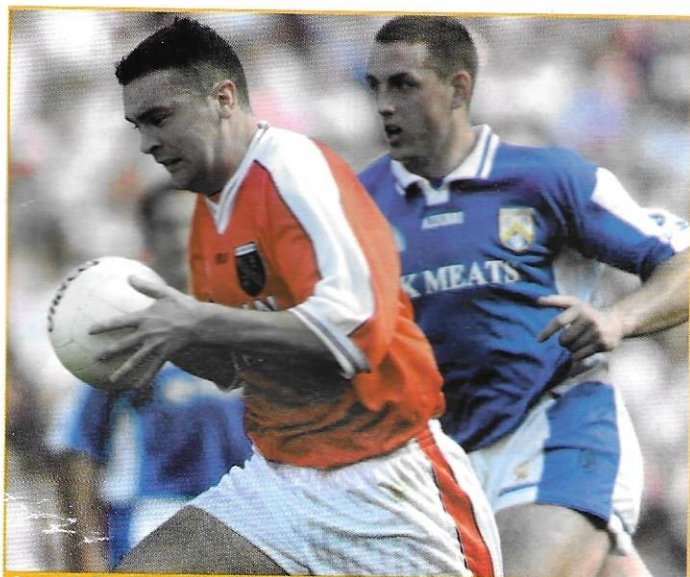
6-85 (103 points)

### TOTAL CONCEDED:

0-68.

### AVERAGE:

1.51



Oisín McConville (Ard Mhacha) in action against Laois in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland Senior Football Championship Quarter-final at Croke Park.

## THE ARMAGH SCOREBOARD

POINTS		1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
34	Steven McDonnell	0-2	1-4	0-6	0-5	3-4	0-1	4-22
28	Oisín McConville	—	1-7	0-7	0-1	0-3	0-7	1-25
9	Diarmuid Marsden	0-2	0-3	—	0-2	—	0-2	0-9
8	Ronan Clarke	—	—	0-1	0-1	1-2	0-1	1-5
6	Paddy McKeever	0-2	0-3	—	0-1	—	—	0-6
6	John McEntee	—	0-1	—	0-4	—	0-1	0-6
4	Philip Loughran	0-2	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	0-4
2	Paul McGrane	—	—	0-1	0-1	—	—	0-2
2	Aidan O'Rourke	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	0-2
1	Tony McEntee	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
1	Barry O'Hagan	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-1
1	John Toal	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-1
1	Andrew McCann	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-1



# Ard Mhacha

Dathanna: Oráiste is Bán



## An Captaen



**Kieran McGeeney**

The Na Fianna (Dublin) clubman is hoping to complete a captain's All-Ireland semi-final winning double in this game. He led Armagh to their victory over Dublin at this stage last year and later, of course, captained the side to that memorable first Sam Maguire Cup win.

McGeeney, one of the most experienced defenders in the game, has again played a major role with his leadership and reliability in his county's impressive come-back from their first round defeat by Monaghan in the Ulster championship in May.

He has the distinction of having won provincial senior club medals in two provinces—with Mullaghbawn, Armagh, and Na Fianna.

His collection also includes three Ulster senior medals, three All Stars awards in addition, of course, to last year's All-Ireland medal.

**2**  
**ANDY MALLON**  
A. Ó Mealláin  
(Pearse Óg)

**5**  
**AIDAN O'ROURKE**  
A. Ó Ruairc  
(Dromintee)

**8**  
**PHILIP LOUGHRAN**  
P. Ó Luachráin  
(Clady)

**10**  
**RONAN CLARKE**  
R. Ó Cléirigh  
(Pearse Óg)

**13**  
**STEVEN McDONNELL**  
S. Mac Dónaill  
(Killeavey)

**1**  
**PAUL HEARTY**  
P. Ó hAghartaigh  
(Crossmaglen)

**3**  
**ENDA McNULTY**  
E. Mac an Ultaigh  
(Ballyboden)

**6**  
**KIERAN McGEENEY**  
C. Mac Géibheannaigh (Capt.)  
(Na Fianna)

**9**  
**PAUL McGRANE**  
P. Mag Ráine  
(Ballyhegan)

**11**  
**JOHN McENTEE**  
S. Mac an tSaoi  
(Crossmaglen)

**14**  
**DIARMAID MARSDEN**  
D. Mac an Mháistir  
(Clan na nGael)

**4**  
**FRANCIE BELLEW**  
P. Ó Beillíú  
(Crossmaglen)

**7**  
**ANDREW McCANN**  
A. Mac Cana  
(Leixlip)

**12**  
**OISÍN McCONVILLE**  
O. Mac Conmhaoil  
(Crossmaglen)

**15**  
**TONY McENTEE**  
A. Mac an tSaoi  
(Crossmaglen)

## Fir Ionaid

- (16) **Ciarán McKinney**  
C. Mac Coinnigh  
(Pearse Óg)
- (17) **Barry O'Hagan**  
B. Ó hAgain  
(Clann na nGael)
- (18) **Justin McNulty**  
S. Mac an Ultaigh  
(Mullabawn)

- (19) **Paddy McKeever**  
P. Mac Iomhair  
(Ballyhegan)
- (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)

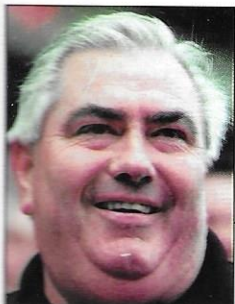
- (27) **David Turley**  
D. Ó Toirealaigh  
(Tir na nÓg)
- (28) **Padraig Duffy**  
P. Ó Dufaigh  
(Pearse Óg)
- (29) **Des Mackin**  
D. Ó Maicín  
(Na Fianna)
- (30) **Ciarán McKeever**  
C. Mac Iomhair  
(St. Patrick's)

## Ard Mhacha

	Cuill	Cuillíní	Seachai	45m	Saor Ciceanna
Iadh Leath					
Zadh Leath					
IOMLÁN					

## Bainisteoir

### Joe Kernan



Joe starred at midfield in the Armagh team that lost the 1977 All-Ireland final to Dublin. He scored 2-1 in that game and later in the year was chosen at left midfield in the All Stars team.

Kernan also enjoyed a very successful innings with Ulster and helped the North to the interprovincial titles of 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1984.

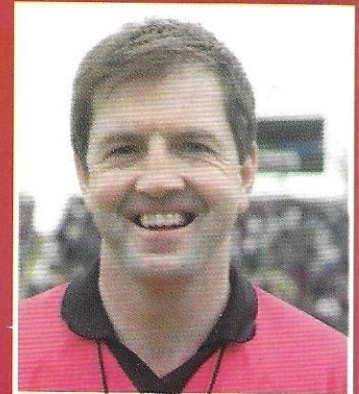
He has had much success as well as a team manager. He guided Crossmaglen Rangers to their AIB All-Ireland club senior title wins of 1997, 1999 and 2000.

He was, of course, also an influential figure in that role in Armagh's historic Sam Maguire Cup triumph last year.

### Roghnóirí:

Joe Kernan (Manager),  
Paul Grimley (Asst. Manager), . Trainer: John McCloskey

## An Réiteoir: Michael Monahan (Cill Dara)



# Dún an nGall

Dathanna: Uaithne, Ór is Bán



## 2 NIALL McCREADY

N. Mac Riada  
(Aodh Ruadh)

## 5 SHANE CARR

S. Mac Giolla Chearra  
(Na Ceithre Maistrí)

## 10 CHRISTY TOYE

C. Ó Tuath  
(Naomh Micheál)

## 13 BRIAN ROPER

B. Ó Ropier  
(Aodh Ruadh)

## 1 TONY BLAKE

A. de Blaca  
(Naomh Adhamhain)

## 3 RAYMOND SWEENEY

R. Mac Suibhne  
(An Clochán Liath)

## 6 BARRY MONAGHAN

B. Ó Muineacháin  
(Na Ceithre Maistrí)

## 8 JOHN GILDEA

S. Mac Giolla Dé  
(Naomh Conail)

## 11 MICHAEL HEGARTY

M. Ó hEigearthaigh  
(Cill Chartha)

## 14 ADRIAN SWEENEY

A. Mac Suibhne (Capt.)  
(Clochán Liath)

## 9 STEPHEN McDERMOTT

S. Mac Diarmada  
(Glenn Fhinne)

## 12 PAUL MCGONIGLE

P. Mac Congail  
(Buncranaigh)

## 15 BRENDAN DEVENNEY

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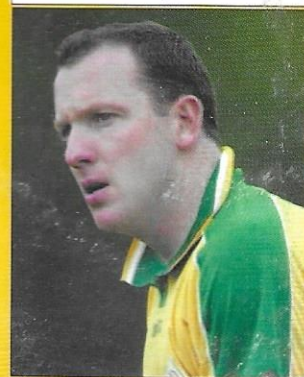
## 4 DAMIEN DIVER

D. Ó Duibhir  
(Ard an Ratha)

## 7 KEVIN CASSIDY

C. Ó Casaide  
(Gaoth Dobhair)

## An Captaen



Adrian Sweeney

Adrian is in line today to become only the second player to lead Donegal to victory in an All-Ireland senior football semi-final.

He has contributed in rich measure with his leadership, good general play and sharp finishing to the county's return to the semi-final after eleven years.

Sweeney has been in the inter-county ranks since 1997 and is now a very experienced campaigner. He was on duty in the Ulster senior finals of 1998 against Derry and last year in the meeting with Armagh, but he has still to win a provincial medal.

The Dungloe man has recorded some spectacular points in a campaign that has him ranking as Ulster's leading marksman for this season's championship.

## Fir Ionaid

(16) Sean Sweeney S. Ó Suibhne (Gaoth Dobhair)	(19) Johnny McCafferty S. Mac Eafartaigh (An Tearmain)	(23) Brian McLaughlin B. Mac Lochlainn (Naomh Micheál)	(27) James Ruane S. Ó Ruain (Bundoráin)
(17) Jim Mac Guinness S. Mac Aughusa (Naomh Conail)	(20) Brendan Boyle B. Ó Baoill (Ard an Ratha)	(24) Dessie MacNamara D. Mac Conmara (Bundoráin)	(28) Mark Crossan M. Ó Chrossáin (Naomh Adhamhain)
(18) Michael Gurn M. Ó Goirn (Aodh Ruadh)	(21) John Haran S. Ó hEáráin (Naomh Adhamhain)	(25) Colm McFadden C. Mac Pháidin (Naomh Micheál)	(29) Eamon Doherty E. Ó Dochartaigh (Ard an Ratha)
	(22) Kevin Rafferty C. Ó Rafartaigh (Naomh Adhamhain)	(26) Eamon Reddin E. Ó Rodáin (Beart)	

This will be the Kildare man's third time this season to control a senior championship game involving Ulster teams. He had charge of the Antrim-Cavan first round Ulster tie at Casement Park in May and the Down-Fermanagh provincial semi-final at Clones in June.

His other assignments this year included the Connacht senior final between Galway and Mayo at Pearse Stadium last month.

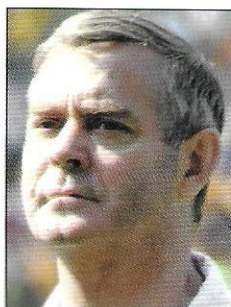
Michael has refereed locally for some nine years and has been on the inter-county panel for four years.

He is a former footballer and won a Leinster senior club medal with Raheens in 1981-82—the only provincial title win by a Kildare club.

## Dún an nGall

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
<b>IOMLÁN</b>					

## Bainisteoir



## Brian McEniff

Will the wheel turn full circle today for Brian? Eleven years ago he was manager when the North-West County beat Mayo for their only All-Ireland senior football semi-final win? Donegal went on to beat Dublin for the Sam Maguire Cup.

Brian had a distinguished career in football. He was player-manager when the county captured the Ulster senior title for the first time in 1972 and later that year became the first from the county to win an All Stars trophy when he was chosen at right half back.

The Bundoran man has managed Donegal to Ulster title success in the meantime and he has enjoyed remarkable success as Ulster's team manager. He guided to the province to an amazing eight titles in this role between 1988 and 2000.

He is currently Chairman of the County Board and returned to the managerial post with the football team earlier this year after an absence of some years.

## Roghnóirí:

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

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# SCOREBOARD

## CONNACHT

4th May, New York (After Extra Time.):			
Leitrim	0-14;	New York	0-12.
18th May, Pearse Stadium:			
Galway	0-12;	Roscommon	0-8.
25th May, Ruislip:			
Sligo	3-11;	London	0-9.
Semi-Finals — 1st June, Carrick-on-Shannon:			
Galway	2-13;	Leitrim	1-7.
8th June, Markievicz Park			
Mayo	0-14;	Sligo	0-11.
FINAL — 6th July, Pearse Stadium:			
Galway	1-14;	Mayo	0-13.

## LAIGHIN

11th May, Croke Park:			
Louth	4-12;	Wicklow	2-7.
11th May, Croke Park:			
Westmeath	1-17;	Carlow	1-12.
11th May, Croke Park:			
Laois	1-19;	Wexford	0-10.
25th May, Portlaoise:			
Laois	1-12;	Offaly	1-12.
25th May, Mullingar:			
Kildare	1-14;	Longford	2-6.
1st June, Croke Park:			
Dublin	1-19;	Louth	0-9.
1st June, Croke Park:			
Meath	2-13;	Westmeath	2-13.
2nd June, Tullamore:			
Laois	2-10;	Offaly	0-13.
7th June, Portlaoise:			
Meath	1-11;	Westmeath	0-5.
Semi-Finals — 14th June, Croke Park:			
Kildare	0-15;	Meath	1-11.
15th June, Croke Park:			
Laois	0-16;	Dublin	0-14.
FINAL — 20th July, Croke Park:			
Laois	2-13;	Kildare	1-13.

## MUMHA

11th May, Páirc Uí Chaoimh.			
Limerick	0-16;	Cork	0-6.
25th May, Walsh Park:			
Tipperary	0-18;	Waterford	1-12.
Semi-Finals			
15th June, Ennis:			
Limerick	2-14;	Clare	0-12.
15th June, Tralee:			
Kerry	0-25;	Tipperary	1-10.
FINAL — 13th July, Killarney:			
Kerry	1-11;	Limerick	0-9.

## ULADH

11th May, Clones.			
Monaghan	0-13;	Armagh	0-9.
18th May, Clones:			
Derry	1-9;	Tyrone	0-12.
24th May, Casement Park (Replay):			
Tyrone	0-17;	Derry	1-5.
25th May, Casement Park:			
Antrim	2-9;	Cavan	1-10.
1st June, Enniskillen:			
Fermanagh	0-10;	Donegal	0-6.
8th June, Casement Park			
Down	1-12;	Monaghan	0-13.
Semi-Finals — 15th June, Casement Park:			
Tyrone	1-17;	Antrim	1-9.
22nd June, Clones:			
Down	2-10;	Fermanagh	0-11.
FINAL — 13th July, Clones:			
Tyrone	1-17;	Down	4-8.
20th July, Clones:			
Tyrone	0-23;	Down	1-5.

## QUALIFIERS ROUND 1

7th June, Walsh Park:			
Armagh	2-21;	Waterford	0-8.
7th June, Wexford Park:			
Derry	3-10;	Wexford	0-9.
7th June, Ballybofey:			
Donegal	1-17;	Longford	1-11.
7th June, Hyde Park:			
Roscommon	0-14;	Cork	1-10.
7th June, Carlow:			
Carlow	0-18;	Wicklow	0-13.
7th June, Tullamore:			
Offaly	4-15;	London	0-10.
8th June, An Uaimh:			
Cavan	1-12;	Louth	2-7.
14th June, Clones:			
Monaghan	0-14;	Westmeath	1-9.

## QUALIFIERS ROUND 2

21st June, Carrick-on-Shannon:			
Roscommon	2-9;	Leitrim	1-11.
21st June, Casement Park:			
Armagh	0-15;	Antrim	0-12.
21st June, Ennis:			
Offaly	1-12;	Clare	1-8.
21st June, Clones:			
Meath	2-10;	Monaghan	0-12.
21st June, Thurles:			
Tipperary	1-14;	Carlow	0-13.
22nd June, Ballybofey:			
Donegal	0-16;	Sligo	0-11.
28th June, Clones:			
Dublin	3-9;	Derry	1-9.
29th June, Enniskillen:			
Fermanagh	0-16;	Cavan	1-10.

## QUALIFIERS ROUND 3

5th July, Croke Park:			
Donegal	2-19;	Tipperary	0-15.
5th July, Croke Park:			
Armagh	0-15;	Dublin	0-11.
5th July, Mullingar (After Extra Time.):			
Roscommon	1-20;	Offaly	1-15.
6th July, Clones:			
Fermanagh	1-12;	Meath	0-9.

## QUALIFIERS ROUND 4

19th July, Markievicz Park:			
Fermanagh	0-12;	Mayo	1-8.
20th July, Dr. Hyde Park:			
Armagh	4-10;	Limerick	0-11.
26th July, Clones:			
Donegal	3-15;	Down	2-10.
26th July, Portlaoise (After Extra Time.):			
Roscommon	1-18;	Kildare	0-19.

## ALL-IRELAND QUARTER FINALS

3rd August, Croke Park:			
Tyrone	1-21	Fermanagh	0-5.
3rd August, Croke Park:			
Armagh	0-15;	Laois	0-13.
4th August, Croke Park:			
Donegal	0-14;	Galway	1-11
4th August, Croke Park:			
Kerry	1-21;	Roscommon	3-10.
10th August, Castlebar (Replay):			
Donegal	0-14;	Galway	0-11.

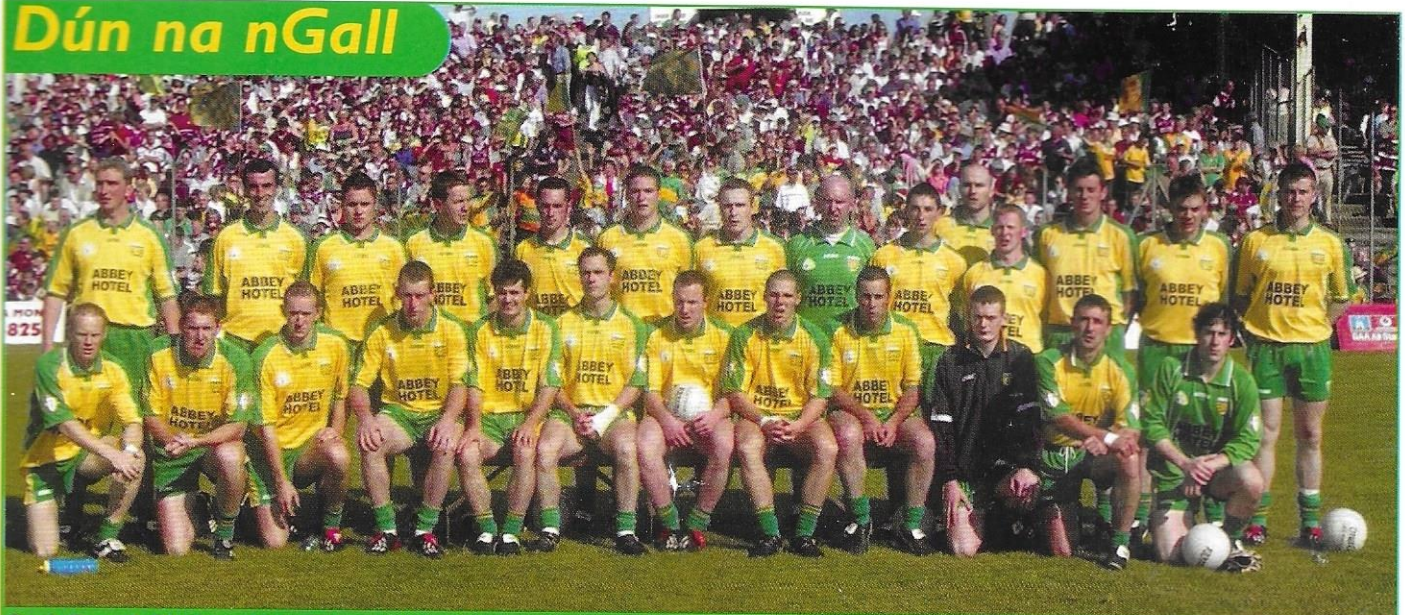
## ALL-IRELAND SEMI FINAL

24th August, Croke Park:			
Tyrone	0-13.	Kerry	0-6





## Dún na nGall



**Back Row (L-R):** Brian McLaughlin, Jim Mac Guinness, Eamon Reddin, Raymond Sweeney, Brendan Devenney, Brendan Boyle, John Gildea, Tony Blake, Michael Hegarty, Paul McGonigle, Brian Roper, Christy Toye, Dessie McNamara, Michael Gurn.  
**Front Row (L-R):** Johnny McCafferty, John Haran, Eamon Doherty, Barry Monaghan, Neil McCready, Damien Diver, Adrian Sweeney, Kevin Cassidy, Shane Carr, Kevin Rafferty, Mark Crossan, Sean Sweeney.

## Donegal's path to the Semi-final

<b>1st June at Enniskillen:</b>			
Fermanagh	0-10;	Donegal	0-6.
<b>7th June at Ballybofey:</b>			
Donegal	1-17;	Longford	1-11.
<b>22nd June at Ballybofey:</b>			
Donegal	0-16;	Sligo	0-11.
<b>5th July at Croke Park:</b>			
Donegal	2-19;	Tipperary	0-15.
<b>26th July at Clones:</b>			
Donegal	3-15;	Down	2-10.
<b>4th August at Croke Park:</b>			
Donegal	0-14;	Galway	1-11.
<b>10th August at Castlebar:</b>			
Donegal	0-14;	Galway	0-11.
<b>TOTAL SCORED:</b>	<b>6-101 (119 points).</b>		
<b>TOTAL CONCEDED:</b>	<b>4-79 (91 points).</b>		
<b>AVERAGE:</b>	<b>1.31</b>		



Brian Roper (Dún na nGall) in action against Galway's Kevin Brady in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland Senior Football Championship Quarter-final replay at McHale Park, Castlebar.

### DONEGAL SCOREBOARD

Points		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
37	Adrian Sweeney	0-4	0-8	0-7	0-5	0-6	0-3	0-4	0-37
21	Brendan Devenney	—	—	—	1-4	0-4	0-5	0-5	1-18
14	Stephen McDermott	—	1-1	0-3	0-3	1-1	—	—	2-8
14	Michael Hegarty	—	0-2	0-2	0-3	1-1	0-1	0-2	1-11
12	Brian Roper	0-1	0-3	0-1	1-2	0-1	0-1	—	1-09
6	Christy Toye	—	—	—	—	1-1	—	0-2	1-3
5	Colm McFadden	0-1	0-3	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-5
3	John Haran	—	—	0-2	—	—	0-1	—	0-3
2	Paul McGonigle	—	—	—	—	—	0-2	—	0-2
1	Jim McGuinness	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-1
1	Johnny McCafferty	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
1	John Gildea	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	0-1
1	Kevin Cassidy	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-1
1	Brendan Coyle	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1

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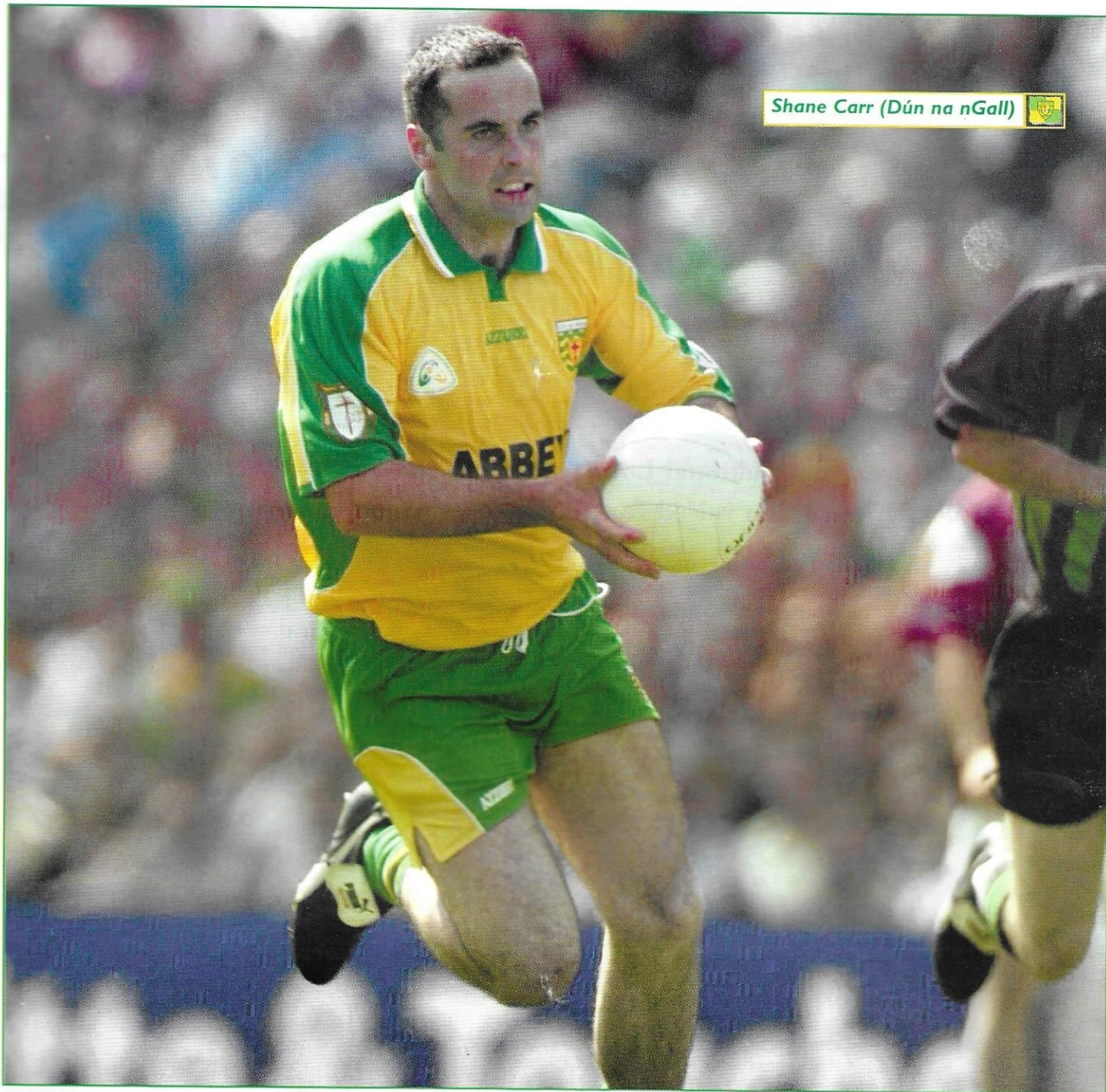
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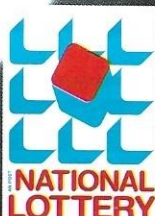
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**THE key to victory for Donegal on Sunday will be isolating Armagh's captain and playmaker, Kieran McGeeney according to the only Donegal man to lift the Sam Maguire Cup.**

**“All-Ireland semi-finals don't come around too often ... you have to seize the opportunity”**

**F**ew will ever forget that memorable day in September 1992 when Molloy stood on the steps of the Hogan Stand and hoisted the Sam Maguire high above his shoulders to the delight of thousands of Donegal fans.

“Sam is in the Hills” he yelled at the end of an emotional address. The celebrations lasted for months around the county and will live long in the memory. Eleven years on Molloy believes if Donegal are to continue in their quest to emulate the 1992 triumph they key will be in how they handle Armagh's captain fantastic Kieran McGeeney.

“He's the player that makes them tick. He's the guy who drives them on and sets up the play. Dublin did a very good job in the qualifiers of isolating him in the first half but whatever went wrong for them in the second they allowed McGeeney to dictate the game. The key to beating Armagh is keeping McGeeney out of the game. I'm sure Brian McEniff will have something in mind,” he said.

“Armagh have some other very useful players like the McEntee brothers, Paul McGrane, Diarmuid Marsden and Oisín McConville but McGeeney is their catalyst. Everything goes through him and if we're to be in with a chance of beating the All-Ireland champions, Donegal have to stop McGeeney controlling the game,” he added.

Molloy will travel to Dublin on Sunday morning and take his seat in the Hogan Stand among the thousands of Donegal fans. No special treatment for ex-stars.

“Ah, sure it is great to be back in the big time again. There is a great buzz in the county again. I don't think there is as much hype as 1992 but that is simply because 1992 was the first time and all that. The prize is still the same at the end of the day. Eleven years on it brings back a lot of special memories for me, and I'm sure the rest of the lads in the squad at the time, to be back in Croke Park,” Molloy said.

“We played Mayo in the semi-final that year and played very poorly but finished well in the final ten minutes. We can't afford that on Sunday against the reigning champions. We need to get off to a flying start like Tyrone did against Kerry last Sunday. I'm very optimistic of a Donegal win. Last year we should have beaten Armagh in the Ulster final. The boys will have no fears of them but they're a physical side and make it difficult but they don't like the way Donegal play,” Molloy said.

#### **MOLLOY FEELS ARMAGH ARE THERE FOR THE TAKING.**

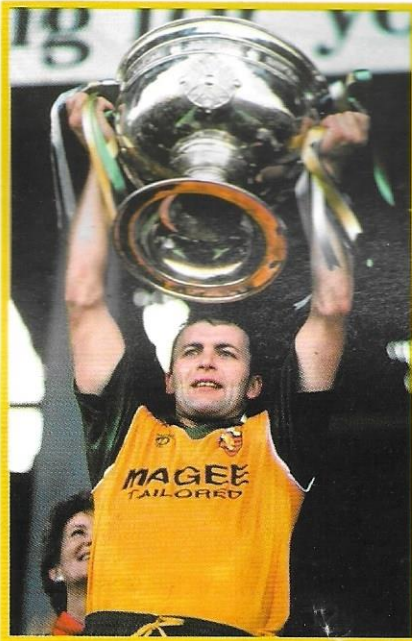
“They haven't set the world alight so far this year apart from the second half display against Dublin at Croke Park in the qualifiers. In contrast, Donegal have improved with every game. To me the display against Galway in the replay was as good as I've seen for over a decade. Their workrate was brilliant and some of our scores and defensive play was a joy to watch,” he added.

“The panel is strong now with players like Mark Crossan, Paul McGonigle and our own Brendan Boyle joining the ranks in the past few weeks. All-Ireland semi-finals don't come around too often. Who would have thought in 1992 it would be eleven years before we were back in a semi-final again. You have to seize the opportunity when it arises,” he said. Molloy still keeps a close eye on the fortunes of the Donegal team and is regularly on the telephone to team manager Brian McEniff. “Brian will have the boys well motivated. He's good at that and tactically there are few around as good. I like to keep in contact with him,” Molloy said.

A veteran of three All-Ireland semi-finals (1983, '90 and '92) Molloy had a few words of advice for the Donegal players who are experiencing this for the first time.

“You have to be fast out of the blocks and get in front. Tyrone did that well last Sunday against Kerry and seized the early initiative. Players must seize a chance like this as if it will be their last opportunity. On big days like this men stand up and be counted,” Molloy concluded.

Anthony (41) from Ardara works as an insurance broker for Reynolds-Molloy & Co. in Letterkenny. He is hoping to open his own pub in Ardara within the next month.



**Anthony Molloy talks to Charlie McGinley (Donegal News/Derry People).**



## **Sam's for the Hills**

**W**hile Donegal are today aiming to qualify for the county's second All-Ireland senior final, it is the long build up to the county's first All-Ireland title success in 1992 that is the subject of a forthcoming book, *Sam's for the Hills*. Drawing heavily on extensive interviews with members of the 1992 squad, this 400 page book outlines how Brian McEniff assembled the team that claimed the Sam Maguire. All-Ireland U-21 successes in 1982 and 1987 as well as Ulster Championship wins in 1983 and 1990 were significant steps on the road to that unforgettable Sunday in September and, for the first time, the thoughts of those most closely involved will be published. Retailing at €25, *Sam's for the Hills* will be available from early November and will make a perfect Christmas present for Donegal people at home and abroad.

The authors are Damian Dowds and Dónal Campbell who won the GAA's prestigious McNamee Award in 2000 for *Against The Grain* – a history of the Burt GAA Club.



# Armagh's Magnificent Six



**W**hen the final whistle sounded in the Armagh-Laois quarter/final four weeks ago, few in the attendance or in the thousands watching on television or listening on radio, were aware that the Orchard county's win over the Midlanders had enabled them to equal one of the most outstanding feats in gaelic football – playing six consecutive championship matches in the one season without conceding a goal. And that particular feat had been achieved only once before – by Dublin in 1908 when they beat Meath by 1-8 to 0-1, Laois by 0-13 to 0-7, Kildare by 1-7 to 0-3, Antrim by 1-8 to 0-2, Kerry in the "Home" final by 0-10 to 0-3, and London in the final proper by 1-10 to 0-4.

Six successive championship wins without conceding a goal has proved an elusive prize in gaelic football; several counties have nudged the "six" over the years, notably Kerry and other Dublin teams. Not surprisingly, the Kingdom led the way when they won the five games they contested in 1904 without conceding a goal, and Dublin followed them with five straight in 1906; a feat they repeated twelve months later. After their 1908 success Dublin slipped back and it wasn't until 1922 that they chalked up another five wins with their net intact.

In the meantime, Clare had the frustrating experience of going from first round to All-Ireland final in 1917 without conceding a goal in any of their five

games, yet finishing up without the honours. In 1929 Kildare had an almost identical run; in Leinster they played four flawless games, made it five in the All-Ireland semi-final with Monaghan, only to concede a goal to Kerry in the final.

For the next sixty-odd years no county managed more than four games without their net falling, and when Dublin played five games in the 1993 championship, they lost the fifth to Derry in the semi-final with John O'Leary's net still intact.

Armagh were obviously moving in the right direction when, in 1999, despite losing the All-Ireland semi-final to Meath, they didn't concede a goal in any of the four games they played. And now, as they stand on the cusp of history, they can be proud in the knowledge that whatever the outcome, they have already gone further in the matter of keeping their net intact than any team in the history of the championship (Dublin 1908 included) for it should be noted that the capital's six games were all over 60 minutes, whereas Armagh's were 70-minute games. That means the Orchard county have gone 420 championship minutes without conceding a goal as against Dublin's 360 ninety-five years ago.

Even if Armagh's record is slightly tainted by the fact that they lost one of those six encounters (to Monaghan), these are heady days for the Orchard county.

## head-to-head

**T**oday's meeting of Armagh and Donegal is the 17th in a series that goes back just over three-quarters of a century. The Orchard county won that first meeting in 1927 by four points and had the same margin of victory twelve months later. Donegal earned their first victory in 1940 and by the end of the sixties each side had three wins to their credit. However, Armagh won five of the six head-to-heads in the eighties, and the four most recent meetings have seen honours shared, which leaves Armagh with a 10-6 lead in the series.

1927	Armagh	0-8;	Donegal	1-1
1928	Armagh	1-8;	Donegal	1-4
1940	Donegal	0-6;	Armagh	0-5
1949	Armagh	0-14;	Donegal	1-4
1967	Donegal	2-13;	Armagh	1-8
1968	Donegal	2-10;	Armagh	1-3
1981	Armagh	2-15;	Donegal	0-13
1982	Armagh	1-11;	Donegal	0-13
1983	Donegal	1-10;	Armagh	0-7
1984	Armagh	1-10;	Donegal	0-12
1987	Armagh	1-8;	Donegal	0-6
1988	Armagh	2-10;	Donegal	0-8
1990	Donegal	0-15;	Armagh	0-14
1993	Donegal	0-15;	Armagh	1-12
replay	Donegal	2-16;	Armagh	1-7
1999	Armagh	1-12;	Donegal	2-9
replay	Armagh	2-11;	Donegal	0-12
2002	Armagh	1-14;	Donegal	1-10

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# Armagh draw first blood ...

<b>1927</b>
<b>Armagh 0-8</b>
<b>Donegal 1-1</b>

Recent years had not been very rewarding for Armagh and Donegal at senior level. True, Armagh had contested one Ulster final in the twenties, but there were no happy memories of that occasion in the Orchard county as they had lost to Cavan by eleven points, while Donegal had recorded but one championship victory in the previous seven years.



But Armagh did have something in the locker. They had qualified for the 1926 All-Ireland junior final (it would not be played until August) and they availed of the delay to introduce no fewer than 12 of the team for the clash with Donegal at the Athletic Grounds.



Exuding confidence, Armagh were early on the attack, but a dogged Donegal defence in which McCarthy and Hannigan were the outstanding figures, made the home team earn every score the hard way. Armagh gained the opening score after only two minutes and though they were on top until the end of the first quarter, they failed to add to that solitary point.

When at last Donegal began to come more into the game, Taylor missed a great chance of a goal, but got a point and at the break Armagh had to be content with a lead of 0-3 to 0-1. On the restart McCusker, Donaghy and Toner stretched the lead, but at the three-quarter stage Donegal were still within hailing distance as their defence continued to perform magnificently.

Amidst tremendous excitement Donegal swept upfield and a passing movement ended with Woods shooting to the net with seven minutes remaining to leave just three points in it. Armagh steadied, however, and after O'Neill in the Donegal goal denied them a major score, David had the point, which made it safe.

**Armagh scorers;** J. McCusker 0-4, J. Doris 0-2, J. Donaghy 0-1, F. Toner 0-1.

**Donegal scorers:** Woods 1-0, Taylor 0-1.

**Armagh** – C. Morgan, E. Hanratty, J. Cooney, J. Vallely, O. Connolly, J. Harney, H. Cumiskey, P. Fearon, J. McCusker, J. Kiernan, J. Donaghy, F. Toner, J. Doris, M. McCreesh, J. Corrigan.

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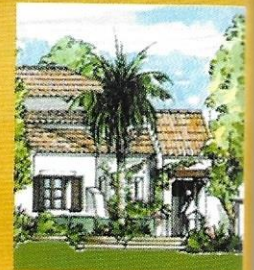
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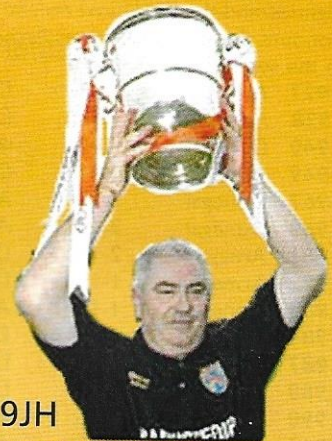
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# ... and finish with a win.

**B**efore an attendance of 30,219 at Clones, Donegal made an awful start when conceding a goal in the second minute. It was a somewhat fortuitous score as Diarmuid Marsden's long ball dropped short of the goal and Donegal 'keeper Tony Blake misjudged the bounce and could only fist the ball to John McEntee, who promptly punched it to the net. However, Donegal quickly recovered to score points by Adrian Sweeney and Paul McGonigle and with John Gildea edging the midfield exchanges, most of the opening-quarter action took place in Armagh's half.

Having drawn level (0-4 to 1-1), Donegal missed ample opportunities to move in front and a much more frugal Armagh made them pay. In the ten minutes preceding the break Donegal shot four wides, including a 20m free, and had eight in total while Armagh recorded just two and turned over 1-6 to 0-6 ahead.

On the restart Donegal missed a couple of more likely chances and when play swung to the other end Steven McDonnell and Oisín McConville showed them how its done to open up a five-point gap. Two points from Sweeney reduced the Donegal deficit to three

points by the end of the third quarter, and although Armagh edged five clear again, a goal by Jimmy McGuinness left just two points in it at the hour mark.

However, yet another missed chance followed and Armagh raced upfield where a lovely McConville point brought their advantage to three. That score appeared to deflate Donegal and Armagh were relatively untroubled in the closing minutes as they won with four points to spare.

Armagh scorers: O.McConville 0-5, J.McEntee 1-1, R.Clarke 0-3, S.McDonnell 0-3, D.Marsden 0-1, A.O'Rourke 0-1.

Donegal scorers: A.Sweeney 0-4, B.Devenney 0-3, J.McGuinness 1-0, C.Toye 0-2, P.McGonigle 0-1.

Armagh – B.Tierney, F.Bellew, E.McNulty, J.McNulty, A.O'Rourke, K.McGeeney, K.Hughes, J.Toal, P.McGrane, P.McKeever, J.McEntee, O.McConville, S.McDonnell, R.Clarke, D.Marsden.

Subs – B.O'Hagan for McKeever, P.Loughran for Toal.

Donegal – T.Blake, M.Crossan, S.Carr, N.McGinley, R.Sweeney, B.Monaghan, K.Cassidy, J.Gildea, J.McGuinness, C.Toye, M.Hegarty, P.McGonigle, A.Sweeney, B.Devenney, B.Roper.

Subs – D.Diver for Carr, E.Doherty for Crossan, C.McFadden for Toye, K.Rafferty for McGonigle, B.Boyle for Roper.

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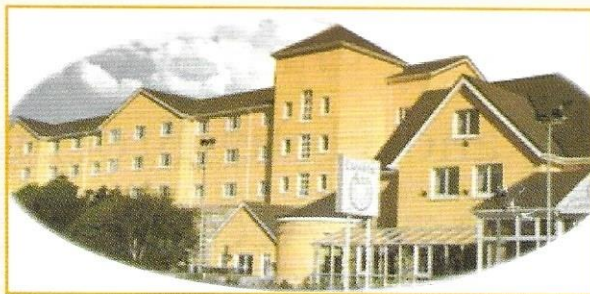
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# • TOP SCORERS •

## Canavan still comfortably ahead in the chart

**T**here are no major changes in the chart of leading scorers for this season's Bank of Ireland senior football championship following last week's Tyrone-Kerry semi-final.

Peter Canavan scored a point during his limited appearance last Sunday to slightly advance his lead at the top. He now has 1-43 (46 points) from seven appearances at an average of 6.57 points a game.

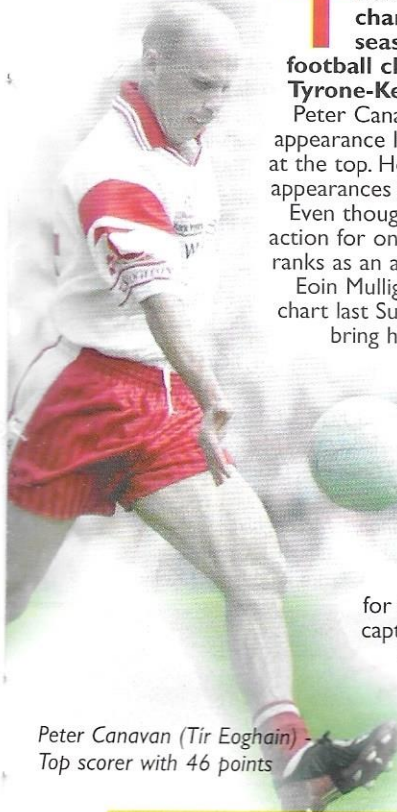
Even though the Tyrone sharpshooter was in action for only a short spell last week, that still ranks as an appearance in the campaign.

Eoin Mulligan (Tyrone) just failed to break into the chart last Sunday. Mulligan scored three points to bring his record for the season so far to 1-17.

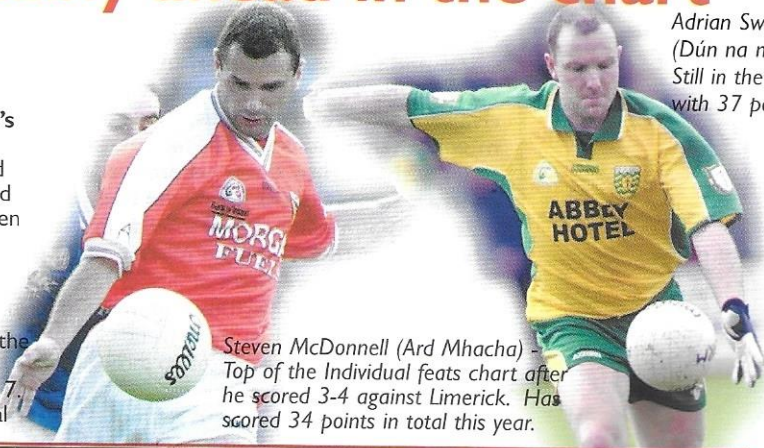
The Armagh-Down semi-final will, no doubt, result in changes in the chart with Adrian Sweeney, Steven McDonnell, Oisín McConville and Brendan Devenney all in action.

Of the players still with a direct interest in the run-in for the Sam Maguire Cup, Donegal captain Adrian Sweeney is Canavan's closest rival.

However, he still trails the chart-topper by nine points with his return of 0-37 from seven games at an average of 5.28 points.



Peter Canavan (Tír Eoghain) - Top scorer with 46 points



Steven McDonnell (Ard Mhacha) - Top of the Individual feats chart after he scored 3-4 against Limerick. Has scored 34 points in total this year.

Adrian Sweeney (Dún na nGall) - Still in the hunt with 37 points

### THE TOP TEN IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP SO FAR (INCLUDING QUALIFIERS) ARE:

Points	Score	Games	Average	
46	Peter Canavan (Tyrone)	1-43	7	6.57
41	Frankie Dolan (Roscommon)	1-38	6	6.83
40	Declan Browne (Tipperary)	2-34	4	10.0
37	Adrian Sweeney (Donegal)	0-37	7	5.28
34	Steven McDonnell (Armagh)	4-22	6	5.66
28	Oisín McConville (Armagh)	1-25	6	4.66
25	Colm Quinn (Offaly)	0-25	5	5.0
24	Raymond Gallagher (Fermanagh)	1-21	5	4.8
21	Ciaran McManus (Offaly)	4-9	5	4.2
21	Brendan Devenney (Donegal)	1-18	5	4.2

# • INDIVIDUAL FEATS •

## NO CHANGES FOLLOWING LAST WEEK'S SEMI-FINAL

**L**ast week's Tyrone-Kerry All-Ireland semi-final did not produce anything out of the ordinary as far as individual match returns are concerned. The leading marksmen were Stephen O'Neill and Eugene Mulligan, of Tyrone with three points each.

That's well short of the total required to gain even one of the lower positions in the nation-wide chart of leading individual match returns.

Stephen McDonnell and Frankie Dolan jointly top the chart with very impressive returns.

McDonnell took over the top spot in July following his sharpshooting exercise against Limerick at Dr. Hyde Park that yielded 3-4. That was in Round Four of the qualifiers.

Dolan had his big day against Kildare just less than a week later when he did much to set the scene for Roscommon's Round Four win at Portlaoise in a game that went to extra time. The dashing forward shot 0-13.

Oisín McConville was early into the rankings. He hit 1-7, the goal from a penalty, in Armagh's winning start to the qualifiers at the expense of Waterford at Walsh Park in early June.

Donegal so far is not represented in the review.

### THE LEADING INDIVIDUAL MATCH RETURNS SO FAR IN THE SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS (PROVINCIAL AND QUALIFIERS) ARE:

3-4:	Steven McDonnell (Armagh)	v Limerick at Dr. Hyde Park on 20th July.
0-13:	Frankie Dolan (Roscommon)	v Kildare at Portlaoise on 26th July.
1-9:	Declan Browne (Tipperary)	v Carlow at Thurles on 21st June.
0-12:	Frankie Dolan (Roscommon)	v Offaly at Mullingar on 5th July
0-11:	Declan Browne (Tipperary)	v Waterford at Walsh Park on 25th May.
0-11:	Peter Canavan (Tyrone)	v Down at Clones on 20th July.
1-7:	Dessie Dolan (Westmeath)	v Meath at Croke Park on 1st June.
1-7:	Oisín McConville (Armagh)	v Waterford at Walsh Park on 7th June.
2-3:	Mark Stanfield (Louth)	v Wicklow at Croke Park on 11th May.
2-3:	J. P. Rooney (Louth)	v Wicklow at Croke Park on 11th May.
0-9:	Muiris Gavin (Limerick)	v Cork at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on 11th May.
1-6:	Paddy Bradley (Derry)	v Tyrone at Clones on 18th May
3-0:	Ciaran McManus (Offaly)	v London at Tullamore on 7th June.
0-9:	Kevin Madden (Antrim)	v Armagh at Casement Park on 21st June.
0-9:	Declan Browne (Tipperary)	v Donegal at Croke Park on the 5th July.
1-6:	Dara O Cinneide (Kerry)	v Limerick at Killarney on 13th July.
1-6:	Peter Canavan (Tyrone)	v Down at Clones on 13th July



## Donegal defy record for first win over firm favourites ...

**1940**

**Donegal 0-6**  
**Armagh 0-5**



**T**hat Armagh were firm favourites for this first-round tie was not surprising. Over the ten years of the 1930s they were Cavan's only serious rivals in Ulster and their display against the Breffni men in the previous year's final marked them as a team with a future. Their record was in stark contrast to that of Donegal who had yet to make it as far as a provincial final for the first time, and who had lost to Cavan by a margin of 23 points.

But if Donegal were aware of their perceived deficiencies vis-à-vis Armagh, they showed little sign of being intimidated by this at the Athletic Grounds as they opened briskly and were a point up through Doherty with less than a minute gone.

It took Armagh some time to get moving, but when Alf Murray gained possession 20 yards out, he brought the scores level. When Hanratty and Murray again swept over points by the end of the first quarter, it seemed that the favourites were on their way, but Donegal responded gamely and points by Magee and Slevin brought them level before Clare gave Armagh an interval lead of 0-4 to 0-3.

Donegal had played against the breeze in the opening half and now with its assistance they were in buoyant

mood and Houlihan was called upon to make a great save in the Armagh goal. However, on their next attack McHugh fired over the equaliser.

Armagh then had a period of attack and it took some stout defending by Quinn, Gill and Melly to deny the home side, but the Orchard county did regain the lead when O'Keeffe pointed from a difficult angle. Donegal, however, were not to be denied and McHugh restored parity with five minutes remaining, and just when it seemed that a decision would be deferred to another day, McHugh was again on the mark to clinch an historic victory.

**Donegal scorers:** V. McHugh 0-3, P. Doherty 0-1, S. Slevin 0-1, D. McGee 0-1.

**Armagh scorers:** A. Murray 0-2, T. Hanratty 0-1, T. Clarke 0-1, J. O'Keeffe 0-1.

**Donegal** - H. McGuinness, P. Quinn, P. Gil, E. Cannon, H. Gallagher, M. Melly, S. Slevin, A. McBrearty, J. McGarvey, J. Doherty, V. McHugh, D. McGee, J. Gallagher, D. Gillespie, M. Slevin.

**Armagh** - J. Houlihan, E. McMahon, E. McLoughlin, J. Cassidy, J. Reid, G. McGarvey, O. Quinn, J. McCullagh, L. Collins, C. Short, J. O'Keeffe, T. Hanratty, T. Clarke, A. Murray, J. Kelly.

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## ... Orchard county falls at second fence to All-Ireland champions

**A**t Breffni Park, 22,000 spectators saw Donegal just hold on to their All-Ireland title as two late points earned them a draw with Armagh. However, the champions had made a superb start and after four unanswered points in the opening twelve minutes they looked on course for a comfortable afternoon. But they also shot 11 wides in the opening half and, despite having the better of affairs, led by just two points (0-8 to 1-3) at the break.

On the restart Armagh took control and restricted Donegal to just one point – a free from Declan Bonner in the third quarter and it was 25 minutes after the resumption before the champions had their first score from play (John Duffy). Meantime Armagh set about building a winning total and appeared to have done so until Manus Boyle from a free and Duffy from play earned them a second chance.

**Donegal scorers:** D.Bonner 0-7, M.Boyle 0-3, J.Duffy 0-2, N.Hegarty 0-1, M.McShane 0-1, D.Reid 0-1.

**Armagh scorers:** J.Toner 0-6, K.McGurk 1-0, G.Houlahan 0-2, D.Horisk 0-1, M.McQuillan 0-1, J.Burns 0-1, D.Mackin 0-1.

**Replay – Donegal 2-16 Armagh 1-7**

Just a week later the replay started in a similar vein with

Donegal dominating the opening exchanges, but on this occasion they built up such a lead that there was no way back for Armagh. Martin McHugh opened the scoring after 20 seconds and that was followed by a John Duffy goal. Points by Paul Carr; Duffy and Declan Boyle were added before Mark McShane scored the second goal and McHugh added a point to make it 2-5 to nil after 15 minutes.

Armagh did steady the ship to reduce their arrears to nine points (0-4 to 2-7) by the interval, but the fast start to the second period never materialised and points by Brian Murray and Declan Bonner (two) left them a dozen points behind. And that was still the margin at the final whistle.

**Donegal scorers:** J.Duffy 1-2, M.Boyle 0-4, D.Bonner 0-3, M.McHugh 0-3, M.McShane 1-0, B.Murray 0-1, J.McGuinness 0-1, P.Carr 0-1, D.Boyle 0-1.

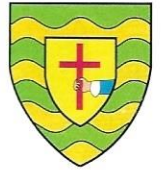
**Armagh scorers:** J.Toner 0-5, G.Houlahan 1-1, C.Hanratty 0-1.

**Donegal –** G.Walsh, J.J.O'Doherty, Matt Gallagher, M.Crossan, D.Boyle, P.Carr, M.Shovlin, Michael Gallagher, B.Murray, M.McShane, M.McHugh, J.McMullan, D.Bonner, M.Boyle, J.Duffy. **Subs –** J.McGuinness for McMullan, B.Cunningham for McShane, J.McHugh for Bonner.

**Armagh –** B.Tierney, C.Hanratty, D.Clark, M.McNeill, D.Horisk, K.McGeeney, M.McQuillan, N.Smyth, J.Burns, K.McGurk, J.Grimley, J.Toner, D.Mackin, G.Houlahan, D.Marsden. **Subs –** P.McGrane for Burns, M.Grimley for McGurk.

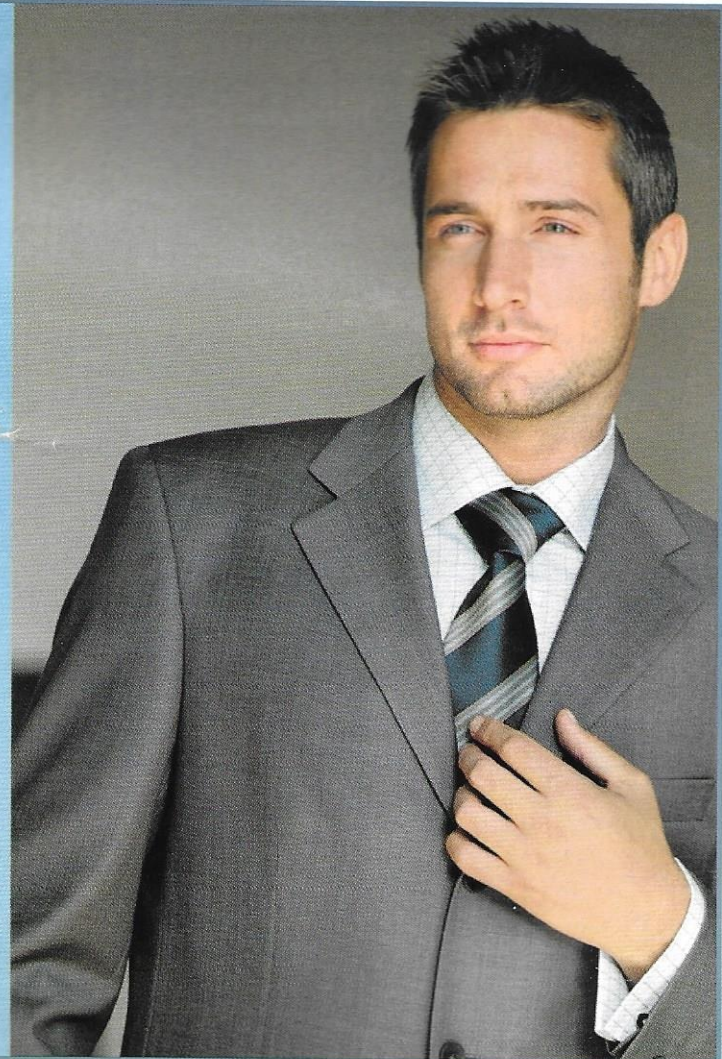
**1993**

**Donegal 0-15**  
**Armagh 1-12**



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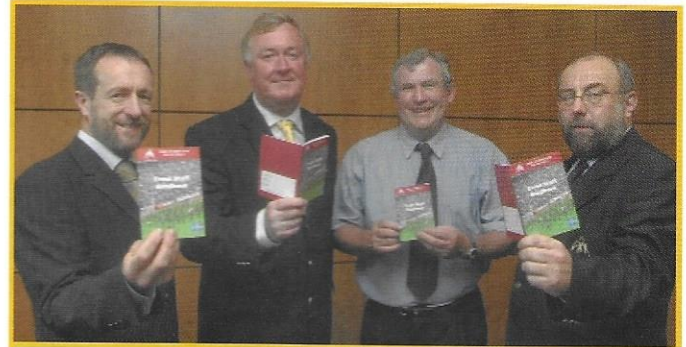


## Going by the book!

**C**roke Park is the largest stadium in Ireland, and over one million spectators attend matches here annually. You only have to look at the attendance for today's semi-final between Donegal and Armagh to get an appreciation of just how critical crowd management is to the success and safety of you, the spectator, and also all the staff here in Croke Park.

Ensuring the safety of everyone attending or working in Croke Park has always been central to what we do, and last week Croke Park launched a comprehensive Safety Handbook for all our Event Staff.

The handbook clearly outlines all aspects of a Steward's role on match day, and stresses the various tasks that must be undertaken to ensure the safety of people in the area they operate in, from ensuring that emergency exits are kept clear, to monitoring crowd behaviour. There are also sections dealing with pre and post game procedures, as well as advice on how to avoid potential crowd problems arising.



Pictured in Croke Park launching the new Event Staff Handbook recently published by Croke Park was (l-r) Seán Ó Ceallaigh, Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchles Gael; John O'Donoghue, Minister for Art, Sport & Tourism; Seamus Aldridge, National Chairman Grounds & Safety Committee; Séamus Ó Midheach, Facilities & Event Manager.

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Stephen McKinney (The 'old man' on the team at 30 years of age) was appointed Captain at the start of the season, but an injury to his leg kept him out for eight weeks. The Captain's armband was then handed to vice-captain Patrick Grimes - a dashing halfback who had scored 2-6 before receiving a serious hand injury. Ex-county player Paul Dynes was next in line to lead "Na Clairsigh", but when he went on holidays for a fortnight John-Paul Donnelly was the next obvious choice. As last season's joint player of the year, his performances have been monitored by the county team management. Indeed it was a double celebration for JP last Sunday night, as he got engaged to Michelle Hagan the day before. Tyrone's Colin Holmes also plays for Armagh Harps, married to Shona and living in the City. If Armagh beat Donegal today he may have to move out for a few weeks during the build up to the All-Ireland Final.



Kevin Brady (Armagh County Board) presents the Division Two Cup to the four Armagh Harps Captains. (Left-Right): Stephen McKinney, John Paul Donnelly, Paul Dynes and Patrick Grimes.

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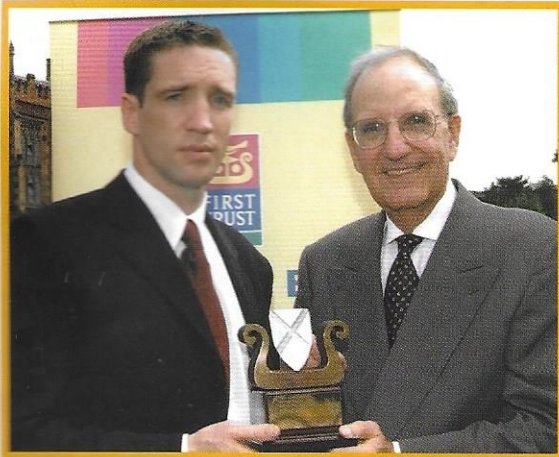
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Armagh captain Kieran McGeeney receiving the Graduate of the Year award from Senator George Mitchell, Chancellor of Queen's University.

# Unique honour for McGeeney at Queen's University



When placed alongside a plethora of literary, political and civic leaders from Seamus Heaney to President Mary McAleese, it was Armagh captain and Footballer of the Year Kieran McGeeney who stood head and shoulders above his fellow alumni of Queen's University in Belfast this year, and in awarding him the Graduate of the Year, Queen's has now placed the three-time All Star on a par with its most illustrious past students.

The Graduate Association and the Development and Alumni Board presents the annual award to the individual who is adjudged to have achieved highest within his particular field, and having faced some stiff competition, McGeeney can now add this to his extended range of accolades.

In his citation before a packed Whitla Hall, QGA Chairman Alan McKelvey said: "In a memorable year for Irish sport, few individuals have captured the public imagination like Kieran McGeeney. His overall performance and unparalleled leadership on the field of play was a major factor in Armagh's historic All-Ireland triumph at Croke Park in September". McKelvey also highlighted his input into the new GAA Academy at the university as a patron of the project. Chancellor of the college Senator George Mitchell presented the award.

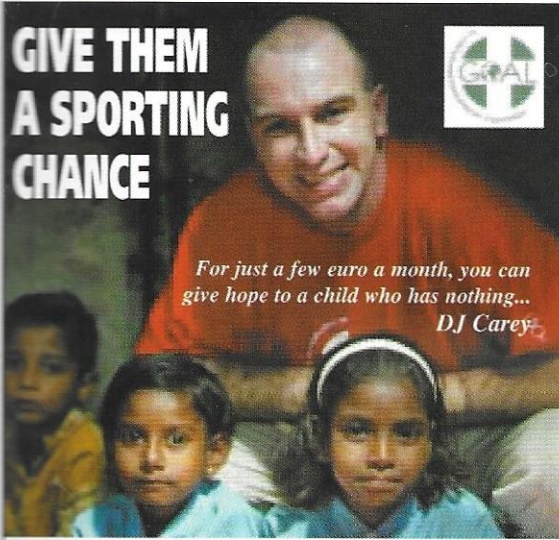
Eight years on from his own graduation with a degree in Civil Engineering, McGeeney's honour was part of busy summer of ceremonies at the Belfast seat of learning. He is the first member of the GAA community to be honoured by Queen's at such a prestigious event.

Before graduating in 1995, "Geezer" had won Sigerson Cup and Ryan Cup medals with Queen's and had already established himself on the Armagh side. In fact he is only one of thirteen graduates of QUB who featured with Armagh's history-making side last year.

The recent launch of the Sean O'Neill GAA Academy Fund at Queen's highlighted the strong connections to this Armagh side. McGeeney is one of eight illustrious patrons of the fund along with Sean O'Neill (Down), Eugene McKenna (Tyrone), Anthony Tohill (Derry), Paddy O'Hara and Hugh O'Kane (Antrim), former GAA President Peter Quinn and Dr. Martin McAleese.

The new concept of a GAA Academy comes at an opportune time. Queen's hope to attract some of the brightest young Gaelic stars from across the country to the college, and to do so they are working alongside other partners to ensure that they will cater for their needs. With the proper resources, the academy can aid in a player's development to ensure that he can achieve his goals.

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Armagh and Trone stars pictured at the launch of the Sean O'Neill GAA Academy Fund recently are (l-r): Aidan O'Rourke (Armagh), Diarmuid Marsden (Armagh), Brian Robinson (Tyrone), Justin McNulty (Armagh), Kevin McElvanna (Armagh), Paul McGrane (Armagh), Philip Jordan (Tyrone), Cormac McAnallen (Tyrone), Paddy McKeever (Armagh), John McCloskey (Armagh trainer), Dessie Ryan (former QUB manager), Cathal O'Rourke (Armagh) and Kieran McGeeney (Armagh).

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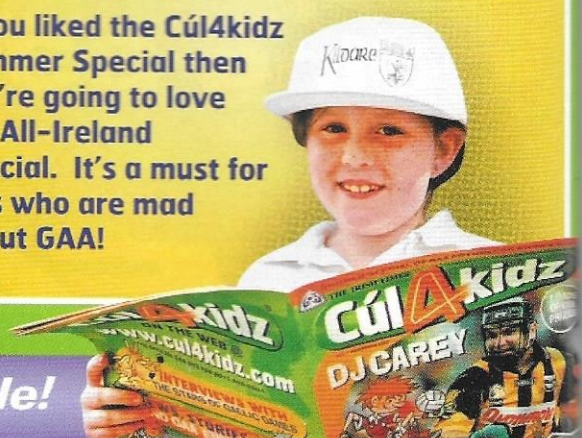
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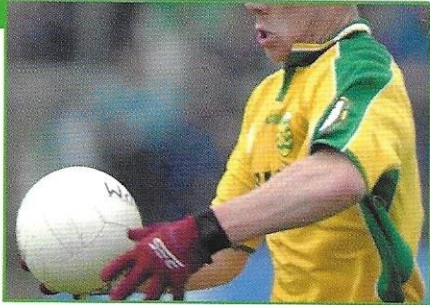
One word is missing from each of the five sentences below. Can you correctly complete each sentence?

1. Eoin Kelly was in action with.....in an All-Ireland under-21 hurling semi-final last week-end.
2. Paul.....was in sharpshooting form with Monaghan in the football championship earlier this year.
3. Full back for Kilkenny in their win over Cork in an All-Ireland minor hurling semi-final earlier this month was John....
4. Barry Kelly, who refereed the Kilkenny-Cork All-Ireland minor hurling semi-final two weeks ago, is from County.....
5. ....is the club of Brian O'Meara, who captained Tipperary in this season's senior hurling championship.



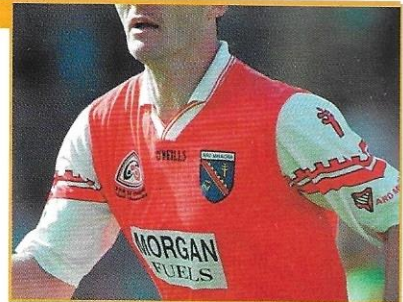
## WHO AM I? 1

I was my county's only All Star last year. This was also my first time to win such an award. I have still to win a provincial senior medal or play in an All-Ireland senior final. I am 21, a defender from Gweedore.



## WHO AM I? 2

I was the only Silverbridge clubman on the starting XV when I led my county to a provincial senior football title in 1999. I am no longer playing intercounty football, but I am a regular contributor as an analyst on a popular TV programme.



## COUNTY TEAM CAPTAINS

1. Who led Fermanagh in this year's senior football championship campaign?
2. Padraig Joyce captained Galway to this season's Connacht senior football title. True or false?
3. Name Limerick's senior football team captain of 2003.
4. Frankie Dolan captained Roscommon in this season's senior football championship. True or false?
5. Who was presented with the Leinster senior football final trophy at Croke Park last month?

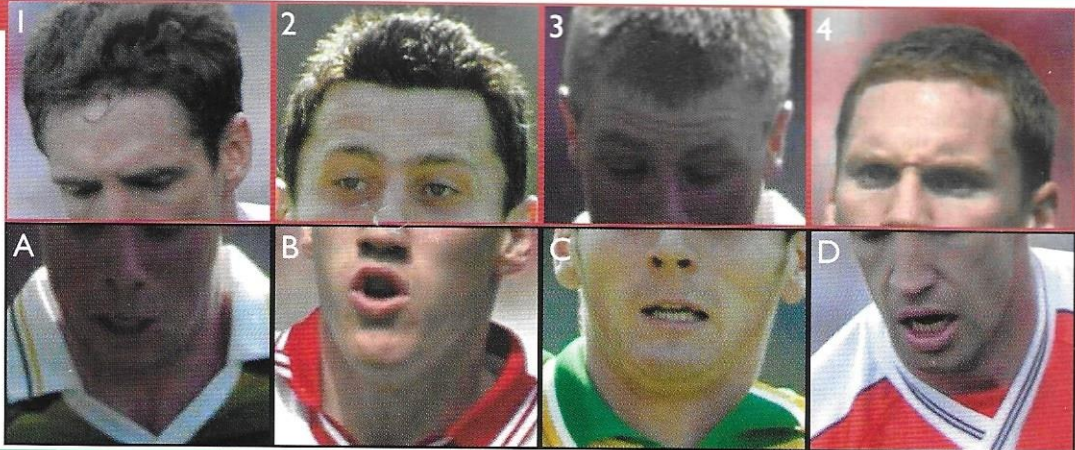
## OTHER SPORTS

1. Who won the Foras na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior camogie semi-finals last week-end?
2. Monaghan or Tyrone won the Ulster ladies senior football title last month. Your choice.
3. Cora Staunton is a forward with what county in ladies senior football?
4. Fiona O'Driscoll scored 3-2 for what county in last year's All-Ireland senior camogie final?
5. A World Championship will be held in what sport in Ireland later this year?

## NAME THE PLAYERS

Here are the photographs of four players from each of the teams involved in the Senior Football Semi-finals, but to confuse you, we have mixed up the top and bottom halves of the pics.

Can you identify the players?



## TRÁTH NA GCEIST

1. How many Leinster hurling titles did Kilkenny win this year?
2. What county lost to Meath in this year's All-Ireland junior football final?
3. Where is McHale Park situated?
4. Where will the opening match in this year's International Rules Test series between Ireland and Australia be played?
5. How many games did Ireland win in last year's series with the Australians in Dublin?

**Find The Missing Link:** 1. Tipperary. 2. Finlay. 3. Tennyson. 4. Westmeath. 5. Mullinahone.

**Who Am I? 1:** Kevin Cassidy (Donegal).  
**Who Am I? 2:** Jarlath Burns (Armagh).  
**County Captains:** 1. Raymond Gallagher. 2. False. Kevin Walsh captained Galway. 3. Muiris Gavin. 4. False. Shane Curran captained Roscommon. 5. Ian Fitzgerald (Laois).  
**Other Sports:** 1. Tipperary drew the second match as Australia won the series on aggregate scores.

**Name the Players:** and Cork. 2. Tyrone. 3. Mayo. 4. Cork. 5. Handball.

**1-D:** Kieran McGeeney (Armagh). **2-C:** Christy Toyne (Donegal). **3-A:** Tomas Ó Sé (Kerry). **4-B:** Cormac McCallan (Tyrone). **Tráth na Gceist:** 1. Four—minor; under-21, intermediate and senior. 2. Galway. 3. Castlebar. 4. Perth. 5. None. Ireland lost the first game and won the series on aggregate scores.



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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.

## Dubs are back

Today's Dublin minor team are products of Cumann na mBunscol, Ath Cliath and have played in leagues, represented Dublin in Cumann na mBunscol representative games throughout the country and played for their schools in Cumann na mBunscol finals in Croke Park. Uniquely, today four of Dublin's star players have captained their schools in Croke Park finals.

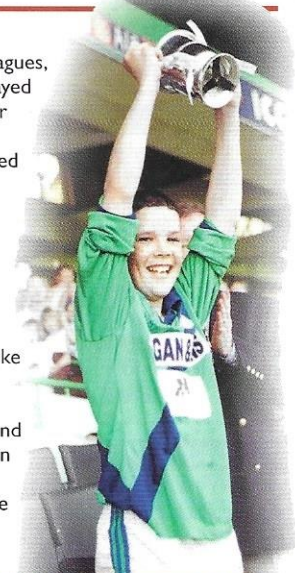
John Coughlan and Aidan Relihan both attended St. Oliver Plunkett N.S., Malahide and captained successful football and hurling teams at GAA Headquarters. The stadium they play in today is very different from the 'old' Croke Park and this will merely add to the excitement they will feel on their return to this great venue. Young Coughlan is closely related to the famous Offaly hurling Coughlans, while Relihan's, Dad, Danny, is a Corkman and a Cumann na mBunscol teacher in Holy Spirit NS, Ballymun. His grandfather on his mother side, Maurice Keane, won a Cumann na mBunscol, Ath Cliath medal in 1933.

Danny O'Reilly's parents, singer Mary Black and Joe O'Reilly, are both committed GAA people and were present when he captained St. Joseph's, Terenure, to a great victory in Croke Park when he was in primary school. Completing the unique quartet is James Brogan, who, like John Coughlan, has had his season greatly curtailed because of injury. James played in several Cumann na mBunscol hurling and football finals with St. Brigid's, Blanchardstown and some of his displays are still talked about. He is a son of former Dublin mentor, Jim Brogan and a first cousin of Dublin senior player Alan Brogan.

Wearing the Dublin jersey in an All-Ireland semi-final is a great reward for boys who have committed their time to Gaelic games for many years. It is also a special honour for their families and a tangible acknowledgement of the time, effort and expertise of Cumann na mBunscol teachers and club mentors who have made their voluntary contributions to the development of these boys in blue. Go néiri leo!



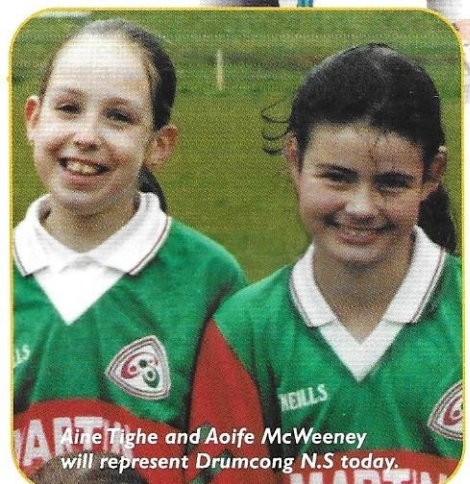
John Coughlan (above) and Aidan Relihan (far right) when they captained their schools in Croke Park.



## Lovely Leitrim Lasses

Two talented girls from Kiltubrid, Co. Leitrim, will represent Drumcong N.S. in Croke Park today as a result of a great victory in the girls' Mini-Sevens. Their selection has caused quite a stir in the south Leitrim parish and neighbours and friends will be keeping a sharp eye on the television pictures today for a glimpse of the dynamic duo. Aine Tighe and Aoife McWeeney intend to make the most of their unique honour and fully enjoy their big day out in Croke. These girls come from loyal GAA families steeped in Gaelic tradition. Seamus Tighe wore the Leitrim senior jersey and his wife Helen, is a sister of Shane Heslin who played for Leitrim and Connacht and a first cousin of the Newton brothers John and Des. John played for Roscommon in Croke Park in 1990 and '91 and his very talented daughter played in the Mini-Sevens a few years ago. Des Newton won an Ulster championship with Donegal in 1983.

Aoife's father, Pat, is a Leitrim u.21 selector and her mother, Geraldine, is a sister of Adrian Cullen who won a Connacht championship with Leitrim in '94 and wore the Connacht jersey. It is hardly surprising, given their impressive pedigrees and tradition of commitment to Gaelic games, that today's honour for Aoife and Aine means a great deal to the Tighe and McWeeney families.



Aine Tighe and Aoife McWeeney will represent Drumcong N.S. today.



Marcus, Conor and Katie Harney from Letterkenny in Croke Park for the quarter-final match.

## Tir Chonaill Trio

The Harney family from Litr Ceannainn will be back in Croke Park today for another chance to cheer on their favourite team. Marcus, Conor and Katie, were at the quarter-final and were decked out from head to toe in the green and gold of Tir Chonaill. Tá an triúr dílis seo ag súil go mór le bua dá laochra inniu agus céiliúradh i Litr Ceannainn ina dhiaidh. These true Gaels attend Gaelscoil Adhamhnáin and are fluent Irish speakers. Tir Chonaill abú!



Deirdre Marsden, Delia Cafolla, Helen McCaughey and Angela Cafolla pictured in Croke Park.

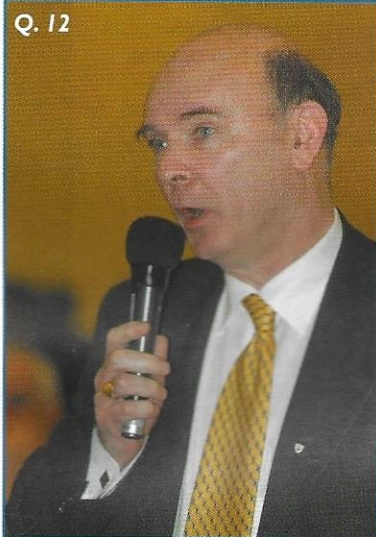
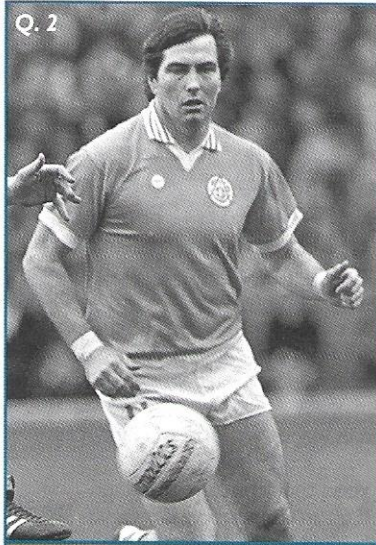
## Girls from the County Armagh

And Míacha won't be short of loyal cheerleaders today if Delia Cafolla and Helen McCaughey from St. Mary's, Lurgan, are in full voice. They were in top form at the quarter-final and were aided and abetted by Déirdre Marsden, mother of Dairmaid, and Angela Cafolla, who is an aunt of Barry John O'Hagan.

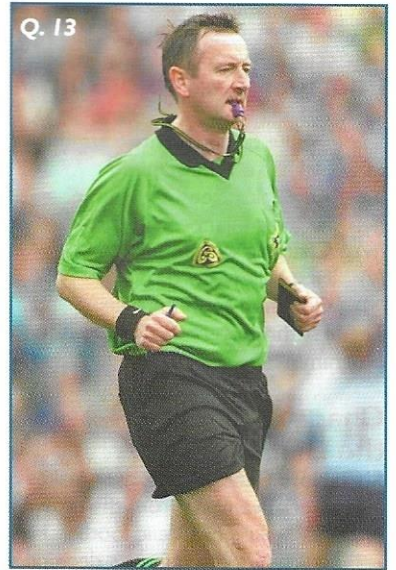


# Fiche Ceist

- Who captained Armagh in their unsuccessful All-Ireland senior football final bid against Dublin in 1977?
- Who was top scorer for Armagh in that game with 2-1?
- In what year did Donegal first contest an All-Ireland senior football semi-final?
- Brian McEniff, once more the Donegal county team manager, was the first from the county to win an All Star award. In what year did he gain that distinction?
- Who captained Armagh in their unsuccessful All-Ireland senior football final bid against Kerry in 1953?
- What county lost to Armagh in the 1999 Ulster senior final?
- When did Donegal last win the Ulster senior football title?
- When did an All-Ireland senior football semi-final last end in a draw?
- The Kilkenny county senior football final was played in May 11 last. Who won that game—James Stephens or O'Loughlin Gaels?



- Down were the first Ulster county to win the new Sam Maguire Cup. True or false?
- I scored three goals for my county in their opening round in the All-Ireland football qualifiers earlier this year. I won a Leinster senior medal in 1997 and helped my county to their only National League title in 1998. Who am I?
- Who in recent times presented the Sam Maguire Cup to an Ulster county in each of his three years as President of the G.A.A.?
- I am a well-known intercounty referee, who had charge of this year's drawn Ulster senior final. My other assignments this year included the Laois-Dublin Leinster senior semi-final. My club is Austin Stacks. Who am I?
- Galway won the All-Ireland under-21 football final last year. Where was that game played?
- Who refereed the Donegal-Galway All-Ireland football quarter-final replay at Castlebar earlier this month?
- What ground in the West was recently officially opened after major development work?
- Who won the Connacht under-21 football title earlier this month?
- When did a Leinster county last win an All-Ireland minor football title?
- Damien Gavin led what county to their only All-Ireland minor football title in 1995?
- What is the trophy awarded to the winners of the All-Ireland minor football final?



**Fragra!** 1. Jimmy Smyth. 2. Joe Kernan. 3. 1972 when they lost to Offaly. 4. 1972, the second year of the All Stars. 5. Sean Quinn, from left half back. 6. Down. 7. 1992. 8. 2000 when Kerry and Armagh finished level. 9. James Stephens. 10. True. 11. Ciarán McManus (Offaly). 12. Peter Quinn (Fermanagh). 13. Aidan Mangan (Kerry). 14. O'Moore Park, Portlaoise. 15. Paddy Russell (Tipperary). 16. Pearse Stadium in Galway. 17. Mayo. 18. 1997 when Laois beat Tyrone in the final. 19. Westmeath. 20. The Tom Markham Cup.

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## Refereeing Matters in 2003



## Football Championship 2003

Some of the talking points from this summer have been:

- Pick-up off the ground
- Advancing free-kick from place of foul
- Feigning injury
- Charging with the ball
- First Yellow Card
- Common sense refereeing

The first three were dealt with in the Kerry v. Tyrone programme.

## Charging while in Possession of the Ball

**Situation:** Centre-field player makes a spectacular catch — appreciative roars from the crowd at one of the great skills of Gaelic football. Howls of dismay greet the referee's decision to give a free against the player for charging while in possession of the ball or holding on too long to the ball. His opponents are entitled to legitimately block his way out, to stand in front of him without fouling him. Many times in modern football the high catch is not contested and the player who performs this skill is crowded when he comes down. If the player in possession

charges into an opponent standing in his way, he is committing a foul (Rule 5.18(e)). If, on the other hand, opposing players hold, drag, push, pull, punch him — he is entitled to a free. Easy in theory — difficult at times to call. Purists argue that the skill of high fielding should be rewarded by something like the "mark" in the International Rules game. The referee must make his judgement on existing rules and often it's not a clear call.

## First Yellow Card

A criticism this summer has been that referees are too quick to give the yellow cards, especially the first one, that the physical element is being taken out of the game of football, that two yellow cards and consequently a red are too severe. When a player is sent off often the criticism is that there was nothing malicious in the foul. A popular attitude seems to be that a player should not be sent off unless there was something malicious in what he did. This attitude to the modern game of football deserves serious debate as to what we want the game to be. Some points:

- No referee wants to send off a player — they prefer if they don't have to do so.
- The introduction of the yellow cards were just to illustrate clearly to the players that a player has been cautioned. Two cautionable offences merit a sending off but before the introduction of the cards there was often doubt in the minds of players, mentors, spectators that the player had indeed been cautioned.
- The referee must implement the rules. The current rules were framed to cut out continuous fouling to benefit the skilful players.

What are the Fouls that merit a Caution?

- To pull down an opponent.
- To trip an opponent with hand(s) or foot.
- To jump at an opponent.
- To threaten or to use abusive or provocative language or gestures to an opponent.
- To block or attempt to block with the boot when an opponent is kicking the ball from the hand(s).
- To prevent or attempt to prevent an opponent from lifting or kicking the ball off the ground by striking an opponent's hand, arm, foot or leg with the boot.
- To engage in any other form of rough play.

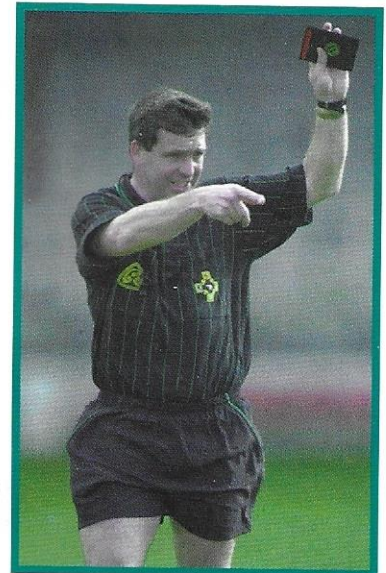
These are the rules the referee is expected to implement. If, as an Association, we feel that it is unfair to send off a player for two of these fouls and thereby punish his team too severely, then we have two options:

- Change the rules.
- Consider an alternate punishment such as the so-called "Sin-Bin" as in rugby.

But it does create a problem for the referee if we say these are the rules but you must use common sense.

## Common Sense Refereeing?

Surely we can presume that referees who operate at Senior Intercounty level are individuals of proven common sense? Common sense means cool, calm, balanced, level-headed, non-excitabile, etc.. A referee should be all these. Common sense refereeing does, of course, involve allowing play to continue if it is to the advantage of the offended team. But if common sense refereeing means ignoring the rules and applying one's common sense, the goal of consistency among referees will never be achieved. Yes, common sense has to be one of the important qualities of a referee but the criterion has to be the rule book. Then, assessments or referee seminars must judge — was the referee correct in giving a caution for a particular offence? Did it merit a caution? Constant study of videos of incidents in games is the one way to achieve the consistency that everyone wants.



## Rules Teaser

A penalty is taken. The ball hits the crossbar, rebounds and is caught by the penalty-taker who kicks the ball over the goal-line. What decision should the referee give?

- Award a free?
- Throw in the ball?
- Allow a score?

**Answer:** (c).



# Today's winner will need a bigger trophy cabinet.



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