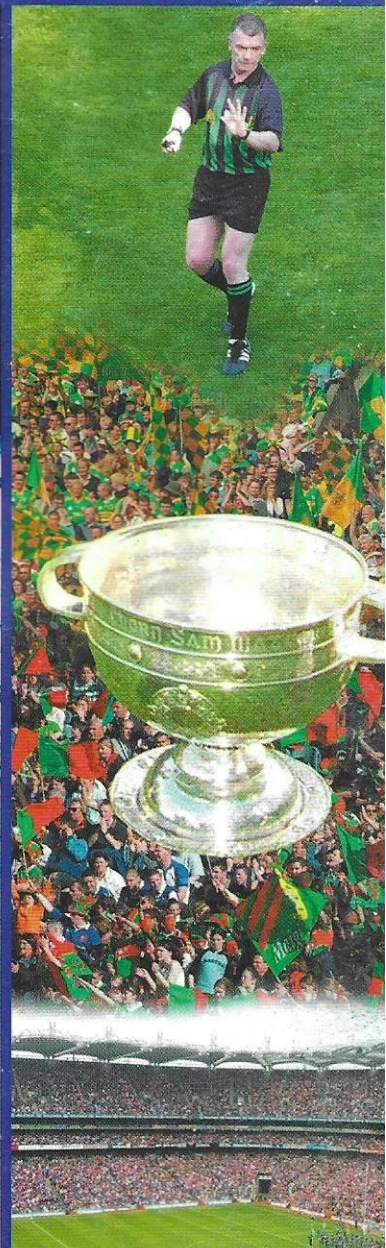
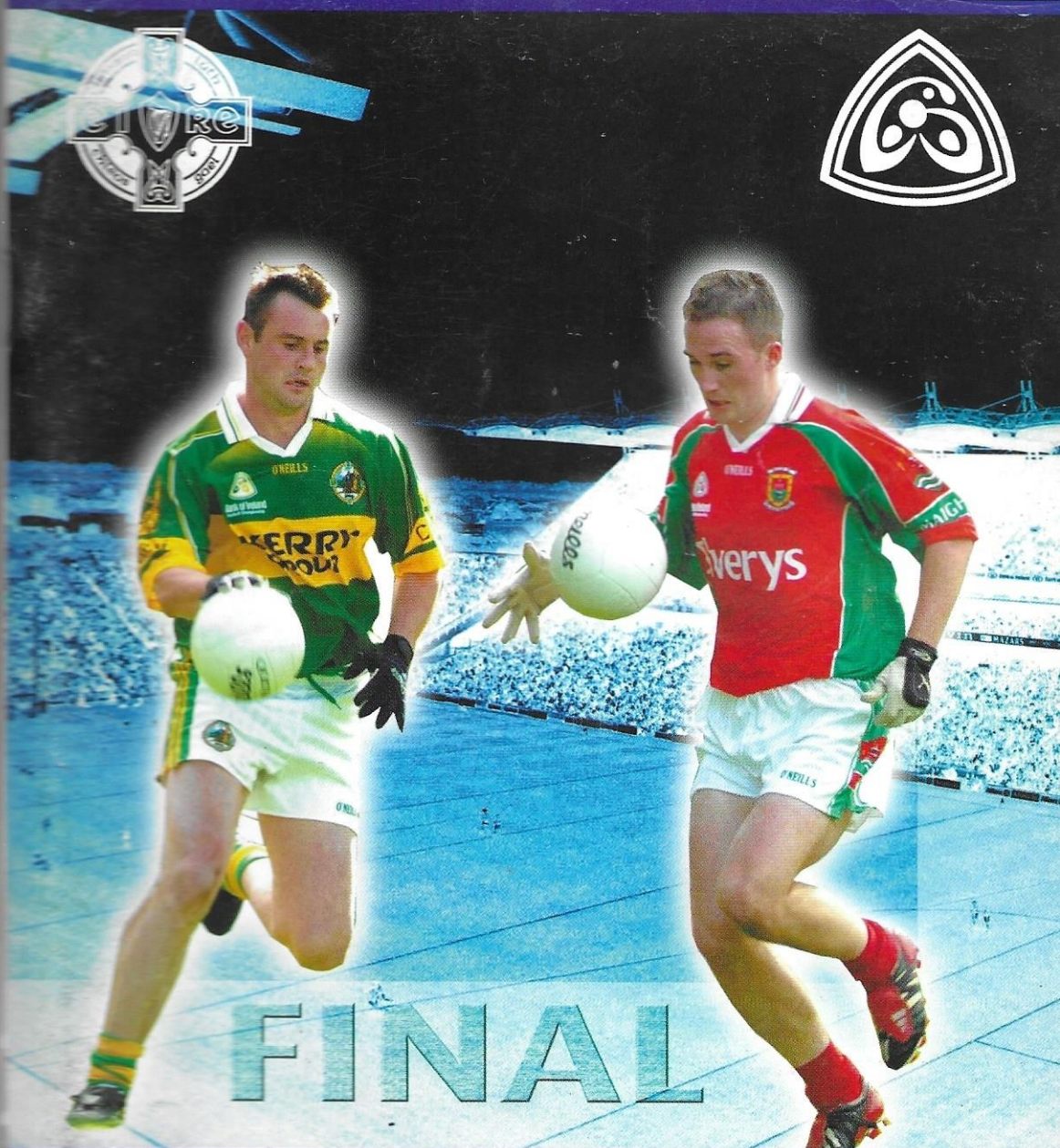
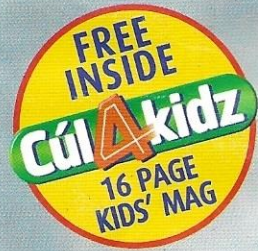


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Linesmen:

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M. Duffy (Sligeach)

Sideline Official:

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Umpires:

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Paddy Fenlon, John Lee.

Sinsir



Ciarraí v. Maigh Eo

3.30 i.n.

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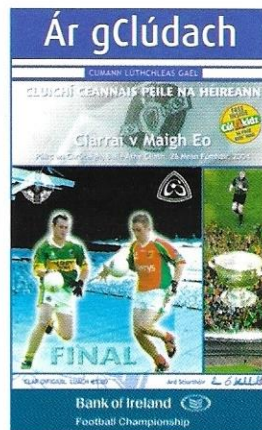
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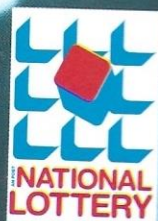
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Tickets

So you got a ticket. Well done! Someday someone will write a great article on the journey of an All Ireland ticket from printing machine to Croke Park stile. Some fascinating stories there. People are gas. The less involved people are in the GAA the more tickets they are likely to look for. A man asked me for "fifteen tickets in the Hogan Stand - all together" says he and then he added nonchalantly "I am even prepared to pay for some of them". Generous fellow I thought - pity about the brain! He reminded me of that generous Mr. Tom Narrow whom we learned about going to school "He wheeled his grand mother round in a barrow and called out loud as he went along, 'Granny's for Sale, Granny's for Sale'".

Did you pay for your ticket? Officials at all levels are out of pocket every year as their friends "forget" to pay them for tickets they kindly procured for them. Na déan dearmad mar sin.

Incidentally there will be no increase in ticket prices for next year's finals. We have also appointed a new Ticketing Administrator. With his expertise we will be utilising modern technology to review the allocation and distribution of same - work for the winter months.

Today's Games

The senior final today is a repeat of '97. I was Chairman of the Kerry County Board at the time. That final will always be remembered as the day of perfection - a la Maurice Fitzgerald. Kicking perfection.

Kerry and Mayo have an absolute passion for Gaelic Football. Football always wins when these great counties meet. Gurab amhlaidh inniu. Nice to see Tyrone in the minor final. Suggests Tyrone are here to stay at or near the top. Great county, great people.

This day last year Cormac Mc Anallen was one of the stars of the show. He is here today in spirit and I am pleased to welcome his parents as our guests here too.

Croke Park

Hope you like the new Hill 16. We will be "fitting it out" from now on and will officially open it in December. It will complete the redevelopment as of now but we will be pursuing a rail link to Croke Park vigorously - be it LUAS or metro or whatever. Fans must be able to come all the way by "track" as they do in many of the great stadia in the world. And after that - a roof, floodlighting - yes it will all happen in time. The pitch? I'm watching it like a hawk.

Press Nights

I was delighted to hear that "press nights" were more meaningful and helpful to our friends in the media this year. Intelligence and courtesy are no load to anyone. Hopefully we'll see more of the same in the future.

Buíochas

Finally, buíochas mór do na hoifigigh go léir a chabhraigh linn. To the Ard-Stiúrthóir, Stadium Director and all the staff involved in Croke Park and all the voluntary stewards and helpers I thank you on behalf of the Association. Our provincial secretaries have now a huge role to play organising their own championships and also the qualifiers. You'll never see them at a match in their own province. Reason? They are always deep in the bowels of the stadium venue ensuring all goes smoothly. So if you want to ask someone to select man of the match at these matches, don't ask them. Like many more workers, they probably don't see the match at all.

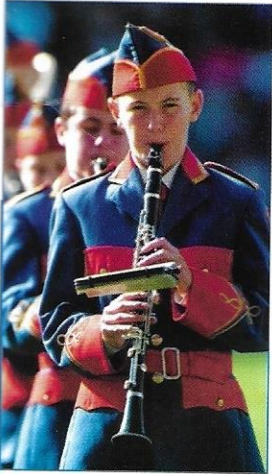
Have a good day and may victory go to an fhoireann is fearr.

Le dea mhéin,



Seán O Ceallaigh
Uachtarán, CLG





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 Le gunna scréach faoi lámhach na bpiléar,
 Seo libh canaig amhrán na bhFiann.

Clár an Lae

Cluichí Ceannais Peile na hÉireann 2004

<u>01.00</u>	Entertainment on Big Screen
<u>01.10</u>	"Fáilte" - Big Screen
<u>01.12</u>	Ciarraí amach ar an bPáirc
<u>01.14</u>	Tír Eoghain amach ar an bPáirc
<u>01.30</u>	Start of Minor Match
<u>02.02</u>	Half Time
<u>02.04</u>	GAA/INTO Mini-Sevens
<u>02.12</u>	Second Half of Game
<u>02.44</u>	Minor Game ends
<u>02.48</u>	Presentation of Trophy by An Dr. Diarmuid Ó Clúmháin
<u>02.55</u>	Artane Band enters pitch
<u>02.56</u>	Football Brothers introduced by Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh
<u>03.05</u>	Ciarraí amach ar an bPáirc
<u>03.07</u>	Maigheo amach ar an bPáirc
<u>03.15</u>	Toss
<u>03.18</u>	Uachtarán na hÉireann agus a fear céile introduced - Salute - accompanied by Uachtarán CLG
<u>03.19</u>	Uachtarán na hÉireann meets the teams
<u>03.23</u>	Paráid na bhFoirme
<u>03.28</u>	Amhrán na bhFiann sung by Ciarán Nagle
<u>03.30</u>	Start of Senior Game
<u>04.08</u>	Half time
<u>04.13</u>	Performance by Liam O'Connor
<u>04.23</u>	Second half begins
<u>05.01</u>	End of Senior Game
<u>05.05</u>	Presentation of Trophy by Uachtarán CLG

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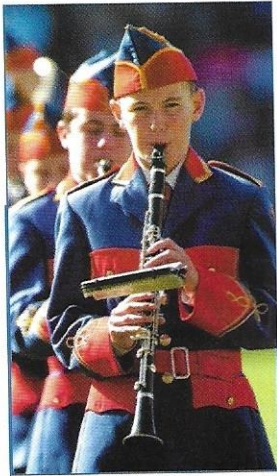
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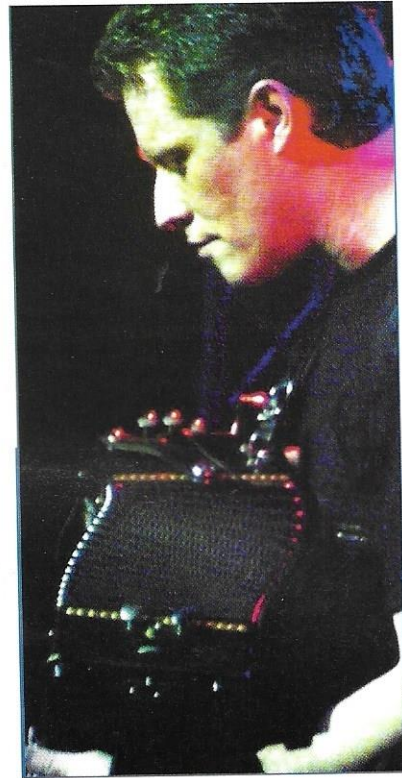
Programme of Music

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| 1.24 | Uachtarán CLG - Salute | <i>Arr. Ronan O'Reilly</i> |
| 1.27 | An Taoiseach - Salute | |
| 2.04 | Máirseáil Uí Chonchubhair
Band Boys | <i>A.J. Potter
Ed Chenetyl</i> |
| 2.56 | On The One Road | <i>A.J. Potter</i> |
| 3.18 | Uachtarán na hÉireann - Salute | <i>A.J. Potter</i> |
| 3.19 | Star of the County Down | <i>Arr. Ronan O'Reilly</i> |
| 3.23 | God Save Ireland | <i>Joe Lynch</i> |
| 3.28 | National Anthem
<i>sung by Ciarán Nagle (below)</i> | <i>A. J. Potter</i> |



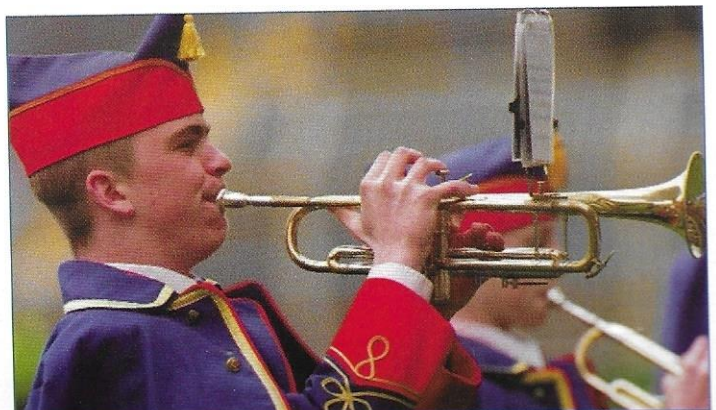
Amhrán na bhFiann will be sung by **Ciarán Nagle**, a member of The Three Irish Tenors. Ciarán has studied in the College of Music, Dublin under the tuition of Edith Forrest, FTCL, for seven years and later with Dr. Veronica Dunne for another two years. He has performed with the National Chamber Choir, Opera Ireland, in music, theatre and operetta and has sung in Carnegie Hall under the baton of Robert Shaw. Ciarán travelled extensively in Europe and Japan with Riverdance The Show and throughout America with The Three Irish Tenors.

Amhrán na bhFiann



Half-time Entertainment

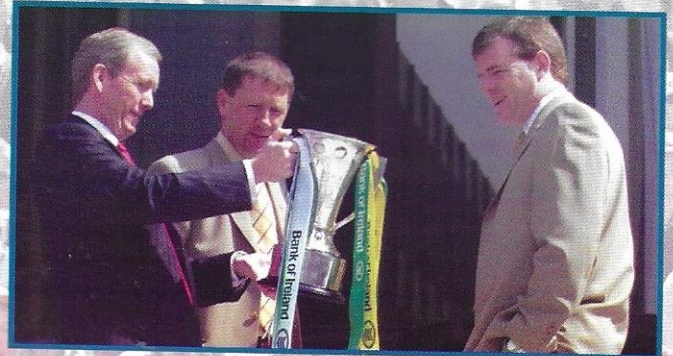
Today's half-time entertainment will be provided by accordionist **Liam O'Connor** one of Ireland's most talented and versatile musicians. This master over 20 instruments has played in some of the most prestigious venues in the world. He toured extensively with Michael Flatley in 'Lord of the Dance' and played on the original soundtrack of 'Lord of the Dance' and its successor 'Feet of Flame'. Liam and his band have just returned from America where they entertained the golfing fraternity at The Ryder Cup in Oakland Hills, Michigan. His plans for the coming months include an album of piano music with legendary composer Mike Post of Hill Street Blues and Law and Order fame.



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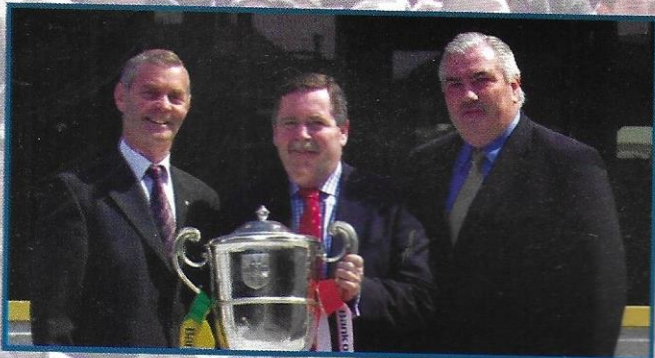
Paidí Ó Sé and Mick O'Dwyer enjoying the banter at a press conference ahead of the 2004 Bank of Ireland Leinster Final.



Des Crowley, Chief Executive Retail Financial Services Bank of Ireland admires the Munster Cup with Jack O'Connor and Liam Kearns in advance of the Bank of Ireland Munster Final.



John Maughan, Mayo Manager, Des Crowley, Bank of Ireland, Lisa Browne, Sponsorships Manager Bank of Ireland and Jack O'Connor, Kerry Manager with the Sam Maguire Cup at the Bank of Ireland Football Final press conference.



Colm McKenna, Head of Marketing, Bank of Ireland Northern Ireland with the Anglo Celt Ulster Cup as Brian McEniff, Donegal Manager and Joe Kerins, Armagh Manager prepare for the historic Ulster final in Croke Park.



A lighter moment between John Maughan, Mayo Manager and Tommy Carr, Roscommon Manager at the Bank of Ireland Connacht Football Final press conference.

Bank of Ireland



Football Championship

A Message from Bank of Ireland

Proud Sponsors of the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship



Today marks the culmination of one of the most memorable football championships ever to grace the archives of gaelic football history.

In May, thirty-three teams started out in pursuit of Sam Maguire. Almost five months and 64 games later, Mayo and Kerry are left standing in the race for the great prize.

As ever, they were met with fierce competition along the way and watched some of the great battles of the summer unfold. Passion and excitement were the trademarks of the 2004 Bank of Ireland football championship. Who can forget Westmeath's historic Leinster final win when Páidí Ó Sé and Mick O'Dwyer came face to face, their teams providing us with some of the best football of the summer?

Fermanagh, one of the outstanding teams of the Championship, reached their first ever All-Ireland semi final and proved critics wrong time and again showing unrelenting spirit, skill and pride in the jersey. But for Mayo's hunger in the replay, Fermanagh could very well have been contesting their first ever final here in Croke Park today.

Today is the day of the football strongholds from Munster and Connacht. Kerry have pulled through consistently to overcome the injuries of both Declan O'Sullivan and Seamus Moynihan. Following Kerry's victory in the Munster final replay over an admirable Limerick side, their skills and confidence grew to put both Dublin and Derry away with

impressive margins to spare. Today, even an injured Darragh Ó Sé is unlikely to pose a major problem for Kerry as their character has been their saviour time and again this summer.

Mayo have looked like the side to beat with comfortable wins over New York, Galway, Roscommon and Tyrone. They came through the semi-final with their backs to the wall but have shown that they will battle at all costs for the 2004 Bank of Ireland football title.

2004 marks the eleventh year of Bank of Ireland's sponsorship of the Football Championship. We are proud of our association with the most popular and exciting sporting championship in the country. This year, Bank of Ireland reinforced it's affiliation with the GAA by becoming the first ever sponsor of R.T.É.'s The Sunday Game.

I can honestly say that I have thoroughly enjoyed the 2004 Bank of Ireland Football Championship and I am looking forward to a fantastic final here today. I wish both teams the very best of luck and hope you all enjoy what will no doubt be a fantastic display of football from these two great sides.

Des Crowley

*Chief Executive Retail Financial Services
Bank of Ireland*



FLASHBACK!

Action from the 1948 All-Ireland senior semi-final between Mayo and Kerry. Pictured from left to right: Peter Quinn (Maigh Eo) Gerald O'Sullivan (Ciarraí), Batt Garney (Ciarraí), John Forde (Maigh Eo), and Seán Flanagan (Maigh Eo). Mayo won by 0-13 to 0-3 before losing to Cavan in the All-Ireland decider by 4-5 to 4-4.

Darragh Ó Sé jumps high against Cork

Declan O'Sullivan in action against Clare

Tommy Griffin goes to ground in the replay against Limerick

Darragh Ó Cinnéide holds off a Limerick player in the Munster Final

Tomás Ó Sé gets the ball away from Paul McFlynn of Derry in the Semi-final.

Marc Ó Sé goes past Dublin's Senan Connell

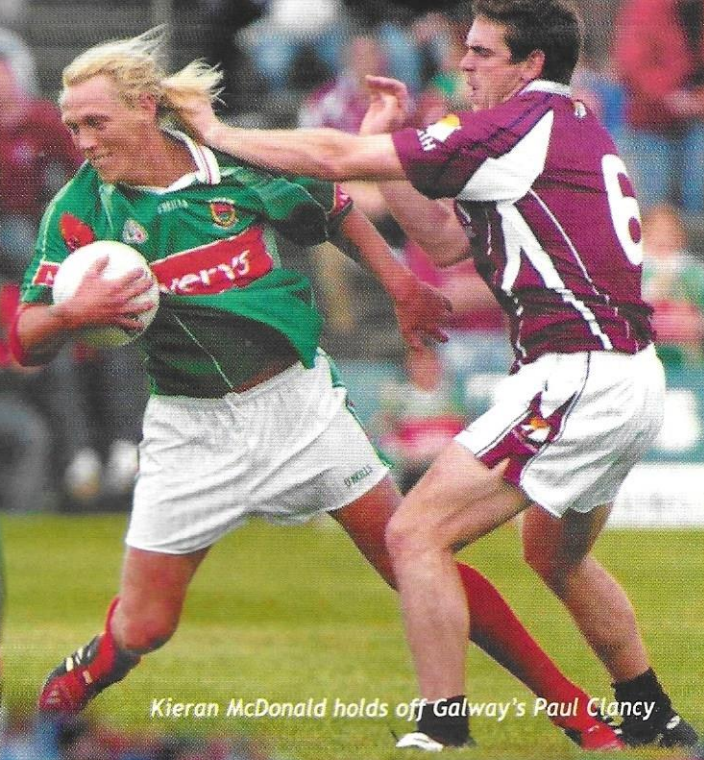
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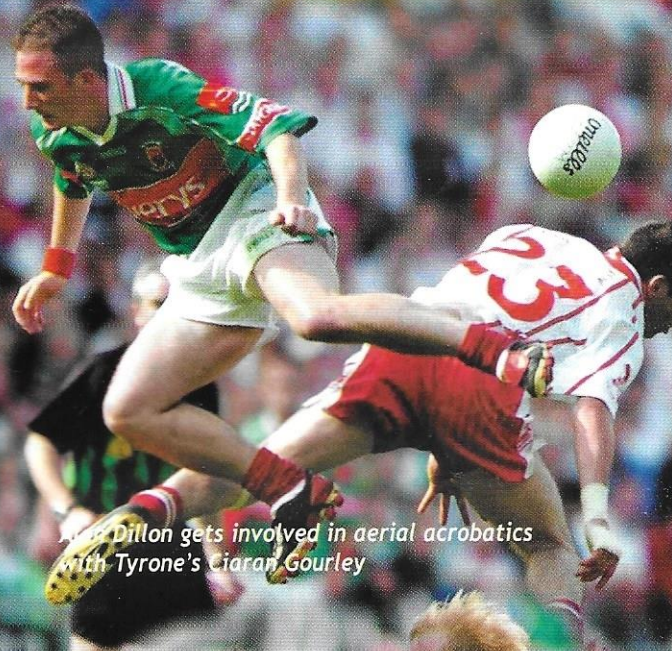
James Mallen goes skyward against New York



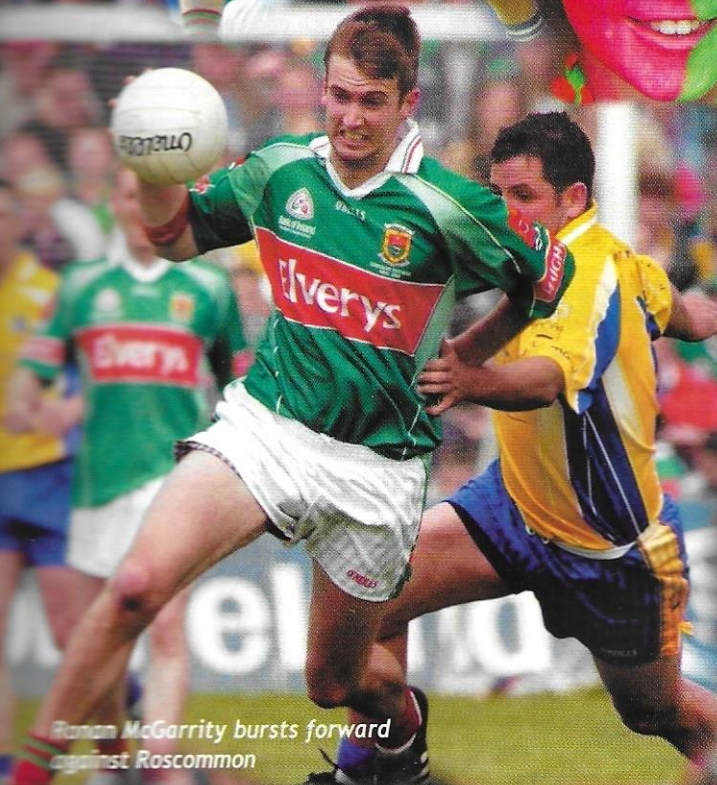
Kieran McDonald holds off Galway's Paul Clancy



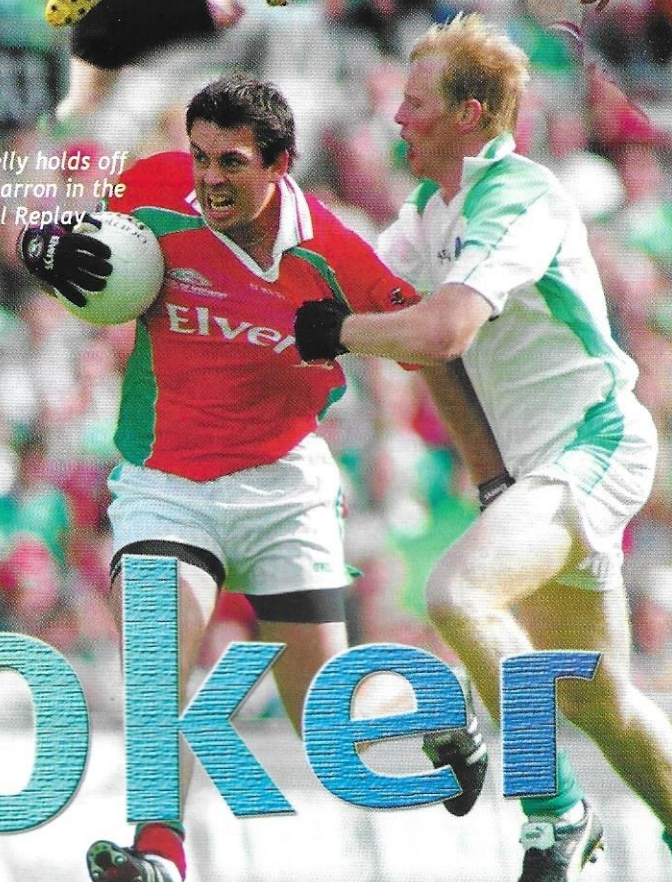
Paul Dillon gets involved in aerial acrobatics with Tyrone's Ciaran Gourley



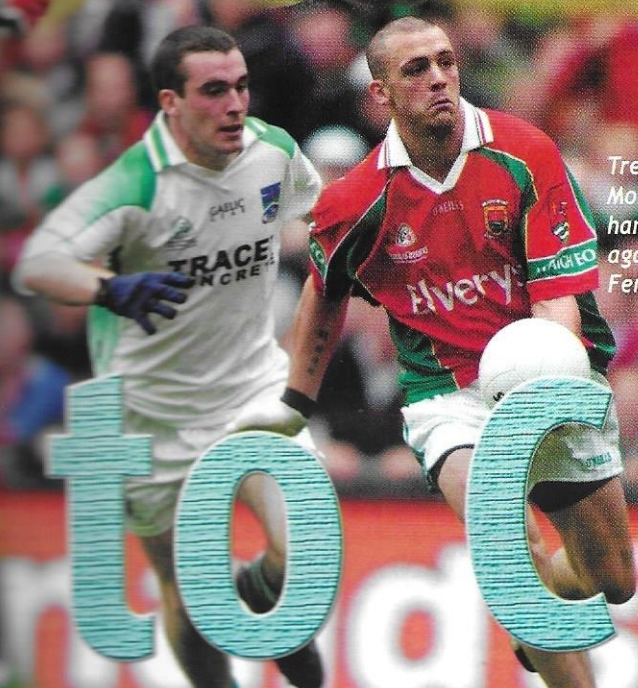
Ronan McGarrity bursts forward against Roscommon



Fergal Kelly holds off Liam McBarron in the Semi-final Replay



Trevor Mortimer hand passes against Fermanagh



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The Mayo team which beat Louth in the 1950 All-Ireland Final. From Right: Captain, S. Flanagan, P. Carney, E. Mongey, P. Quinn, P. Solon, P. Prendergast, H. Dixon, J. McAndrew, T. Langan, M. Flanagan, W. Kenny, J. Forde, J. Gilyarry, M. Mulderig, W. Durkan.

Mayo are bidding for their first All-Ireland senior football championship since 1951 when Sean Flanagan, rated one of the best left full backs in the annals of football, led the county to a successful final defence at the expense of Meath.

Flanagan was also captain and left full the year previous when Mayo beat Louth to win their first title since 1936. That was the year of their first-ever All-Ireland title triumph with a resounding 4-11 to 0-5 win over Laois. Right full forward Josie Munnely scored 2-3 for Mayo and they were captained by Seamus O'Malley from centre half back.

WELL AHEAD

Kerry will further strengthen their position on top of the All-Ireland senior football championship winners list if they regain the title after four years. They have 32 titles starting this game, ten more than their closest rivals, Dublin.

Seamus Moynihan led the Kingdom to their last Sam Maguire Cup win in 2000.

Liam Hassett, who lined out at right half forward against Derry in last month's semi-final, captained the team that beat Mayo in the 1997 summit.

HISTORY BECKONS

Victory for Mayo would make history as they have still to win the NEW Sam Maguire Cup. The trophy was first presented for the 1988 championship, won by Meath after a replay with Cork.

The first year the new trophy was brought across the Shannon was in 1998 when Ray Silke led Galway from right half back to victory over Kildare for the county's first title since their memorable treble in 1964, 1965 and 1966.

EXCLUSIVE DOUBLE

Mayo and Kerry are both represented in an exclusive company as far as

captains of All-Ireland senior football title winning teams are concerned.

Only six were presented twice with the OLD Sam Maguire Cup—Joe Barrett (Kerry), 1929 and 1932, Jimmy Murray (Roscommon), 1943, 1944, John Joe O'Reilly (Cavan), 1947, 1948, Sean Flanagan (Mayo), 1950, 1951, Enda Colleran (Galway), 1965, 1966, and Tony Hanahoe (Dublin), 1976 and 1977.

BIG SENIOR DOUBLE

Kerry are in line to complete a major national senior double. They beat Galway in May to capture the Allianz League title for the first time in seven years.

If they add the Sam Maguire Cup to that trophy win they will complete the League and championship double in the one year for the first time since 1997.

That year they beat Cork at Páirc Uí Chaoimh in the League final and Mayo in the All-Ireland decider.

MINOR-SENIOR DOUBLE

Kerry are, of course, in line for another double—the minor and senior All-Ireland titles.

They have not won both titles on the same afternoon since 1980 when

Derry were beaten at under-18 by 3-12 to 0-11 and Roscommon were beaten by 1-9 to 1-6 at senior.

MAYO ALSO ON DOUBLE TRAIL

Mayo could also complete a national titles double this year. Their under-21 footballers are through to the All-Ireland final against Armagh.

TOP SCORERS

Maurice Fitzgerald was top scorer in the last Kerry-Mayo All-Ireland senior football final in 1997.

He gave one of the best individual displays in any final in that game and finished with nine points, five from frees.

Kieran McDonald led the way for Mayo with 1-1. The goal was scored from a penalty in the second half and was the only goal of the game.

TYRONE TOPS FOR ULSTER

Tyrone are already Ulster's most successful county in terms of All-Ireland minor football title wins with five successes between 1947 and 2001.

Kerry lead the way nationally with

eleven championships, even though their last was as far back as 1994.

This will be only the second final featuring Kerry and Tyrone. In 1975 a Kerry team that included Charlie Nelligan in goal, Mick Spillane at centre half back, Sean Walsh at midfield and Jack O'Shea at full forward, had a resounding 1-10 to 0-4 win.

The Tyrone side had Aidan Skelton in goal, Kevin McCabe at centre half back, Damien O'Hagan at right full forward and Seamus Daly at left full forward. All later wore the county senior jersey.

LAST DRAWN FINALS

Dublin and Laois played a draw in last year's All-Ireland minor football final. Laois won the replay at Carlow by 2-10 to 1-9.

The last drawn senior final was in 2000 when a point in the 66th minute by Padraig Joyce brought Galway level with Kerry and sent the game to a replay. Final score 0-14 each.

LAST YEAR'S ATTENDANCE

The attendance at last year's All-Ireland football finals programme was 79,391.



Diarmuid Murphy
(Ciarraí)

A photograph of a Gaelic football on a post against a cloudy sky. The ball is green and white, and the post is white. The sky is blue with white clouds. The text "Be between the posts" is overlaid on the image.

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22: Dublin:	1891, 1892, 1894, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1942, 1958, 1963, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1983, 1995.
9: Galway:	1925, 1934, 1938, 1956, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1998, 2001.
7: Meath:	1949, 1954, 1967, 1987, 1988, 1996, 1999.
6: Cork:	1890, 1911, 1945, 1973, 1989, 1990.
5: Down:	1960, 1961, 1968, 1991, 1994.
Cavan:	1933, 1935, 1947, 1948, 1952.
Wexford:	1893, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918.

4: Kildare:	1905, 1919, 1927, 1928.
Tipperary:	1889, 1895, 1900, 1920.
3: Louth:	1910, 1912, 1957.
Mayo:	1936, 1950, 1951.
Offaly:	1971, 1972, 1982.
2: Limerick:	1887, 1896.
Roscommon:	1943, 1944.
1: Derry:	1993.
Donegal:	1992.
Armagh:	2002
Tyrone:	2003



The Sam Maguire Cup

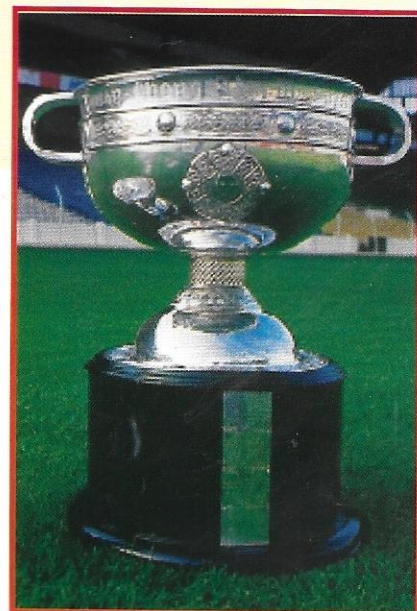
The Sam Maguire Cup is named in honour of the late Sam Maguire who gave outstanding service to Cumann Luthchleas Gael in Britain being the mainstay of the GAA in London for the first twenty years of its existence.

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

Sam was to the fore as the London County panel contested four All-Ireland finals in a row from 1900 to 1903, although the exiles were unsuccessful in all four games, losing to Dublin (twice), Tipperary and Kerry. However, his sheer leadership qualities and amazing determination for the suc-

cess of London GAA earned him the respect of every player in London. In 1907 he was elected chairman of the London County Board. While in the Gaelic League in London, Sam joined up with the I.R.B. and it was he who recruited Michael Collins into the movement in 1909. Maguire's contribution to the London GAA scene ended in 1923 when he returned to Ireland. He passed away on the 6th Feb, 1927 at the young age of 47. The Sam Maguire Cup was first presented to the All Ireland champions in 1928 after Kildare defeated Cavan in the All Ireland final.

Since then the Cup has been presented to Dinny Allen (Cork) in 1989, Larry Tompkins (Cork) in 1990, Paddy O'Rourke (Down) in 1991, Anthony Molloy (Donegal) in 1992, Henry Downey (Derry) in 1993, D.J. Kane (Down) in 1994, John O'Leary



(Dublin) in 1995, Tommy Dowd (Meath) in 1996, Liam Hassett (Kerry) in 1997, Ray Silke (Galway) in 1998, Graham Geraghty (Meath) in 1999, Seamus Moynihan (Kerry) in 2000, Pdraig Joyce (Galway) in 2001, Kieran McGeeney (Armagh) in 2002 and Peter Canavan (Tír Eoghain) last year.

Counties in waiting

Mayo have been waiting for 53 years to win their third All Ireland Senior football title, a long wait surely but not a record! Of the 32 counties, just 19 have won the Senior Football title with thirteen counties still waiting to make the breakthrough. Of the counties that have won at least one title many have had a long wait for their next title.

The Top Ten 'Counties in Waiting' are as follows:

County	Last Win	Years Ago
Limerick	1896	108
Wexford	1918	86
Tipperary	1920	84
Kildare	1928	76
Roscommon	1944	60
Mayo	1951	53
Cavan	1952	52
Louth	1957	47
Offaly	1982	22
Cork	1990	14

First Railway Cup Winning Captain

John Joe Sheehy of Kerry captained Munster to win the inaugural Railway Cup Football final on St. Patrick's Day 1927 when his side defeated Connacht in the final by 2-3 to 0-5. Mayo's Paddy Moclair captained his province to victory over Ulster, 3-11 to 2-3, in the 1936 final and he was also at the helm in 1938 when the Westerners defeated Munster by 2-6 to 1-5.

Sam Maguire: Old and New

The original Sam Maguire Trophy was first presented in 1928 when Kildare were the winners. The Trophy was replaced by the "New" Sam in 1988 when Joe Cassels of Meath received it. Just six counties have the distinction of winning the new and the old: Meath, Cork, Down, Dublin, Kerry and Galway.

No Sam

Wexford (1893, 1915-1918), Limerick (1889 & 1896) and Tipperary (1889, 1895, 1900 & 1920) are the only three counties that have won the All-Ireland Senior Football championship and never received the Sam Maguire Trophy.

First All Stars

Mayo's Johnny Carey and Kerry's Donie O'Sullivan were both selected on the first Gaelic Football All Star team in 1971.

Mayo's Hurling Titles

Mayo have won two All-Ireland Hurling titles, both in the Junior grade, in 1979 and 1980.

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Tá cluiche fíor- spésiúil romhainn um thráthnóna idir Mhaigheo, sa dúluachar le breis agus caoga bliain, ag iarraidh Sam, a bhreith thar Sionainn don chéad uair ó 1951, agus Ciarraí atá ag súil leis an gcorn a sciobadh ó dheas don 33ú uair.

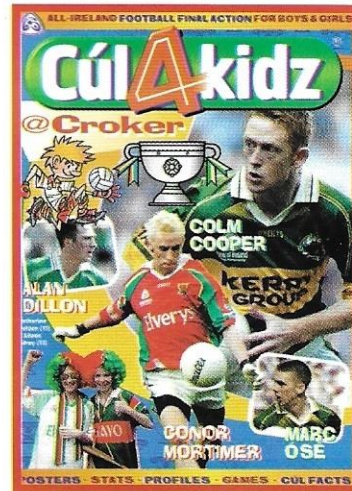
Níl amhras ná go raibh dearg mhi-ádh ar Mhuigheo le blianta beaga anuas. Bhíodar sa chluiche ceannais i 1996 agus arís i 1997 agus ní raibh rith an ráis leo ar cheachtar den dá lá. Cad é mar shamradh peile a bhí acu i mbliana, áfach. D'imir siad le scil, féin-mhuinín agus le comh-thuiscint nach raibh le sonrú i bhfoirne Mhuigheo le blianta fada. Tá taithí acu ó ghrád F 21 agus ó chraobhchomórtas na gClub agus, cé go bhfuil brú orthu um thráthnóna. Tá sé léirithe acu i mbliana nach gcailleann siad an misneach nuair a bhíonn brú orthu. Tá éacht déanta ag an bhfoireann bainistíochta leis na tosaithe ach go háirithe agus tá meascán deas de sheanfiondúirí agus laochra ógá acilí acu.

Cé gur bhuaigh Ciarraí an Chraobh i 2000 ní raibh a lucht leanta ró-shásta lena dtaispeántais sa Chraobhchomórtas sna blianta ó shoin. Fuair An Mhí, Ard Mhacha agus Tír Eoghain an lámh in uachtar orthu agus níl amhras ná go mbeidh fonn dioltais ar mhuintir Na Ríochta inniu. Tá fuinnimh faoi leith fúthu i mbliana faoi stiúir Jack O'Connor agus bhí sé soiléir san arthimirt in aghaidh Luimní go bhfuil mianach iontu. Fiú gan Seamus Moynihan agus Dara Ó Sé, tá an cuma orthu gur féidir leo aon chluiche a bhuaichaint. Tá an-fheabhas an an líne lán-chúil i mbliana agus is féidir le gach duine sna tosaithe scóranna a aimsiú. Is fíor, áfach, nár chuir Doire dúshlán ró-dhian

rompu sa chluiche leathcheannais ach rinneadar an beart a bhí le déanamh ar an lá agus rinneadar go héifeachtach é.

Beidh éacht ag teastáil ó chúlaithé Mhaigheo más mian leo smacht a chur ar thosaithe Chiarraí inniu. Fiú gan Dara i lár an ghoirt, tá Kirby agus Brosnan acu agus tá leithéidí Tomás Ó Sé, Paul Galvin, Declan O'Sullivan agus Gooch ann chun an beart a dhéanamh ar fud na páirce. Má éiríonn le Maigheo tosach maith a dhéanamh, áfach, seilbh a fháil i lár na páirce agus cúpla scór a aimsiú beidh cluiche againn. Tá Ciarán McDonald, na deartháireacha Mortimer agus David Heaney ar bharr a maitheasa faoi láthair agus, má bhíonn rith an ráis leo um thráthnóna, beidh sé rí-dheacair Na hIartharaigh a chloí. I gcluichí ceannais siad na rudaí a thiteann amach ar an bpáirc ar an lá a luíonn meá an bhua i dtreo foireann amháin nó foireann eile. Tá na peileadóirí ag Maigheo agus, má bhíonn an tádhl leo ar an lá, beidh Sam san Iarthar amárach. Tá an traenáil déanta agus níl mórán idir an dá foireann ó thaobh acilíochta agus cumas peile de.

Ceaptar go mbeidh an bua ag lucht an mhisnigh agus na muiníní agus acu siúd atá réitithe is fearr in intinn agus in aigne. Moltar Ciarraí a bheith cúpla cúilín chun tosaigh ag deireadh na himeartha. Go néirí leis an dá foireann ar a lá mór. Go mbainfidh siad taitneamh as an ócáid. Is lá mór é freisin dona mionúirí ó Chiarraí agus ó Thír Eoghain agus dona daltaí bunscóile ó Chumann na mBunscol a bheidh ag imirt ag leath-ama. Go mbeidh cluichí den chéad-scoth againn do gach éinne i láthair agus dóibh siúd a bheidh ag féachaint agus ag éisteacht ar fud na cruinne.



Today's programme once again includes a 16 page insert aimed at the many youthful followers of our Gaelic games. This insert, which is entirely free of charge, links in with the very successful CÚL4KIDZ inserts in The Irish Times.

It has been developed by the publishers, DBA Publications, in conjunction with the GAA PR and Presentation Workshop and Feargal McGill of Croke Park's Public Relations Department.

Packed full of information, puzzles, games, top-quality photographs, player information and much more, this addition to your programme should prove popular with the younger fans – and maybe some not-so-young as well!

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PEIL (Buachaillí)

TEAM U	TEAM V
Ciarraí: Green and Gold <i>Pitch: Defending Hogan Stand, Canal End</i>	Maigh Eo: Green and Red <i>Pitch: Defending Cusack Stand, Canal End</i>
1. Liam Deasy, Ballyea N.S., Co. an Chláir.	1. Cillian McDonald, Scoil N. Mhuire, Muchgrange, Co. Lú.
2. Tomás Ó Riain, Scoil an Sprioraíad Naoimh, Rosborough, Co. Luimnigh	2. Ciarán Charlton, St. Aidan's N.S., Kiltimagh, Co. Mhaigh Eo.
3. Lorcan Carroll, Bennekerry N.S., Co. Cheatharlach.	3. Oisín Mulgrew, Gaelscoil Adhamhnáin, Glencar, Co. Dhún na nGall.
4. Stephen O'Dwyer, St. Finian's N.S., Waterville, Co. Chiarraí.	4. Kieran Flatley, Williamstown N.S., Co. na Gaillimhe.
5. Dáire Mac Aodh, Gaelscoil Míde, Cill Bharróg, Baile Átha Cliath.	5. Dara Donnelly, St. Patrick's P.S., Aghadarragh, Co. Thír Eoghain.
6. Brendan Swords, Roundwood N.S., Co. Chill Mhantáin.	6. Féidhlím McGowan, Rathcormac N.S., Co. Shligigh.
7. Éamonn Bowe, St. Seachnail's N.S., Dunshaughlin, Co. na Mí.	7. Ronan Murray, Ballyroan B.N.S., Baile Átha Cliath.
8. Enda O'Reilly, Mullahoran N.S., Co. an Chabháin.	8. Christopher Spiers, Holy Family P.S., Magherafelt, Co. Dhoire.
9. Diarmuid O'Keefe, Rathangan N.S., Co. Loch Garman.	9. Callum McCormack, Ardnagrath N.S., Co. na hIar Mhí.
10. Antón Sullivan, Ballybryan N.S., Co. Uíbh Fhailí.	10. Gearárd McGovern, Carrick P.S., Burren, Co. an Dúin.

PEIL (Cailíní)

TEAM W	TEAM X
Ciarraí: Green and Gold <i>Pitch: Defending Cusack Stand, Hill 16 End</i>	Maigh Eo: Green and Red <i>Pitch: Defending Hogan Stand, Hill 16 End</i>
1. Aoife Molyneaux, Patrician P.S., Newbridge, Co. Chill Dara.	1. Niamh Deehan, St. Patrick's N.S., Calry, Co. Shligigh.
2. Ciara Moloney, St. Nessian's N.S., Mungret, Co. Luimnigh.	2. Hannah Dolan, St. Joseph's N.S., Glenamaddy, Co. na Gaillimhe.
3. Gráinne Keena, Sonna N.S., Slanemore, Co. na hIar Mhí.	3. Tanya Barrett, St. Conal's N.S., Kilcloony, Co. Dhún na nGall.
4. Adrienne Brosnan, Glenbeigh N.S., Co. Chiarraí.	4. Lorna Malee, St. Aiden's N.S., Kiltimagh, Co. Mhaigh Eo.
5. Aisling Keane, Ballyroan G.N.S., Baile Átha Cliath.	5. Karen Keilt, St. Columba's P.S., Kilrea, Co. Dhoire.
6. Eimear O'Connor, Ennis C.B.S., Co. an Chláir.	6. Nichola Rafferty, St. Patrick's P.S., Dungannon, Co. Thír Eoghain.
7. Laura Rose, Kikenny School Project, Co. Chill Chainnigh.	7. Lauren Campbell, St. Patrick's P.S., Armagh, Co. Ard Mhacha.
8. Brid Doyle, Poulfour N.S., Co. Loch Garman.	8. Donna McGahern, Mullahoran N.S., Co. an Chabháin.
9. Sophie Nolan, St. Fergal's N.S., Bray Co. Chill Mhantáin.	9. Linda Hamilton, St. Oliver Plunkett's N.S., Loughmourne, Co. Mhúineacháin.
10. Laura McManus, St. Rynagh's N.S., Banagher, Co. Uíbh Fhailí.	10. Cherrie Cavanagh, St. Colmille's N.S., Swords, Baile Átha Cliath.

Mionúir

The Minor Championship – 75th Anniversary

As a viable competition the minor football championship began in 1929. A year previously Leinster had launched the first under-18 competition, but it had proved something of a disaster as several counties adopted a rather casual approach to the age-limit provision, which eventually led to two semi/finalists being in breach of the rule and the competition being abandoned.

None the less there was considerable support for an under-age grade and in 1929 Leinster - where considerable tidying up had to be done - and Munster organised. However, efforts to bring Ulster and Connacht into line did not meet with the hopes for success. In Leinster only Kilkenny failed to muster while in Munster all six counties took part.

Leaving aside the doubtful position of the 1928 activity in Leinster, the first-

ever minor football championship game was played at Drogheda on May 12th between Meath and Louth with the Royal county emerging winners by 2-5 to 1-5. The Laois-Offaly game at Portlaoise a week later was not as competitive as the visitors won easily.

The Wexford-Dublin game at Enniscorthy was probably the best in the province and appropriately ended in a draw (1-3 all). The replay six weeks later at Bray did not reproduce the excitement of the drawn encounter with Dublin winning by 3-4 to 0-6. Other results included Carlow scoring 5-6 without concession against Wicklow, while Longford enjoyed home advantage while seeing off Westmeath by 3-6 to 2-1. Kildare, in what was a great era for the senior team, were expected to be a force in the new grade, but fell badly to Meath at Drogheda by 0-1 to 0-11.

Longford held off Carlow's challenge at Croke Park (3-4 to 2-4) and after

a long lay-off Dublin sent Offaly packing by 1-7 to 1-3 at the same venue, which game was a curtain-raiser for the Kerry-Kildare All-Ireland senior final. Three weeks later Dublin joined Longford in the provincial final when they defeated Meath by 3-4 to 2-1 at An Uaimh, but it was the second Sunday in November before the final was played with Longford winning by 3-4 to 1-4 at the Mental Hospital Grounds in Mullingar.

The Munster campaign opened at the Cork Athletic Grounds on May 26th and the new grade got off to a promising start as Kerry defeated the home side by 1-2 to 0-3 in an absorbing contest. Waterford and Limerick was a more low-key affair at Limerick, which the visitors won by 1-2 to 0-2.

Activity was suspended until the middle of September when Clare

proved too good for Tipperary (3-2 to 1-1) at Limerick, and at the same venue three weeks later the Banner county scored a surprise, but well-merited, victory over Kerry by 2-6 to 1-2. Like Leinster, the final had a November setting with Waterford having home advantage, which availed them little as Clare took the title by 1-6 to 0-4.

Although there were no semi/finals, the All-Ireland final was held over until February 1930 with Birr the chosen venue. Two evenly matched teams fought out an hour in which the standard varied from the ordinary to the quite brilliant. Both sides scored eight times, but Clare found the net five times with George Comerford's 3-2 instrumental in their 5-3 to 3-5 victory.

The new grade was off to a promising start.

MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARD

LAIGHAIN		MUMHA		SEMI/FINALS	
7th July, Dr. Cullen Park: Laois 3-7; Dublin 1-9		26th June, Hyde Park: Roscommon 1-11; Leitrim 1-10		27th June, Castlebar: Galway 1-12; Mayo 1-10	
PRELIMINARY ROUND (GROUP 1) 3rd April, Nowlan Park: Wexford 0-9; Kilkenny 1-5 17th April, Aughrim: Wicklow 0-16; Kilkenny 0-2 1st May, Wexford Park: Wexford 1-8; Wicklow 0-9		QUARTER/FINALS 31st March, Ennis: Kerry 1-10; Clare 0-4 31st March, Lemybrien: Cork 0-22; Waterford 0-3 31st March, Fermoy: Tipperary 1-12; Limerick 0-6		FINAL 18th July, Castlebar: Galway 3-10; Roscommon 2-10	
PRELIMINARY ROUND (GROUP 2) 7th April, Pearse Park: Longford 1-17; Carlow 0-7 17th April, Dr Cullen Park: Louth 2-14; Carlow 0-3 1st May, Drogheda: Louth 0-11; Longford 0-11 3rd May, Pearse Park: Longford 2-8; Louth 0-8		SEMI/FINAL (PLAY-OFFS) 14th April, the Gaelic Grounds: Clare 2-9; Limerick 3-4 14th May, Dungarvan (aet): Waterford 1-12; Clare 1-9		ALL-IRELAND QUARTER/FINALS 31st July, Breffni Park: Down 0-15; Galway 1-11 Tyrone 2-15; Roscommon 0-2 31st July, the Gaelic Grounds: Kerry 2-18; Kildare 1-10 Laois 1-9; Cork 1-9 22nd August, Thurles (replay): Laois 1-10; Cork 0-6	
QUARTER/FINALS 15th May, Wexford Park: Dublin 3-12; Wexford 0-4 15th May, Droichead Nua: Kildare 1-11; Longford 0-9 15th May, An Uaimh: Laois 2-15; Meath 1-5 15th May, Mullingar: Westmeath 1-11; Offaly 3-5 26th May, Tullamore (replay): Offaly 0-10; Westmeath 0-9		SEMI/FINALS 13th June, Clones: Down 0-14; Armagh 1-7 27th June, Enniskillen: Tyrone 3-13; Donegal 1-3		SEMI/FINALS 21st August, Casement Park: Tyrone 1-8; Down 1-7 29th August, Croke Park: Kerry 1-10; Laois 1-8	
FINAL 11th July, Croke Park: Tyrone 0-11; Down 0-11 18th July, Casement Park: Tyrone 0-15; Down 0-8		FINAL 11th July, the Gaelic Grounds: Kerry 0-9; Cork 0-9 15th July, Pairc Uí Chaoimh: Kerry 0-13; Cork 1-7		QUARTER/FINAL 23rd May, Hyde Park: Roscommon 0-12; Sligo 0-9	
SEMI/FINALS 30th June, Portlaoise: Kildare 1-12; Offaly 0-10		CONNACHT QUARTER/FINAL 23rd May, Hyde Park: Roscommon 0-12; Sligo 0-9			

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Mionúir

Kerry bid to end long titles famine



It was a case of fourth time lucky for Kerry when they saw off the challenge of Laois in a closely contested All-Ireland minor football semi-final at Croke Park last month by 1-10 to 1-8.

That win came after a run of three successive semi-final defeats since 2001 and earned the Kingdom their first final appearance in, surprisingly, eight years.

A good beginning laid the foundations of the Kerry success. They dictated the pace from the throw-in and after fifteen minutes right half forward Damien O'Sullivan raced through the O'Neale County defensive screen to score a fine goal.

That score suggested that the Munster champions, who were backed by the wind, were on their way to a decisive win as they led by 1-6 to 0-1.

However, Laois remained cool and made strenuous efforts to get back into the game. Three minutes from the interval they were rewarded by a goal from right full forward Michael Tierney to leave them 1-9 to 1-3 in arrears at the break.

Early in the second half, Laois had a defender sidelined by the referee but they made light of the handicap as they made a strong bid to swing the issue their way. They conceded just a single point in the second half, but found scores hard to come by against a solid Kerry rearguard.

A close enough call for the Munster champions, but they still took many

positives from the success. Their defence, with Killian Young, Ciaran Kelliher and Luke Quinn mighty bulwarks, played a major part in fashioning the win by providing a strong barrier to goal—especially in the second half.

Brian Moran did well in midfield and

also scored two valuable points. The attack was prompted well by O'Sullivan, whose first half goal was such a vital score, and Paul O'Connor, on the target with three points.

This was a workmanlike performance by Kerry, one that underlined that there is plenty of talent in their

team, and also, not for the first time this season, a real hunger for victory. In the Munster final in July, Kerry were two points adrift with four minutes remaining but rallied to earn a draw. With determination like this, allied to skill and all round balance, Kerry have solid prospects of a first title in ten years.



Paul O'Connor (Ciarraí) in action against Cahir Healy (Laois) in the 2004 All-Ireland Minor Football Championship Semi-Final at Croke Park.



An Réiteoir Thomas Quigley (Loch Garman)

Thomas is the first Wexford man to take charge of an All-Ireland minor football final since Brian White in 1996.

From the Davidstown/Courtnacuddy club, he won a county minor hurling medal as goalkeeper in 1986. He also played hurling and football with the club in other grades.

Quigley has been refereeing locally for a number of years and has taken charge of county Intermediate finals in football and hurling.

He has been on the intercounty panel since 1998 and he is having a busy year. His Allianz League assignments included the Cork-Longford tie under lights at Páirc Uí Rinn in March and he also refereed the senior championship games between Carlow and Longford at Tullamore in May and the Limerick-Waterford Munster semi-final at Limerick in June.

This final is the Wexford man's first All-Ireland engagement at any level.

Mionúir

Tyrone seek win in second Croke Park visit



Tyrone line out in the All-Ireland minor football championship final with the unusual distinction of having beaten Down twice at two different stages of their campaign.

The counties provided a game of fluctuating fortunes in the Ulster final at Croke Park in July. Tyrone led at one stage by seven points, but Down recovered so well that the O'Neill County had to come from behind to earn a draw with a point from a free deep in injury time by midfielder Ray Mulgrew.

In the replay at Casement Park, Tyrone were just two points ahead early in the second half, but points from Cathal O'Neill, Marc Cunningham and Colm Cavanagh set the scene for a good 0-15 to 0-8 win.

Tyrone and Down then had All-Ireland quarter-final wins over Roscommon and Galway to qualify for an All-Ireland semi-final meeting at Casement Park last month.

The counties provided another closely contested game, with a second half goal by full forward Cavanagh a key factor in earning Tyrone a 1-8 to 1-7 win.

Down looked to have struck a decisive blow midway through the first half when they collected the opening goal of the game.

However, they failed to score for the rest of the half as Tyrone hit back well and late points from centre half forward Aidan Cassidy and midfielder Mulgrew had Tyrone on level terms at the interval-0-5 to 1-2.

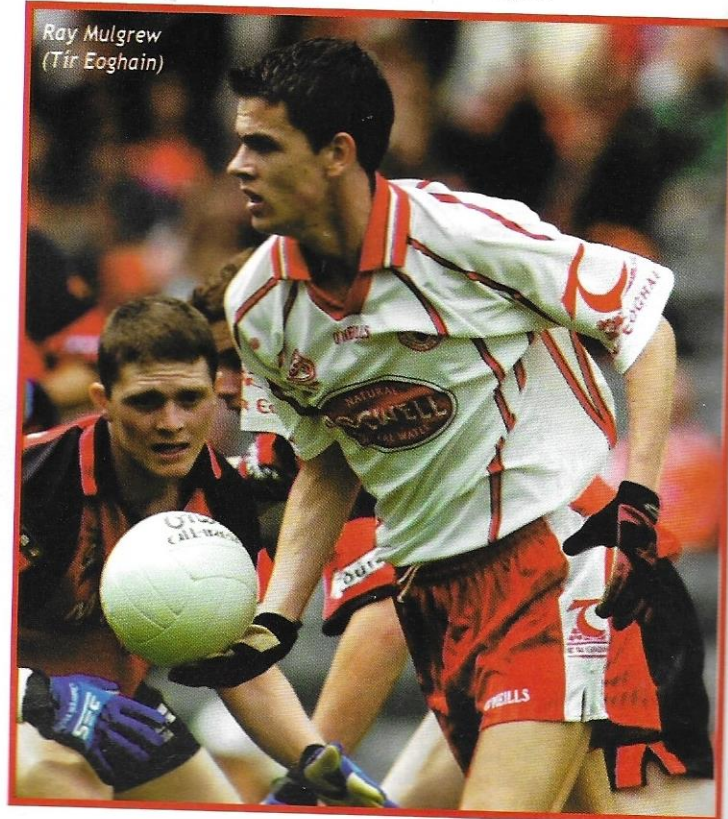
The exchanges continued keen after the restart, but then came that vital goal by Cavanagh. He was put in possession by defender Martin Murray and raced through the Mourne County defence before sending to the net.

Down battled back courageously, but found the Tyrone rearguard in unyielding mood and the O'Neill County boys held out for a deserved, though hard-earned, win.

Mulgrew had a good game for Tyrone and also finished as their top marksman with four points, three from frees. Cavanagh, younger brother of senior player, Sean, highlighted a fine display with that vital goal, while Cathal O'Neill was another to show up well in the attack.

The defence, with right full Niall McGinn and centre half Niall Kerr setting a strong headline, made the opposing attack earn every score the hard way.

Tyrone impressed yet again as a well-drilled side and will not be easily foiled of earning Ulster a first All-Ireland intercounty football title of the year.



Ray Mulgrew (Tír Eoghain)

All-Ireland Minor Football Championship Roll of Honour

11:	Kerry :	1931, 1932, 1933, 1946, 1950, 1962, 1963, 1975, 1980, 1988, 1994.
10:	Dublin:	1930, 1945, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959, 1979, 1982, 1984.
	Cork:	1961, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1972, 1974, 1981, 1991, 1993, 2000.
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5:	Galway:	1952, 1960, 1970, 1976, 1986.
	Tyrone:	1947, 1948, 1973, 1998, 2001.
4:	Derry:	1965, 1983, 1989, 2002.
3:	Roscommon:	1939, 1941, 1951.
	Meath:	1957, 1990, 1992.
	Down:	1977, 1987, 1999.
	Laois:	1996, 1997, 2003.
2:	Cavan:	1937, 1938.
	Louth:	1936, 1940.
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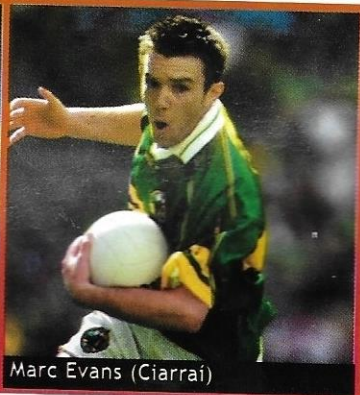
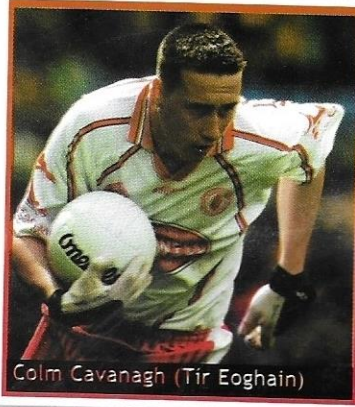
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Top Scorers

Although Cork's David Goulding currently leads the way in the overall scoring chart, it appears likely that Tyrone's Colm Cavanagh will secure the three points required this afternoon to leap-frog him into pole position. Kerry's Mark Evans is also likely to improve on his current position of fifth, with Ray Mulgrew and Gareth Devlin (tied seventh) also seeking promotion.

The top ten (13 incl. ties) marksmen in the minor championship to date are:

1	DAVID GOULDING (CORK)	4-22 (34)
2	COLM CAVANAGH (TYRONE)	6-14 (32)
3	MARTIN CLARKE (DOWN)	0-27
	MICHAEL TIERNEY (LAOIS)	3-18 (27)
5	CHRIS O'CONNOR (ARMAGH)	0-18
	MARK EVANS (KERRY)	1-15 (18)
7	RAY MULGREW (TYRONE)	0-17
	GARETH DEVLIN (TYRONE)	2-11 (17)
9	DAVID CONWAY (LAOIS)	0-14
	C SMITH (LONGFORD)	0-14
	DONIE BRENNAN (LAOIS)	1-11 (14)
	BLAINE KELLY (DUBLIN)	1-11 (14)
	C SINNOTT (WEXFORD)	1-11 (14)



Colm Cavanagh (Tír Eoghain)

Marc Evans (Ciarraí)

Individual Feats

Cork's David Goulding may well lose the top spot in the overall scoring chart this afternoon, but the Leesider is likely to hold on to his lead in the individual feats' chart. However, as Kerry's Mark Evans had already come within a point of the Cork ace, that position is not totally secure, with Colm Cavanagh also showing that a big return is well within his capabilities. In all, ten returns (17 last year) of nine points or better were recorded in the current campaign and they are:

DAVID GOULDING (CORK)	0-12	v WATERFORD - 31ST MARCH, LEMYBRIEN
MARK EVANS (KERRY)	1-8	v KILDARE - 31ST JULY, THE GAELIC GROUNDS
DAVID GOULDING (CORK)	3-2	v WATERFORD - 1ST JULY, DUNGARVAN
COLM BEIRNE (LEITRIM)	0-10	v ROSCOMMON - 26TH JUNE, HYDE PARK
CHRIS O'CONNOR (ARMAGH)	0-10	v MONAGHAN - 30TH MAY, BREFFNI PARK
MICHAEL TIERNEY (LAOIS)	2-4	v DUBLIN - 7TH JULY, DR. CULLEN PARK
MICHAEL TIERNEY (LAOIS)	1-6	v KERRY - 29TH AUGUST, CROKE PARK
BLAINE KELLY (DUBLIN)	1-6	v WEXFORD - 15TH MAY, WEXFORD PARK
COLM CAVANAGH (TYRONE)	2-3	v ROSCOMMON - 31ST JULY, BREFFNI PARK
SEAN ARMSTRONG (GALWAY)	2-3	v ROSCOMMON - 18TH JULY, CASTLEBAR

Paths to the Final

Ciarraí



31st March, Ennis:
Kerry 1-10; Clare 0-4

1st July, Limerick:
Kerry 1-13; Tipperary 1-5

11th July, Limerick:
Kerry 0-9; Cork 0-9

15th July, Páirc Uí Chaoimh:
Kerry 0-13; Cork 1-7

31st July, Limerick:
Kerry 2-18; Kildare 1-10

29th August, Croke Park:
Kerry 1-10; Laois 1-8

Total Scored: 5-73 (88). Total Conceded: 4-43 (55) Average: 1.60

	1	2	3	4	5	6	SCORE	TOTAL
MARK EVANS	0-1	—	0-2	0-2	1-8	0-2	1-15	18
JOHN BUCKLEY	0-2	0-2	0-3	0-4	0-2	—	0-13	13
DARREN O'SULLIVAN	0-3	0-2	0-1	—	0-2	1-0	1-8	11
BRIAN MORAN	—	0-1	0-2	0-4	0-1	0-2	0-10	10
MICHAEL O'DONOGHUE	0-3	0-1	0-1	—	0-2	—	0-7	7
BILLY DENNEHY	0-1	0-5	—	—	—	—	0-6	6
RORY KEATING	—	—	—	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-6	6
SHANE MURPHY	—	1-0	—	0-1	0-1	—	1-2	5
PAUL O'CONNOR	—	—	—	—	—	0-3	0-3	3
KIERAN O'LEARY	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	3
ANDREW KENNELLY	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	1-0	3
DANIEL DOYLE	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-1	1
PADDY CURRAN	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-1	1
DAVID O'CONNOR	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	1

Tír Eoghain



9th May, Clones:
Tyrone 2-15; Derry 1-10

6th June, Clones:
Tyrone 1-13; Fermanagh 0-8

27th June, Enniskillen:
Tyrone 3-13; Donegal 1-3

11th July, Croke Park:
Tyrone 0-11; Down 0-11

18th July, Casement Park (replay):
Tyrone 0-15; Down 0-8

31st July, Breffni Park:
Tyrone 2-15; Roscommon 0-2

21st August, Casement Park:
Tyrone 1-8; Down 1-7

Total Scored: 9-90 (117) Total Conceded: 3-49 (58) Average: 2.02

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	SCORE	TOTAL
COLM CAVANAGH	—	1-2	2-1	0-3	0-5	2-3	1-0	6-14	32
RAY MULGREW	0-2	0-3	0-2	0-2	0-4	—	0-4	0-17	17
GARETH DEVLIN	1-3	0-2	1-2	0-3	—	—	0-1	2-11	17
CATHAL O'NEILL	0-5	—	0-2	—	0-3	0-2	0-1	0-13	13
RONAN McRORY	0-2	0-1	0-2	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-7	7
CATHAL McCARRON	1-1	0-1	0-1	—	—	0-1	—	1-4	7
MARC CUNNINGHAM	0-1	0-1	—	—	0-1	0-3	—	0-6	6
STEPHEN DONAGHY	—	—	0-1	—	0-1	0-2	—	0-4	4
MARTIN MURRAY	0-1	—	0-1	0-1	—	—	—	0-3	3
SHANE O'HAGAN	—	—	0-1	0-2	—	—	—	0-3	3
AIDAN CASSIDY	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-2	2
NIALL KERR	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	1
BRENDAN BOGGS	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	1
K DEVLIN	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	1
P J QUINN	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	0-1	1
SEAN O'NEILL	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-1	1
GERARD MCGAUGHEY	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-1	1

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G. Mac Eochaidh
(Acadh Lú)
- (22) **John Kelly**
S. Ó Ceallaigh
(Aireagal Chiaráin)
- (23) **Conor O'Hare**
C. Ó hIir
(An Chorra Chríochach)
- (24) **Shane McMahon**
S. Mac Mathúna
(An Droim Mór)



Ciarraí agus Tír Eoghain

First and last meetings

First Meeting

1975 - Kerry 1-10 Tyrone 0-4

Kerry's ability to soak up a lot of early pressure from an industrious Tyrone attack meant that when play began to flow to the other end the leeway to be made up was negligible - as the Ulster champions had but one point on the board, and that was soon equalled and the Kingdom were on their way. Midfield was a Kerry preserve for lengthy periods

thanks to the tremendous work-rate of Sean Walsh and Neilly O'Donovan, but the scores came slowly as, after Jack O'Shea had levelled at the eighth minute, only three points were added to the Kingdom's tally before the break (0-4 to 0-1).

To this stage Tyrone were in serious contention and the possibility of overhauling the pacemakers was there early in the second half as Paul Donnelly and Damian O'Hagan looked particularly dangerous. But when no flag was raised the

pendulum inevitably swung the other way and what proved to be the clinching score came at the 39th minute when Jack O'Shea placed the ball beyond Aidan Skelton's reach with a perfectly-placed shot. Within a minute Mulvihill and O'Donovan stretched the lead with Tyrone's late points no more than statistics.

Kerry scorers: J.O'Shea 1-3, F.Scannell 0-2, J.Mulvihill 0-2, N.O'Donovan 0-1, C.O'Connor 0-1, R.Bunyan 0-1.

Tyrone scorers: D.O'Hagan 0-2,

M.McAnnery 0-1, M.McCay 0-1. Kerry - C.Nelligan, V.O'Connor, M.O'Sullivan, M.Colgan, J.J.O'Connor, M.Spillane, G.Casey, S.Walsh, N.O'Donovan, F.Scannell, J.Mulvihill, R.Bunyan, C.O'Connor, J.O'Shea, P.Sheehan. Tyrone - A.Skelton, B.Campbell, K.McGarvey, P.McCallan, P.J.Trainor, K.McCabe, J.J.Campbell, T.O'Rourke, A.McCallin, P.Teague, M.McCay, P.Donnelly, D.O'Hagan, M.McAnnery, S.Daly. Subs - S.Donnelly for O'Rourke, E.McCann for Daly.

Last Meeting

2002 - Kerry 3-14 Tyrone 1-8

Reigning All-Ireland champions Tyrone had struggled somewhat in qualifying for this quarter/final clash with Kerry as they took two meetings to get by both Armagh and Monaghan before they narrowly lost the Ulster final to Derry. Kerry, on the other hand had been much more impressive in winning the Munster title, although they did come a cropper in the opening round of the round-robin when they lost to Tipperary, but they defeated the same opposition in the provincial final by 13 points.

Such form lines indicated that it could be a tough afternoon for the champions and so it proved as from the start Kerry looked the more likely victors. A goal after 15 minutes by Colin O'Connor set them on the way and points by Michael O'Riordan, Declan O'Sullivan and Ben Brosnan helped them into an interval lead of eight points - 1-7 to 0-2. Three unanswered points on the restart stretched the advantage into double figures before Colm Dorris replied for Tyrone, but a 50th-minute goal by

O'Connor ended any lingering doubts about the outcome. Brosnan added a third goal at the 52nd minute with Pat Earley's late major of little consolation to the losers.

Kerry scorers: C.O'Connor 2-1, D.O'Sullivan 0-4, B.Brosnan 1-1, M.O'Riordan 0-3, D.Doona 0-3, D.Walsh 0-1, C.MacGearailt 0-1.

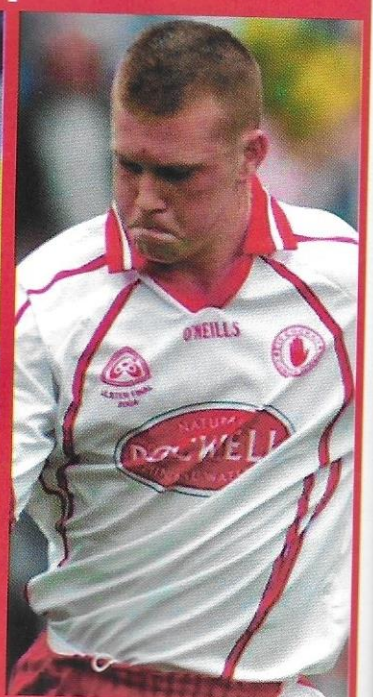
Tyrone scorers: P.Earley 1-3, C.Bannon 0-1, D.Meenah 0-1, C.Shields 0-1, C.Dorris 0-1, G.O'Reilly 0-1.

Kerry - B.Sheehan, M.Breen, C.Ó Céileachair, J.Clifford, J.Brosnan, M.Cronin, P.Sheehan, P.Madden, D.Walsh, M.O'Riordan, D.O'Sullivan, C.MacGearailt, B.Brosnan, D.Doona, C.O'Connor. Subs - D.Breen for MacGearailt, B.Casey for O'Sullivan, L.Sheehan for Walsh, P.Heaslip for Ó Céileachair, D.McCarthy for O'Connor. **Tyrone** - C.Greene, D.Carling, P.Armour, M.McStrabog, R.O'Neill, J.Hall, P.O'Kane, M.McCreesh, C.Donnelly, P.Earley, C.Bannon, D.Meenah, C.Shields, C.Dorris, D.McDermott. Subs - M.Hughes for Barrett, G.O'Reilly for McDermott, A.Fox for McStrabog, M.Cunningham for Shields.

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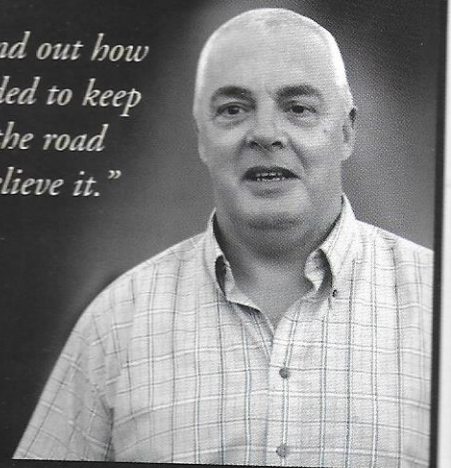
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Kerry make their point in decisive semi-final victory



Colm Cooper (Ciarraí) goes for a point against Derry in the 2004 Bank of Ireland Senior Football Championship Semi-Final Replay at Croke Park.

Excellent points scoring featured in Kerry's decisive win over Derry at Croke Park last month to earn this first Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football final appearance since losing to Armagh two years ago.

The Munster champions recorded their highest points tally of the campaign so far at seventeen with Colm Cooper leading the way with six, three from frees, in a very polished and confident display that resulted in a 1-17 to 1-11 win.

It is an indication of how much Kerry were in command in the second half that five of Derry's points were scored in the closing stages after the Kingdom had built up a 1-17 to 1-6 advantage.

Cooper had an excellent game overall, but his quality play and points scoring were not the only highlights of the Kerry success.

Tomás Ó Sé was on top of his game in the half back line, where he proved a major stumbling block to the Derry

attack and he also found time to sally up field and score two points.

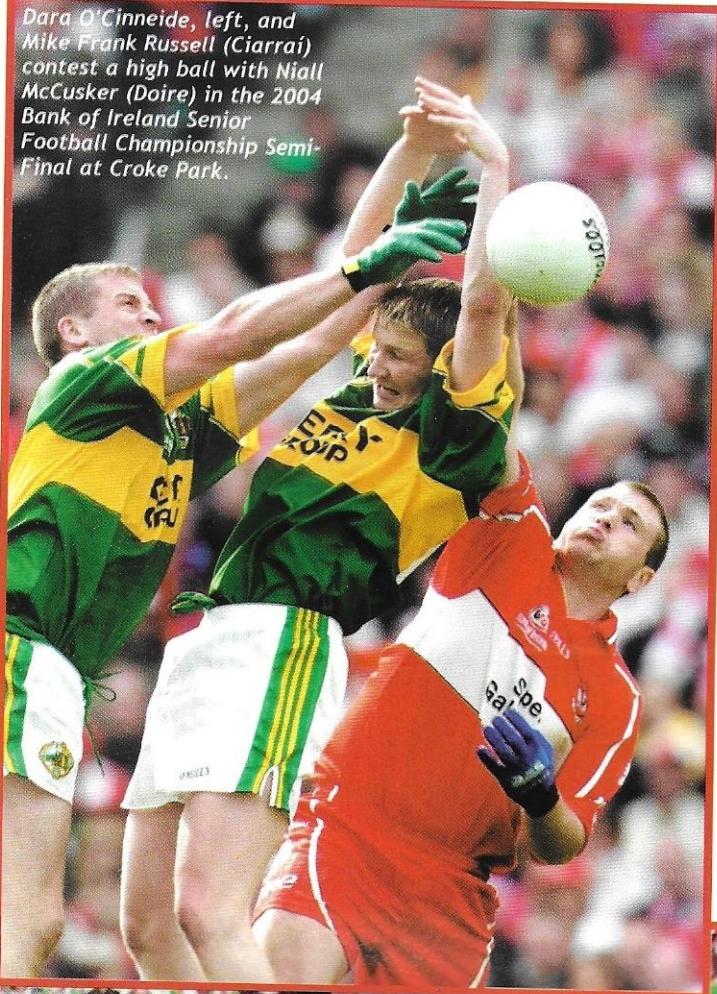
Michael Frank Russell, omitted from the starting XV, went in as a substitute for the injured Darragh Ó Sé after twenty minutes and sent out a strong signal to the back-room team with a powered-packed display, highlighted by two fine points.

Eoin Brosnan, first in attack and later at midfield where he took over from the injured Darragh Ó Sé, Paul Gavin, who scored a point and helped to

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Dara O'Conneide, left, and Mike Frank Russell (Ciarraí) contest a high ball with Niall McCusker (Doire) in the 2004 Bank of Ireland Senior Football Championship Semi-Final at Croke Park.



create other scores, and Eamonn Fitzmaurice at right centre half back were other aces in the Kerry pack.

BRISK OPENING

The Munster champions opened in brisk fashion, were three points clear after ten minutes and looked to be heading for a very comfortable interval lead. But Derry hit back with a goal by Enda Muldoon and went on to produce their best football of the game as they built up a 1-4 to 0-4 advantage after twenty-six minutes.

However, the Kingdom regained the momentum and points by Tomás Ó Sé, Galvin, William Kirby and Cooper had them ahead at the break by 0-8 to 1-4.

Kerry maintained the pressure right from the restart. They produced fast, clever and effective football and they dominated matters so well that Derry failed to score until the 22nd minute of the half.

By then Kerry were comfortably on the way to the final with some splendid scores, including a goal by Declan O'Sullivan. Derry, to their credit, did continue to battle on bravely and finished with a flurry that yielded those five late points.

This was a first-rate display by Kerry. Their defence tightened up greatly in the second half, midfield did well, even after the loss of Darragh Ó Sé, and the points scoring was extra special. Another impressive step, then, by the Kingdom along a road that is proving a very successful one this year.

A first Allianz League title in seven years last May, a successful defence of the Munster crown and now a place in football's top attraction of the year signals top-class form – form that could see them annex the national titles double, a feat that looked highly unlikely after their disappointment of last year.



The Kerry team that defeated Derry in the Semi-final.



Ciarraí - Path to the Final

Ciarraí

23rd May, Ennis: Kerry 2-10; Clare	0-9
13th June, Killarney: Kerry 0-15; Cork	0-7
11th July, the Gaelic Grounds: Kerry 1-10; Limerick	1-10
18th July, Killarney (replay): Kerry 3-10; Limerick	2-9
14th August, Croke Park: Kerry 1-15; Dublin	1-8
29th August, Croke Park: Kerry 1-17; Derry	1-11
Total Scored	8-77 (101)
Total Conceded	5-54 (69)
Average	1.46

Scoreboard

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Total
Dara Ó Cinnéide	–	0-1	0-3	1-7	1-5	0-2	2-18	24
Mike Frank Russell	0-5	0-7	1-4	0-1	–	0-2	1-19	22
Colm Cooper	0-1	0-3	0-2	–	0-5	0-6	0-17	17
Eoin Brosnan	1-4	0-1	0-1	1-1	–	0-1	2-8	11
Tomás Ó Sé	–	0-1	–	1-0	–	0-2	1-3	6
William Kirby	–	0-2	–	–	0-2	0-1	0-5	5
Declan O'Sullivan	–	–	–	–	0-1	1-0	1-1	4
Paul Galvin	–	–	–	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-3	3
Johnny Crowley	1-0	–	–	–	–	–	1-0	3
Liam Hassett	–	–	–	–	0-1	–	0-1	1
Darragh Ó Sé	–	–	–	–	–	0-1	0-1	1
Paddy Kelly	–	–	–	–	–	0-1	0-1	1



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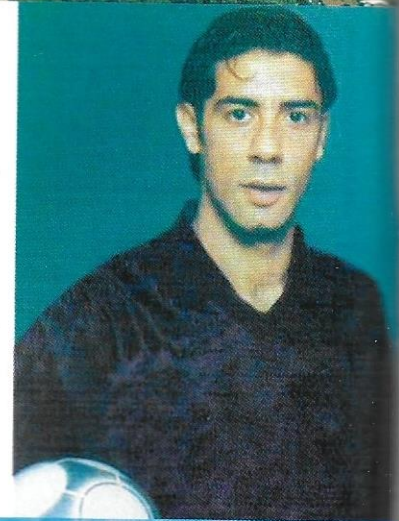


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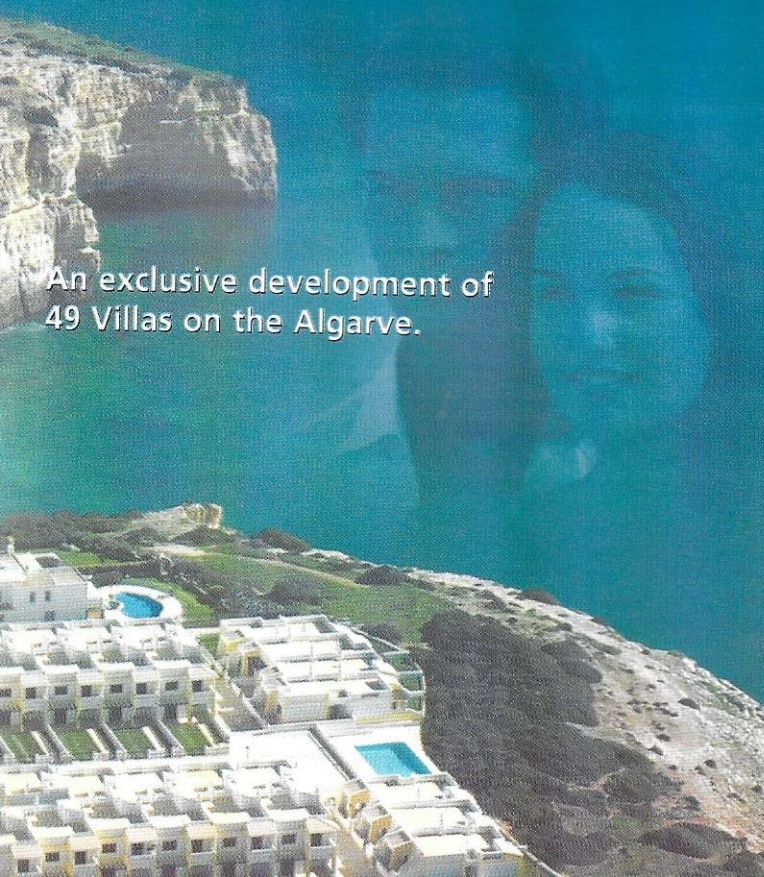
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Conor Mortimer

by Jackie Cahill

THE BLEACHED BLONDE HAIR, TURNED-UP COLLAR AND COCKY FOOTBALL

IN Mayo he's known as the blonde-haired boy with the golden boot and at Croke Park this afternoon, you'll see plenty of Conor Mortimer.

It's hard to miss him - the guy with the bleached blonde hair, turned-up collars and the cocky football.

He's 21 years of age, lethal off either foot and in six championship matches, he's kicked 1-41 for Mayo.

He's scorer-in-chief, the team's main free-taker and he's arguably the most talented forward to come out of the county in years.

Mortimer, the youngest of three brothers who have worn the Mayo shirt, was marked out as a special talent from a very early stage but 1999 was the watershed in Mortimer's career.

He failed to make the minor championship panel despite having played all through the league campaign. The Mayo management cited disciplinary reasons and Mortimer heeded the warning.

A year later, and under the same management, Mortimer was the best player on the Mayo minor team which contested a second successive All-Ireland final, unfortunately losing again.

Mortimer won a Connacht U21 championship medal in 2003 and is now the main man in the senior team's full forward line - the main recipient of those probing passes from centre forward Kieran McDonald.

Not much fazes Mortimer who has nerves of steel but he admits that with three minutes remaining in the All-Ireland semi final replay victory over Fermanagh, he felt huge pressure.

David Heaney had charged into the Fermanagh half to win a free and with Mayo behind by a point, the

responsibility to level the match rested on Mortimer's young shoulders.

"I still feel that that late free against Fermanagh was the most important point that I hit all year," he reflected.

"There was huge pressure on that and to be honest it was the first time that I felt pressure all year.

"I just had a think about what I was to do, regained my composure and put it over the bar."

Buoyed by that crucial score, Conor's brother Trevor went on to fist the lead score before Austin O'Malley sealed the issue to guarantee Mayo a final place.

"We have more belief this year," Conor explained.

"After we beat Tyrone I think that was obvious - we opened them up a little and once that happened we knew we would beat them.

"The two games against Fermanagh were poor displays but we won.

"They were a very tough team and we knew that because they beat Armagh.

"With five or six minutes to go in the drawn game, playing with 14 men, we could have folded but the fact that we hung on says a lot about the side."

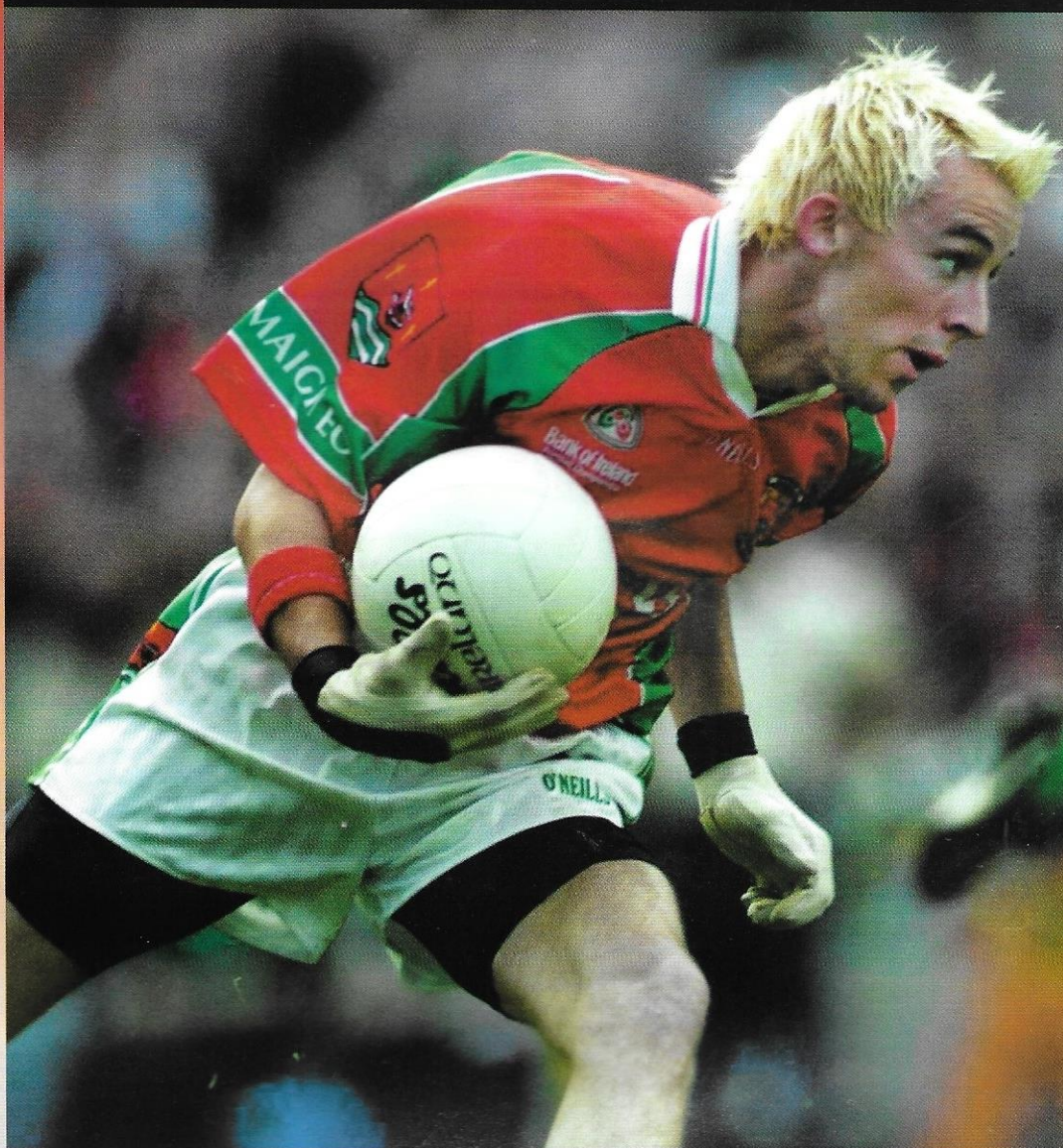
Conor, who works in the family's quarry business, is now eager for the throw-in against Kerry.

He said: "It's cool, it's nice to be here and it's nice to be playing football at this stage of the year.

"I will be a little uptight but that's ok because I hate to lose and I won't even contemplate the thought.

"There has been a huge buzz around Mayo but I can guarantee you that nerves won't affect me."

That coolness under pressure, coupled with a burning desire to succeed, makes Conor Mortimer a special player. He's one to watch this afternoon.



CONOR MORTIMER (MAIGH EO)



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The Difficult Double

Today for the first time in more than 20 years Kerry are poised to bring of the senior-minor double - a difficult assignment by any reckoning to judge by the results of recent decades. It wasn't always so in the case of the Kingdom who, at the first attempt and on several occasions in subsequent years, emerged victors on two fronts on All-Ireland final day.

Kerry was the first county to contest senior and minor finals in the one year, which was in 1931 when the seniors defeated Kildare and the minors Louth. A year later the feat was repeated when Mayo (senior) and Laois (minor) were overcome. It should be noted, however, that neither of these doubles was won on the same day or at Croke Park.

The first county to try for the double on the same afternoon was Cavan in 1937 when the minors beat Wexford, but the seniors had to settle for a draw with Kerry before losing the replay. Kerry was back on the double trail in 1938 only to lose on both counts - to Cavan (minor) and to Galway on a replay. But the third double success was achieved in 1946 as the minors defeated Dublin allied to the seniors replay win over Roscommon.

Cavan returned to contest both finals in 1952, but a split verdict saw them win the senior clash with Meath and lose to Galway minors. Kerry lost both finals in 1954 while the following year Dublin had mixed luck with the minors defeating Tipperary while the seniors lost to Kerry. But it came right for the capital in 1958 when wins were recorded over Derry (senior) and Mayo (minor). The Kingdom chalked up their fourth double in 1962 with

victories over Roscommon and Mayo, but three years later both finals were lost to Galway (senior) and Derry.

Cork's first venture in search of the double saw the minors win from Laois in 1967 while the seniors went down to Meath, and when Kerry appeared in both finals in 1970 the seniors won from Meath and the minors lost to Galway on a replay. But the Kingdom's fifth double was annexed in 1975 when Dublin and Tyrone were beaten, and when Dublin again challenged it was to lose the 1978 deciders to Kerry (senior) and Mayo (minor).

The 1979 clash of Kerry and Dublin extended to both grades with the honours being divided. Kerry took on Roscommon in the 1980 senior final and the minors win over Derry brought the county its sixth senior-minor double.

Since then no county has succeeded in bringing off the double despite the best efforts of Kerry (1982), Dublin (1984), Cork (1987), Meath (1990) and Cork again in 1993. That it is becoming progressively more difficult to mount the dual challenge is evident by the fact that it is now eleven years since Cork's bid in '93 - the longest period without a double appearance on final day since the first minor final was played 75 years ago.

In all, 22 attempts, involving five counties, have been made to annex both titles in the one year with Kerry far ahead of the pack boasting six successes with Dublin the only other county to bring it off on one occasion. Going on present trends Kerry's position is unlikely to be challenged in the near (or distant) future.



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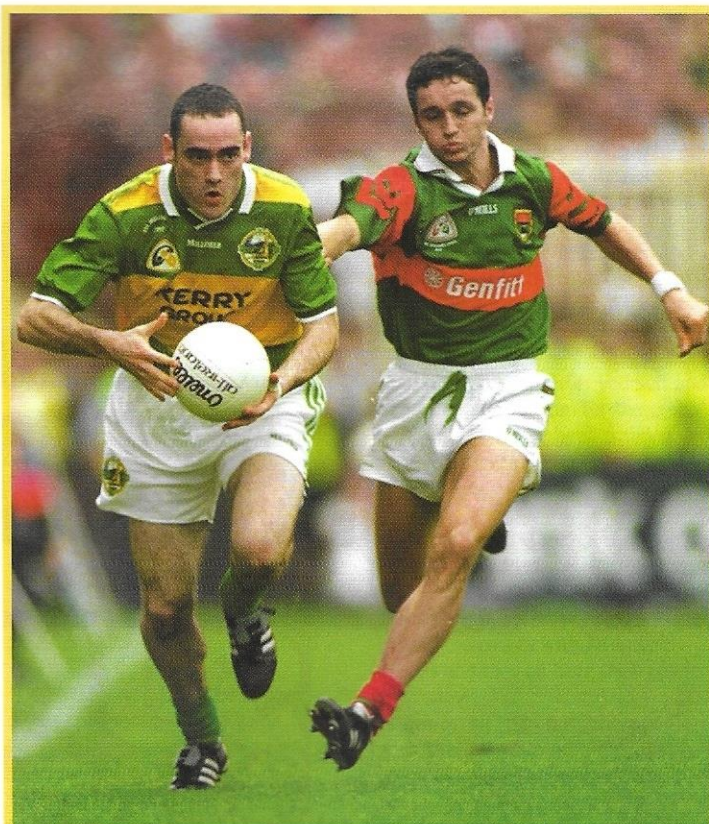


Head-to-Head

Today Kerry and Mayo clash for the 18th time with the Kingdom enjoying a 13-4 lead in the series to date. Both finals between the counties have been won by Kerry, although the last eight meetings have seen each side win on four occasions. The details of the 17 matches are:

1903 - semi/final, Limerick:
Kerry 2-7; Mayo 0-4
1908 - semi/final, Limerick:
Kerry 2-4; Mayo 0-1
1909 - semi/final, Ennis:
Kerry 2-12; Mayo 0-6
1910 - semi/final, Tuam:
Kerry 1-7; Mayo 0-4
1924 - semi/final, Croke Park:
Kerry 1-4; Mayo 0-1
1929 - semi/final, Roscommon:
Kerry 3-8; Mayo 1-1
1930 - semi/final, Roscommon:
Kerry 1-9; Mayo 0-4

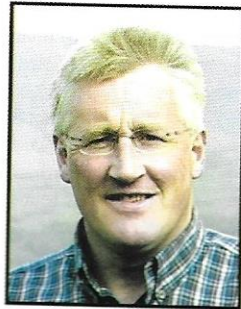
1931 - semi/final, Tuam:
Kerry 1-6; Mayo 1-4
1932 - Final, Croke Park:
Kerry 2-7; Mayo 2-4
1936 - semi/final, Roscommon:
Mayo 1-5; Kerry 0-6
1939 - semi/final, Croke Park:
Kerry 0-4; Mayo 0-4
replay, Croke Park:
Kerry 3-8; Mayo 1-4
1948 - semi/final, Croke Park:
Mayo 0-13; Kerry 0-3
1951 - semi/final, Croke Park:
Mayo 1-5; Kerry 1-5
replay, Croke Park:
Mayo 2-4; Kerry 1-5
1969 - semi/final, Croke Park:
Kerry 0-14; Mayo 1-10
1981 - semi/final, Croke Park:
Kerry 2-19; Mayo 1-6
1996 - semi/final, Croke Park:
Mayo 2-13; Kerry 1-10
1997 - Final, Croke Park:
Kerry 0-13; Mayo 1-7



Pa Laide (Ciarraí) is tackled by Mayo's Noel Connelly in the 1997 All-Ireland Final at Croke Park.



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Eamonn Fitzmaurice

by Jackie Cahill

...THEY SEEMED TO HAVE A FEROCIOUS HUNGER THAT DAY

KERRY centre half back Eamon Fitzmaurice has an unenviable task in this afternoon's Bank of Ireland football final showdown with Mayo.

His mission, if he chooses to accept it, is to put the skids under Mayo's star turn Ciarán McDonald.

Super-Mac has been in scintillating form for Mayo this year, contributing 0-8 in the championship as well as creating a host of scoring opportunities with those accurate deliveries to the Mortimer brothers inside.

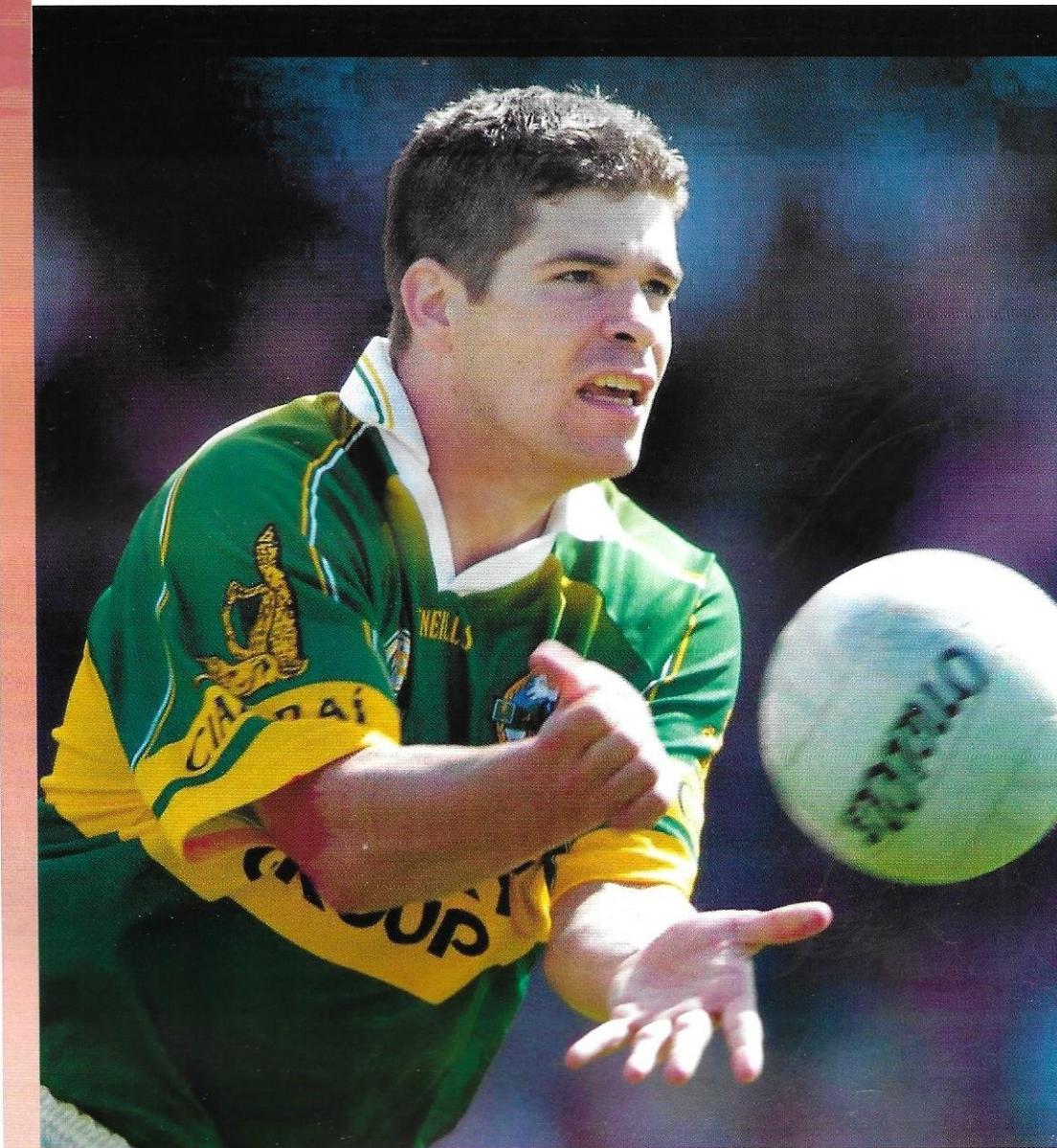
If McDonald gets the space and the right type of possession today, he'll wreak havoc on the Kerry defence but that's where Fitzmaurice comes in.

A vastly-experienced defender, Fitzmaurice will have his homework done before throw-in but acknowledges the huge task he faces against McDonald.

The Finuge clubman admitted: "McDonald has been outstanding this year - he has to be in the running for the Player of the Year award with the form he's been in.

"But at the same time, they're the challenges you want as an intercounty footballer and he's up there to be knocked down.

"I would be hopeful of doing a job but I'll definitely have to be on top



EAMONN FITZMAURICE (CIARRAÍ)



of my game coming up against a player like that.

"McDonald is a serious link-man for the Mayo team, he goes deep and sets all their attacks in motion", Fitzmaurice explained.

"He's the fulcrum of their attack, he scores points too but his key role is as a playmaker."

Fitzmaurice made his league debut against Meath in 1996 but had to wait for two years to play championship football for the county.

He was training with the panel in 1997 but missed out on their All-

Ireland winning campaign after tearing ankle ligaments.

Fitzmaurice, who is also the proud holder of a county hurling championship medal with Lixnaw, came on as a substitute in the Munster championship tie against Cork in 1998 and hasn't looked back since.

The 26-year-old seems to get better and better each season and in the final against Armagh two years ago, he kicked a first half point when Kerry were on top.

He won't have much opportunity to charge forward this afternoon with a player of McDonald's calibre to attend to.

"I definitely am conscious of my direct opponent before a game," said Fitzmaurice, who pinpointed Mayo as serious championship contenders following their demolition job on Galway on June 27.

"Myself and my team-mate Paul Galvin watched that game together", Fitzmaurice recalled.

"We just remarked that they seemed to have a ferocious hunger that day.

"They seemed very determined and concentrated on their task and that has continued all summer," the Dingle-based schoolteacher noted.

"The hunger is to better yourself and to do the best you can for the group of players you have been training with since last November and that can be a huge hunger.

"In Kerry, there is such a tradition", Fitzmaurice added.

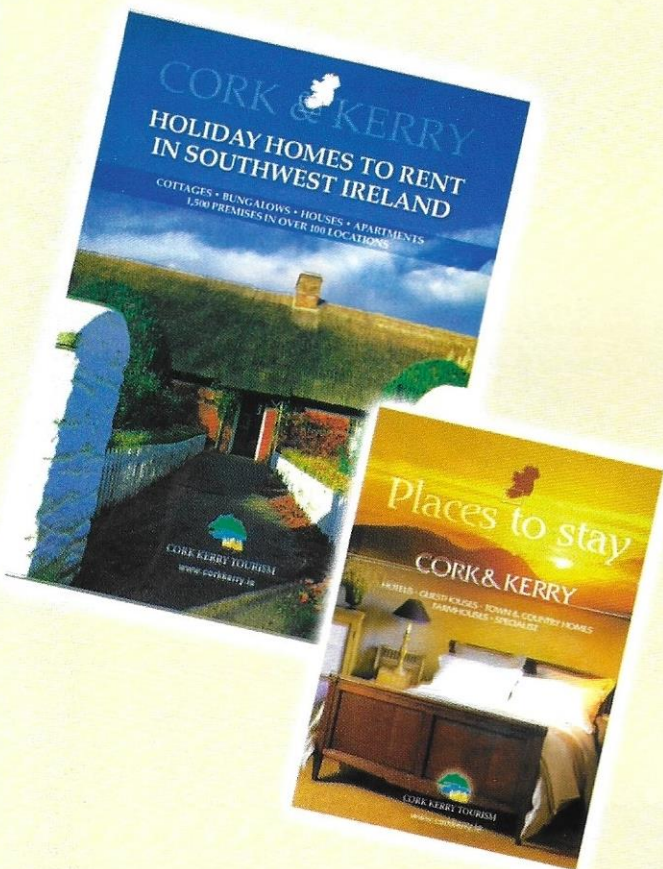
"There are still a lot of people knocking around the county with All-Ireland medals and they all have their opinion.

"More often than not, the people with the negative opinions are going to make themselves heard while the positive people are usually the quiet ones.

"But it's not a thing that bothers us and of course if we win, everything will be positive for a couple of months."

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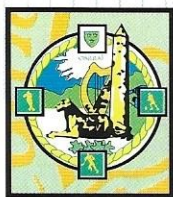
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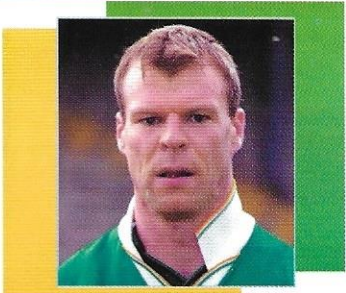
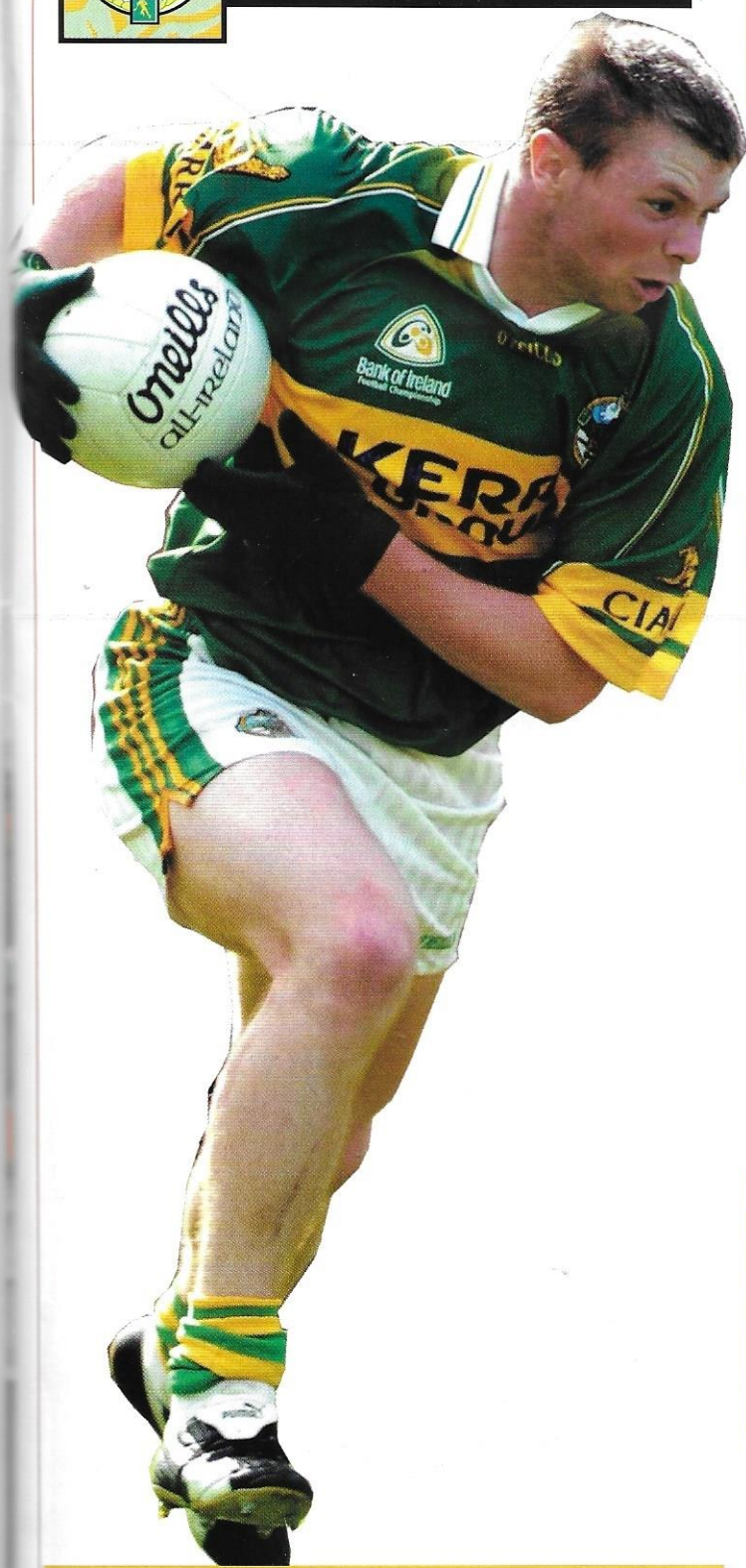
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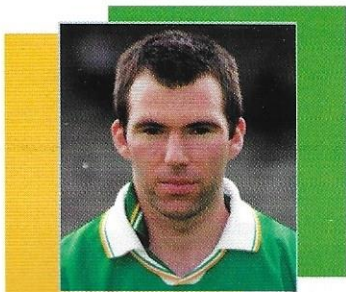


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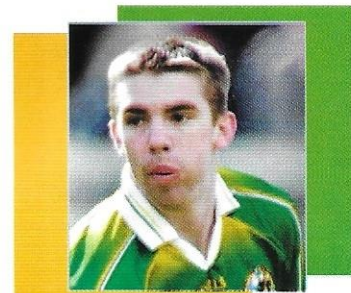
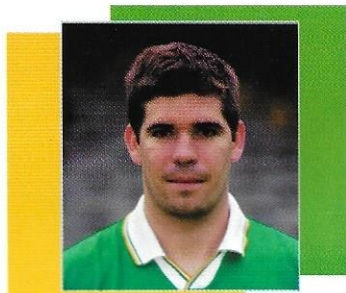
1. Diarmuid Murphy
(Dingle)
Age: 29 Ht: 6'3" Weight: 14st. 5lbs.
Occupation: Insurance Clerical Officer
Has filled the considerable void left by the departure of Declan O'Keefe with some aplomb. A very reliable custodian.
Honours Won: 2 All-Ireland Under 21, 3 Munster Junior, 3 Munster Senior, 1 NFL.

2. Tom O'Sullivan
(Rathmore)
Age: 25 Ht: 6'2" Wt: 13st.
Occupation: Garda
The Rathmore Garda has had a solid year at corner back and has been an ever-present in the Kingdom defence this season
Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 4 Munster Senior; 1 All-Ireland U-21; 2 Munster U-21; All-Ireland Vocational Schools; 3 County SFC, 1 National League.



3. Michael McCarthy
(Kilcummin)
Age: 26 Ht: 6'0" Wt: 14st.
Occupation: Draftsman
An All-Ireland medal winner in 2000, he has generally looked comfortable at full back since taking over from Seamus Moynihan.
Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 1 All-Ireland U21, 1 Munster Minor, 4 Munster Senior, 1 All-Star, 2000, 1 NFL.

4. Aidan O'Mahoney
(Rathmore)
Age: 23 Ht: 5' 11" Wt: 13st.
Occupation: Dawn Dairies
Another ever-present for the Kingdom this season, he is a very solid and tight marking corner back playing in his first All Ireland final
Honours Won: 1 National League, 1 Munster Senior.



6. Eamonn Fitzmaurice
(Finuge)
Age: 26 Ht: 6'1" Wt: 14st.
Occupation: Teacher
Another who played in the 2000 final, the Finuge teacher gives little away easily and is also an accomplished hurler.
Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 2 All-Ireland U-21, 1 All-Ireland Minor, 4 Munster Senior, 1 McGrath Cup, 2 Munster U-21, 1 Munster Junior, 1 County SHC, 1 Cork County SFC (UCC), 1 Munster Club (UCC), 1 NFL.

7. Marc Ó Sé
(An Ghaeltacht)
Occupation: Teacher
Age: 24 Ht: 6'0" Wt: 12st.
The youngest Ó Sé brother, he played at corner back in the 2002 final against Armagh. An excellent reader of the game.
Honours Won: 1 Munster Minor, 2 Munster Senior, 2 County SFC, 1 NFL, 1 Munster Club.

5. Tomás Ó Sé
(An Ghaeltacht)
Age: 26 Ht: 5'11" Wt: 12st. 5lbs.
Occupation: Teacher
In Moynihan's absence, the Gaeltacht clubman has frequently provided the drive for Kerry this season and knows where the posts are too.
Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 1 All-Ireland U-21, 3 Munster U-21, 1 Munster Minor, 5 Munster Senior, 2 County SFCr, 1 NFL, 1 Munster Club.



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11. Declan O'Sullivan

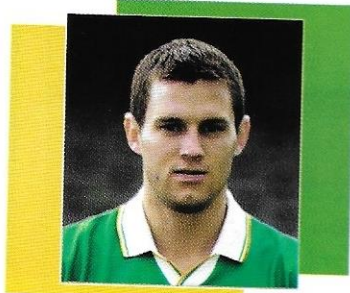
(Dromid Pearses)

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

Occupation: Merchandising

One of the brightest young prospects in the game, his ball control ability to run at defences creates space for those around him.

Honours Won: 2 Munster Senior, 1 Munster Minor, 1 Munster Under 21, 1 NFL.



8. Eoin Brosnan

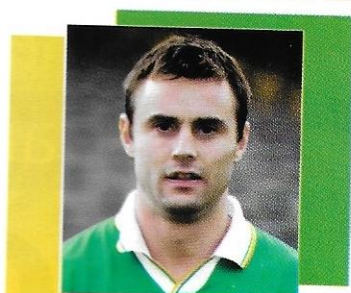
(Dr. Crokes)

Age: 24 Ht: 6' 3" Wt: 13st.

Occupation: Trainee Solicitor

Equally effective when deployed at centre field or in the half forward line, his direct running causes endless problems for the opposition.

Honours Won: 1 County SFC, 3 Munster Senior, 1 Cork County SFC (UCC), 1 Munster Minor, 1 Munster Club, 1 NFL.



9. William Kirby

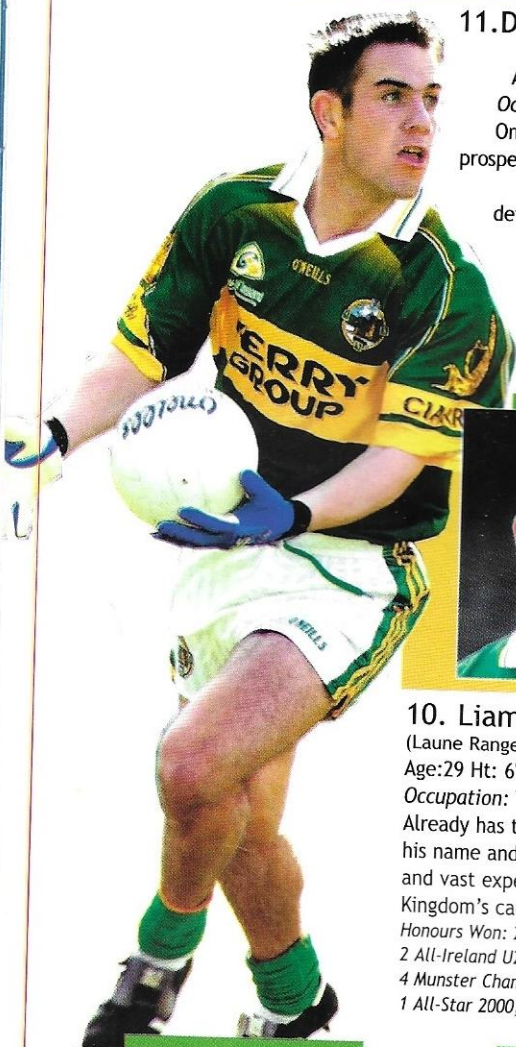
(Austin Stack)

Age: 29 Ht: 6' 2" Wt: 14st.

Occupation: Plumber

A very experienced campaigner, on his day he is an excellent fielder and Kerry will need him at the top of his game to triumph today.

Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 2 National League, 2 All-Ireland Under 21, 4 Munster Senior, 2 Sigerson Cup.



10. Liam Hassett

(Laune Rangers)

Age: 29 Ht: 6' 2" Weight: 14st.

Occupation: Teacher

Already has two All-Ireland medals to his name and his tireless work rate and vast experience is crucial to the Kingdom's cause.

Honours Won: 2 All-Ireland Senior, 2 All-Ireland U21, 1 All-Ireland Club 1996, 4 Munster Championship, 2 NFL, 1 All-Star 2000, 1 Railway Cup 1999.



12. Paul Galvin

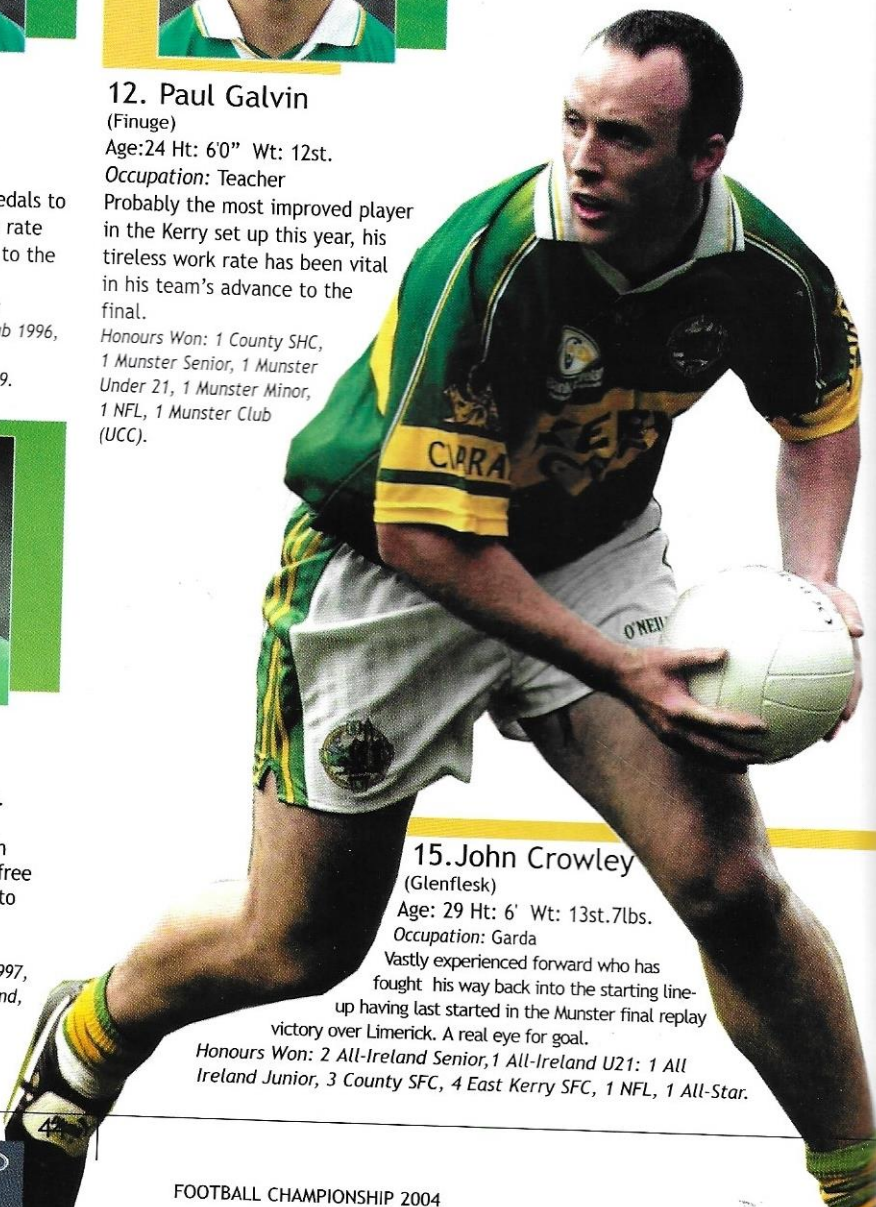
(Finuge)

Age: 24 Ht: 6'0" Wt: 12st.

Occupation: Teacher

Probably the most improved player in the Kerry set up this year, his tireless work rate has been vital in his team's advance to the final.

Honours Won: 1 County SHC, 1 Munster Senior, 1 Munster Under 21, 1 Munster Minor, 1 NFL, 1 Munster Club (UCC).



13. Colm Cooper

(Dr. Crokes)

Age: 21 Ht: 5'11" Wt: 10st.

Occupation: Bank Official

The slightly built Dr. Crokes player is one of the most naturally gifted forwards in the game and in full flight is a joy to watch.

Honours Won: 1 Munster Minor, 1 Munster Under 21, 3 Munster Senior, 1 NFL, 1 All-Star.



14. Dara Ó Cinnéide

(An Ghaeltacht)

Age: 29 Ht: 5' 10" Wt: 13st.7lbs.

Occupation: Radio na Gaeltachta

Has won virtually every honour in the game and is the side's main free taker. Enters the final with 2-18 to his credit. Expect him to add to that today.

Honours Won: 2 All-Ireland Senior 1997, 2 All-Ireland U-21, 1 Junior All-Ireland, 1 Railway Cup 1999, 2 NFL, 2 County SFC, 1 Munster Club Championship.

15. John Crowley

(Glenflesk)

Age: 29 Ht: 6' Wt: 13st.7lbs.

Occupation: Garda

Vastly experienced forward who has fought his way back into the starting line-up having last started in the Munster final replay victory over Limerick. A real eye for goal.

Honours Won: 2 All-Ireland Senior, 1 All-Ireland U21, 1 All-Ireland Junior, 3 County SFC, 4 East Kerry SFC, 1 NFL, 1 All-Star.



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<p>161. Níallán Cremen (Dr. Crokes) Age: 23 Ht: 6' 0" Wt: 14st.5lbs. Occupation: Garda Honours: Won: 1 NFL, 1 Munster Senior, 1 Munster Under 21, 1 Munster Junior, 1 Munster Minor.</p>	
<p>172. Michael Frank Russell (Laune Rangers) Age: 26 Ht: 5' 11" Wt: 11st.7lbs. Occupation: Student Teacher Honours: Won: 2 All-Ireland Senior, 2 All-Ireland U-21; 1 All-Ireland Minor, 1 All-Ireland Club, 1 All-Ireland Colleges, 2 NFL, 1 Sigerson Cup, 3 County SFC, 1 All-Star 2000.</p>	
<p>180. Paddy Kelly (Ballylongford) Age: 23 Ht: 6' 0" Wt: 13st.7lbs. Occupation: Student Honours: Won: 1 Munster Senior, 1 Munster U21.</p>	
<p>181. Seamus Moynihan (Glenflesk) Age: 28 Ht: 5'11" Wt: 13st. Occupation: Co. Representative. Honours: Won: 2 All-Ireland Senior, 2 NFL, 1 Railway Cup, 4 Sigerson Cup, 1 All-Ireland Colleges, 5 Munster Senior, 2 Munster U-21, 1 Munster Minor, International Rules (1998, 1999, 2000, 2001), 1 County SFC, 2 All-Stars (1997, 2000).</p>	
<p>183. Michael Quinke (Kerins O'Rahillys) Age: 26 Ht: 6' 7" Wt: 17st.5lbs. Occupation: GAA Coach Honours: Won: 1 NFL, 1 Munster Senior.</p>	
<p>184. Ronan O'Connor (St. Michael's/Foilmore) Age: 23 Ht: 6' 0" Wt: 13st. Occupation: Student Honours: Won: 1 NFL, 1 Munster Senior, 1 Munster Under 21, 1 Munster Minor, U-17 International Rules 1998.</p>	
<p>185. John Sheehan (Laune Rangers) Age: 27 Ht: 6' 1" Wt: 12st.5lbs. Occupation: Blocklayer Honours: Won: 2 All-Ireland Under 21, 1 All-Ireland Colleges, 1 All-Ireland Club, 2 Munster Senior, 1 NFL.</p>	
<p>186. Stefan Quill (Kerins O'Rahillys) Age: 22 Ht: 6' 0" Wt: 12st.7lbs. Occupation: Teacher Honours: Won: 2 Munster Colleges Corn Uí Mhuiri; 1 Munster Under 21, 3 Munster Senior, 1 County SFC, 1 NFL.</p>	
<p>187. Tommy Griffin (Dingle) Age: 26 Ht: 6' 2" Wt: 13st. Occupation: Company Representative Honours: Won: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 1 All-Ireland U-21, 1 Munster U-21, 1 Munster Minor, 1 NFL.</p>	
<p>188. Brendan Guiney (Listowel Emmets) Age: 23 Ht: 6' 0" Wt: 13st. Occupation: Student Honours: Won: 1 NFL.</p>	
<p>189. Sean O'Sullivan (Cromane) Age: 24 Ht: 6' 1" Wt: 12st. Occupation: Bank Official Honours: Won: 1 NFL, 1 Munster Minor, 1 Munster Under 21, 1 Munster Senior, Trench Cup 1999 with LIT.</p>	
<p>190. Neil Nennally (Listowel Emmets) Age: 24 Ht: 6' 2" Wt: 14st. Occupation: Company Representative Honours: Won: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 1 All-Ireland Under 21, 1 Munster Senior, 2 Munster Minor, 4 Munster Under 21, 1 Sigerson Cup.</p>	
<p>191. John Corin (Legion) Age: 28 Ht: 6' 2" Weight: 14st. Occupation: Accountant Honours: Won: 1 NFL.</p>	
<p>192. Ryan Sheehan (St. Mary's) Age: 19 Ht: 6' 2" Wt: 13st. Occupation: Student Honours: Won: 3 Munster Minor, 3 Munster Colleges Corn Uí Mhuiri, Gallogwee Div.1 & Div. 2, Co.Intermediate, Co. Minor.</p>	
<p>193. Ross O'Riada (An Ghaeltacht) Age: 23 Ht: 6' 1" Wt: 12st.5lbs. Occupation: Apprentice Honours: Won: 1 Munster Minor, 1 Munster Club.</p>	

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 9th May, Tullamore:
 Carlow 4-15; Longford 1-16
 16th May, Parnell Park:
 Wexford 2-10; Louth 0-8
 23rd May, Croke Park:
 Westmeath 0-11; Offaly 0-10

Quarter/Finals
 23rd May, Croke Park:
 Meath 2-13; Wicklow 1-8
 30th May, Dr. Cullen Park:
 Laois 0-15; Carlow 1-7
 6th June, Croke Park:
 Westmeath 0-14; Dublin 0-12
 Wexford 0-12; Kildare 0-10

Semi/Finals
 20th June, Croke Park:
 Laois 1-13; Meath 0-9
 27th June, Croke Park:
 Westmeath 2-15; Wexford 1-14

Final
 18th July, Croke Park:
 Westmeath 0-13; Laois 0-13
 24th July, Croke Park (replay):
 Westmeath 0-12; Laois 0-10

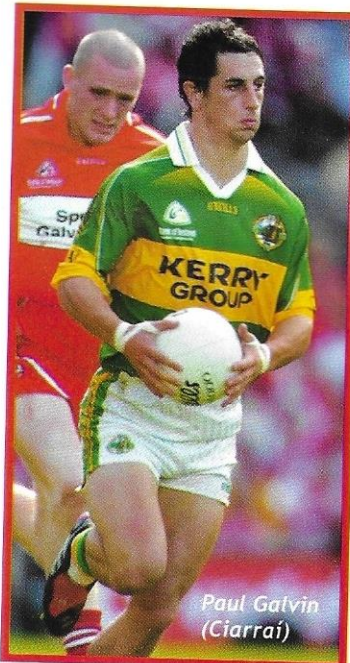
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1st Round
 9th May, Clones:
 Tyrone 1-17; Derry 1-6

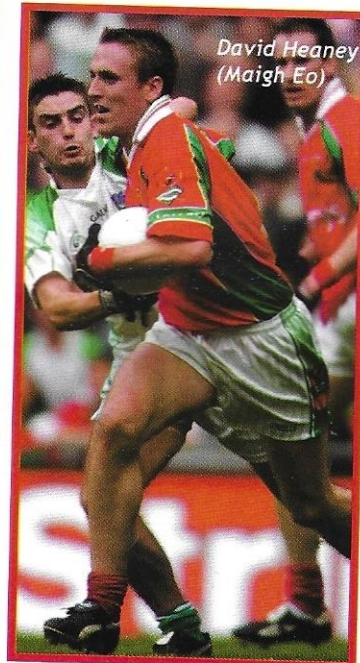
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 16th May, Casement Park:
 Cavan 1-13; Down 1-13
 23rd May, Clones:
 Armagh 2-19; Monaghan 0-10
 30th May, Breffni Park (replay):
 Cavan 3-13; Down 2-12
 30th May, Ballybofey:
 Donegal 1-15; Antrim 1-9
 6th June, Clones:
 Tyrone 1-13; Fermanagh 0-12

Semi/Finals
 13th June, Clones:
 Armagh 0-13; Cavan 0-11
 20th June, Clones:
 Donegal 1-11; Tyrone 0-9

Final
 11th July, Croke Park:
 Armagh 3-15; Donegal 0-11



Paul Galvin (Ciarraí)



David Heaney (Maigh Eo)

Mumha

Quarter/Finals
 16th May, Páirc Uí Chaoimh:
 Limerick 0-16; Tipperary 3-5
 23rd May, Ennis:
 Kerry 2-10; Clare 0-9

Semi/Finals
 13th June, Killarney:
 Kerry 0-15; Cork 0-7
 13th June, the Gaelic Grounds:
 Limerick 1-18; Waterford 0-7

Final
 11th July, the Gaelic Grounds:
 Limerick 1-10; Kerry 1-10
 18th July, Killarney (replay):
 Kerry 3-10; Limerick 2-9

Connacht

Quarter/Finals
 2nd May, Gaelic Park:
 Mayo 3-28; New York 1-8
 23rd May, Hyde Park:
 Roscommon 1-10; Sligo 0-13
 29th May, Markievicz Park (replay aet):
 Roscommon 2-16; Sligo 1-15
 30th May, Ruislip:
 Galway 8-14; London 0-8

Semi/Finals
 20th June, Carrick-on-Shannon:
 Leitrim 1-10; Roscommon 0-13

26th June, Hyde Park (replay):
 Roscommon 1-9; Leitrim 0-5
 27th June, Castlebar:
 Mayo 0-18; Galway 1-9

Final
 18th July, Castlebar:
 Mayo 2-13; Roscommon 0-9

Qualifiers

Round 1
 12th June, Droichead Nua:
 Offaly 2-17; Kildare 1-16
 12th June, Parnell Park:
 Dublin 3-24; London 0-6
 12th June, Drogheda (aet):
 Louth 2-13; Antrim 0-14
 12th June, Aughrim:
 Derry 1-15; Wicklow 1-10
 12th June, Clones:
 Longford 4-15; Monaghan 1-17
 12th June, Ennis:
 Clare 1-15; Sligo 1-7
 12th June, Dr. Cullen Park:
 Down 1-19; Carlow 1-13

Round 2
 3rd July, Newry:
 Tyrone 1-15; Down 0-10
 3rd July, Enniskillen (aet):
 Fermanagh 0-19; Meath 2-12
 3rd July, Carrick-on-Shannon:
 Dublin 1-13; Leitrim 0-4
 3rd July, Parnell Park:
 Galway 2-8; Louth 0-9

3rd July, Portlaoise:
 Longford 1-14; Waterford 0-11
 3rd July, Ennis:
 Cork 0-15; Clare 0-11
 4th July, Celtic Park (aet):
 Derry 0-25; Cavan 2-9
 10th July, Wexford Park:
 Wexford 2-14; Offaly 0-15

Round 3
 10th July, Portlaoise:
 Dublin 1-17; Longford 0-11
 17th July, Parnell Park:
 Derry 2-16; Wexford 2-5
 17th July, Croke Park:
 Fermanagh 0-18; Cork 0-12
 Tyrone 1-16; Galway 0-11

Round 4
 24th July, Clones:
 Fermanagh 1-10; Donegal 0-12
 24th July, Dr. Hyde Park:
 Derry 0-10; Limerick 0-7
 1st August, Croke Park:
 Dublin 1-14; Roscommon 0-12
 Tyrone 3-15; Laois 2-4

All-Ireland Quarter/Finals

7th August, Croke Park:
 Fermanagh 0-12; Armagh 0-11
 Mayo 0-16; Tyrone 1-14
 14th August, Croke Park:
 Derry 2-9; Westmeath 0-12
 Kerry 1-15; Dublin 1-12

All-Ireland Semi/Finals

22nd August, Croke Park:
 Mayo 0-9; Fermanagh 0-11
 28th August, Croke Park (replay):
 Mayo 0-13; Fermanagh 0-12
 29th August, Croke Park:
 Kerry 1-17; Derry 1-11






LADIES

IT'S funny how football works really. Here in Croke Park next Sunday Dublin and Galway will meet in the TG4 All-Ireland Ladies senior football final, with both looking for their first ever title. Yet for the past few weeks both counties have been clouded in a GAA depression. Tommy Lyons walked the plank in Dublin, after his team failed to stay clear of rocky waters in 2004. Defeats to Westmeath and Kerry in the Championship left Blues supporters wondering when they will ever taste success again.

Over West, John O'Mahony stepped down after seven years as Galway manager. In that time he won two All-Irelands, but following their exit from this year's Championship the locals fear that a period of rebuilding now lies ahead. And so it comes to pass that the Dublin and Galway Ladies footballers have the opportunity to lift spirits in their respective counties next weekend.

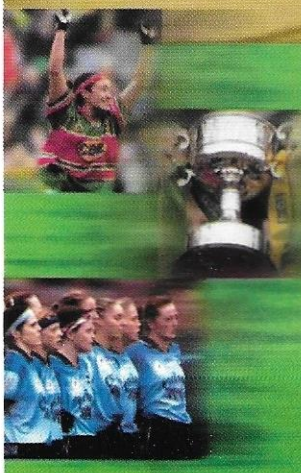


Galway have been the story of the TG4 Championship this season, ending Mayo's dominance of the game while collecting their first Connacht title in the modern era. They won it before in 1975 – but the Connacht Championship was disbanded for many years before being recently reintroduced. Galway's success over the past three years has been quite staggering. They only made the step up to senior level after winning the All-Ireland junior Championship in 2002. Then last year, although no silverware was collected, they progressed to an All-Ireland senior semi-final where they were beaten by Mayo, 1-11 to 1-9. But 2003 was viewed as a relative success and they set their sights on taking their progress a step further this year.

Under the guidance of PJ Fahy they landed the Connacht title – beating Mayo twice along the way. The provincial Championship is run on a round-robin basis and Galway accounted for Mayo in their opening match, 0-9 to 0-8. Victory over Roscommon followed and then a crushing Connacht final win over Mayo, 0-16 to 0-2. Laois fell next in an All-Ireland quarter-final, 1-8 to 1-6, to set up yet another meeting with Mayo who – as beaten provincial finalists – made it through the back door. The sides played out a




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FINAL

thrilling encounter in O'Moore Park, where Galway looked beaten until a late rally, which saw them score 1-4, earned them a replay.

And so the sides met for a fourth time in the Championship, with many believing it was too much to ask any team to beat defending champions on three occasions in the one season. However, Galway edged a dramatic replay by a solitary point to finally end Mayo's three-in-a-row All-Ireland ambitions. Full-forward Niamh Duggan has been their guiding light in attack, while midfielders

Lisa Cohill and Annette Clarke are both on course for All-Stars. They also boast the psychological advantage of having annihilated Dublin earlier this year in the quarter-finals of the National League, 3-14 to 1-3. Much has changed though since that game and Dublin played their best football of the year against Kerry in their All-Ireland semi-final victory.

Former Dubs goalkeeper John O'Leary is in charge of the Jackies this year and he has introduced a number of new faces that have added much needed zest to the team after their All-Ireland final defeat to Mayo last year.

Teenagers Ashling McCormack and Lyndsay Davey have impressed, while the ever reliable Mary Nevin is among the runners for Player of the Year. The experience of Martina Farrell and Angie McNally has also been an important factor for them. O'Leary has called on Dublin supporters to come out and turn Croke Park into a blue and navy cauldron next Sunday. "The players have been putting in a huge effort but the supporters have not been out to shout them on. They are the only Dublin adult team left with a chance of winning an All-Ireland so fans should get behind them," he said. "There is no reason why genuine GAA supporters in the county will not be out to support them in the All-Ireland final. "We have had some great fans who have been with us all the way but it would be great if there was a sea of blue in Croke Park for the final." Both teams are very attack minded and so the final has the potential to be a classic. Whatever happens though, there will definitely be a new name on the Brendan Martin Cup this year.





CIARRAÍ

Dathanna: Uaithne, Ór is Bán

An Captaen



Dara Ó Cinneide

Dara is no stranger to All-Ireland finals action but this is his first appearance in as decider in the role of county captain. One of the most efficient score-getters in football, he has enjoyed much success in a senior intercounty career that stretches back over ten years.

He has two All-Ireland under-21 medals, an interprovincial souvenir, three All Stars awards and also helped Kerry to their last two Sam Maguire Cup triumphs in 1997 and 2000.

Ó Cinneide helped to make history three years ago as a key player in the An Ghaeltacht team that won the Kerry county senior title for the first time. He was in the side that regained the county title last year and went on to reach the AIB All-Ireland final last St. Patrick's Day when the Kingdom side lost to Caltra, of Galway.

Dara is having another fine season in the county colours and is Kerry's top scorer starting the final.

Bainisteoir



Jack O'Connor

Jack has had a very successful start to his first season as Kerry team manager. The Kingdom go into this appealing final with the Allianz League—a first title in seven years—and a successful defence of the Munster crown already to their credit this year.

O'Connor brings plenty of experience to his latest role. He was a selector when Kerry won the Sam Maguire Cup in 1997 and again four years ago.

As team manager Jack guided Kerry to the All-Ireland under-21 title in 1998 and filled that position a year later when Kerry lost the national decider to Westmeath.

Jack also made his mark as a successful team manager at both Vocational Schools and Munster Colleges' levels.

Roghnóirí:

Jack O'Connor (Manager),
Johnny Culloty, Ger O'Keefe,
Trainer: Pat Flanagan.

1 DIARMUID MURPHY

D. Ó Murchú
(Dingle)

2 TOM O'SULLIVAN

T. Ó Súilleabháin
(Rathmore)

3 MICHAEL MCCARTHY

M. Mac Cárthaigh
(Kilcummin)

4 AIDAN O'MAHONY

A. Ó Mathúna
(Rathmore)

5 TOMÁS Ó SÉ

T. Ó Sé
(An Ghaeltacht)

6 EAMON FITZMAURICE

E. Mac Muiris
(Finuge)

7 MARC Ó SÉ

M. Ó Sé
(An Ghaeltacht)

8 EOIN BROSNAN

E. Ó Brosnacháin
(Dr. Crokes)

9 WILLIAM KIRBY

L. Ó Ciarba
(Austin Stacks)

10 LIAM HASSETT

L. Ó hAisí
(Laune Rangers)

11 DECLAN O'SULLIVAN

D. Ó Súilleabháin
(Dromid Pearses)

12 PAUL GALVIN

P. Ó Gealbháin
(Finuge)

13 COLM COOPER

C. Cúipéir
(Dr. Crokes)

14 DARA Ó CINNÉIDE

D. Ó Cinneide (Capt.)
(An Ghaeltacht)

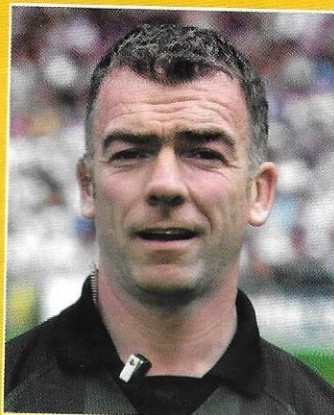
15 JOHN CROWLEY

S. Ó Cruallaíoch
(Glenflesk)

Fir Ionaid

(16) Kieran Cremin C. Ó Creimín (Dr. Crokes)	(17) Mike Frank Russell M. P. Ruiséal (Laune Rangers)	(18) Paddy Kelly P. Ó Ceallaigh (Ballylongford)	(19) Seamus Moynihan S. Ó Muineacháin (Glenflesk)	(20) Micheál Quirke M. Ó Cuiric (Kerins O'Rahillys)	(21) Ronan O'Connor R. Ó Conchúir (St. Michael's/ Foilmore)	(22) John Sheehan S. Ó Siócháin (Laune Rangers)	(23) Declan Quill D. Ó Coill (Kerins O'Rahillys)	(24) Tommy Griffin T. Ó Griffin (Dingle)	(25) Brendan Guiney B. Ó Géibheannaigh (Listowel Emmets)	(26) Sean O'Sullivan S. Ó Súilleabháin (Cromane)	(27) Noel Kennelly N. Mac an Fhailí (Listowel Emmets)	(28) John Cronin S. Ó Cróinín (Legion)	(29) Bryan Sheehan B. Ó Siócháin (St. Mary's)	(30) Rónán Ó Flatharta R. Ó Flatharta (An Ghaeltacht)
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An Réiteoir Pat McEnaney Muineacháin



Pat becomes the first referee to take charge of four Sam Maguire Cup ties (this includes a replay) since Tommy Sugrue (Kerry) completed that sequence in 1998.

The Monaghan man took charge of his first All-Ireland senior final in 1996, which ended in a draw involving Meath and Mayo, and he was the man-in-the-middle at the replay.

He returned to All-Ireland senior final action in 2000 and that game between Kerry and Galway ended in a draw.

Pat is a member of the Corduff club and he has refereed provincial finals in all provinces and his duties have also taken him to New York. He has also been an Irish Referee/Umpire at International Rules Test series between Ireland and Australia, both at Croke Park and in Australia.

McEnaney completes a major national finals double in a year in this game as he controlled the Kerry-Galway Allianz League decider at Croke Park in May. He was also in charge of another game involving Kerry—their Bank of Ireland All-Ireland Quarter-final with Dublin last month.

Another major assignment this year was the Laois-Westmeath drawn Leinster summit.

MAIGH EO

Dathanna: Dearg, Uaithne is Bán



1
PETER BURKE
P. de Búrca
(Kiltimagh)

2
DERMOT GERAGHTY
D. Mac Oireachtaigh
(Shrule-Glencorrib)

3
DAVID HEANEY
D. Ó hÉanaí
(Swinford)

4
GARY RUANE
G. Ó Ruáin (Vice-Capt.)
(Bohola Moy Davitts)

5
PEADAR GARDINER
P. Ó Gardinéir
(Crossmolina)

6
JAMES NALLEN
S. Ó Nailín
(Crossmolina)

7
PAT KELLY
P. Ó Ceallaigh
(Kilmaine)

8
RONAN MCGARRITY
R. Mac Fheartaigh
(Ballina)

9
FERGAL KELLY
F. Ó Ceallaigh
(Ballyhaunis)

10
JAMES GILL
S. Mac an Ghoil
(Westport)

11
CIARÁN McDONALD
C. Mac Domhnaill
(Crossmolina)

12
ALAN DILLON
A. Ó Diolúin
(Ballintubber)

13
CONOR MORTIMER
C. Ó Muireartaigh
(Shrule-Glencorrib)

14
TREVOR MORTIMER
T. Ó Muireartaigh
(Shrule-Glencorrib)

15
BRIAN MALONEY
B. Ó Maolomhnaigh
(Kilmaine)

Fir Ionaid

(16) Fintan Ruddy E. Mac an Rodaigh (Cill Chomáin)	(19) Damien Munnely D. Ó Maoinghile (Knockmore)	(23) Gary Mullins G. Ó Mulláin (Claremorris)	(27) Andy Moran A. Ó Moráin (Ballaghadereen)
(17) Fergal Costello E. Ó Coisteala (Ballinrobe)	(20) Declan Sweeney D. Mac Suibhne (Knockmore)	(24) Marty McNicholas M. Mac Nicholáis (Breaffy)	(28) Austin O'Malley A. Ó Máille (Louisburgh)
(18) Conor Moran C. Ó Moráin (Burrishoole)	(21) Alan Costello A. Ó Coisteala (Balla)	(25) David Brady D. Ó Brádaigh (Ballina)	(29) Brian Ruane B. Ó Ruadhain (Ballina)
	(22) Paddy Navin P. Mac Cnáimhin (Claremorris)	(26) Billy Joe Padden L. S. Mac Phaidín (Belmullet)	(30) Michael Conroy M. Ó Conraí (Davitts)

Ciarraí v. Maigh Eo

		Cúil	Cúilíní	Seacháí	45m	Saor Ciceanna
Tadh Leath	CIARRAÍ					
Zadh Leath						
Tadh Leath	MAIGH EO					
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An Captaen



Fergal Costello

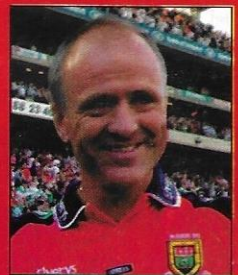
Fergal, who has given great service to Mayo over the years, made a good contribution to county's return to the top in the Connacht championship during the summer for a first provincial title since 1999.

Fergal had a successful career in under-age football, winning an All-Ireland "B" Colleges' medal with Ballinrobe C.S. and a Connacht minor souvenir.

He was right half back in the Mayo team that lost the county's last All-Ireland senior final appearance in 1997 to Kerry.

He had better fortune four years later when, again at No. 5, he was to the fore in the team that beat Galway in 2001 for Mayo's first National League title in thirty-one years.

Bainisteoir



John Maughan

John is hoping that it will prove a case of fourth time lucky. He was team manager when Mayo lost to Meath after a replay for the 1996 All-Ireland senior football title and filled that position again a year later when the Connacht county went down to Kerry in the Sam Maguire Cup tie.

Since then he has guided Mayo to Connacht titles in 1999, when they lost their All-Ireland semi-final to Cork, and again this year.

A former intercounty senior footballer, Maughan has long experience as a team manager. Back in 1992 he helped Clare in that role to win their first Munster senior title in 75 years. A few years back he had a short spell as manager of Fermanagh.

Roghnóirí:

John Maughan (Manager),
George Golden, Liam McHale.

Bank of Ireland



Football Championship

An bhfuil a fhios agat?

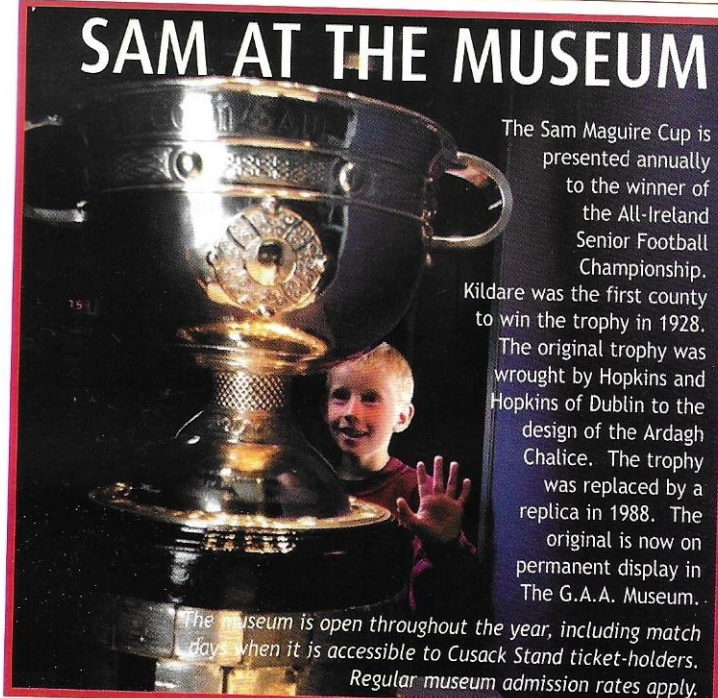
- Kerry's first appearance in an All-Ireland Final was at Clonturk Park, Dublin on March 26, 1893. This was the delayed 1892 Final in which Dublin (Young Irelands) defeated Kerry (Laune Rangers) by 1-4 to 0-3. Twenty years later on June 17, 1923 a Mayo side made their Final debut, losing the 1921 decider. The Ballina Stephenites selection were defeated by St. Mary's of Dublin 1-9 to 0-2. By this time Kerry had already won five titles (1903, 1904, 1909, 1913 and 1914).
- Kerry and Mayo first met in the 1924 semi-final when the Munster side won by 1-4 to 0-1. Five years later the sides met again at the semi-final stage. The game was played in Roscommon with Kerry winning easily, 3-8 to 1-1. Twelve months later at the same venue Kerry again won, scoring 1-9 to Mayo's 0-4. Mayo recorded an unwelcome 3-in-a-row in 1931 when again at semi-final stage, in Tuam, Mayo lost to Kerry by the narrow margin of two points, 1-6 to 1-4. In 1932 Mayo again won the Connacht title and were glad to have a change of opponents for the semi-final. After a gap of eleven years Mayo qualified for the final by defeating Cavan 2-4 to 0-8. The final however was a case of 'the same old story' as Kerry were once more victors, winning by 2-7 to 2-4.
- Mayo at last made the breakthrough in 1936. They drew the provincial final with Galway (Mayo 2-4, Galway 1-7) before winning their 21st Connacht title on a scoreline of 2-7 to 1-4. The Kingdom were waiting in the All-Ireland semi and at last Mayo recorded a famous win, by 1-5 to 0-6. In the All-Ireland final Mayo had a very emphatic win over Laois winning by 4-11 to 0-5 to capture the Sam Maguire Cup for the first time.

TROPHY-LESS

Of the 29 Kerry men who led the county to All-Ireland success, four did not receive a trophy at the end of the final. They were Tadhg O'Gorman (1903), Austin Stack (1904), Tom Costello (1909) and Phil Sullivan (1924), who went home trophy-less because there was no trophy for the champions at that time. Interestingly, Dick Fitzgerald, who led the 1913 and '14 teams did receive a cup after those finals; it wasn't the Sam Maguire, of course, but the Great Southern and Western Railway Cup which the company presented for the championship in 1913. As the county winning it twice in succession or three times in all would gain permanent possession of the cup, Dick Fitzgerald's stewardship meant that Kerry took the cup home for good. The Railway company presented a replacement cup in 1915 which Wexford won in that year and the next, after which the donors withdrew their support.

In the matter of trophies John Joe Sheehy was the last Kerry man not to receive a cup at the end of a final won by his county (1926), but he was back at the helm in 1930 when he became the second man from the county to receive the Sam Maguire.

SAM AT THE MUSEUM



The Sam Maguire Cup is presented annually to the winner of the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship. Kildare was the first county to win the trophy in 1928. The original trophy was wrought by Hopkins and Hopkins of Dublin to the design of the Ardagh Chalice. The trophy was replaced by a replica in 1988. The original is now on permanent display in The G.A.A. Museum.

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INTERNATIONAL RULES

IRELAND v AUSTRALIA

Croke Park, October 17th and 24th

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FATAL FOURS

If either county in either of today's finals scores four goals, irrespective of what points they record, they will almost certainly emerge as winners, and that has always been the case in All-Ireland finals - except in two cases - and Mayo were involved in both, losing both by just a point!

In the 1948 senior final with Cavan, Mayo staged a dramatic second-half comeback in which they found the net four times only to finish up losers by 4-4 to 4-5. A year earlier on a day of a strong wind at Croke Park, Mayo led Tyrone in the minor final by 13 points at the interval, but succumbed to Tyrone's rally which saw them lose by 4-3 to 4-4. Mayo certainly learned the hard way.

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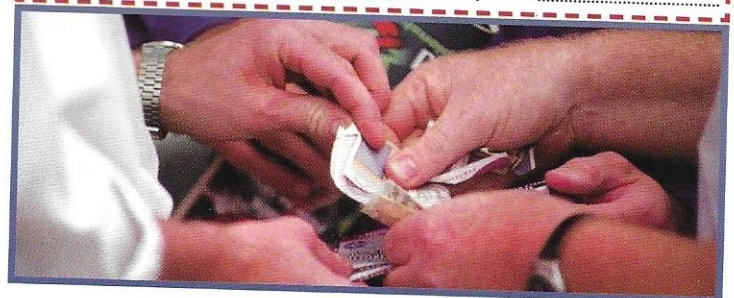
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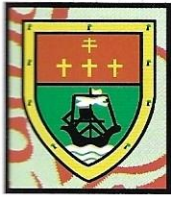


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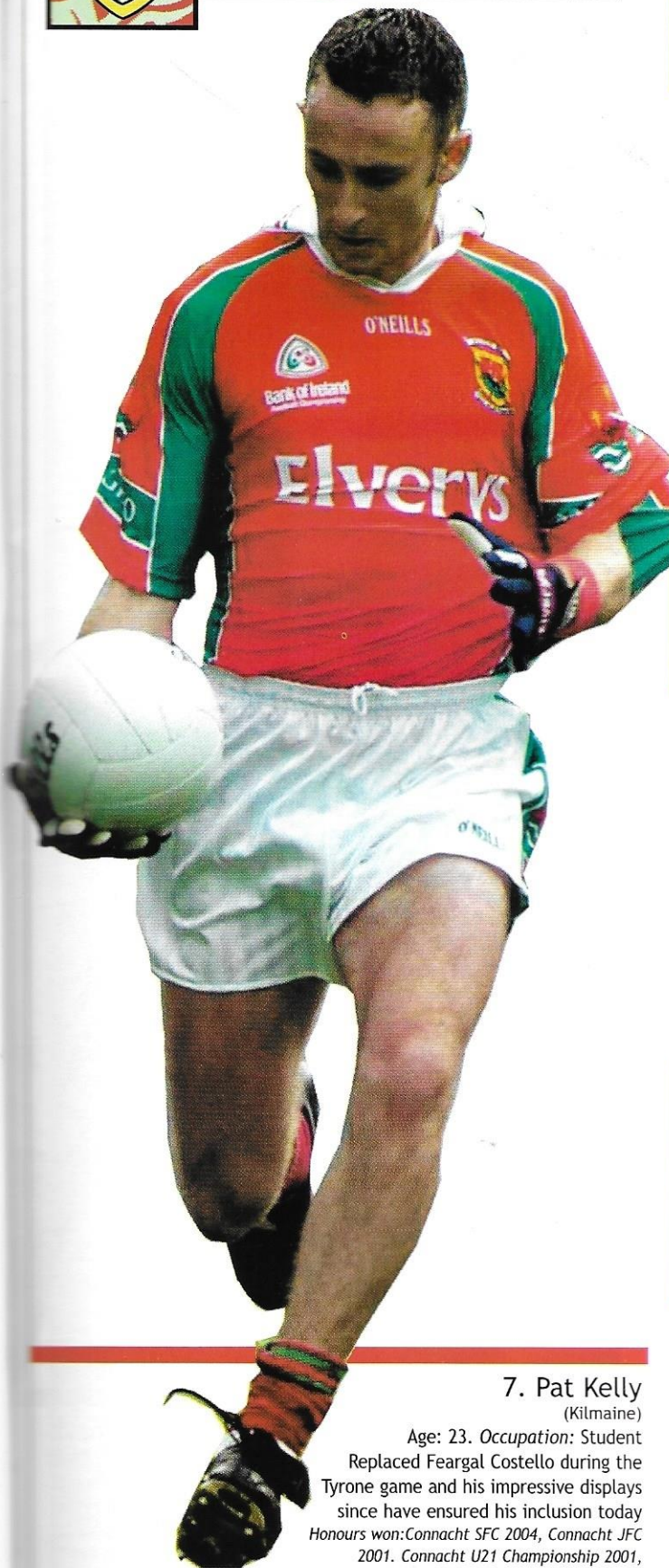
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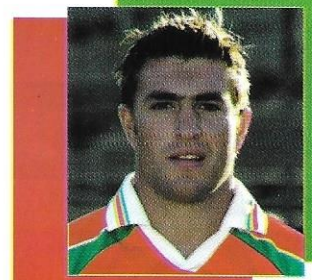
1. Peter Burke

(Kiltimagh)

Age: 27. Occupation: Carpenter

The vastly experienced Burke has had a long and successful career in the green and red. An All Ireland medal would be the icing on the cake.

Honours won: Connacht SFC (1997, 1999, 2004), NFL 2001, Connacht Under 21 Championship 1997, County IFC 2002.



2. Dermot Geraghty

(Shrule-Glencorrib)

Age: 20. Occupation: Student

Wins his first start at the expense of Conor Moran having played his last full game against New York last May. His excellent form for the U-21s has been a big factor in his recall.

Honours won: Connacht SFC 2004, Connacht Under 21 Championship 2004, Connacht Minor Championship 2000.



3. David Heaney

(Swinford)

Age: 26. Occupation: Quantity Surveyor

One of the longer serving Mayo players, he is terrific in the air and is not afraid to venture forward and lend support further up the field.

Honours won: Connacht SFC (1997, 1999, 2004), NFL 2001, Connacht Under 21 Championship 1997, FBD Connacht League (2000, 2003), County MFC.



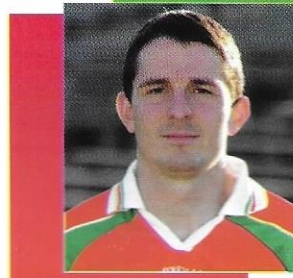
4. Gary Ruane

(Bohola Moy Davitts)

Age: 32. Occupation: Builder

A real battler, Ruane has played all 420 minutes of Mayo's magic ride to the All-Ireland final and will give his all for the county jersey.

Honours won: All-Ireland Junior Championship 1997, Connacht SFC (2003, 2004), NFL 2001, FBD Connacht League (2000, 2003), County IFC.



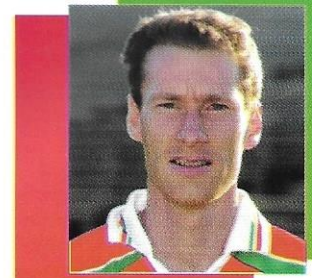
5. Peadar Gardiner

(Crossmolina)

Age: 25. Occupation: Bank Official

Earned a call up to the starting fifteen for the quarter final clash with Tyrone and has played brilliantly ever since.

Honours won: Connacht SFC 2004, FBD Connacht League 2003, Connacht MFC 1997, All-Ireland Club Championship 2001, 3 Connacht Club Championships, 3 County SFC.



6. James Nallen

(Crossmolina)

Age: 30. Occupation: Senior Technician

A survivor of Mayo's All-Ireland appearances in the mid nineties, the Crossmolina man uses his club, county and international experience to great effect.

Honours won: Connacht SFC (1996, 1997, 1999, 2004), NFL 2001, 3 FBD Connacht Leagues, Connacht Under 21 Championship (1993, 1994), All-Ireland Club Championship 2001, 4 County Club Championships, 3 Connacht Club Championships.

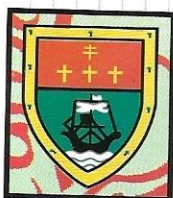
7. Pat Kelly

(Kilmaine)

Age: 23. Occupation: Student

Replaced Feargal Costello during the Tyrone game and his impressive displays since have ensured his inclusion today

Honours won: Connacht SFC 2004, Connacht JFC 2001, Connacht U21 Championship 2001, Connacht MFC 1999, 2 Sigerson Cups (2003, 2004), County Minor A Championship 1998, County Minor B Championship 1999.



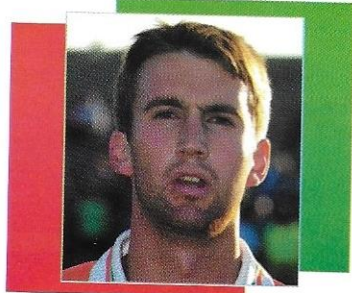
Maigh Eo



9. Fergal Kelly

(Ballyhaunis)

Age: 28. Occupation: Salesman
Has impressed since taking over from David Brady in the centre of the field. His partnership with Ronan McGarrity will be crucial to the Connacht champions' hopes.
Honours won: Connacht SFC 2004, NFL 2001, FBD Connacht League (2000, 2003), Connacht Minor League.



8. Ronan McGarrity

(Ballina)

Age: 22. Occupation: Bookmaker
His fielding ability and mobility owe much to his basketball experience, but he can also kick scores and will drive Mayo forward from midfield.
Honours won: Connacht SFC 2004.



10. James Gill

(Westport)

Age: 23. Occupation: Accountant
A hugely talented player with an admirable work rate around the field. Is capable of upping his scoring rate on the big day.
Honours won: County Connacht Senior Championship 2004. National Football League 2001. FBD Connacht League 2000, 2003. Connacht Under 21 Championship 2001. Connacht Minor Championship 1999.



12. Alan Dillon

(Ballintubber)

Age: 21. Occupation: Student
His performance against Tyrone, when he won the Man of the Match award, made the country sit up and take notice. A hard working forward.
Honours won: Connacht SFC 2004, FBD Connacht League 2003, Connacht U21 Championship (2003, 2004), Connacht Minor Championship (2000, 2001), U21 Hastings Cup 2002, County MFC, County U21 Championship.



13. Conor Mortimer

(Shrute-Glencorrib)

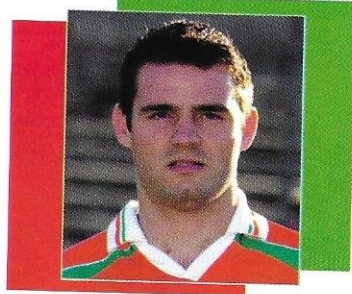
Age: 21. Occupation: Quarry Operator
Has a similar role for the Mayo men as Colm Cooper will fill for the Kingdom. Capable of taking wonderful scores if given a sniff of space.
Honours won: Connacht SFC Championship 2004, FBD Connacht League 2003, Connacht U21 Championship 2003, Connacht MFC 1999, Hasting Cup 2002, County MFC, County U21 Championship.



14. Trevor Mortimer

(Shrute-Glencorrib)

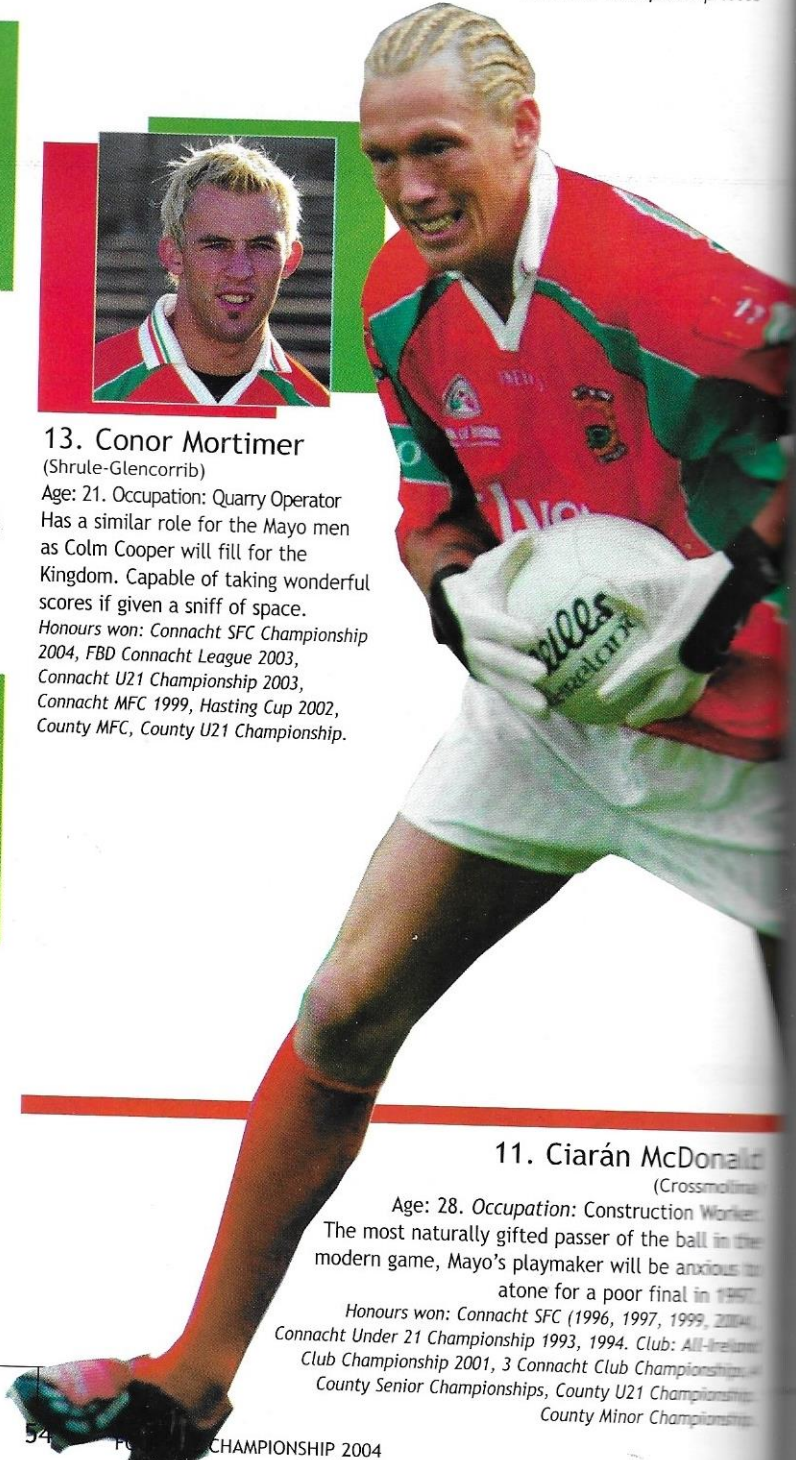
Age: 24 Occupation: Student
Brother of Conor, his deep foraging in the second half of both Fermanagh games secured the possession vital to see his team to the final.
Honours won: Connacht SFC 2004, NFL 2001, FBD Connacht League (2000, 2003), Connacht U21 Championship 2001, Connacht MFC, 3 County Club titles.



15. Brian Maloney

(Kilmaine)

Age: 24 Occupation: Publican
Doesn't possess a huge scoring rate for a corner forward, but his hard work and ability to draw fouls has benefitted those around him
Honours won: Connacht SFC 2004, Connacht JFC2001, Connacht U21 Championship 2001, 2 Sigerson Cups (2003, 2004), County Minor A Championship 1998.



11. Ciarán McDonald

(Crossmolina)

Age: 28. Occupation: Construction Worker
The most naturally gifted passer of the ball in the modern game, Mayo's playmaker will be anxious to atone for a poor final in 1997.
Honours won: Connacht SFC (1996, 1997, 1999, 2004) Connacht Under 21 Championship 1993, 1994. Club: All-Ireland Club Championship 2001, 3 Connacht Club Championships, County Senior Championships, County U21 Championship, County Minor Championships.



Maigh Eo

<p>Mr. Sean Kelly (Cill Chomáin) Age: 38. Occupation: Student Achievements: Connacht SFC 2004, FBD Connacht League 2003, Connacht U21 Championship (2003, 2004), Connacht MFC (2000, 2001), Connacht Minor League, North Mayo JFC 2002, County Senior Division 4 2003, County U21 C Championship 2003.</p>	
<p>Mr. Paddy Castello (Ballinrobe) Age: 38. Occupation: Army Officer. Achievements: Connacht SFC (1996, 1997, 1999, 2004), NFL 2001, Connacht League (2000, 2003), Connacht U21 Championship (1994, 1995), Connacht MFC 1991, Club Intermediate Championship 2003.</p>	
<p>Mr. James Moran (Burrishoole) Age: 32. Occupation: Student Achievements: Connacht SFC 2004, Connacht U21 Championship 2003, Connacht MFC (1999, 2000), County U21 B Championship, County U21 C Championship.</p>	
<p>Mr. James Munnelly (Knockmore) Age: 32. Occupation: Student Achievements: Connacht SFC 2004, Connacht U21 Championship 2003, Connacht MFC (2000, 2001), Under 17 team to Australia 2001, All Colleges, Connacht Colleges, County Senior League 2003, County U21 Championship 2003, County MFC.</p>	
<p>Mr. Willie Sweeney (Knockmore) Age: 32. Occupation: Garda Achievements: Connacht SFC (1999, 2004), FBD Connacht League 2003, 2004, 2 Connacht Club Championships, 3 County Club Championships, 3 County U 21 Championships.</p>	
<p>Mr. Alan Castello (Balla) Age: 38. Occupation: Student. Achievements: Connacht SFC 2004, Connacht U21 Championship 2004, Connacht MFC 2001, Connacht U16 League 2000, Sigerson Cup 2004, County U16 B Championship.</p>	
<p>Mr. Paddy Navin (Claremorris) Age: 32. Occupation: Student Achievements: Connacht SFC 2004, Connacht U 21 Championship 2003, 2004, Connacht MFC 2001.</p>	
<p>Mr. Tony Mullins (Claremorris) Age: 35. Occupation: Engineer Achievements: Connacht SFC 2004, FBD Connacht League (2000, 2001), Connacht JFC, All Ireland "B" Colleges, County Division 2 2003.</p>	
<p>Mr. Anthony McNicholas (Breaffy) Age: 36. Occupation: Plumber Achievements: Connacht SFC 2004, NFL 2001, Connacht U21 Championship 2003, Connacht MFC 1998, Connacht Junior Club Championship 2003, County JFC 2003.</p>	
<p>Mr. David Brady (Ballina) Age: 38. Occupation: Bank Official. Achievements: Connacht SFC (1996, 1997, 1999, 2004), NFL 2001, Connacht League (2000, 2003), Connacht U21 Championship (1994, 1995), County Club Championship (1998, 2003), Connacht U21 Championship 1998.</p>	
<p>Mr. Billy Joe Padden (Belmullet) Age: 32. Occupation: Student Achievements: Connacht SFC 2004, NFL 2001, Connacht U21 Championship 2003, Connacht MFC 2000, 2 North Mayo Junior, 2 County Junior Titles (1999, 2002), Comortas Peil na Gaeltachta 2003.</p>	
<p>Mr. Andy Moran (Ballaghaderreen) Age: 38. Occupation: Student Achievements: Connacht SFC 2004, FBD Connacht League 2003, Connacht U21 Championship (2003, 2004), Connacht MFC (2000, 2001), All Ireland "B" Colleges (St. Nathy's), Sigerson Cup 2004, County U16 Championship, County U21 B Championship 2003.</p>	
<p>Mr. Keith O'Malley (Louisburgh) Age: 32. Occupation: Student Achievements: Connacht SFC 2004, Sigerson Cup 2004.</p>	
<p>Mr. James Plaine (Ballina) Age: 38. Occupation: Physiotherapist. Achievements: Connacht SFC (2003, 2004), Connacht U21 Championship 1997, FBD Connacht League 2003, 2 County Club Championships, Connacht Club Championship, County U 21 Championship.</p>	
<p>Mr. Michael Conroy (Davitts) Age: 38. Occupation: Student Achievements: Connacht SFC 2004, Connacht U21 Championship 2004, Connacht U16 League, Connacht Juvenile Championship (St Colman's), Connacht Senior League (St Colman's), County Minor B Championship 2003, County Minor League (2000, 2003).</p>	

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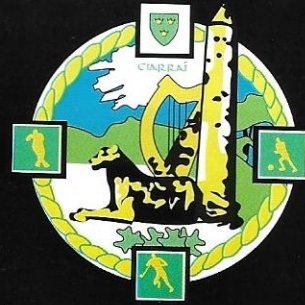
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9.50-10.30	Go Gaelic- Go Hurling – A New Approach to Introducing Games to Players 7-12 years	Mr. Jimmy Darcy Mr. John Tobin Mr. Joey Carton Dr. Niall Moyna
10.30 – 10.00	Evidence Based Coaching	
11.00-11.30	BREAK	
11.30-1.00	Practical 1 How to Set-Up a Resistance Training Programme for Underage and Senior Players Practical ways to improve acceleration and speed?	Dr. Kieran Moran Mr. Jim Kilty
1.00-2.15	LUNCH	
2.15-3.00	Sudden Cardiac Death	Dr. Joseph Galvin – Cardiologist - Mater Hospital
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4.45 -5.00	BREAK	
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James Gill

by Jackie Cahill

... WOULD NEVER HAVE FORGIVEN HIMSELF HAD MAYO LOST

THE return of Kieran McDonald and David Brady to the Mayo senior football panel this year was a huge boost to the county. James Gill's comeback was also an important landmark.

Like Kerry's Paul Galvin, Gill is a workhorse and his endeavour gives McDonald and the Mortimer brothers the licence to thrill.

"Tackling back and defending is more my game than scoring," Gill admitted.

"I wouldn't be knocking over six or seven points in a game but if the chance comes, I'll get forward."

"Generally I'm in around the midfield area, looking for breaks."

Gill returned to the county panel in mid-April, in time for an assault on the Connacht and All-Ireland championships.

The 25-year-old Westport clubman spent most of the winter inter-railing around Europe and missed out on the entire league campaign.

But when he informed manager John Whelan that he was ready to return, he was welcomed back with open arms.

"It's great to have him back," said Whelan in mid-April when Gill made his return in a challenge match against Roscommon.



JAMES GILL (MAIGH EO)



A natural athlete, it didn't take long for Gill to get back up to speed. And during the championship, he's gone about his business with the minimum of fuss.

He was the most relieved man in Croke Park when Mayo survived a second half onslaught from Fermanagh in the drawn All-Ireland semi-final.

Gill would never have forgiven himself had Mayo lost having received his marching orders early in the second half after picking up a second booking.

"The first tackle was more awkward than dangerous," he insisted.

"The second tackle looked worse than it was but it warranted a yellow card and when I saw the second yellow, I realised the damage I had done," he recalled.

"I went straight into the dressing room but one of the lads came in and brought me back out again.

"For the rest of the game I was praying and praying and I was relieved that we were still in the championship when the final whistle went. We know we got out of jail."

Gill was back for the replay and back in the old routine as Mayo finally saw off the dogged challenge of Fermanagh.

Now he's preparing for an All-Ireland final and he explained: "There's expectancy in the county but within ourselves, there's a confidence.

"Training has gone well and we're clear of injuries. Everybody's on a good high and we're looking forward to it now.

"A lot of people had underestimated Fermanagh but they came through some very tough games. A lot of people wondered if they were really good enough but they acquitted themselves very well. They are the team of the summer and I admire them and respect them for that."

Gill, who plays midfield for the club, began to wonder if Mayo would ever make the breakthrough over the last few years.

The ingredients for this new-found success? "Attitude and the fact that we were very focused with a huge hunger and determination - the things everybody recognises that we need to be successful. Going to the Catskill Mountains when we played New York was a good thing.

"There's a lot of pressure on us now but I don't think there's as much as 1997," added the trainee accountant.

"But we know that if we let the build-up and occasion get to us, another All-Ireland will go down the drain," Gill warned.

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The story of Kerry's march to their haul of 32 All-Ireland crowns.

1903	Cork	Kerry	4-8;	Waterford	1-3
	Limerick	Kerry	2-7;	Clare	2-0
	Limerick	Kerry	1-7;	Cork	0-3
	Limerick	Kerry	2-7;	Mayo	0-4
Objection:	Tipperary	Kerry	1-4;	Kildare	1-3
	Cork	Kerry	0-7;	Kildare	1-4
Replay:	Cork	Kerry	0-8	Kildare	0-2
	Jones's Road	Kerry	0-11;	London	0-3
1904	Limerick	Kerry	1-4;	Cork	0-0
	Cork	Kerry	0-3;	Waterford	0-3
Replay:	Dungarvan	Kerry	2-3	Waterford	0-2
	Jones's Road	Kerry	4-10;	Cavan	0-1
	Cork	Kerry	0-5;	Dublin	0-2
1909	Listowel	Kerry	0-11;	Clare	0-3
	Cork	Kerry	0-7;	Waterford	0-2
	Ennis	Kerry	2-12;	Mayo	0-6
	Jones's Road	Kerry	1-9;	Louth	0-6
1913	Ennis	Kerry	2-2;	Clare	0-1
	Cork	Kerry	0-2;	Tipperary	0-2
Replay:	Fermoy	Kerry	0-5;	Tipperary	1-0
	Cork	Kerry	1-6;	Cork	0-1
	Portlaoise	Kerry	1-8;	Galway	0-1
	Jones's Road	Kerry	2-2;	Wexford	0-3
1914	Ennis	Kerry	3-6;	Clare	2-0
	Dungarvan	Kerry	2-2;	Waterford	0-2
	Fermoy	Kerry	0-5;	Cork	0-1
	Portlaoise	Kerry	2-4;	Roscommon	0-1
	Croke Park	Kerry	1-3;	Wexford	2-0
Replay:	Croke Park	Kerry	2-3;	Wexford	0-6
1924	Clonmel	Kerry	5-3;	Tipperary	1-5
	Cork	Kerry	4-3;	Cork	2-1
	Limerick	Kerry	3-7;	Clare	2-2
	Croke Park	Kerry	1-4;	Mayo	0-1
	Croke Park	Kerry	0-4;	Dublin	0-3
1926	Miltownmalbay	Kerry	0-6;	Clare	1-1
	Listowel	Kerry	1-9;	Cork	2-1
	Cork	Kerry	0-11;	Tipperary	1-4
	Croke Park	Kerry	1-6;	Cavan	0-1
	Croke Park	Kerry	1-3;	Kildare	0-6
Replay:	Croke Park	Kerry	1-4;	Kildare	0-4
1929	Cork	Kerry	1-7;	Cork	1-3
	Killarney	Kerry	1-14;	Clare	1-2
	Roscommon	Kerry	3-8;	Mayo	1-1
	Croke Park	Kerry	1-8;	Kildare	1-5
1930	Tipperary	Kerry	3-4;	Tipperary	1-2
	Roscommon	Kerry	1-9;	Mayo	0-4
	Croke Park	Kerry	3-11;	Monaghan	0-2
1931	Tralee	Kerry	5-8;	Tipperary	0-2
	Tuam	Kerry	1-6;	Mayo	1-4
	Croke Park	Kerry	1-11;	Kildare	0-8
1932	Newcastle West	Kerry	1-11;	Limerick	1-3
	Carrick-on-Suir	Kerry	3-10;	Tipperary	1-4
	Croke Park	Kerry	1-3;	Dublin	1-1
	Croke Park	Kerry	2-7;	Mayo	2-4
1937	Killarney	Kerry	6-7;	Cork	0-4
	Mitchelstown	Kerry	2-11;	Tipperary	0-4
	Limerick	Kerry	4-9;	Clare	1-1
	Cork	Kerry	2-3;	Laois	1-6
Replay:	Waterford	Kerry	2-2;	Laois	1-4
	Croke Park	Kerry	2-5;	Cavan	1-8
Replay:	Croke Park	Kerry	4-4;	Cavan	0-8
1939	Clonmel	Kerry	2-11;	Tipperary	0-4
	Croke Park	Kerry	0-4;	Mayo	0-4
Replay:	Croke Park	Kerry	3-8;	Mayo	1-4
	Croke Park	Kerry	2-5;	Meath	2-3
1940	Glin	Kerry	4-9;	Limerick	1-2
	Cork	Kerry	4-8;	Tipperary	1-5
	Waterford	Kerry	1-10;	Waterford	0-6
	Croke Park	Kerry	3-4;	Cavan	0-8
	Croke Park	Kerry	0-7;	Galway	1-3

1941	Limerick	Kerry	2-9;	Clare	0-6
	Croke Park	Kerry	0-4;	Dublin	0-4
Replay:	Tralee	Kerry	2-9;	Dublin	0-3
	Croke Park	Kerry	1-8;	Galway	0-7
1946	Killarney	Kerry	1-8;	Cork	1-4
	Ennis	Kerry	1-6;	Clare	0-7
	Tralee	Kerry	2-16;	Waterford	2-1
	Croke Park	Kerry	2-7;	Antrim	0-10
	Croke Park	Kerry	2-8;	Roscommon	0-10
1953	Ennis	Kerry	6-10;	Clare	0-2
	Killarney	Kerry	2-7;	Cork	2-3
	Croke Park	Kerry	3-6;	Louth	0-10
	Croke Park	Kerry	0-13;	Armagh	1-6
1955	Listowel	Kerry	3-7;	Waterford	0-4
	Killarney	Kerry	0-14;	Cork	2-6
	Croke Park	Kerry	2-10;	Cavan	1-13
Replay:	Croke Park	Kerry	4-7;	Cavan	0-5
	Croke Park	Kerry	0-12	Dublin	1-6
1959	Killarney	Kerry	1-15;	Tipperary	1-2
	Killarney	Kerry	2-15;	Cork	2-8
	Croke Park	Kerry	1-10;	Dublin	2-5
	Croke Park	Kerry	3-7;	Galway	1-4
1962	Listowel	Kerry	2-18;	Waterford	2-6
	Cork	Kerry	4-8;	Cork	0-4
	Croke Park	Kerry	2-12;	Dublin	0-10
	Croke Park	Kerry	1-12;	Roscommon	1-6
1969	Dungarvan	Kerry	1-18;	Waterford	2-7
	Cork	Kerry	0-16;	Cork	1-4
	Croke Park	Kerry	0-14;	Mayo	1-10
	Croke Park	Kerry	0-10;	Offaly	0-7
1970	Askeaton	Kerry	2-19;	Limerick	2-5
	Killarney	Kerry	2-22;	Cork	2-9
	Croke Park	Kerry	0-23;	Derry	0-10
	Croke Park	Kerry	2-19;	Meath	0-18
1975	Clonmel	Kerry	3-13;	Tipperary	0-9
	Killarney	Kerry	1-14;	Cork	0-7
	Croke Park	Kerry	3-13;	Sligo	0-5
	Croke Park	Kerry	2-12;	Dublin	0-11
1978	Killarney	Kerry	4-27;	Waterford	2-8
	Pairc Ui Chaoimh	Kerry	3-14;	Cork	3-7
	Croke Park	Kerry	3-11;	Roscommon	0-8
	Croke Park	Kerry	5-11;	Dublin	0-9
1979	Miltownmalbay	Kerry	9-21;	Clare	1-9
	Killarney	Kerry	2-14;	Cork	2-4
	Croke Park	Kerry	5-14;	Monaghan	0-7
	Croke Park	Kerry	3-13;	Dublin	1-8
1980	Pairc Ui Chaoimh	Kerry	3-13;	Cork	0-12
	Croke Park	Kerry	4-15;	Offaly	4-10
	Croke Park	Kerry	1-9;	Roscommon	1-6
1981	Listowel	Kerry	4-17;	Clare	0-6
	Killarney	Kerry	1-11;	Cork	0-3
	Croke Park	Kerry	2-19;	Mayo	1-6
	Croke Park	Kerry	1-12;	Offaly	0-8
1984	Tralee	Kerry	0-23;	Tipperary	0-6
	Killarney	Kerry	3-14;	Cork	2-10
	Croke Park	Kerry	2-17;	Galway	0-11
	Croke Park	Kerry	0-14;	Dublin	1-6
1985	Listowel	Kerry	2-18;	Limerick	0-9
	Pairc Ui Chaoimh	Kerry	2-11;	Cork	0-11
	Croke Park	Kerry	1-12;	Monaghan	2-9
Replay:	Croke Park	Kerry	2-9;	Monaghan	0-10
	Croke Park	Kerry	2-12;	Dublin	2-8
1986	Clonmel	Kerry	5-9;	Tipperary	0-12
	Killarney	Kerry	0-12;	Cork	0-8
	Croke Park	Kerry	2-13;	Meath	0-12
	Croke Park	Kerry	2-15;	Tyrone	1-10
1997	Tralee	Kerry	2-12;	Tipperary	1-10
	Limerick	Kerry	1-13;	Clare	0-11
	Croke Park	Kerry	1-17;	Cavan	1-10
	Croke Park	Kerry	0-13;	Mayo	1-7
2000	Killarney	Kerry	2-15;	Cork	1-13
	Limerick	Kerry	3-15;	Clare	0-8
	Croke Park	Kerry	2-11;	Armagh	2-11
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	Croke Park	Kerry	0-17;	Galway	1-10

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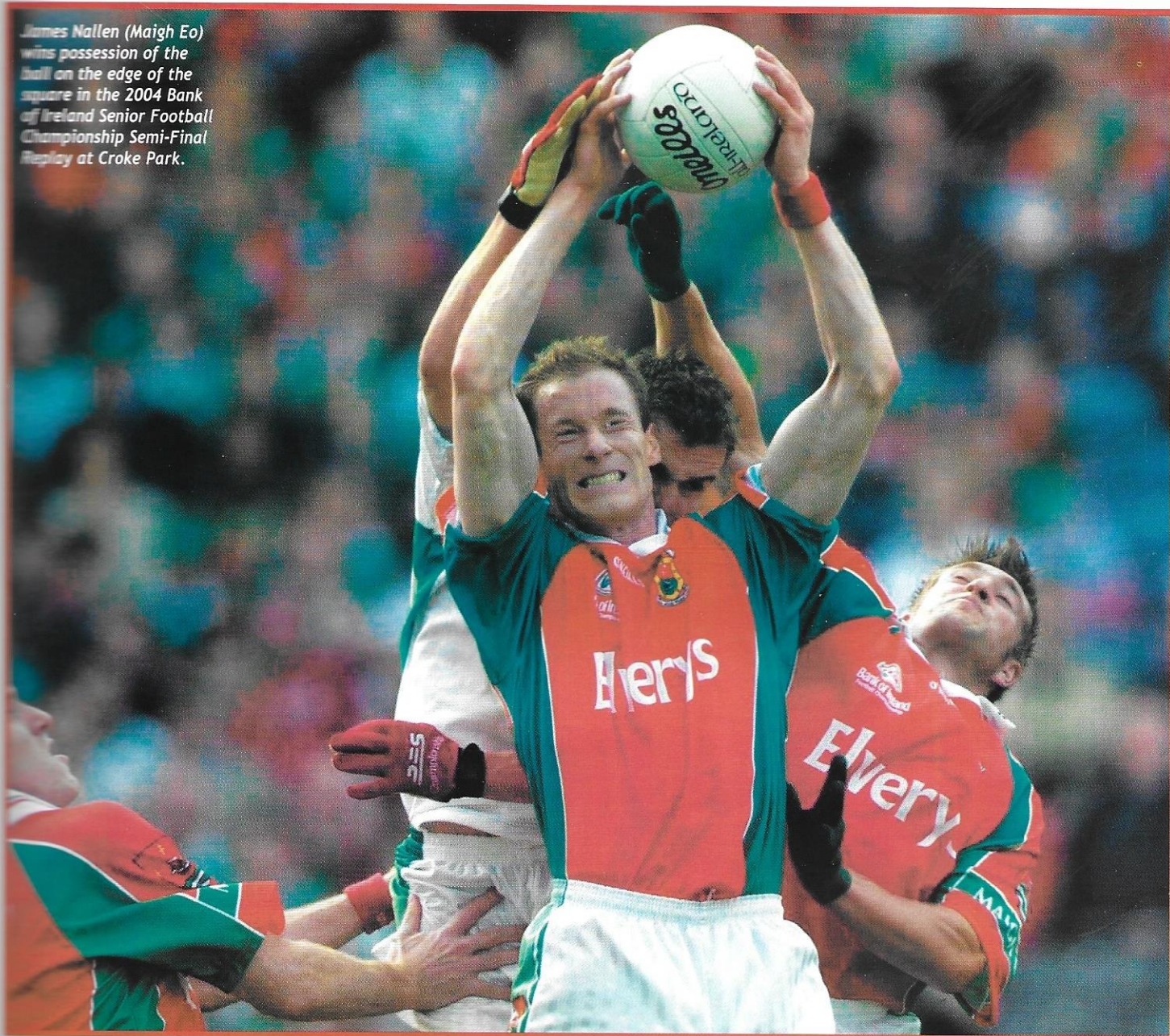
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Mayo capable of bridging 53 year gap

James Nallen (Maigh Eo) wins possession of the ball on the edge of the square in the 2004 Bank of Ireland Senior Football Championship Semi-Final Replay at Croke Park.



Although Mayo have three All-Ireland senior football titles to their credit, victory in this intriguing Bank of Ireland championship final would still spark off celebrations in the county on a par with those that follow the extra glamour of a first time win.

After all, it is over half a century since Mayo, who have had many fine teams down the years, last won the sport's top prize. Since then they have had many disappointments, including

three at All-Ireland final level, one following a replay. The most recent was that 1997 encounter with Kerry.

Can the Western county at last bridge the long titles gap? Only time will tell, but they parade strong credentials.

Mayo displayed good form on the way to their first Connacht title in five years and then surprised many nationally by ending fancied Tyrone's ambitions of a successful defence of the Sam Maguire Cup.

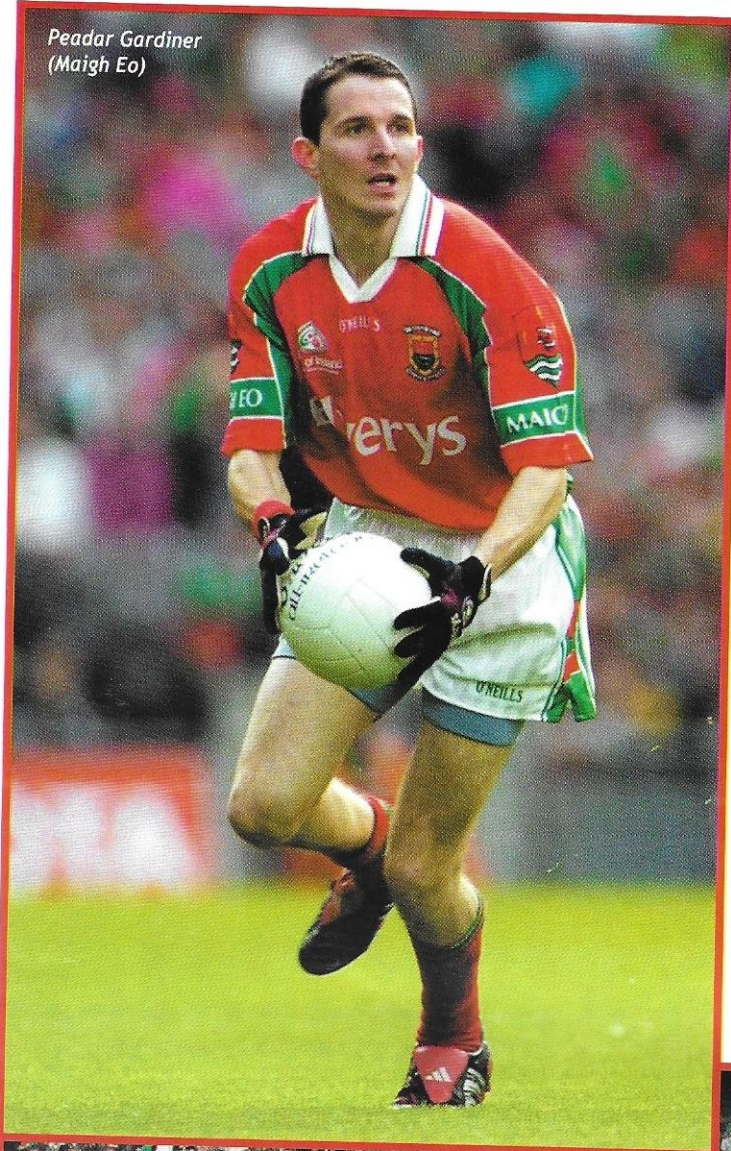
They showed plenty of skill and character in their semi-final with improving Fermanagh when overcoming the handicap of having a forward dismissed by the referee early in the second half to gain a draw.

Mayo again displayed a real will-to-win and all round ability in the replay. They opened brightly and, playing fast and clever football, were four points ahead after twenty-three minutes.

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At that stage they looked to be firmly on the road to the concluding round but fortunes fluctuated after that and the Connacht champions had to come from behind late in the game to clinch a hard-earned 0-13 to 1-8 win.

Twice in the concluding minutes Fermanagh led by a point, but the Mayo men did not panic. Leading marksman Conor Mortimer had them level with a free two minutes from the end of normal time. The Westerners kept up the momentum and points by Trevor Mortimer and substitute Austin O'Malley ensured victory.

SPIRITED RESISTANCE

Fermanagh, who put up a very spirited performance, scored the only goal of the game after thirty-one minutes to trail at the break by just two points—0-8 to 1-3.

The Ulster men had the better of the exchanges in the early stages of the second half and for a time looked like taking control. However, as the match advanced, Mayo began to get their game together once more and finished

the stronger to earn their final ticket. The Western champions impressed as a good all round side with the maturity to come out battling from tight corners.

Ronan McGarrity played a big part in fashioning the success with a solid display in midfield. David Brady, who went into the game as a second half substitute, did well and contributed a valuable point.

The attack moved well, with Conor Mortimer again underlining his finishing powers by recording five points. Kieran McDonald and Trevor Mortimer were other stars in attack.

The Mayo back division also did well. James Nallen, David Heaney and Peadar Gardiner set a high standard in orchestrating the defence into a capable unit.

A good display, then, by Mayo that, coming after their earlier successes, indicates that they are building up into a formidable side and one well equipped to win a first All-Ireland title in the lifetime of very many of their supporters.



The Mayo squad that overcame Fermanagh in the Semi-final replay.

Maigh Eo - Path to the Final

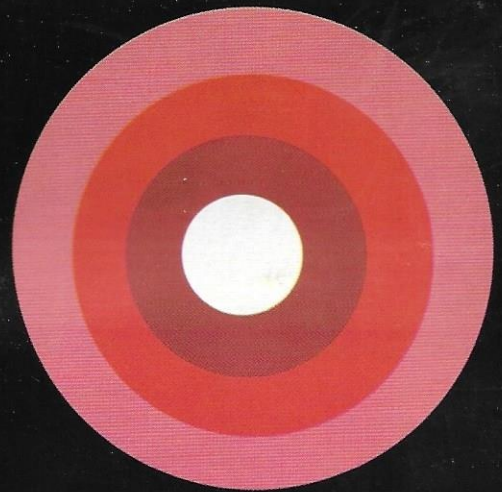
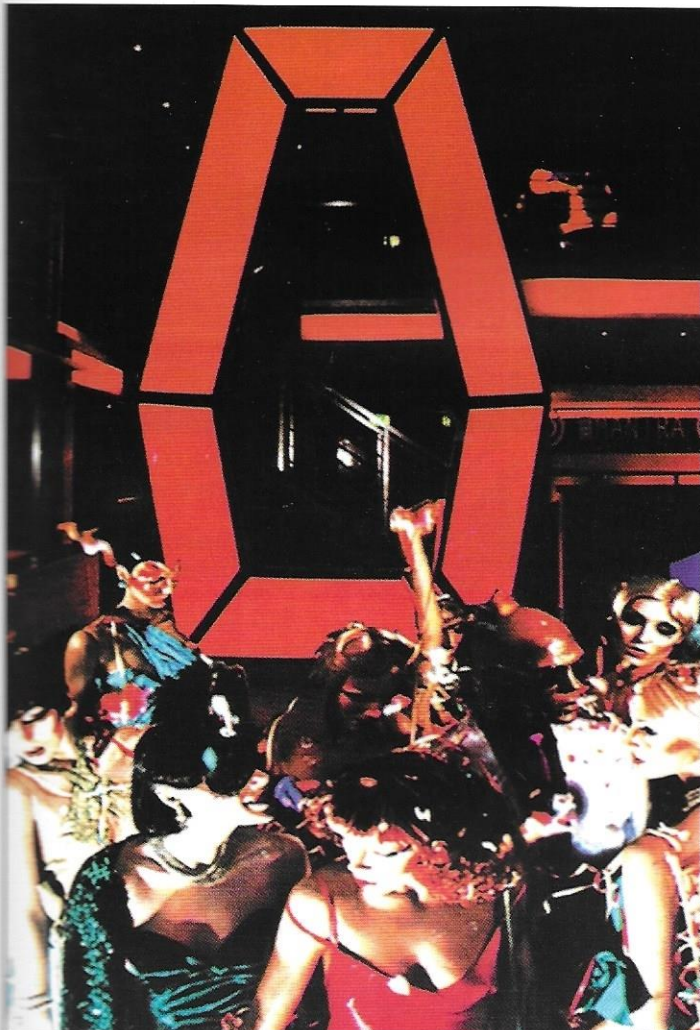
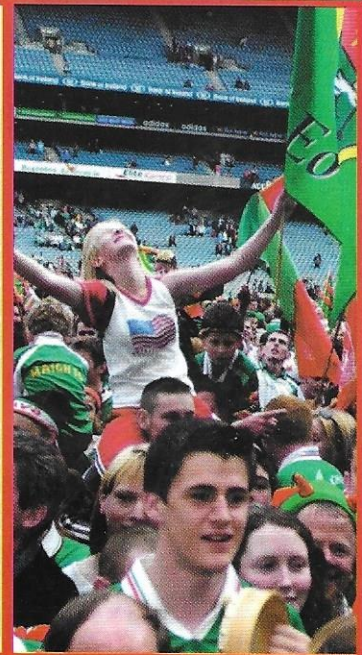


Maigh Eo

2nd May, Gaelic Park:			
Mayo	3-28;	New York	1-8
27th June, Castlebar:			
Mayo	0-18;	Galway	1-9
18th July, Castlebar:			
Mayo	2-13;	Roscommon	0-9
7th August, Croke Park:			
Mayo	0-16;	Tyrone	1-9
22nd August, Croke Park:			
Mayo	0-9;	Fermanagh	0-9
28th August, Croke Park (replay):			
Mayo	0-13;	Fermanagh	1-8
Total Scored	5-97 (112)		
Total Conceded	4-52 (64)		
Average	1.75		

Scoreboard

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Total
Conor Mortimer	1-12	0-8	0-9	0-3	0-4	0-5	1-41	44
Trevor Mortimer	—	0-1	1-1	0-2	0-1	0-3	1-8	11
Alan Dillon	0-1	—	0-1	0-6	0-2	—	0-10	10
Austin O'Malley	1-3	—	1-0	—	—	0-1	2-4	10
Kieran McDonald	—	0-3	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-8	8
Andy Moran	0-5	—	—	—	—	—	0-5	5
James Gill	0-2	0-2	—	—	—	—	0-4	4
David Brady	—	—	—	0-3	—	0-1	0-4	4
Michael Moyles	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	1-1	4
Brian Maloney	0-1	0-2	—	—	—	—	0-3	3
Ronan McGarrity	—	0-1	—	0-1	—	0-1	0-3	3
Marty McNicholas	0-2	—	—	—	—	—	0-2	2
David Heaney	—	0-1	—	—	0-1	—	0-2	2
Fergal Costello	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	1
Conor Moran	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	1



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Eoin Brosnan

by Jackie Cahill

LAST YEAR'S SEMI-FINAL MAULING HURT HIM

OPPORTUNITY knocks once more for Eoin Brosnan in this afternoon's Bank of Ireland football final and this time he intends to open the door.

Brosnan will never forget the 2002 final against Armagh when, in the dying seconds, he flashed a great goal chance wide of the posts.

His Brosnan's effort sailed behind for a goal-kick, Kerry's dreams died.

It was a huge disappointment for Brosnan but he has revealed that last year's semi-final mauling at the hands of Tyrone hurt him even more.

"They ate us for hunger and they seemed to win every 50-50 ball on the field," he reflected.

"We were four points down in the second half, we had half a chance of a goal which could have changed it but we would have robbed them.

"Tyrone were a team on a mission, like Armagh in 2002 and it's difficult when you come up against those teams.

"We've driven through the championship with the same attitude

and it's a matter of matching that." Brosnan is one of the key figures in this afternoon's game with his ball-winning ability and powerful running game central to Kerry's style of play.

He's not afraid to get forward when the opportunity presents itself and in the Munster football final replay against Limerick he scored a cracking goal just before half-time to bring the Kingdom right back into contention.

He recalled: "I started at midfield and things hadn't been going well. We went

out to start well but within 20 seconds we were a goal down and we trailed by 1-6 to 0-2 approaching half time.

"Tommy Griffin came on for us, played very well at midfield and I switched to the 40.

"Limerick had dropped a man back behind their half back line but when I went to centre forward they abandoned that tactic.

"Stephen Lucey came to mark me but he fell asleep for my goal. Colm Cooper got the ball, he could have put it over the bar but I was in the clear. It was a matter of keeping the ball down at that stage."

This is Brosnan's fourth full season on the Kerry senior panel and he'll never forget the moment he was first called in.

"We were playing a county league game in Gallarus in April 2000 and I played well," he smiled.

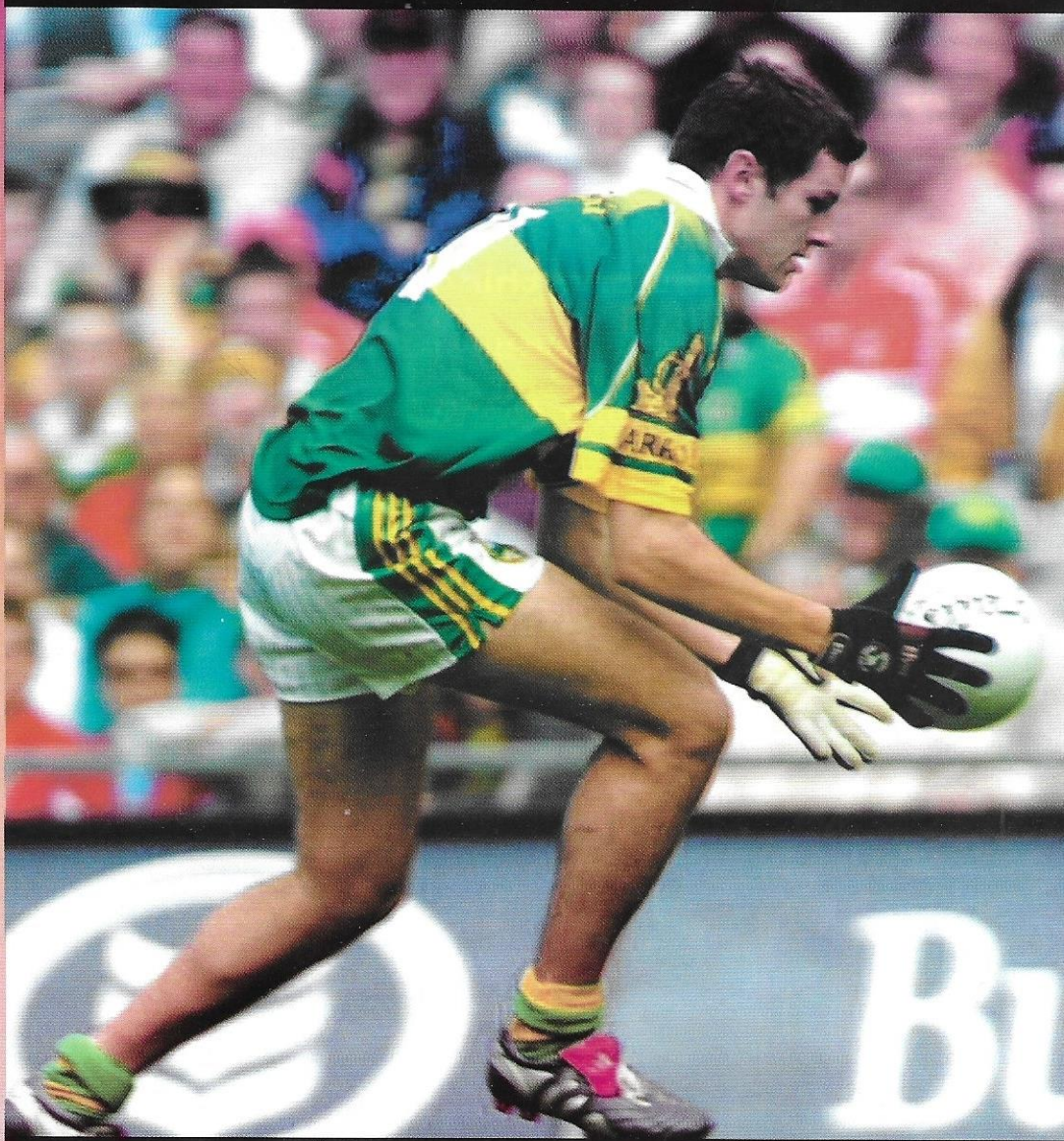
"Páidí (Ó Sé) came up to me after the game and asked me would I play a challenge game in Laois the next day, up in Durrow.

"I did well enough and I trained with the panel all summer, one of two extra men to make up the numbers for football in training.

"Kerry won the All-Ireland and soon after I made my league debut against Louth, back in the good old days when the league began before Christmas."

Brosnan made his championship debut against Tipperary in 2001 and the Dr Crokes man hasn't looked back since.

A versatile player, the 24-year-old can do a job either at midfield or in the half forward line but he admitted: "My first dream was to play against Cork in Fitzgerald Stadium but every young fella wants to play at midfield in an All-Ireland final. That's where the action happens but I'll play wherever I'm picked."

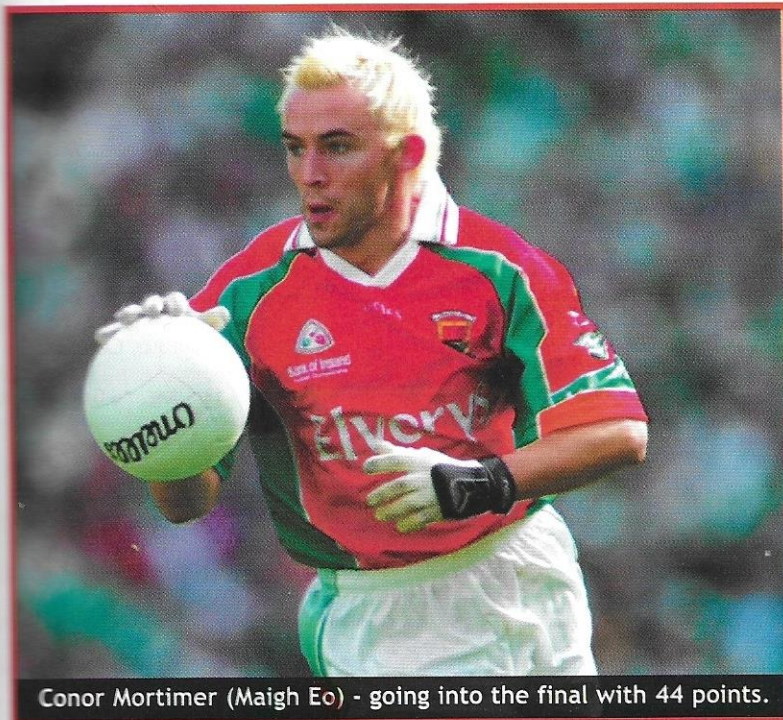


EOIN BROSAN (CIARRAÍ)



Top Scorers

CONOR MORTIMER POISED TO BRIDGE AN EIGHT YEAR GAP FOR MAYO



Conor Mortimer (Maigh Eo) - going into the final with 44 points.

Conor Mortimer is strongly placed to emerge from the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football final as the first Mayo man in eight seasons to top the nation-wide chart of leading scorers for an annual championship campaign.

He needs just four points to pass out the current table-topper, Mattie Forde. Mortimer has 1-41 (44 points) from six games, which gives him a match average well above what he requires for a top of the table take-over at 7.33 points a match.

Maurice Sheridan is currently the last Mayo man to lead the way nationally in a season. He outscored all others in 1996 with 1-32 (35 points) in six games for an average well down on Conor Mortimer's tally at 5.83 points.

Forde scored 3-38 (47 points) in five games, which gives the Wexford man the top match average in the chart at 9.4 points.

Dara Ó Cinnéide is the last Kerry player to finish ahead of the field nationally in any season. His big year was 2000 when he scored 3-22 (31 points) in six games for a match rating of 5.16.

The Kingdom captain is well down the chart this season, but, no doubt, will improve his position as a result of his appearance against the Connacht champions.

The odds are that following this latest final, Pdraig Joyce will still command the premier position for a full season in the opening years of this century.

He recorded 3-45 (54 points) in eight games in Galway's All-Ireland senior title winning campaign of 2001 for an average of 6.75 points.

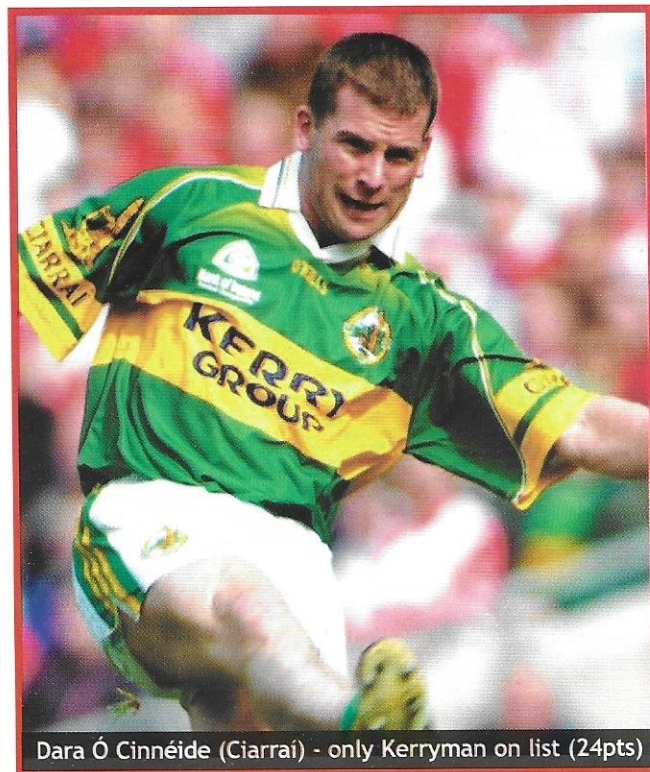
However, this is still well down on the national record established by Brian Stafford (Meath) in 1991 at 4-62 (74 points) in ten games at average of 7.4 points and outing.

That was the year of the thrilling four game marathon involving Meath and Dublin in the opening round of the Leinster championship, which ended in a win for the Royals, who went on to lose to Down in the All-Ireland final.

HOT SHOTS

The leading scorers in the senior football championship (provincial, All-Ireland Qualifiers, All-Ireland quarter-finals and semi-finals) starting the Bank of Ireland final are:

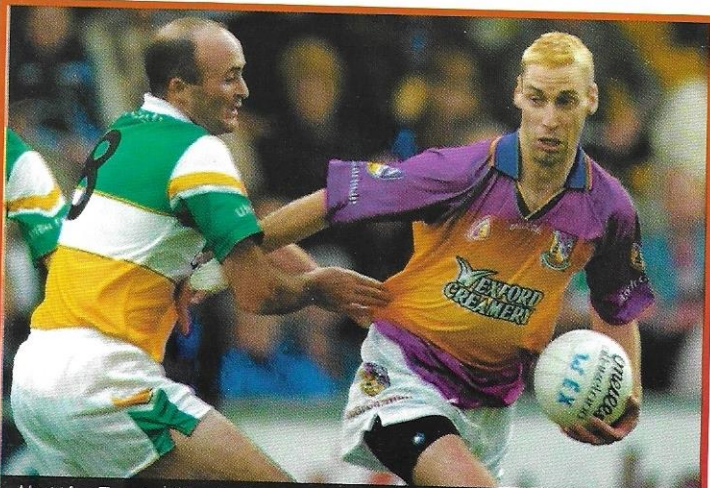
POINTS		SCORE	GAMES	AVERAGE
47	MATTIE FORDE (WEXFORD)	3-38	5	9.4
44	CONOR MORTIMER (MAYO)	1-41	6	7.33
44	PADDY BRADLEY (DERRY)	2-38	7	6.28
34	PADRAIG DAVIS (LONGFORD)	2-28	4	8.5
33	ENDA MULDOON (DERRY)	3-24	6	5.5
30	DESSIE DOLAN (WESTMEATH)	1-27	6	5.
27	MARK HARTE (TYRONE)	3-18	6	4.5
26	STEPHEN MAGUIRE (FERMANAGH)	0-26	7	3.7
24	PADRAIG JOYCE (GALWAY)	3-15	4	6.
24	ALAN BROGAN (DUBLIN)	2-18	6	4.
24	DARA Ó CINNÉIDE (KERRY)	2-18	5	4.8



Dara Ó Cinnéide (Ciarraí) - only Kerryman on list (24pts)

Individual feats

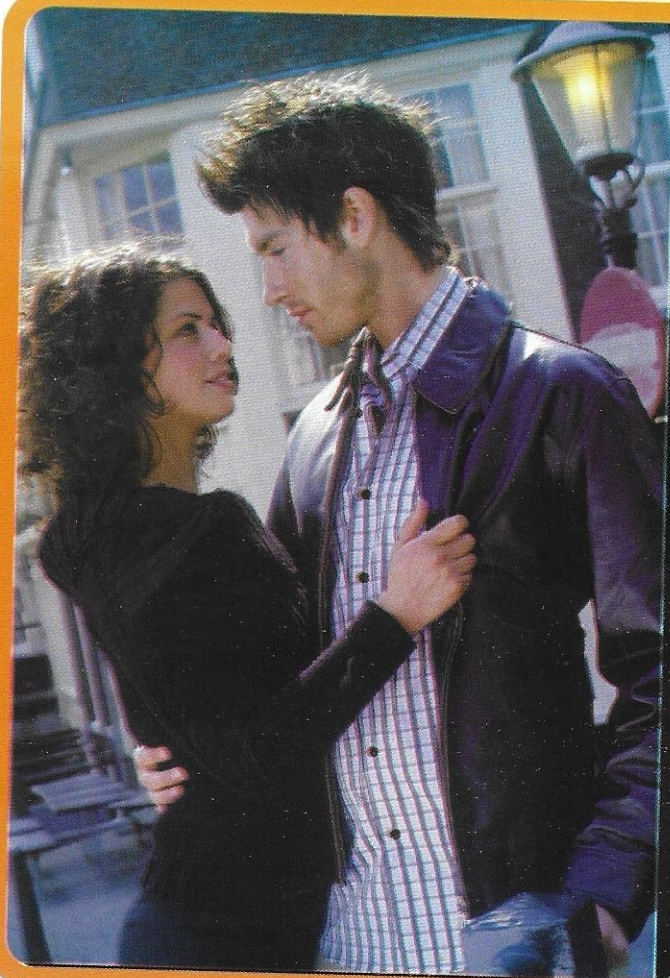
When Conor Mortimer hit a magnificent 1-12 in the first game of this year's championship in New York's Gaelic Park, few would have bet against the Mayo man's return being beaten. However, a little over two months later Wexford's Mattie Forde ran riot against Offaly amassing a personal haul of 2-10 to edge out Mortimer by one point. Last year Frankie Dolan (0-13) and Steven McDonnell (3-4) shared the top spot, and only Rory Gallagher's 3-9 against Monaghan two years ago bettered the Slaneyside ace's return.



Mattie Forde (Loch Garman) - scored 2-10 v Offaly

In all, 16 returns (18 last year) of nine points or better were recorded in the current campaign and they are:

MATTIE FORDE (WEXFORD)	2-10	v OFFALY - 10TH JULY, WEXFORD PARK
CONOR MORTIMER (MAYO)	1-12	v NEW YORK - 2ND MAY, GAELIC PARK
DAITHI REGAN (MEATH)	2-6	v FERMANAGH - 3RD JULY, ENNISKILLEN
PADRAIG DAVIS (LONGFORD)	0-11	v MONAGHAN - 12TH JUNE, CLONES
PADDY BRADLEY (DERRY)	1-8	v WICKLOW - 12TH JUNE, AUGHTRIM
DARA Ó CINNEIDE (KERRY)	1-7	v LIMERICK - 18TH JULY, KILLARNEY
DESSIE DOLAN (WESTMEATH)	1-7	v WEXFORD - 27TH JUNE, CROKE PARK
COLM MCFADDEN (DONEGAL)	1-7	v TYRONE - 20TH JUNE, CLONES
ALAN BROGAN (DUBLIN)	2-4	v LONDON - 12TH JUNE, PARNELL PARK
CONOR MORTIMER (MAYO)	0-9	v ROSCOMMON - 18TH JULY, CASTLEBAR
MUIRIS GAVIN (LIMERICK)	0-9	v WATERFORD - 13TH JUNE, THE GAELIC GROUNDS
ENDA MULDOON (DERRY)	1-6	v WESTMEATH - 14TH AUGUST, CROKE PARK
PADRAIG DAVIS (LONGFORD)	1-6	v CARLOW - 9TH MAY, TULLAMORE
MARK HARTE (TYRONE)	2-3	v LAOIS - 1ST AUGUST, CROKE PARK
PADRAIG JOYCE (GALWAY)	2-3	v LONDON - 30TH MAY, RUISLIP
SIMON REA (CARLOW)	2-3	v LONGFORD - 9TH MAY, TULLAMORE



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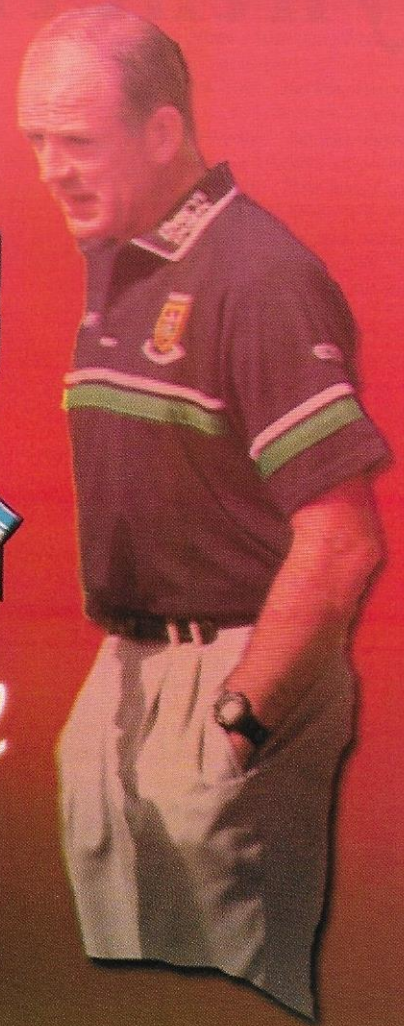
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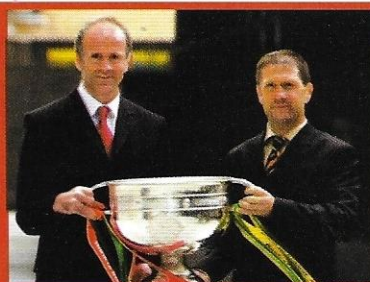
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A Contrast in Styles



By **Damian Lawlor**
GAA Correspondent, *The Star*



Jack O'Connor

ONE patrols the sideline with a bronzed figure and shorts, kicking every ball with his team; the other looks more Irish in a t-shirt and tracksuit bottoms, only moving when necessary.

The contrast is clear alright. If they were English football managers John Maughan would double up somewhere between John Gregory and Sam Allardyce, flamboyant young managers who know the game inside out but remain just short of fulfilling their potential.

Jack O'Connor would be somewhere in the David Moyes or Alan Curbishley mould. Moyes is charged with restoring the glory days to a fallen giant, Curbishley is straight to the point, has plenty of coaching experience and manages to blood new players every single season.

Today, these two rivals nervously patrol the sidelines knowing that for one of them, life will never be the same again.

Maughan has been here before, so near to closure that it hurts. In 1996 and '97 the former Mayo stalwart, who won an All-Ireland under 21 medal in 1983 at full back, almost guided the team to their fourth title. Almost.

Since those defeats he has been hailed as the unluckiest manager in football so when he was again put in charge of the team at the start of this

year, he decided things had to change.

We now have a mellowed-out Maughan who is also hoping to steer the county under 21 team to national honours. He has welcomed prodigal sons Kieran McDonald and David Brady back to his ranks, opened the door to the media and comes across as one of the most impressive managers and talkers in the game.

With a glint in his eye, the father of four still looks fit enough to tog out in the green and red himself and looks to be really enjoying the season, helped no doubt by a stroll through Connacht and a fantastic, campaign-defining win against Tyrone.

"You do learn things every year," he said. "I looked at some of the teams who have won an All-Ireland lately and learned some of their tricks," he laughs. "Rather than replicating what we did in the past, when we were losing, I tried to change things a little.

"I have spoken to Alan Gaffney, the Munster rugby manager, and picked up some stuff from him and the whole team has embraced a different philosophy this year.

"It's a happy camp, there are no divisions contrary to rumours and we deserve to win. But just because we deserve to win doesn't mean a thing.

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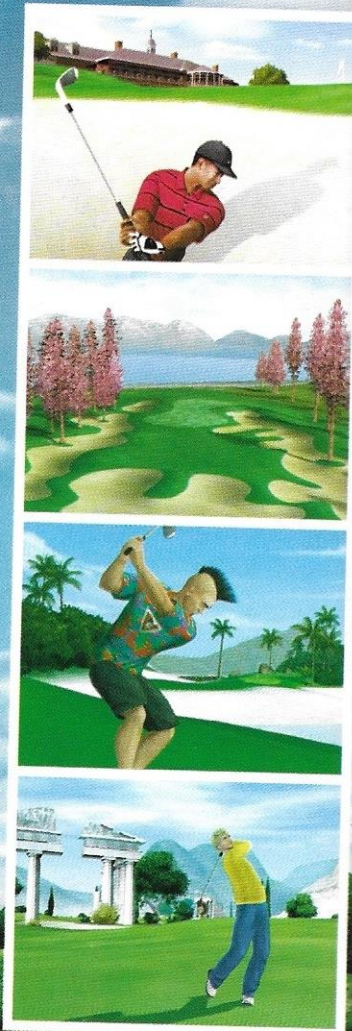
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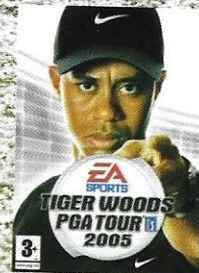
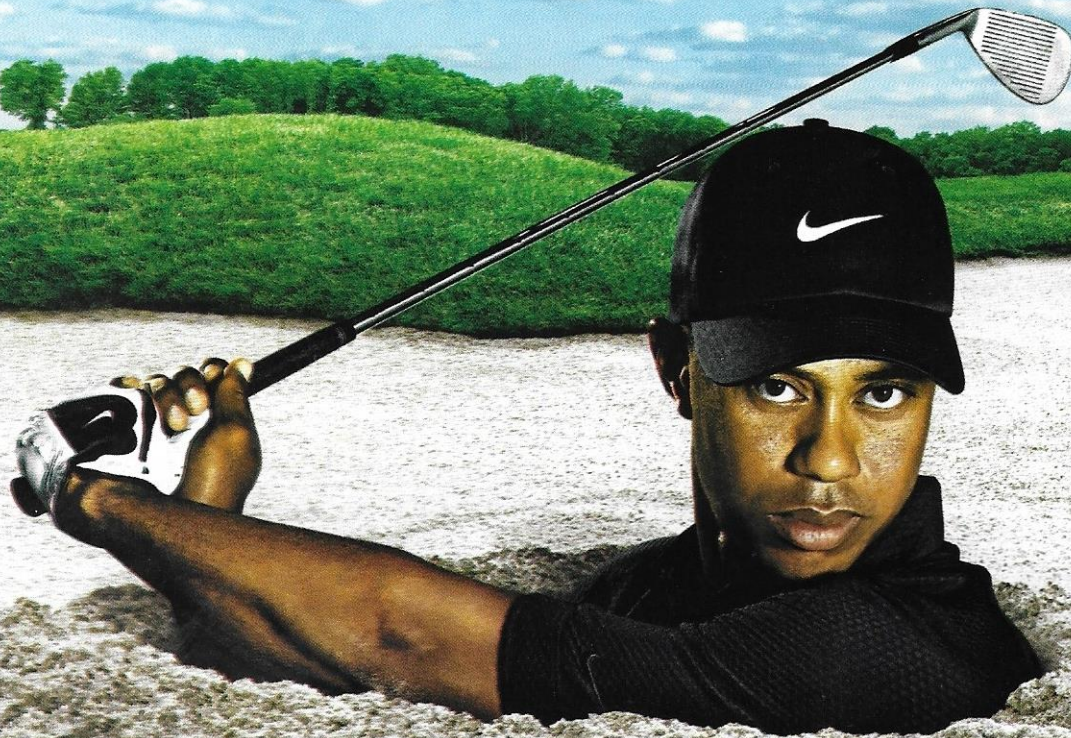
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People have said I am an unlucky manager and while I would love things to change on All-Ireland final day, there is no guarantee that they will. You have to be ready for that but right now defeat is not even a possibility."

If Jack O'Connor wins today, he could more or less throw his hat at it. Already, in his first year, he has won the National League, the Munster title and his calling card has been the emergence of players like Tom O'Sullivan, Diarmuid Murphy, Enda Galvin, Paddy Kelly and Tommy Griffin under his wing.

O'Connor made his name at Coláiste Na Sceilge in Cahirciveen by winning four Corn Uí Mhuirí titles in a row and then successfully became involved with the county under 21 team in 1996 and 1998 before guiding his college to two All-Ireland V5 titles.

Jack is straight down the line; he has taken the hard calls to drop the likes of Mike Frank Russell and has moulded the team to do battle without Seamus Moynihan for most of the year. He must do the same without Darragh Ó Sé today.

Like Maughan, he looks fit enough to play and until last year he was playing alongside Declan

O'Sullivan for Dromid Pearses in the Kerry Championship. He has put steel into this team without much fuss.

There are no frills to O'Connor as a manager but he leaves nothing to chance and wants his players to prove they are up to the task of restoring a fallen giant.

"I think the public are still not quite sure about this team," he conceded.

"The 2002 season left a mark on the Kerry psyche because it was a year when Kerry played some fantastic football and the All-Ireland looked to be in the bag until it was snatched away at the death.

"I still think that it left a bit of a mark and our people are not going to trust any team until they see them lifting the cup.

"This year, we have blown hot and cold so we know that the punters out there are still a bit doubtful about the team."

It will be O'Connor's greatest achievement if he can silence those cynics.

John Maughan



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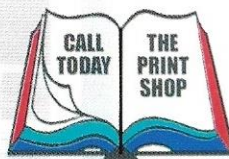
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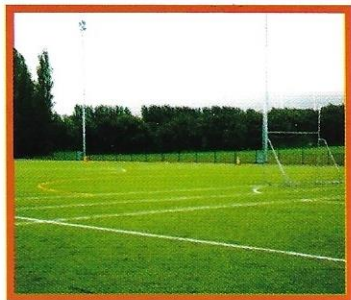
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Nearly every G.A.A Club in the country is now researching the possibility of installing an All Weather Pitch. Lottery funding is being used as a base for cash injection in what is now being seen as a necessary asset for team development and for possible revenue generation. Lack of awareness, however, of the intricacies involved in acquiring one of these pitches is prohibiting some clubs - and indeed County Boards - from pursuing the venture.

There has been tremendous interest in the last year or so shown by G.A.A. clubs in all weather systems but basically two things have held up progress. Firstly clubs have limited knowledge of how to source the suppliers of the systems. Word of mouth seems to be the way in which information is disseminated but this is a haphazard approach as the information is based on very limited data. Secondly, a lot of clubs are put off the idea because of the perceived cost implications.

There is an impression that Synthetic Grass might play like the Old Crystal Palace playing surface seen by many

years ago when that Club experimented with what became known as 'Astro Turf'. Now new Third Generation materials however enable Gaelic Football and Hurling to be played as though on a perfect grass surface similar to what you would expect to find on a good summer's morning. Therefore club players can train on a real-life surface 365 days of the year in all weather conditions. Because there is very little wear and tear on the surface all age groups can be catered for continually. Already the likes of Fingallians and St. Judes in Dublin and Cooley Kickhams in Louth have installed Synthetic All Weather areas where training can



take place all year round while their main playing pitches are saved for actual match days.

It is strongly suggested that the following set of criteria be analysed when choosing the type of Synthetic All Weather Pitch.

1. The actual 'feel' underfoot of the playing surface. The players will require - even demand - that the artificial grass performs in the same way as a natural grass surface does on a perfect summer's morning!
2. Confidence in the workmanship and integrity of the main contractor. A very important part of the installation revolves around the whole sub-base preparation. Only reputable and experienced contractors should be considered for a project of this dimension.
3. The requirements for lighting and fencing: the selection of fencing and the quality of lighting is nearly endless.
4. The aesthetics of the completed project and how it fits in with the surrounding landscape.
5. The overall cost of the project.

Alan and Marty renew old 'friendships'

By Toni Bourke

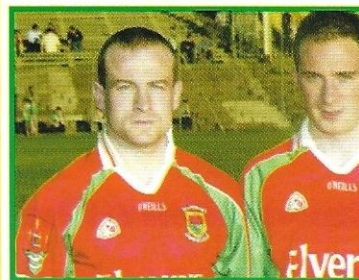
TWO of the Mayo players will be well acquainted with Kerry football on September 26th. Marty McNicholas and Alan Dillon both played for Davitt College in the Vocational Schools football championships and came up against Kerry opposition through the years.

In 1996 Marty played in the All-Ireland under-16 schools semi-final against Causeway and at centre half forward that day for Causeway was present Kerry senior footballer Paul Galvin.

In 2000 Alan Dillon played a pivotal role for Davitt College in the All-Ireland senior final against Coláiste na Sceilge in Limerick. In a pulsating encounter the present Kerry senior footballer Declan O'Sullivan crashed the ball into the Davitt College net in the dying moments to force the game to a replay which the Kerry champions went on to win on a score-line of 1-10 to 1-6.

Another very interesting feature of that final was that the Coláiste na Sceilge team that day was managed by none other than the present Kerry manager Jack O'Connor.

Both Alan and Marty are eagerly looking forward to All-Ireland final day and hope to turn the tables on their Kerry counterparts.



A WASH OUT

Nowadays, rain rarely has an effect on the attendance at All-Ireland finals, but on one occasion in the distant past the elements had a disastrous effect on the attendance - and the gate receipts. This was on the occasion of the 1908 Dublin-London final on August 1st, 1909 at Jones's Road. Apart from the fact that the "real" final had taken place almost three months previously in which Dublin had beaten Kerry in the "Home" final, meant that interest, even in Dublin, was almost non-existent, there was also the fact that there was torrential rain for several hours before the game. By the appointed starting time only a handful of spectators had turned up and these contributed a total of £5 to the Association's coffers. A wash out that has never been repeated.

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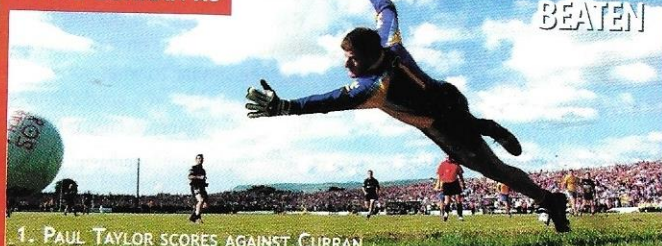
To date 18 penalties have been awarded in the current campaign, which is two more than were awarded at the same stage last season. The yield per penalty has also dropped slightly from 2.06 points per penalty to 2.00 as 12 goals (36 points) resulted from the 18 kicks.

No player converted more than one kick and just two players - Tomás Quinn and Michael Foley - took more than one penalty, with both players having mixed results. Just three goalkeepers - Declan O'Keeffe (Kerry), James Reilly (Cavan) and Cormac Sullivan (Meath) - saved penalties last season and that list is doubled this year with six penalty stoppers. A special mention must go to Roscommon's Shane Curran as the only 'keeper to both save and score a penalty in this year's championship.

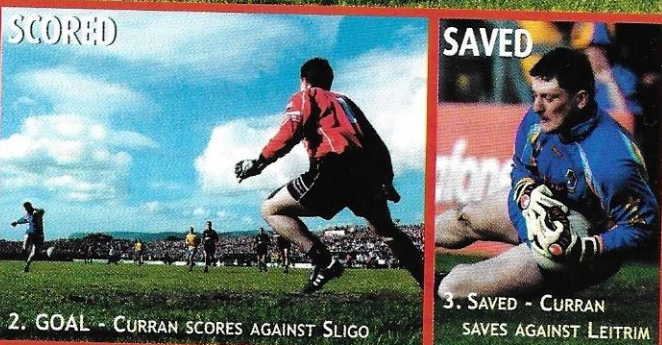
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	Paul Taylor (Sligo)	GOAL	v Roscommon
	Ger Heneghan (Roscommon)	GOAL	v Sligo
6th June:	Mark Harte (Tyrone)	GOAL	v Fermanagh
12th June:	Tadhg Fennin (Kildare)	SAVED	by Padraig Kelly (Offaly)
	Tomas Quinn (Dublin)	GOAL	v London
	Mark Stanfield (Louth)	GOAL	v Antrim
	Trevor Doyle (Wicklow)	GOAL	v Derry
	Paul Barden (Longford)	GOAL	v Monaghan
20th June:	Michael Foley (Leitrim)	GOAL	v Roscommon
26th June:	Michael Foley (Leitrim)	SAVED	by Shane Curran (Roscommon)
3rd July:	Alan Brogan (Dublin)	SAVED	by Gareth Phelan (Leitrim)
10th July:	Tomás Quinn (Dublin)	SAVED	by Damien Sheridan (Longford)
17th July:	Derek Savage (Galway)	SAVED	by Pascal McConnell (Tyrone)
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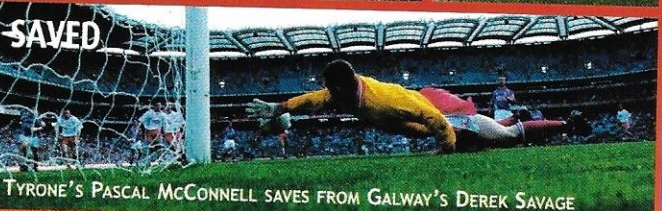


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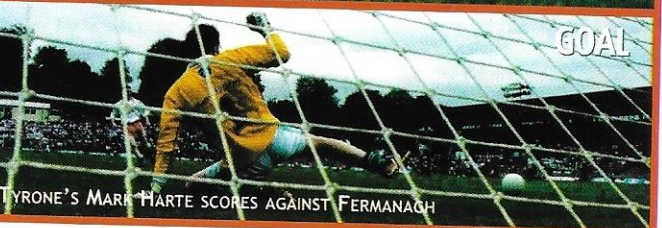


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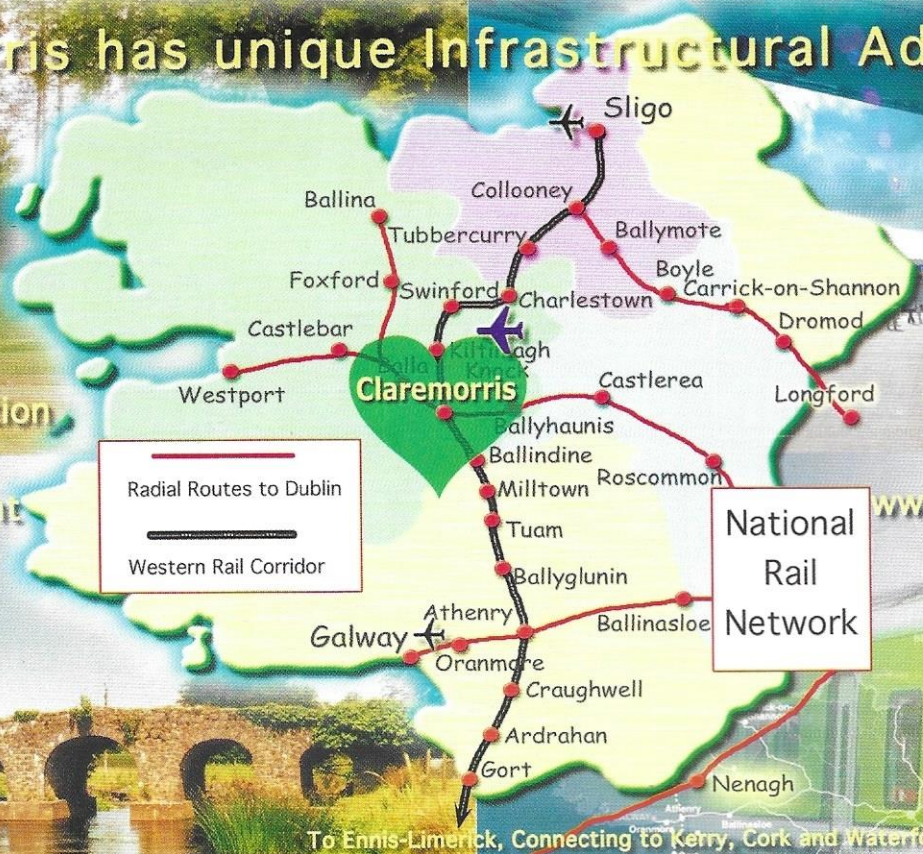
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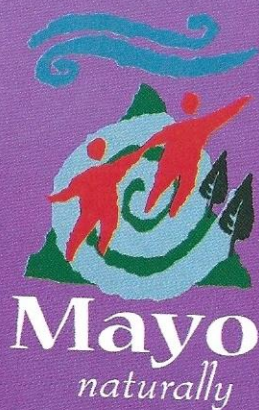


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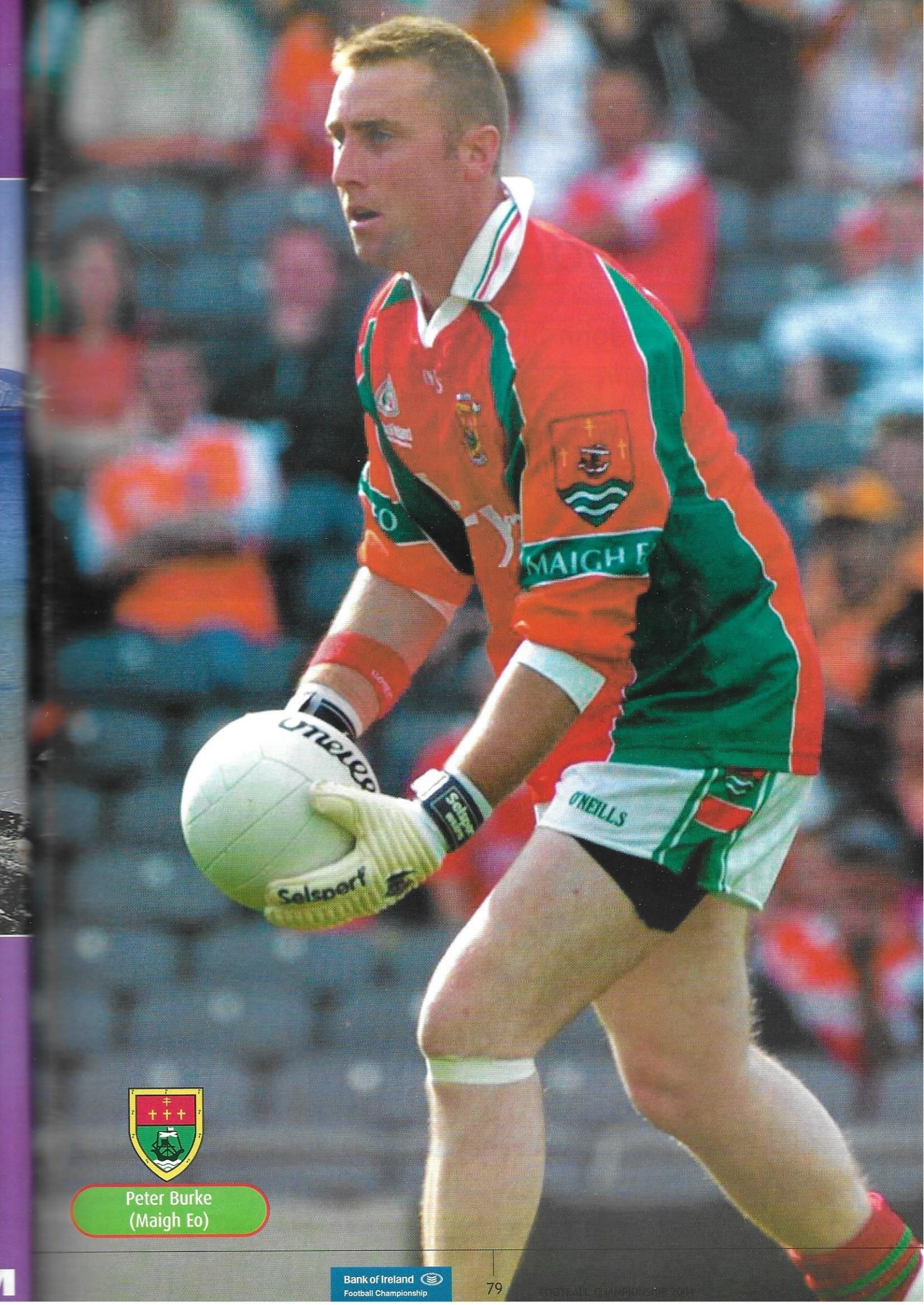
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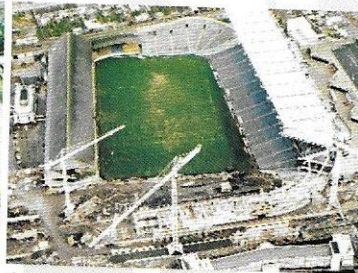
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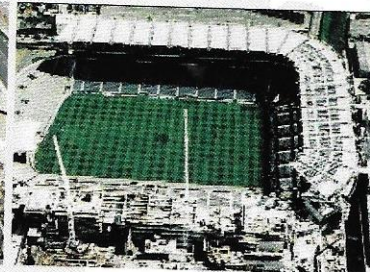
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Mayo's Ten Finals

1916 - Wexford 3-4 Mayo 1-2

On a pitch that was anything but conducive to good football, Mayo took on a hugely experienced Wexford team most of whom were appearing in their fourth successive All-Ireland final. And when the champions opened their account with a Gus Kennedy goal it was obvious that Mayo were up against it. After Pat Loftus had saved a couple of hard shots in the Mayo goal, Harry Hession had Mayo's first score - a point from play - which brought an immediate response from a Wexford free. Having much the better of the exchanges, the champions surged in for their second goal, but Frank Courell's point left it 2-2 to 0-2 at the break.

Right from the restart Mayo were on the defensive, but fine work by Joe Leyden, John Eddie McEllin and Pat Robinson kept the scoresheet unchanged until Reynolds had a Wexford point with 38 minutes gone. Mayo continued to fight bravely but vainly against the odds and whatever faint hopes lingered disappeared when the Slaneysiders' third goal went in. Tom Boshell, however, had the last say when he goaled close to the full-time whistle.

Team - Pat Loftus, Tom Gibson, Jack Waldron, John Eddie McEllin, George Delaney, Pat Robinson, Joe Leyden, Harry Hession, D F Courell, Mick Murray, Tom Boshell, Paddy Kelly, James Reilly, Tony Lyons, Paddy Smith.

1921 - Dublin 1-9 Mayo 0-2

With little activity in Connacht in this championship year, Mayo were at a considerable disadvantage when they took on the St. Mary's-backed Dublin team on June 17th, 1923. To reach this final Mayo played two games in which they beat Galway in June 1922 and Roscommon in March 1923, and pitted against a team that had already seen action in the 1922 and '23 Leinster championships, they were ill-prepared to take on such formidable opposition.

Yet sheer grit kept them in touch for

at least half the way as the well-supplied Dublin attack found scoring a difficult task against a defence that conceded few frees under intense pressure. But the Dublin scores did eventually come even if they put only four points on the board before the break; Mayo's response being a point from John White after Paddy O'Beirne and Sean Lavan had done the spade work. When Dublin stretched the lead by two points shortly after the restart Mayo's faint hopes evaporated, and though Lavan hit a point after hitting the upright, it was indeed a tame finish.

Team - Bernie Durkan, George Delaney, Willie Boshell, Mick Barrett, Pat McLean, Pat Robinson, Frank Doherty, John Eddie McEllin, Paddy O'Beirne, Sean Lavin, Mick McNicholas, Kieran Dillon, John Forde, Paddy Colleran, John White. Sub - Paddy Moran.

1932 - Kerry 2-7 Mayo 2-4

Neither county lacked incentives in this first-ever final meeting before an attendance of 25,816 - for Mayo it was the lure of a first All-Ireland crown; for Kerry the chance to equal Wexford's four-in-a-row titles of 1915-18. And if ever a team confronting the holders got the start they needed it was Mayo in this final as, after Gerald Courell had opened the scoring with a point at the third minute, Paddy Moclair and Patsy Munnely also raised the white flag within the next 90 seconds.

It took Kerry ten minutes to open their account which was in the shape of a Con Brosnan goal which levelled matters. Tim Landers pointed Kerry in front at the 19th minute, but Mayo finished the half strongly; Moclair levelled and at the 29th minute Courell shot to the net to leave it 1-4 to 1-1 at the break. However, Kerry dominated the second half after they had scored their second goal two minutes after the restart, though John Forde's goal kept Mayo hopes alive until Kerry's late point by Jackie Ryan went over just as the game went into lost time.

Team - Mick Mulderrig, Tom Burke,

Mick Ormsby, Gerald Courell, Purty Kelly, Paddy Quinn, Paddy Flannelly, Paddy Moclair, Patsy Munnely, John Forde, Seamus O'Malley, George Ormsby, T J Hanley, Tom Tunney, Sean Gannon.

1936 - Mayo 4-11 Laois 0-6

The credentials of both counties were impressive; Mayo's path to the final had been via a first-ever win over their old tormentors Kerry while Laois had eliminated reigning All-Ireland champions Cavan with a most competent display. But a final that promised much failed to deliver, and for Mayo there was the irony of so many bitter disappointments being swept away in one of the most one-sided finals in the history of the championship.

Not that Mayo dwelt over-long on that aspect of the long-sought triumph. Two early goals by Munnely quickly established a pattern of Mayo supremacy that was rarely challenged by a Laois team that was for the most part tied to the ground. After the opening burst Mayo's scoring rate slowed and the four points notched between the 8th and 22nd minutes were replied to by two hard-earned scores from the Leinster champions. However, Mayo hit three more points to leave it 2-7 to 0-2 at the changeover.

The second half merely confirmed Mayo's superiority and even before the end of the third quarter the trickle to the exits had begun. A most disappointing final, but Mayo were well satisfied with the outcome. Team - Tom Burke, Jim McGowan, Paddy Quinn, Purty Kelly, Tommy Regan, Seamus O'Malley, George Ormsby, Patsy Flannelly, Henry Kenny, Jackie Carney, Tommy Grier, Peter Laffey, Josie Munnely, Paddy Moclair, Paddy Munnely.

1948 - Cavan 4-5 Mayo 4-4

To say that this was a remarkable final would be a classic understatement; to say it was the most extraordinary final ever played would be nearer the mark - the only final in which both winners and losers

found the net four times in the hour. And if the game had a controversial ending there was little sign of such a climax early on as Mayo, playing against the gale, restricted the greatest forward formation in the game at the time to a mere point with 20 minutes gone. Then came three quick goals to leave Cavan leading by 3-2 to nil at the interval.

When Mayo slipped further into arrears on the restart it looked like a rout. But against all the odds and expectations Mayo fought back and incredibly, with eight minutes remaining, had drawn level. Cavan roused themselves to earn a free and a point, but Mayo's cause appeared to be saved until Padraig Carney's close-in free was charged down - many thought illegally - by the Cavan centre-half forward Mick Higgins. The controversy - inside and outside Mayo - would last for decades.

Team - Tommy Byrne, Peter Quinn, Paddy Prendergast, Sean Flanagan, John Forde, Pat McAndrew, John Gilvarry, Eamon Mongey, Padraig Carney, Billie Kenny, Tom Langan, Joe Gilvarry, Tom Acton, Peter Solon, Sean Mulderrig.

1950 - Mayo 2-5 Louth 1-6

Mayo had an advantage in the matter of experience, but Louth, buoyed by a first-ever championship win over Kerry in the semi-final, and their fine display in the previous year's National League decider, got off to a good start with the opening score after just 30 seconds. However, Eamon Mongey's opening point for Mayo was followed by Peter Solan's goal and left the Wee county, despite playing with the breeze, striving to catch up until a spurt just before the interval put them ahead (1-4 to 1-3).

Points were exchanged before Mayo drew level as the game entered the last quarter. Again Louth went ahead, but at the 55th minute Sean Flanagan cleared a ball beyond the half-way line where Tom Langan gained possession, made ground before parting to the careering Mick Flanagan whose shot flew past Sean Thornton to put Mayo a point clear.

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Mayo's Ten Finals



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Mick Mulderrig doubled the advantage, but Mayo survived some anxious moments before the 14-year gap had been bridged.

Team - Billie Durkan, John Forde, Paddy Prendergast, Sean Flanagan, Peter Quinn, Henry Dixon, John McAndrew, Pádraig Carney, Eamon Mongey, Mick Flanagan, Billie Kenny, Joe Gilvarry, Mick Mulderrig, Tom Langan, Peter Solan. Subs - Sean Wynne, Mick Caulfield, Sean Mulderrig.

1951 - Mayo 2-8 Meath 0-9

A five-point winning margin does not suggest a one-sided encounter, but from an early stage it was clear that Mayo had the measure of Meath, and especially after the first goal went in. With wind advantage the Royal county looked competent enough as they ran up a three-point lead after nine minutes, but in the first Mayo attack of any consequence Joe Gilvarry set up the chance which was turned to account by Tom Langan whose shot finished in the net before the Meath 'keeper moved.

Meath took it up again to forge a two-point lead but Mayo struck again; Mulderrig gained possession about 40 yards out, sent a perfect centre to Joe Gilvarry who did the needful and by the interval the champions led by 2-3 to 0-8. Surprisingly, Mayo scored less with the wind than they had against it, but that was of no benefit to a Meath team that had nothing to offer as they replied with just a solitary point to Mayo's handful. Team - Sean Wynne, John Forde, Paddy Prendergast, Sean Flanagan, Joe Staunton, Henry Dixon, Peter Quinn, Eamon Mongey, John McAndrew, Paddy Irwin, Pádraig Carney, Sean Mulderrig, Mick Flanagan, Tom Langan, Joe Gilvarry. Sub - Liam Hasting.

1989 - Cork 0-17 Mayo 1-11

If Mayo were outsiders - rank outsiders with some of the pundits - for this final, it was not surprising for pitted against the Westerners were players appearing in their third final with every Mayo player

making their debut final appearance. And those who gave Mayo little chance appeared to be vindicated as Cork ran in four points with less than nine minutes gone. But then Mayo found their feet and play began to flow towards the Cork posts. Willie Joe Padden opened Mayo's account at the tenth minute and from there to the interval Mayo outscored their opponents, although thanks to their opening burst Cork still led at the break by 0-10 to 0-8.

Sensationally, Mayo were in front three minutes after the restart when Liam McHale and Noel Durkin combined to set up a goal for Anthony Finnerty. Mayo were still ahead with 16 minutes remaining, but after Finnerty had blazed another goal chance wide, the game finally swung to Cork.

Team - Gabriel Irwin, Jimmy Browne, Peter Ford, Dermot Flanagan, Michael Collins, T. J. Kilgallon, John Finn, Sean Maher, Liam McHale, Greg Maher, Willie Joe Padden, Noel Durkin, Michael Fitzmaurice, Jimmy Burke, Kevin McStay. Subs - Anthony Finnerty, Ray Dempsey, Brian Kilkelly.

1996 - Meath 0-12 Mayo 1-9 Replay - Meath 2-9 Mayo 1-11

An even enough opening quarter saw each side register two points, but unanswered points by Maurice Sheridan and James Horan (two) pushed Mayo into a three-point lead by the 22nd minute. From that point to the interval it was nip and tuck, but at the break Mayo still deservedly led by three points - 0-7 to 0-4. Still three to the good, Mayo doubled that advantage with Ray Dempsey's 45th-minute goal, but from there on Meath dominated with Colm Coyle's bizarre point earning them a second chance.

Mayo started the replay brilliantly and finished the opening quarter four points to the good as Meath failed to score. A P.J. Loftus goal at the 33rd minute brought an immediate reply from the Royals, but at the break Mayo still looked comfortable - 1-6 to 1-2. However, three unanswered

Meath points on the restart narrowed the advantage to the minimum, but points by Sheridan and John Casey halted the slide. At the 58th minute Mayo led by two and having fallen behind to Dowd's goal, Horan equalised, only for Reilly to kick a late winner.

Team - John Madden, Dermot Flanagan, Kevin Cahill, Kenneth Mortimer, Pat Holmes, James Nallen, Noel Connelly, Liam McHale, David Brady, Maurice Sheridan, Colm McManaman, James Horan, Ray Dempsey, John Casey, Anthony Finnerty. Subs - P J Loftus, Pat Fallon, Tom Reilly.

1997 - Kerry 0-13 Mayo 1-7

When the expected Mayo pull at midfield failed to materialise they were clearly in trouble, but a resolute defence somehow kept Kerry from running riot. Still, by the time the interval arrived Mayo were five points adrift (0-3 to 0-8) and were a shade lucky that the deficit wasn't greater. Not that the Kerry attack had distinguished itself in that period for only two forwards raised flags in the entire 70 minutes. But the Kingdom had Maurice Fitzgerald in the corner of the attack and it was he who provided most of the trouble for a Mayo side that never looked capable of reproducing the form that had taken them to this stage.

And yet with many things going against them - by the 44th minute they trailed by 0-4 to 0-11 - they came charging back to gain and convert a penalty which was taken by Kieran McDonald. Then James Horan drove over two points to throw the game wide open, but the effort was not sustained and two late scores clinched yet another title for the Kingdom.

Team - Peter Burke, Pat Holmes, Kenneth Mortimer, Dermot Flanagan, Fergal Costello, James Nallen, Noel Connelly, Pat Fallon, David Heaney, Maurice Sheridan, Colm McManaman, John Casey, Kieran McDonald, Liam McHale, David Nestor. Subs - James Horan, Diarmuid Byrne, P J Loftus.

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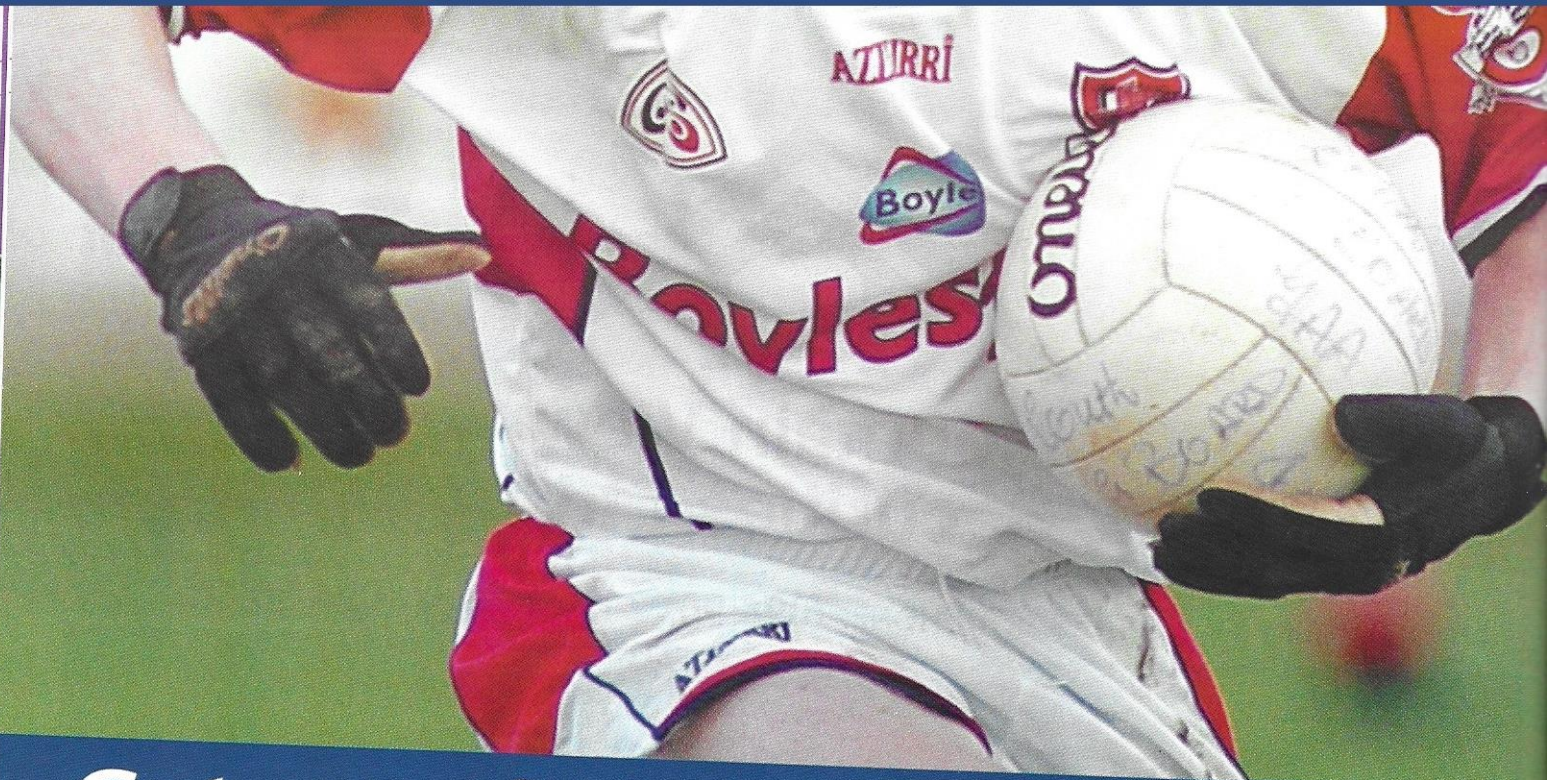


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- 1909 - Tom Costello
- 1913 - Dick Fitzgerald
- 1914 - Dick Fitzgerald
- 1924 - Phil Sullivan
- 1926 - John Joe Sheehy
- 1929 - Joe Barrett
- 1930 - John Joe Sheehy
- 1931 - Con Brosnan
- 1932 - Joe Barrett
- 1937 - Miko Doyle
- 1939 - Tom O'Connor
- 1940 - Dan Spring
- 1941 - Bill Dillon
- 1946 - Paddy Kennedy
- 1953 - Jim Murphy
- 1955 - John Dowling
- 1959 - Mick O'Connell
- 1962 - Sean Óg Sheehy
- 1969 - Johnny Culloty
- 1970 - Donie O'Sullivan
- 1975 - Mick O'Sullivan
- 1978 - Denis Moran
- 1979 - Tim Kenneally
- 1980 - Ger Power
- 1981 - Jimmy Deenihan
- 1984 - Ambrose O'Donovan
- 1985 - Páidí Ó Sé
- 1986 - Tom Doyle
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Fermanagh's Rollercoaster Summer

Denzil McDaniel, editor of *The Impartial Reporter*, joined thousands of Fermanagh folk who travelled to Dublin for last month's All-Ireland semi-final and replay. These are his impressions.

It's no exaggeration to say that it was one of those days that you'll remember for years. Sport has a habit of having that effect. Or, possibly, Gaelic football transcends sport. Certainly, Fermanagh's glorious run in this year's senior championship was a triumph of hope over expectation which touched an emotional chord with so many men, women and children in the county.

I sat in the Hogan Stand throughout Fermanagh's two epic battles with Mayo in the semi-final. I think there were about 15 minutes left in the replay, Fermanagh were leading by a point and I glanced at my watch. The thought raced through my mind: "Bloody hell, could we really be on our way to an All-Ireland final?"

It was not to be; Mayo dug in and my excited anticipation was replaced by deep and agonising disappointment when the westerners snatched victory with two late points. I had been on a roller-coaster. Considering that I was born and reared in Enniskillen and have been proud to live in my native Fermanagh most of my life, why shouldn't I experience the highs and lows of all the other thousands from the shores of the beautiful Lough Erne when our heroes' hearts were broken?

The late Dr. Joe Gilvarry

One of Mayo's greatest footballing servants Dr Joe Gilvarry passed away on Friday September 17th. Dr Joe, or 'Joko' as he was affectionately known, was a star of the last Mayo team to win the all-Ireland. He played as wing-forward in the 1950 final and as corner forward in the 1951 final when he scored 1-1. He also played for UCD where he studied medicine. He led his club Killala to Mayo junior championship success in 1948 and led them to the senior final the following year, where they were defeated by Ballina. He was a very dangerous corner forward who was famed for his speed and his goal taking ability. He was named as corner forward on the team of the century that was named in centenary year, 1984, and was shortlisted for the team of the millennium in 2000.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Well, er... I'm a Prod, you see. And traditionally, Norm Im Prods don't follow Gaelic football. They do, actually. Especially in Fermanagh. The phenomenon which has engulfed the 'two communities' throughout the county during Fermanagh's exploits this summer is something that will keep cultural historians and maybe even psychologists drooling.

So let me shatter a couple of myths. When I was contacted to write this piece, it was on the basis of someone who was "not familiar with Gaelic games" and "a Unionist." I agreed to write it, but with two qualifications: firstly, I said, I'm not a Unionist. I think it says something about society that there is an assumption that all Protestants in the north are Unionists and all Catholics are Nationalists. And anyway, I have been following Gaelic football for years.

It is a superb sport, full of skill, bravery, commitment, passion and excitement. A couple of years ago, I watched in admiration as Armagh showed unbelievable drive and determination to overcome a deficit to claim their first ever All-Ireland title. And last year, Tyrone's desire was surely the key factor as they assuaged their hunger with their first Sam.

My interest in Gaelic football began in my teens. I played soccer with Catholic



An Uachtarán, Seán Ó Ceallaigh is pictured at the launch of HighBall magazine with the editor, Damien Dowds.

friends who also turned out for Enniskillen Gaels. In those days, they played in the Gaelic field on the Sligo Road, a short distance from where I lived on the all-Protestant Coleshill estate. On many a Sunday afternoon, I wandered down to watch the Gaels play. My parents were both strictly 'never on a Sunday', so they wouldn't have approved. Indeed, years ago Protestants like myself didn't make a fuss about going to Gaelic games. Often, we watched from afar, and lately there has been the bonus of plenty of live television coverage. I'm still not a regular attender at games; but I go when I can and follow the reports and coverage.

So why wouldn't I enjoy my trip to Croker like everyone else in Fermanagh. After years in the wilderness, we're quite regular visitors now and the high profile that the game now enjoys is testament to the success of the qualifier system. The All-Ireland semi-final was about more than just 70 minutes of football (or 140 including the replay). It was a real day out. For the first game, we travelled early and met plenty of Fermanagh folk around the area of Quinn's pub. Myself and John McVitty, who travelled together, happened to meet up with Seamus McGovern, from home, with his wife, Martina, and their children, Conor and Donna. We found a café and tucked into a good fry to set us up for the day.

Six days later, John and I were back. Along with Harry McConkey, we met up with two Fermanagh exiles, Fearghal McKinney and Trevor Birney. The group of us went to the Skylon for refreshments and found the place full of Fermanagh folk, who were buzzing with anticipation. The rumour went round that Marty McGrath wasn't playing, which momentarily created a few extra increases of worry lines on everyone's

brow. But hope springs eternal, and everybody was still full of optimism that we were about to witness history in the making.

An hour before throw-in, it was time to walk down to the ground. Flags were everywhere, with Fermanagh's green and white mixing comfortably with the red and green of Mayo. Children wore headbands, replica shirts were in abundance. Friends greeted each other with handshakes, there was good-humoured banter and not a hint of aggro or trouble. This is what sport is all about, I thought.

Inside the ground, the game may not have been of the greatest quality from the purist's point of view; but the excitement was intense throughout. The thing about Gaelic football is that the action is non-stop; there's no respite and no such thing as closing up shop to defend a lead. When the final whistle sounded, I was gutted. I had the same feeling in the pit of my stomach as thousands of other Fermanagh folk. Our incredible journey of 2004 was over.

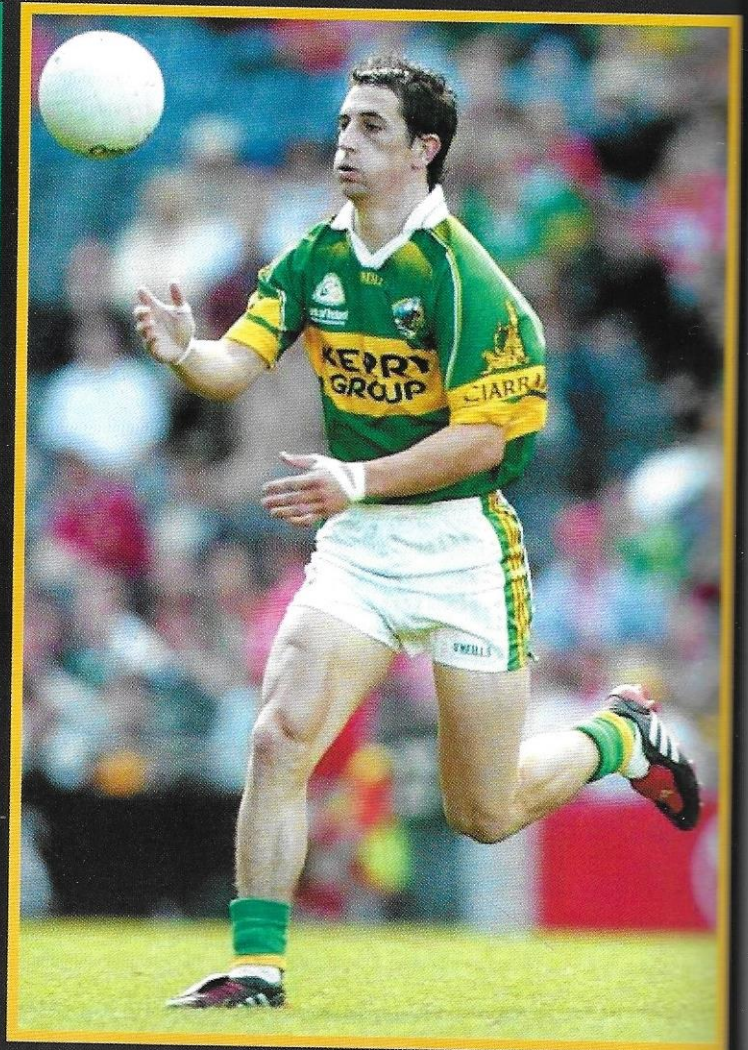
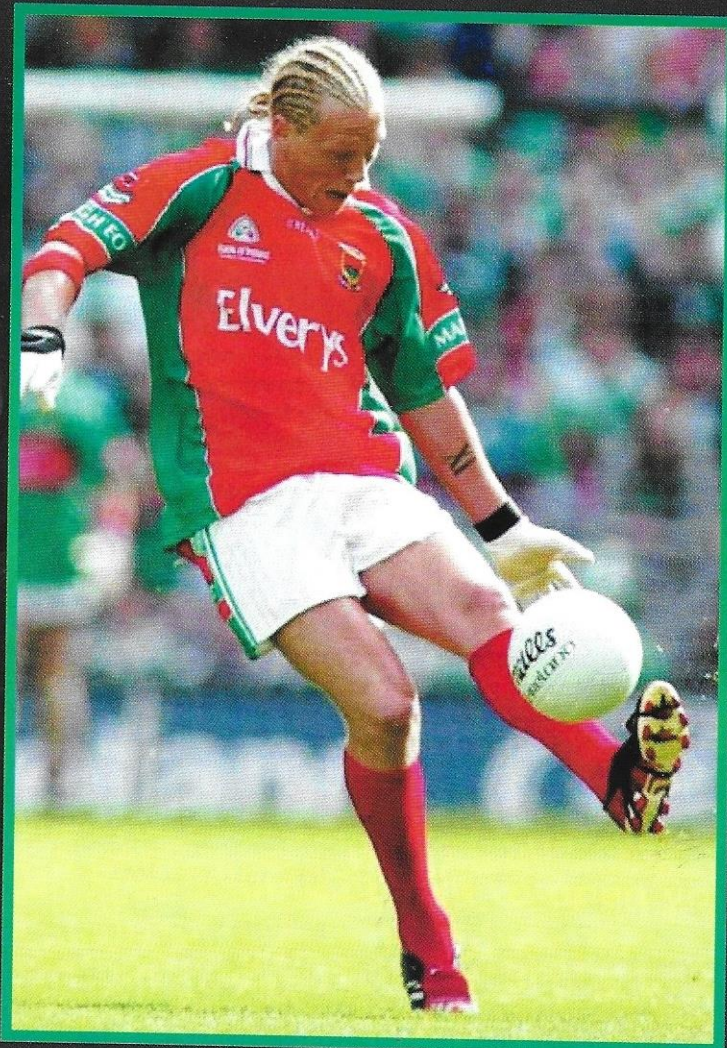
Then I watched the throng of Mayo supporters invade the pitch, dancing, hugging each other and chanting "Ma-yo, Ma-yo." I realised that reaching an All-Ireland final meant as much to them as it had for us. I know the authorities don't like pitch invasions, but I felt I could hardly begrudge these fans their few moments of euphoria.

Back at the Skylon, the Fermanagh players and management returned and mixed freely with the fans who gave them an ecstatic welcome. These lads returned to their work on Monday, whether behind a desk or on a building site. The great thing is that they stay in touch with the grass roots of their communities. Roll on next year.

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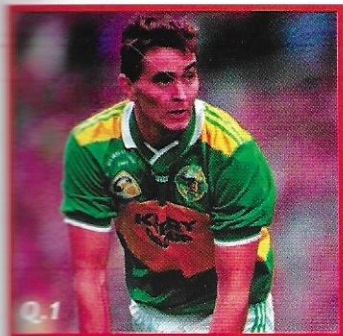
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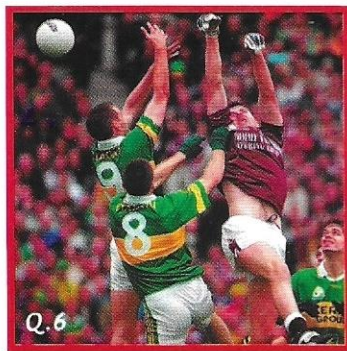
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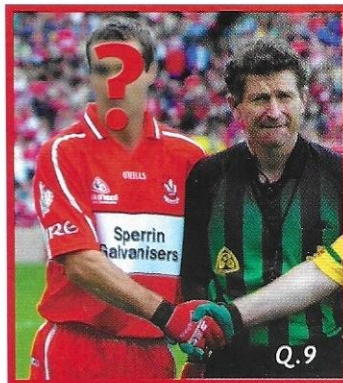


- Q.1**
- Maurice Fitzgerald was top scorer in the last All-Ireland senior football final between Kerry and Mayo in 1997. Did he score 0-8, 0-9 or 0-10?
 - Only one goal was scored in the 1997 Kerry-Mayo All-Ireland senior final. Who scored the goal—Darragh Ó Sé, Kieran McDonald or Maurice Sheridan?
 - Who captained Mayo in their two games with Meath in 1996 for the Sam Maguire Cup?
 - A Mayo win today would create history. Why?
 - Kerry are in line to complete the big national titles senior double of the Allianz Football League title and the

- All-Ireland championship in the same year. When did they last complete that double—1984, 1986 or 1997?
- How many goals were scored in the two games between Kerry and Galway for the 2000 All-Ireland senior football title?

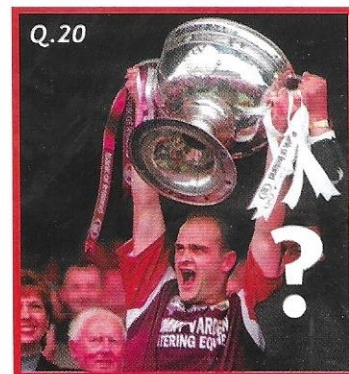


- Q.6**
- Kerry are, of course, engaged in the minor final as well as the senior decider. When did they last win both titles on the same afternoon?

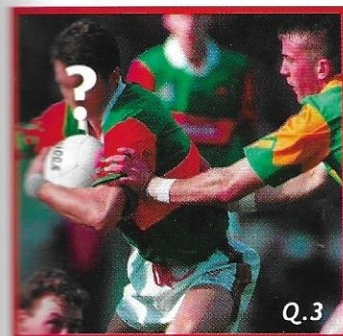


- Q.9**
- Who captained Derry in their recent All-Ireland senior football semi-final against Kerry?
 - Mayo won their last All-Ireland senior football title in 1951. They beat Meath, Louth or Cavan in that year's final. Your choice!
 - Who refereed last year's Sam Maguire Cup tie?
 - Joe Cassells or Mick Lyons was the first All-Ireland senior football title winning captain presented with the NEW Sam Maguire Cup. Your choice!

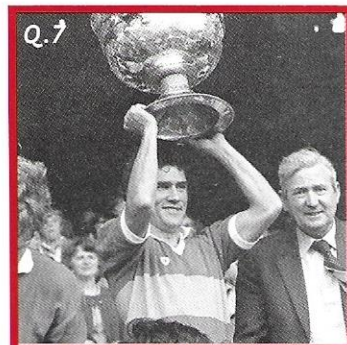
- Jimmy Keaveney set a new individual scoring record for a Sam Maguire Cup tie at 2-6 in 1977. He recorded that score against what county?
- Billy Morgan captained Cork to a Sam Maguire Cup win in what year?
- Who scored the late, late point, from 70 yards that earned Meath a draw with Mayo in the 1996 All-Ireland senior football semi-final—Colm Coyle, Trevor Giles or Graham Geraghty?



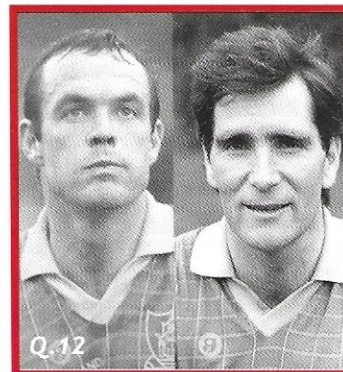
- Q.20**
- Brian White (Wexford) refereed the Kerry-Mayo All-Ireland senior football final of 1997. True or false?
 - Mayo completed the Connacht senior and under-21 football titles during the summer for their first such double in a season in how many years?
 - Peter Burke guarded the net for Mayo in their Allianz Football League final win of 2001. True or false?
 - How many Kerry players were included in last year's Vodafone All Stars football team?
 - When did a President of the G.A.A. last present the Sam Maguire Cup to the captain of his own native county on All-Ireland football final day?



- Q.3**
- Who scored the goal in the 1997 Kerry-Mayo All-Ireland senior final?
 - Who captained Mayo in their two games with Meath in 1996 for the Sam Maguire Cup?
 - A Mayo win today would create history. Why?
 - Kerry are in line to complete the big national titles senior double of the Allianz Football League title and the



- Q.7**
- Kevin Mussen led Down to their first-ever All-Ireland senior football title in 1960. What position did he line-out against Kerry in that year's final?

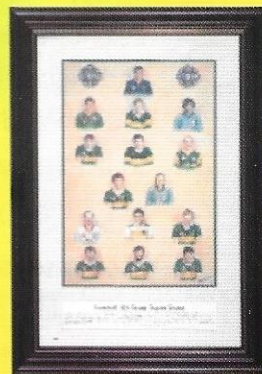


- Q.12**
- Who captained Derry in their recent All-Ireland senior football semi-final against Kerry?
 - Mayo won their last All-Ireland senior football title in 1951. They beat Meath, Louth or Cavan in that year's final. Your choice!
 - Who refereed last year's Sam Maguire Cup tie?
 - Joe Cassells or Mick Lyons was the first All-Ireland senior football title winning captain presented with the NEW Sam Maguire Cup. Your choice!

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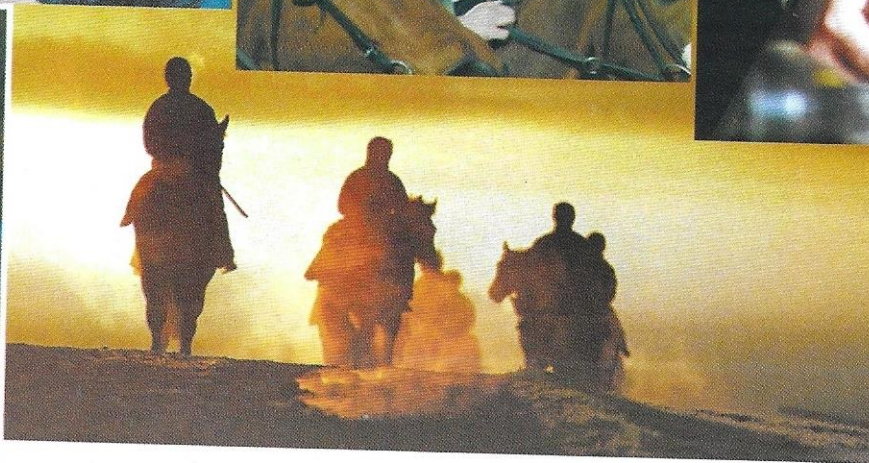
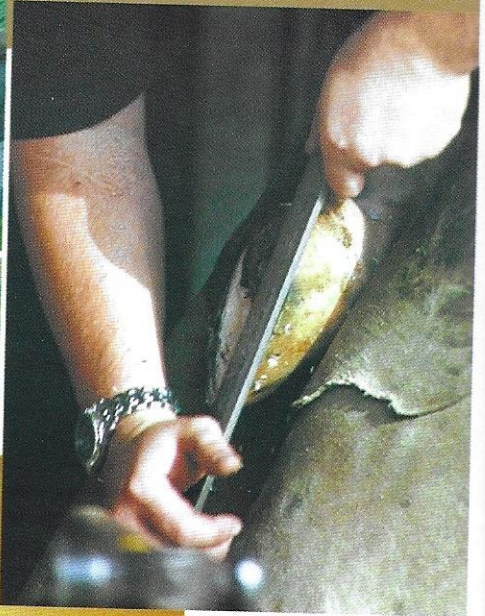
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1904 One Hundred Years Ago

For the time, Connacht opened the championship year reasonably early (March 1905), with Mayo and Galway in opposition at Claremorris. With wind advantage Galway had much the better of the opening half, but a staunch Mayo defence kept their opposite numbers in check and at the interval the visitors held a lead of just three points (0-4 to 0-1). The second half, however, was always going Mayo's way and by the three-quarter stage they had drawn level. Galway fought bravely but Mayo finished strongly to win by 0-7 to 0-4. Mayo were back in Claremorris a month later to easily win the final from Roscommon (3-6 to 0-1).

Ulster had six counties competing with Cavan overcoming Fermanagh at Derrylin by 0-4 to 0-1. Down took on Armagh at Newry, but the visitors dominated the contest to run out easy winners by 2-9 to 0-1. Cavan, on home ground at Cavan town, ran up an interval lead of 0-10 to nil against Antrim, but the second half when the Glensmen enjoyed wind advantage, was fought out in Breffni territory. However, the home defence was equal to every demand as indicated by a final score of 0-10 to 0-1. Monaghan joined Cavan in the final when they easily accounted for Armagh at Tullyherana (1-13 to 1-2), but the provincial title remained in Cavan who won by 0-7 to 0-4 on home soil.

Preparing for the launch of the new junior championship, Westmeath, Longford, Carlow and Wicklow opted out of the senior race, but the defection of the weaker counties meant a more competitive championship in the province with Louth defeating Offaly by 1-5 to 2-1 in the first round at Jones's Road. Wexford and Meath failed to finish their tie because of darkness and when they met again it was a draw - Wexford 3-1, Meath 2-4. Dublin, meanwhile, had eliminated the reigning Leinster champions Kildare (0-9 to 0-5) and Kilkenny ousted Laois by 0-6 to 0-5. Dublin went to Dundalk and beat the home county by 0-11 to 0-6, while Wexford got the better of Meath (0-7 to 0-3), but then lost to Kilkenny (0-3 to 0-1).

6). Dublin won the final at Wexford Park by 0-5 to 0-1.

In Munster, Clare beat Limerick by 0-8 to 0-6 at the Markets' Field, but Waterford were shaping up well as they beat Tipperary (1-11 to 0-6) at Carrick-on-Suir and Clare by 2-10 to 0-6 at Tipperary town. Kerry opened the defence of their Munster and All-Ireland crowns with a 1-4 to nil win over Cork, but it took two hours to get past Waterford (2-3 to 0-2 at Dungarvan).

The All-Ireland semi/finals were contrasting affairs. At Jones's Road Cavan had no answer to the power and purpose of Kerry's football and a final score of 4-10 to 0-1 tells its own story. At Athlone, however, Mayo put up a great display against Dublin before going down by 1-4 to 0-8. Defences ruled for the full hour in the All-Ireland final at the Cork Athletic Grounds where the defensive battle was won by the Kingdom who conceded 0-2 while their own forwards shot 0-5.

1929 Seventy-Five Years Ago

Kildare were the reigning Leinster and All-Ireland champions, but Meath almost caught them on their first outing forcing a 0-8 to 1-5 draw at Drogheda. The champions, however, got it right next time out, winning by 3-5 to 0-9. Other first-round winners were Laois over Wexford by 3-3 to 0-7 at Nowlan Park, Dublin over Longford by 3-6 to 1-6 at Mullingar, and Kilkenny over Louth by 0-10 to 0-4 at Croke Park. In the first semi/final at Athy Laois and Dublin played out a 39-point thriller with victory eventually going to the Midlanders by 5-5 to 3-10. In the second 'semi' Kildare were never extended by Kilkenny at Portlaoise where they won by 2-11 to 0-3. But they were extended by Laois in the final at Croke Park as Laois fought with wonderful spirit before going down by 0-6 to 2-3.

Despite their shock defeat by Tipperary in 1928, Kerry were very much the accepted masters in Munster where Limerick and Waterford opted for junior fare. Yet Cork made a great bid against the Kingdom in the first round at the Athletic Grounds, pushing the opposition

to a margin of four points (1-3 to 1-7). The Clare-Tipperary game at Kilrush was in the melting pot for a long way, but the Banner's third goal neatly wrapped up a 3-3 to 1-4 win. They were no match for Kerry in the final, however, which the Kingdom won by 1-14 to 1-2 at Killarney.

Derry was the only county missing from the Ulster line-up where Cavan were favourites to retain the title, and they certainly looked the part as they crushed Antrim (1-11 to 0-2) in the first round. Fermanagh made a brave bid against Tyrone at Irvinestown, but went down by 0-2 to 0-8, while Monaghan had it easy in seeing off Donegal by 2-8 to 0-1. Down scored three goals against Armagh at Newry and still went down by 3-2 to 5-4. Armagh travelled to Belturbet confident of beating Cavan, but departed the scene losers by 0-2 to 4-10. The final at Breffni Park ended 1-4 all, but Monaghan at Carrickmacross won the second meeting (1-10 to 0-7).

Sligo, defending Connacht champions, saw off Leitrim with some difficulty, 1-4 to 0-6 at Boyle, while Mayo had the easiest of tasks as they trounced Roscommon by 6-6 to 0-4 at Castlerea. Galway put out Sligo 1-7 to 0-0 at Roscommon, but at the same venue resurgent Mayo won the final by 1-6 to 0-4.

The All-Ireland semi/finals were disappointing. On familiar territory at Roscommon, Mayo's bid lasted 40 minutes against Kerry, at which point the Kingdom upped the pace and sped away for a 3-8 to 1-1 victory. The Croke Park meeting of Kildare and Monaghan was always going the Lily Whites' way, though their inability to record a major score kept Monaghan hopes alive until the last quarter. Still, it was 0-9 to 0-1 at the finish. Kerry made the running in the opening half of the final before Kildare reduced the arrears in the third quarter, but the Kingdom held out for a 1-8 to 1-5 win.

1954 Fifty Years Ago

Only four counties competed in Munster where Clare and Limerick dropped back to junior ranks and there was a depressing inevitability about the outcome of the two semi/finals with neither the Decies nor

the Premier county given a chance against Kerry and Cork. Even the advantage of Walsh Park was of little benefit to Waterford. Spirit and effort were commendable qualities, but they were of little avail as Kerry qualified for yet another Munster final on the score of 3-10 to 1-2. Tipperary fared somewhat better against Cork at the Athletic Grounds, though they never looked like causing an upset (3-11 to 2-7). Kerry retained provincial honours with surprising ease - 4-9 to 2-3.

There was something of an upset in the first round in Connacht: Roscommon had beaten Mayo in '52 and '53, but at Castlebar Mayo exacted sweet revenge with an eleven-point win - 4-9 to 1-7. A low-key affair at Carrick-on-Shannon saw Leitrim just edge out Sligo by 1-8 to 1-7, but the big event in Connacht this year was undoubtedly Galway's semi/final win over favourites Mayo, who a couple of months previously had won the National League in magnificent style. The Corribiders got two goals close to half time and despite tremendous Mayo pressure in the closing stages held out to win by 2-4 to 1-5. Galway themselves were almost surprised by lowly-rated Sligo in the final at Tuam. Second-half goals brought Sligo back into the game and only a disallowed goal deprived them of a replay as the Tribesmen won by 2-10 to 3-4.

Reigning Ulster champions Armagh had a close call (1-8 to 1-6) against Antrim at Casement Park, but Cavan had the measure of Monaghan at Clones (3-8 to 2-5). Tyrone scraped by Donegal at Ballybofey (1-7 to 1-5) only to go down to Cavan next time out at Castleblaney (2-10 to 3-10). Goals were plentiful at Casement Park when Derry beat Down (4-11 to 3-4) and Armagh, at the same venue, ousted the Oak Leaf by 1-12 to 1-6. However, the champions lost their title to Cavan at Clones - 2-5 to 2-10.

Narrow wins for Longford over Laois (1-6 to 0-7) and Offaly over Wexford (1-5 to 0-7) marked the opening of the Leinster campaign before Dublin dumped reigning provincial champions Louth out of the race at Drogheda (0-11 to 0-2). Meath's late point got them by Wicklow (1-9 to 1-8) while Longford got the

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better of Westmeath (1-7 to 1-4). Kildare and Carlow met three times with eventual winners Kildare then going down to Meath (0-5 to 3-2). There was a big surprise when Offaly defeated Dublin at Portlaoise (2-5 to 2-4), but the Royals, having defeated Longford in the other 'semi', then got the better of the Faithful county in the final by 4-7 to 2-10.

As Kerry beat Galway by 2-6 to 1-6 in the All-Ireland semi/final, Meath stayed on track with a 1-5 to 0-7 win over Cavan. And the Royals crowned a great campaign with a clear-cut 1-13 to 1-7 win over Kerry in the final.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Down, the reigning Ulster champions, went out on their first appearance which was against Monaghan at Castleblaney (1-4 to 0-13). Tyrone saw off Antrim with some

difficulty at Dungannon (1-8 to 1-7), but Armagh were not stretched to oust Fermanagh by 5-3 to 1-7 at Lurgan. Home advantage at Breffni Park failed to save Cavan as they went under by 1-13 to 2-12 to a useful looking Derry side. At Ballinascreen, Donegal edged by Tyrone (1-11 to 1-9) while Monaghan just held off Armagh (2-10 to 2-8) at Breffni Park. Donegal joined Monaghan in the final when they defeated Derry by 2-9 to 0-14, but Monaghan took their first provincial title since 1938 with a 1-15 to 0-11 win at Clones.

Kilkenny entered in Leinster and immediately exited courtesy of Meath at Navan (6-19 to 0-3). Wexford and Carlow drew (4-7 to 1-16) and also drew the replay (2-6 to 0-12) before the Slaneysiders prevailed by 1-12 to 0-7 at Nowlan Park. Louth easily accounted for Longford (1-14 to 1-6) at Croke Park and then were crushed by Dublin (4-16 to 0-4) at An Uaimh. Wicklow ended

Wexford's run by 3-11 to 0-13 at Dr. Cullen Park while Meath, after 0-12 to 1-9 draw, got the better of Kildare in a high-scoring replay (1-20 to 3-9). Emerging Offaly struggled past Laois (1-12 to 0-13) at Tullamore and then past Meath (0-16 to 2-6) at Croke Park to win a place in the final, but a late Dublin goal saw them retain provincial honours by 1-8 to 0-9.

Down South, the lesser lights sorted themselves out as Clare beat Limerick by 1-15 to 1-9 at the Gaelic Grounds and Tipperary accounted for Waterford (1-14 to 0-7) at Clonmel. The semi/finals were hopelessly one-sided; Cork eased by the Premier county by 2-18 to 0-5 at Clonmel while Kerry recorded one of the biggest wins in championship history (9-21 to 1-9) over Clare at Miltownmalbay. The Kingdom then beat Cork by 2-14 to 2-4 in the final at Killarney. Galway conceded 3-6 to London at Pearse Stadium and still won with ease

with a score of 2-20, but Leitrim struggled to a 1-13 to 0-12 win over Sligo at Markievicz Park before losing out to Mayo at Carrick-on-Shannon (1-10 to 3-12). Roscommon opened the defence of their provincial title with a 3-11 to 1-11 win over Galway at Hyde Park and retained it at Castlebar - defeating Mayo by 3-15 to 2-10.

The All-Ireland semi/finals provided contrasting stories. Monaghan proved no match for rampant Kerry as they suffered their heaviest semi/final defeat since 1901 (0-7 to 5-14), but the Dublin-Roscommon game went down to the wire. The Westerners trailed by 0-7 to 0-8 at the break and looked to have secured victory when the only goal of the game put them ahead at the 57th minute. Dublin, however, finished strongly to win by 0-14 to 1-10, but were powerless to stop Kerry, who won a disappointing final by 3-13 to 1-8.

Irish Nationwide GAA Jubilee Awards

Famous football brothers who won All-Ireland medals on the field of play in the pre-seventies era, from the forties up to 1970, will be the recipients of this year's Irish Nationwide Building Society GAA Jubilee Awards.

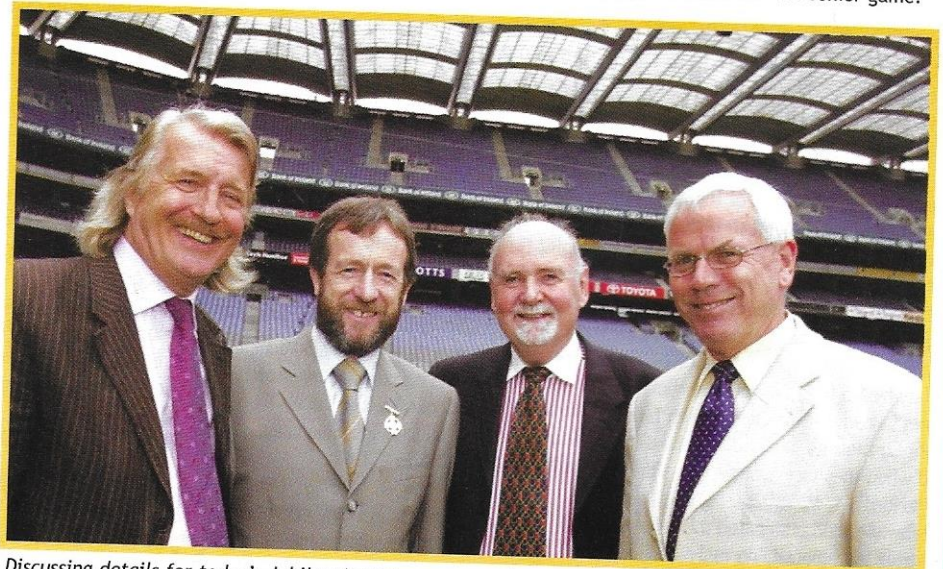
Last year the awards went to the great Kerry four-in-a-row 1978-1981 champions thus making it possible this year and in the next two years to honour the famous football brothers of the past.

The honours list will include Jimmy and Phelim Murray, Roscommon 1943-44; Mick Mulderrig, Mayo 1950-51 (brother Sean Mulderrig deceased); Pat Carolan, Cavan 1952 (brother Edwin deceased); Joe Timmons, Dublin 1958 (brother John deceased); Dr. Sean Murphy (brother Seamus deceased) and Niall and Seán Óg Sheehy (brother Paudí deceased) Kerry 1959; Dan and James McCartan and Sean and Kevin O'Neill, Down 1960-61; John and Pat Donnellan, Galway 1964-65-66; Paudí O'Donoghue, Kerry 1969 (brother Eamonn deceased).

The awards will be presented at a special celebration lunch in Croke Park on All-Ireland

Football day by Seán Kelly, President, GAA and Michael Fingleton, Managing Director, Irish Nationwide Building Society, who initiated the

Jubilee Awards twenty-four years ago. Following the lunch the football brothers will be introduced on the field before the start of the senior game.



Discussing details for today's Jubilee Awards ceremony, from left: Aengus Fanning, Editor Sunday Independent; Sean Kelly, President, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael; Michael Fingleton, Managing Director, Irish Nationwide Building Society and Adhmhain O'Sullivan, Sports Editor, Sunday Independent.



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Ryder Cup heroes in Croke Park

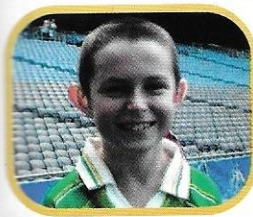
Ryder Cup heroes Paul McGinley and Pádraig Harrington are no strangers to Croke Park finals. Paul played four times in Cumann na mBunscol hurling and football finals at GAA headquarters in positions ranging from corner-forward to mid-field with St. Mary's BNS, Rathfarnham. He won a senior hurling medal with the school and retains a great love and affection for our national games. Pádraig played at full-back in a Corn na nGearaltach football final with Holy Spirit NS, Ballyroan and was described by his Glengarriff teacher, John Joe O'Sullivan as an outstanding defender. He was also an excellent hurler. Pádraig played in Gaelic Park, New York, when he travelled to the USA with the school team on a trip-of-a-lifetime organised by teachers Ray Hughes and John Joe O'Sullivan.

Paul McGinley with the Ryder Cup and Cumann na mBunscol's Corn Kitterick with Jerry Grogan, Cumann na mBunscol, and players Peter Higgins, Leanne Kiernan and Dónal Ahern at Allianz headquarters in Ballsbridge.

In a unique development, two former Mini-Sevens participants come face-to-face today in an All-Ireland senior final. Kerry's Paul Galvin represented Lixnaw BNS in Mini-sevens hurling when he was eleven. He played hurling with Lixnaw and football with Finuge club. His former teacher John McAuliffe is very proud of Paul's achievements and wishes him well in the biggest game of his life. The Kerry half-forward will be bumping into Mayo's half-back Pat Kelly this afternoon. This will be Pat's second All-Ireland senior final appearance as he played in the Minis, during the 1993 final representing GortJordan NS. He had starred for his school in that year's Cumann na mBunscol leagues and although he broke his collar-bone and missed his semi-final date in Croke Park, the brave youngster battled to be fit for the final and a day he will never forget. Good luck to both young men this afternoon. May they enjoy the rewards of their amazing commitment to Gaelic sport since they were in primary school.

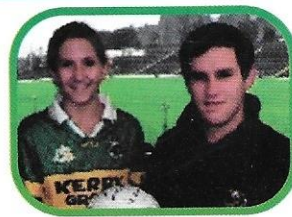
The Primary Game in Munster is a Cumann na mBunscol promotion featuring the best primary school talent in Gaelic games in the province. Today's Kerry minor panel bears eloquent testimony to the talent-spotting ability of teachers in The Kingdom. Eleven of the Kerry panel played in the Primary Game in 1998/99. Senior player Declan O'Sullivan also played in The Primary Game.

Cumann na mBunscol Na Mí is currently celebrating 25 years in existence. A hugely successful Sport for All day for children in the Royal County has been held to mark the occasion and other events to follow include an art competition, a parade on October 3rd at the county football final and a gala finale in the Newgrange Hotel, Navan, on November 12th. for a night of celebration and presentation.

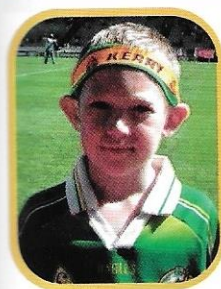


Matthew O'Sullivan and Adrienne Brosnan are expecting the Kingdom to come out on top today. Tá Matthew i rang a 5 i Scoil Lios Tellic, Trá Lí. He plays for Na Gaeil club and greatly admires Dara Ó Cinnéide whom he knows quite well. He believes that The Kingdom will win by 5 points today and hopes his favourite player will play a central part in the victory. Matthew's Dad, Maurice, a former inter-county referee, is a greatly respected GAA figure involved in refereeing and coaching and games development at county, provincial and national level. Matthew hopes some day to follow in his Dad's footsteps and referee in Croke Park. It's a very special day for Adrienne Brosnan who will play in Croke Park on the same day as her first cousin Eoin Brosnan. Adrienne represents Glenbeigh NS in the Mini-Sevens and is really looking forward to playing in the great stadium. Her coach in school is the legendary Mary Jo Coffey, nee Curran, holder of the most All-Ireland medals and All-Star awards in ladies football.

Matthew O'Sullivan pictured in Croke Park after the semi-final.



Adrienne Brosnan and her cousin Eoin in Killarney.



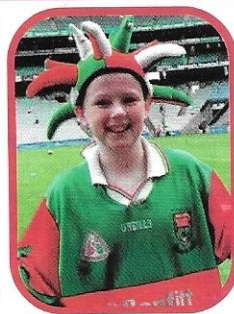
Jack Cooney [8] is a big Colm Cooper fan and his cousin Brian Moran plays for the Kerry minors today. He attends Castleisland NS and plays for Desmonds. Just like Charlie and Daniel Nelligan, Jack enjoys playing in goal. He had a brilliant day out with his dad Roger at the semi-final and will be in Croke Park today for what he expects will be another win by two points, for his beloved Kingdom. The committed Kerryman has Cork blood in him and is a great admirer of Noel O'Leary from Cill na Martra, home place of his Dad.



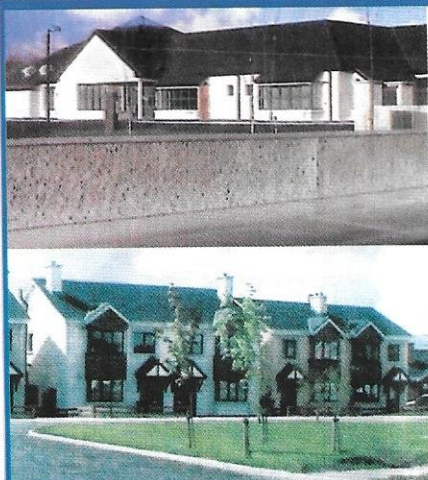
Lorraine Hickey from Ballyhaunis and Mark Duffy from Ballina are very confident of a Mayo victory in Croke Park today. Lorraine is a pupil in Ballyhaunis Community school having just left Began NS. Her favourite player is Kieran McDonald whom she thinks will win the game for Mayo today. Mark went to Scoil Pádraig in Ballina and is now in St Muirdach's. He plays for Ballina Stephenites and he believes that David Brady will be the Mayo star today.

Lorraine Hickey

Mark Duffy.



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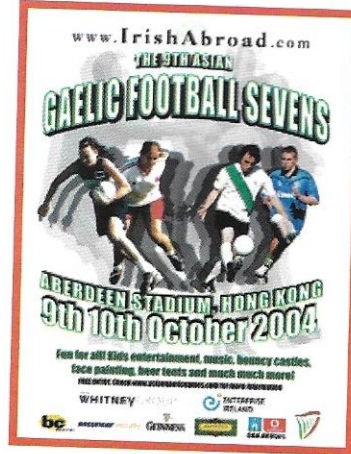
The Hong Kong GAA will host the 2004 IrishAbroad.com Asian Gaelic Football 7's on the weekend of 9/10/11 October. Over 32 teams from 10 Asian countries will in what will be the largest Irish gathering in Asia. The qualifying rounds will be played at three locations on Saturday before descending on Aberdeen Stadium for the knock out semi finals and finals on Sunday.

This year there will be 20 men's teams and 12 ladies teams, with new entries from Shenzhen and Thailand in the men's competition and Beijing entering the ladies competition for the first time. Other participants come from Hong Kong, Korea, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Singapore, Taiwan, Shanghai, Japan and lastly the Hong Kong Dragons (current Asian Australian Rules Champions). Over 400 players will descend on Hong Kong for the weekend in an attempt to become an Asian Gaelic Football Champion. In recognition of its growth, the

GAA are sending two senior referees to officiate at the event.

This year, Koreans return to Hong Kong to defend the Derek Brady Cup (men's cup) and at the same time attempt to become the first team to win three Asian championships in a row. Previous attempts by Hong Kong, Singapore and Japan to achieve this feat have failed, when having already achieved back to back wins. For the first time ever, the Ladies Final will be played last on Sunday, perhaps in recognition of the growth in numbers and the improvement of quality of football. Last year's final between Japan and Hong Kong will go down in folklore as one of the finest games in Asian gaelic games, with Japan winning by a sudden death point in the third period of extra time.

In addition to the main football competitions, there will be a puc fada competition and a couple of hurling exhibition games. The event will also play host to the first ever Hong Kong



Juvenile Championship. Teams from various Hong Kong (Cantonese speaking) primary schools will compete to become the champions of Hong Kong following the introduction of gaelic games to a number of schools earlier this year.

Aberdeen Stadium on Sunday will be a colourful spectacle with thousands of spectators expected to attend a soak up a bit of Irish culture and fun. There will be ample amounts of

family entertainment, food and beverage stalls. A number of dignitaries have been invited. On previous occasions, various Irish Government ministers have attended. Two years ago, President Mary McAleese attended the event in Phuket. Before the main finals, the Hong Kong Police Pipe Band will take the finalists on a lap of the stadium in true Croke Park style. Presentations will be made pitch side followed by live music on the pitch.

The hosts, Hong Kong GAA, are particularly appreciative of the main sponsors IrishAbroad.com and all of the other associated sponsors for their very generous support. IrishAbroad's long term commitment is an important boost to the future development of Gaelic Games in the region.

For more details on the event, please log onto www.asiangaelicgames.com Or write to Fergal Power at ferghongkong@hotmail.com

Liathróid Láimhe

Mayo seek three All-Irelands!

When Mayo take to the pitch this afternoon, handballer Joe McCann from the Ballaghaderreen Club will be hoping Sam Maguire could actually be the county's third All-Ireland title of 2004! Joe will be trying to win the 2004 Coca-Cola All-Ireland 60 x 30 Intermediate Singles title to follow on from the 2004 Coca-Cola All-Ireland 60 x 30 Intermediate Doubles title he claimed with partner Campbell Brennan at Croke Park Handball Centre on Saturday, 11th September. The pair defeated Tyrone men, Niall Kerr and former Tyrone footballer, Ciarán Meenagh and Kerr must now confront McCann again in the Intermediate Singles Final.

Also back in action this weekend in the Senior Doubles Final will be the famous Kilkenny handballer, Michael 'Duxie' Walsh and his skilful partner Eugene Downey. When Duxie retired a few years ago many fans

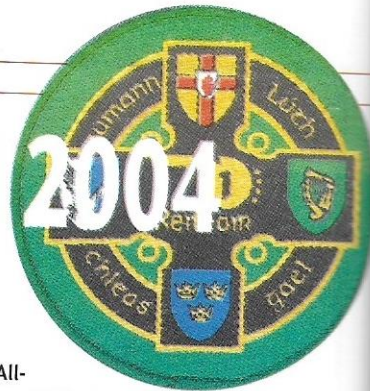
hoped they had not seen the last of the duo who won the first of their ten Senior Doubles titles in 1985. Now the pair are back in the big alley and face stiff competition in the face of Meath's Walter O'Connor and Carl Browne. Walter is the current holder of the title along with fellow Meathman Tom Sheridan and they took the title from the Kilkenny duo in 1998.

The Minor Doubles Final sees last week's victor in the Coca-Cola All-Ireland Minor Singles 60 x 30 Final, Robert McCarthy and clubmate, John O'Shaughnessy (Westmeath) take on Waterford's Patrick Hurney (Silver Medallist in last week's Minor Singles Final) and John Kindregan. With Waterford having never claimed a 60 x 30 All-Ireland Minor Doubles title before the battle is well and truly on to see just who will land the prestigious the 2004 Coca-Cola All-Ireland Minor Doubles title.



Pictured at the announcement of a new sponsorship deal between the Irish Handball Council and Coca-Cola Bottlers Ireland recently in Croke Park Handball Centre were from L to R - Back Row: Sadbh Ni Nualláin, Scoil an tSeachtar Laoca, Ballymun, Dublin; John Coffey, Sponsorship Project Manager, Coca-Cola Bottlers Ireland; Kym Ni Bhroin, Scoil an tSeachtar Laoca, Ballymun, Dublin. Front Row: L-R: 2004 Coca-Cola All-Ireland 60 x 30 Senior Singles Champion, Eoin Kennedy, Dublin and 2004 Coca-Cola All-Ireland 60 x 30 Intermediate Doubles Champion, Joe McCann, Mayo.

REFEREEING MATTERS IN 2004



In this year's football championship 64 games have been played. Twenty-six referees have refereed them.

Seven referees had four games, five referees had three games, seven Referees had two games and seven referees had one game each.



In how many of these games were there serious refereeing mistakes affecting the result of the game? The Referees' Committee judges refereeing performances on the assessment of

the neutral person they send to each game to evaluate the performance of the referee. Of the fifty-seven games from which assessments are available the referee's performance was rated as Very Good in twenty-seven, Good in twenty-seven and Fair in three.

Assessment vs Common Perception

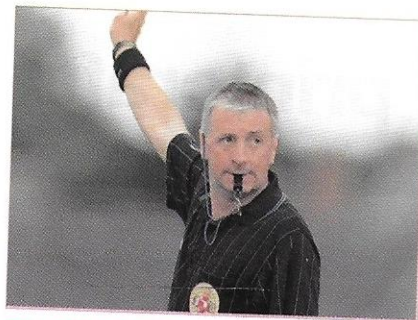
The reader may think this is a flattering view of the standard of refereeing. Maybe, but the assessor is watching the game from a neutral point of view. He is trying to assess the game from the referee's viewpoint - his angles, his position, difficulty of game, etc.. Collina, the well-known referee, talks of this point when he talks of their observers (assessors).

"The evaluation of our observers and the journalists don't always agree. Indeed sometimes there is a big difference between them as they tend to give different weight to different incidents: the observer is much more concerned with the entire match, while the journalist is more interested with individual incidents. This is because the observer is there simply to evaluate the referee and this is easier to do in terms of the whole match". Pierluigi Collina (*The Rules of the Game*, 2002).

Elvis Sent Off

In a recent game refereed by one of our prominent intercounty referees, a player was cautioned and was shown a yellow card for an offence. Having committed another cautionable offence, the player was approached by the referee and asked for his name.

Player (with a smile): "Elvis Presley!"
Referee (calmly): "Right, Elvis, for the rest of the game will you go and sing for the fellows behind the goals!"



TALKING POINTS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP 2004

Powers of Umpires and Linesmen

There is still much confusion over the powers of the linesman in particular. Bluntly, the linesman, ONLY DURING A BREAK IN PLAY, has the power to bring to the attention of the referee any instance of foul play, in particular rough or dangerous play - striking, hitting, kicking. Yet we so often see players and mentors remonstrating with the linesman. Ard Chomhairle 9.12.2000 ruled that Umpires/Linesmen have no power to bring to the attention of the referee fouls such as overcarrying, holding, touching the ball on the ground, etc..

Too Many Yellow Cards

A common criticism again this summer was that there are too many Yellow Cards. Is this an aversion to the cards or is it saying that there are too many offences which merit a Caution? Really, the showing of cards is simply to let everybody know - players and spectators - that a player has been cautioned.

Rules 5.8 - 5.14 Aggressive Fouls list the following as Cautionable Offences: 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 or leg with the boot, to engage in any form of rough play.

According to our rules then any player who commits two of the above Offences is supposed to be sent off. If we are unhappy with this penalty well then, maybe we should be considering some form of Sin-Bin.

Judgement of Former Referees

We asked two of our best former referees how would they rate the referees of today.

Paddy Collins
(Westmeath) All-Ireland Referee: 1976, '81, '84, '89

"I have no doubt that the best referees today are as good, if not better, than the best referees I have seen in the last thirty years. They definitely are under a lot more pressure today because of TV playbacks, monitors, etc."

Mick Loftus (Mayo) All-Ireland Referee: 1965, '68.

"Standard is good, definitely good. They are certainly fitter and better prepared than we were. They are under a lot more pressure from the media. Every little decision is under scrutiny. I would be anxious that all the incidents of dangerous play would be dealt with appropriately".

Use of Technology

What changes the future will bring to refereeing is unclear. In the last few years we have seen the introduction of yellow and red cards, public announcing of time to be added on, audio link between referee and linesmen, substitution through the sideline official.

What will the future bring? Introduction of Clock? More power to the linesmen? Referees microphone to be linked to TV and Radio? TV Referee to adjudicate on disputed scores?

On the last point the comments of David Ellary, well known English referee, are interesting:

"The future of refereeing is difficult to predict. The demands for technology to be involved in decision-making during the game will grow and must be resisted if the essential integrity of the game is to be preserved. Football is not about stoppages and video referees; it is about excitement and as close to non-stop action as possible".

David Ellary (*The Man in the Middle*, 2004).

Refereeing Quote

Disgruntled Manager: "Was it a penalty? Let me tell you, in some countries it would have been two penalties!"

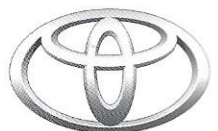
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It's the 65th game of the 2004 Championship. Thanks to all who provided such entertainment for the summer-Players, Mentors and Teams of Officials. Buíochas mór libh go léir.

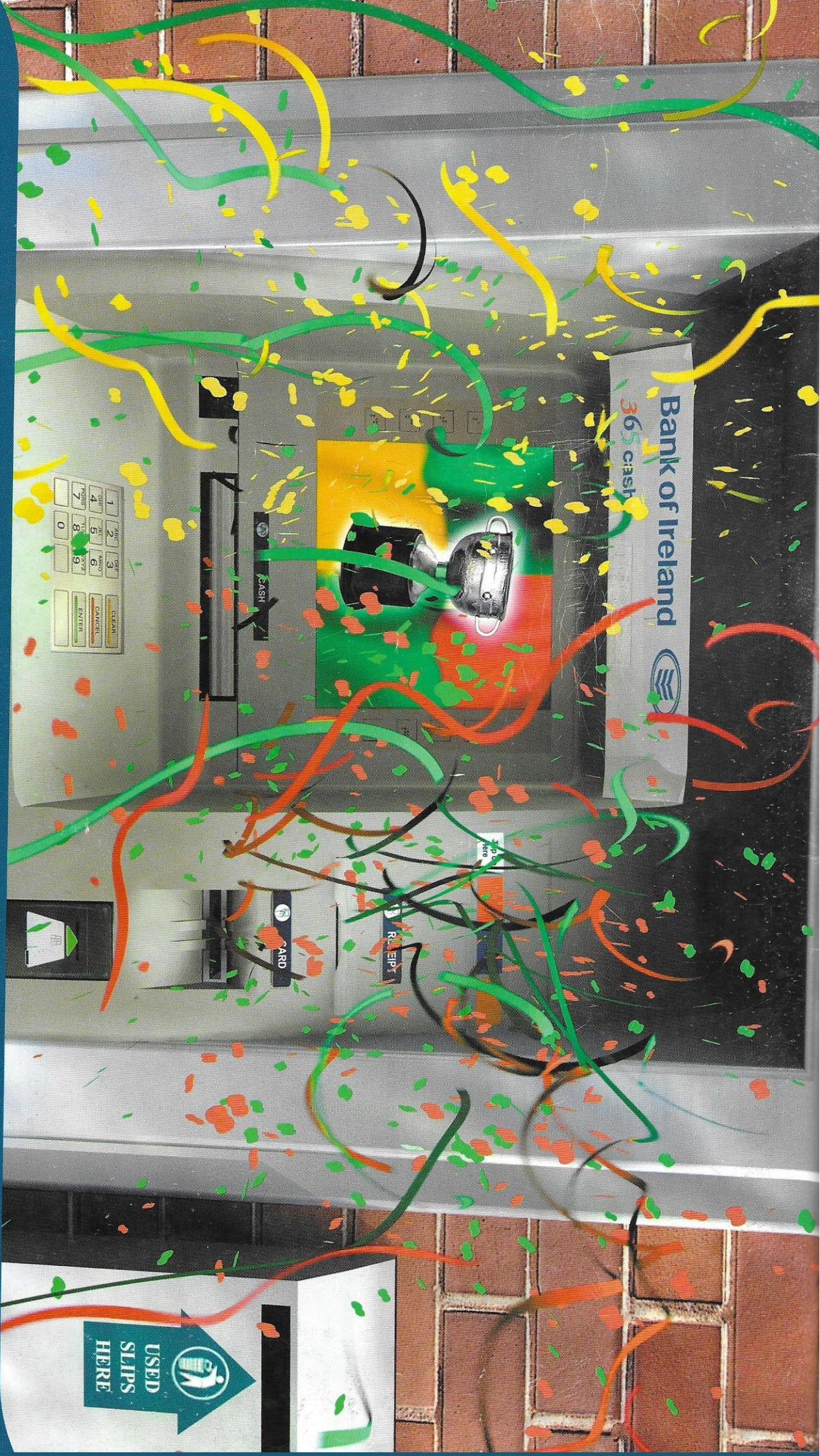
It's the Final. There can only be two winners.



Our best wishes to everyone on the Kerry and Mayo panels, and their supporters. And not just our best wishes. In the final there's a Corolla for the winners and a Yaris for the runners-up, for the direct support of the Players' Funds.



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