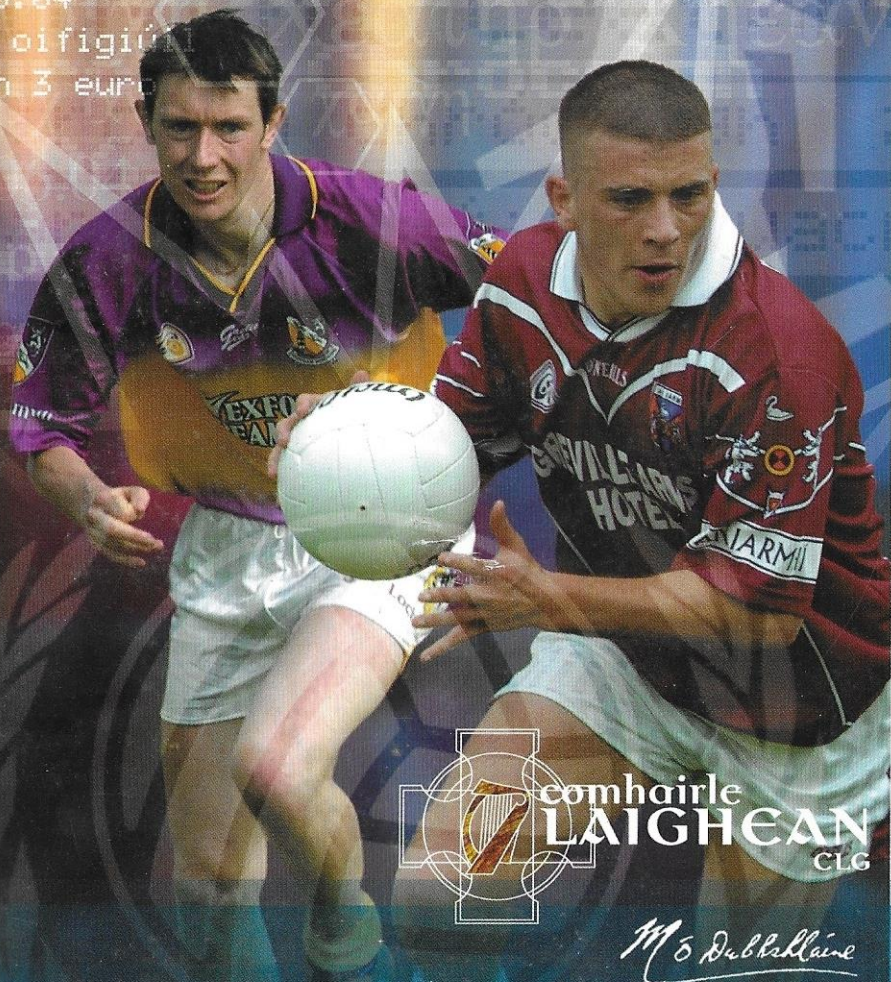


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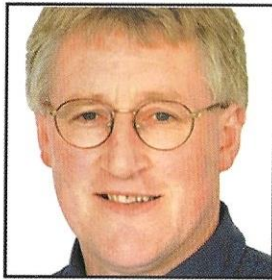


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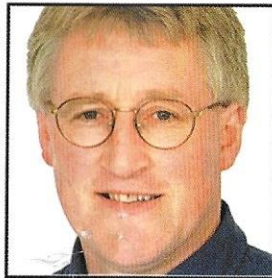
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Leinster Senior Football Championship Semi-final

3.30 pm Loch Garman V Iarmhí

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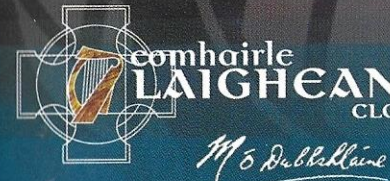
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Welcome from Comhairle Laighean

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A cháirde fearaim fíorchaoil fáilte romhaibh go cluiche leath-cheannais peile Laighean idir Iar Mhí agus Loch Garman. Tá peileadoirí Loch Garman ag iarraidh an éacht chéanna is a rinne na hiománaithe, sé sin bheith ag imirt i gCluiche Cheannais Laighean na mbliana seo. Tá sé léirithe ag Iar Mhí go bhfuil siad lán dáiríre agus mar sin ní bheidh díomá orainn agus muid ag féachaint ar scileanna peile den scoth um thráthnóna. Sa cluiche Shoisear tá Átha Cliath agus Loch Garman in aighaidh a chéile. Tá mé cinnte gur oibrigh an dhá fhoireann seo go dian. Molaim a n-iarracht agus ndúthracht.

Not too many would have predicted the pairing for today's Bank of Ireland Leinster Senior Football Championship Semi-Final but there is no doubt that Westmeath and Wexford fully deserve to meet in the penultimate stage of our football championship. We are witnessing a seismic change in the Leinster Senior Football Championship this year and much of this is due to the attention underage structures and games development is receiving in the emerging counties. I extend a warm welcome to the players, team officials, County Board Officers, match officials and supporters from the participating counties to Croke Park this afternoon.

Following their impressive dismissal of Meath on Sunday last, Laois are now sitting patiently waiting to find out whom they will face in the final on the 18th July. The reigning champions may well be favourites to retain their title but they should certainly not disregard the real challenge, which both Westmeath and Wexford will pose.

Dismissing Dublin in the Quarter-Final and neighbours Offaly in the first round is likely to make Westmeath favourites in today's big game. Right from the start of the year when Paidí Ó Sé took charge of the midlanders the confidence in the side has blossomed and there is now a real belief that this team is on the verge of a major breakthrough. The experience of playing in the top grade of the National Football League has helped the players to cope with the competitiveness of the current championship.

Wexford on the other hand have been no less impressive. A good win over Louth in their first round game was followed by a comprehensive win over a fancied Kildare side in their Quarter-Final. The model county remain on course for a championship double with the hurlers already through to the Leinster Final. Like their opponents, Wexford too have benefited from playing in the top flight of the National Football League and it should not be too much of a surprise therefore that both of today's teams have enjoyed a successful championship campaign to date.

I am sure the supporters from both counties will recall the last time the sides met in the championship. The occasion was a qualifier replay in Mullingar following a breath-taking

draw in the newly developed Wexford Park. The first meeting in Wexford was particularly memorable with a late point in extra time drawing the game. A repeat performance from both sides today will leave patrons on the edge of their seats for the entire duration of the game.

In your match programme for this afternoon's game details are given of the Summer Camps, which will be held in both Wexford and Westmeath and also in Dublin in the coming weeks. In excess of 25,000 young boys and girls will attend this year's Comhairle Laighean Summer Camps. There is still time for boys and girls to register but you should enrol on a local camp as soon as possible. Inter-county players in all counties are assisting Comhairle Laighean with the promotion of our Summer Camps in the local media.

The first game on today's programme is the Leinster Junior Football Championship Semi-Final between Wexford and Dublin. It is a big occasion for these players to play in Croke Park and I hope they enjoy their visit. The last two winners of the Junior Football All-Ireland Championship (Wicklow and Meath) have come from Leinster, so the standard in this grade in the Province remains high and a competitive game is again expected this afternoon.

Cumann Luthchleas Gael recently launched a scheme in association with Gaelic Telecom, which will generate significant funding for participating G.A.A. clubs. Full details were recently sent to all County Boards, so clubs should contact their County Secretary for the necessary application forms. Apart from offering a very competitive price for all types of fixed line calls and a reduction in line rental charges, the real benefit for all clubs is a 15% rebate on the revenue generated by the club's own participants.

Finally, every good wish to all the participants in today's games as we look forward to more exciting championship action.

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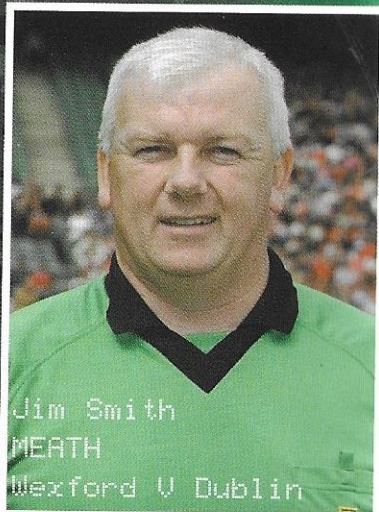
Today Seán McGoldrick mourns the passing of the 'available player', while 'An Fear Rua' pursues a Joycean theme. The main programme contributor is Pat Teehan of Offaly. Thanks also to Alan Aherne (Wexford) and Paddy Flanagan (Westmeath). Photos are by John Quirke (Navan).

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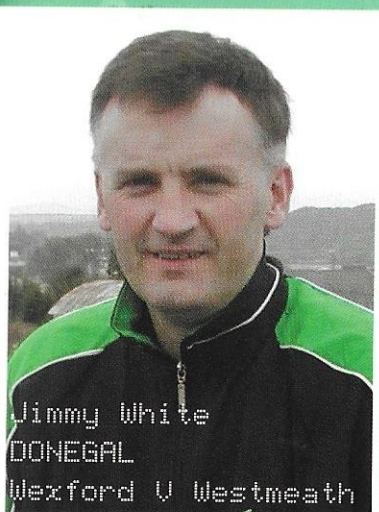
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High-profile players keeping a low profile

by Seán McGoldrick,
GAA Correspondent, Sunday World



Please forgive me for burdening you today with the woes of a GAA Correspondent. There is a perception out there that we have the best job in the world. We have the plush seats in the stadium, we're paid to watch something we love and we don't get the sack when we get our predictions wrong!

But all is not as it appears. Perhaps you haven't noticed, but over the past decade there has been a gradual decline in the number of interviews with players which appear in the national press in the run-up to big games. Sure, there is a lot more publicity about the game itself - profiles, features etc. But less and less players are willing to put their head above the parapet on the morning they don their county colours in the provincial or All-Ireland championship. Believe me, this is not due to lack of effort on the part of my colleagues in the Fourth Estate. The opposite is the case, indeed. We seem to spend most of our working lives chasing players who, it appears, would rather spend a few days in a salt mine than talk to us for five minutes.

Twenty years ago a media ban was news; now it's the norm. I don't blame the players. They're under more pressure to deliver on the field than ever before. I suspect, however, that it is the all powerful team managers who are primarily responsible for driving a wedge between the players and the media at championship time. They lay down the law. As one ex-manager reputedly told a high profile player a few years ago; "Plug out your phone next week."

Thankfully, not all GAA bosses view the Fourth Estate with such disdain. In his excellent 'Kicking Down Heavens Door Diary of a Football Manager', Tyrone boss Mickey Harte recalled the team's press night prior to last year's All-Ireland final; "I love seeing the players being comfortable with the media. They have to think when they're talking to the press. I like the thinking player. If our players can think on their feet with the press, they can think on their feet in a game..." Armagh boss Joe Kernan has similar views, as do two of the most successful bosses in the history of Gaelic football, Mick O'Dwyer and Sean Boylan. Presumably, most managers trust their players to perform before 80,000 spectators yet they don't trust them to spend twenty minutes in the company of a reporter a few days before the game. Strange.

It's not as if we expect the player to divulge the team's secret game plan. All we're looking for is a few anecdotes; a bit of background on their career and a few thoughts on the game. Not exactly Jeremy Paxman territory!

There was a time when hurlers behaved differently than their football brothers. They were more relaxed, more open and more accessible. Now it's the exact opposite. This summer, for instance, it has been nigh-on impossible to interview hurlers from Waterford, Cork, Kilkenny, Wexford and Limerick, with the exception of their team captain, T.J. Ryan.

Ironically, all this shyness comes at a time when GAA players are finally reaping some financial reward for their endeavours on the field through sponsorship and personal endorsement in the commercial world. Nobody begrudges them the few bob they earn from these sources. However, players cannot have it both ways. They can't expect to have their commercial activities highlighted in the media if they're not prepared to talk to us. We had the ludicrous situation at a recent press conference to

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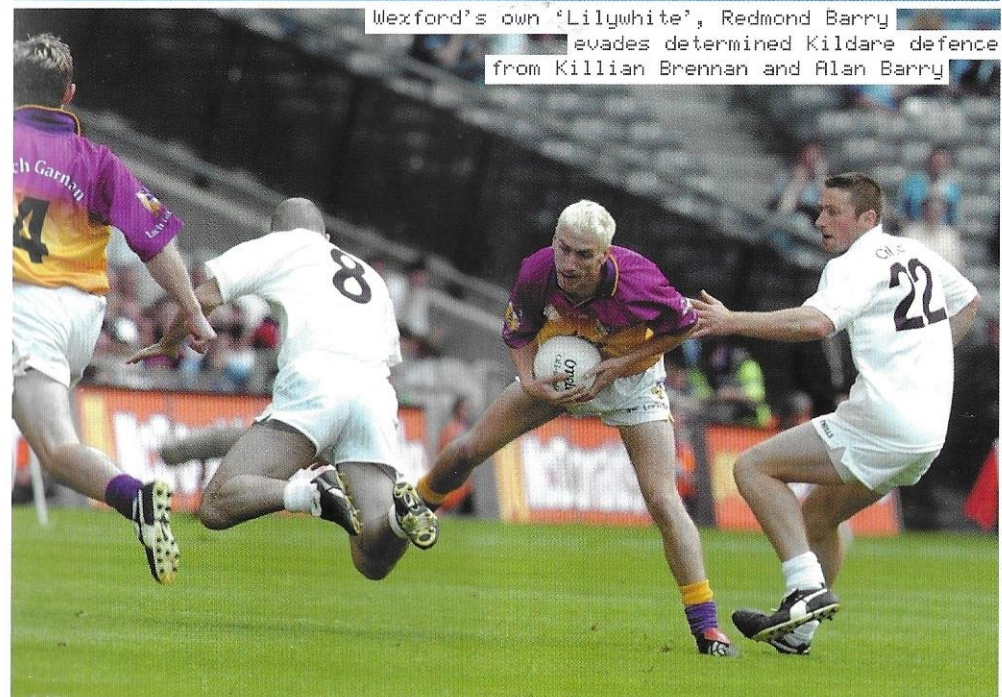

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publicise a new commercial deal for players, where one of the high profile players present sprinted out the door faster than Marion Jones as soon as the formal announcement was over while another had to be virtually cornered before he reluctantly agreed to share a few words with us. Of course, we're not blameless ourselves. At press nights, for example, we tend to swarm around players and trust tape recorders into their faces. Even Bertie Ahern might be slightly intimidated by this. So imagine how a 20 year-old feels when he's suddenly confronted by a dozen reporters. As a lobby group, we're hopelessly ineffective. We tend to moan among ourselves but rarely, if ever, confront the real culprits, the team managers.

GAA Director-General Liam Mulvihill has raised the issue in several of his annual reports to Congress but nothing has changed. I'm surprised that the two major sponsors of the All-Ireland championships, Bank of Ireland and Guinness, as well as the individual county team sponsors, have not been more proactive on this issue. They're losing out as well and, one wonders, will it be long before companies insist on putting a clause in their contracts with County Boards insisting that players make themselves available for interviews before big matches? A few days before their 1993 All-Ireland semi-final showdown against Dublin, half a dozen members of the Derry football team actually travelled to Dublin to meet us in the Gresham Hotel for a few hours and answer all our questions. The trip was organised by the team's sponsor. I can't imagine that ever happening again.

However, every county should be obliged to hold a press night prior to their championship matches. Nominate half a dozen players to attend and the whole business could be over in a couple of hours. Players then wouldn't have to spend the rest of the week dodging phone-calls and turning their mobiles off. Of course, it's not the perfect solution but isn't it better to light a candle than continue to curse the dark?

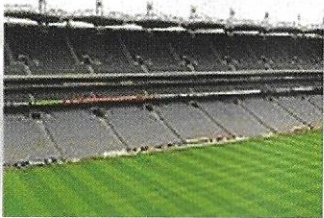
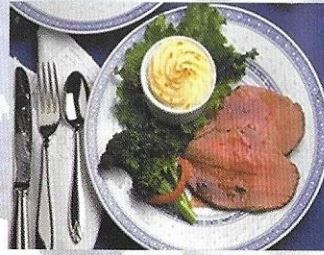


Wexford's own 'Lilywhite', Redmond Barry

evades determined Kildare defence from Killian Brennan and Alan Barry

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The Wexford team which defeated Louth in this year's Leinster SFC

Back L-R: Darragh Breen, David Fogarty, David Murphy, Matty Forde (Capt), Paddy Colfer, Willie Carley and John Hudson.
Front L-R: Redmond Barry, Colm Morris, Niall Murphy, John Hegarty, George Sunderland, John Cooper, Darren Foran and Philip Wallace.

1997 Bank of Ireland Leinster SFC WESTMEATH 0-11 WEXFORD 2-05

Late Flanagan point earns Westmeath replay

An injury time point from a 45' by Westmeath's Martin Flanagan, earned Westmeath a second bite at the cherry in a disappointing Leinster Senior Football Championship 1st round clash with Wexford at O'Kennedy Park, New Ross on Sunday May 11th 1997. Trailing by five points going into the last quarter it looked as though Westmeath were going to make an early exit from the Championship, however, they put in a determined last quarter and slowly hauled back the deficit before Flanagan scored the all important equaliser.

This was a dour struggle during which referee Seamus McCormack booked no less than seven players from each side with Westmeath's Anthony Coyne and Wexford's Leigh O'Brien both receiving their marching orders. Coyne was first to go following an off-the-ball incident with Wexford's Richie Purcell after only eight minutes, while O'Brien was dismissed in the 21st minute following a foul on Paul Conway.

Wexford started in bright fashion with Leigh O'Brien firing over two points in quick succession, before Martin Flanagan opened Westmeath's account in the 10th minute with a pointed free. Four minutes later Wexford stretched their lead to four points when Michael

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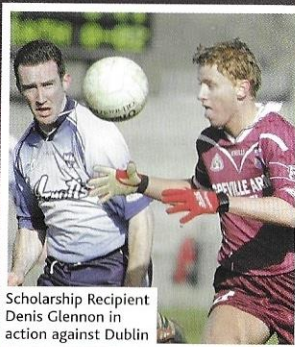
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Scholarship Recipient
Denis Glennon in
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Mahon scored his sides opening goal. Thomas Cleary and O'Brien then swapped points, before O'Brien received his marching orders. O'Brien's dismissal seemed to knock Wexford off their stride and Westmeath hit four unanswered points to leave the side's level at 1-3 to 0-6 at the break.

Wexford started the second half in a rejuvenated manner and after adding two points to their first half tally, hit Westmeath for a second goal in the 52nd minute, Jason Lawlor evaded his marker to fire home from 10 metres leaving the score 2-5 to 0-6. However, that was to Wexford's final score of the game. Thomas Cleary started the Westmeath revival with two pointed frees then Ger Heavin, Kenny Lyons pointed from play to cut the deficit to the minimum, before Martin Flanagan pointed a 45 to force the game to a replay.

SCORERS

Westmeath Kenny Lyons 0-3; Martin Flanagan 0-3; Thomas Cleary 0-3;
Ollie Keating 0-1; Ger Heavin 0-1.

Wexford Jason Lawlor 1-1; Leigh O'Brien 0-3; Michael Mahon 1-0; Barry Kirwan 0-1.

WESTMEATH

Dermot Ryan; Dermot Brady, John O'Brien, Kenny McKinley; Ollie Keating, David Prendergast, John Cooney; Paul Conway, David Mitchell; Anthony Coyne, Thomas Cleary, Martin Flanagan; Christy McDonagh, Kenny Lyons, Ger Heavin.

SUBS

John Murray for C. McDonagh, Shane Colleary for D. Mitchell, Mark Treanor for D. Prendergast

WEXFORD

John Cooper; Donal Redmond, Paul Harrington, Darragh Breen; Willie Carley, Paddy Fitzhenry, Richie Purcell; John Harrington, Seamus Hughes; Leigh O'Brien, Barry Kirwan, Garrett Dunne; Jim Byrne, Michael Mahon, Jason Lawlor.

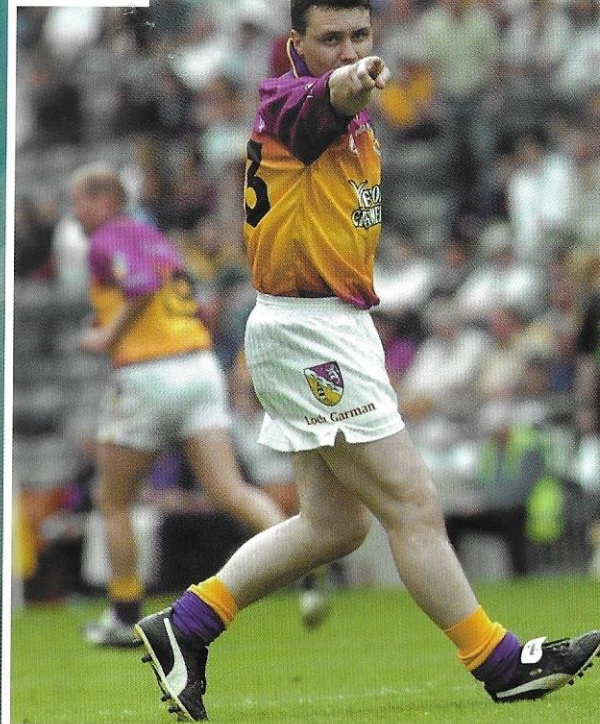
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REFEREE

Seamus McCormack (Meath).

"The Leinster title is that way"
Wexford's Jason Lawlor
gives a team-mate
directions



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Tuesday 29th June 2004

PORTLAOISE Erin Leinster U-21 HC Semi-final
7.30 pm Dublin V Kilkenny

Wednesday 30th June 2004

PORTLAOISE Leinster MFC Semi-final
7.30 pm Offaly V Kildare

WEXFORD Leinster IHC Final
7.30 pm Wexford V Kilkenny

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7.30 pm Longford V Louth

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Wexford V Offaly

Wednesday 7th July 2004

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7.30 pm Laois V Dublin

Sunday 18th July 2004

CROKE PARK Leinster MFC Final
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Replay arrangements

- If today's Bank of Ireland Leinster S.F.C. Semi-final finishes level, the replay will be on Saturday next, 3rd July, 2004 in Portlaoise (7.00 pm)
- If today's J.F.C. Semi-final finishes level, the replay will be on Thursday next, 1st July, 2004, in Wexford (7.30 pm)

Previous Meeting Statistics



Wexford

Westmeath



Today Wexford and Westmeath cross swords for only the ninth time (excluding draws) in the Leinster Senior Football Championship and for the second time in a provincial semi-final. The balance of power favoured Wexford until comparatively recently, with the Models coming out on top from 1893 to 1989 when Westmeath finally turned the tide with a 3-9 to 1-7 win in Cusack Park, Mullingar. The last three outings have favoured Westmeath and they completed the treble seven years ago when they had five points to spare in a replay in Mullingar. The sides had finished all square a fortnight earlier in New Ross. The only other semi-final meeting between the counties was in 1917. Wexford, Leinster Champions for the previous four seasons, opened their campaign with a 6-4 to 0-2 win over Wicklow in Wexford, while Westmeath had nine points to spare over Longford (4-5 to 2-2) when they met in Edgeworthstown. That semi-final was played in Croke Park on Wednesday, August 15th and Westmeath had no answer to the reigning champions who returned 1-7 to 0-1 for the challengers. It is difficult to understand the necessity for a mid-week semi-final as the final was not played until October 14th when Wexford captured their fifth of six successive titles with a 1-3 to 1-1 win over Dublin. The Purple and Gold went on to beat Monaghan (6-6 to 1-3) in the All-Ireland semi-final and took the third of four successive All-Ireland crowns with a four points victory (0-9 to 0-5) over Clare.

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1956	Carlow	1st R	Wexford	2-11	Westmeath	1-05
1976	Athy	1st R	Wexford	2-11	Westmeath	0-14
1989	Mullingar	1st R	Westmeath	3-09	Wexford	1-07
1995	Wexford	Prelim	Westmeath	0-13	Wexford	1-03
1997	New Ross	1st R	Westmeath	0-11	Wexford	2-05
	Mullingar	Replay	Westmeath	2-17	Wexford	1-15
2001	Wexford Park	Qualifier	Wexford	1-19	Westmeath	1-19
	Wexford Park	Replay	Westmeath	1-16	Wexford	1-08

Welcome from Bank of Ireland

Welcome to Croke Park for what promises to be an exciting clash between Wexford and Westmeath.

This is a rare Leinster semi-final clash between two counties who stunned 'big guns' Offaly, Dublin and Kildare to reach the last four. Westmeath have never won a Leinster title – the last time they qualified for the Leinster final was in 1949 when they lost to Meath. Wexford have taken the title on ten occasions, the last of which was in 1945. Wexford last reached the Leinster final in 1956 where they lost to Kildare.

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This year is already proving to be a truly exciting Championship and I am sure that today's game will deliver plenty of action. I would like to wish both Wexford and Westmeath the very best of luck today and in their future campaigns.

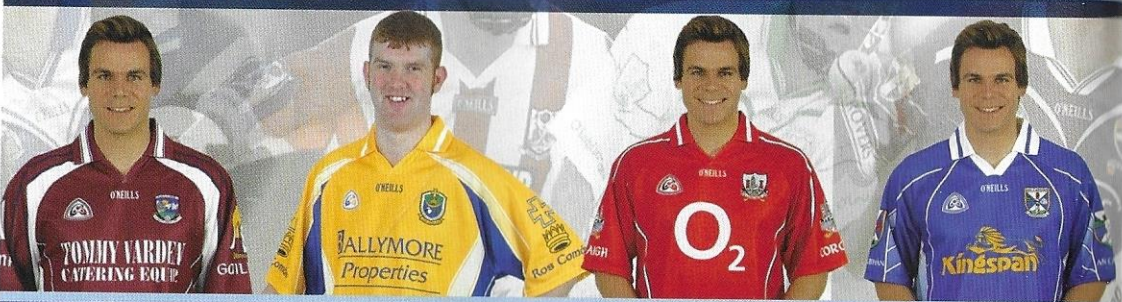
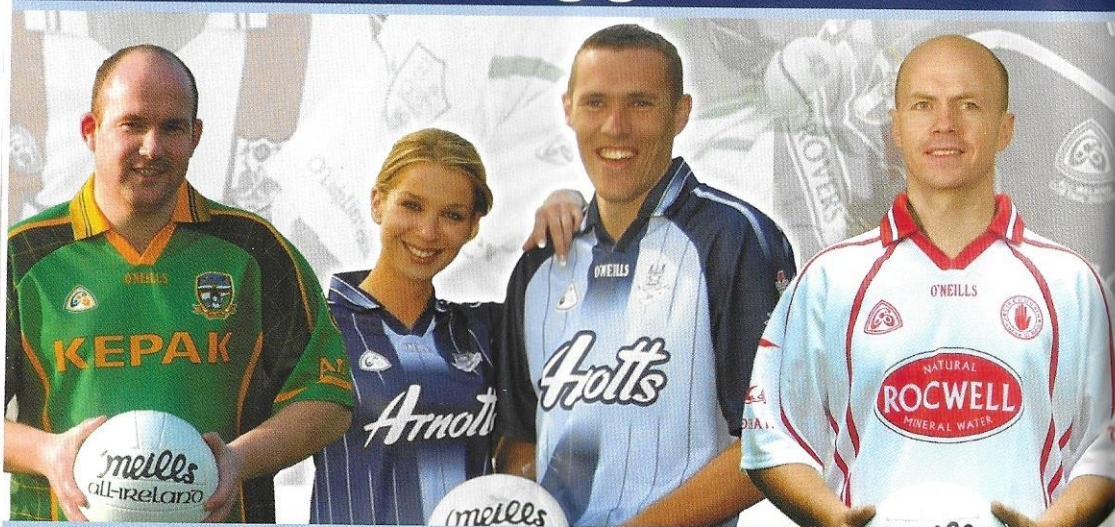
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1997 Bank of Ireland Leinster SFC Replay
WESTMEATH 2-17 WEXFORD 1-15
Westmeath prove too strong for Wexford in replay

The replay of the Leinster Senior Football 1st round tie between Wexford and Westmeath in Mullingar on Saturday May 17th proved to be a much more entreatting and competitive affair than the drawn game six days earlier. Westmeath were forced to line-out without injured full-forward Kenny Lyons but Mark Staunton proved a very able replacement. Mullingar Shamrock's Tom Ormsby was also recalled in an effort to bolster the midfield sector. Captain Anthony Coyne was an absentee because of suspension. Scott Doran returned to the Wexford line-up after missing the drawn encounter but tee-taker Leigh O'Brien had to sit out the replay after his dismissal the previous Sunday.

Westmeath held the upperhand throughout and never once fell behind, but Cyril Hughes' team was always in contention and came within three points of the home side on no less than four occasions in the last quarter. Wexford simply refused to show the white flag and this contributed to a riveting encounter. High-fielding; some text book points; three goals and numerous lashes of brilliance, particularly from Westmeath's Ger Heavin, Ollie Keating and Mark Staunton, and Wexford's Scott Doran, Jim Byrne and Jason Lawlor, were just some of the ingredients that made this such a high quality game.

Ger Heavin scored the opening two points of the game for Westmeath and it was Joking good for the Midlanders when midfielder Paul Conway got through for a well-taken goal after 11 minutes. Wexford drew level for the first and only time in the game when Scott Doran converted a penalty after 14 minutes' play. Westmeath regained supremacy once more and outscored the Slaneysiders by 1-6 to 1-3 in the closing twenty-one minutes to lead at the interval by 2-8 to 1-5. Mark Staunton scored 1-1 during that purple patch, while Shane Colleary added two points, with Mark Treanor, John Murray and John Cooney adding a point each.

Westmeath had increased their lead to seven points by the 46th minute but again Wexford fought back courageously. Jim Byrne and Jason Lawlor were prominent in their revival and landed some superb points. By the end of the third quarter, Wexford had reduced the deficit to three points and Westmeath appeared vulnerable. However, despite some gallant efforts, Wexford failed to score that all-important goal and Westmeath finished the stronger with late points from John Murray and Ger Heavin.

SCORERS

WESTMEATH Mark Staunton 1-2; Thomas Cleary 0-4; Ger Heavin 0-3; Paul Conway 1-0; Shane Colleary 0-2; Mark Treanor 0-2; John Murray 0-2; Martin Flanagan 0-1; John Cooney 0-1.
WEXFORD Jim Byrne 0-8; Jason Lawlor 0-4; Scott Doran 1-1; Niall Guinan 0-1; Garret Dunne 0-1.

WESTMEATH

Dermot Ryan; Dermot Brady, John O'Brien, Kenny McKinley; Ollie Keating, John Murray, John Cooney; Tom Ormsby, Paul Conway; Thomas Cleary, Martin Flanagan, Shane Colleary; Ger Heavin, Mark Staunton, Mark Treanor.

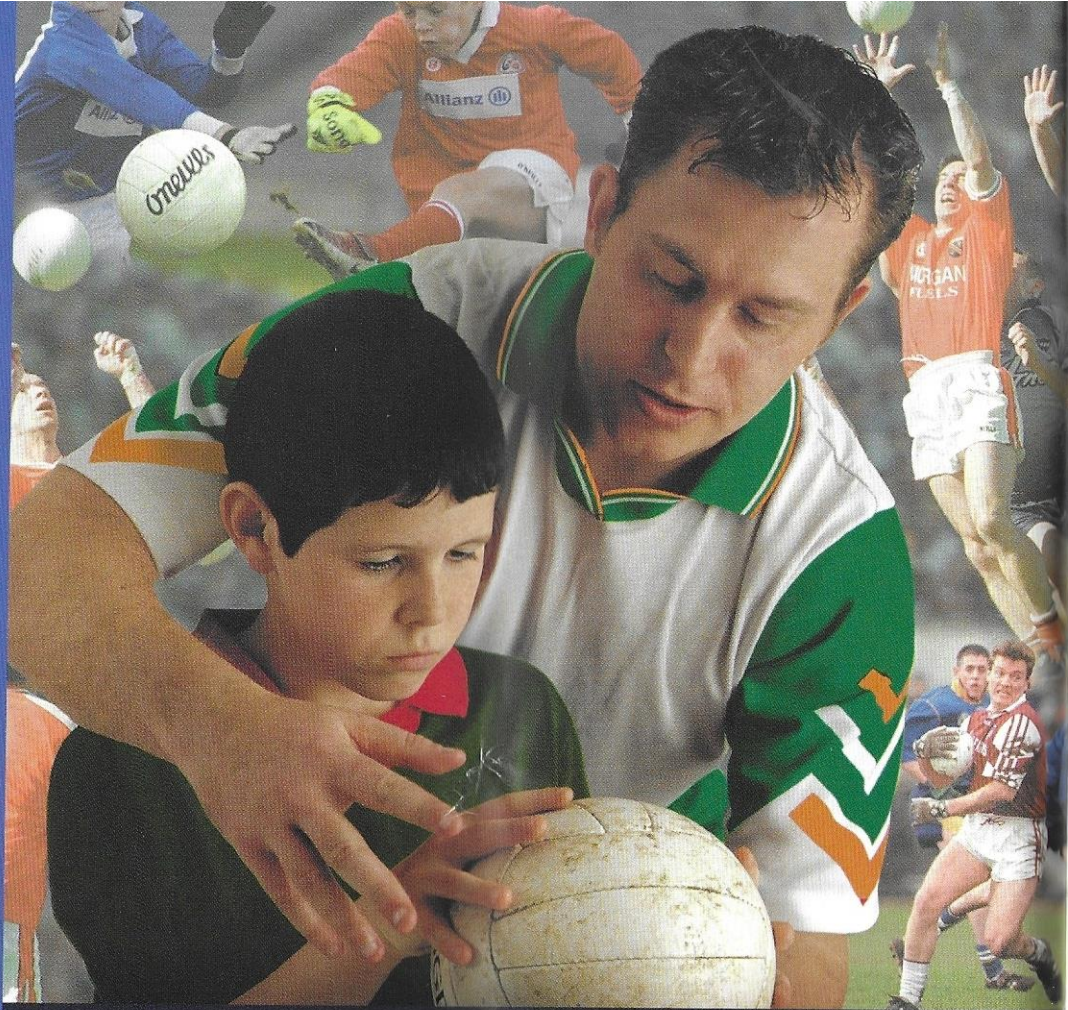
SUBS Kit Gillivan for K. McKinley, David Mitchell for D. Brady, Damien Gavin for S. Colleary.

WEXFORD

Ollie Murphy; Richie Purcell, John O'Gorman, Paddy Fitzhenry; Willie Carley, Barry Kirwan, Darragh Breen; John Harrington, Seamus Hughes; Jim Byrne, Niall Guinan, Garrett Dunne; Scott Doran, John Roche, Jason Lawlor.

SUBS Ronan Kinsella for N. Guinan, Michael Dunne for B. Kirwan, Des Stafford for J. O'Gorman.

REFEREE Seamus McCormack (Meath).



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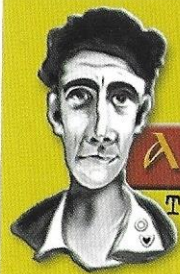
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The Westmeath team which defeated Dublin in this year's Leinster SFC

Back L-R: Gary Dolan, Fergat Wilson, Damien Healy, John Keane, Paul Conway, David O'Shaughnessy, Michael Ennis.
Front L-R: Denis Glennon, Alan Mangan, Donal O'Donoghue, James Davitt, Gary Connaughton, Brian Morley, Derek Heavin, Des Dolan.

That Bloomin' Joyce and the GAA...



An Fear Rua
THE GAA UNPLUGGED

**Bloomsday Centenary
it may be, but when it
comes to the GAA,
An Fear Rua wonders
"Is nothing sacred
to James Joyce?"**

OK, maybe you could imagine John McGahern punting a rain-sodden football around a boggy field in the bowels of Leitrim or ducking out from Saint Pat's teacher training college in Drumcondra to a game in nearby Croke Park, hoping to spot a good looking girl on the terraces. Patrick Kavanagh, certainly. Didn't he reminisce of playing in goal for his native Inniskeen in some Monaghan junior championship or other and allowing his opponents to score the winning goal in the final minute in controversial circumstances?

Ah, but not Mr Jemmy Joyce, the darlin' of the American academic circuit. Young Joyce was, by all accounts, a pale, sickly youth. His early schooling was with the Jesuits in Belvedere College, at that time more renowned for cricket than any other sport. Later, while attending Clongowes, surrounded by 'Lilywhite' country, his eyesight was deemed too poor to even try out for one of the rugby teams. His father, the Cork-born John Joyce, may well have been familiar with Gaelic games, but he determined that his son would not be exposed to these sports by attending a Christian Brothers' School, like, say, O'Connell's Schools, "with Micky Mud and Paddy Stink..."

Yet, in his famous celebration of Dublin - the novel 'Ulysses' - the main character in one of the book's central and most extended sequences is none other than Maurice Davin, one of the founders of the GAA. In what the academics call 'The Cyclops Sequence', the scene is set in Barney Kiernan's pub in Little Britain Street. Holding court in a corner of the bar, accompanied by his "mangy mongrel", Garryowen, is a character called 'the citizen'. This is, in fact, a representation of Maurice Davin.

Round after round of drink ensues - whiskey and Allsop's Ale. One of the drinking company, a man called Joe, tells 'the citizen' of a number of Irish Nationalist MPs heading that night to the Westminster Parliament for a debate. 'Nannan's going too', says Joe, "The league told him to ask a question tomorrow about the commissioner of police forbidding Irish games in the Park. What do you think of that, citizen?" Joe then gives us the clue to 'the citizen's' identity: "There's the man", says Joe, "that made the Gaelic sports

revival. There he is sitting there. The man that got James Stephens away. The champion of all Ireland at putting the sixteen pound shot..." And as Joyce then puts it: "So off they started about Irish sport and shoneen games the like of the lawn tennis and about hurley and putting the stone and racy of the soil and building up a nation once again and all of that... A most interesting discussion took place in the ancient hall of Brian O'Ciarnáin's in Sráid na Breataine Bheag, under the auspices of Sluagh na h-Éireann, on the revival of the ancient Gaelic sports..."

Joining in this discussion is the book's central character, the cuckolded, wandering Jew, Leopold Bloom. Sparked by Bloom's temerity in offering a view on anything, Joyce controversially portrays Cusack as narrow-minded, opinionated and argumentative. Soon, 'the citizen's' comments become derogatory of Bloom's origins, degenerating finally into a physical assault where he throws an empty Jacob's biscuit tin at the unfortunate man.

Bloom, however, stands his ground and cites the names of many famous Jews in his defence. Now, in all fairness, An Fear Rua recognises that neither the Old nor New Testaments are works that many GAA followers would be overly acquainted with. All of us, however, have become familiar with the decent Limerick man who stands behind the goals with the black-on-yellow placard 'John 3:7', but that's probably as far as it goes.

Yet, if you look carefully enough, you can see passages of the Testaments that are metaphors for aspects of the modern day GAA. Many a manager has had to stretch the resources available to him on a county panel in a way that would put to shame the miracle of feeding five thousand people with only five barley loaves and three fishes. And Seán Boylan's transformation of many's the mediocre player into an All-Ireland winner is reminiscent of the good Lord's convenient turning of water into wine in Cana of Galilee.

But who would we cast as Moses leading his people out of the captivity of Egypt into the Promised Land? Or the modern day David who slew Goliath? Who would be the candidates for such exalted positions? Would it be a Mick O'Dwyer leading Laois to their first Leinster title in fifty-seven years? Does Westmeath's forensic toppling of Dublin this year qualify them into the David class? In hurling, the names of Ger Loughnane and Justin McCarthy would have to be considered and if Waterford go all the way this year, McCarthy may even find himself as a candidate for early canonisation.

Whatever county you support in this year's championships, let's hope the appropriate scripture for them turns out to be not just John 3:7 ("Do not be surprised because I tell you, 'You must all be born again'") but maybe the one about the resurrection of Lazarus... (John 11:1- 44 inclusive).

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minutes



Wexford

Loch Garman
Purple and Gold
Concra is Órga



comhairle
LA GHEAN
CLG

1
S. CÚIPÉIR
John Cooper
ADAMSTOWN

2
D. Ó BRAOIN
Darragh Breen
NAOMH ÉANNA

5
R. DE BARRA
Redmond Barry
ST. ANNE'S

8
P. COILFÉIR
Paddy Colfer
CLONGEEN

10
D. Ó FÓGARTAIGH
David Fogarty
ST. ANNE'S

13
D. Ó LEATHLABHAIR
Jason Lawlor
O'LOUGHLIN GAELS (KK)

3
P. DE BHAILÉIS
Philip Wallace
GUSSEANE

6
D. Ó MURCHÚ
David Murphy
ST. MARY'S, ROSSLARE

11
S. HUDSON
John Hudson
STARLIGHTS

14
D. Ó FFORÁIN
Darren Foran
ST. MARY'S, ROSSLARE

4
N. Ó MURCHÚ
Niall Murphy
BANNOW-BALLYMITTY

7
L. Ó BRÍAIN
Leigh O'Brien
HORESWOOD

9
L. MAC FHEARAILE
Willie Carley
GLYNN-BARNTOWN

12
P. MAC GIOLLARNÁTH
Pat Forde
KILANERIN

15
M. MAC GIOLLARNÁTH
Matty Forde (C)
KILANERIN

Fir ionad

16 ANTHONY MASTERSON A. Mac an Mháistir CASTLETOWN
17 ROBERT HASSEY R. Ó hAisi DAVIDSTOWN/COURTNACUDDY
18 DARREN BROWNE D. de Brún SANSFIELDS
19 GEORGE SUNDERLAND S. Sunderland CASTLETOWN
20 GARRY O'GRADY G. Ó Grádaigh GUSSEANE
21 KIERAN KENNEDY C. Ó Cinnéide CLOUGHBAWN
22 JOHN HEGARTY S. Ó hEigeartaigh KILANERIN

23 NICKY O'SULLIVAN N. Ó Suilleabháin CLONGEEN
24 TOM WALL T. de Bhát STARLIGHTS
25 PÁRAIC CURTIS P. Curtéis CLONGEEN
26 DIARMUID KINSELLA D. Cínsealach CASTLETOWN
27 JAMES HOLMES S. Mac Thomáis CASTLETOWN
28 JIM D'ARCY S. Ó Dorchaí KILANERIN
29 GAVIN MORRIS G. Ó Muiris ST. MARY'S, ROSSLARE

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Westmeath

Iarmhí
Maroon and White
Marún agus Bán



1
G. Ó CONNACHTÁIN
Gary Connaughton
TUBBERCLAIR

2
S. MAC DAIBHÉID
James Davitt
ST. LOMAN'S MULLINGAR

5
M. Ó HAONAS
Michael Ennis
BALLINAGORE

8
G. Ó DÚLÁIN
Gary Dolan
GARRYCASTLE

10
B. Ó MURAILE
Brian Morley
MULLINGAR SHAMROCKS

13
A. Ó MONGÁIN
Alan Mangan
ST. MALACHY'S

3
D. Ó DONNCHÚ
Dónal O'Donoghue
MULLINGAR SHAMROCKS

6
D. Ó HÉILÍ
Damien Healy
ST. MARY'S, ROCHFORTBRIDGE

9
D. Ó SEACHNASAIGH
David O'Shaughnessy (C)
GARRYCASTLE

11
P. Ó CONBHUÍ
Paul Conway
TANG

14
D. MAG LEANNÁIN
Denis Glennon
TYRRELLSPASS

4
S. Ó CATHÁIN
John Keane
ROSEMOUNT

7
D. Ó HÉIMHÍN
Derek Heavin
CASTLEDALY

12
D. MISTÉIL
David Mitchell
ST. MARY'S, ROCHFORTBRIDGE

15
D. Ó DÚLÁIN
Des Dolan
GARRYCASTLE

Fir ionad

16 AIDAN LENNON A. Ó Leannáin ST. JOSEPH'S
17 DAVID KILMARTIN D. Mac Giolla Mháirtín COR'TOWN-KINNEGAD
18 FERGAL WILSON F. Mac Liam TUBBERCLAIR
19 JOE FALLON S. Ó Falláin ATHLONE
20 COLIN GALLIGAN C. Ó Gealgáin SHANDONAGH
21 PAUL MARTIN P. Ó Mairtín ST. LOMAN'S MULLINGAR
22 DAMIEN GAVIN D. Ó Gáibhín ST. MARY'S, ROCH'BRIDGE
23 SHANE COLLEARY S. Mac Giolla Laoire M'GAR SHAMROCKS

24 FERGAL MURRAY F. Ó Muiri ATHLONE
25 J. P. CASEY S. P. Ó Cathasaigh CASTLEDALY
26 AIDAN CANNING A. Ó Cainín ST. LOMAN'S MULLINGAR
27 TOM STUART-TRAINOR T. Stiobhard-Mac Thórdáin ATHLONE
28 RUSSELL CASEY R. Ó Cathasaigh CASTLEDALY
29 COLIN WHYTE C. de Faoite ST. LOMAN'S MULLINGAR
30 JAMES CONROY S. Ó Conraoi THE DOWNS

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Wexford

Loch Garman
Purple and Gold
Corcora agus Ór



Co. Wick
LISHEAN
CLG

1
S. Ó DÚILL
Jody Doyle
ST. JAMES'

2
C. Ó SOMACHÁIN
Cathal Somers
GUSSERANE

3
P. DE BHAILÉIS
Francis Wallace
GUSSERANE

4
S. MEIRTNEACH
John Mernagh
KILMORE

5
S. Ó CUILINN
Shane Cullen
GUSSERANE

6
B. MAG EOCHAIDH
Barry Goff
SARSFIELDS

7
A. Ó MUIREASA
Adrian Morrissey (C)
TAGHMON-CAMROSS

8
G. IACOB
Greg Jacob
DAVIDSTOWN-COURTNACUDDY

9
B. Ó DÚILL
Brendan Doyle
ST. JAMES'

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L. HUDSON
Willie Hudson
STARLIGHTS

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P. Ó LEATHLABHAIR
Pádraig Lawlor
ADAMSTOWN

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E. Ó GEALABHÁIN
Edward Galavan
BALLYHOGUE

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S. Ó DÚILL
John Doyle
ST. JAMES'

14
E. Ó DÚILL
Eddie Doyle
DUFFRY ROVERS

15
A. Ó MAOILÍR
Adrian Meyler
OUR LADY'S ISLAND

Fir ionad

- 17 CIARÁN O'LEARY C. Ó Laoire SARSFIELDS
- 18 JAMIE WHELAN S. Ó Faoláin FERNS-ST. AIDAN'S
- 19 SEÁN WHITTY S. de Fuite ADAMSTOWN
- 20 JOE KAVANAGH S. Ó Caomhánach HWH-BUNCLODY
- 21 MIKE O'GORMAN M. Ó Gormáin TAGHMON-CAMROSS

- 22 TOMMY DELANEY T. Ó Dubhshláine DAVIDSTOWN-COURTNACUDDY
- 23 PAUL FINN P. Ó Fionn HWH-BUNCLODY
- 24 DAVID SHANNON D. Ó Seannáin HORESWOOD
- 25 BRIAN O'GORMAN B. Ó Gormáin TAGHMON-CAMROSS

Dublin

Áth Cliath
Blue and Navy
Gorm agus Dughorm



1
P. COPELAND
Paul Copeland
ST. JUDE'S

2
M. Mac GIOLLA PHÁDRAIG
Mark Fitzpatrick
PARNELLS

3
C. DE CLÉIR
Cian Cleere
ST. SYLVESTER'S

4
B. Ó BROIN
Barry Byrne
PARNELLS

5
G. LOBHAOIS
Greg Lewis
FINGALLIANS

6
C. MAC CRAITH
Kieran McGrath
FINGAL RAVENS

7
C. DE PRIONNBHÍOL
Colin Prenderville
FINGAL RAVENS

8
D. BASTIC
Denis Bastic
TEMPLEOGUE SYNGE STREET

9
P. DE GRAE
Philip Gray
THOMAS DAVIS

10
C. Ó CAOMHÁNACH
Keith Kavanagh
FINGAL RAVENS

11
G. Ó CUILINN
Graham Cullen
SKERRIES HARPS

12
P. MAC EOCHAIDH
Philip Keogh
PARNELLS

13
S. Ó DONNAILE
Joe Donnelly
ST. JUDE'S

14
S. MAC MHUILINN
Stephen Mills
PARNELLS

15
A. Ó BRAONÁIN
Andrew Brennan
BALLYBODEN-ST. ENDA'S

Fir ionad

- 16 KEITH GORMAN C. Ó Gormáin O'DWYER'S
- 17 LIAM BROWN L. de Brún PARNELLS
- 18 DAMIEN FLANAGAN D. Ó Flannagáin FINGAL RAVENS
- 19 GREG HYDE G. de Hyde FINGALLIANS
- 20 BEN KELLY B. Ó Ceallaigh ST. MARY'S

- 21 NIALL McCAFFREY N. Mac Gafraidh NAOMH OLAF
- 22 BRIAN McEVOY B. Mac Fhíobhúil ROUND TOWERS, LUSK
- 23 NIALL McGRATH N. Mac Craith GARRISTOWN
- 24 MARTIN WHELAN M. Ó Faoláin PARNELLS

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The Dublin Junior Football Panel which lost to Wexford in the 2003 Leinster JFC

Leinster Junior Football Championship 2003
WEXFORD 3-09 DUBLIN 0-13
 First-half goals the key for Wexford

Two rather fortunate goals in the early stages put Wexford on the road to victory over Dublin in the Leinster Junior football championship semi-final in Dr. Cullen Park, Carlow, on June 14th, 2003.

They were helped in no small amount by their opponents, who only managed to find the target three times in a 17-minute spell of total dominance in the second-half. In that period alone, the 14-man Dubs hit a total of eight wides, while Wexford 'keeper, Jody Doyle, brought off a great reaction save.

When Wexford finally found their feet again, they were still two points to the good, thanks in the main to the three goals they registered in the first-half. The first arrived when Patrick Naughter curled in a free which Ciarán Deely touched to the net via a defender. Wexford's second piece of good fortune came directly from an embarrassing faux-pas by Dublin 'keeper, Alan Durnan, who kicked a clearance straight to John Doyle, and the team captain expertly booted it back into the empty net. Liam Murphy then set up Eddie Doyle for the third goal, leaving the Slaneysiders with an interval lead of 3-4 to 0-7.



Dublin full-forward Brian McEvoy is challenged by Wexford's Dessie Stafford

Dublin were hit with a hammer-blow three minutes into the second-half when wing-forward and free-taker, Gareth Smith, was sent off for a second bookable offence.

However, despite the loss of a key player, it was around this time that the men in blue began to control the match. Even still, while Niall Crossan and Martin Whelan both pointed frees, Darren Foran was able to steal forward from wing-back and grab a great point under pressure from his marker.

For the next 12 minutes, though, the Dubs completely took over and following a

free from Niall Crossan, they somehow failed to land a single score for the remainder and this was to prove their ultimate downfall.

When Wexford eventually scored again through an Adrian Morrissey free, Dublin were spent. The eventual winners added two more scores through substitute John Mernagh and Morrissey (free) to book a final spot against Meath.

The winning team included Darren Foran who will be in action with the Seniors today, and Eoin Quigley who was one of the heroes of the hurling victory over Kilkenny on Sunday week last.

TEAMS AND SCORERS

WEXFORD

Jody Doyle; David Walsh, Dessie Stafford, Ciarán Roche; Darren Foran (0-1), Mark Gahan, Eoin Quigley; Brendan Doyle, Seán Whitty; Patrick Naughter, Eddie Doyle (1-1), Adrian Morrissey (0-4, 3 frees); Liam Murphy (0-2), John Doyle (capt., 1-0), Ciarán Deely (1-0).

SUBS

Colin Bent for Roche, inj., Jesse Foley for Bent, Eric Bradley for Naughter, John Mernagh (0-1) for B. Doyle.

DUBLIN

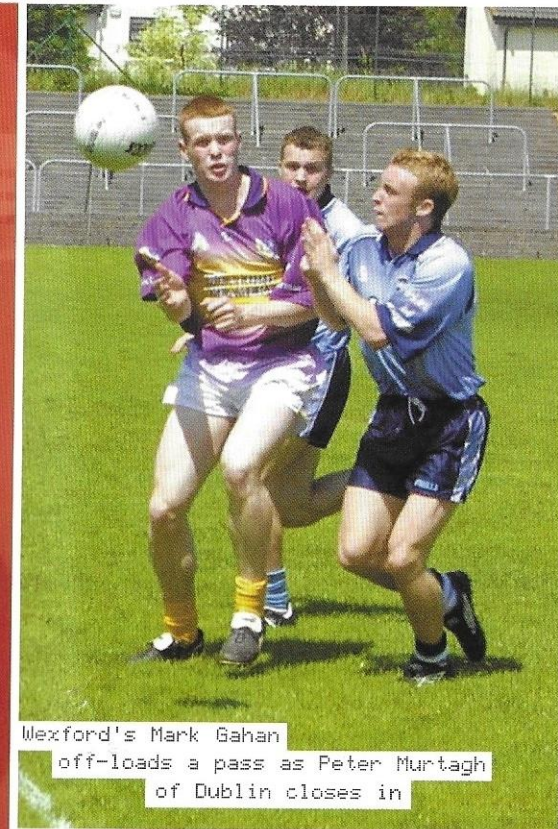
Alan Durnan (capt.); Felim Condon, Mark Fitzpatrick, Liam Brown; Barry Byrne, Keith Kavanagh, Colin Prenderville (0-1); David Noonan, Graham Cullen; Gareth Smith (0-4, 3 frees), Martin Whelan (0-3, 2 frees), Ciarán McGuinness (0-1); Peter Murtagh, Brian McEvoy, Niall Crossan (0-2 frees).

SUBS

Bernard Brogan (0-2) for Murtagh, Kieran McGrath for Condon, Shane Sullivan for McEvoy, Gerry Daly for Byrne (temp.), Damien Flanagan for Crossan.

REFEREE

Peter O'Reilly (Longford).



Wexford's Mark Gahan off-loads a pass as Peter Murtagh of Dublin closes in



Wexford Football snippets



Niall Murphy is the sole member of the All-Ireland winning Good Counsel College (New Ross) Senior football team of 1999 to feature with Wexford today. However, two of his colleagues have been in action in the current Bank of Ireland championship - Eric Bradley from Adamstown scored two points for New York in their heavy loss to Mayo, while Ciarán Hyland of Arklow Geraldines-Ballymoney was Wicklow's right corner-back. Another duo from that Good Counsel team of '99 will be in action with the Wexford Juniors - Edward Galavan (Ballyhogue) and Shane Cullen (Gusserane).



Junior manager Seamus Keevans has the unique distinction of playing Senior championship football in all four provinces, having lined out with his native Wexford, Sligo, Cavan and Waterford in the course of a distinguished inter-county career. The Gusserane clubman was a member of the last Wexford team to reach the Leinster Senior football championship final in 1956.



Wexford Junior selector Mick Walsh is a native of Kilrossanty and captained the Waterford Senior footballers in the 1980s. The third mentor, Paddy Wickham, is a long-standing Leinster Council delegate and served as Co. Chairman from 1994 to 2000.



Wexford have two survivors from their last Leinster Senior semi-final appearance in 1994 when they lost to Meath by 4-14 to 2-6. John Cooper manned the posts on that occasion while Robert Hassey made his inter-county debut when he came off the bench. Current selector Ger Halligan also figured on the team which lined out as follows: John Cooper; Pádraig O'Gorman, John O'Gorman, Ger Halligan; Ciarán Roche (0-1), John Dunne, Dessie Stafford; John Roche, John Harrington; Greg Waters, Scott Doran, Tomás Kavanagh (1-0); Nicky D'Arcy (capt., 1-0), Franny Byrne, Billy Dodd (0-5, 3 frees). Sub: Robert Hassey for J. Roche.



Wexford qualified for the Leinster Junior championship semi-final with a 1-5 to 0-6 win over Wicklow in Wexford Park on June 9th. The team was: Jody Doyle; Cathal Somers, Francis Wallace, Joe Kavanagh; Ken Furlong, Mark Gahan, Adrian Morrissey (capt.); Greg Jacob, Brendan Doyle; Edward Galavan, Eddie Doyle (1-0), Adrian Meyler (0-5, 3 frees); Willie Hudson, Pádraig Lawlor, John Doyle. Subs: John Mernagh for Furlong, inj., Shane Cullen for John Doyle, Jamie Whelan for Galavan, inj., Ciarán O'Leary for Lawlor.



Wexford Junior footballer Greg Jacob played in the centre with Co. Carlow in this year's All-Ireland Rugby League Division 1 campaign.



Wexford

The Wexford Junior Team which defeated Wicklow in this year's Leinster JFC

Back L-R: Mick Walsh (selector), Paul Finn, Mark Gahan, Francis Wallace, Edward Galavan, Tommy Delaney, Jamie Whelan, Pádraig Lawlor, Brendan Doyle, John Doyle, Willie Hudson, Greg Jacob, Shane Dunphy, Eddie Doyle.
Front L-R: Brian O'Gorman, Shane Cullen, Mike O'Gorman, Adrian Morrissey (capt.), Adrian Meyler, Ken Furlong, Jody Doyle, Joe Kavanagh, Cathal Somers, John Mernagh, Ciarán O'Leary, Seamus Keevans (manager).

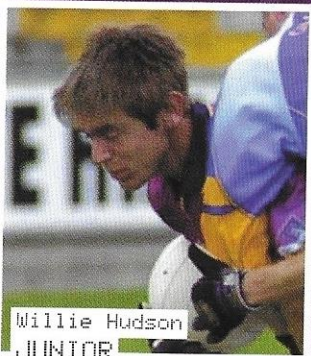
Wexford's Band of Brothers

The Wexford footballers are intent on keeping it in the family today as they seek places in the provincial Senior and Junior championship finals. Indeed, the links between the teams are very strong, with no fewer than three members of Pat Roe's squad having brothers involved in the curtain-raiser.

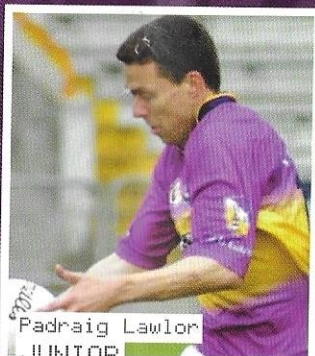
It's a particularly notable double for the Wallace family of Ballycullane as Philip will play at full-back with the Seniors while his older brother, Francis, will also don the number three jersey for the Juniors. Meanwhile, Senior centre-forward John Hudson will be hoping his younger brother, Willie, grabs a few scores from the right corner slot against Dublin. Jason Lawlor, the Kilkenny-based Garda who plays his club football with O'Loughlin Gaels, grabbed a vital point when he came off the bench during the quarter-final dismissal of Kildare. And today's Junior side includes his brother, Pádraig, at full-forward, while their stepbrother, Shane Dunphy, is a substitute with Seamus Keevans' squad.

The family ties don't quite end there either. The Senior side also includes the Forde brothers, Pat and Matty, while the Juniors will be powered by three members of the Doyle clan from Duncannon - John, Brendan and Jody.

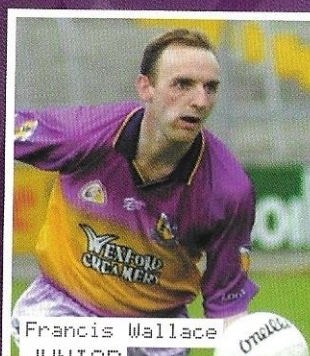
And it's brothers in arms all the way for Wexford as the Junior bench will be manned by Brian and Mike O'Gorman from Taghmon-Camross.



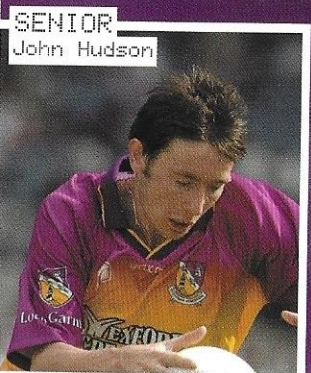
Willie Hudson
JUNIOR



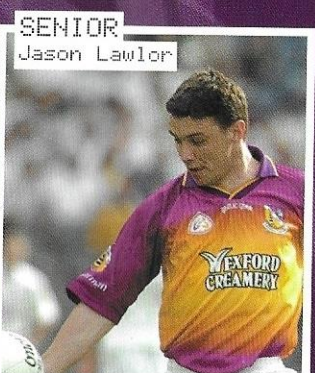
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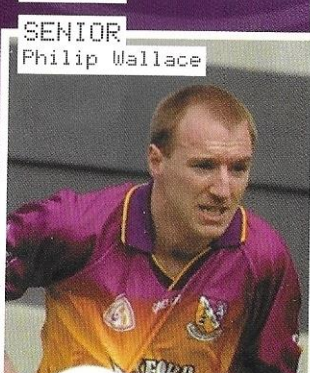
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JUNIOR



SENIOR
John Hudson



SENIOR
Jason Lawlor



SENIOR
Philip Wallace



Wexford Senior Football Stats

NAME	DEBUT	GRADE	VERSUS	GAMES	SCORE
DARRAGH BREEN	28/09/96	AIB	Longford	87	0-09
JOHN HEGARTY	09/10/94	AIB	Limerick	85	20-118
LEIGH O'BRIEN	12/05/96	SFC	Carlow	84	01-202
JOHN COOPER	08/03/92	NFL	Kilkenny	74	-----
PHILIP WALLACE	04/10/97	AIB	Clare	67	-----
WILLIE CARLEY	12/11/95	NFL	Galway	65	0-12
JASON LAWLOR	21/05/95	SFC	Westmeath	59	21-056
MATTY FORDE	28/02/99	NFL	Fermanagh	55	24-257
DAVID MURPHY	31/10/99	NFL	Waterford	44	0-08
PAT FORDE	01/11/98	NFL	Waterford	39	03-07
NIALL MURPHY	29/10/00	NFL	Waterford	33	-----
PADDY COLFER	31/10/99	NFL	Waterford	31	07-04
DIARMUID KINSELLA	09/01/00	OBC	Kilkenny	25	03-10
ROBERT HASSEY	03/07/94	SFC	Meath	19	0-04
REDMOND BARRY	26/11/00	NFL	Tipperary	19	01-12
JOHN HUDSON	08/06/02	SFC	Tyrone	19	01-11
PÁRAIC CURTIS	04/11/01	OBC	Kildare	17	0-01
JIM D'ARCY	16/02/97	NFL	Wicklow	16	0-03
DAVID FOGARTY	06/04/03	NFL	Carlow	13	01-06
TOM WALL	09/02/03	NFL	Longford	9	-----
DARREN FORAN	04/01/04	OBC	Offaly	9	01-03
GEORGE SUNDERLAND	04/01/04	OBC	Offaly	9	0-02
GARRY O'GRADY	01/02/04	NFL	Armagh	7	0-03
KIERAN KENNEDY	01/02/04	NFL	Armagh	7	0-03
GAVIN MORRIS	18/04/01	NFL	Carlow	6	-----
DARREN BROWNE	01/02/04	NFL	Armagh	6	0-01
JAMES HOLMES	04/01/04	OBC	Offaly	1	-----
NICKY O'SULLIVAN	07/03/04	NFL	Sligo	1	-----
ANTHONY MASTERSON	-----	----	-----	--	-----

750-metre swim

20K cycle

5K run

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Cumann na mBunscol Mini-Games

Catch & Kick

Today's mini-game at half-time in the second game is a conditioned game organised by Cumann na mBunscol Laignean between representative teams from Wexford and Westmeath. The philosophy behind this game is the development of the two basic skills of Gaelic Football, i.e. catching and kicking, among primary school pupils. The rules are simple: 1. Kick only to be used when striking the ball; 2. One bounce permitted; 3. Usual four steps apply. Cumann na mBunscol Laignean has pioneered this concept and has similar projects in hurling where the skills of ground hurling, lifting and striking are fostered.

Wexford

- Derek McDonald
- Aidan Rochford
- Cathal O' Brien
- Thomas Collins
- Aaron Goff
- Shane Goff
- Brendan Doyle
- Michael Furlong
- Ethon Mahon
- Brian Doyle
- MENTORS**

Rackard League

- St. Senans N.S., Enniscorthy
- Rathangan N.S.
- Mayglass N.S.
- St. Senan's N.S., Enniscorthy
- Kilmore N.S.
- Kilmore N.S.
- St. Aidans N.S., Enniscorthy
- Raheen N.S.
- Wexford C.B.S.
- Screen N.S.
- John Joe Fitzgerald Bree N.S.
- John Colloton St. Aidans N.S.



Westmeath

- Stiofáin Ó Dubhlaing
- David Gavin
- Jonathan Palsinelli
- Enda Kincaid
- James Geoghegan
- Paul Carey
- John Heslin
- Eric Hayes
- Enda Morris
- Gary Keena
- MENTORS**

- Scoil na gCeithre, Maistri, Áth Luain
- St. Mary's CBS, Mullingar
- Kinnegad
- Ard na Grath
- Rosemount
- Scoil Bhríde, Rochefort Bridge
- Loughanavalley
- Sonna
- Sonna
- Ballynacargy
- Daithí Ó Fiaich Sonna
- Davy Gavin Milltownpass



Leinster U-15 Football Blitzes '04

Longford Slashers, Carbury-Kildare and Carlow Town H.C. were the venues for three very successful Football Blitzes on Saturday, April 17th last. All twelve Leinster Counties competed, with four teams at each venue. The groupings were as follows:

Longford Slashers – Longford, Offaly, Westmeath and Louth.

Carbury – Kildare, Dublin, Meath and Laois.

Carlow Town H.C. – Carlow, Wicklow, Wexford and Kilkenny.

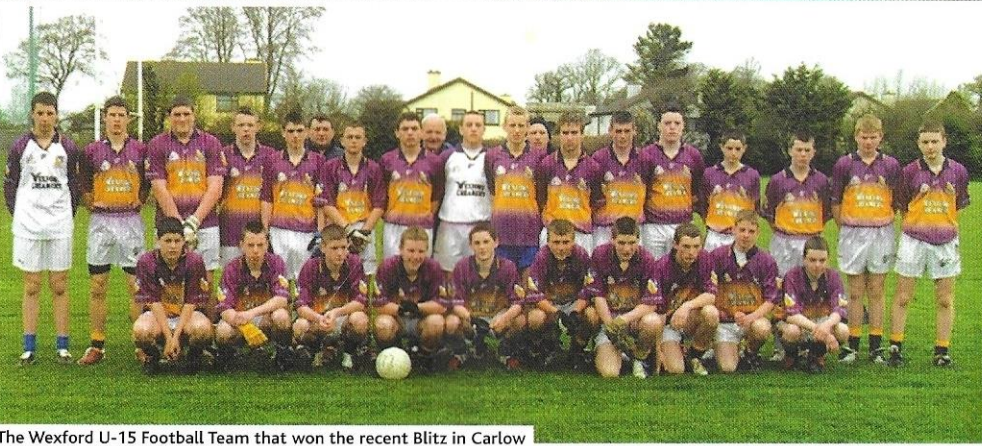
Each team played each other in their group, with Offaly, Laois and Wexford coming out on top in their respective Groups. A feature of this, and all Tournaments as organised by the Leinster Football Development Committee, was a presentation to all players and squad mentors involved.

As a follow-on from these blitzes, a Summer Tournament is being organised for this age-group - these games to be played on three Saturdays in July (July 3rd, 17th and 31st).

Below are team photos from today's Counties, as took part in our April Blitzes.



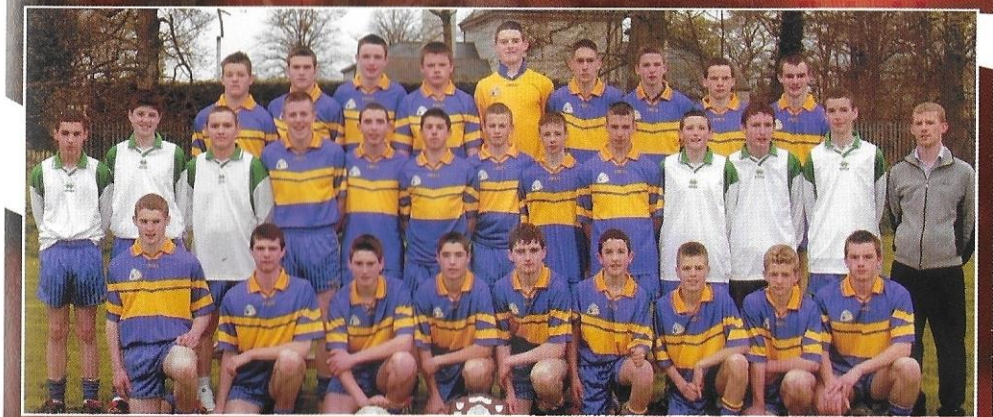
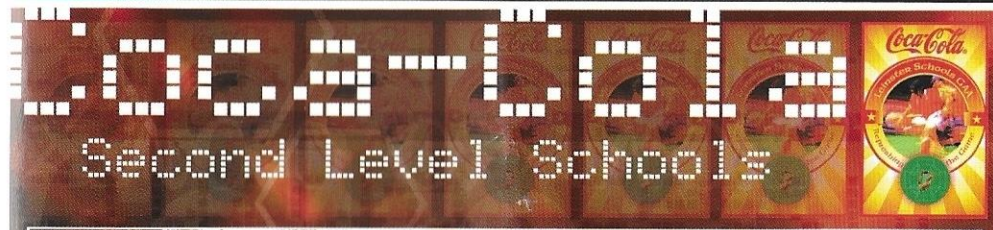
The Westmeath team that defeated Longford and were narrowly beaten by both Offaly and Louth at the Longford Slashers Blitz



The Wexford U-15 Football Team that won the recent Blitz in Carlow



The Dublin U-15 Football Team that competed at the recent Blitz in Carbury



Scoil Dara, Kilcock

Coca-Cola North Leinster Schools Junior Football 'B' Champions 2003-2004

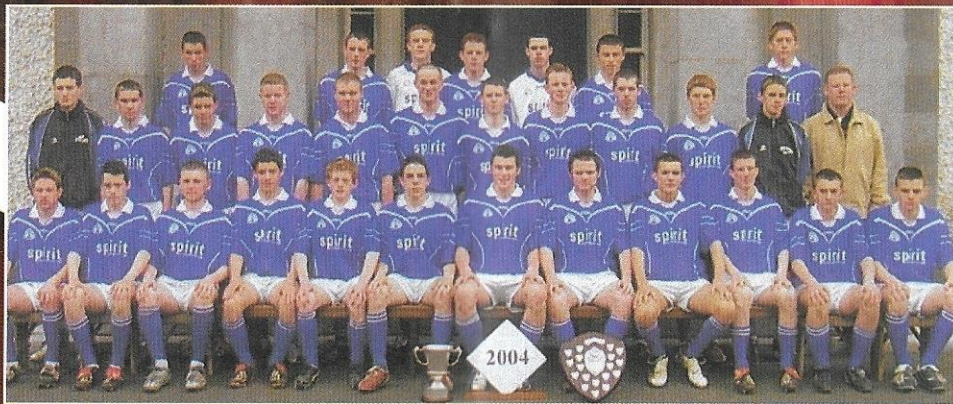
Back L-R: Patrick Beirne, Bryan Hatton, Michael Byrne, Gavin Gillespie, Shane Geraghty, David Mulhall, James Weldon, Mark Baldwin, Daragh Browne.

Middle L-R: Michael Giles, Conor Gillespie, Jason O'Brien, Michael Gorman (Capt), David Dalton, Paul Larkin, Alan Lyons, Shane Harris, Darren Maguire, Bobby Lyons, Liam Foran, Donal Smith, William Carr (Manager).

Front L-R: Tom Murphy, Shane Jordan, David Byrne, David Wynne, Fergal Divilly, Denis Malone, Craig Mooney, Ronan Devine, Andreas Ó Cinnéide.

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Second Level Schools

St. Mel's College, Longford

Coca-Cola Leinster Schools Junior 'A' Football Champions 2003-2004

Back L-R: David Keenan, David Sexton, James Bennett, Rory Barrins, Ronan Duffy, Michael Kenny, Neil Casey.
Middle L-R: Philip Dobson, Partick Gallagher, Shane Henry, Cathal Twaddle, Steven Cooney, Ciarán McGuire, Seán Cox, David Sheehan, Francis Brady, Paul Kelly, Shane Cassidy, Declan Rowley (Coach).
Front L-R: Cathal Creamer, Cian Mirmnagh, Andrew Lynch, Steven Ormsby, Kevin Burke, Mark Fallon, David O'Connor (Capt), Conan Casey, Mark Smith, Denis McGoldrick, Pádraig Gill, James Campbell.



Ardee Community School, Louth

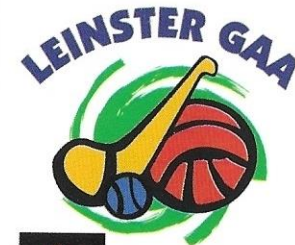
Coca-Cola North Leinster Schools Senior Football 'C' Champions 2003-2004

Back L-R: Peter Osborne, Graham McCoy, Robbie Leavy, Mark McEneaney, Anthony McDonald, Barry McCoy, Mark Quinn, Lee Martin, Patrick Matthews, Alan Landy, Catherine McGinley (Coach).
Front L-R: Alan Kirk, Dermot Cluskey, Darren Smith, Patrick Mooney, James Woods, Philip Meade, David O'Neill, Trevor O'Brien (Capt), Paul Carrie.

FROM	TO	VENUE	CODE
Mon 5th July	Fri 9th July	Ballyboden Wrs, Cabinteely & Round Towers Lusk	Football
Mon 5th July	Fri 9th July	St Patrick's (D), Fingal Ravens & St James Gaels/R. Emmets	Football
Mon 5th July	Fri 9th July	Ke vins, St Peregrines & Good Counsel	Hurling
Mon 12th July	Fri 16th July	St Patrick's (D), Liffey Gaels, Crumlin & St Finians Swords	Hurling
Mon 12th July	Fri 16th July	St Peregrines, St Patrick's Palmerstown, Ballyboughal & Na Dubh Ghall	Football
Mon 19th July	Fri 23rd July	Beann Eadair, O'Dwyers, Clann Mhuire, St Oliver Plunketts	Football
Mon 19th July	Fri 23rd July	Fingallians	Hurling
Mon 26th July	Fri 30th July	O'Dwyers, St Oliver Plunketts	Hurling
Mon 26th July	Fri 30th July	Liffey Gaels, St Finians Newcastle, Clanna na Gael Fontenoy & St Finian's Swords	Football
Mon 9th Aug	Fri 13th Aug	Good Counsel, Naomh Mhuire & Croi Ro Naofa	Football
Mon 9th Aug	Fri 13th Aug	St Patrick's Palmerstown & Clanna Gael Fontenoy	Hurling
Mon 16th Aug	Fri 20th Aug	Commericals & Beann Eadair	Hurling
Mon 16th Aug	Fri 20th Aug	St Margarets, Crumlin, Templeogue/Synge St., & Clontarf	Football
Mon 16th Aug	Fri 20th Aug	Geraldine Patrick Morans, Fingallians & Man O War	Football



Pictured at the Launch of Leinster GAA PlayStation Summer Camps 2004 in Croke Park Front (L-R): James McGarry, Kilkenny Senior Goalkeeper; Shaunna Byrne; Eoin Fowler; John Dalton; Sophie Murphy; Ross Munnely, Laois Senior Footballer. Back (L-R): Jimmy Dunne, Chairman, Leinster Coaching & Games Committee; Emer Dignam, Regional Development Officer; Niall O'Hanrahan, Managing Director, Sony Computer Entertainment (Ireland) Ltd.; Maryse Fitzpatrick, PR & Sponsorship Executive, Sony Computer Entertainment (Ireland) Ltd.; Lester Ryan, Leinster Senior Coaching Director; Jerry Grogan, P.R.O. Cumann na mBunscol and Mick Cahill, Regional Development Officer.

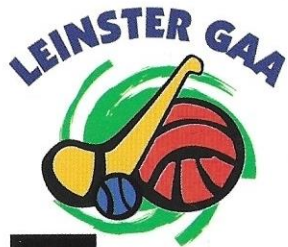


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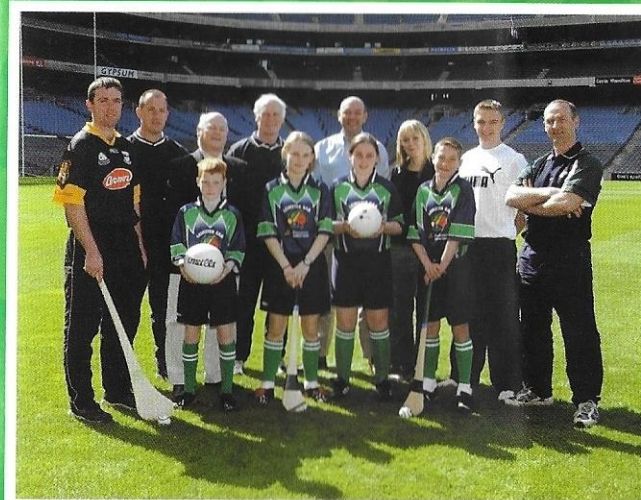


FROM	TO	VENUE	CODE
Mon. 5th July	Thurs. 8th July	Pairc Chiarain, Athlone & St Loman's, Mullingar	Football
Mon. 5th July	Thurs. 8th July	Ringtown	Hurling
Mon. 12th July	Thurs. 15th July	Pairc Chiarain, Athlone & St Mary's, R'fortbridge	Football
Mon. 12th July	Thurs. 15th July	Collinstown (Jnr Camp)	Hurling
Mon. 19th July	Thurs. 22nd July	Hogan Park, Moate & Moynihan Pk, B'nacargy	Football
Mon. 19th July	Thurs. 22nd July	St Olivers, Mullingar	Hurling
Mon. 26th July	Thurs. 29th July	Rosemount & Kilbeggan Shamrocks	Football
Mon. 26th July	Thurs. 29th July	Archerstown	Hurling
Mon. 2nd Aug	Thurs. 5th Aug	Pairc Chiarain, Athlone St Loman's, Mullingar & Devlin	Football

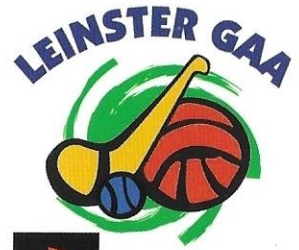


Pictured at the Launch of Leinster GAA Play Station Summer Camps 2004 in Croke Park (L-R): James McGarry, Kilkenny Goalkeeper; Jimmy Dunne, Chairman, Leinster Coaching & Games Development Committee; Michael McHugh, Westmeath Coaching Officer; Sophie Murphy; Noel Delaney, Leinster Coaching Director; Eoin Fowler; Niall O'Hanrahan, Managing Director, Sony Computer Entertainment (Ireland) Ltd; Maryse Fitzpatrick, PR & Sponsorship Executive, Sony Computer Entertainment (Ireland) Ltd. and Ross Munnally, Laois Footballer.

FROM	TO	VENUE	CODE
Mon 5th July	Thurs 8th July	Gorey, Rosslare, Rathnure & Monageer	HURLING
Mon 12th July	Thurs 15th July	St Patrick's Park, Buffers Alley, Pairc Charman & Cushinstown	HURLING
Mon 19th July	Thurs 22nd July	Grantstown, Ferns, Piercestown & Oulart	HURLING
Mon 26th July	Thurs 29th July	Killurin	HURLING
Mon 26th July	Thurs 29th July	Duffey Rovers /Coolree	HURLING /FOOTBALL
Mon 26th July	Thurs 29th July	Gusserane, Bree & Gorey (Pairc Ui Shiochain)	Football
Tues 3rd Aug	Fri 6th Aug.	Taghmon, Kilmore, Wexford (Pairc Charman) & Bellfield	FOOTBALL



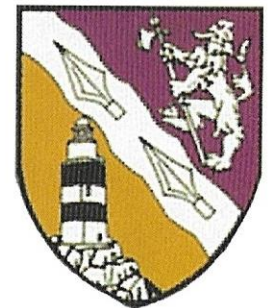
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Wexford PlayStation® Summer Camps 2004

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