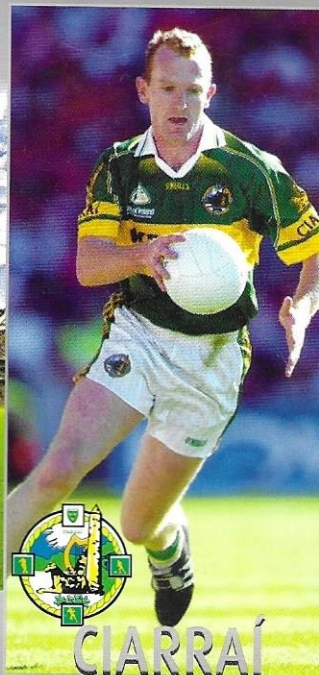


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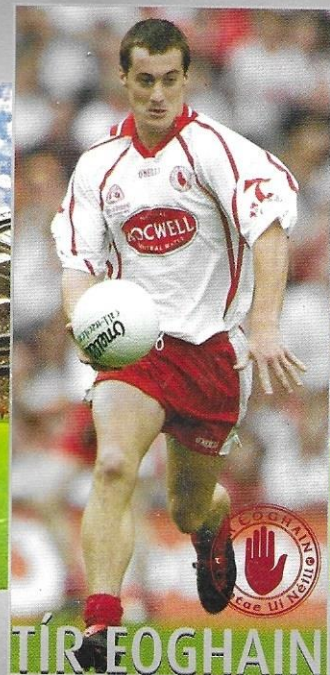


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Páirc an Chrócaigh,
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Nach iontach an Samhradh a bhí againn. An-aimsir, an ghrian ag taitneamh, gach rud ag fás agus na cluichí ar fheabhas san iomláint agus sa pheil. Fáilte is fiche romhaibh go dtí Páirc Chríochláis álainn an Chrócaigh do chluichí cheannais na hÉireann. Rath mór ar na foirne ó Mhaigh Eo, agus an Dún, Tír Eoghain agus Ciarraí. Le cunamh Dé, beidh dhá chluiche spóirtúil, fearúil cotharamach againn.

Year of the Two

It's been the year of the Two. U2 playing in Croke Park, Cork 2 in a row in hurling, Galway win 2 U-21 titles and either a Kerry two in a row in football, or an All-Ireland number 2 for Tyrone, Down in two finals (U-21 and minor) and the possibility of 2 All-Irelands for Mayo (club and minor). You enjoyed it all. Me 2.

Ciarraí v Tír Eoghain

There's always been a most healthy respect and admiration between Ciarraí and Tír Eoghain. Tyrone people have been frequent and popular visitors to Kerry for many years - they've a reputation of being big spenders, a trait that is much admired by tourist interests in Kerry. Close rivalry on the football field has cemented that relationship.

Today's clash is eagerly awaited. It's not the clash of styles that some opinion. Both play great football. The recent games involving both Armagh and Tyrone were PURE football, tough, manly, sporting. Kerry have developed a similar style. A great game in the offing - you can bank on that.

Foot and Mouth

Tír Eoghain have come through the hard way to contest the All-Ireland final. With time up against Armagh, the big screen showed a lovely exchange between Eoghain the pupil and Peter the teacher. The pupil smiled; dutifully handed the ball to the teacher - for a perfect lesson. A touch of the masters foot divided the goalposts, sent Tyrone into ecstasy and led to an instant outbreak of Foot and Mouth in Páirc an Chrócaigh. O'Neill folk roared in delight and took off galloping like suck calves left out for the first time for the green grass of Croke. No harm intended, little harm done.

Play It Again - For Sam!

Ciarraí here had a quieter and easier passage to the final. What difference will that make today? Hard to tell. One thing for sure, whichever team triumphs, expect an even bigger outbreak of foot and mouth, as both sets of supporters are really keen on this one, and probably have their running shoes on. Of course, it could be a draw. Play it again for Sam. God forbid.

Minor Final

The ESB sponsored minor final should be a real treat. Maigh Eo overcame the Kingdom with a fine display in the Semi (despite Kerry giving them the Rose of Tralee, rather mean eh?) and Down are hoping to go one step further than their U-21's. Either way it's obvious that great work is being done at schools and club level in both counties and that they are going to be strong football forces in the foreseeable future. An electrifying contest then in the ESB Final before our genial Patron, Archbishop Dermot presents the Tom Markham Cup. Woláimís an óige i gcónaí.

Supporters

A big thank you to all you great supporters. Your encouragement motivates and rewards our players. Our sponsors, Bank of Ireland have always successfully endeavoured to recognise that support by various clever initiatives. This year another innovation. It all adds to the sense of family, unity and good fun. Keep it up fans. Even if you are totally biased, don't worry; there's always one on the opposition side to match you. Tit for tat and all that.

One big downside for many supporters this year was the amount of clamping that occurred. We need to talk to the clampers. The GAA has generated massive income for the economy in Dublin and while we all have to abide by the law, a little leniency from the clampers would be appreciated and appropriate. Brakes on then. Clamp the clamp for an hour or two.

Páirc an Chrócaigh

The opening of the ultra-modern players lounge completes the development of the stadium for now anyway. Roofing and floodlighting will be added in time. But a big bualach bos is due

to the Stadium Executive, especially Director, Peter McKenna, and all the voluntary members of the committee under the chairmanship of the capable Dave Mackey. A great job, professionally done, within the budget, without much fuss. The GAA and Ireland are proud of 'Croker'. The opening of the Jurys Croke Park Hotel complements the whole development and is a major boost to the area. For reservations, contact the manager, Edward Stephenson. Tell him I sent you. You see he is a past pupil. Remember what I said about Peter and Eoghan.

DRA

Apart from the quality of our games this year, is has also been a great year for sportsmanship. Games have been played in a great spirit. The introduction of the new disciplinary system has focused minds and brought a sense of firmness and fairness to affairs in general. The DRA has settled in well and we have had no high court injunctions - to the disappointment of some solicitors no doubt! Continued stream-lining of out rule-book should lead to a greater clarity and concomitant fewer problems in future. So let's keep the momentum going.

Immediate Future

As Autumn turns to brown, Declan and his Tommy Murphy Cup heroes, plus the great Westmeath champions of the Christy Ring Cup head for the Big Apple on October 22nd, just reward for great commitment and endeavour by the "getting stronger" counties. A man who loves his native shore will lead Tipp - Peter Savage, the chairman on October 8th. The Christy Ring/Nicky Rackard selection head for Scotland for the International Shinty Games and then on October 15th, the 'Best of Irish' head for Australia for the International Rules. Pete and the boys will be hoping to bring the Cormac MacAnallen Cup back to our native shore. Best of luck boys. How blessed we are to have so many great players, so many fine managers. Mile buíochas dóibh uilig.

Off the field, we will be launching our playstation game, our Alcohol and Drug Abuse programme, our hurling development programme and social and recreational games initiatives. They are all in the offing as they say. Níos mó, níos deanaí.

Awards

Award ceremonies will start in earnest when the season winds down. Good. The more honours players get the better. To kick start the 'Awards Season', I offer the following suggestions. Two of course.

Goal of the Year

In hurling and football, Niall Healy's dropkick bullet against Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Hurling Semi-Final. The best drop kick since the days of Dermot Earley. I can see the Sawdoctors (or Big Tom) bringing out an album - "Drop kick me Healy, through the goalposts of Croke" or some such ditty.

Player of the Year

It has to be John 3:7. He never missed a score.

Focal Scoir

So now, "as the ball is in and the game is on" time comes near, put away the rosary beads, forget the prayers, relax and enjoy the game. Give God a break. After all, Sunday is his day off. He too will want to watch the game and of course God has to be a neutral. Neutral? He lives in a Kingdom doesn't he? But against that, isn't there a God playing for Tyrone? Neutral? Like Fagan "I think I'll have to think it out again". Maybe nobody is neutral, not even God.

Mentioning Fagan reminds me that a few people come to occasions like this feeling "they pick a pocket or two". Take my advice; take all your money out of you wallet/purse now. Put it in a place unreachable by prying hands and leave your empty wallet exposed. That'll teach them. It will 2.

Ádh Mhór,

Go raibh lá iontach ag chuile dhuine,

Seán Ó Ceallaigh

Seán Ó Ceallaigh, Uachtarán.

Cluichí Ceannais
Peile na hÉireann

Mionúir — 1.30 i.n.

An Dún v. Maigh Eo

Réiteoir:

Maurice Deegan (Laois)

Linesmen:

Michael Meade (Luimneach)

STAND-BY REFEREE

Brian Tyrell (Tiobraid Árann)

Sideline Official:

Cormac Reilly (An Mhí)

Umpires:

Sean Langton, Kevin O'Brien

Dónal Kelly, Martin Kelly.

Sinsir — 3.30 i.n.

Ciarraí v.
Tír Eoghain

Réiteoir:

Michael Monahan

(Cill Dara)

Linesmen:

Gearóid Ó Conámha (Gaillimh)

STAND-BY REFEREE

Tomás Quigley (Loch Garman)

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John O'Toole, Jack Monahan.



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- 12.00 Entertainment on Big Screen
- 12.30 Performance by the Artane School of Music
- 1.10 **An Dún** amach ar an bpáirc.
- 1.12 **Maigh Eo** amach ar an bpáirc.
- 1.24 Arrival of Uachtarán C.L.G. Seán Ó Ceallaigh agus a bhean; Éirleamh C.L.G., An Dr. Diarmuid Ó Clúmháin, Ardeaspag Caiseal agus Imleach. **Salute.**
- 1.27 Arrival of An Taoiseach leis an t-Ard Stiúrthóir, Liam Ó Maolmhíchíl agus a bhean. **Salute.**
- 1.30 Craobh Peile Mhionúir na hÉireann: **An Dún** v. **Maigh Eo**
- 2.04 GAA/INTD Mini-Games.
- 2.45 End of Minor Football Final
- 2.49 Presentation of the Minor Football Cup to the winning captain by An Dr. Diarmuid Ó Clúmháin
- 2.57 'Football Brothers' - introduced by Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh
- 3.05 Foireann **Thír Eoghain** amach ar an bpáirc
- 3.07 Foireann **Chiarraí** amach ar an bpáirc
- 3.11 Player profiles
- 3.18 Uachtarán na hÉireann introduced. **Salute.**
- 3.19 An tUachtarán meets the teams.
- 3.23 Paráid na Fóirne
- 3.28 Amhrán na bhFiann sung by 'The McCrohan Tenors'
- 3.30 Craobh Peile Shínsear na hÉireann: **TÍR EOGHAIN** v. **CIARRAÍ**
- 4.11 Entertainment by 'Arcady'
- 4.22 Second half begins.
- 5.00 Senior Game ends.
- 5.03 Presentation of The Sam Maguire Cup to the winning captain by Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Seán Ó Ceallaigh.

A message from Bank of Ireland

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It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Croke Park today for what is the highlight of the Bank of Ireland Football Championship. After five months of epic battles and inspiring football Kerry and Tyrone now make their final play today for the ultimate prize, the Sam Maguire Trophy.

It was a summer of intense rivalry and close calls, featuring the re-emergence of Dublin as Leinster champions and the continuation of Cork's rebuilding process in Munster. A youthful Galway team brought the Connacht title home to the Tribesmen while Armagh, despite retaining their Ulster title, lost out by a single point to Tyrone at the penultimate stage of their quest for their second All-Ireland title.

Today's clash between Kerry and Tyrone, sets the stage for a dramatic battle between the dominant teams from Ulster and Munster. Although no strangers to glory in Croke Park, both sides have arrived to this stage taking different and demanding routes.

The commitment, passion, energy and skill that these two teams display are what make them great and what brings them to this historic point today. Their goal is simple - to be the best, and they have pursued that goal relentlessly. We know how they feel. At Bank of Ireland we also have a goal to be the best and to do so with similar energy and commitment. Our customers are our ultimate prize and one that is valued for life and not just a day.

Bank of Ireland is fiercely proud of its 12-year of association with this magnificent sporting event. I would like to thank you, the fans for your dedicated support of your teams as you've followed their journey in the Bank of Ireland Football Championship to its final moment here today. Enjoy today's final and I would like to wish both Kerry and Tyrone the best of luck in what promises to be a thrilling afternoon of great football and sporting spirit.

Des Crowley
Chief Executive Retail Financial Services, Bank of Ireland



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10. The stadium management reserves the right to refuse admission to or to eject any person who refuses to be searched by a member of An Garda Síochána.
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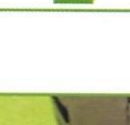
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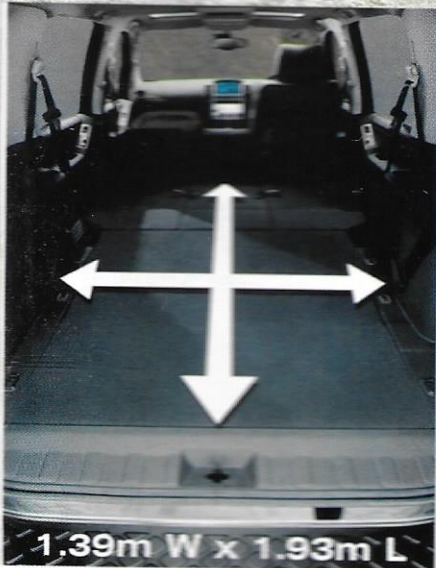
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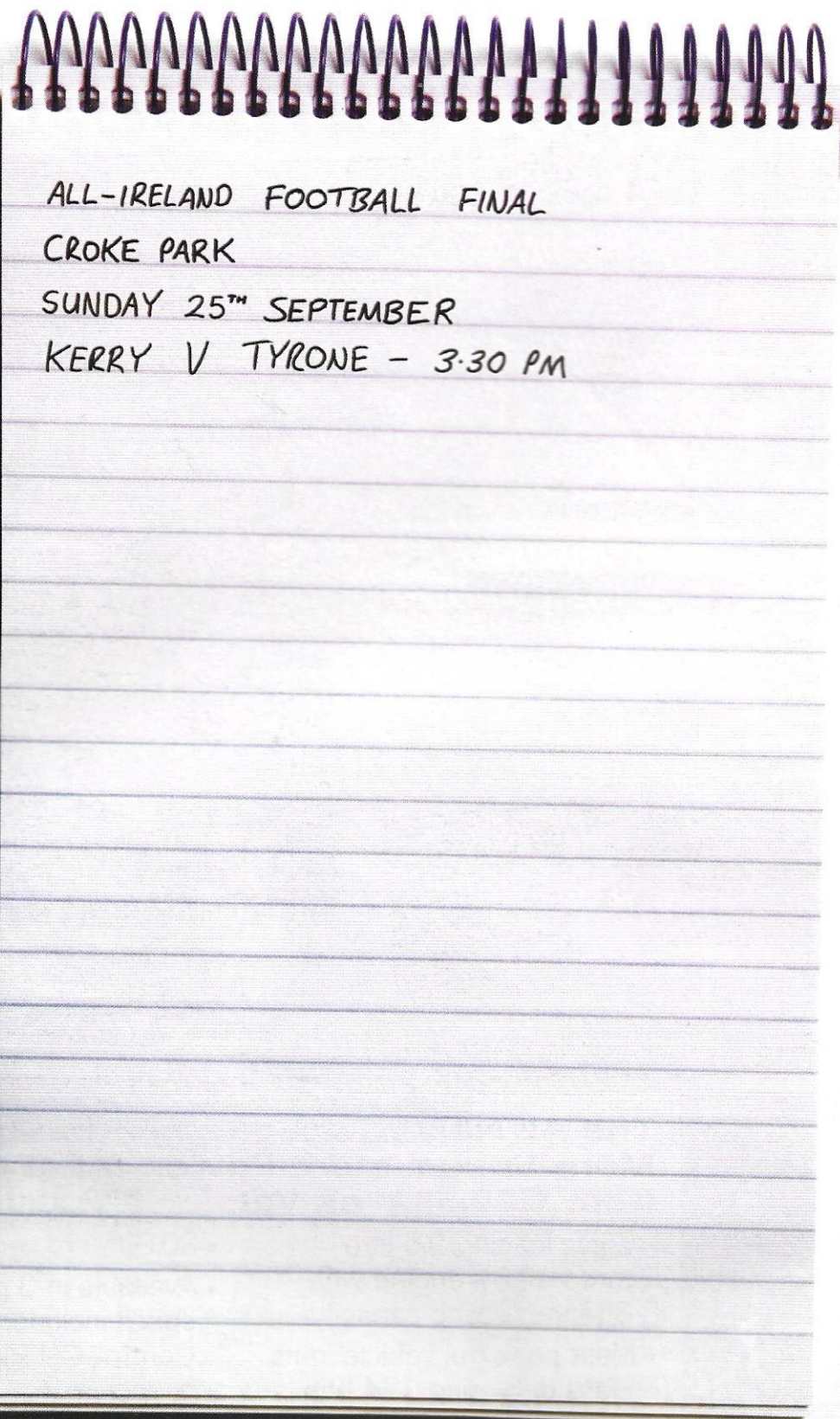
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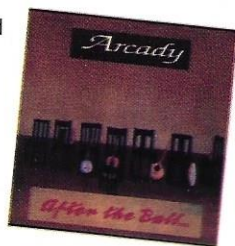
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HALF-TIME ENTERTAINMENT

Arcady must rate as one of the most powerful traditional music groups to have emerged from Ireland in the nineties. Founded by Johnny Ringo McDonagh, one of Ireland's most distinguished traditional percussionists, the band recorded two albums, *After The Ball*, featuring vocalist Frances Black and *Many Happy Returns*, featuring vocalist Niamh Parsons. These albums boast arrangements that sparkle with a contemporary flair that never competes with the purity of the traditional favourites.



A host of highly talented musicians have lent their talents to the group over the years including Jackie Daly, Conor Keane, Derek Hickey, Brendan Larrissey, Patsy Broderick, Nicholas Quemener, Sean Keane, Cathal Hayden and Sharon Shannon. The re-emergence of this group and the promise of a new album will keep many *Arcady* fans happy.

Programme of Music for Artane Band

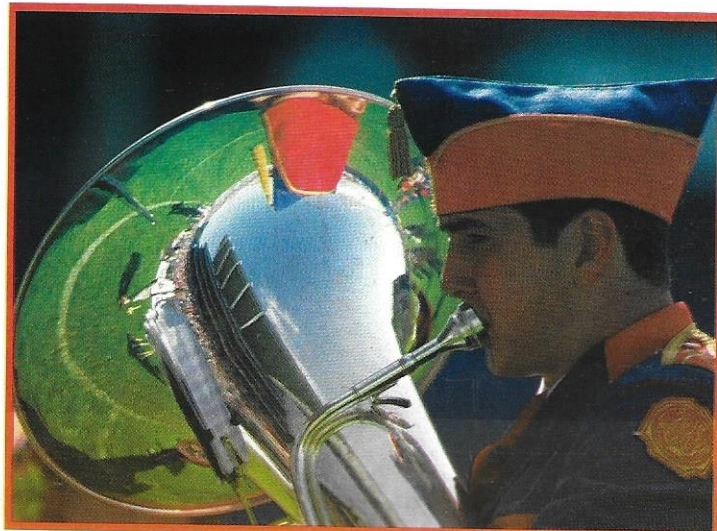
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1.10	Beautiful Sunday Swing Dixie	J. Edmunds R. Ares
1.20	Salute for Uachtarán CLG Taoiseach's Salute	Ronan O'Reilly
2.04	Ambience	Wim Laseroms
3.04	On The One Road Presidential Salute Star of the County Down Parade of the Teams God Save Ireland	O'Reilly Arr. Ronan O'Reilly Arr. Joe Lynch
3.28	Amhrán na bhFiann – sung by The McCrohan Tenors	



The McCrohan Tenors

The McCrohan Tenors are a trio of singing brothers, John, Stephen & Reggie from Cahersiveen, Co. Kerry. Having sung individually for many years, timing and circumstance forged them to unite and sing together. Their repertoire of songs is wide ranging, encompassing Italian Arias, Musical Extracts, Irish Favourites and Popular Songs, with every concert performance receiving standing ovations. They are highly sought after to perform at special events like today.

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Beidh laochra na Ríochta mar rogha na núdair tar éis an scrios a rinne siad ar Chorcaigh sa chluiche leathcheannais ach is fíor go raibh na Deisceartaigh go dona agus nár fhoghlaim Jack O' Connor mórán as an mbua sin. Bhí scrúdú i bhfad níos déine ag fir na Láimhe Deirge in aghaidh Ard Mhacha agus seo an deichiú cluiche Chraobhe dóibh um thráthnóna.

Tá na sluaite ag súil leis an bhfeadóg tosaigh agus is cinnte go nimiréofar cluiche an lae inniu le luas as an gnách. Tá an dá dhream go hiontach ag rith leis an liathróid agus is léir freisin go mbeidh lá gnóthach ag na maoir cúl. Tá cuid de na tosaithe is

fearr sa tír ag imirt inniu agus tá comhíirt, cruinneas agus críochnú ag aonaid ionsaithe an dá chontae.

Thug na contaethe seo aghaidh ar a chéile i gcluiche ceannais na bliana 1986 ach is ar chluiche leathcheannais 2003 a bheidh cuimhne mhuintir Chiarraí inniu. Bhí an bua ag Tír Eoghain an lá úd agus d'éirigh leo an Chraobh a bhaint mí ina dhiaidh sin. Bhí briseadh croí ar mhuintir Chiarraí an tam sin agus is cinnte go mbeidh fonn díoltais orthu inniu go háirithe os rud é gur bhuaigh siad 'Sam' anuraidh gan foireann ón Tuaisceart a chloí.

Tá foireann Chiarraí i bhfad difriúil ó fhoireann 2003, áfach. Tá siad níos fisiciúla agus níos láidre agus iad múnlaite ina stíl féin ag Jack O'Connor. Tá taithí acu ar an mbua freisin mar atá ag fir Mickey Harte. Is cinnte, mar sin, go mbraithfidh toradh an lae inniu ar pé rud a thiteann amach ar an bpáirc agus ar cé acu a bhuann cath na dtaicticí ar an dtaobh line.

Cén plean, mar shampla, a bheidh ag na Tuaisceartaigh chun Colm 'Gooch'

Cooper a smachtú? An mbeidh Ryan McMenamin ag coimeád súil air an tam ar fad? Cén tionchur a bheidh ag an seift seo ar ruathair McMenamin ón line lán-chúil? Beidh sé fíor-spéisiúil.

Níl amhras ná go mbeidh tionchur ollmhór ar chúrsaí i lár an ghoirt ar laethanta saoire bhliantúil Sam. Nuair a d'imigh Kevin Hughes go dtí An Astrail anuraidh d'fhag sé poll i lár na foirne nár éirigh le lucht bainistíochta Thír Eoghain a líonadh go sásúil. Le déanaí bhí Enda McGinley, Brian Meenan, Colin Holmes agus, dar ndóigh, an sár-pheileadóir Seán Cavanagh sa réimse seo den bpáirc. Beidh lá gnóthach ag an péire a phiocfar um thráthnóna mar tá beirt den scoth ag Chiarraí i lár baill freisin. Tá O'Shea agus Kirby ar bharr a maitheasa faoi láthair agus tá taithí ag Brosnan san ionad seo freisin.

Is ar na tosaithe is mó, áfach, a bheidh aird an phobail inniu. Le leithéidí Googh, Declan O'Sullivan, Stephen McDonnell agus Owen Mulligan ar an bpáirc is cinnte go mbeidh na maoir cúl fíor-ghnóthach ar feadh an thráthnóna. Cé a dhéanfaidh dearmad ar cúl draíochta

Mulligan in aghaidh 'Bhleá Cliath ná ar na sár-chúil agus cúlíní a d'aimsigh Cooper le blianta beaga anuas.

Tá línte cúl Chiarraí ar bharr a néifeachta i mbliana agus ceaptar go mbeidh an lámh in uachtar ag fir na Ríochta ar thosaithe Thír Eoghain inniu. Má éiríonn le O'Sé agus Kirby smacht a fháil i lár an ghoirt beidh thiar ar na Tuaisceartaigh mar ní dócha go mbeidh ar a gcumas srian a chur le thosaithe Na Ríochta.

Coimhlint fhíochmhar, chrua, ghéar idir dhá fhoireann le teacht aniar, spiorad, croí agus scil atá chugainn. Tá sé fíor-dheacair iad a scarúint ach moltar na Deisceartaigh beith chun tosaigh le cúlín nó dhó ag an deireadh. Dhá Chraobh as a chéile don Ríocht, mar sin, don chéad uair ó 1990.

Go néirí leis na himreoirí go léir atá ag imirt ar an lá mór - mionúir An Dúin agus Mhaigh Eo agus laochra óga Chumann na mBunscol san áireamh. Bainigí ar fad fíor-thaitneamh as an ócáid.

I.N.T.O. / G.A.A. Mini-Sevens

PEIL (Buachaillí)

TEAM V

Tír Eoghain: Dearg agus Bán
Pitch: Defending Hogan Stand, Canal End.

- Barry Kelly, St. Mary's P.S., Killclogher, Co. Thír Eoghain.
- Michael Keane, St. Mary's N.S., Knockbridge, Co. an Lú.
- Kevin Gilmartin, St. Patrick's N.S., Calry, Co. Shligigh.
- Brian Fenton, Scoil Assaim, Raheny, Co. Bhaile Átha Cliath.
- Brian McGoarney, St. Peter's N.S., Mountcharles, Co. Dhún na nGall.
- Jason McLoughlin, Scoil Naomh Pádraig, Blacklion, Co. an Chabháin.
- Paul Ward, St. Attracta's N.S., Charlestown, Co. Maigh Eo.
- Cian Connolly, Abbey N.S., Roscommon, Co. Ros Comáin.
- Ryan McShane, Christian Brothers P.S., Armagh, Co. Ard Mhacha.
- Antone McElhone, Holy Family P.S., Magherafelt, Co. Dhoire.

TEAM W

Ciarraí: Glás agus Ór
Pitch: Defending Cusack Stand, Canal End.

- Padraig McCormack, St. Teresa N.S., Killoe, Co. Longfoirt.
- Bobby O'Brien, Rathbeggan N.S., Co. an Mhí.
- Seán Brosnan, Kilmurry N.S., Cordal, Co. Chiarraí.
- Jamie Kenny, Bennekerry N.S., Co. Cheatharlaich.
- David Fagan, St. Clare's N.S., Tubberclare, Glasson, Athlone, Co. Iar Mhí.
- Seamus Lynch, Scropul N.S., Mullagh, Co. an Chláir.
- Daniel McCormack, Vallemount N.S., Co. Chill Mhantáin.
- Ian Byrne, Scoil Naomh Maodhog, Ferns, Co. Loch Garman.
- Andy O'Connell, St. Anthony's B.N.S., Ballinlough, Co. Chorcaí.
- Shane Darcy, Scoil Eoin Bosco, Navan Road, Bhaile Átha Cliath.

PEIL (Cailíní)

TEAM X

Tír Eoghain: Dearg agus Bán
Pitch: Defending Hogan Stand, Hill 16 End.

- Aideen Rogers, Presentation N.S., Drogheda, Co. an Lú.
- Sheila Reilly, Mullahoran N.S., Co. an Chabháin.
- Danielle Callanan, Ballyconnell N.S., Co. Cheatharlaich.
- Blaithnaid Nic Eochaidh, Scoil an Gramhnaigh, Rath Cairn, Co. an Mhí.
- Joye Kearney, Sonna N.S., Mullingar, Co. Iar Mhí.
- Geraldine Sheridan, Mullahoran N.S., Co. an Chabháin.
- Geraldine McLaughlin, Scoil Cholmcille, Termon, Co. Dhún na nGall.
- Louise Kelly, St. Mary's P.S., Cabragh, Co. Thír Eoghain.
- Aoife Mooney, St. Brigid's G.N.S., Cabinteely, Co. Bhaile Átha Cliath.
- Sharon Rabbitt, Aughnagarron N.S., Granard, Co. Longfoirt.

TEAM Y

Ciarraí: Glás agus Ór
Pitch: Defending Cusack Stand, Hill 16 End.

- Marie Godfrey, Knockea N.S., Ballyneety, Co. Luimneach.
- Niamh Collins, St. Patrick's G.N.S., Hollypark, Co. Bhaile Átha Cliath.
- Nicola Crilly, Holy Family P.S., Magherafelt, Co. Dhoire.
- Aine Kavanagh, Scoil Chríost Rí, Enniscrone, Co. Shligigh.
- Aileen Wall, Ballymacarbry N.S., Co. Phort Láirge.
- Joanne Cregg, Cloonfard N.S., Co. Ros Comáin.
- Alice Malone, Kileen N.S., Maganey, Co. Laoise.
- Megan Haugh, St. Enda's N.S., Lisdoonvama, Co. an Chláir.
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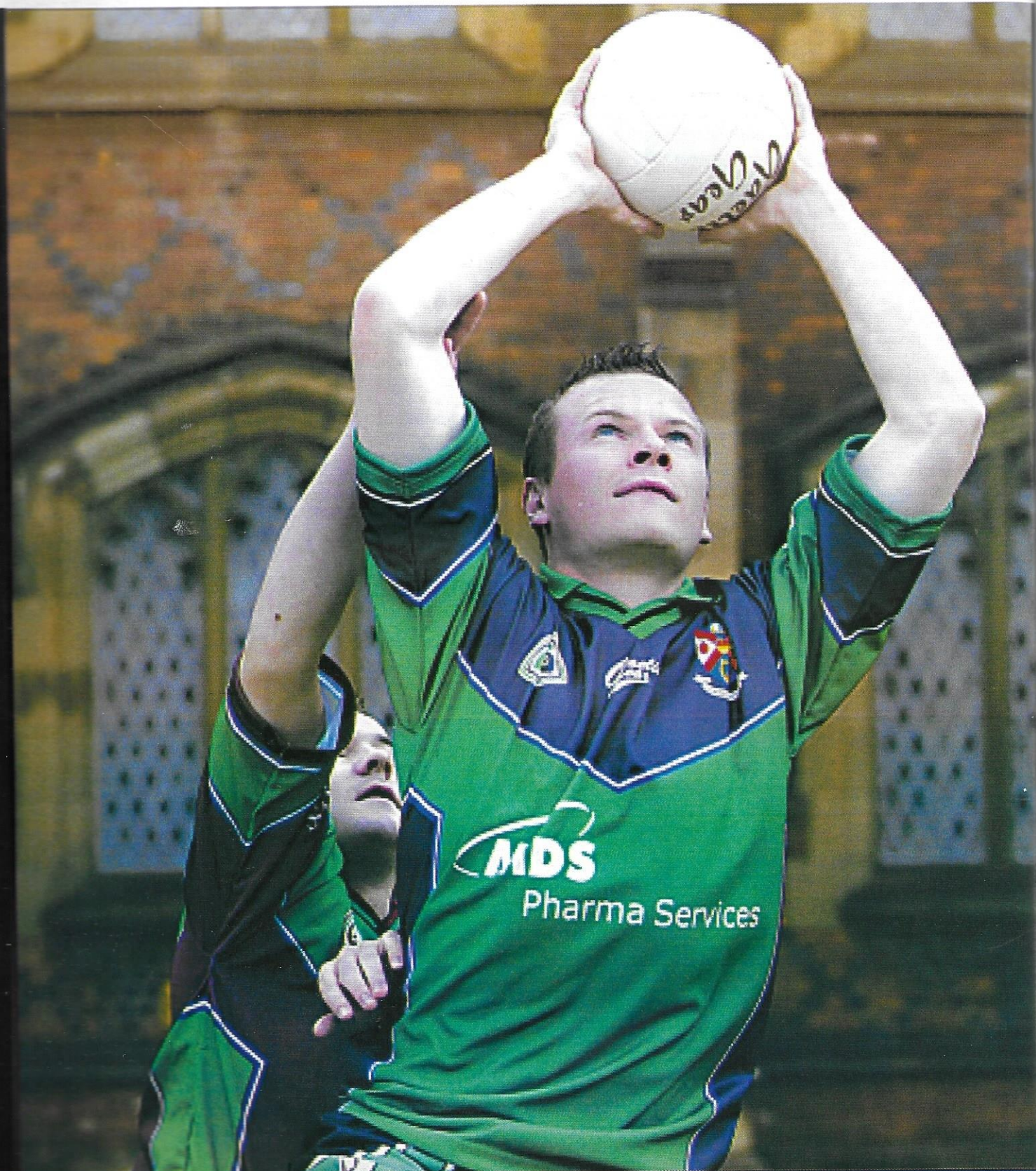


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An Réiteoir: Mick Monahan (Cill Dara)



Mick follows in the footsteps of Tommy Howard for the second time in a national final.

In 2003 he was the first from Kildare since Howard in 1991 to referee an AIB All-Ireland club senior football final. Today he bridges another gap for the county as the last man from Kildare to referee a Sam Maguire Cup tie was Howard in 1993.

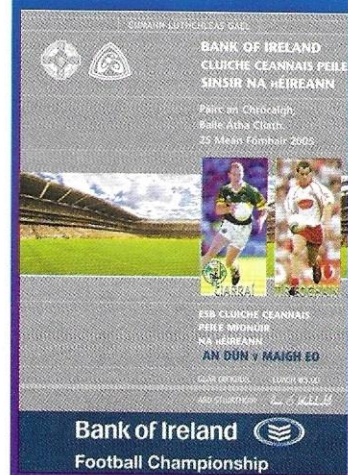
Monahan brings much experience to his latest role. He made his intercounty refereeing debut at an O'Byrne Cup tie between Meath and Wicklow early in 1999 and his first senior championship match was a meeting between Carlow and Wexford in May 2000. Later that year he refereed the All-Ireland minor final between Cork and Mayo.

He has refereed senior championship games in a number of provinces and also controlled the all-Ulster All-Ireland semi-final between Armagh and Donegal in 2004.

A recent Croke Park engagement was the Tyrone-Monaghan All-Ireland Qualifier fourth round tie at Croke Park early last month.

The Kildare man is a former footballer and won a Leinster senior medal with Raheens in the 1981-82 season. He is engaged at club level with under-age teams and also at Junior level.

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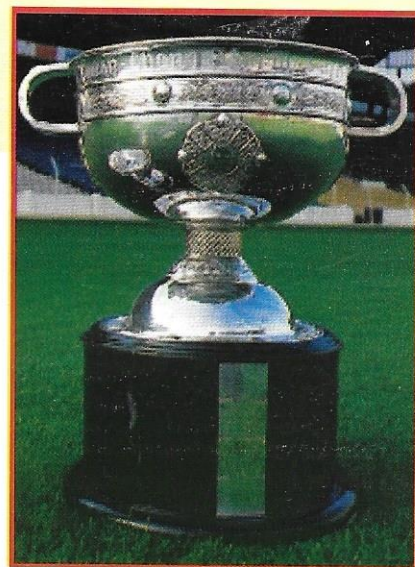
Our cover shows:
Liam Hassett (Ciarraí) and
Brian McGuigan (Tír Eoghain).

Roll of Honour All-Ireland Senior Football Championship

33. Kerry:	1903, 1904, 1909, 1913, 1914, 1924, 1926, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1946, 1953, 1955, 1959, 1962, 1969, 1970, 1975, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1997, 2000, 2004.	3. Louth:	1910, 1912, 1957.
22. Dublin:	1891, 1892, 1894, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1942, 1958, 1963, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1983, 1995.	Mayo:	1936, 1950, 1951.
9. Galway:	1925, 1934, 1938, 1956, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1998, 2001.	Offaly:	1971, 1972, 1982.
7. Meath:	1949, 1954, 1967, 1987, 1988, 1996, 1999.	2. Limerick:	1887, 1896.
6. Cork:	1890, 1911, 1945, 1973, 1989, 1990.	Roscommon:	1943, 1944.
5. Cavan:	1933, 1935, 1947, 1948, 1952.	1. Armagh:	2002.
Down:	1960, 1961, 1968, 1991, 1994.	Derry:	1993.
Wexford:	1893, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918.	Donegal:	1992.
4. Kildare:	1905, 1919, 1927, 1928.	Tyrone:	2003.
Tipperary:	1889, 1895, 1900, 1920.		



NOTE: No final was played in 1888 due to a visit of hurlers and athletes to the U.S.A. known as "The American Invasion".



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, Peter Canavan (Tír Eoghain) in 2003 and Dara Ó Cinnéide (Ciarraí) last year.

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RENEWING FINAL RIVALRY AFTER 19 YEARS

The Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football championship final brings Kerry and Tyrone into opposition at this stage for the first time since 1986.

The Kingdom were striving for their third title in a row, while the O'Neill County were appearing in their first final.

Tyrone showed no signs of nerves in the opening half and were 0-7 to 0-4 ahead at the interval. Almost before many spectators had settled back into their seats after the restart, left full forward Paudge Quinn had the ball in the champion's net.

Tyrone were back three minutes later to earn a penalty. Right half back Kevin McCabe sent over the bar to give his side a 1-8 to 0-4 lead.

But cometh the hour, cometh the man. Left half forward Pat Spillane, one of the few Kerry players to really catch the eye in the first half, really came into his own in the second.

He roamed far and wide, ended Tyrone attacks and was still back up in his own attack at times to strike telling blows. Spillane scored Kerry's opening point of the second half after three minutes and four minutes later, he turned the game completely around.

A mix up in the Tyrone defence led to left full forward Ger Power collecting the ball and he sent the perfect chip across the goalmouth. The ever active Spillane was on hand to flick the ball to the net.

The Kingdom built on that score to complete the last titles treble by any county by 2-15 to 1-10. Spillane finished with 1-4.

Quinn and right full forward Michael Mallon shared the Tyrone scoring top spot with 1-1 and 0-4 respectively.

HISTORY ON THE DOUBLE

Tyrone became the nineteenth county and the sixth from Ulster to win the All-Ireland senior football title when they beat Armagh in the 2003 decider.

History was made on the double in that game as, apart from the O'Neill County break-through, it was the first final between counties from the one province.

TITLE DEFENCE

The last year that a county made a successful defence of the All-Ireland senior title was 1990 when Cork beat Mayo.

Kerry retained the All-Ireland crown in 1985 by beating Dublin for the second year in succession and went on to make it three championships in succession by seeing off Tyrone's challenge in 1986.

SAM MAGUIRE CUP WINS

The old Sam Maguire Cup was first presented for the 1928 final, in which Kildare, then defending All-Ireland champions, beat Cavan.

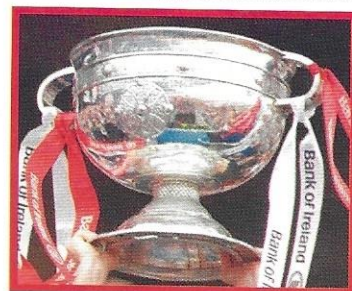
Kerry won the trophy twenty-three times between 1929 and 1986 inclusive.

The new Sam Maguire Cup was first presented for the 1988 final. Meath, captained by Joe Cassells, won the title following a replay with Cork.

Kerry have inscribed their name on the plinth of the new trophy three times—1997, 2000 and last year.

TYRONE'S CHANCE TO MAKE IT THREE

Tyrone will become only the third Ulster county to win more than one All-Ireland senior football title if they come out on top in this game. Down and Cavan, each with five titles, set the pace for the North.



LAST DRAWN FINAL

Kerry were involved in the last drawn All-Ireland senior final. They met Galway in the 2000 decider and a point in the 66th minute by the Western captain Pádraig Joyce tied the scores and sent the game to a replay. Each side finished with 0-14.

The Kingdom won the second game.

ULSTER DOUBLE

A Tyrone win would give Ulster a national senior football titles double this year. Armagh won their first-ever Allianz League crown in early May.

The O'Neill County completed the last such double for Ulster in 2003. In May of that year they retained the League title that they won for the first time a year earlier and followed on with that historic Sam Maguire Cup success.

Kerry won both the League and All-Ireland titles last year.

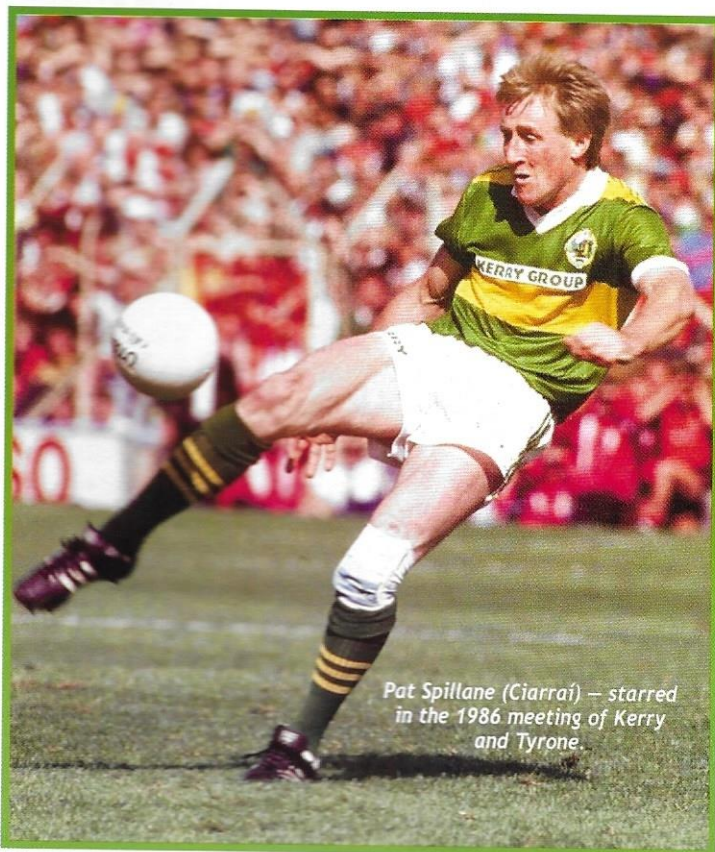
NO GOALS

The last final that did not produce a single goal was the Tyrone-Armagh clash two years ago, which ended at 0-12 to 0-9 in favour of the O'Neill County.

Kerry last failed to score a goal in an All-Ireland senior final in 2002 when they lost to Armagh by 1-12 to 0-14.

ODD MAN OUT

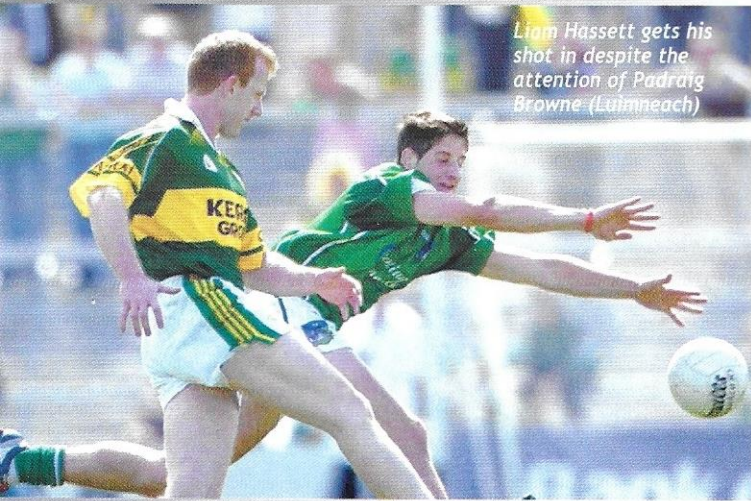
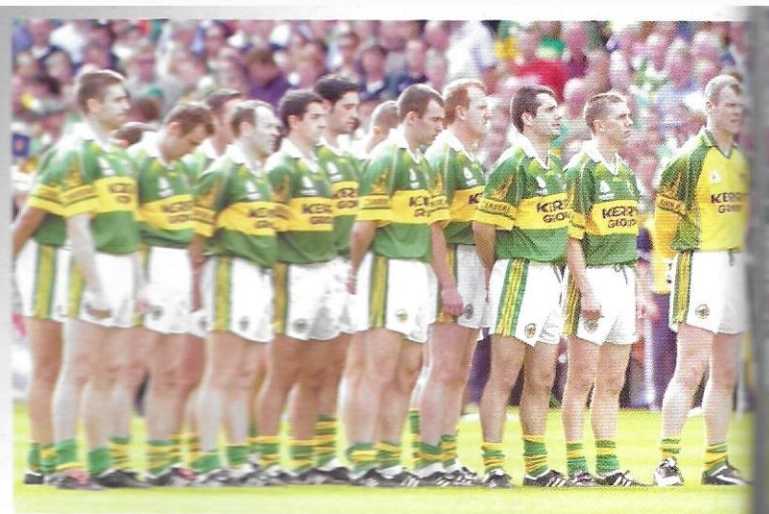
With a double representation for Ulster today in the senior and minor finals, Leinster is once again the odd province out on All-Ireland day. This is the second year in a row that the eastern standard-bearers have failed to reach the football summits.



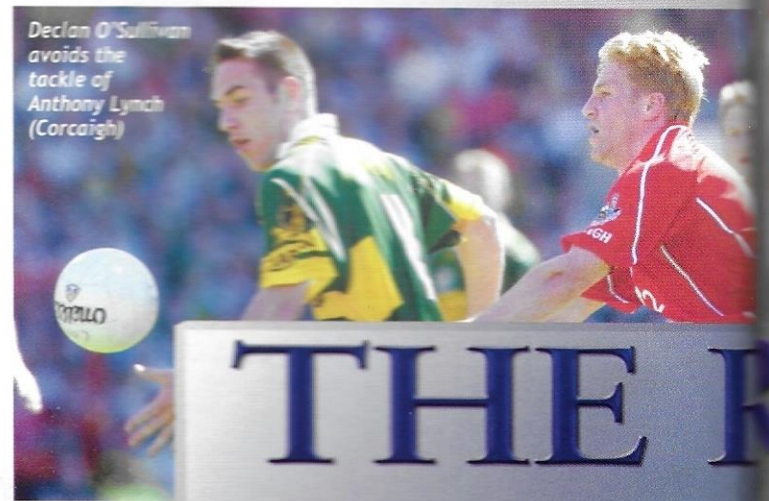
Pat Spillane (Ciarraí) — starred in the 1986 meeting of Kerry and Tyrone.



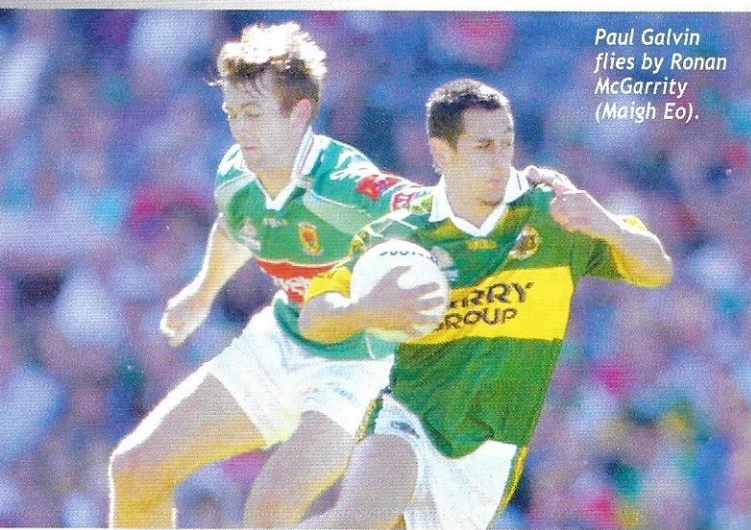
Com Cooper in action against Benny Hickey (Tibraia Arann)



Liam Hassett gets his shot in despite the attention of Padraig Browne (Luimneach)



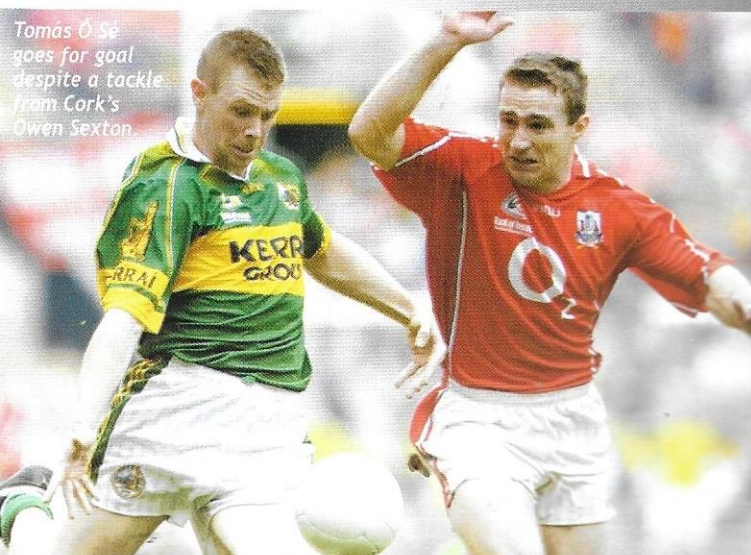
Declan O'Sullivan avoids the tackle of Anthony Lynch (Corcaigh)



Paul Galvin flies by Ronan McGarrity (Maigh Eo).



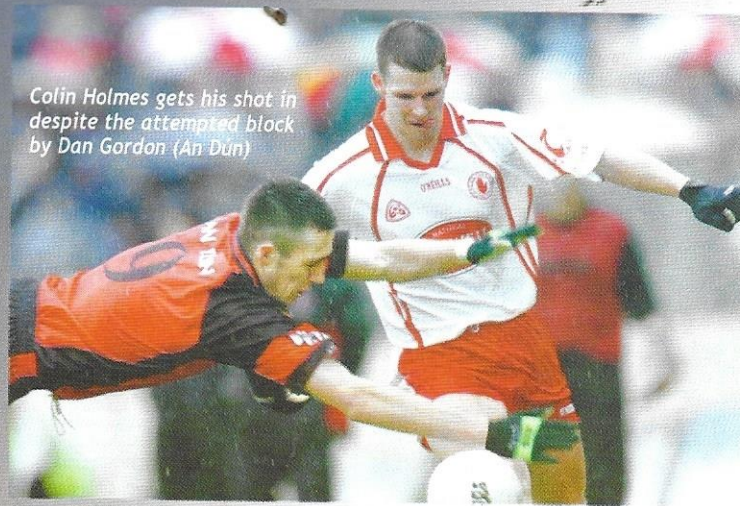
Michael McCarthy in flight against Cianán McDonald (Maigh Eo).



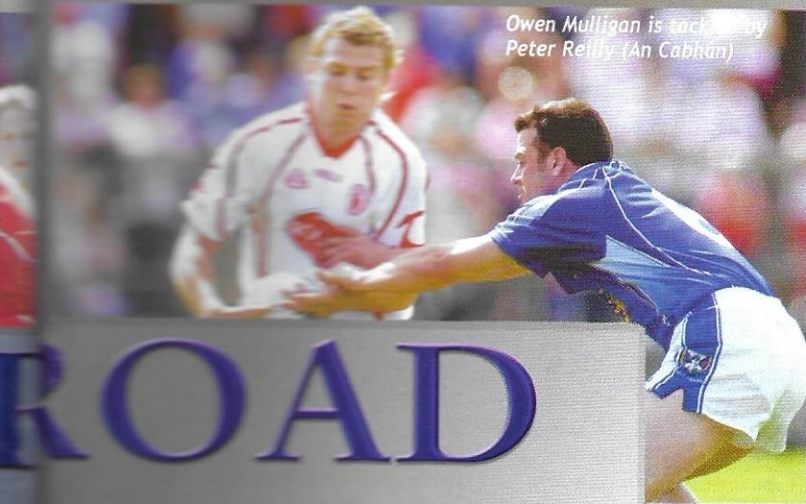
Tomás Ó Sé goes for goal despite a tackle from Cork's Owen Sexton.



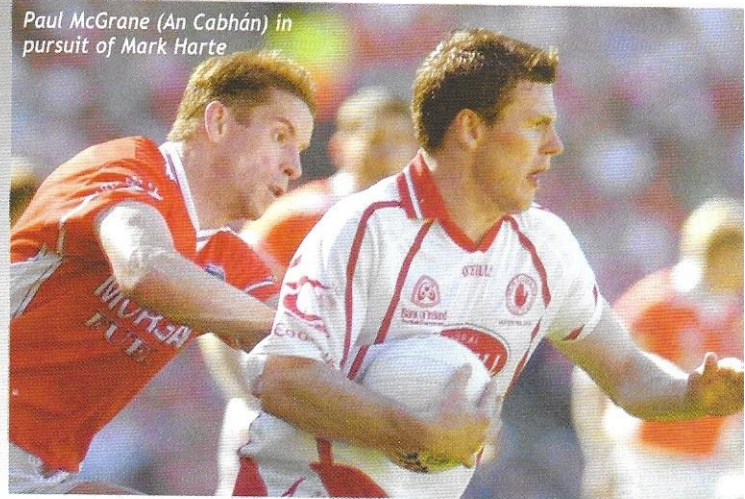
Parragh Ó Sé punished by Nicholas Murphy (Corcaigh)



Colin Holmes gets his shot in despite the attempted block by Dan Gordon (An Dún)

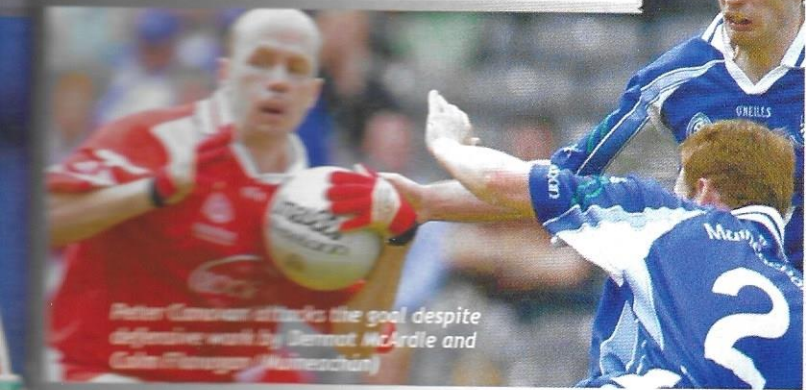


Owen Mulligan is tackled by Peter Reilly (An Cabhán)

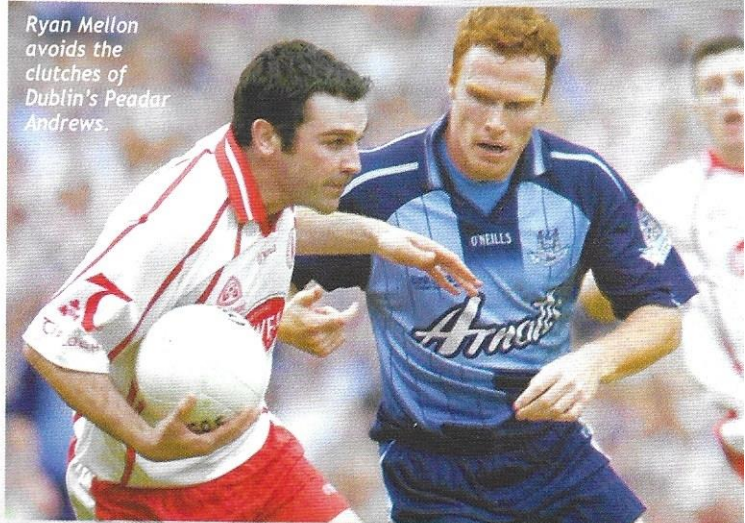


Paul McGrane (An Cabhán) in pursuit of Mark Harte

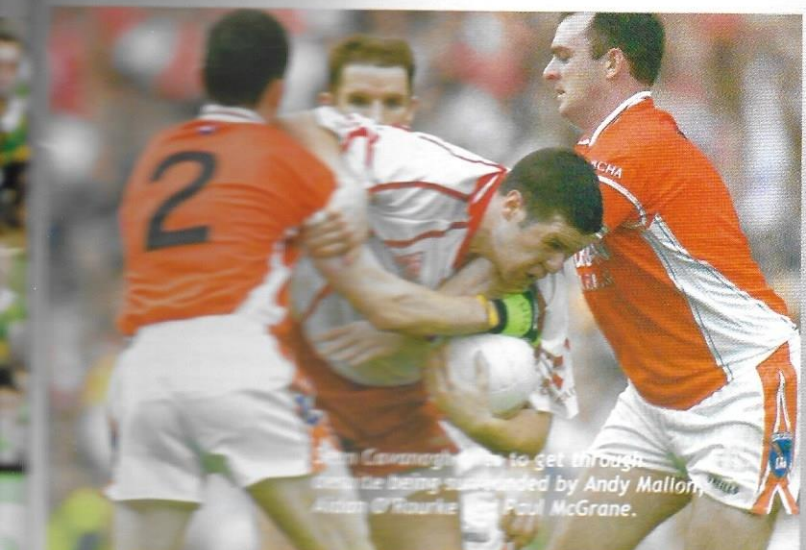
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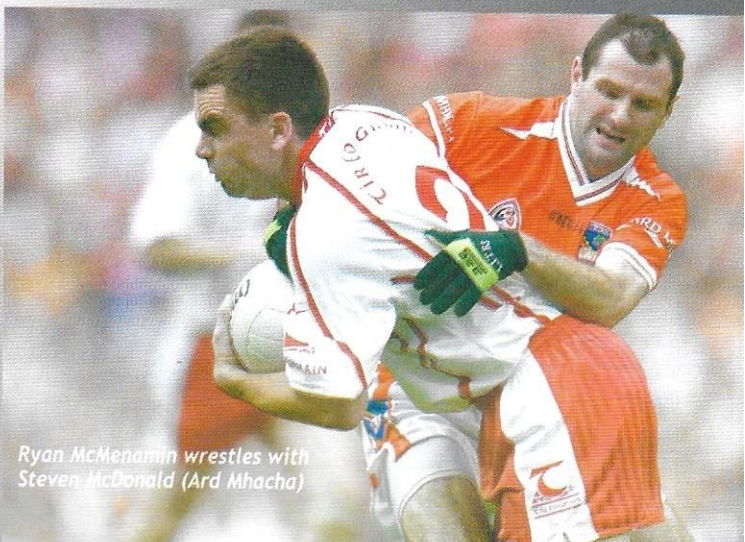
Peter Conway attacks the goal despite defensive work by Dermot McArdle and Galen Flanagan (An Cabhán)



Ryan Mellon avoids the clutches of Dublin's Peadar Andrews.



Peter Conway tries to get through despite being suspended by Andy Mallon, Aidan O'Rourke and Paul McGrane.



Ryan McMenamin wrestles with Steven McDonald (Ard Mhacha)

ALL-IRELAND WINNING CAPTAINS

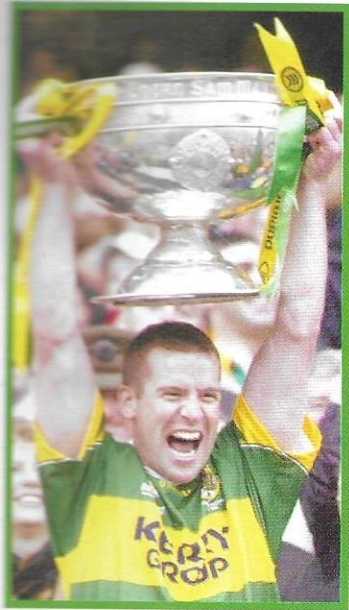
CIARRAÍ

- 1903 - Tadhg O'Gorman
- 1904 - Austin Stack
- 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

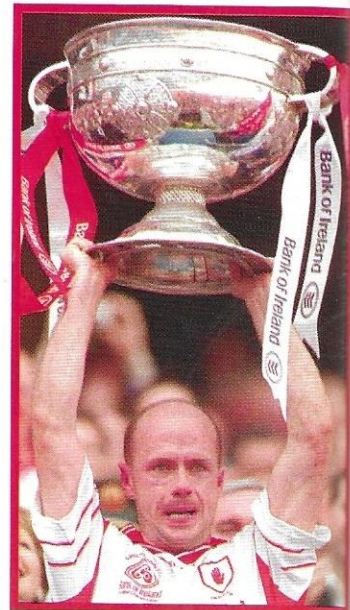
- 1959 - Mick O'Connell
- 1962 - Sean Ó Sheehy
- 1969 - Johnny Culloty
- 1970 - Donie O'Sullivan
- 1975 - Mick O'Sullivan
- 1978 - Denis Moran
- 1979 - Tim Kenneally
- 1980 - Ger Power
- 1981 - Jimmy Deenihan
- 1984 - Ambrose O'Donovan
- 1985 - Páidíí O'Shea
- 1986 - Tom Doyle
- 1997 - Liam Hassett
- 2000 - Seamus Moynihan
- 2004 - Dara Ó Cinnéide

TÍR EOGHAIN

- 2003 - Peter Canavan.



2004 - Dara Ó Cinnéide



2003 - Peter Canavan.

SEEKING A SEVENTH

By appearing in today's final Tyrone will equal the Meath record of ten championship outings in the one campaign, which the Royals set in 1991. But Tyrone will also be in line to equal the record of seven wins in the one campaign, which was

initially set by Dublin in 1974 when they beat Wexford, Louth, Offaly, Kildare, Meath, Cork and Galway enroute to the title. Galway equalled that feat in 2001 with wins over Leitrim, Wicklow, Armagh, Cork, Roscommon, Derry and Meath.

Tyrone, as so many of their championship victims of recent years can testify, never require any added incentives to give of their best, but just in case they do, they certainly have one today.

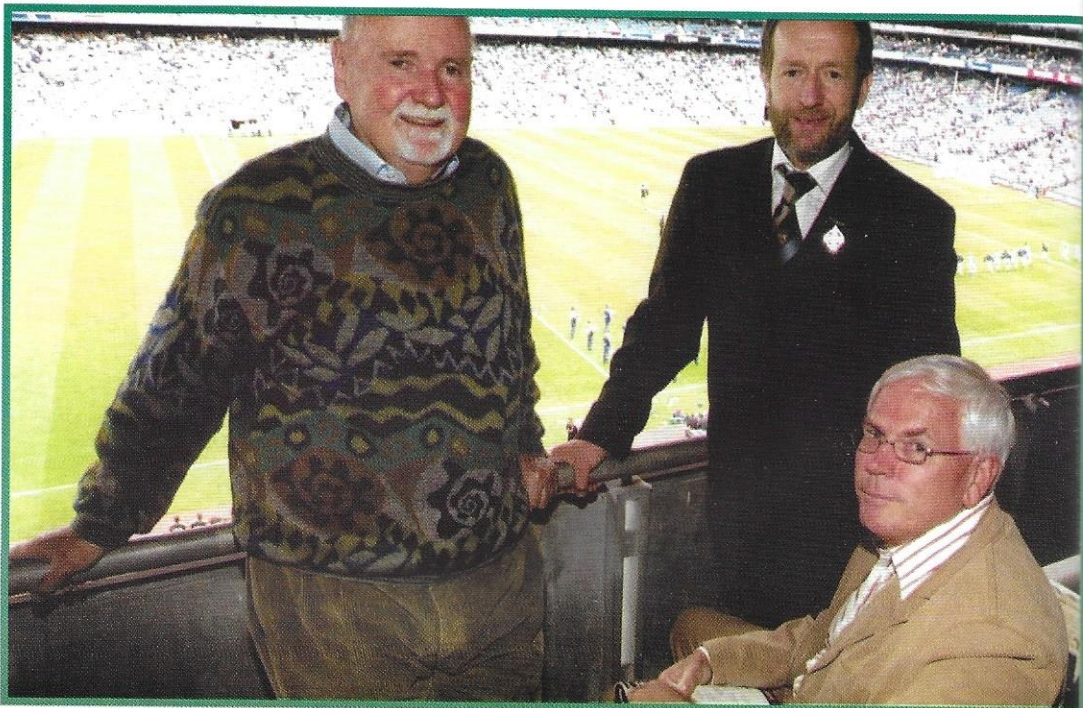
Famous football brothers who won All-Ireland medals in former years will be featured today in Irish Building Society GAA Jubilee Awards roll of honour when they will be presented with their awards at a special celebration lunch in Croke Park and introduced on the field prior to the start of the big game.

The brothers to be thus honoured are, in the alphabetical order of their counties:

The Brogan brothers Jim and Bernard from Dublin; from Offaly, Murt and Richie Connor, Liam and Tomás O'Connor, Mick and Pat Fitzgerald, the Lowry brothers Mick, Seán and Brendan, Stephen and Seamus Darby; Kerry will be represented by Noel Lucy (brother of the late Jimmy R.I.P.), Dr. Brendan and Paudie Lynch, and the Spillane brothers, Pat, Mick and Tom and turning out for Meath once more will be Mick and Pádraig Lyons.

This, together with those brothers honoured last year, brings the records up to 1990, and the remaining All-Ireland winning brothers from 1990 to the present will be honoured next year.

Jubilee Awards for Famous Football Brothers



Pictured are Michael Fingleton, Managing Director, Irish Nationwide Building Society; Seán Kelly, President, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and Adhamhnan O'Sullivan, Sports' Editor, Sunday Independent, discussing arrangements for today's celebrations.

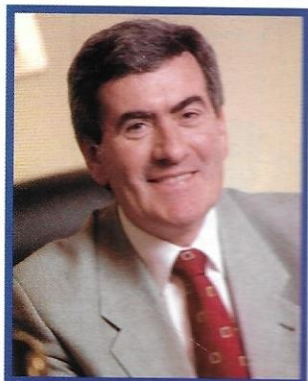


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MESSAGE FROM ESB

SPONSORS OF MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



On behalf of ESB, I would like to welcome you all to the first ever ESB Minor Football Final. Today's match between Down and Mayo is an important event, not only for the two counties involved but for Football fans across the country. The Minor championship, in both disciplines, is a key indicator to the future state of the GAA. Having followed the progress of Mayo and Down to today's final it promises to be a good game of football.

ESB is proud to be linked with the GAA through our recently announced sponsorship of the ESB All Ireland Minor Championships; both organisations have developed alongside each other over the past decades. I look forward to continuing that development over the coming years.

ESB and the GAA under-18 competition were both founded in the late 1920's, so it could be said that they both grew up together. Our sponsorship of the Minor Championships marks a coming of age for the competitions. As the first ever sponsor of the Minor Championships we are proud to share many common attributes in terms of nationwide involvement, community base and commitment to quality. The history of football, and indeed, the GAA is a proud record of tough competition, played to a high standard with a common sense of fair play; these are all standards that we in ESB set out to achieve also.

This partnership is, I believe, the most natural liaison between business and sport in Ireland. It is appropriate that two of the oldest and largest institutions in Ireland join forces.

One of the key influencing factors in ESB's decision to sponsor the All Ireland Minor Championships was the all island footprint of The GAA. The energy market in Ireland is moving to an All Island basis over the next two years and ESB is already operating on both sides of the border, in generation and supply. I am confident that both the GAA and ESB will benefit from this relationship.

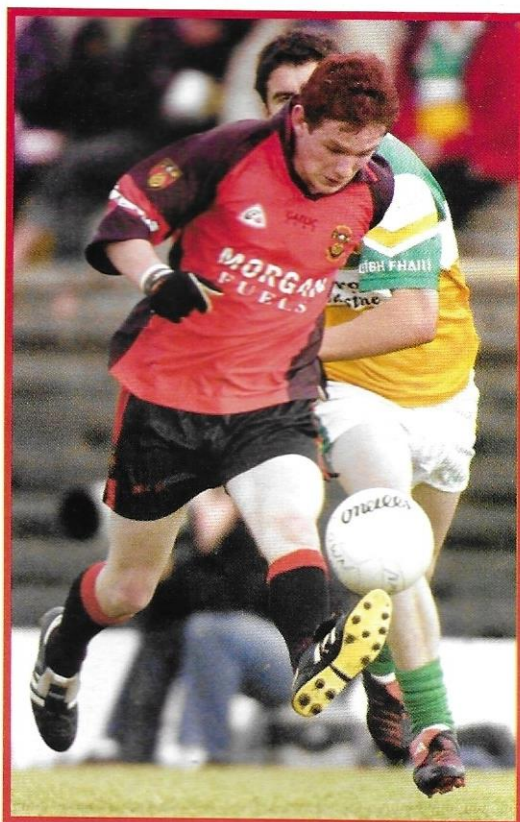
ESB's sponsorship of the All Ireland Minor Football Championship has a sound commercial basis too, but we in ESB also believe that supporting the underage games is critical to the overall growth and development of our national games. This growth benefits us all both on and off the field.

The minor championships are not just a celebration of youth; they provide us with a glimpse to the future. No doubt some of the players taking to the field for today's ESB All Ireland Minor Football Final will grace this fine arena again in years to come.

I wish the best of luck to both teams in today's final and hope that they and all of you enjoy a magnificent game of minor hurling.

Padraig McManus- Chief Executive ESB.

Down aiming to mark Croke Park return with a win



Down are hoping for better fortune at Croke Park than on their last visit there in July when their bid for a first Ulster minor football title since 1999 ended in a one point defeat by Armagh.

The Mourne County boys have put that defeat firmly behind

them. They returned to winning style with a polished display when knocking out Connacht champions Galway and produced good football and teamwork at An Uaimh in a semi-final win at the expense of Leinster title runners-up Offaly.

Had Down made better use of their scoring opportunities—they had thirteen wides—they would have won even more convincingly than 1-15 to 1-7. They started on a high note and were four points to no score ahead after fifteen minutes.

However, Offaly rallied well and scored 1-1 to get on level terms. The exchanges were very keen after that and the half time whistle found the teams level at 0-7 for Down to the Faithful County's 1-4.

Offaly continued their late first half surge after the restart to edge ahead by a point early in the second, but Down refused to panic. A brace of points by centre half forward Martin Clarke quickly had them back in front.

They built on that lead with good football to gain a five points advantage eight minutes from the end. Offaly staged a mini revival with

two points but Down hit back and a splendid movement started in their own defence ended with a goal by substitute Richard Kerr to set the seal on their victory.

Martin Clarke had a fine game up front and scored four points. Kerr with his goal after going in at the start of the second half, also stamped his presence on the success.

The back division, shrewdly marshalled by Conor Garvey, Gerard McCartan and Kevin Duffin impressed as a good all round unit and the defenders also placed their clearances to good effect.

Team captain James Colgan led the side with his determined and purposeful play at midfield and also scored a point. His partner, Peter Fitzpatrick, also got through much valuable work.

This was a good all round display by Down and they still put up a fine score despite their wayward finishing. A display, furthermore, that underlined that this side has much potential and will not be easily denied of a winning outing this time at headquarters.

Kevin Duffin
(An Dún)

Croke Park win big boost for Mayo



Paraic O'Connor (Ciarrai)

Mayo, unlike Down, return to All-Ireland minor football final action after five years buoyed up by a Croke Park win last month. That was against Kerry and proved a major step on the come-back trail following their one point defeat by Galway in the Connacht final.

Mayo did well to get back in winning form at the expense of Ulster champions Armagh at Dr. Hyde Park and showed plenty of skills and character in their 1-12 to 0-14 win over the Kingdom, who lost to Cork in the Munster final.

They looked to have had their final ticket in safe keeping when they led by six points with only seven minutes remaining, but had to withstand a powerful Kerry onslaught before edging through.

The Connacht boys started promisingly to lead early on by two points, but Kerry came more into the game and were soon two points clear.

Mayo, however, continued to play with real determination and were rewarded when a break up field ended when a shot by right half forward Aidan Campbell was deflected to the Kerry net by a defender. That goal helped the Western side to an interval lead of 1-5 to 0-7.

Seven minutes into the second half Kerry had a chance to strike a

decisive blow when they were awarded a penalty, but goalkeeper Shane Nallen saved the shot. Mayo immediately powered into the attack and midfielder Pierce Hanley provided a further boost with a punched point.

They took the game confidently to the Kingdom and a point by left half forward Paraic O'Connor suggested the Westerners were on the road to a good win.

Kerry, following some changes, scored five unanswered points to cut the deficit, but Mayo held out for a hard earned but over-all well deserved win.

Peter Collins and Hanley were to the fore in the middle of the park.

Nallen, with his penalty save and another fine stop late in the game, right half back Paraic Healy and right half Chris Barrett, who helped himself to a point, set up the county's strong rearguard action.

Up front Campbell, Paraic O'Connor who scored four points, and Ronan O'Boyle led the attack with enthusiasm, skill and determination.

This win is bound to prove a real morale booster which will ensure that this well-equipped team will make a very spirited effort to end the county's now twenty years title famine.

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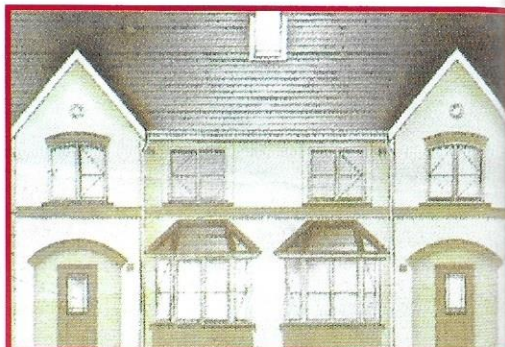
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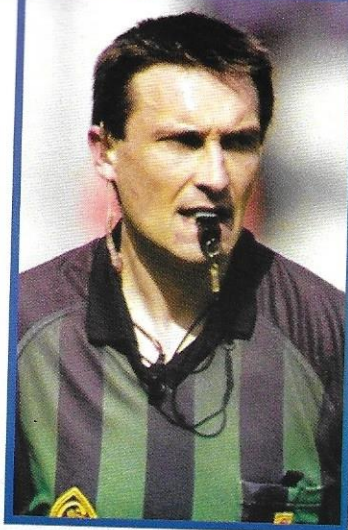
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MAURICE DEEGAN (LAOIS)



Maurice completes a major All-Ireland finals treble in this final. He already has taken charge this year of All-Ireland finals between Carbery Rangers (Cork) and Pomeroy Plunkett's (Tyrone) in the Intermediate club decider on Easter Monday and Galway-Down in the Under-21 summit at Mullingar in early May.

His busy programme this year also included the drawn Ulster semi-final between Armagh and Donegal at Clones and the All-Ireland quarter-final between Cork and Galway at Croke Park last month.

Deegan also make history as he is the first from Laois to referee an All-Ireland minor decider.

He has been on the inter-county panel for some four years and has also taken charge of games in the League and at interprovincial level.

Maurice won two county senior football championship medals as a forward with his club, Stradbally. He is now Secretary of the Laois Referees' Association.

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.
6. Mayo: 1935, 1953, 1966, 1971, 1978, 1985.
Tyrone: 1947, 1948, 1973, 1998, 2001, 2004.
5. Galway: 1952, 1960, 1970, 1976, 1986.
4. Derry: 1965, 1983, 1989, 2002.
3. Down: 1977, 1987, 1999.
Laois: 1996, 1997, 2003.
Roscommon: 1939, 1941, 1951.
Meath: 1957, 1990, 1992.
2. Cavan: 1937, 1938.
Louth: 1936, 1940.
1. Armagh: 1949.
Clare: 1929.
Offaly: 1964.
Tipperary: 1934.
Westmeath: 1995.



NOTE: This championship was suspended from 1942 to 1944 inclusive because of World War II.



The Mayo Squad which defeated Kerry in the All-Ireland Minor Semi-final at Croke Park.
Back Row: Billy McNicholas (Trainer), Kieran Gallagher (Selector), Alvin McCallig, Seamus O'Shea, Chris Barrett, Sean Kelly, Darren Reape, Padraig O'Connor, James Noone, Shane Nallen, Ger Cafferky, Peter Collins, David Kilcullen, Enda Kenny, Kieran Barrett, Kieran Barnicle, James Burke, Eugene Ivers (Manager), Dermot O'Connor, Michael Gavin (Selector), Tom Parsons and Tom Cunniffe.
Front Row: Eoin Sweeney (Masseur), David O'Mahoney, Daire Conway, Paraic Healy, Gerard O'Boyle, Aidan Campbell, Ronan O'Boyle, Pierce Hanley, Darragh Hughes, Mikie Sweeney, Shane Keaveney, David Caffrey, Martin Conroy, Billy Kearns. (Missing from picture-Stephen Rochford (Selector).

Maigh Eo

TOM MARKHAM CUP



The Tom Markham Cup is the trophy presented to the winners of the ESB All-Ireland minor football championship.

The Cup commemorates a Great Dublin Gael, Tom Markham, and was first presented for the 1940 final. Louth beat Mayo by 5-5 to 2-7 in that year's final.

So far fifteen counties have inscribed their names on the plinth.

Cork lead the way with ten wins and they are followed by Dublin, 9, Kerry 8, Mayo and Tyrone 6 each, Galway 5, Derry 4, Down, Laois and Meath 3 each, Roscommon 2, Armagh, Louth, Offaly and Westmeath 1 each.

The All-Ireland minor championship was launched eleven years before the Tom Markham Cup was first presented.

SIDELINES

AN HISTORIC GAME

The All-Ireland minor football final is an historic game. Down and Mayo both lost their provincial finals and this is the first national decider in the grade between two counties beaten earlier in the title campaign.

THIRD FINAL MEETING

The final is the third to feature Down and Mayo at this stage of the championship.

Down, with a team that included Brendan Sloan and Colm McAlarney in the half back line and John Purdy and Peter Rooney in attack, lined out in an All-Ireland minor final for the first time in 1966.

The opposition was provided by Mayo, who were bidding for a third title. Their side included Eugene Rooney in goal, Seamus O'Dowd at midfield and Des Griffin and Jim Smyth in attack.

Mayo led at the interval by 1-8 to 0-3. Their goal was scored by left full forward Aidan Kelly. The exchanges were especially keen in the second half, with right full forward Mick

Laverty boosting Down with a goal. However, Mayo held out for a well-deserved 1-12 to 1-8 win.

DOWN GO ONE BETTER

Down went one better in the last meeting of the counties in a final in 1999. Late in the first half a well worked movement involving five players put midfielder Brendan Coulter in possession and he expertly drilled a low shot to the net.

That goal gave Down a 1-9 to 0-7 interval lead and they went on to collect their third and last title by 1-14 to 0-14.

The Mourne County were captained by centre half back Liam Doyle and their team included, in addition to Coulter, Michael Walsh, Ronan Murtagh and Ronan Sexton in attack.

James Gill was at midfield for Mayo. His colleagues included forwards Alan Dillon, Robert Moran, who was top scorer with six points, and defenders Paraic Kelly, captain of the side, and John Brogan.

MAYO BRIDGE FIVE YEAR GAP

Mayo are appearing in their first

final since 2000 when they lost to Cork. Down have reached this stage for the first time since their last title win.

GLORY FOR ULSTER

Ulster has celebrated three All-Ireland final successes in this new century. Tyrone won the championships of 2001 and last year and Derry took the crown in 2002.

LAST MINOR-SENIOR TITLES DOUBLE

In 2002, Derry and Armagh earned the North the last All-Ireland minor and senior titles double on the same day by any province.

A FIRST GOAL-LESS DECIDER

Last September's summit between Tyrone and Kerry was the first ever that failed to produce at least one goal.

LAST DRAW

The last drawn final was in 2003 when Laois and Dublin finished all square. The O'Moore County won the replay at Carlow by 2-10 to 1-9.



The Down Squad which won the All-Ireland Minor Semi-final against Offaly at An Uaimh.

Back Row: Paul McCumiskey, Hugh Magee, Kevin Duffin, Gavin Joyce, Eamon McConville, Michael McAllister, Peter Fitzpatrick, Patrick Mooney, Declan Laverty, Shane O'Hagan.

Middle Row: Conor Garvey, Martin Clarke, Seamus Grant, Conor Mackin, James Colgan, Ciaran Brannigan, Colm Clerkin, Ryan Kelly.

Front Row: John McClorey, Gary Boyle, Gerard McCartan, Conor McConville, Gary Magee.

An Dún

Mayo's Six Titles



1935

Mayo	4-4; Leitrim	2-1
Mayo	2-2; Sligo	1-4
Mayo	1-4; Louth	1-4
Mayo	3-5; Louth	1-2
		replay
ALL-IRELAND FINAL		
Mayo	1-6; Tipperary	1-1

Right through to the final Mayo's strength was in defence as the meagre returns by the opposing forwards clearly show and in the final it was crucial to the Connacht champions' chances that they again perform, which they did. With scores difficult to come by, M.J.Carney's goal was the score that gave Mayo an interval lead of 1-2 to 1-0, and four second-half points easily saw off the Premier county's sole response. **Mayo scorers:** M.J.Carney 1-2, D.Egan 0-2, T.J.McLoughlin 0-1, P.Roche 0-1. **Maigh Eo** - Donal McNamara, Tommy Hannon, Billie Durcan, Joe Salmon, Paddy Irwin, Paddy O'Malley, T.J.McLoughlin, Paddy Judge, Tom McNicholas, Denis Egan, Mick O'Malley, John Keane, M.J.Carney, Paddy Roche, Brendan Quinn.

1953

Mayo	2-10; Sligo	0-5
Mayo	1-9; Roscommon	1-3
Mayo	5-2; Armagh	1-5
ALL-IRELAND FINAL		
Mayo	2-11; Clare	1-6

There was little between the sides in the opening 30 minutes with Mayo just about deserving of an interval lead of 1-4 to 1-2. But when the Mayo midfielders, Wick Stewart and Des Keane, began to find their best form the forwards saw plenty of the ball and the gap on the board

widened steadily. Clare's advances became fewer and somewhat disjointed and well before the end it was clear it was Mayo's day.

Mayo scorers: D.Keane 0-4, C.McDonnell 1-1, E.Nealon 1-0, M.Stewart 0-2, T.Treacy 0-2, M.Tuohy 0-1, V.Kilcullen 0-1. **Maigh Eo** - Sean Stewart, Padraig Gavin, John Veldon, Frank Fahy, Walter Joyce, Tony Jennings, Brendan Keane, Des Keane, Mick Stewart, Eddie Nealon, Tom Treacy, Vincent Blythe, Vince Kilcullen, Colm McDonnell, Eamon Walsh. Sub - Mick Tuohy.

1966

Mayo	4-10; Sligo	0-7
Mayo	1-9; Roscommon	0-7
Mayo	5-6; Cork	2-6
ALL-IRELAND FINAL		
Mayo	1-12; Down	1-8

A sterling display by halfbacks Nevin, Cafferkey and McHale, and an equally good display by midfielders O'Dowd and Joyce, laid the foundations of this success in the opening half, at the end of which Mayo led by 1-8 to 0-3. When the Mourne county rallied in the second half the Mayo defence was under pressure for a considerable time. With the lead reduced to four points Mayo steadied and Down's late efforts were well contained. **Mayo scorers:** S.O'Dowd 0-3, D.Griffith 0-3, A.Kelly 1-0, J.J.Timoney 0-2, T.Fitzgerald 0-2, J.Smyth 0-2. **Maigh Eo** - Eugene Rooney, Seamus Hughes, Tim Snee, Bernie Meenaghan, Gay Nevin, Tom Cafferkey, Benny McHale, Seamus O'Dowd, Tony Joyce, Joe Timoney, Tom Fitzgerald, Des Griffith, Pat Glavey, Jim Smyth, Aidan Kelly. Sub - Sean Kilbride.

1971

Mayo	5-18 Leitrim	0-2
Mayo	1-7 Galway	0-9
Mayo	2-12 Roscommon	1-8
Mayo	3-8 Tyrone	0-13
ALL-IRELAND FINAL		
Mayo	2-15 Cork	2-7

Rated outsiders in the pre-match opinions, Mayo looked the part in the early stages as they struggled to keep in touch with the confident opposition. By the interval Mayo had recovered from their early uncertainty to draw level. It was still an open encounter until Mick Higgins' brilliant point was supplemented by goals from McNicholas and Maloney. Cork never recovered from those blows as Mayo took their fourth title with a fair degree of comfort. **Mayo scorers:** J.Keane 0-4, R.McNicholas 1-1, M.Maloney 1-1, M.Gannon 0-3, M.Higgins 0-3, G.Farragher 0-1, F.Harty 0-1, C.Moynihan 0-1.

Maigh Eo - Michael Griffin, John O'Mahony, Seamus Reilly, Adrian Durkan, Ger Feeney, Con Moynihan, John Culkin, James Quinn, Ray McNicholas, Mick Gannon, J.P.Keane, Mick Higgins, Ger Farragher, Frank Harty, Mick Maloney. Sub - Michael Fahy.

1978

Mayo	10-11 Leitrim	2-5
Mayo	2-10 Roscommon	1-8
Mayo	2-6 Galway	0-4
Mayo	1-10 Kerry	0-10
ALL-IRELAND FINAL		
Mayo	4-9 Dublin	3-8

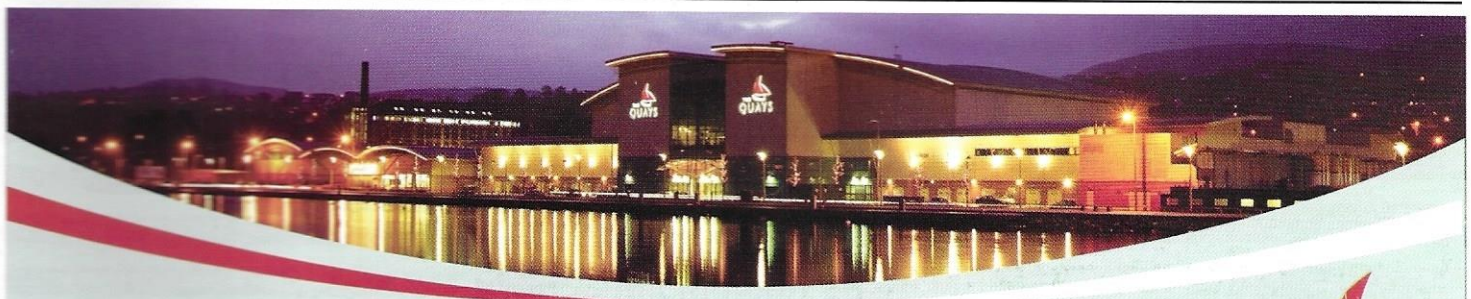
This was a game in which Dublin forced the pace for a long way and Mayo did well to be on level terms (1-4 all) at the interval. For most of the second period Dublin appeared to have the game in safe keeping as they went six

points clear. However, in an inspired spell, Mayo hit two goals and a point to edge ahead. Almost immediately Mayo scored their fourth goal and held on to that four-point advantage to the end. **Mayo scorers:** K.O'Malley 1-3, T.Byrne 2-0, A.McNicholas 0-3, J.Maughan 1-0, M.Joyce 0-1, J.Lyons 0-1, E.Griffin 0-1. **Maigh Eo** - Sean Warde, Mick Maloney, George Golden, Mick Walshe, Niall Heffernan, Adrian Garvey, Eddie Melvin, T.J.Kilgallon, Martin Joyce, Sean Clarke, Jimmy Maughan, Andrew McNicholas, Kieran O'Malley, Eugene Griffin, Jimmy Lyons. Subs - Charles Gilmartin, Tom Byrne, Liam Lyons.

1985

Mayo	1-7; Sligo	0-10
Mayo	3-10; Sligo	5-0
		replay
Mayo	0-6; Galway	1-1
Mayo	2-12; Meath	2-8
ALL-IRELAND FINAL		
Mayo	3-3; Cork	0-9

Not for the first time Mayo conceded favouritism, but despite an early goal Cork looked the more impressive outfit as they moved to a 0-7 to 1-2 half-time lead. However, on the restart the Mayo rearguard applied a vice-like grip on the Cork attack as Mullan's goal put them ahead and a penalty made it safe before the Leesiders had the afternoon's last score. **Mayo scorers:** M.J.Mullan 2-0, P.Walsh 1-1, M.Fitzmaurice 0-1, T.Grady 0-1. **Maigh Eo** - John Commins, Kevin Byrne, Enda Gilvarry, Martin Coyle, Declan Burke, David Fitzgerald, John French, Michael Fitzmaurice, Greg Maher, Tony Munnely, Pat Walsh, Tom Grady, Pat Kerrane, M.J.Mullan, James Gallagher. Sub - Michael Mullaghy.



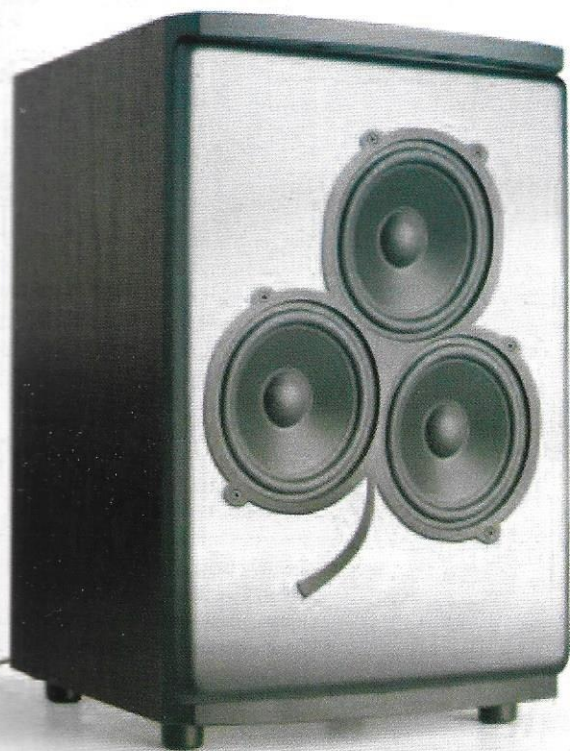
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26th March at Kilkenny:
 Longford 0-13; Kilkenny 1-7
 26th March at Dr Cullen Park:
 Carlow 2-10; Wexford 1-13
 9th April at Dundalk:
 Kilkenny 2-7; Louth 0-9
 10th April at Wexford Park:
 Wexford 3-11; Wicklow 1-8
 23rd April at Arklow:
 Wicklow 0-14; Carlow 0-7
 23rd April at Killoe:
 Longford 0-13; Louth 0-8

Quarter/Finals

14th May at An Uaimh:
 Meath 2-8; Kildare 0-11
 14th May at Parnell Park:
 Dublin 1-15; Wexford 3-6
 14th May at Killoe:
 Laois 3-10; Longford 0-8
 14th May at Mullingar:
 Offaly 0-10; Westmeath 1-6

Semi/Finals

2nd July at Mullingar:
 Offaly 0-13; Meath 1-9
 10th July at Dr Cullen Park:
 Laois 3-8; Dublin 1-7

Final

17th July at Croke Park:
 Laois 1-12; Offaly 1-7

Uladh 1st Round

15th May at Clones:
 Armagh 0-14; Fermanagh 2-3

Quarter/Finals

22nd May at Omagh:
 Down 2-10; Tyrone 0-15
 29th May at Omagh:
 Derry 0-17; Monaghan 0-8
 29th May at Omagh:
 Armagh 2-10; Donegal 0-12
 29th May at Breffni Park:
 Cavan 1-13; Antrim 1-5

Semi/Finals

26th June at Casement Park:
 Armagh 2-5; Derry 1-7
 1st July at Crossmaglen:
 Down 1-12; Cavan 0-15
 5th July at Crossmaglen:(Replay)
 Down 0-13; Cavan 1-9

Final

10th July at Croke Park:
 Armagh 0-11; Down 0-10

Mumha - Quarter/Finals

6th April at Kilmallock:
 Clare 1-6; Cork 0-8
 6th April at Fermoy:
 Tipperary 7-12; Waterford 1-1
 6th April at the Gaelic Grounds:
 Kerry 2-16; Limerick 1-7

Semi/Final play-offs

20th April at Fermoy:
 Cork 1-16; Waterford 1-0
 27th April at the Gaelic Grounds:
 Cork 0-9; Limerick 1-3

Semi/Finals

29th June at the Gaelic Grounds:
 Cork 3-14; Tipperary 0-7
 29th June at Tralee:
 Kerry 1-17; Clare 2-6

Final

10th July at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:
 Cork 3-8 Kerry 1-11

Connacht - Quarter/Final

22nd May at Carrick-on-Shannon:
 Sligo 0-9; Leitrim 0-3

Semi/Finals

25th June at Salthill:
 Galway 1-10; Sligo 1-7
 25th June at Castlebar:
 Mayo 4-12; Roscommon 0-7

Final

10th July at Salthill:
 Galway 0-10; Mayo 0-9

All-Ireland Quarter/Finals

30th July at Portlaoise:
 Offaly 1-9; Cork 0-10
 30th July at Carrick-on-Shannon:
 Down 1-17; Galway 2-11
 30th July at Hyde Park:
 Mayo 0-10; Armagh 1-6
 1st August at the Gaelic Grounds:
 Kerry 0-14; Laois 1-4

All-Ireland Semi/Finals

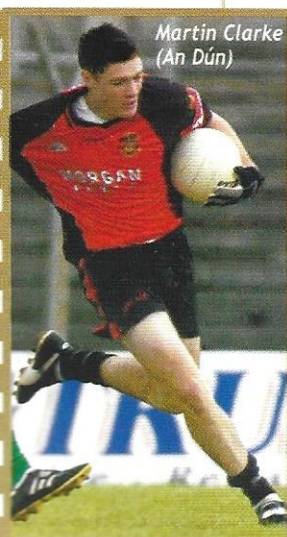
27th August at An Uaimh:
 Down 1-15; Offaly 1-7
 28th August at Croke Park:
 Mayo 1-12; Kerry 0-14

Top Scorers

As with Stephen O'Neill in the senior grade, Martin Clarke enjoys an unassailable lead at the head of the minor scorers' chart, with Aidan Campbell 17 points in arrears. Indeed, the top three are unlikely to be changed after today's proceedings. The Down ace was third twelve months ago with 0-27 and is the only one of last year's top ten to reappear.

THE TOP TEN (11) MARKSMEN IN THE MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP TO DATE ARE:

1	MARTIN CLARKE (DOWN)	2-26 (32)
2	PAUL O'CONNOR (KERRY)	1-25 (28)
3	DAITHI CARROLL (LAOIS)	4-12 (24)
4	DAVE KEARNEY (CORK)	2-16 (22)
5	SHANE ROCHE (WEXFORD)	2-15 (21)
	KEN CASEY (OFFALY)	2-15 (21)
7	OWEN CONCANNON (GALWAY)	2-13 (19)
	COLM O'NEILL (CORK)	3-10 (19)
9	STEPHEN FORKER (ARMAGH)	0-18
10	AIDAN CAMPBELL (MAYO)	1-12 (15)
	TIMMY DALTON (TIPPERARY)	2-9 (15)



Individual Feats

Although the Leinster campaign started in the last week of March, there wasn't a long wait to witness the top individual return of the year as a week later in Munster Timmy Dalton of Tipperary recorded a personal haul of 2-7 against Waterford in the provincial quarter/final. The previous week Carlow's Paul Almond had set a target of 2-4 and that return still lies in a tie for second position with Owen Concannon and Daithí Carroll. Just eight returns (ten last year) of nine points or better were recorded in the current campaign and they are:

TIMMY DALTON (TIPPERARY)	2-7	v WATERFORD - 6TH APRIL AT FERMOY
OWEN CONCANNON (GALWAY)	2-4	v DOWN - 30TH JULY AT CARRICK-ON-SHANNON
DAITHI CARROLL (LAOIS)	2-4	v DUBLIN - 10TH JULY AT DR CULLEN PARK
PAUL ALMOND (CARLOW)	2-4	v WEXFORD - 26TH MARCH AT DR CULLEN PARK
PAUL O'CONNOR (KERRY)	0-9	v LIMERICK - 6TH APRIL AT THE GAELIC GROUNDS
CIARÁN KELLY (MEATH)	1-6	v OFFALY - 2ND JULY AT MULLINGAR
MARTIN CLARKE (DOWN)	1-6	v CAVAN - 1ST JULY AT CROSSMAGLEN
COLM O'NEILL (CORK)	2-3	v KERRY - 10TH JULY AT PÁIRC UÍ CHAOIMH

Down's Three Titles



1977

Down	4-13;	Fermanagh	0-2
Down	1-9;	Derry	0-5
Down	0-8;	Armagh	1-5
Down	0-11;	Armagh	1-6
		replay	
Down	0-11;	Mayo	1-7
	ALL-IRELAND FINAL		
Down	2-6;	Meath	0-4

On a treacherous surface and playing against the breeze Down had a dream start with a goal inside 30 seconds, with the opposing defence showing an unwarranted degree of slackness. Meath responded with a great point from an angled free before Down had an escape when the Royals wided a penalty (Niall O'Sullivan). Goal chances were missed on both sides, but superb defensive work by the Mourne youths helped them to a 1-3 to 0-1 interval lead. A period of Meath pressure on the restart reduced the deficit to two points, but Down responded and virtually wrapped up the game when Emmet McGivern placed John McCartan for their second goal.

Down scorers: J.Digney 1-1, M.McCann 0-3, J.McCartan 1-0, B.Loughran 0-1, E.Toner 0-1.
An Dún - Pat Donnan, Sean McNulty, Adrian McAulfield, Sean Bruncker, Paddy O'Rourke, Michael Sands, Brendan McGovern, Paddy Kennedy, John McCartan, Eamon Toner, Ambrose Rogers, Martin McCann, Tommy Bradley, Brendan Loughran, Jarlath Digney. Subs - Emmet McGivern, Francis Rooney.

1987

Down	4-9;	Derry	0-6
Down	3-5;	Cavan	0-3
Down	1-7;	Armagh	0-4
Down	2-11;	Kildare	1-9
	ALL-IRELAND FINAL		
Down	1-12;	Cork	1-5

This may not have been the most elegant exhibition of under-18 football, nor the greatest of Down's All-Ireland wins at any level, but not for the first time a team from the Mourne demonstrated its ability to adjust to the demands of a major contest. Early on Cork looked the more impressive side as they fired over three points without reply in the first eight minutes. But having assessed the quality of the opposition Down, with Paddy Hannaway directing the flow of events from midfield, fired over six points before

a scrambled Cork goal left it 0-6 to 1-3 at the interval. When Down added 1-1 immediately after the restart the outcome looked good and they cruised to the finish.

Down scorers: C.Murray 0-6, T.Fagan 1-2, G.Breen 0-2, R.Fitzpatrick 0-1, J.McCartan 0-1.

An Dún - Dermot Hawkins, Niall Caulfield, Larry Duggan, Martin McGivern, Mark Quinn, Conor Deegan, Colin Mason, Brian McCartan, Paddy Hannaway, Cathal Murray, Raphael Haughean, Geoffrey Breen, Robert Fitzpatrick, Tom Fagan, James McCartan.

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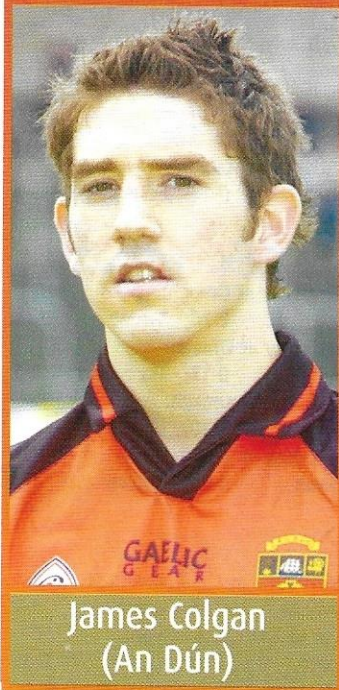
Down	2-14;	Antrim	3-4
Down	1-12;	Tyrone	1-6
Down	0-10;	Donegal	0-10
Down	2-7;	Donegal	0-9
		replay	
Down	0-13;	Dublin	1-10
Down	2-14;	Dublin	1-9
	ALL-IRELAND FINAL		
Down	1-14;	Mayo	0-14

Mayo's superb display when overcoming Cork in the semi/final made them favourites for this final, but favouritism can have its drawbacks, one of them being the incentive it provides for the underdogs to upset the odds. Not that Down started off at a furious pace in a bid to unsettle their opponents. Indeed, in the early stages it appeared that Mayo were carrying on where they had left off in the semi/final as they moved into a 0-5 to 0-3 lead after 13 minutes. But then Down's tactic of employing Ronan Sexton in a roving role began to pay dividends - principally the game's only goal which came at the 21st minute from Brendan Coulter. An interval lead of 1-9 to 0-7 was eventually cut back to two points thanks to great work by Conor and Robert Moran, but the insurance point followed soon after and Down were champions for the third time.

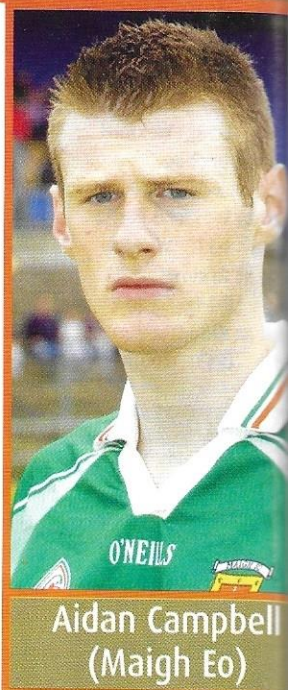
Down scorers: B.Coulter 1-2, M.Walsh 0-4, J.Fegan 0-3, R.Murtagh 0-2, D.McGrady 0-1, P.J.McAlinden 0-1, L.Doyle 0-1.

An Dún - John Sloan, John Clarke, Brendan Grant, Mark Doran, Brendan Kearney, Liam Doyle, Colm Murtagh, Louis Sloan, Brendan Coulter, Damian McGrady, Michael Walsh, Ronan Murtagh, P.J.McAlinden, John Fegan, Ronan Sexton.

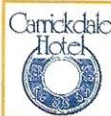
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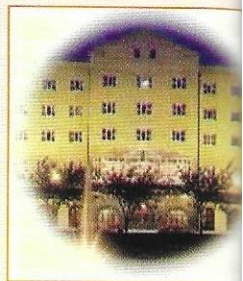


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CONNACHT MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP
 25th June. Castlebar:
 Mayo 4-12; Roscommon 0-7.
 10th July. Pearse Stadium:
 Mayo 0-9; Galway 0-10.
ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINAL
 30th July. Dr. Hyde Park:
 Mayo 0-10; Armagh 1-6.

ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL
 28th August. Croke Park:
 Mayo 1-12; Kerry 0-14.
TOTAL SCORED: 5-43 (58 points).
TOTAL CONCEDED: 1-37 (40 points).
AVERAGE: 1.45

SCOREBOARD

	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
Aidan Campbell	0-3	0-5	0-3	0-1	0-12
Padraic O'Connor	0-4	0-1	0-2	0-4	0-11
Ronan O'Boyle	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-5
Martin Conroy	1-1	—	—	—	1-1
David Kilcullen	1-1	—	—	—	1-1
Pierce Hanley	—	—	0-3	0-1	0-4
Enda Kenny	1-0	—	—	—	1-0
Dara Hughes	1-0	—	—	—	1-0
Chris Barrett	—	0-1	—	0-1	0-2
Seamus O'Shea	—	0-1	—	0-1	0-2
Michael Sweeney	—	0-1	—	—	0-1
Dermot O'Connor	—	—	0-1	—	0-1
Tom Cunniff	—	—	—	0-1	0-1
Peter Collins	—	—	—	0-1	0-1
Gerard O'Boyle	—	—	—	0-1	0-1
Kerry Own Goal	—	—	—	1-0	1-0

MAIGH EO - Pen Pics



Shane Nallen (Belmullet)
 DOB: 04/12/1987. Height: 6'2".
 Weight: 13st.8lbs.

Paraic Healy (Castlebar)
 DOB: 11/08/1987. Height: 5'8".
 Weight: 12st.

Ger Cafferkey (Ballina)
 DOB: 05/08/1987. Height: 6'2".
 Weight: 12st.4lbs.

Dara Conway (Castlebar)
 DOB: 09/01/1987. Height: 5'10".
 Weight: 12st.2lbs.

Chris Barrett (Belmullet)
 DOB: 02/04/1987. Height: 5'9".
 Weight: 12st.

Tom Cunniff (Castlebar)
 DOB: 14/02/1987. Height: 6'2".
 Weight: 13st.1lb.

Darragh Hughes (Hollymount)
 DOB: 10/11/1987. Height: 6'0".
 Weight: 12st.7lbs.

Peter Collins (Islandeady)
 DOB: 16/09/1987. Height: 6'3".
 Weight: 13st.8lbs.

Pierce Hanley (Ballaghaderreen)
 DOB: 15/11/1988. Height: 6'0".
 Weight: 12st.5lbs.

Aidan Campbell (Swinford)
 DOB: 27/11/1987. Height: 6'1".
 Weight: 12st.8lbs.

Dermot O'Connor (Westport)
 DOB: 06/02/1987. Height: 6'0".
 Weight: 12st.1lb.

Paraic O'Connor (Ballintubber)
 DOB: 28/06/1987. Height: 6'0".
 Weight: 12st.7lbs.

Ronan O'Boyle (Castlebar)
 DOB: 18/06/1987. Height: 5'9".
 Weight: 11st.9lbs.

David Kilcullen (Ballaghaderreen)
 DOB: 17/04/1987. Height: 6'1".
 Weight: 12st.10lbs.

Gerard O'Boyle (Castlebar)
 DOB: 03/05/1988. Height: 5'8".
 Weight: 11st.

An Dún



ULSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP
 22nd May. Omagh:
 Down 2-10; Tyrone 0-15.
 1st July. Crossmaglen ((After extra time).):
 Down 1-12; Cavan 0-15
 5th July. Crossmaglen (Replay):
 Down 0-13; Cavan 1-9
 10th July. Croke Park:
 Down 0-10; Armagh 0-11.

ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINAL
 30th July. Carrick-on-Shannon:
 Down 1-17; Galway 2-11
ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL
 27th August. An Uaimh:
 Down 1-15; Offaly 1-11
TOTAL SCORED: 5-77 (92 points).
TOTAL CONCEDED: 4-68 (80 points).
AVERAGE: 1.15

SCOREBOARD

	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
Martin Clarke	0-3	1-6	0-3	0-5	1-4	0-4	2-21
Paul McCumiskey	1-1	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-3	0-1	1-9
Colm Clerkin	0-5	0-3	0-2	0-1	—	—	0-11
James Colgan	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-5
Ciaran Brannigan	—	—	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-8
Peter Fitzpatrick	—	—	0-1	—	0-4	0-1	0-6
Ryan Kelly	—	—	0-3	—	0-2	0-1	0-6
Richard Kerr	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	1-0
Declan Lavery	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-2	0-3
Patrick Downey	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
Gerard McCartan	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-1
Eamonn McConville	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1
Kevin Duffin	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1
Seamus Grant	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1

AN DÚN - Pen Pics



Micheal McAllister (Clann na Banna)
 DOB: 03/02/1987. Height: 6'0".
 Weight: 13st.

Gary Magee (Caisleán Ruairi)
 DOB: 26/10/1987. Height: 6'0".
 Weight: 11st.

Conor Garvey (Droichead Mhaigh Eo)
 DOB: 31/08/1987. Height: 5'10".
 Weight: 12st.

Hugh Magee (An Cloch Fhada)
 DOB: 22/09/1987. Height: 6'0".
 Weight: 11st.8lbs.

Gerard McCartan (Caisleán Ruairi)
 DOB: 27/07/1988. Height: 5'9".
 Weight: 11st.6lbs.

Eamon McConville (Caisleán Ruairi)
 DOB: 04/03/1987. Height: 6'0".
 Weight: 13st.

Kevin Duffin (Caisleán An Mhuilinn)
 DOB: 25/09/1987. Height: 5'10".
 Weight: 12st.

James Colgan (An Ríocht) Captain
 DOB: 06/01/1987. Height: 6'2".
 Weight: 13st.7lbs.

Peter Fitzpatrick (Baile Uí Mhairtín)
 DOB: 05/07/1988. Height: 6'2".
 Weight: 13st.

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 Height: 6'1". Weight: 12st.4lbs.

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 DOB: 13/11/1987. Height: 5'11".
 Weight: 12st.

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 DOB: 04/05/1988. Height: 5'10".
 Weight: 11st.7lbs.

Ciarán Brannigan (Áth Bhriain)
 DOB: 28/04/1987. Height: 5'5".
 Weight: 10st.6lbs.

Ryan Kelly (Cloch Fhada)
 DOB: 06/01/1987. Height: 6'0".
 Weight: 11st.7lbs.

Paul McCumiskey (Dún Droma)
 DOB: 17/04/1988. Height: 5'9".
 Weight: 11st.

AN DÚN



Dathanna: Dearg is Dubh

An Dún

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| <p>2
GARY MAGEE
G. Mag Aoidh
(Caisleán Ruairi)</p> <p>5
GERARD McCARTAN
G. Mac Artáin
(Caisleán Ruairi)</p> <p>10
DECLAN LAVERY
D. Mac Laibheartaigh
(Cumann Naomh Michil)</p> <p>13
CIARÁN BRANNIGAN
C. Ó Branagáin
(Áth Bhriain)</p> | <p>1
MICHAEL McALLISTER
M. Mac Alastair
(Clann na Banna)</p> <p>3
CONOR GARVEY
C. Ó Gairbhith
(Droichead Mhaigh Eo)</p> <p>6
EAMON McCONVILLE
E. Mac Conmhaoil
(Caisleán Ruairi)</p> <p>8
JAMES COLGAN
S. Mac Colgan (Capt.)
(An Ríocht)</p> <p>11
MARTIN CLARKE
M. Ó Cléirigh
(An Ríocht)</p> <p>14
RYAN KELLY
R. Ó Ceallaigh
(Cloch Fhada)</p> | <p>4
HUGH MAGEE
A. Mag Aoidh
(Cloch Fhada)</p> <p>7
KEVIN DUFFIN
C. Ó Duifinn
(Caisleán an Mhuillinn)</p> <p>9
PETER FITZPATRICK
P. Mac Giolla Phódraig
(Baile Uí Mhairtín)</p> <p>12
SEAMUS GRANT
S. Grant
(Droichead Mhaigh Eo)</p> <p>15
PAUL McCUMISKEY
P. Mac Cumascaigh
(Dún Droma)</p> |
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FIR IONAD

- (16) **Gavin Joyce**
G. Seoighe
(Baile Uí Mhairtín)
- (17) **John McClorey**
S. Mac Labhraí
(Droichead Mhaigh Eo)
- (18) **Conor McConville**
C. Mac Conmhaoil
(Eanach Cluana)
- (19) **Kevin McKernan**
C. Mac Thiarnáin
(Boireann)
- (20) **Colm Clerkin**
C. Ó Cléirchín
(Caisleán Ruairi)
- (21) **Richard Kerr**
R. Mac Giolla Cheara
(Cill Cleithe)
- (22) **Gary Boyle**
G. Ó Baoill
(Rinn Mhic Giolla Rua)
- (23) **Colin Murney**
C. Ó Morna
(Caisleán Ruairi)
- (24) **Conor Mackin**
C. Ó Maicín
(Caisleán Ruairi)

ROGHNÓIRÍ:
Mark Turley, *Manager*
Desi Kennedy,
Martin McGarry,
John Morgan.

MAIGH EO



Dathanna: Uaithne, Dearg is Bán

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| <p>2
PARAIC HEALY
P. Ó hÉalaí
(Caisleán an Bharraigh)</p> <p>5
CHRIS BARRETT
C. Bairéid
(Béal an Muirthead)</p> <p>10
AIDAN CAMPBELL
A. Mac Camhthaoil (Capt.)
(Béal Átha na Muice)</p> <p>13
RONAN O'BOYLE
R. Ó Baoill
(Caisleán an Bharraigh)</p> | <p>1
SHANE NALLEN
S. Ó Nailín
(Béal an Muirthead)</p> <p>3
GER CAFFERKEY
G. Mac Eafarcaigh
(Béal an Fheadha)</p> <p>6
TOM CUNNIFF
T. Mac Cunnibh
(Caisleán an Bharraigh)</p> <p>8
PETER COLLINS
P. Ó Coileáin
(Oileán Eadaigh)</p> <p>11
DERMOT O'CONNOR
D. Ó Conchúir
(Cathair na Mart)</p> <p>14
DAVID KILCULLEN
D. Mac Giollachuillin
(Bealach a'Doirín)</p> | <p>4
DARA CONWAY
D. Ó Conbhúí
(Caisleán an Bharraigh)</p> <p>7
DARRAGH HUGHES
D. Ó hAodha
(Maolla)</p> <p>9
PIERCE HANLEY
P. Ó hAinle
(Bealach a'Doirín)</p> <p>12
PARAIC O'CONNOR
P. Ó Conchúir
(Baile an Tobair)</p> <p>15
GERARD O'BOYLE
G. Ó Baoill
(Caisleán an Bharraigh)</p> |
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FIR IONAD

- (16) **Kieran Barnicle**
C. Cadhain
(Breaghbhuih)
- (17) **Michael Sweeney**
M. Mac Suibhne
(Cill tSeadhna)
- (18) **Seamus O'Shea**
S. Ó Sé
(Breaghbhuih)
- (19) **Kieran Barrett**
C. de Bairéid
(Béal an Muirthead)
- (20) **Seán Kelly**
S. Ó Ceallaigh
(Croismhaoiliona)
- (21) **David Caffrey**
D. Mac Gafraidh
(Baile Chathail)
- (22) **James Burke**
S. de Búrca
(Ardnaree)
- (23) **James Noone**
S. Ó Nuadháin
(Cnoc Mór)
- (24) **Enda Kenny**
E. Ó Chionnaidh
(Cill Moibhi)

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Billy Kearns, Michael Gavin,
Kieran Gallagher.

FINALS AT OTHER LEVELS

1975 Minor

Ciarraí 1-10; Tir Eoghain 0-4

This will not be remembered as one of the greatest finals as Kerry won a poor contest by nine points. The foundations for the Kingdom's win was a sterling defence in which J.J.O'Connor and Vincent O'Connor were outstanding. Ironically, Tyrone opened the scoring through Damian O'Hagan, but that was the Northerners only score of the opening half. Kerry didn't exactly go to town at the other end and at the break it was only 0-4 to 0-1.

In the third quarter the Kerry defence remained dominant, despite considerable pressure, but when play eventually swung to the other end John Mulvihill set up Jack O'Shea for a goal. Early in the final quarter Tyrone fired over three points without reply to threaten a comeback, but it was a false dawn as Neilly O'Donovan and Sean Walsh directed most of the late action towards the Ulster champions' posts.

Kerry scorers: J.O'Shea 1-4, J.Mulvihill 0-3, F.Scannell 0-1, C.O'Connor 0-1, N.O'Donovan 0-1.

Tyrone scorers: M.McAnnery 0-2, M.McCay 0-1, D.O'Hagan 0-1.

Ciarraí - 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.

Tir Eoghain - A.Skelton, B.Campbell, K.McGarvey, P.McCallan, P.J.Trainor, K.McCabe, J.J.Campbell, T.O'Rourke, G.McCallan, P.Teague, M.McCay, P.Donnelly, D.O'Hagan, M.McAnnery, S.Daly. Subs - S.Donnelly for O'Rourke, E.McCann for Daly.

1990 Under-21

Ciarraí 5-12; Tir Eoghain 2-11

At Mullingar there was little between the sides in the opening quarter as Kerry inched into a 0-4 to 0-3 lead, but the parting of the ways came shortly after when Billy O'Sullivan goaled following good work by Pat McKenna. Sixty seconds later O'Sullivan added a second goal, but Tyrone negated the second major with points from Adrian Cush, Peter Canavan and Conor McElduff. Just before the break Pa Laide had Kerry's third goal, but Canavan's penalty cancelled that out to leave it 3-5 to 1-8.

Shortly after the restart Michael Cummins reduced Tyrone's deficit to just a couple of points, but at the 37th minute Maurice Fitzgerald set up O'Sullivan for his third goal. By the end of the third quarter the game as a contest was over after O'Sullivan's fourth goal had been supplemented by a couple of points. Although Canavan did have a second goal, O'Sullivan almost had a fifth, but the crossbar denied him. However, a late point brought O'Sullivan's personal haul to 13 points.

Kerry scorers: B.O'Sullivan 4-1, M.Fitzgerald 0-5, P.McKenna 0-4, P.Laide 1-0, E.Breen 0-1, G.O'Driscoll 0-1.

Tyrone scorers: P.Canavan 2-3, A.Cush 0-3, C.Loughran 0-2, M.Cummings 0-1, L.Strain 0-1, C.McElduff 0-1.

Ciarraí - P.O'Leary, J.B.O'Brien, S.Burke, L.Flaherty, P.Slattery, V.Knightley, E.Breen, M.Fitzgerald, N.O'Mahony, P.Laide, P.McKenna, G.O'Driscoll, B.O'Sullivan, D.Farrell, P.Denney. Sub - P.Griffin for Denney.

Tir Eoghain - C.Blee, F.Devlin, T.McGinn, P.Devlin, P.Donnelly, B.McGinn, A.Morris, S.Kilpatrick, D.Barr, A.Cush, M.Cummings, P.Canavan, L.Strain, C.McElduff, C.Loughran. Sub - E.McCaffrey for Cummings.

1991 Under-21

Tir Eoghain 4-16; Ciarraí 1-5

Just twelve months later Kerry and Tyrone met again and, lining out with more than half the previous year's side, the champions were warm favourites at Droichead Nua. However, the attendance of 6,000 was in for a huge surprise as Tyrone took control from an early stage. By the end of the opening quarter the challengers led by three points, but they did huge damage in the second as goals by Eamonn McCaffrey (2) and Peter Canavan helped them into an unassailable 3-9 to 0-3 interval lead.

Damage limitation was the main motivation for the champions on the restart, but with Adrian Kilpatrick and Danny Barr maintaining their midfield dominance, most of the play flowed towards the Kerry posts. A goal by Eamonn Stack at the end of the third quarter brought limited relief and as the game ticked over the hour mark Tyrone led by 17 points. In injury time Canavan scored his second goal to complete a day of disaster for the champions.

Tyrone scorers: P.Canavan 2-5, E.McCaffrey 2-2, A.Cush 0-5, B.Gormley 0-2, C.Loughran 0-1, C.McBride 0-1. **Kerry scorers:** B.O'Sullivan 0-3, E.Stack 1-0, P.Laide 0-1, S.O'Sullivan 0-1.

Tir Eoghain - C.Blee, D.O'Hagan, C.Lawn, F.Devlin, P.Donnelly, B.McGinn, T.O'Neill, A.Kilpatrick, D.Barr, A.Cush, E.McCaffrey, P.Canavan, C.Loughran, C.McBride, B.Gormley. Subs - S.Lawn for Donnelly, J.Cassidy for Blee.

Ciarraí - P.O'Leary, J.O'Brien, N.Savage, J.Cranin, L.Flaherty, V.Knightley, S.Walsh, E.Ashe, C.Nearney, P.Laide, G.O'Driscoll, S.O'Sullivan, G.Farrell, D.Farrell, B.O'Sullivan. Subs - E.Stack for Nearney, D.Cahill for Walsh, T.Byrne for Laide.

2004 Minor

Tir Eoghain 0-12; Ciarraí 0-10

Tyrone made the brighter start and had three points on the board before Kerry opened their account at the 13th minute through Daniel Doyle. The next score also fell to the Kingdom to leave it 0-3 to 0-2 at the end of the opening quarter, but the Ulster side scored two of the next three points to make it 0-5 to 0-3. Two points from Paul O'Connor brought Kerry level, but just before the break Ronan McRory pointed to give Tyrone the narrowest of advantages.

On the restart Tyrone enjoyed a period of dominance which yielded points from McRory (2), Raymond Mulgrew and Aidan Cassidy to which Kerry had just a single reply to make it 0-10 to 0-6. From that point on Kerry were chasing the game and didn't come within two points of the leaders until Eddie Mangan pointed at the 57th minute (0-11 to 0-9). A swap of points between John Kelly and O'Connor in injury time left Tyrone two clear and champions for the sixth time.

Tyrone scorers: R.McRory 0-3, R.Mulgrew 0-3, S.O'Hagan 0-1, C.O'Neill 0-1, G.Devlin 0-1, C.Cavanagh 0-1, A.Cassidy 0-1, J.Kelly 0-1. **Kerry scorers:** P.O'Connor 0-6, D.Doyle 0-1, B.Moran 0-1, R.Keating 0-1, E.Mangan 0-1.

Tir Eoghain - J.Curran, N.McGinn, P.Warlow, D.Burke, J.Gilmore, N.Kerr, M.Murray, R.Mulgrew, S.O'Hagan, C.O'Neill, M.Cuninghame, R.McRory, G.Devlin, C.Cavanagh, A.Cassidy. Subs - P.J.Quinn for Murray, C.McCarron for Cavanagh, J.Kelly for O'Neill, S.O'Neill for Burke, S.Donaghy for O'Hagan. **Ciarraí -** B.Kealy, P.Reidy, L.Quinn, K.Young, D.Doyle, C.Kelliher, D.O'Connor, B.Moran, A.Kennelly, D.O'Sullivan, S.Murphy, M.O'Donoghue, M.Evans, R.Keating, P.O'Connor. Subs - P.Curran for Keating, E.Mangan for O'Donoghue, D.Culloty for Kelliher, B.Looney for Murphy.

Best Wishes to William Kirby and the Kerry Team



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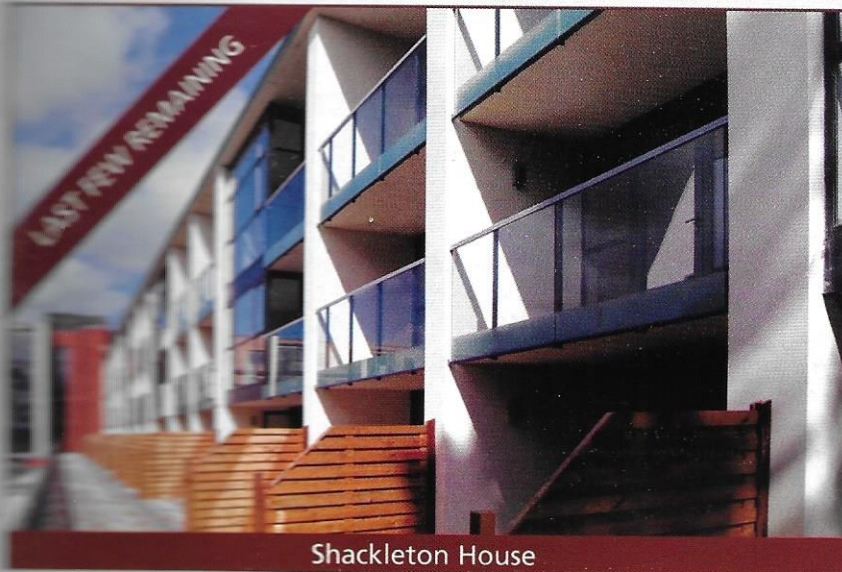
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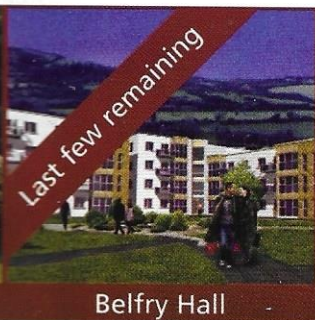


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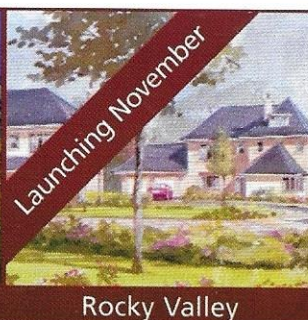
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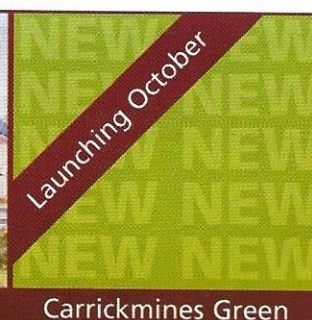
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CIARRAÍ EOIN BROSNAN

TICKET scrambles, suit-fittings and press nights. Kerry star Eoin Brosnan is well used to the drill by now and took it all in his stride in the build-up to this afternoon's Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football final. The 25-year-old Killarney native always dreamed of days like this as a teenager and he has been richly rewarded since making his championship debut against Tipperary in 2001.

"I was aiming for that level since getting on a Kerry development squad when I was 16," the Dr Crokes clubman said. "I saw the big men playing senior football as idols and I never thought I'd get there."

This is Brosnan's fifth full season on the Kerry senior panel, today is his third final appearance, but he'll never forget the moment he was first called into the Kerry set-up. Brosnan was playing a county league game in Gallarus in April 2000 and fortunately, he played well. Then manager Páidí Ó Sé approached the 6ft 3in star after the match and asked him if he would play a challenge game against Laois in Durrow the very next day. Brosnan didn't need to be asked twice.

Brosnan did enough to remain on the fringes of the panel for the summer months, one of two extra men used to make up the numbers in training. Brosnan wasn't a panellist when Kerry won the All-Ireland in 2000 but he soon made the breakthrough onto the team in the days when the league still began before Christmas. A versatile player, Brosnan has operated at midfield and attack for the Kingdom and he will never forget his first taste of a final against Armagh in 2002 when he flashed a great goal chance wide of the posts in the dying seconds. But Brosnan, a qualified solicitor, came back from that setback and turned in a solid year for Kerry last year as Jack O'Connor worked the oracle in his first season in charge. Now, the champions stand on the brink of back-to-back titles, not achieved since Cork in 1990. But for Brosnan and Kerry, today is about hopefully making up for a semi-final mauling at the hands of Tyrone in 2003. "In January, one journalist's wish-list for 2005 included Kerry against one of the big Northern teams," Brosnan smiled. "I remember being here last year and the factor then was not having won an All-Ireland medal.

"After winning, I didn't care who the hell we beat or where they came from but when the hullabaloo dies down, these things surface. If we get over Tyrone, the question will be: how would we have got on against Armagh?" In Kerry, there are always questions. It's what keeps them at the top.

PLAYER PROFILE

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Cooper powered Kerry to another final



It is an indication of how difficult it is nowadays to make a successful defence of the All-Ireland senior football title that Kerry are striving to achieve that feat for the first time by any county in fifteen years.

The Kingdom, whose last final defeat was to Armagh in 2002, bring good form as well as their wealth of experience to this engagement.

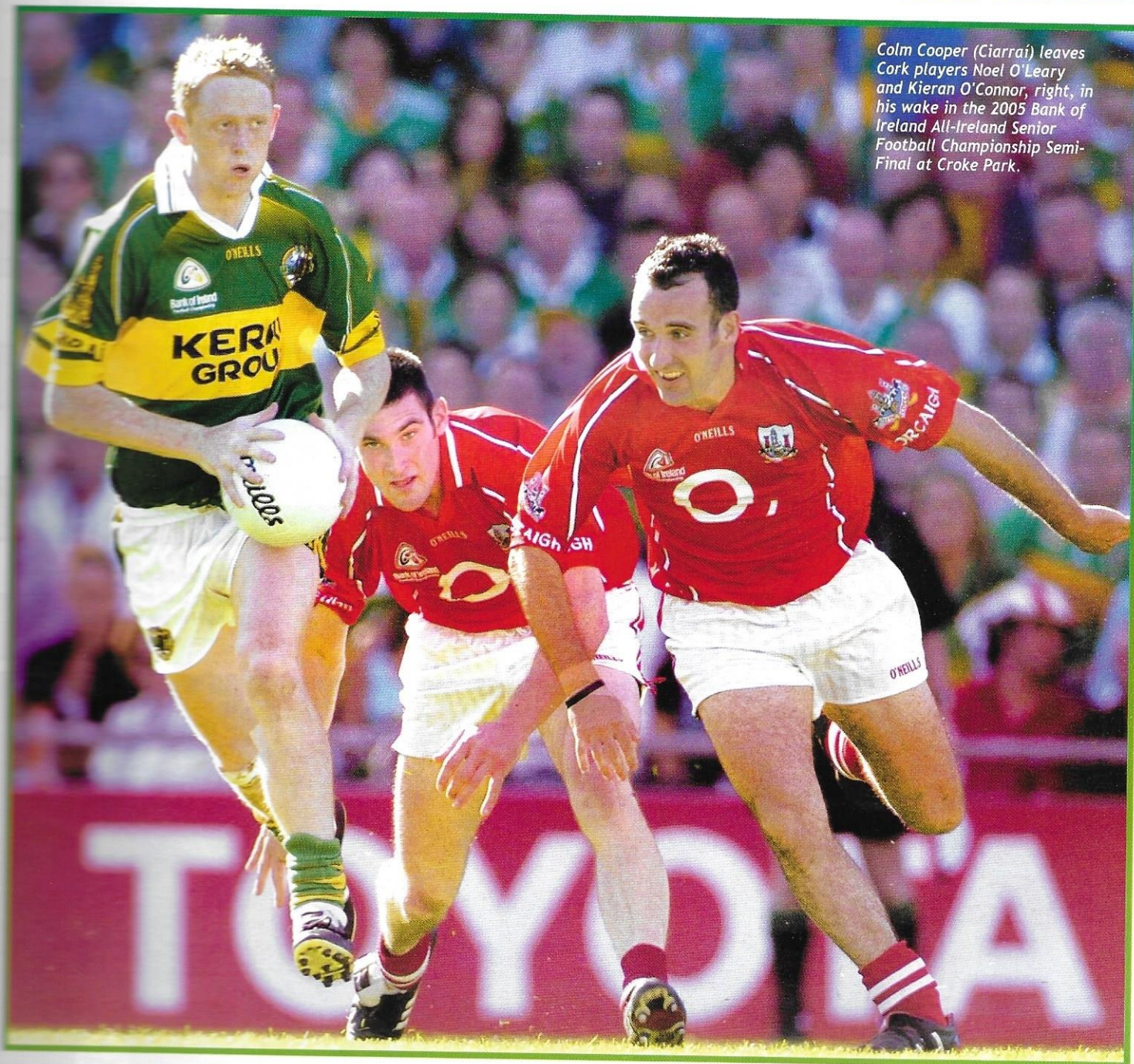
They climaxed a three-game march in defence of the Munster title when they overcame a strong challenge from old rivals Cork by a goal in the final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh and next time out proved much too good for Mayo.

The Kingdom appeared destined for a testing encounter when they renewed rivalry with Cork in an All-Ireland

semi-final at Croke Park at the end of August. That brave bid in the Munster final was a real boost to Leeside morale, who had bounced back from the defeat with wins over Sligo in Round 4 of the Qualifiers and Connacht champions Galway in an All-Ireland quarter-final win.

However, matters did not work out that way. The All-Ireland champions,

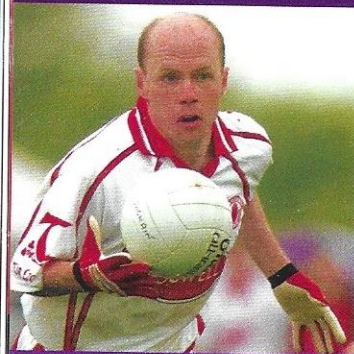
**THEY DOMINATED
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Colm Cooper (Ciarraí) leaves Cork players Noel O'Leary and Kieran O'Connor, right, in his wake in the 2005 Bank of Ireland All-Ireland Senior Football Championship Semi-Final at Croke Park.

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KNOW YOUR ASTHMA SCORE AND EXPECT MORE



"I've had asthma all my life and early in my career it really impacted on my performance. When I got control of my symptoms it made a big difference to my physical ability, stamina and performance on the field. I don't accept that asthma should limit your sporting ability and urge you to take the following Asthma Control Test. Talk to your GP about your score and how to get control of your asthma – it really is worth it."

Peter Canavan, Tyrone footballer and 2003 All Ireland Winner

ASTHMA CONTROL TEST

During the **past 4 weeks**, how often did your asthma prevent you from getting your work done at home, office, school?

Question 1

All of the time	1 SCORE	Most of the time	2 SCORE	Some of the time	3 SCORE	A little of the time	4 SCORE	None of the time	5 SCORE	SCORE
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During the **past 4 weeks**, how often have you had shortness of breath?

Question 2

More than once a day	1 SCORE	Once a day	2 SCORE	3 to 6 times a week	3 SCORE	Once or twice a week	4 SCORE	Not at all	5 SCORE	SCORE
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During the **past 4 weeks**, how often did your asthma symptoms (wheezing, coughing, shortness of breath, chest tightness or pain) wake you up at night or earlier than usual in the morning?

Question 3

4 or more times a week	1 SCORE	2 or 3 nights a week	2 SCORE	Once a week	3 SCORE	Once or twice	4 SCORE	Not at all	5 SCORE	SCORE
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During the **past 4 weeks**, how often have you used your rescue (blue) inhaler or nebulizer medication (such as salbutamol)?

Question 4

3 or more times a day	1 SCORE	1 or 2 times a day	2 SCORE	2 or 3 times a week	3 SCORE	Once a week or less	4 SCORE	Not at all	5 SCORE	SCORE
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How would you rate your **asthma control** during the **past 4 weeks**?

Question 5

Not controlled at all	1 SCORE	Poorly controlled	2 SCORE	Somewhat controlled	3 SCORE	Well controlled	4 SCORE	Completely controlled	5 SCORE	SCORE
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After completing the questions, add your score from each question to get your total score.

TOTAL

SCORES

Score < 19: Your score indicates that your asthma may not be under control. Talk to your doctor about an asthma management plan that can give you more days of symptom relief. You may want to ask about daily long-term medicines that can control airway constriction and inflammation, the two main causes of asthma symptoms.

Score 20 or higher: Congratulations, your asthma seems to be well controlled. Still, you might want to discuss these results with your GP the next time you have an appointment. Asthma is unpredictable, and symptoms can flare up at any time.

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The Kerry squad which won their All-Ireland Semi-final against Cork at Páirc an Chrócaigh

*Back Row: Kieran Donaghy, Darragh Ó Sé, Michael McCarthy, Darren O'Sullivan, Ronan O'Linnon, Tim O'Sullivan, Marc Ó Sé, Bryan Sheehan, Diarmuid Murphy, Liam Hassett, Eoin Brosnan, William Kirby, Declan Quill, Micheál Quirke, Paddy Kelly.
Front Row: Tommy Griffin, Eamonn Fitzmaurice, Dara Ó Cinnéide, Pdraig Reidy, Seamus Moynihan, Paul Galvin, Declan O'Sullivan, Aidan O'Mahony, Tomás Ó Sé, Colm Cooper, Mike Frank Russell, Wessie Lyons, Kieran Cremin.*

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led in spanking style by right full forward Colm Cooper, finished much more convincingly than even their most ardent supporters could have anticipated by 1-19 to 0-9.

Cooper orchestrated matters in fine fashion. He commented the Cork defence with its reactive play and finished as top scorer in the day with five points.

The challengers started promisingly enough and after five minutes looked set to provide their "old enemy" with some testing problems when they led by two points to no score.

DOMINATED

However, Kerry took control after that. They dominated the exchanges and, with polished football and good finishing skills generally, plus a couple of superb scores from Cooper, were well on the road to the final at the break when they led by 0-11 to 0-4.

The All-Ireland champions continued to have the better of matters after

the restart. The half was nine minutes old when Cork were finally knocked out of the race.

Cooper won possession and shot for goal only to see the ball come back off an upright. However, the alert Eoin Brosnan met the rebound to send to the net to end the game as a contest.

While Cooper was the star of the day, the Kerry win was far from a one-man show. The back division, with Seamus Moynihan and Michael McCarthy setting a high standard, did not allow the Cork attack much room to manoeuvre. William Kirby did much at midfield with his wholehearted play to ensure that the attack received a good supply.

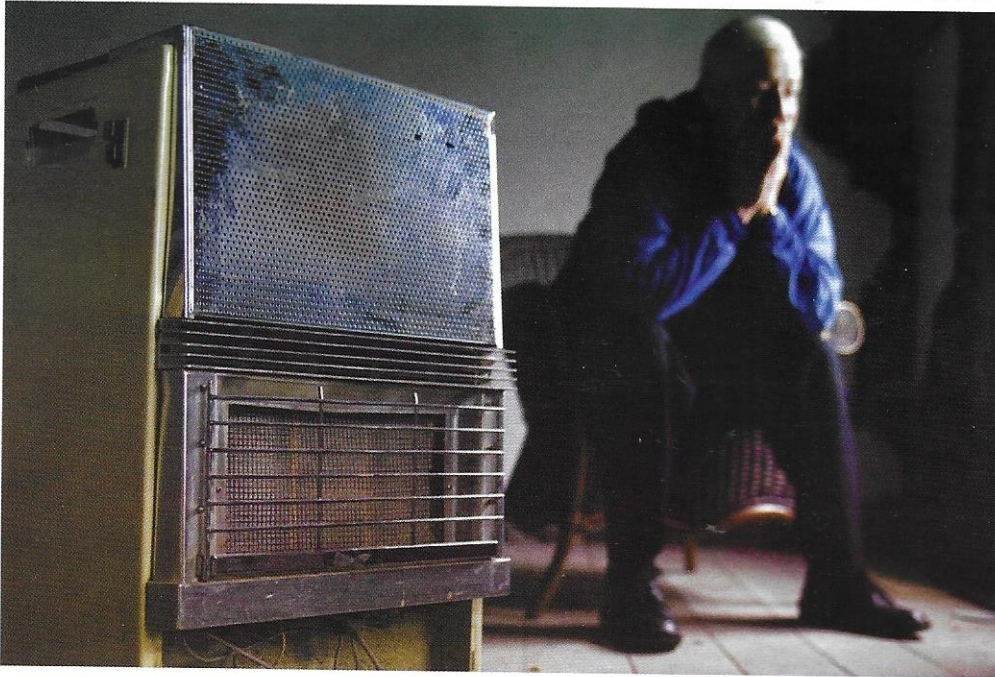
Brosnan, team captain Declan O'Sullivan and Bryan Sheehan provided strong support to Cooper in the lively and inventive Kerry attack.

An impressive performance, then, by Kerry that indicates the Kingdom are in good stead for this defence of their title.

Ciarraí



AS EVERYONE ENJOYS THE BIG MATCH



HE REMEMBERS A TIME WHEN ALL HIS FRIENDS LOOKED UP TO HIM

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You could see him playing the game and taking every score himself. Every point that went up on the board was his point and every goal scored was his goal. Everyone tolerated him – in many ways watching the match wouldn't have been the same without Pat.

He's now too old to work the building sites, so he's back in Ireland. He really didn't know where else to go, he just knew he wanted to come home.

You'll see him, a lonely figure, watching sports on the televisions in shop windows or, if he can afford it, in pubs. You see sport, was the one thing that never let Pat down. Perhaps under different circumstances he could have made a real name for himself. But, of course, that will never be.

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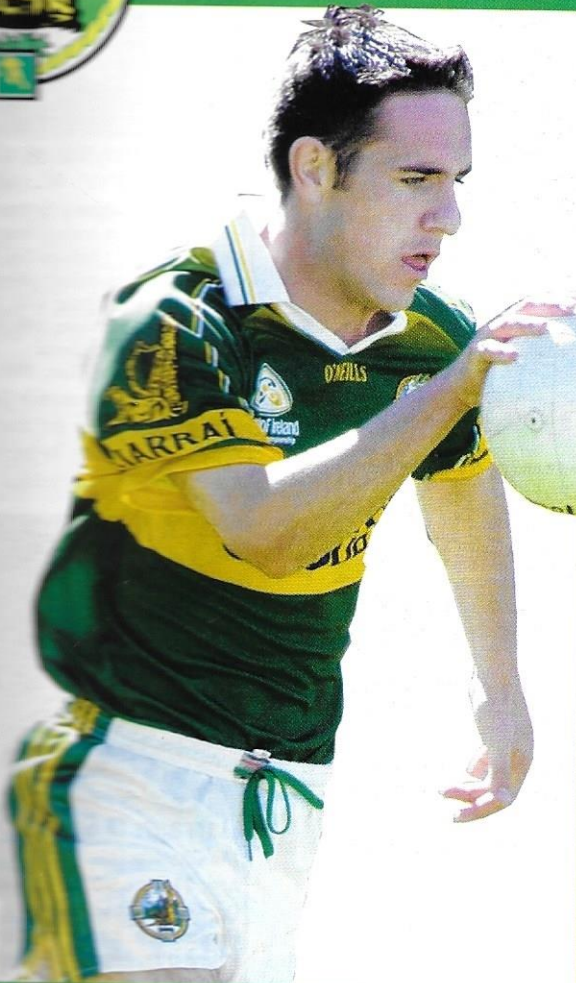
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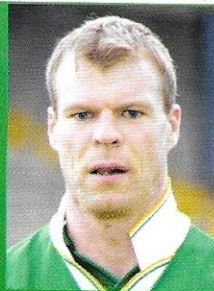
Declan O'Sullivan (Captain)

(Dromid Pearse)
Age: 21. Ht.: 6'0". Wt.: 12st.
Occupation: Merchandising

Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 3 Munster Senior, 1 Munster Minor, 1 Munster Under 21, 1 National League.

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

1



Diarmuid Murphy

(An Daingean)
Age: 30. Ht.: 6'3". Wt.: 14st.5lbs.
Occupation: Insurance Officer

Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 2 All-Ireland Under 21, 3 Munster Junior, 4 Munster Senior, 1 National League, 1 All-Star

Has filled the considerable void left by the departure of Declan O'Keefe with some aplomb. A very reliable custodian.

2



Marc Ó Sé

(An Ghaeltacht)
Age: 25. Ht.: 6'0". Wt.: 12st.
Occupation: Teacher

Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 1 Munster Minor, 3 Munster Senior, 2 County Senior, 1 National League, 1 Munster Club

The youngest Ó Sé brother, he played at corner back in the 2002 final against Armagh and on the wing in last year's victory over Mayo.

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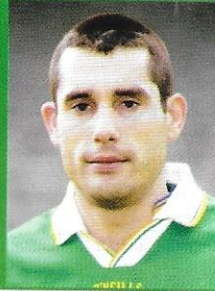
Michael McCarthy

(Kilcummin).
Age: 27. Ht.: 6'0". Wt.: 14st.
Occupation: Draftsman

Honours Won: 2 All-Ireland Senior, 1 All-Ireland U21; 1 Munster Minor; 5 Munster Senior, 2 All-Star 2000, 1 National League

An All-Ireland medal winner in 2000 and 2004, he has made the full back role his own over the last two years.

4



Tom O'Sullivan

(Rathmore)
Age: 26. Ht.: 6'2". Wt.: 13st.
Occupation: Garda

Honours Won: 2 All-Ireland Senior, 5 Munster Senior, 1 All-Ireland U-21, 2 Munster U-21, All-Ireland Vocational Schools, 3 County Senior Football Championships, 1 National League, 1 All-Star.

The Rathmore Garda has had a solid year at corner back and has been an ever present in the Kingdom defence this season.

14

FIR IDNAD

16



Niamh O'Brien (St. Crokes)
Age: 24. Ht.: 5'7". Wt.: 14st.5lbs.
Occupation: Garda

Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 1 National League, 2 Munster Senior, 1 Munster Under 21, 1 Munster Junior, 1 Munster Minor.

17



Mike Frank Russell (Laune Rangers)
Age: 27. Ht.: 5'11". Wt.: 11st.7lbs.
Occupation: Teacher

Honours Won: 3 All-Ireland Senior, 2 All-Ireland U-21; 1 All-Ireland Minor, 1 All-Ireland Club, 1 All-Ireland Colleges; 2 National League, 1 Sigerson Cup, 3 Senior County Champs, 1 All-Star 2000.

18



Eamon Fitzmaurice (Finuge)
Age: 27. Ht.: 6'1". Wt.: 14st.
Occupation: Teacher

Honours Won: 2 All-Ireland Senior, 2 All-Ireland U-21, 1 All-Ireland Minor, 5 Munster Senior, 1 McGrath Cup, 2 Munster U-21, 1 Munster Junior, 1 County Senior Hurling Champ, 1 Cork County Sen. Champ (UCC), 1 Munster Club (UCC), 1 National League, 2 Munster Junior Club.

19



Bryan Sheehan (St. Mary's)
Age: 20. Ht.: 6'2". Wt.: 13st.
Occupation: Student

Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 3 Munster Minor, 3 Munster Colleges Corn Uí Mhuiri, Co. League Div.1 & Div. 2, County Intermediate, County Minor.

20



Brendan Guiney (Listowel Emmets)
Age: 24. Ht.: 6'0". Wt.: 13st.
Occupation: Teacher

Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 1 National League.

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5

Tomás Ó Sé
(An Ghaeltacht)
Age: 26. Ht.: 5'11". Wt.: 12st.5lbs.
Occupation: Teacher
Honours Won: 2 All-Ireland Senior, 1 All-Ireland U-21, 3 Munster U-21, 1 Munster Minor, 6 Munster Senior, 2 County Senior, 1 National League, 1 Munster Club, 1 All-Star, Player of the Year 2004, Texaco Award 2004

One of the outstanding players for Kerry over the last couple of years, he has frequently provided the drive for Kerry and knows where the posts are too.



6

Seamus Moynihan (Glenflesk)
Age: 31. Ht.: 5'11". Wt.: 13st.
Occupation: Company Representative.
Honours Won: 3 All-Ireland Senior, 2 National League, 1 Railway Cup, 4 Sigerson Cup, 1 All-Ireland Colleges, 6 Munster Senior, 2 Munster U-21, 1 Munster Minor, International Rules 1998,1999, 2000, 2001, 3 County Senior Championships, 2 All-Stars, 1997 and 2000.
One of the biggest names in Gaelic football, he has seen and done it all. Kerry's onfield leader, he has recovered from last year's injury setback.



7

Aidan O'Mahony
(Rathmore)
Age: 24. Ht.: 5'11". Wt.: 13st.
Occupation: Garda

Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 1 National League, 2 Munster Senior.

A very solid and tight marking defender who had a dream debut season last year winning his first All Ireland final with the Kingdom



8

Darragh Ó Sé
(An Ghaeltacht)
Age: 29, Ht.: 6'0". Wt.: 14st,
Occupation: Auctioneer
Honours Won: 3 All-Ireland Senior, 2 All-Ireland U-21, 2 National League, 1 Railway Cup, All-Star 2000, International Rules 2001, 2 County Senior Championships, 1 Munster Club.
An outstanding player who won his first All Ireland medal for the Kingdom in 1997. Today looking for his fourth All Ireland in a highly decorated career.

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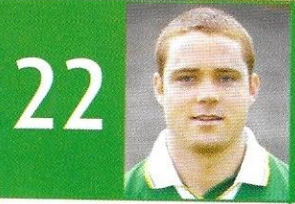
William Kirby (Austin Stacks)
Age: 30. Ht.: 6'2". Wt.: 14st. Occupation: Plumber
Honours Won: 2 All-Ireland Senior, 2 National League, 2 All-Ireland Under 21, 5 Munster Senior, 2 Sigerson.
A very experienced campaigner, on his day he is an excellent fielder and Kerry will need him at the top of his game to triumph today.



21

Darren O'Sullivan
(Glenbeigh/Glencar)
Age: 18. Ht.: 5'10". Wt.: 12st,5lbs.
Occupation: Student

Honours Won: 1 Munster Minor, 1 Munster Senior.



22

Declan Quill (Kerins O'Rahillys)
Age: 23. Ht.: 6'0". Wt.: 12st.7lbs.
Occupation: Teacher

Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 2 Munster Colleges Corn Ui Mhuiri, 1 Munster Under 21, 4 Munster Senior, 1 County Senior Championship, 1 National League.



23

Ronan O'Connor
(St. Michael's/Foilmore)
Age: 24. Ht.: 6'0". Wt.: 13st.
Occupation: Engineer

Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 1 National League, 2 Munster Senior, 1 Munster Under 21, 1 Munster Minor, U-17 International Rules 1998.



24

Paddy Kelly (Ballylongford)
Age: 21. Ht.: 6' 0". Wt.: 13st.7lbs.
Occupation: Carpenter

Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 2 Munster Senior, 1 Munster U21.



25

Kieran Donaghy (Austin Stacks)
Age: 22. Ht.: 6'5". Wt.: 15st.

Honours Won: 1 Munster Minor, 1 Munster Senior.



11



Eoin Brosnan

(Dr. Crokes)

Age: 25. Ht.: 6'3". Wt.: 13st.
Occupation: Solicitor
Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 1 County Kerry Senior Football Championship, 4 Munster Senior, 1 Cork County Senior with UCC, 1 Munster Minor, 1 Munster Club, 1 National League

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

13



Colm Cooper

(Dr. Crokes)

Age: 22. Ht.: 5'11". Wt.: 10st.
Occupation: Bank Official

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

The Dr. Crokes player is one of the most naturally gifted forwards in the game and in full flight is a joy to watch. Outstanding in the semi-final victory.

12



Liam Hassett

(Laune Rangers)

Age: 30. Ht.: 6'2". Wt.: 14st.
Occupation: Teacher

Honours Won: 3 All-Ireland Senior, 2 All-Ireland U21, 1 All-Ireland Club 96, 5 Munster Championship, 2 National League, 1 All-Star 2000, 1 Railway Cup 1999.

Already has three All Ireland medals to his name and his tireless workrate and vast experience is crucial to the Kingdom's cause.

15



Dara Ó Cinnéide

(An Ghaeltacht)

Age: 30. Ht.: 5'10". Wt.: 13st.7lbs.
Occupation: Raidió na Gaeltachta
Honours Won: 3 All-Ireland Senior 1997, 2 All-Ireland U-21, 1 Junior All-Ireland, 1 Railway Cup 1999, 2 National League, 2 Senior County Championships, 1 Munster Club Championship.

Wins back his starting place today having missed out in the semi-final. An excellent free-taker and vastly experienced performer.

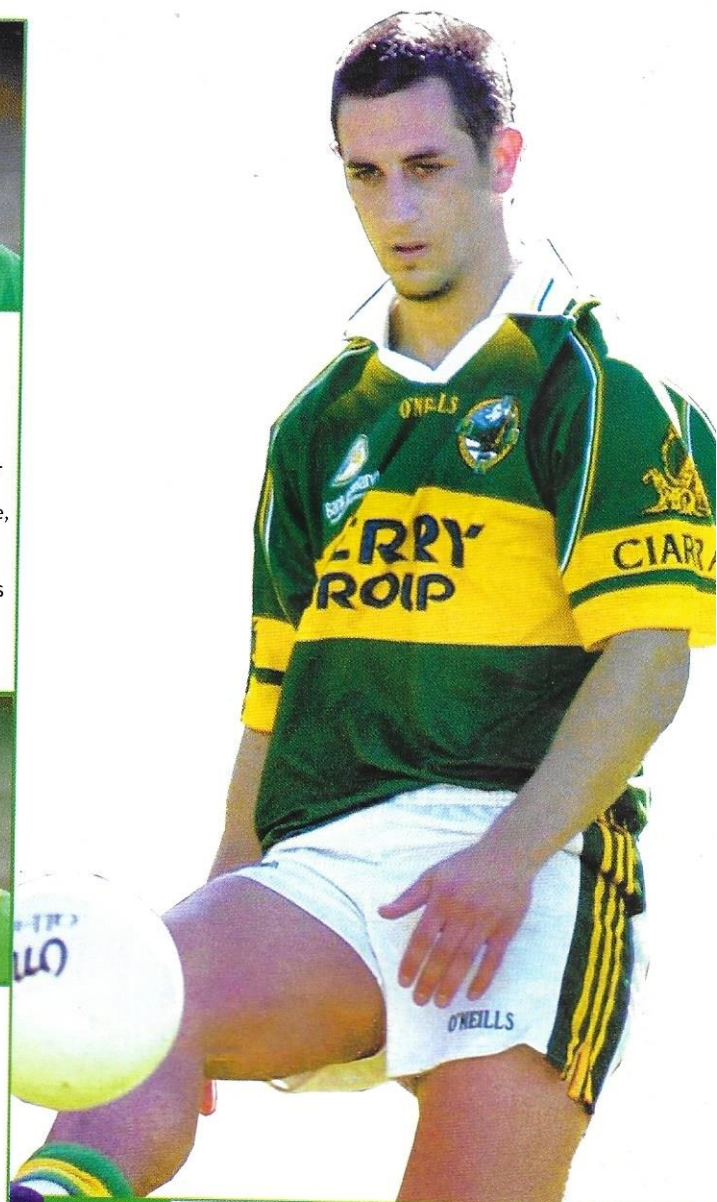
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Paul Galvin (Finuge)

Age: 25. Ht.: 6'0". Wt.: 12st. Occupation: Teacher

Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 1 County Kerry Senior Hurling Championship, 2 Munster Senior, 1 Munster Under 21, 1 Munster Minor, 1 National League, 1 Munster Club (UCC), 1 All-Star, 2 Munster Junior Club, 1 All-Ireland Junior Club.

His tireless workrate over the last two seasons has brought a fresh dimension to the Kerry team. Named as the 1,000th All Star last November.



26



Nessie Lyons
(Castlesand Desmonds)

Age: 27. Ht.: 5'10". Wt.: 11st.

Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 3 Munster Senior.

27



Micheál Quirke (Kerins O'Rahillys)
Age: 25. Ht.: 6'7". Wt.: 17st.5lbs.
Occupation: GAA Coach

Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland Senior, 1 National League, 2 Munster Senior.

28



Pdraig Reidy (Scartaglin)
Age: 18. Ht.: 5'10". Wt.: 12st.
Occupation: Lee Strand

Honours Won: 1 Munster Minor, 1 Munster Senior, 1 Junior International Rules 2004.

29



Tommy Griffin (An Daingean)
Age: 27. Ht.: 6'2". Wt.: 13st.
Occupation: Publican

Honours Won: 2 All-Ireland Senior, 1 All-Ireland U-21, 3 Munster U-21, 1 Munster Minor, 1 National League.

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CIARRAÍ DARA Ó CINNÉIDE

KERRY star Dara Ó Cinnéide breathed a huge sigh of relief last Tuesday night when he was named in Jack O'Connor's starting 15 for today's Bank of Ireland football final showdown against Tyrone.

Ó Cinnéide, last year's team captain, was sweating on his final place after he was a shock omission along with Mike Frank Russell for the semi-final demolition job on Cork.

But the An Gaeltacht clubman impressed enough in training since the Cork game to nail down a third championship start of the season. Ó Cinnéide (30), was impressive in the Munster final victory against Cork and kept his place for the quarter-final victory over Mayo. But alarm bells were ringing in his head when O'Connor wielded the axe for the Cork rematch. O'Connor showed last year that he possesses a real ruthless streak when he dropped Mike Frank Russell for the final against Mayo. O'Connor handed Johnny Crowley a starting place, despite the fact that Crowley had played only five minutes against Derry in the semi-final, but the manager's decision was fully vindicated as Crowley turned in a five-star display. Twelve months on, O'Connor has plumped for

Ó Cinnéide's vast experience over Bryan Sheehan, who stepped in for a championship debut against Cork. It's the only change from the team that defeated the Rebels 1-19 to 0-9 and Ó Cinnéide was over the moon after getting the nod. "If I wasn't playing I would be disappointed - there's no point in saying otherwise," said Ó Cinnéide.

"We're really looking forward to this game and these are the days you want to be playing."

Straight-talking Ó Cinnéide, the holder of three All-Ireland senior medals, has described today's showdown as the acid test of Kerry under Jack O'Connor, who took over from Páidí Ó Sé and delivered the goods in sensational fashion last year. Under team trainer Pat Flanagan, Kerry have beefed up considerably over the past two seasons and that physicality will be needed against Tyrone.

Ó Cinnéide explained: "Pat Flanagan told us last year that we wouldn't see the benefits of the weights and specific training until this year. Physically, there has been an improvement but this is the big test of Pat Flanagan, the big test for 30 Kerry players and the big test for Jack O'Connor as a tactical manager."

But Ó Cinnéide is confident that Kerry have a huge performance in them when it matters most.

"The shackles are off - there's no real pressure," he insisted. "Everybody's enjoying their football now and the training is as good as it was last year. We're winning more games than we used to and it's always enjoyable when you're winning."

And he outlined the burning desire in the Kerry players to make up for that semi-final mauling at the hands of Sunday's opponents in 2003. "Tyrone outfought us on the day, we were well beaten, outfought, out-muscled and out-thought. They went on to win the All-Ireland afterwards, a month later and we realised: Football's taking a new direction here and we'd better go with it."

PLAYER PROFILE

BY JACKIE CAHILL

IRISH DAILY MIRROR GAA CORRESPONDENT

Scores & Scorers



Tír Eoghain

ULSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

22nd May. Omagh:
 Tyrone 1-13; Down 1-6.
 19th June. Clones:
 Tyrone 0-10; Cavan 1-7.
 25th June. Clones (Replay):
 Tyrone 3-19; Cavan 0-7.
 10th July. Croke Park:
 Tyrone 0-14; Armagh 2-8.
 23rd July. Croke Park (Replay):
 Tyrone 0-11; Armagh 0-13.
ALL-IRELAND QUALIFIER ROUND 4
 6th August. Croke Park:
 Tyrone 2-14; Monaghan 1-7.

ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINAL

13th August, Croke Park:
 Tyrone 1-14; Dublin 1-14.
 27th August. Croke Park (Replay):
 Tyrone 2-18; Dublin 1-14.

ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL

September 4. Croke Park:
 Tyrone 1-13; Armagh 1-12.

TOTAL SCORED: 10-126 (156 points).
 TOTAL CONCEDED: 8-88 (112 points).
 AVERAGE: 1.4

Ciarraí

MUNSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

29th May. Semple Stadium:
 Kerry 2-22; Tipperary 0-13.
 19th June. Limerick:
 Kerry 2-10; Limerick 0-10.
 10th July. Páirc Uí Chaoimh:
 Kerry 1-11; Cork 0-11.

ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINAL

7th August, Croke Park:
 Kerry 2-15; Mayo 0-11.

ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL

28th August. Croke Park:
 Kerry 1-19; Cork 0-9.

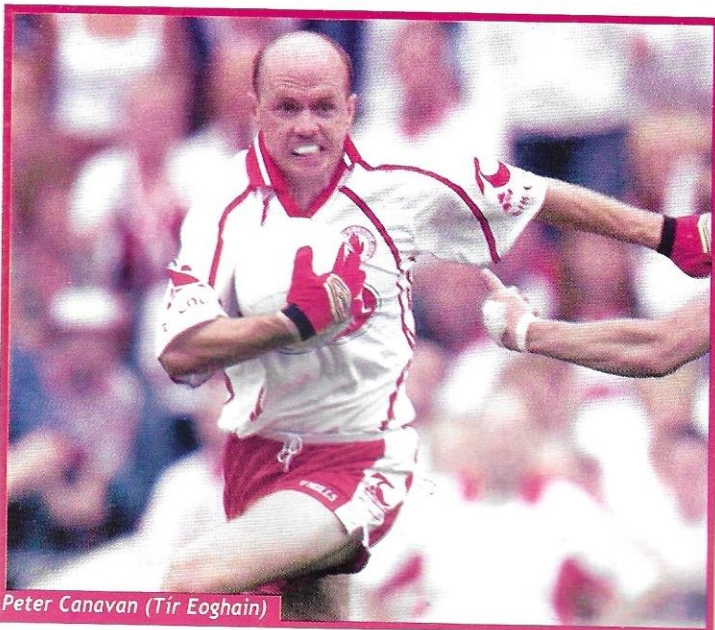
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SCOREBOARD

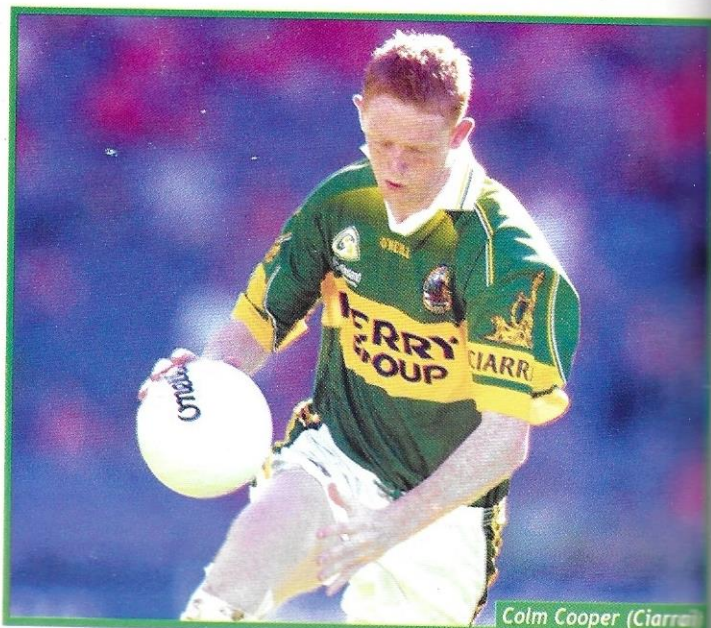
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Stephen O'Neill	0-2	0-4	1-5	0-10	0-5	2-6	0-6	1-3	1-4	5-45
Owen Mulligan	0-3	0-1	0-1	—	—	0-1	1-1	1-7	0-3	2-17
Peter Canavan	0-2	0-3	1-7	—	—	0-2	—	—	0-2	1-16
Sean Cavanagh	0-2	—	0-1	0-1	—	0-1	0-3	0-2	0-2	0-12
Martin Penrose	1-1	—	0-1	—	0-1	0-1	—	—	—	1-4
Brian Doher	—	—	—	0-2	0-1	—	0-1	0-3	—	0-7
Ryan Mellon	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-2	—	0-6
Philip Jordan	0-1	—	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-2
Conor Gormley	—	—	0-2	0-1	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-4
Ryan McMenamin	—	0-2	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	0-4
Enda McGinley	0-1	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	0-3
Brian McGuigan	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-1	0-1	—	0-3
Davy Harte	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	—	—	—	0-2
Shane Sweeney	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1

SCOREBOARD

	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
Colm Cooper	1-5	2-5	0-2	1-1	0-5	4-18
Eoin Brosnan	1-4	—	0-1	0-2	1-2	2-9
Michael F. Russell	0-8	0-1	0-1	0-3	0-1	0-14
Liam Hassett	0-3	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-7
Paul Galvin	—	—	—	0-3	0-3	0-6
Dara Ó Cinnéide	—	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-5
Declan O'Sullivan	—	—	1-0	0-1	—	1-1
Darragh Ó Sé	—	—	0-1	1-0	—	1-1
Marc Ó Sé	0-1	—	0-1	0-1	—	0-3
Tomás Ó Sé	—	—	0-2	—	0-1	0-3
Brian Sheehan	0-1	—	—	—	0-2	0-3
William Kirby	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-2
Aidan O'Mahony	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-2
Eamonn Fitzmaurice	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Seamus Moynihan	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Michael McCarthy	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1



Peter Canavan (Tír Eoghain)



Colm Cooper (Ciarraí)



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Declan O'Sullivan

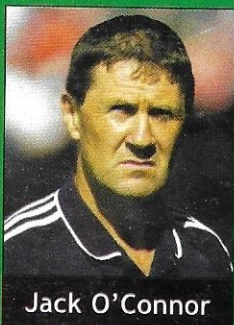
Declan, one of the bright young stars of the game, brings plenty of experience to his role as county captain.

A brilliant graduate from the minor and under-21 ranks—he won one provincial medal in each grade—O'Sullivan helped Kerry to the Allianz League title early last year.

Then in September he made a big contribution at centre half forward to the Sam Maguire Cup win over Mayo.

After missing the League campaign earlier this year with a knee injury, he has led the county in fine style to this final. Along the way he won his third Munster senior final.

Bainisteoir



Jack O'Connor

Jack has lost little time in making a strong impact in his role as Kerry senior team manager. Last year in his first season in the position, he guided Kerry to the big double of the Allianz League and the All-Ireland senior title.

After adding another Munster crown to his record in July, he is now in a position to become the first from Kerry to steer the county to a successful defence of the title for the first time since the golden era of the three-in-a-row in the eighties.

O'Connor had successes prior to last year. He was manager of the side that won the 1998 All-Ireland Under-21 title and was a selector with the Sam Maguire Cup winning teams of 1997 and 2000. He also had success as a 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
(An Daingean)
- 2
MARC Ó SÉ
M. Ó Sé
(An Ghaeltacht)
- 3
MICHAEL MCCARTHY
M. Mac Cárthaigh
(Kilcummin)
- 4
TOM O'SULLIVAN
T. Ó Suilleabháin
(Rathmore)
- 5
TOMÁS Ó SÉ
T. Ó Sé
(An Ghaeltacht)
- 6
SEAMUS MOYNIHAN
S. Ó Muineacháin
(Glenflesk)
- 7
AIDAN O'MAHONY
A. Ó Mathúna
(Rathmore)
- 8
DARRAGH Ó SÉ
D. O Sé
(An Ghaeltacht)
- 9
WILLIAM KIRBY
L. Ó Ciarba
(Austin Stacks)
- 10
PAUL GALVIN
P. Ó Gealbháin
(Finuge)
- 11
EOIN BROSNAN
E. Ó Brosnacháin
(Dr. Crokes)
- 12
LIAM HASSETT
L. Ó hAisí
(Laune Rangers)
- 13
COLM COOPER
C. Cúipéir
(Dr. Crokes)
- 14
DECLAN O'SULLIVAN
D. Ó Suilleabháin (Capt.)
(Dromid Pearses)
- 15
DARA Ó CINNÉIDE
D. Ó Cinnéide
(An Ghaeltacht)

Fir Ionaid

(16) Kieran Cremin C. Ó Creimín (Dr. Crokes)	(19) Bryan Sheehan B. Ó Siocháin (St. Mary's)	(23) Ronan O'Connor R. Ó Conchúir (St. Michael's/Foilmore)	(27) Micheál Quirke M. Ó Cuirc (Kerins O'Rahillys)
(17) Mike Frank Russell M. P. Ruiséal (Laune Rangers)	(20) Brendan Guiney B. Ó Géibheannaigh (Listowel Emmets)	(24) Paddy Kelly P. Ó Ceallaigh (Ballylongford)	(28) Padraig Reidy P. Ó Riada (Scartaglin)
(18) Eamon Fitzmaurice E. Mac Muiris (Finuge)	(21) Darren O'Sullivan D. Ó Suilleabháin (Glenbeigh/Glenclar)	(25) Kieran Donaghy C. Ó Duinnecha (Austin Stacks)	(29) Tommy Griffin T. Ó Grifín (An Daingean)
	(22) Declan Quill D. Ó Coill (Kerins O'Rahillys)	(26) Mossie Lyons M. Ó Liatháin (Castleisland Desmonds)	

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2adh Leath					
IOMLÁN					

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TÍR EOGHAIN

Dathanna: Bán is Dearg



1
PASCAL McCONNELL
P. Mac Dhónaill
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2
RYAN McMENAMIN
R. Mac Meanmáin
(An Droim Mór)

3
JOE McMAHON
S. Mac Mathúna
(An Omaigh)

4
MICHAEL McGEE
M. Mac Aoidh
(Loch Mhic Ruairi)

5
DAVY HARTE
D. Ó hAirt
(Aireagal Chiaráin)

6
CONOR GORMLEY
C. Ó Garmaile
(An Charraig Mhór)

7
PHILIP JORDAN
P. Mac Shiúrtáin
(An Mhaigh)

8
ENDA McGINLEY
E. Mag Fhionnaile
(Aireagal Chiaráin)

9
SEAN CAVANAGH
S. Caomhánach
(An Mhaigh)

10
BRIAN DOOHER
B. Ó Dúchair (Capt.)
(Clann na nGael)

11
BRIAN McGUIGAN
B. Mag Uiginn
(Árd Bó)

12
RYAN MELLON
R. Ó Mealláin
(An Mhaigh)

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PETER CANAVAN
P. Ó Ceannubháin
(Aireagal Chiaráin)

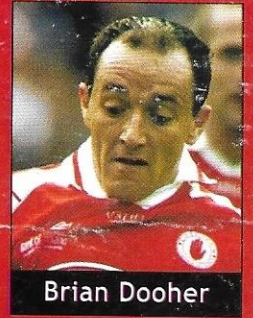
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STEPHEN O'NEILL
S. Ó Néill
(Clann na nGael)

15
OWEN MULLIGAN
E. Ó Maolagáin
(An Chorra Chríochach)

Fir Ionaid

(16) John Devine S. Ó Daimhín (Aireagal Chiaráin)	(19) Brendan Donnelly B. Ó Donnaile (Eaglais)	(23) Mark Harte M. Ó hAirt (Aireagal Chiaráin)	(27) Leo Meenan L. Ó Mianáin (Coill an Chlochair)
(17) Eoghain Bradley E. Ó Brolcháin (Coill an Chlochair)	(20) Peter Donnelly P. Ó Donnaile (Oileán a'Ghuail)	(24) Colin Holmes C. Mac Thómais (Na Clairsigh)	(28) Michael Murphy M. Ó Murchú (Gallbhaile)
(18) Gavin Devlin G. Ó Doibhlinn (Árd Bó)	(21) Chris Lawn C. Ó Liatháin (Baile na Móna)	(25) Colm McCullagh C. Mac Cú Uladh (An Droim Mór)	(29) Martin Penrose M. Penrose (Achadh Uí Aráin)
	(22) Ciarán Gourley C. Mag Thoirealaigh (An Charraig)	(26) Brian Meenan B. Ó Mianáin (Coill an Chlochair)	(30) Shane Sweeney S. Mac Suibhne (Achadh Uí Aráin)

An Captaen



Brian Dooher

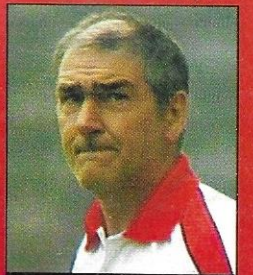
Brian will complete the full circle of major senior honours if he captains Tyrone to regain the title.

He has won provincial senior medals as well as two League souvenirs and was one of the brightest stars of the team that made history by winning Tyrone's first All-Ireland senior title in 2003.

Dooher, a tireless worker, who invariably covers much ground in every match, won a Vodafone All Stars award at right half forward nearly two years ago and he has got among the interprovincial medals as well.

An Ulster minor medal winner at midfield in 1993, his leadership and non-stop play has contributed in rich measure to Tyrone's return to Sam Maguire Cup tie action.

Bainisteoir



Mickey Harte

What an achievement it will be for Mickey if he added another All-Ireland title to his record as a county team manager! He filled that role in 1998 when Tyrone captured the All-Ireland minor title. Another All-Ireland championship followed two years later but at Under-21. Tyrone retained the All-Ireland Under-21 in 1991 with Harte again as manager. He took over as county senior team manager in 2003 and early that year played a big role in the county's successful defence of the Allianz League crown.

Then, in September came that major break-through that was the county's first Sam Maguire Cup tie win.

Harte, who is a former intercounty footballer, has left his stamp on the O'Neill County's long march back to the top game of the year with his shrewd management.

Roghnóirí:

Mickey Harte (Manager),
Tony Donnelly, Gerard McAleer,
Fergal McCann (Trainer).

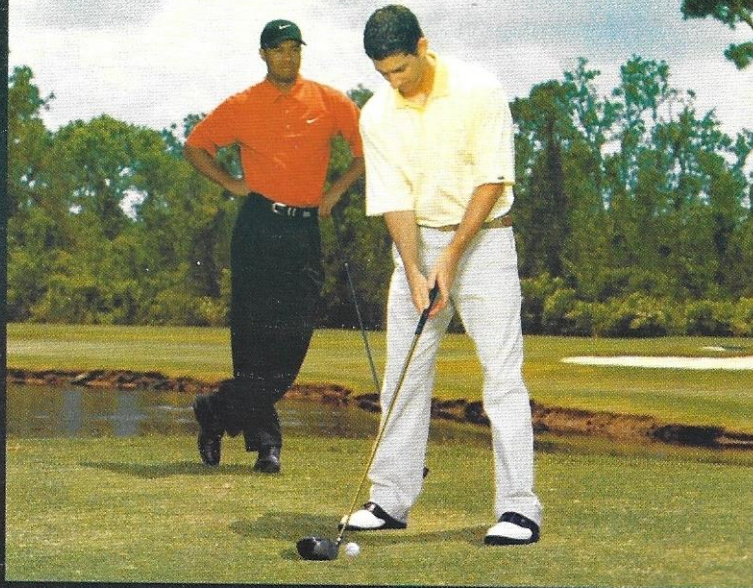
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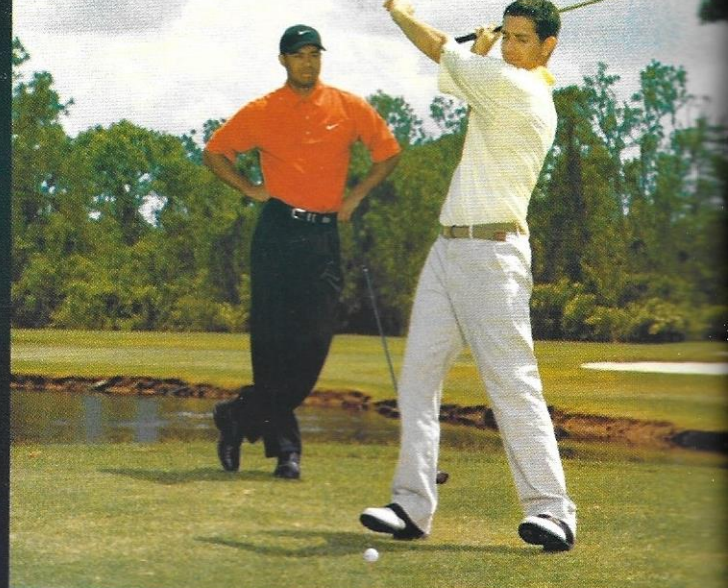


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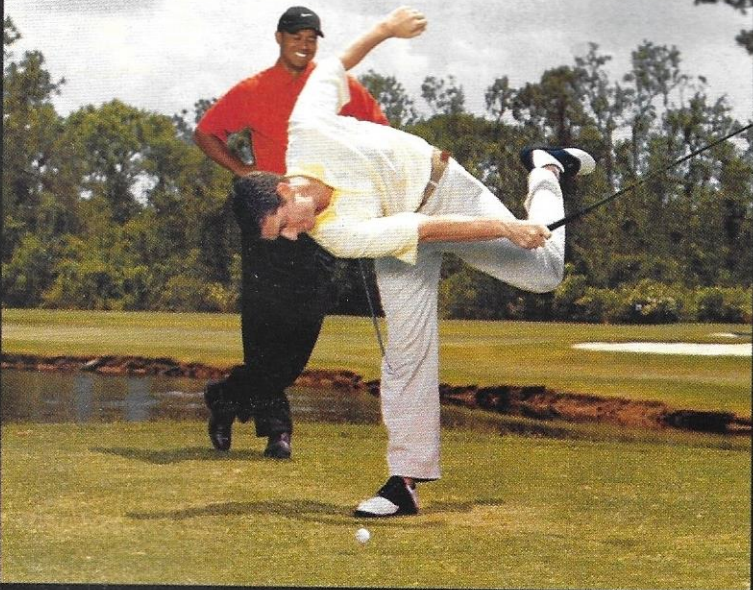
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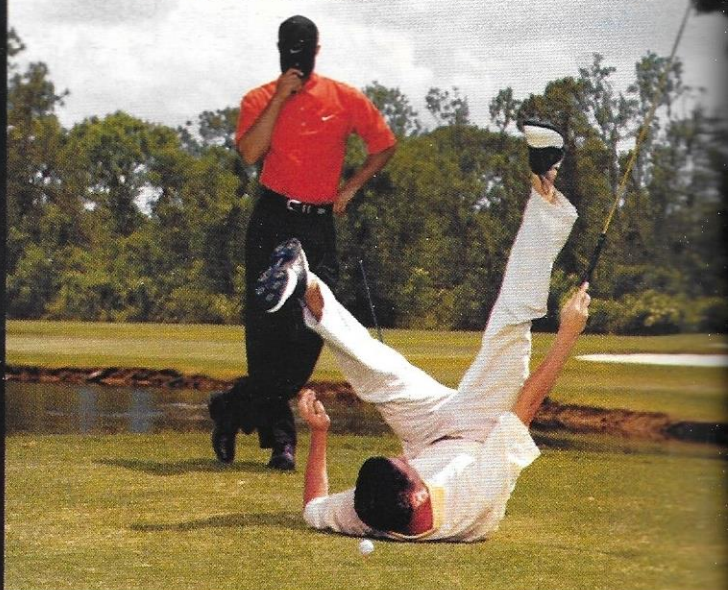
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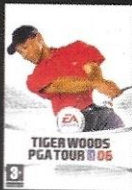
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SCOREBOARD



ULSTER

1st Round
18th May at An Droimh:
Down 1-15; Louth 1-6
19th May at Croke Park:
Droghda 2-23; Longford 0-10
Wexford 1-17; Wicklow 2-12

Quarter-Finals
20th May at Croke Park:
Wexford 0-14; Westmeath 0-11
Louth 1-10; Offaly 1-8
19th June at Croke Park:
Westmeath 3-12; Carlow 2-10
Droghda 1-12; Meath 1-10

Semi-Finals
19th June at Croke Park:
Louth 0-21; Kildare 0-9
Droghda 1-17; Wexford 2-10

Final
17th July at Croke Park:
Droghda 0-14; Laois 0-13

LEINSTER

1st Round
15th May at Clones:
Armagh 2-12; Fermanagh 1-7

Quarter-Finals
22nd May at Omagh:
Tyrone 1-13; Down 1-6
23rd May at Breffni Park:
Down 0-11; Antrim 0-11
4th June at Casement Park (replay):
Down 1-15; Antrim 2-3
5th June at Clones:
Derry 1-17; Monaghan 2-8
12th June at Clones:
Armagh 0-12; Donegal 0-12
10th June at Clones (replay):
Armagh 3-11; Donegal 1-10

Semi-Finals

19th June at Clones:
Tyrone 0-10; Cavan 1-7
25th June at Clones (replay):
Tyrone 3-19; Cavan 0-7
26th June at Casement Park:
Armagh 1-11; Derry 0-10

Final

10th July at Croke Park:
Armagh 2-8; Tyrone 0-14
23rd July at Croke Park (replay):
Armagh 0-13; Tyrone 0-11

MUMHA

Quarter/Finals

29th May at Ennis:
Clare 2-14; Waterford 2-10
29th May at Thurles:
Kerry 2-22; Tipperary 0-13

Semi-Finals

12th June at Ennis:
Cork 0-18; Clare 0-6
19th June at the Gaelic Grounds:
Kerry 2-10; Limerick 0-10

Final

10th July at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:
Kerry 1-11; Cork 0-11

CONNACHT

Quarter/Finals

15th May at Gaelic Park:
Galway 3-14; New York 0-6
22nd May at Carrick-on-Shannon:
Leitrim 1-11; Sligo 0-9
29th May at Ruistlip:
Roscommon 0-12; London 1-8

Semi-Finals

12th June at Salthill:
Galway 1-11; Leitrim 1-8

19th June at Hyde Park:

Mayo 1-16; Roscommon 0-11

Final

10th July at Salthill:
Galway 0-10; Mayo 0-8

All-Ireland Qualifiers

Round 1

18th June at Markievicz Park:
Sligo 0-18; Longford 0-16
18th June at Drogheda:
Louth 1-12; Waterford 1-8
18th June at Clones:
Monaghan 2-18; London 1-9
18th June at Dr Cullen Park:
Carlow 0-14; Offaly 1-10
18th June at Casement Park:
Meath 5-12; Antrim 0-13
18th June at Thurles:
Westmeath 0-12; Tipperary 1-8
18th June at Newry:
Down 1-11; Fermanagh 0-7
26th June at Aughrim:
Donegal 0-16; Wicklow 0-12

Round 2

2nd July at Dr Cullen Park:
Limerick 2-15; Carlow 0-7
2nd July at Markievicz Park:
Sligo 1-11; Kildare 1-10
2nd July at Drogheda:
Louth 0-11; Roscommon 0-10
3rd July at Ennis:
Clare 0-12; Westmeath 0-9
3rd July at Breffni Park:
Cavan 1-11; Donegal 1-10
3rd July at Carrick-on-Shannon
(after extra time):
Meath 1-12; Leitrim 1-8
3rd July at Newry:
Derry 3-8; Down 2-9
9th July at Clones:
Monaghan 0-17; Wexford 0-12

Round 3

16th July at Breffni Park:
Monaghan 1-12; Louth 0-14
17th July at Clones:
Cavan 1-8; Meath 1-6
17th July at Castlebar:
Sligo 1-13; Clare 0-11
Derry 0-13; Limerick 0-9

Round 4

30th July at Portlaoise:
Cork 3-13; Sligo 0-11
30th July at Hyde Park:
Mayo 0-11; Cavan 0-8
6th August at Croke Park:
Laois 1-11; Derry 0-11
Tyrone 2-14; Monaghan 1-7

All-Ireland Quarter-Finals

7th August at Croke Park:
Cork 2-14; Galway 2-11
Kerry 2-15; Mayo 0-18
13th August at Croke Park:
Tyrone 1-14; Dublin 1-14
20th August at Croke Park:
Armagh 2-17; Laois 1-11
27th August at Croke Park (replay):
Tyrone 2-18; Dublin 1-14

All-Ireland Semi-Finals

28th August at Croke Park:
Kerry 1-19; Cork 0-9
4th September at Croke Park:
Tyrone 1-13; Armagh 1-12



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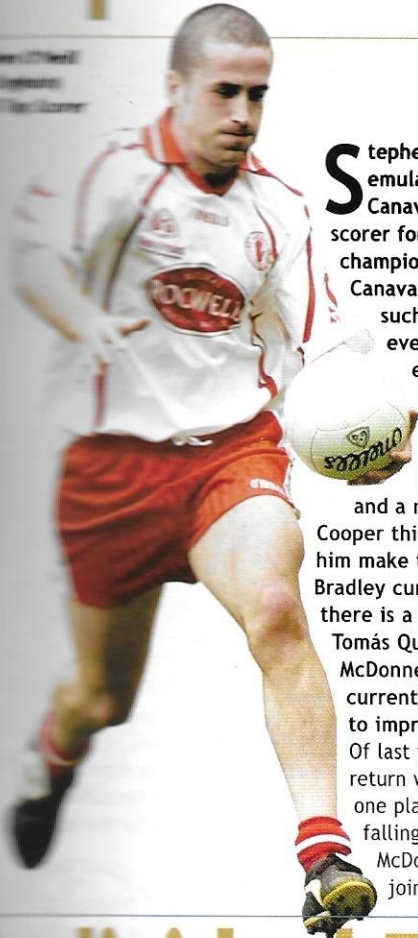
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Top Scorers

Stephen O'Neill
Paddy Bradley
Tomás Quinn



Stephen O'Neill is set to emulate team-mate Peter Canavan by becoming the top scorer for the 2005 championship. Two years ago Canavan took the title and such is O'Neill's lead that even should today's encounter go to a replay, his lead is unassailable. However, the other places on the podium are up for grabs and a modest return for Colm Cooper this afternoon would see him make the top three. Paddy Bradley currently lies second while there is a tie for third between Tomás Quinn and Steven McDonnell. Owen Mulligan, currently tenth, is also likely to improve on that position. Of last year's top 20 just three return with Bradley moving up one place to second, Mulligan falling one place to tenth, and McDonnell rising 13 places to joint third.

Individual Feats

BRADLEY TO FINISH IN TOP SPOT

The Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football semi-finals did not result in any player gaining a place in the chart of top individual scoring returns for this season's quest for the Sam Maguire Cup.

Stephen O'Neill recorded the best individual return in the two semi-finals at 1-4 in Tyrone's win over Armagh earlier this month.

He already appears twice in the review. The Tyrone man is in second place with 2-6 against Monaghan at Croke Park in early August and is down the field on 0-10 against Armagh in the drawn Ulster final, again at headquarters in early July.

Paddy Bradley lost no time in setting a high target to aim at when he scored a splendid 1-10 for Derry in their win over Monaghan in the opening round of the Ulster championship back in early June at Clones. The odds must now be on the Derry man finishing in the top position after today's appealing final.

Owen Mulligan became the latest entrant to the review when he starred in Tyrone's All-Ireland quarter-final replay win over Dublin by scoring 1-7. He is one of three Tyrone men represented in the chart.

Paddy Bradley (Doire)

O'NEILL ALREADY ASSURED OF PREMIER POSITION

THE TOP 20 MARKSMEN TO DATE ARE:

POSITION	MARKSMAN	SCORE
1	STEPHEN O'NEILL (TYRONE)	5-46 (61)
2	PADDY BRADLEY (DERRY)	2-29 (35)
3	TOMÁS QUINN (DUBLIN)	1-29 (32)
	STEVEN MCDONNELL (ARMAGH)	4-20 (32)
5	COLM COOPER (KERRY)	4-18 (30)
6	ROSS MUNNELLY (LAOIS)	1-24 (27)
	HUGH MCELROY (MONAGHAN)	3-18 (27)
8	OISÍN MCCONVILLE (ARMAGH)	2-19 (25)
9	DARREN CLARKE (LOUTH)	0-23
10	OWEN MULLIGAN (TYRONE)	2-16 (22)
11	FINBARR O'REILLY (CAVAN)	0-21
	RORY DONNELLY (CLARE)	1-18 (21)
	MARK BREHENY (SLIGO)	1-18 (21)
14	PAUL FINLAY (MONAGHAN)	0-20
	JOHN DOYLE (KILDARE)	1-17 (20)
	SIMON REA (CARLOW)	1-17 (20)
	LARRY REILLY (CAVAN)	1-17 (20)
	RONAN CLARKE (ARMAGH)	2-14 (20)
	BRENDAN DEVENNEY (DONEGAL)	2-14 (20)
	MICHAEL MEEHAN (GALWAY)	4-8 (20)

IN ALL, 18 RETURNS (TWO MORE THAN LAST SEASON) OF NINE POINTS OR MORE WERE RECORDED IN THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN AND THEY ARE:

1-10	Paddy Bradley (Derry) v Monaghan - 5th June at Clones
2-6	Stephen O'Neill (Tyrone) v Monaghan - 6th August at Croke Park
1-9	Hugh McElroy (Monaghan) v London - 18th June at Clones
1-8	Niall Curran (Waterford) v Clare - 29th May at Ennis
2-5	Colm Cooper (Kerry) v Limerick - 19th June at the Gaelic Grounds
0-10	Darren Clarke (Louth) v Monaghan - 16th July at Breffni Park
0-10	Stephen O'Neill (Tyrone) v Armagh - 10th July at Croke Park
0-10	Tomas Quinn (Dublin) v Wexford - 19th June at Croke Park
1-7	Owen Mulligan (Tyrone) v Dublin - 27th August at Croke Park
1-7	Tomas Quinn (Dublin) v Tyrone - 13th August at Croke Park
1-7	Peter Canavan (Tyrone) v Cavan - 25th June at Clones
0-9	Declan Browne (Tipperary) v Kerry - 29th May at Thurles
1-6	Mark Breheny (Sligo) v Clare - 17th July at Castlebar
1-6	Niall McNamee (Offaly) v Carlow - 18th June at Dr Cullen Park
1-6	Mattie Forde (Wexford) v Carlow - 5th June at Croke Park
1-6	Simon Rea (Carlow) v Wexford - 5th June at Croke Park
1-6	Rory Donnelly (Clare) v Waterford - 29th May at Ennis
1-6	Paul Earls (Wicklow) v Kildare - 15th May at Croke Park

Two meetings ... a final & a semi-final

1986

Kerry 2-15; Tyrone 1-10 (Final)

The final scoreline suggests yet another title for the Kingdom with something to spare, but the eight-point margin between the sides was misleading as for more than half the contest Tyrone looked the more likely victors. Kerry had an early chance to stamp their authority on proceedings with the award of a second-minute penalty, but Jack O'Shea's thunderbolt came back off the crossbar. That miss emboldened the challengers and with the breeze at their backs they moved smoothly into an interval advantage of three points - 0-7 to 0-4.

Paudge Quinn goaled within 60 seconds of the restart to double Tyrone's advantage and a penalty award shortly after gave the Ulster champions the opportunity to gain further ground. However, Kevin McCabe's kick went over the bar and Kerry celebrated the reprieve by putting together a string of scores to reel the leaders in. A goal from Pat Spillane aided the Kingdom recovery and the same player edged Kerry in front at the 51st minute.

Although Tyrone battled on, the momentum was very much with the

champions of the previous two years and slowly, but steadily, they pulled clear. It was a poignant occasion for the winners as some of the greatest players in Kerry's history would grace Croke Park no more on All-Ireland final day, but this victory was a fitting ending.

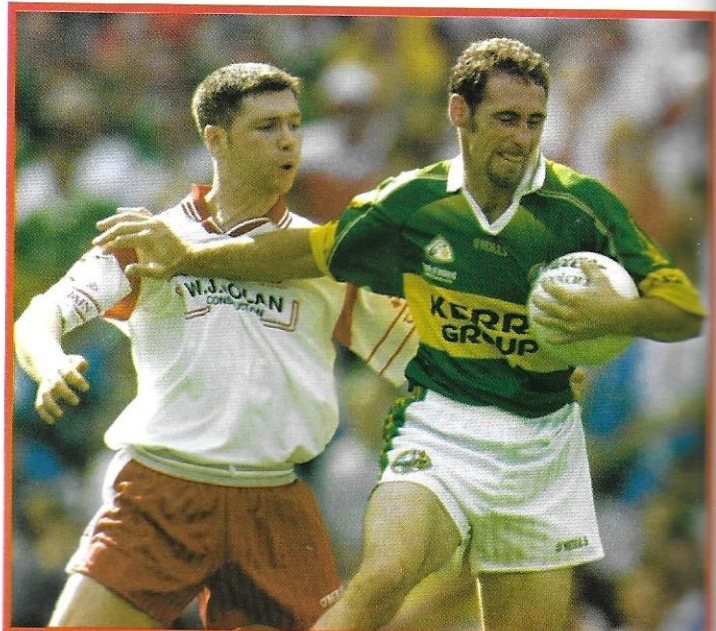
Kerry scorers: P.Spillane 1-4, M.Sheehy 1-4, D.Moran 0-2, E.Liston 0-2, T.O'Dowd 0-2, G.Power 0-1.
Tyrone scorers: M.Mallon 0-4, P.Quinn 1-1, S.McNally 0-2, K.McCabe 0-1, M.McClure 0-1, D.O'Hagan 0-1.

Ciarraí - Charlie Nelligan, Páidí O'Shea, Sean Walsh, Mick Spillane, Tom Doyle, Tom Spillane, Ger Lynch, Jack O'Shea, Ambrose O'Donovan, Willie Maher, Denis Moran, Pat Spillane, Mikey Sheehy, Eoin Liston, Ger Power.

Sub - Timmie O'Dowd for O'Donovan.

Tír Eoghain - Aidan Skelton, Joe Mallon, Ciaran McGarvey, John Lynch, Kevin McCabe, Noel McGinn, Paddy Ball, Plunkett Donaghy, Harry McClure, Michael McClure, Eugene McKenna, Sean McNally, Damian O'Hagan, Paudge Quinn, Michael Mallon.

Subs - Stephen Conway for Lynch, Stephen Rice for McKenna, Aidan O'Hagan for Michael Mallon.



Kerry's John Sheehan in action against Enda McGinley (Tír Eoghain) in the 2003 All-Ireland Senior Football Championship Semi-Final at Croke Park.

2003

Tyrone 0-13; Kerry 0-6 (Semi-final)

This will not go down as one of the great semi/finals as Kerry and Tyrone fought out a battle of attrition which left only the partisan support among the attendance of almost 59,000 satisfied. A foul-ridden contest - 72 frees - never rose above the mediocre with the Ulster side deserving winners. The foundations for this victory were laid in the opening 25 minutes when Tyrone registered six points without concession.

Kerry finally opened their account ten minutes before the break, but they added just one further score to which the Northerners replied with three to leave it 0-9 to 0-2 at the changeover. The Kingdom badly needed a third-quarter surge, but it never came and their two scores brought one in reply from the leaders to leave six points separating the sides - 0-10 to 0-4.

Two points from Declan Quill brought Kerry within four at the 62nd minute, but that was as close as they got with Stephen O'Neill's point three minutes later steadying the leaders. A point by Brian Dooher restored Tyrone's third-quarter advantage and another just before the end by O'Neill restored their interval advantage of

seven points. Tyrone's first-ever senior championship victory over Kerry will probably remain in the memory for some time, but unfortunately not for the quality of the fare on offer.

Tyrone scorers: S.O'Neill 0-3, O.Mulligan 0-3, B.McGuigan 0-2, S.Cavanagh 0-1, R.McMenamin 0-1, B.Dooher 0-1, E.McGinley 0-1, P.Canavan 0-1.

Kerry scorers: D.Quill 0-2, C.Cooper 0-1, M. Ó Sé 0-1, D.O'Sullivan 0-1, D. Ó Cinnéide 0-1.

Tír Eoghain - John Devine, Ryan McMenamin, Cormac McAnallen, Ciaran Gourley, Conor Gormley, Gavin Devlin, Philip Jordan, Kevin Hughes, Sean Cavanagh, Brian Dooher, Brian McGuigan, Gerard Cavlan, Enda McGinley, Peter Canavan, Owen Mulligan.

Subs - Stephen O'Neill for Canavan, Colin Holmes for McGinley.

Ciarraí - Declan O'Keefe, Tom O'Sullivan, Seamus Moynihan, Michael McCarthy, Tomás Ó Sé, Eamonn Fitzmaurice, John Sheehan, Darragh Ó Sé, Eoin Brosnan, Sean O'Sullivan, Dara Ó Cinnéide, Liam Hassett, Mike Frank Russell, Declan O'Sullivan, Colm Cooper.

Subs - Marc Ó Sé for Sheehan, John Crowley for O'Sullivan, Seamus Scanlon for Russell, Declan Quill for Ó Cinnéide, Aodán MacGearailt for Hassett.



Paudge Quinn (Tír Eoghain) contests possession with Páidí Ó Sé (Ciarraí), watched by Kerry's Tom Spillane and goalkeeper Charlie Nelligan in the 1986 All-Ireland Football Final at Croke Park.

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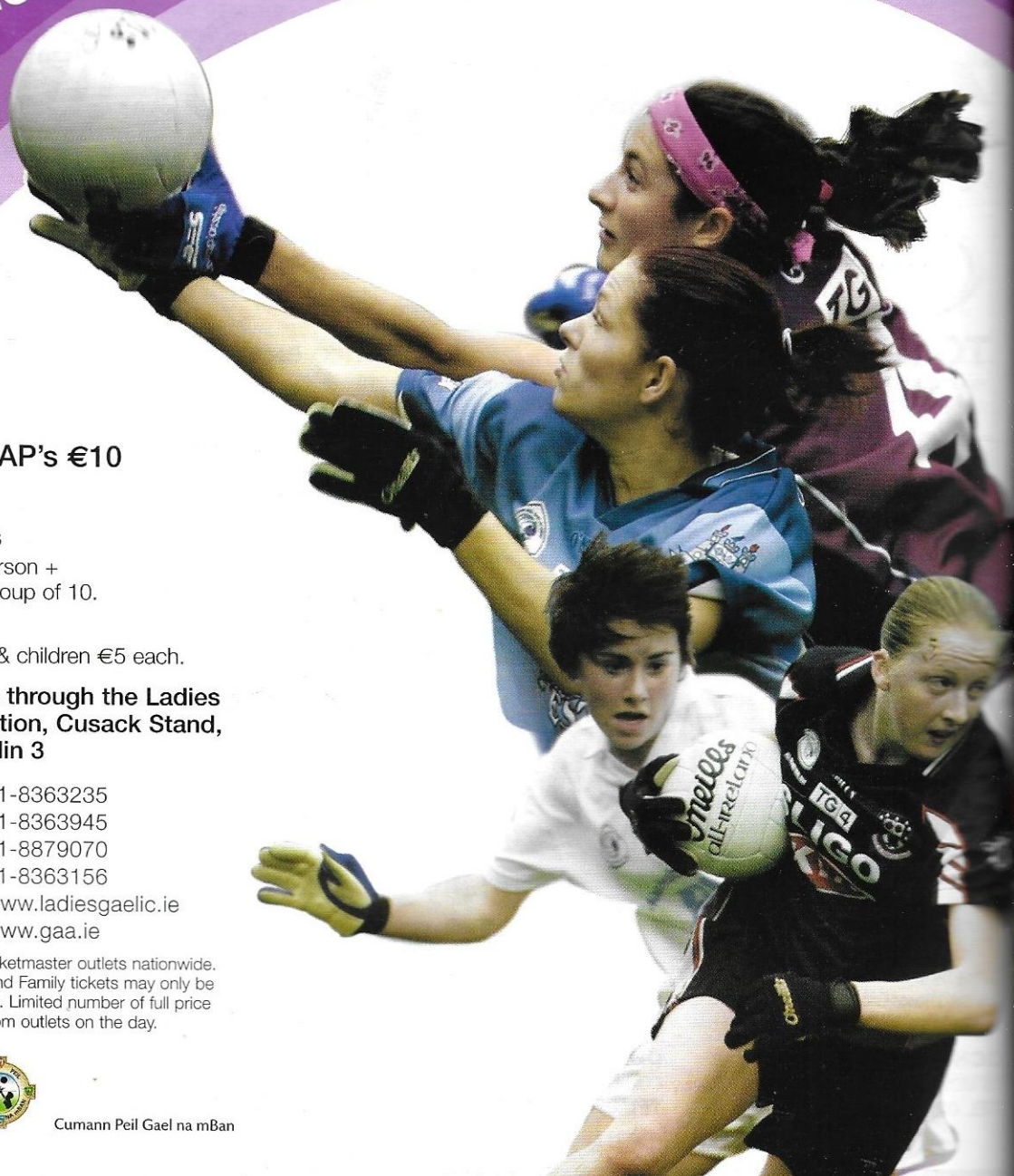
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TÍR EOGHAIN SEAN CAVANAGH

TYRONE manager Mickey Harte reckons that one of his star players may have timed his run to possible All-Ireland glory at the perfect time. Like a good racehorse, Harte believes that the towering figure of Sean Cavanagh is approaching the final furlong in fine fettle. Cavanagh's form has been sensational in his recent outings against Dublin and Armagh and if he hits the high notes around the middle this afternoon, Kerry will struggle to compete.

"His form has been very good," Harte nodded. "It has stepped up a notch or two in the last two or three games. Maybe that's good timing and I like to see him galloping at this stage. He's increasing in energy and that's good at this time of the season." Cavanagh, who has been linked with a switch to Australian Rules Football in Brisbane after today's final, is blessed with an engine that wouldn't go amiss in a Ferrari garage. Still only 22, Cavanagh lines out in his second All-Ireland senior final this afternoon and he has already won every major honour in Gaelic Football. Cavanagh sprang to prominence on Ulster and All-Ireland winning Tyrone minor sides and he helped St Pat's Armagh to a prestigious McRory Cup success in 2000. He made the step-up to senior in 2002 and has been a key performer for Tyrone over the past few seasons, taking on even more responsibility after Kevin Hughes left for a year in Australia. Cavanagh has played in all nine of Tyrone's championship matches this year but despite that hectic schedule, he confirmed that he's in tip-top condition. "People talk about the possibility of us getting tired after all these matches but from a player's point of view, I feel superb," insisted Cavanagh, an Allstar in 2003 and 2004. "The more you're winning, the more success you get and the more fans that come out to support you, the more it drives you on. There's no better feeling that running around Croke Park every Sunday. I love Gaelic football and there's nothing better than playing in All-Ireland finals." And Moy clubman Cavanagh has a warning for champions Kerry who will be hell-bent on revenge following Tyrone's sensational semi-final victory in 2003 when the two teams last met in the championship. "They can talk about all the revenge they want - it's an All-Ireland final and that in itself is the motivation for us. I don't think we'll be getting too bogged down in the opposition. Every Tyrone player just wants to go out and do the best they can for themselves and their team. Kerry are the kingpins, the so-called Brazil of Gaelic football. They've won so many All-Irelands and they've proven their worth time and time again. But we're also prepared for the physical approach they're going to bring to the game. They're out for revenge and out to prove that they can take the hard hits." No place for the faint-hearted at Croke Park this afternoon then. Sean Cavanagh's ideal platform.

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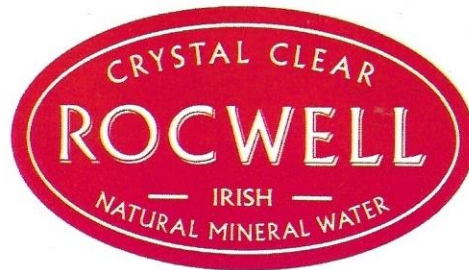
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Tyrone not ready to settle for second best



Tyrone make their seventh championship appearance of the season at Croke Park in the first Bank of Ireland All-Ireland semi-final meeting with Ulster in thirteen years.

They meet against a background of five wins, three draws and one defeat. They took revenge for that last defeat by Armagh in an Ulster

final replay in July when Peter Canavan kicked that late, late winning point against the Orchard County in their All-Ireland semi-final earlier this month.

The semi-final was a gripping and intensely competitive encounter all through with little between the sides at any stage throughout the game. Tyrone gained a vital foothold well

into the first half when Stephen O'Neill expertly drilled a penalty kick to the Armagh net to put his side 1-4 to 0-4 ahead.

At half time the O'Neill County were 1-4 to 0-5 clear and after fifty-eight minutes were still two points in front.

The Ulster champions responded in fine style with a morale-boosting goal

IT HAS BEEN A LONG AND TESTING ROAD...



Peter Canavan (Tir Eoghain) kicks the winning point for victory over Armagh in injury time as Paul McGrane (Ard Mhacha) tries to block in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland Gaelic Football Championship Semi-Final at Croke Park.

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The Tyrone squad which defeated Armagh in the All-Ireland Semi-final

*Back Row: Colm McCullagh, Ciarán Gourley, Peter Donnelly, Joe McMahon, Gavin Devlin, Owen Mulligan, Stephen O'Neill, Sean Cavanagh, Pascal McConnell, Brian Meenan, Colin Holmes, Eoghan Bradley, Martin Penrose, John Devine, Conor Gormley.
 Front Row: Ryan McMenamin, Shane Sweeney, Mark Harte, Brendan Donnelly, Chris Lawn, David Harte, Enda McGinley, Michael Murphy, Brian Dooher, Philip Jordan, Michael McGee, Ryan Mellon, Brian McGuigan, Leo Meenan, Peter Canavan.*

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and a point to go 1-12 to 1-10 clear after sixty-four minutes. However, Tyrone took those set-backs firmly in their stride and powered back in impressive manner.

SPEARHEAD

Sean Cavanagh spearheaded a spirited come-back with a fine point and the O'Neill County continued to play with drive and purpose. In the closing minutes substitute Shane Sweeney had Tyrone level and a replay looked on the cards.

However, Tyrone maintained the pressure and their last gasp attack earned a free twenty-five metres from the Armagh goal. Substitute Canavan stepped up to the unnerving task of taking the kick and displayed a cool nerve in the tension laden atmosphere as he expertly slotted the ball over the bar to give his side a 1-13 to 1-12 lead—and their place in the final.

While Canavan must get full marks for responding superbly to that late

pressure kick and good play after going into the game, Tyrone still owed much for their success to the quality play of Sean Cavanagh.

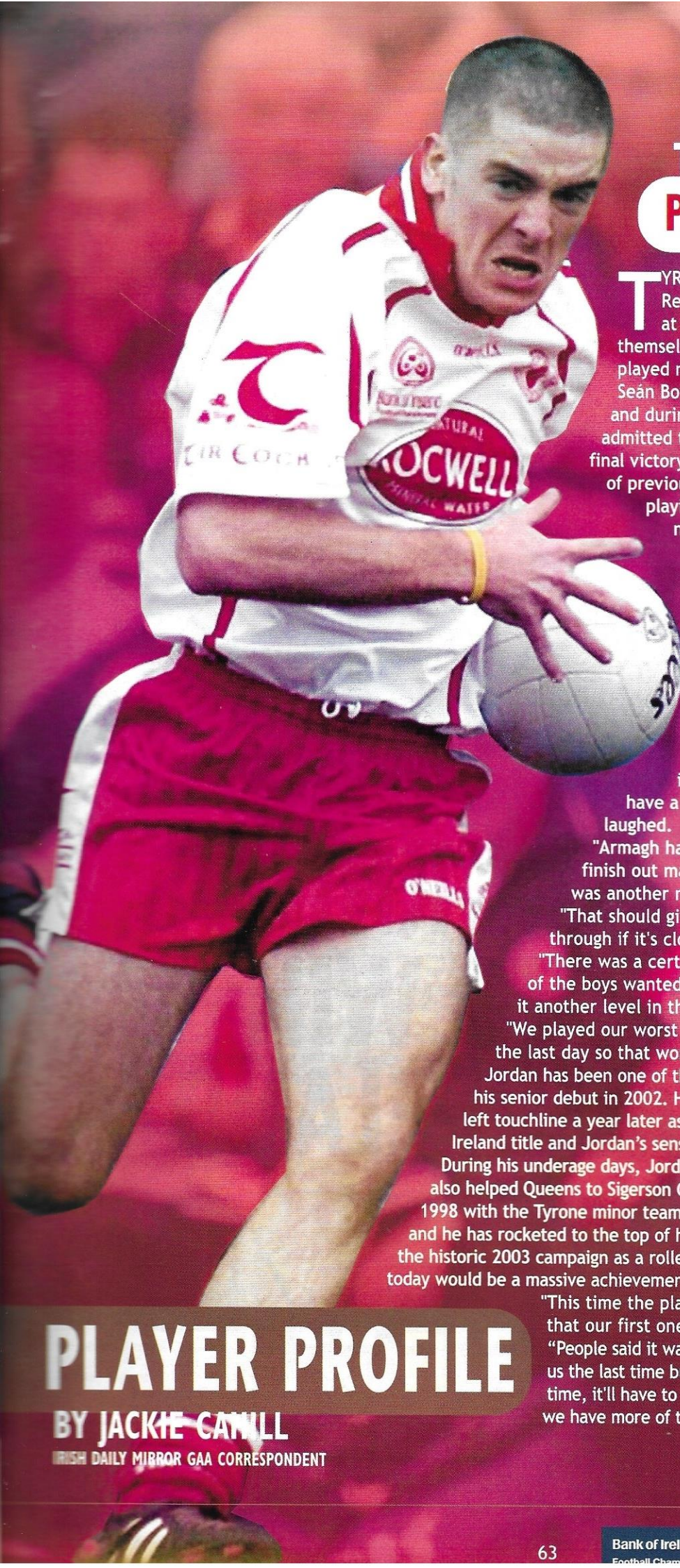
He was a tower of strength all through with his power-packed play and his late point to cut the Armagh lead to a single point sparked off the late surge that finally turned the key in the door to victory.

O'Neill, who finished top scorer for both teams with 1-4, was another commanding figure. Team captain Brian Dooher, tireless and accomplished as ever, Owen Mulligan and defenders Joe McMahon, Ryan McMenamin and Conor Gormley were others whose contributions proved invaluable in the success story.

It has been a long and testing road for Tyrone—this will be their tenth outing of the championship season—and the manner in which they refused to surrender the cause to Armagh late in the semi-final underlines that they are in no mood to settle for second best.

Tír Eoghain





TÍR EOGHAIN PHILIP JORDAN

TYRONE defender Philip Jordan is hoping that the Red Hands have one more big game left in them at Croke Park this afternoon. Tyrone now find themselves in the same position as Meath in 1991 who played nine matches to reach an All-Ireland final. But Seán Boylan's men fell at the final hurdle against Down and during the week, Tyrone manager Mickey Harte admitted that a three-week gap since that gripping semi-final victory against Armagh is a slight concern after a glut of previous fixtures. Some feel it's better to keep playing football and that the last thing Tyrone needed was a break but surely the chance to recharge the batteries after a bruising encounter with Armagh was too good to turn down.

"Tiredness is not a factor, players love playing matches and hopefully we've got one more big game left in us," said Jordan.

"With five minutes left and two points down I was thinking about booking holidays for the weekend of the final so it's nice to have somewhere else to go and have a weekend in Dublin arranged for me!" he laughed.

"Armagh have this thing that they are the team who can finish out matches so to hit them in the last five minutes was another notch on our belt.

"That should give us a bit more belief that we can pull through if it's close in the final ten minutes.

"There was a certain amount of relief because I don't think any of the boys wanted to see another replay but we will need to up it another level in the final.

"We played our worst football of the three games against Armagh the last day so that won't be nearly good enough against Kerry."

Jordan has been one of the mainstays of this Tyrone team since making his senior debut in 2002. He was a familiar figure racing up and down the left touchline a year later as Harte's team landed the county's very first All-Ireland title and Jordan's sensational form was duly rewarded with an Allstar. During his underage days, Jordan won minor and U21 All-Ireland medals and also helped Queens to Sigerson Cup glory. Jordan first sprang to prominence in 1998 with the Tyrone minor team that contested the Ulster final against Antrim and he has rocketed to the top of his game in the years since. Jordan described the historic 2003 campaign as a roller-coaster ride and he believes that winning today would be a massive achievement for this group of players.

"This time the players want to win it for themselves and prove that our first one wasn't a fluke.

"People said it was just emotion and pure hunger that won it for us the last time but it's not going to be hunger that'll win it this time, it'll have to be footballing ability and hopefully we can prove we have more of that than Kerry in the final."

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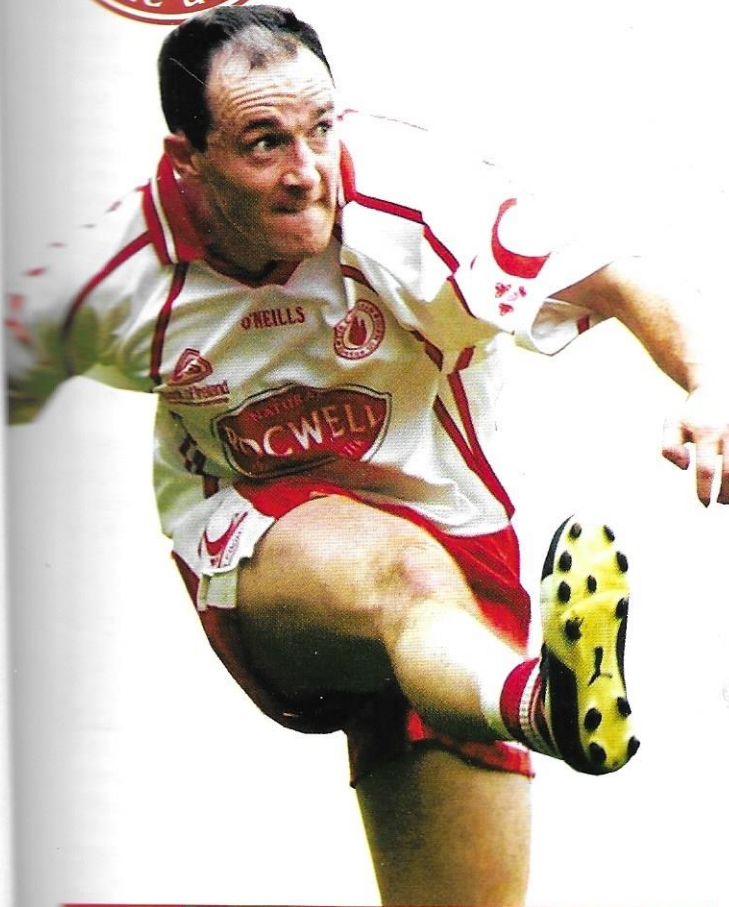
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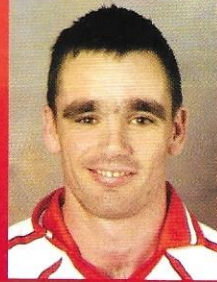
Brian Dooher (Captain) (Clann na nGael)
 Age: 30. Ht.: 5'10". Wt.: 12st.7lbs.
 Occupation: Vet
Honours won: 1 Ulster Minor C'ship (93), 3 Ulster Senior C'ship (96, 01, 03), 2 NFL (02, 03), 1 Sigerson (96), 1 Tyrone Div 3 Lge & C'ship, 1 Tyrone Div 2 Lge & C'ship, Ulster GAA Writers Player of Year (96), 2 Railway Cup C'ships (00, 04), 1 All-Ireland Senior C'ship (03), 2 McKenna Cup (04, 05); 1 All Star.
 His commitment to the Tyrone cause is borne out by an incredible engine that will see him cover every blade of grass in Croke Park.

1



Pascal McConnell
 (An Baile Nua)
 Age: 25. Ht.: 6'4". Wt.: 14st.7lbs.
 Occupation: Civil Servant
Honours won: 2 Ulster & All-Ireland U-21 C'ships (00, 01), 1 Ulster & All-Ireland Minor C'ship (98), 2 Ulster Senior C'ship (01, 03), 1 NFL (03), 1 All-Ireland Senior C'ship (03), 2 McKenna Cup (04, 05).
 The big goalkeeper has enjoyed a great battle with John Devine for ownership of the No.1 shirt over the years. Devine started in 2003, McConnell starts today.

2



Ryan McMenamin
 (An Droim Mór)
 Age: 27. Ht.: 5'10". Wt.: 12st.7lbs.
 Occupation: Civil Servant
Honours won: 2 Ulster Senior C'ship (01, 03), 2 McKenna Cup (04, 05), 2 NFL (02, 03); 1 All-Ireland Senior C'ship (03), 2 Railway Cups (03, 04)
 A dependable corner back, McMenamin has had a good year but will face his biggest test today if he is given the task of watching Colm Cooper.

3



Joe McMahon
 (An Omaigh)
 Age: 22. Ht.: 6'3". Wt.: 14st.
 Occupation: Student
Honours won: 2 Ulster U-21 C'ships (02, 03), 2 McKenna Cup (04, 05), 1 Ulster & All-Ireland Minor C'ship (01).
 In many ways, the find of the season for Tyrone and a player who is equally impressive at full back or in the middle of the field.

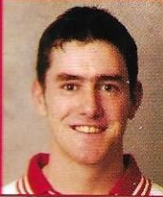
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Michael McGee
 (Loch Mhic Ruairi)
 Age: 24. Ht.: 5'9". Wt.: 12st.7lbs.
 Occupation: Plasterer
Honours won: 2 Ulster & All-Ireland U-21 C'ships (00, 01), 2 Ulster Minor C'ship (97, 98), 1 All-Ireland Minor C'ship (98), 1 NFL (03), 1 Ulster Senior C'ship (03), 1 All-Ireland Senior C'ship (03), 2 McKenna Cup (04, 05), 1 Ulster Vocational.
 Unsung hero of the Tyrone defence, he is a tight marking corner back who has made a big impression on this year's championship.

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John Devine (Aireagal Chiaráin)
 Age: 22. Ht.: 6'2". Wt.: 13st.7lbs.
 Occupation: Student
Honours won: 1 Tyrone Senior C'ship, 1 Ulster Club C'ship (02), 1 Ulster & 1 All-Ireland Minor C'ship (01), 2 Ulster C'ships (00, 01), 1 NFL (03), 2 McKenna Cup (04, 05), 2 Ulster U-21 C'ships (02, 03); 1 All-Ireland Senior C'ship (03).

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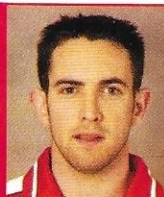
Eoghain Bradley (Coill an Chlochair)
 Age: 25. Ht.: 5'8". Wt.: 12st.7lbs.
 Occupation: Joiner
Honours won: 1 Tyrone County SFC (03), 1 Tyrone Club All-Star (04)

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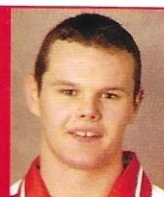
Gavin Devlin (Árd Bó)
 Age: 25. Ht.: 6'0". Wt.: 13st.7lbs.
 Occupation: Building Contractor
Honours won: 2 Ulster & All-Ireland U-21 C'ships (00, 01), 2 Ulster Minor C'ship (97, 98), 1 All-Ireland Minor C'ship (98), 1 Ulster Senior C'ship (03), 1 Tyrone Senior C'ship (98), 1 NFL (03), 1 All-Ireland Senior C'ship (03), 2 McKenna Cup (04, 05).

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Brendan Donnelly (Eaglais)
 Age: 26. Ht.: 5'10". Wt.: 11st.7lbs.
 Occupation: Gas Fitter
Honours won: 1 Ulster Minor C'ship (97), 2 McKenna Cup (04, 05), 1 Ulster & 1 All-Ireland U-21 C'ship (00), 1 Tyrone Intermediate C'ship.

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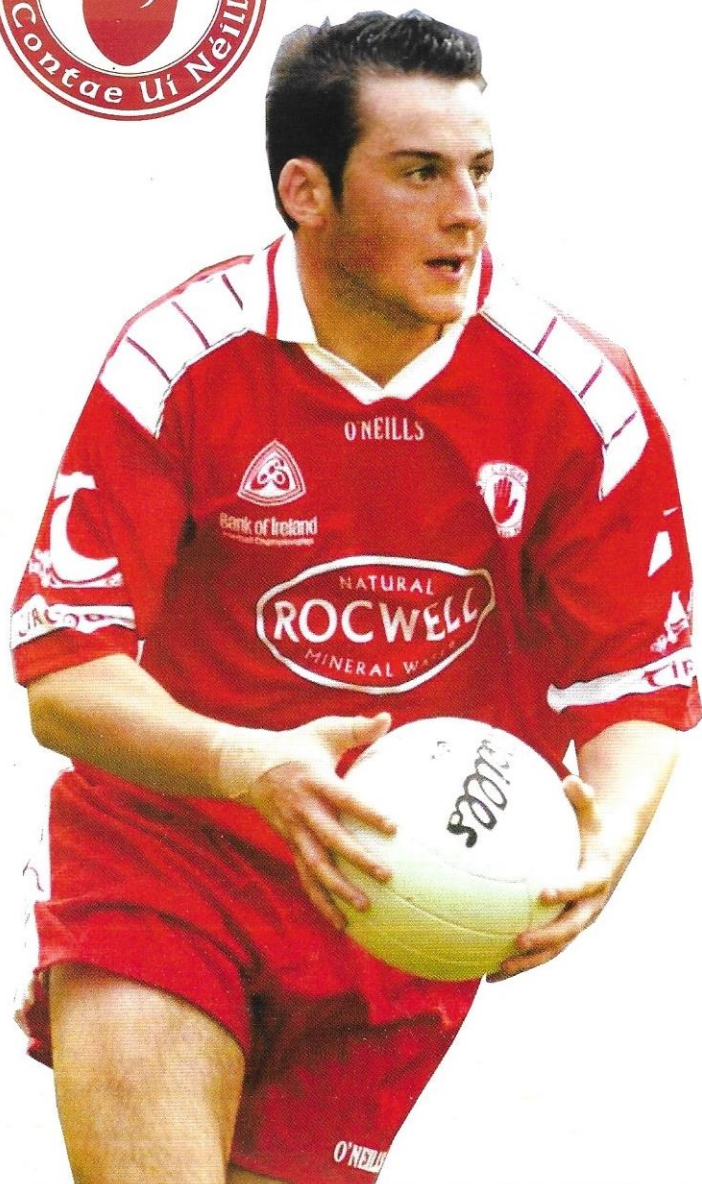


Peter Donnelly (Oileán a'Ghuail)
 Age: 22. Ht.: 6'1". Wt.: 13st.7lbs.
 Occupation: Student
Honours won: 1 Ulster & 1 All-Ireland Minor C'ship (01), McKenna Cup (05).

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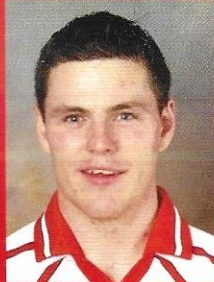
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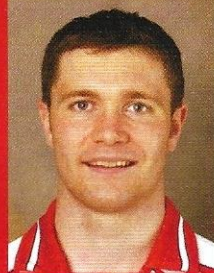
Davy Harte (Aireagal Chiaráin)
 Age: 23. Ht.: 5'10". Wt.: 11st.7lbs.
 Occupation: Teacher
Honours won: 2 Ulster U21F (01,02), 1 All-Ireland U21F (01), 1 McKenna Cup (05).
 One of the Errigal Ciarán contingent, he is having a fine season and has managed two points in the course of his county's championship run.

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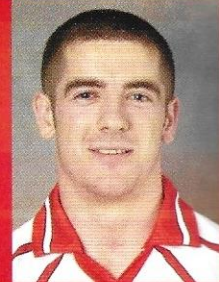
Conor Gormley (An Charraig Mhór)
 Age: 24. Ht.: 5'10". Wt.: 13st.4lbs.
 Occupation: Electrician
Honours won: 3 Tyrone Senior C'ships (99, 01, 04), 2 Ulster Senior C'ship (01, 03), 1 Ulster & 1 All-Ireland U-21 C'ship (01), 2 NFL (02, 03); 1 All-Star, 1 All-Ireland Senior C'ship (03), 2 McKenna Cup (04, 05).
 The Carrickmore man is not afraid to come forward and has already notched a few points this season. Played at wing back in the 2003 triumph.

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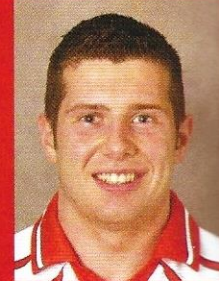
Enda McGinley (Aireagal Chiarán)
 Age: 24. Ht.: 6'1". Wt.: 14st.
 Occupation: Physiotherapist
Honours won: 3 Ulster & 2 All-Ireland U-21 C'ships (00, 01), 1 Sigerson Cup (01), 1 Ulster & 1 All-Ireland Minor C'ship (98), 2 Tyrone Senior C'ship (00, 02), 1 Ulster Club C'ship (02), 2 NFL (02, 03), 1 Ulster Senior C'ship (03), 2 McKenna Cup (04, 05), 1 All-Ireland Senior C'ship (03), 1 Ulster & All-Ireland Vocational Schools.
 Spent much of this season around the middle of the field and may well be deployed in that area of the park again, should the need arise today.

7



Philip Jordan (An Mhaigh)
 Age: 25. Ht.: 5'11". Wt.: 13st
 Occupation: Accountant
Honours won: 1 Ulster & 1 All-Ireland Minor C'ship (98), 1 Ryan Cup (01), 1 Ulster & 1 All-Ireland U-21 C'ship (01), 1 Sigerson (00), 2 NFL (02, 03), 1 Ulster Senior C'ship (03); 1 All-Ireland Senior C'ship (03), 2 McKenna Cup (04, 05); 1 All Star, 1 Ryan Cup.
 Another defender who is not afraid to get forward, Jordan has been one of Tyrone's most consistent performers over the last number of years.

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Sean Cavanagh (An Mhaigh)
 Age: 22. Ht.: 6'1". Wt.: 14st.7lbs.
 Occupation: Accountant
Honours won: 1 Ulster Senior C'ship (03), 1 McRory Cup (2000), 1 Ulster & 1 All-Ireland Minor C'ship (01), 2 NFL (02, 03), 2 Ulster U-21 C'ships (02, 03); 1 All-Ireland Senior C'ship (03), 2 McKenna Cup (04, 05), 1 Railway Cup (04); 2 All-Stars.
 Already a contender for Player of the Year, the midfielder has contributed 0-12 to the Tyrone cause from centre field en route to the final.

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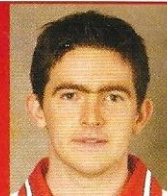
Chris Lawn (Baile na Móna)
 Age: 33. Ht.: 5'11". Wt.: 13st.
 Occupation: Sales Representative
Honours won: 2 Ulster & All-Ireland U-21 C'ships (92, 93), 1 NFL (02, 03), 1 Tyrone Senior C'ship (92), 4 Ulster Senior C'ships (95, 96, 01, 03), 1 Ulster & All-Ireland Voc. Schools C'ship, 1 Railway Cup (98), 1 All-Ireland Senior C'ship (03), 2 McKenna Cup (04, 05).

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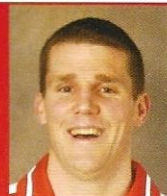
Ciaran Gourley (An Charraig)
 Age: 26. Ht.: 5'11". Wt.: 12st.7lbs.
 Occupation: Teacher
Honours won: 1 Ulster & All-Ireland U-21 C'ship (00), 1 MacRory & Hogan Cup (97), 2 Ulster Senior C'ship (01, 03), 1 Ulster Minor C'ship (97), 2 NFL (02, 03), 1 All-Ireland Senior C'ship (03), 2 McKenna Cup (04, 05).

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Mark Harte (Aireagal Chiaráin)
 Age: 26. Ht.: 5'9". Wt.: 11st.
 Occupation: Teacher
Honours won: 3 Tyrone Senior C'ship, 1 Ulster Club C'ship (02). 1 NFL (03), 1 Ulster Senior C'ship (03), 1 All-Ireland Senior C'ship (03), McKenna Cup (04), 1 Ulster & 1 All-Ireland U-21 C'ship (01).

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Colin Holmes (Na Clairisigh)
 Age: 29. Ht.: 6'0". Wt.: 13st.10lbs.
 Occupation: Teacher
Honours won: 1 Ulster Minor C'ship (93), 1 All-Ireland Freshers (95), 3 Ulster Senior C'ships (96, 01, 03), 2 NFL (02, 03), 1 All-Ireland Senior C'ship (03), 2 McKenna Cup (04, 05).

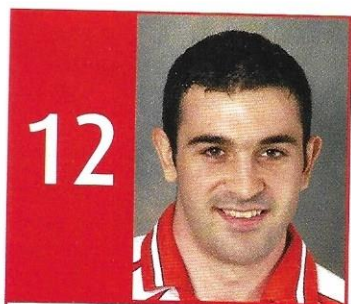
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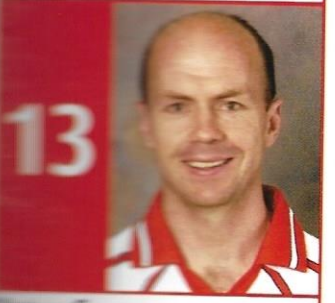
Colm McCullagh (An Droim Mór)
 Age: 27. Ht.: 5'8". Wt.: 12st.7lbs.
 Occupation: Leisure Manager
Honours won: 3 McKenna Cup (04, 05).



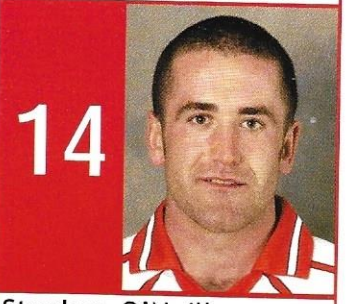
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Brian McGuigan (Ard Bó)
 Age: 33. Ht.: 5'10". Wt.: 12st.7lbs.
 Occupation: Joiner
 Honours won: 2 Ulster & All-Ireland U-21 C'ships (02, 03), Railway & Hogan Cup (97), 2 Ulster Senior C'ships (97, 98), 1 All-Ireland Minor C'ship (98), 1 Ulster Senior C'ship (01, 03), 1 Tyrone Senior C'ship (98), 2 NFL (02, 03), 1 All-Ireland Senior C'ship (03), 2 McKenna Cup (04, 05), Railway Cup (04), 1 All-Star
 One of the legendary Frank, he leads the strings in the centre of the three-attack, unlocking defences for those around him.



12
Ryan Mellon (An Mhaigh)
 Age: 24. Ht.: 6'0". Wt.: 13st.
 Occupation: Regional Claims Manager
 Honours won: 1 Ulster & All-Ireland MFC (98), 1 Ulster & All-Ireland U21 (01), 1 Ulster & All-Ireland SFC (03), 1 NFL (03), 1 McKenna Cup (05)
 His form has been one of the main reasons that Tyrone has been able to afford the luxury of Peter Canavan on the bench. A tireless worker for the cause.



13
Peter Canavan (Anagha Charrán)
 Age: 34. Ht.: 5'09". Wt.: 11st.7lbs.
 Occupation: Teacher
 Honours won: 3 Tyrone Senior C'ships (93, 94, 97), 2000, 2002, 2 NFL (02, 03), 4 Ulster Senior C'ships (95, 96, 01, 03), 2 Ulster Club C'ships (02, 03), 11 Ulster U-18 C'ships (88), 3 Ulster U-21 All-Ireland U-21 C'ships (92, 93), Railway Cup (03), 5 All-Stars, Player of the Year (98), 2 Ulster & 2 All-Ireland Voc. School C'ships
 One of the all-time greats of Gaelic football, he has won virtually every honour in the game, captaining Tyrone to All-Ireland victory in 2003.



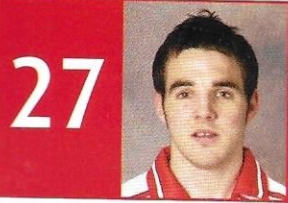
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Stephen O'Neill (Clann na nGael)
 Age: 24. Ht.: 5'11". Wt.: 13st.7lbs.
 Occupation: Teacher
 Honours won: 2 Ulster & All-Ireland U-21 C'ships (00, 01), 1 Ulster Voc. Schools C'ship, 2 Ulster Minor C'ship (97, 98), 1 All-Ireland Minor C'ship (98), 2 Ulster Senior C'ship (01, 03), 1 All-Star (01), 2 NFL (02, 03), 1 All-Ireland Senior C'ship (03), 2 McKenna Cup (04, 05), 1 Tyrone Junior C'ship; 1 Tyrone Inter. C'ship; 1 Railway Cup (04)
 Has been in simply incredible form this season. The championship's top scorer with 5-45 to his credit. Indispensable to his county.



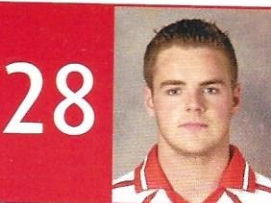
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Owen Mulligan (An Chorra Chriochach)
 Age: 24. Ht.: 5'11". Wt.: 13st.9lbs.
 Occupation: Joiner
 Honours won: 2 Ulster & All-Ireland U-21 C'ships (00, 01), 1 Ulster & 1 All-Ireland Minor C'ship (98), 2 Ulster Senior C'ship (01, 03), 2 Ulster & All-Ireland Voc Schools C'ship, 2 NFL (02, 03), 1 All-Ireland Senior C'ship (03), 2 McKenna Cup (04, 05)
 His physical strength and scoring ability make him unmarkable when on form. His goal against Dublin in the quarter final was the stuff of legend.



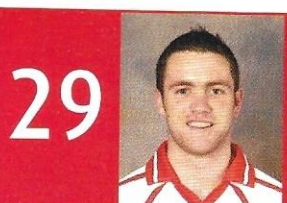
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Leon Meenan (Coill an Chlochair)
 Age: 22. Ht.: 5'10". Wt.: 14st.
 Occupation: Site Supervisor
 Honours won: 1 Tyrone County SFC (02), 1 McKenna Cup (05)



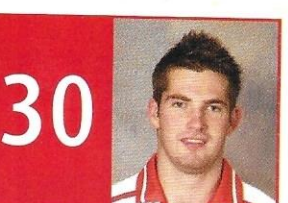
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Michael Murphy (Gallbhaile)
 Age: 19. Ht.: 6'0". Wt.: 13st.
 Occupation: Student
 Honours won: 1 Tyrone Senior C'ship, 2 McKenna Cup (04, 05), 2 Ulster U-21 C'ships (02, 03), 1 Ulster & All-Ireland Minor C'ship (01).



28
Martin Penrose (Achadh Uí Aráin)
 Age: 21. Ht.: 5'10". Wt.: 12st.
 Occupation: Student
 Honours won: 1 Ulster & All-Ireland MFC (01), 2 Ulster U21 (02, 03), 1 McKenna Cup (05).

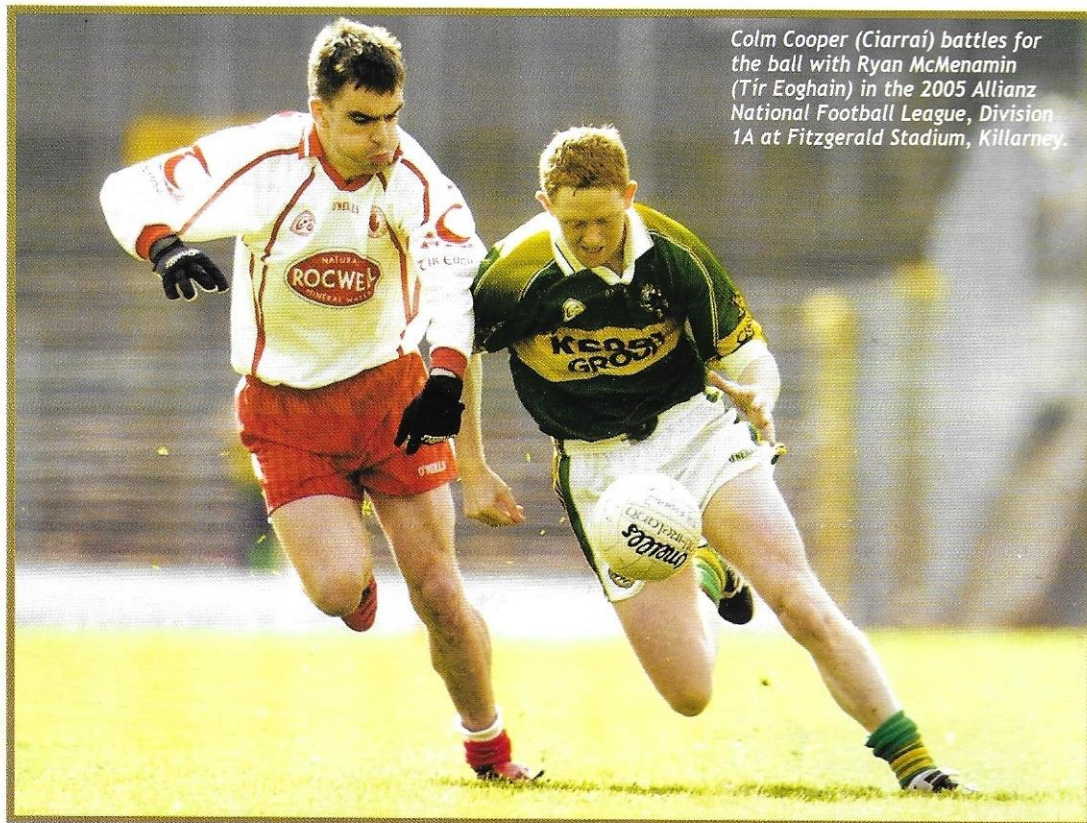


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Shane Sweeney (Achadh Uí Aráin)
 Age: 23. Ht.: 6'0". Wt.: 13st.
 Occupation: Student
 Honours won: 3 Ulster U-21 C'ships (01, 02, 03) & 1 All-Ireland U-21 C'ships (01), 2 McKenna Cup (04, 05).



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Shane Sweeney (Achadh Uí Aráin)
 Age: 23. Ht.: 6'0". Wt.: 13st.
 Occupation: Student
 Honours won: 3 Ulster U-21 C'ships (01, 02, 03) & 1 All-Ireland U-21 C'ships (01), 2 McKenna Cup (04, 05).

LAST APRIL'S LEAGUE MEETING



Colm Cooper (Ciarraí) battles for the ball with Ryan McMenamin (Tír Eoghain) in the 2005 Allianz National Football League, Division 1A at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney.



CIARRAI 2-17
TIR EOGHAIN 3-8

With the visitors to Killarney only having to avoid an eight-point loss or worse to qualify for the semi/finals, the onus was on Kerry to win emphatically, and although they did take the laurels with six points to spare, they just lost out to Mayo.

Before an attendance of 9,000 the Kingdom started promisingly and at the 19th minute Dara Ó Cinnéide grabbed the game's first goal to push Kerry into a six-point advantage. However, Tyrone responded and a goal by Enda McGinley reduced the deficit to the minimum three minutes before the break, although by the whistle Kerry had added a couple of points to make it 1-7 to 1-4.

INSPIRED

Having edged a further point clear on the restart, Kerry's advantage was reduced to the minimum seven minutes in when Ryan Mellon goalied, but that only inspired the home side and in a sustained period of dominance they registered 1-4 without reply - the goal coming from

Colm Cooper - to move smoothly into a 2-14 to 2-6 lead.

DENIED

It now appeared that no matter what Mayo did against Westmeath that Kerry were going to qualify, but

Mellon's 65th-minute penalty changed that scenario. Some nice points in the closing minutes saw Kerry move seven ahead, but Mark Harte's point from a free four minutes into lost time was enough to deny the winners passage to the knock-out stage.

Kerry scorers: D.Ó Cinnéide 1-5, C.Cooper 1-4, L.Hassett 0-2, D.Quill 0-2, E.Brosnan 0-1, B.Sheehan 0-1, T.Ó Sé 0-1, R.O'Connor 0-1.

Tyrone scorers: R.Mellon 2-0, M.Penrose 0-4, E.McGinley 1-0, O.Mulligan 0-2, S.Cavanagh 0-1, M.Harte 0-1.

Ciarraí - D.Murphy, M.Lyons, A.O'Mahony, T.O'Sullivan, T.Ó Sé, S.Moynihan, B.Guiney, E.Brosnan, W.Kirby, P.Galvin, P.Kelly, L.Hassett, D.Quill, D. Ó Cinnéide, C.Cooper.

Subs - B.Sheehan for Brosnan, M.F.Russell for Sheehan, R.O'Connor for Quill, E.Fitzmaurice for Kelly.

Tír Eoghain - J.Devine, R.McMenamin, C.Lawn, S.Sweeney, J.McMahon, G.Devlin, P.Jordan, C.Holmes, S.Cavanagh, E.McGinley, M.Penrose, M.Murphy, R.Mellon, O.Mulligan, M.Coleman. **Subs -** B.Meenan for Coleman, C.Gormley for McMahon, P.Donnelly for Mulligan, M.Harte for Penrose.

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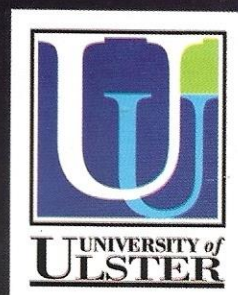
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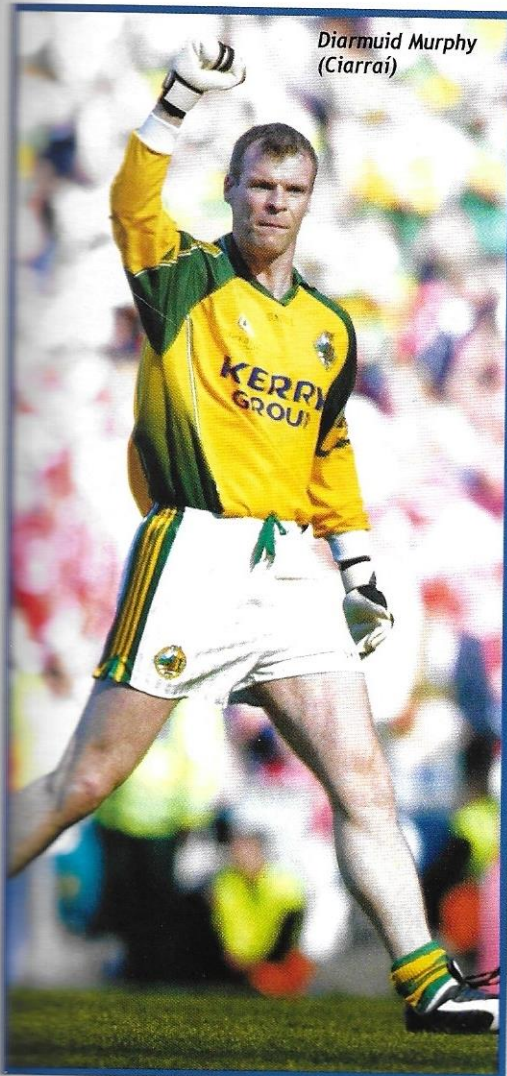
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Diarmuid Murphy
(Ciarraí)

Defenders Supreme

nil) in the All-Ireland semi/final and after a long delay Wexford were beaten by 2-4 to 0-1 in the final at Clonturk Park.

If ever a team experienced frustration on a grand scale it was Cork in 1894. They beat Limerick by 3-5 to 0-0, Tipperary by 0-6 to 0-2, and Tipperary again by 2-4 to 0-1 after the losers had objected. The final with Dublin at Clonturk was drawn - Dublin 0-6 Cork 1-1 (a goal equalled five points), while the replay at Thurles was unfinished. With just two minutes remaining Cork were leading by 1-2 to 0-5 when the game ended abruptly with Dublin refusing to carry on claiming that it was impossible to play because of the crowd pressing in from both sidelines. The Central Council ordered the game replayed; Cork refused to play and Dublin were eventually awarded the title. For a team that hadn't conceded a goal in five games it was an unfortunate finale.

A Remarkable Decade

The 1890s continued to be an era of no goals conceded by the eventual champions with Tipperary (1895), Dublin (1897, '98 and '99) all keeping their

net intact. Kerry came on board with a faultless display in 1904 and the Dublin defence was impregnable again when they won three-in-a-row (1906-1908).

But forwards would appear to have found the range immediately after the Dublin treble and it wasn't until 1922 that another clean sheet was presented at the end of a successful campaign - Dublin again being the county concerned.

Since then the feat of keeping the net intact all the way was performed just twice; by Kerry in 1941 and by the Kingdom again in 1975. The team that won the 1975 title was - Paudie O'Mahony, Ger O'Keefe, John O'Keefe, Jimmy Deenihan, Paudie O'Shea, Tom Kenneally, Ger Power, Paudie Lynch, Pat McCarthy, Brendan Lynch, "Ogie" Moran, Mick O'Sullivan, John Egan, Mikey Sheehy, Pat Spillane. Sub - Ger O'Driscoll. In the unlikely event of Kerry requiring an added incentive today, this year's scoreline provide it - and most especially for goalkeeper Diarmuid Murphy, for whom a clean sheet this afternoon would place him alongside his distinguished predecessors - Paddy Dillon (1904), Dan O'Keefe (1941) and Paudie O'Mahony (1975).

Kerry are not alone seeking their 34th All-Ireland title today, but they are also in line to record a rare feat in championship football - go through a successful campaign without conceding a goal. If returning a clean sheet at the end of the championship is not a common occurrence in present day football (it hasn't been done for more than 30 years), a goal-less run through the championship has been achieved on quite a number of occasions - the first more than a century ago (1889). However, there was very little competition in any province in that year and Tipperary, represented by the Bohercrowe club, had just two games - the Munster final at Mallow where they beat Cork (Middleton) by 1-2 to 0-3 and the All-Ireland final against Laois (Portlaoise), which they won by 3-6 to nil at Inchicore. The team which recorded that historic first was - Ger Kavanagh, Willie Ryan, Joe Ryan, Jack Cranley, Joe Ronan, Paddy Glasheen, Tom Dwyer, Willie Ryan, Paddy Finn, Willie O'Shea, Paddy Buckley, Dick Whelan, John Daly, Paddy Hall, John Carey, Mick Wade, Brian O'Brien, Larry Fox, Joe Ryan, Paddy Ryan, Jack Ryan (21-a-side).

Middleton did not have to wait long for their day in the sun. They retained their county title and in 1890 and opened their campaign with a 0-6 to 0-0 win over Waterford at Youghal. The Munster final against Kerry at Limerick had to be abandoned with four minutes remaining when the ball burst and there was no replacement. The score at that stage was nil all, but three weeks later at Banteer Cork moved smoothly to a 1-4 to 0-1 win. Armagh were easily disposed of (1-15 to

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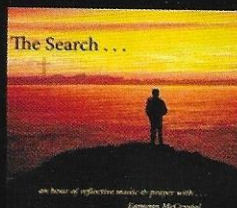
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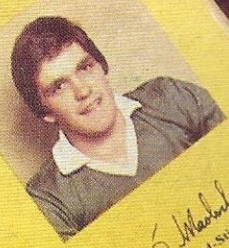
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The Medium is the Message

These days it's nothing new for Counties to have as part of their set up trainers; coaches; psychologists; dentists; physiotherapists; and so on. But in Tyrone they've added to the list in an interesting way ... by including a strong focus on the design and presentation of GAA affairs.

In Tyrone we take the view that the GAA has to be about two things" explains County Chairman Pat Darcy. "It's about getting as many young people involved as possible and at the same time reaching the highest levels of achievement possible. We think that's what makes the GAA different: it's not just about those who play for 'big prizes'."

Because they believe in spreading the net wide, those heading up the Tyrone GAA invest heavily in making their "net" as attractive as possible. That's where the design bit comes in. It's provided by Niall Laird, a member of the County's PR & Marketing Committee.

"Now you say something can be just as important as what you say" according to Niall. "And because the GAA is so important to us all, it's absolutely vital that it looks and

appears as good as it actually is. It's not that we think the GAA story has to be embellished. It's just that we think it deserves the best possible presentation. It's just too important to be selling short."

Tyrone constantly try for a design angle on all things GAA. The new County crest and the County jersey both didn't just happen by accident. Club Tyrone, the County's powerful fund-raising initiative, produces materials that look good and give off



the clear message that Club Tyrone members are important and well-respected cogs in the County's GAA set-up. Quality programmes are produced for National League games. And Tyrone GAA events are branded in ways that say: "This is important and significant business that's going on here."

Terry Mc Cann, Tyrone's Coaching Officer, provides an interesting angle on how it works on the "front line".

"Like most Counties we put a lot of effort into Summer Coaching camps, for both boys and girls" he explained.

"This year we got our colleagues in the County's PR & Marketing Committee involved in helping us promote the camps. We produced special Summer Camp posters and leaflets that went into every school in Tyrone very early in the year and advertised the Camps in Tyrone's home National League programmes. We also designed a unique Summer Camp jersey, one that isn't available anywhere else. We went for black and gold, colours that are attractive to precisely those young people we wanted at our camps ... and it all worked quite brilliantly."

This combination of hard, focused work over several months by Tyrone's coaching people and a bit of "gloss" provided by the design input resulted in 33 hugely successful Camps being delivered across Tyrone during July and August.

"The figures show that one third of Tyrone's 7-12 year old population attended this year's GAA Summer Camps" Terry Mc Cann concluded. "Now our job has to be to keep them involved in and enjoying gaelic games. We can't ever forget that's what the whole thing is about."



Instant success...and a long wait

Limerick (1887), Tipperary (1889), Cork (1890) and Dublin (1891) were winners of the first All-Ireland finals they contested as did Kildare when they won the 1905 championship (they had lost the "Home" final to Kerry in 1903). But thereafter most counties found a first All-Ireland appearance to be something of a disappointment and in many cases the wait to celebrate a first title was often lengthy.

Louth, who had contested the 1887 final unsuccessfully with Limerick, had to wait until 1910 to claim their first title while Mayo, finalists for the first time in 1916 did not reach the summit until 1936. Offaly's wait was only half that (1961-1971) while Cavan had only to wait half as much again (1928-1933).

In the meantime there had been Roscommon's first title on their first outing in 1943, while Down did likewise in 1960 and Donegal made

their breakthrough at the first attempt in 1992.

However, it must be noted that some of the great names of the recent past had to wait a long time from initial failure to their first success. In this regard Tyrone and Armagh immediately come to mind; Tyrone's 2003 success came 18 years after their 1985 debut, while it took Armagh 49 years to avenge their 1953 loss to Kerry. Derry, too, were very much akin to their Ulster neighbours

as 35 years passed before their 1993 win erased the memory of the 1958 loss.

But the longest stay in the championship wilderness was that of Meath. Finalists for the first time in 1895 when they lost to Tipperary, the Royals lost again in 1939 and it wasn't until 1949 (54 years after their debut final appearance) that fate relented with their victory over Cavan.

CAMOGIE ROUND UP

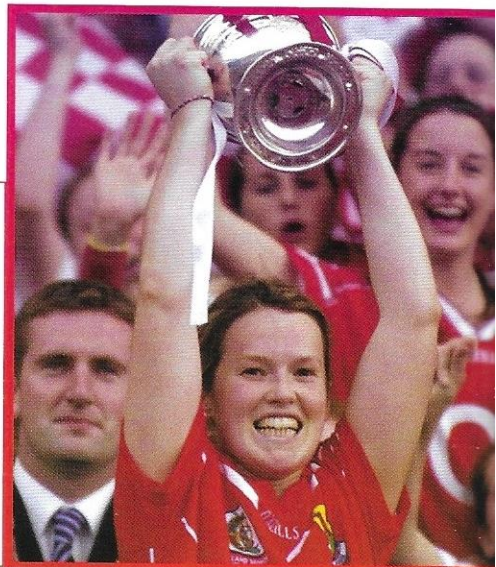
2005 All Stars

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Cork wins Foras na Gaeilge Camogie Final

Congratulations to Cork's Elaine Burke who lifted the O'Duffy for the Leesiders last Sunday for the 21st in Cork's camogie history. Cork defeated Tipperary 1-17 to 1-13 in a thrilling final. Meanwhile Clare and Dublin will have to do it all over again after they finished 1-07 a piece. The replay will take place on the weekend of the 8th of October at a venue yet to be confirmed.



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Camogie/Shinty in Inverness

20 camogie players from across the country will travel to Inverness in 2 weeks time for the second Camogie/Shinty tournament. Last year was the inaugural year of the competition which coincided with the men's competition. The event was a huge success and looks set to become an annual fixture in the camogie calendar. This year players have been selected from junior graded counties that did not qualify for the latter stages of the championship. This is in an effort to recognise tremendous effort put in by players in these counties.



Three Top Camogie Jobs

The most exciting news in camogie in recent weeks has been the appointment of Lynn Kelly (Limerick) as National Development Co-ordinator and that of Mary O' Connor (Cork) and Caroline Murray (Galway) as Regional Co-ordinators. Mary O'Connor (on right) will be back in Croke Park next Sunday for the second time in the space of two weeks. Mary picked up her 4th senior All Ireland camogie medal last Sunday when Cork defeated Tipperary in the Foras na Gaeilge All Ireland camogie final. She lines out with the ladies footballers when they take on Galway in the All Ireland Ladies Football final. Michael McClements, who already fills the Regional role in Ulster, completes the team. This initiative has come about as a result of the €250,000 allocated to camogie by the Irish Sports Council earlier this year when €1.5 million was set aside in the Budget by Minister O'Donoghue to develop the games promotion of hurling and camogie.



The Cormac Trust

Croí na Féile

Tyrone's All-Ireland final victory of 2003 remains a very joyful memory for everyone associated with the county, but it also brings back sorrowful reminiscences memories of their late full-back and subsequently captain, Cormac McAnallen, who died suddenly in March 2004 of a rare genetic heart condition.

In memory of Cormac and in the hope of saving other young people from similar fates, the Cormac Trust was set up during the past year by the McAnallen family and Coiste Chontae Tír Eoghain, CLG. The aims of the trust are as follows:

- To raise awareness of sudden cardiac death in young people, and its causes.
- To promote cardiac screening for young people, especially athletes.
- To provide automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) for sports clubs in the Tyrone region, for the use of the entire local community, and to train local people in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and the use of defibrillators.
- To lobby governments and health services to provide facilities for the cardiac screening of young people.

During the past six months, as a result of very generous contributions from Club Tyrone and many other benefactors locally and nationally, the Trust has provided 26 AEDs for sports clubs in Tyrone and trained 156 people in their use and in CPR resuscitation. The intention is that everybody in the county and neighbouring areas will be within five minutes of a defibrillator in the event of a cardiac emergency.

Having achieved much of its third aim, the Trust's work towards its other aims will increase in due course. In particular, the need for cardiac screening among young people is of paramount importance, as has become evident in recent events. In GAA circles, the value of screening has become very apparent. Following the discovery of a heart condition in Kilkeny senior hurling full-back Noel Hickey, 25, the entire county panel was screened and another panellist Conor Phelan was found to have a heart defect. Also GAA members remember such tragic deaths as those



of Kevin Quinn (Cork), 18, who died while playing hurling last year, and Noel Quill (Wexford), 23, who died in his sleep after a football game.

Other sports have been similarly affected. During this past week the death of Michael Byrne (Kilkenny), 29, while playing a soccer game - just one year after the tragic death of his brother Ken, 25, in similar circumstances - has highlighted cardiac risks in the young once again. Among the other sportsmen who have died with sudden heart conditions during the past eighteen months are John McCall (Armagh), 18, who died while playing rugby; Richard Martin (Fermanagh), 17, who died while playing tennis; and Hugh Williams (Kilkenny), 23, who died after playing tag rugby.

There have also been many more cases of sudden cardiac deaths in the young which have not been as widely publicised, and indeed it must be understood that the issue can affect certain people when they are not playing sport. Conor Martin (Dublin), 16, died in his sleep like Cormac, as have many others over the years whose cases have not been as well documented or investigated. Unfortunately few accurate medical statistics are available on the matter, but it is generally agreed that at least one young person per week in Ireland dies of a sudden heart condition.

Hopefully, though, by working through the mass medium of sport and in particular the national community of the GAA, we can help to spread awareness of these conditions and of the various ways to tackle them.

For further information about the Cormac Trust, you can e-mail info@thecormactrust.com or ring 04837-548387.



Professor Pat Darcy, (second from left) Tyrone County GAA Chairman and member of Tattyreagh GFC is presented with a Philips HeartStart First Aid Defibrillator for his local club by Cormac Trust member Dr. Gareth Loughrey. Also in the photo are Bridget and Brendan McAnallen.

WON BY MISTAKE

It sounds strange to state that an All-Ireland final was won by mistake, or more correctly, a misunderstood signal that resulted in the winning goal being scored in the Kerry-Wexford final of 1915. It would appear that at the time there was an arrangement between the Wexford captain Sean Kennedy and the team's place-kicker Jim Byrne, that the captain would signal to Byrne what he should do with a free or a '50'.

When Wexford were awarded a free late in the contest Byrne glanced in the direction of his captain for an indication as to what he should do, but the signal that he should go for a point was misunderstood and Byrne - by all accounts a marvellously accurate kicker - dropped his effort just under the crossbar where the Kerry full-back Jack Lawler went to catch the ball but, handicapped by a hand injury, hesitated and goalkeeper Danny Mullins, who had also moved to intercept, got his fingers to the ball but could not prevent it entering the net.

It was the match-winning score and not surprisingly in the years that followed, it was often said that Wexford had won by mistake - Jim Byrne's.

NO REST FOR THE CITY

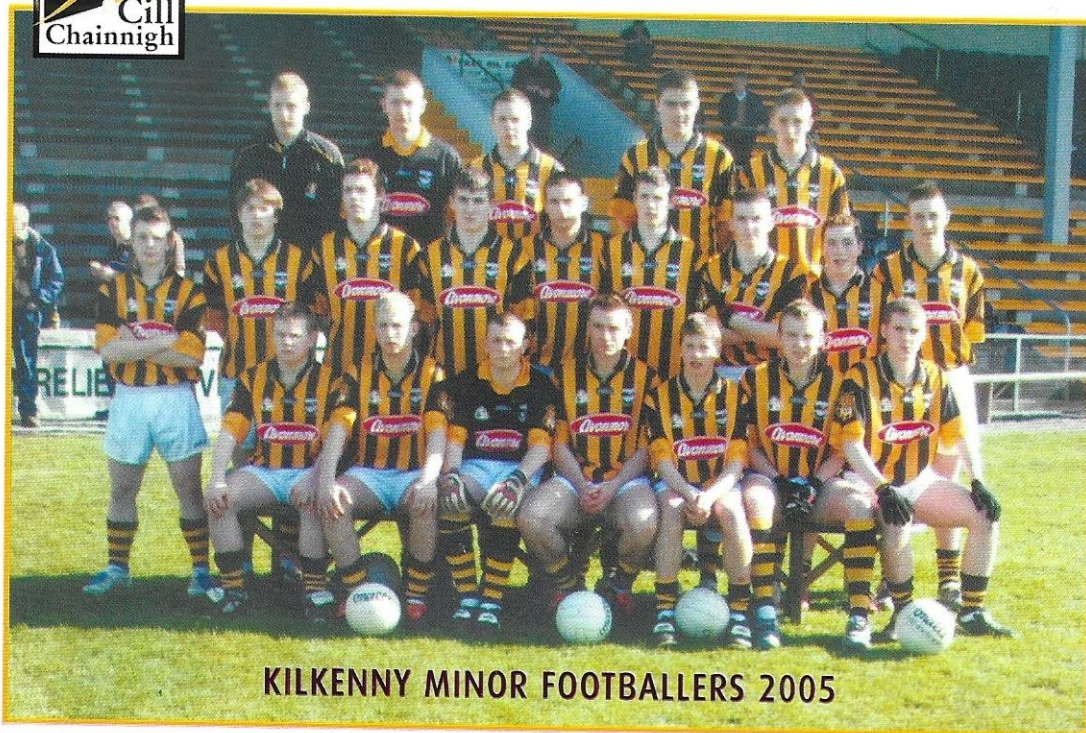
The players involved in today's final will no doubt enjoy an escape from the turmoil and strain of championship combat in the weeks ahead, and that is as it should be. However, that was certainly not the experience of the Dublin players of the early 1920s who, following an All-Ireland final appearance, found themselves involved in a vital championship game the following Sunday.

This was the team which played Tipperary in the long-delayed 1920 All-Ireland final on June 11th, 1922. The Metropolitans lost on that occasion, but didn't have time to lick their wounds as the Central Council, anxious to bring the championship up to date, had fixed the 1921 Dublin-Monaghan semi/final for the following Sunday.

There was no protest from the durable city men who duly made the trip to Dundalk where they beat the Ulster champions with something to spare. Dublin had already qualified for the 1922 provincial semi/final which the Leinster authorities had listed for the first Sunday in July, but the outbreak of the Civil War in late June put everything on hold and Dublin saw no action until the following October.



HISTORY MAKERS



KILKENNY MINOR FOOTBALLERS 2005

Back row (l-r): Sean Mooney (Ballyraggett), Eugene Murphy (Rower-Inistioge), Joseph Murphy (Blacks and Whites), Richard O'Hara (Thomastown), Ian Egan (Thomastown).

Centre (l-r): Patrick Rafter (Mullinavat), Steve Duggan (Mullinavat), Pdraig Grace (Rower-Inistioge), David Lyng (Rower-Inistioge), Mark McDowell (Callan), Eoghan Kavanagh (Rower-Inistioge), Ray Code (Blacks and Whites), Niall Doran (Rower-Inistioge), Barry Staunton (Ballyraggett).

Front row (l-r): Dara Wafer (Bennettsbridge), Peter O'Hanrahan (Thomastown), Dairmuid Molloy (Dicksboro), Kieran Joyce (Rower-Inistioge) Captain, Cillian Star (Dicksboro), Kevin Quinlan (Gowran), Liam Lenehan (Dicksboro).

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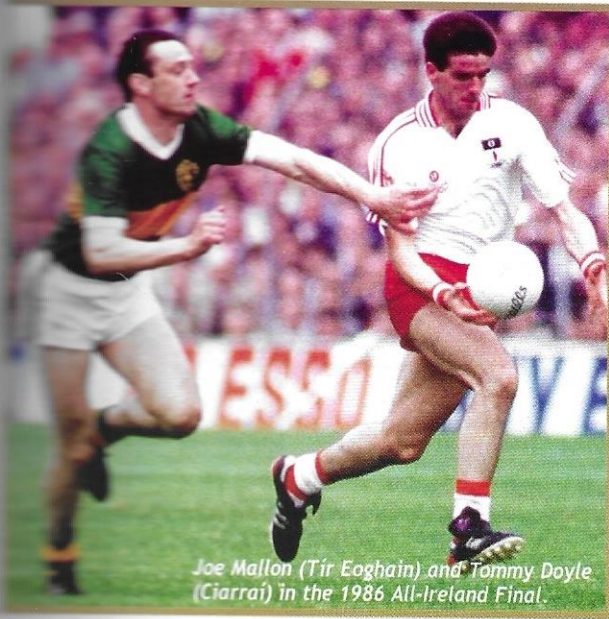
Pictured here are the Kilkenny Minor Footballers of 2005, who created their own slice of history in the early rounds of the Championship. Drawn in a round-robin series of games against such football strongholds as Louth and Longford, Kilkenny were decidedly unlucky not to progress to the quarter-finals. In their first game against a St. Mel's-powered Longford side at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny matched the visitors all the way, losing only in the final moments of the game by 3 points (0-13 to 1-7). Despite the setback, Kilkenny

travelled to play Louth away in a confident mood, a mood that was reflected when they came away with a memorable win by 2-7 to 0-9. This was Kilkenny's first win in the Championship for almost four decades. Louth's subsequent narrow defeat by Longford brought an end to Kilkenny's Championship run. Under the astute management of Kerryman, Richard Windle, Kilkenny more than justified the recent attempts to make an impression at football, and perhaps it was a sign of better days to come.

LONG-LASTING CHANGE

If Kerry fail to retain their title today it will mean that the title has changed hands every year since 1991, a sequence of change that is without parallel in the history of the championship. Previous to the current 'annual change of champions' the longest sequence of counties failing to retain the honours was in the 1950s when, after the Mayo double success of 1950 and '51, the holders faltered - Mayo, of course in '52 to be followed by Cavan (1953), Kerry (1954), Meath (1955), Kerry (1956), Galway (1957), Louth (1958), Dublin (1959) and Kerry again in 1960.

Down broke the run of fallen champions with their wins in 1960 and '61, and the remainder of the decade and the seventies and eighties saw a series of retentions until the beginning of the nineties. Since 1991 the only reigning champions to reach the following year's final were Armagh in 2003 and, of course, Kerry today.



Joe Mallon (Tír Eoghain) and Tommy Doyle (Ciarraí) in the 1986 All-Ireland Final.

Tyrone supporters peruse the county's record when facing the reigning All-Ireland champions, it will not make happy reading as they have succeeded just once in dethroning the title-holders. However, that lone occasion came two years ago when they dethroned Armagh in the final by 0-12 to 0-9. Prior to that Tyrone had the reigning champions on six occasions...and lost them all. Their first face-to-face with the title-holders came in 1933 against Cavan, and Tyrone put up a tremendous display before going down by the maximum margin - 2-4 to 2-5. In 1949 they again faced the Breffni side, but this time they were easily overcome by 7-10 to 1-7. And four years later Cavan made it three out of three with a 2-10 to 2-4 verdict. In the 1962 provincial semi/final reigning champions Down got the better of Tyrone by 1-12 to 1-6, and when they took on champions from a different province for the first time in 1984 - Dublin - the result was likewise - a 2-11 to 0-8 semi/final loss. In 1986 Tyrone faced reigning champions Kerry in the final, but fell on a 1-10 to 2-15 scoreline. A great record, but one that Tyrone can improve on this afternoon.

North and South

The meeting of Kerry and Tyrone today will be the 12th All-Ireland final between Munster and Ulster teams. The results of the previous eleven deciders show the southerners edging the issue wins to five. Munster got off to a great start in these head-to-heads, winning the first four, but since Ulster have come back to leave the issue nicely balanced, and could even level it this afternoon having trailed for 94 years.

The scorelines of the eleven finals between northern and southern opponents are:

1933	Cork	6-6;	Antrim	1-2
1934	Kerry	3-11;	Monaghan	0-2
1937	Kerry	2-5;	Cavan	1-8
1944	Kerry	4-4;	Cavan	1-7
1945	Cork	2-5;	Cavan	0-7
1947	Cavan	2-11;	Kerry	2-7
1949	Kerry	0-13;	Armagh	1-6
1949	Down	2-10;	Kerry	0-8
1949	Down	2-12;	Kerry	1-13
1986	Kerry	2-15;	Tyrone	1-10
1987	Derry	1-14;	Cork	2-8
1988	Armagh	1-12;	Kerry	0-14

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IRELAND PICKS STRONG
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By Owen McCann

Ireland will be represented by a strong team in defence of the Cormac McAnallen trophy against Australia in Australia next month in the Coca-Cola International Rules Test series judging by the preliminary squad chosen in preparation for the tour

Padraig Joyce (Galway), who led Ireland to victory at Croke Park last year in the first Test series for the Cormac McAnallen Cup, will again captain the side. Ireland had a superb 3-17-8 (77 points) to 1-9-8 (41 points) win over Australia in the opening game last year before an attendance of 46,370 spectators.

They won the second match 1-13-10 (55 points) to 0-13-2 (41 points), watched by an attendance of 60,515. That gave Ireland the title on an aggregate score of 132 to 82 and a first Test series success since 2001, which is also the last year that Ireland won the series "Down Under".

The preliminary panel for next month's series has a strong framework of players who helped to fashion last year's memorable success. Included are the two most honoured Ireland players—Ciarán McManus (Offaly) and Sean Marty Lockhart (Derry). Both were on duty in the two games last year to bring their number of appearances for Ireland to twelve each.

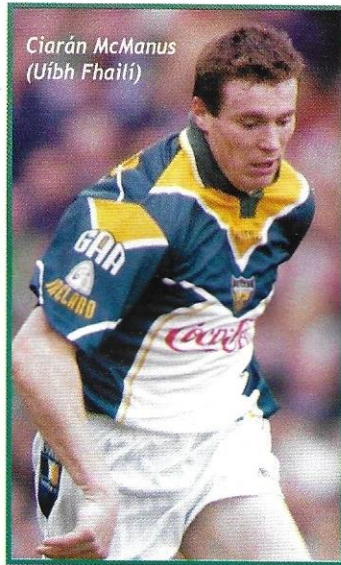
Lockhart started his international career in 1998, while McManus pulled on the Ireland jersey for the first time a year later. Joyce, who started his international career in 1990, played in both games last year to bring his record to ten appearances.

Not unexpectedly, Tyrone, Kerry and Armagh provide most of the players in the panel. Also included is former Kerry footballer Tadhg Kennelly, who is having a fine season with Sydney Swans in Australian Rules football. He has made six appearances for Ireland in the series.

A novel slant is provided by Seán Óg hAilpín, who will, no doubt, become the first All-Ireland senior

hurling title winning captain to line out for Ireland. He made his debut for Ireland in the opening game last year and retained his place for the second Test.

The trophy for the series commemorates the late Cormac McAnallen, who won an All-Ireland senior medal with Tyrone in 2003 and featured in three Test series, during which he made six appearances for Ireland. It was first presented for last year's series.

Ciarán McManus
(Uíbh Fhailí)

RULES SQUAD

Ronan Clarke, Paul Hearty, Steven McDonnell, Paul McGrane, Andy Mallon (Armagh), Tomás Walsh (Carlow), Graham Canty, Anthony Lynch, Seán Óg hAilpín (Cork), Paddy Bradley, Sean Martin Lockhart (Derry), Brendan Coulter, Michael McVeigh (Down), Bryan Cullen, Conal Keaney (Dublin), Padraig Joyce, Michael Meehan (Galway), Eoin Brosnan, Colm Cooper, Paul Galvin, William Kirby, Michael McCarthy, Diarmuid Murphy, Marc Ó Sé, Tomás Ó Sé, Declan O'Sullivan (Kerry), Tadhg Kennelly (Sydney Swans), Tom Kelly, Ross Munnally (Laois), David Heaney, Ciarán McDonnell (Mayo), Ciarán McManus (Offaly), Sean Cavanagh, Brian Dooher, Philip Jordan, Brian McGuigan, Ryan McMenamin, Eoin Mulligan, Stephen O'Neill (Tyrone), Dessie Dolan (Westmeath), Mattie Forde (Wexford).

SHANE SCANLON ASSESSES KERRY'S GREATNESS

The great adaptors
and survivors

Trainers of juvenile teams in Gaelic football are often heard encouraging their young disciples to play the game the 'Kerry way.' But with no small hint of irony, mentors in the Kingdom are always looking elsewhere to fine-tune their own style and skills.

Recognising that no county has a monopoly on how football should be played has served the Munster kingpins well. For proof, take a close examination at the metamorphosis that has taken place with the county seniors since Jack O'Connor took charge two seasons ago. Ever since they were hounded out of Croke Park in the 2003 All-Ireland semi-final by a ravenous Tyrone, the men in the green and gold have become more and more like their O'Neill conquerors.

O'Connor's highly-talented troops have learned to hunt in packs, to mount a blanket defence in times of emergency, to launch quick counter-attacks when the opposition are least prepared and to take their chances with precision like they have always done so. All of which should make for an intriguing All-Ireland final, as the masters of the game's latest big ploy take on the masters of the last 100 years.

CLASSIC CASE

This is a classic case of history repeating itself, as it's not the first time Kerry have taken on board lessons from opponents. Rewind the clock to the nineteen sixties, when Down stunned them in Croke Park with their slick hand-passing moves. The game's aristocrats complained bitterly about the tactic which was completely alien to their catch and kick tradition. Not for long, however. The following decade, Mick O'Dwyer's legendary team perfected the quick handpass and combined it with their kicking prowess to lethal effect. Cue, eight Sam Maguire's in 12 spectacular seasons.

And it is this willingness to adapt which has made them the great survivors, placing them at the top of the All-Ireland SFC roll of honour with

33 titles. They have never deserted their longheld kicking traditions or their natural inclination to attack, but importantly, Kerry have been perennial ground-breakers in other facets - particularly when it comes to preparing and rewarding teams.

REWARD

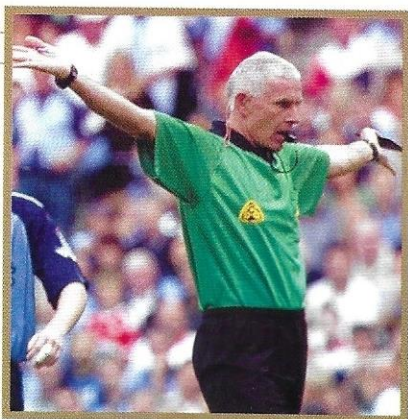
For instance, the county was the first to send group of footballers across the Atlantic and exhibit their wares in front of American crowds, way back in 1927. Apart from being a reward for the players who had won the All-Ireland the previous year, the county board were told they could use any profits from the gate receipts to help buy the Tralee Sportsfield (now Austin Stack Park).

The visitors set off with a relatively strong squad, man of whom played in the '27 decider against Kildare, but they were to face a potent New York outfit of ex-patriates who inflicted a 10-point drubbing. Having spent several weeks in the Boston area, the Kerry men returned to the Big Apple in search of revenge. What they got was another hiding - this time by nine points - and worse was to follow.

A couple of days later, the promoter of the series went missing with the money. The tourists sailed home with paltry funding, raised by local Kerry men societies, and with tails firmly between their legs.

By '27, the Kingdom had established itself as a major force in football, but it took time to lay the foundations. A team represented by Laune Rangers made the first journey to the capital, for the 1893 All-Ireland final against Dublin, but it ended in failure and much controversy.

Setting the first seeds of the famous Kerry-Dublin rivalry, the southerners lodged a protest after losing on a scoreline of 1-4 to 0-3. Their objection was not against any rule-breaking by the Dublin team, but the behaviour of supporters who, as one reporter outlined, had "hooted and groaned the Kerry men in the midst of play and encroached the play" when they looked like scoring,



PENALTY PARADE

To date 14 penalties have been awarded in the current campaign, which is four fewer than were awarded at the same stage last season. The yield per penalty has also dropped slightly from 2.00 points per penalty to 1.93 as nine goals (27 points) resulted from the 14 kicks.

It is easy to identify the top penalty-taker in the country as Stephen O'Neill converted all three of his kicks, and indeed, he was the only player to take more than a single penalty. At the opposite end of the spectrum the top penalty-stopper was James Reilly as he saved two kicks, although the Breffni net-minder was also beaten twice as the Cavan defence coughed up four penalties this year.

The 14 penalties awarded in the current campaign and the result of each is as follows:

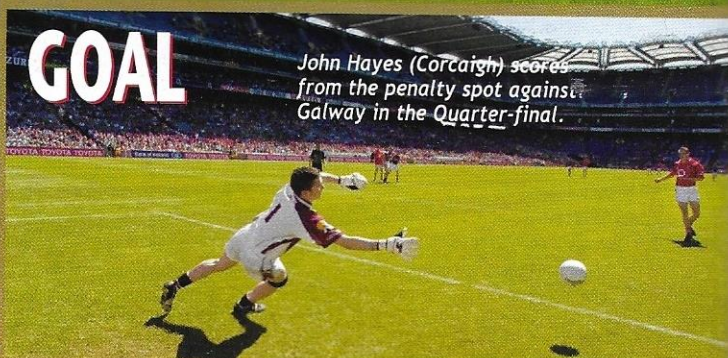
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ALAN MANGAN (WESTMEATH)	SAVED	BY ENDA MURPHY (KILDARE)
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5TH JUNE		
SIMON REA (CARLOW)	GOAL	V WEXFORD
18TH JUNE		
NIALL MCNAMEE (OFFALY)	GOAL	V CARLOW
DECLAN BROWNE (TIPPERARY)	GOAL	V WESTMEATH
19TH JUNE		
REDMOND BARRY (WEXFORD)	GOAL*	V DUBLIN
25TH JUNE		
STEPHEN O'NEILL (TYRONE)	GOAL	V CAVAN
3RD JULY		
BRENDAN DEVENNEY (DONEGAL)	SAVED	BY JAMES REILLY (CAVAN)
17TH JULY		
GRAHAM GERAGHTY (MEATH)	GOAL	V CAVAN
30TH JULY		
BRENDAN JER O'SULLIVAN (CORK)	SAVED**	BY PHILIP GREENE (SLIGO)
7TH AUGUST		
DARA Ó CINNEÍDE (KERRY)	WIDE	V MAYO
JOHN HAYES (CORK)	GOAL	V GALWAY
27TH AUGUST		
STEPHEN O'NEILL (TYRONE)	GOAL	V DUBLIN
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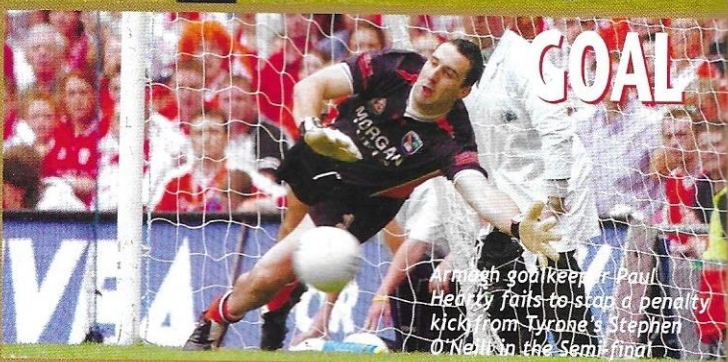
**ALTHOUGH PHILIP GREENE DID SAVE O'SULLIVAN'S SHOT, JAMES MASTERS FIRED HOME THE REBOUND.



Sligo goalkeeper Philip Greene saves a penalty from Cork's Brendan Ger O'Sullivan.



John Hayes (Cork) scores from the penalty spot against Galway in the Quarter-final.



Armagh goalkeeper Paul Healy fails to stop a penalty kick from Tyrone's Stephen O'Neill in the Semi-final.

CHAMPIONS VERSUS EX-CHAMPIONS

Today's final pits the reigning champions against the side that preceded them, which may not be a unique confrontation in the decider, but it is not exactly a common occurrence either, the most recent such pairing being 15 years ago when Meath played Cork.

The first-ever champions versus ex-champions was in 1904 when reigning champions Kerry took on 1902 winners Dublin at the Cork Athletic Grounds. Thirty-six years passed before a similar scenario occurred with the meeting of Kerry (1939 champions) and Galway

(1938) in the 1940 final. Then there was another long wait until 1976 when Dublin and Kerry met in the final. However, just three years later the Metropolitan and the Kingdom met again and they repeated that feat in 1985.

The 1990 Meath-Cork meeting

brought these pairings to a modest six - not a great number in more than a century of championship action. In view of the fact that Kerry have won four out of the five champions versus ex-champions scenarios they were involved in, they will approach today's final with some confidence.



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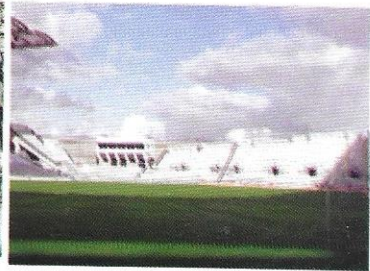
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Twenty-Five Years ago
1980

Results in Leinster were as expected in the early rounds with Kildare beating Carlow (2-17 to 2-11), Westmeath defeating Kilkenny (2-15 to 0-14), Louth trouncing Longford (5-12 to 0-10) and Louth ousting Wexford (3-10 to 0-13). Comfortable wins marked the way to Offaly over Louth (0-13 to 0-11), Kildare over Wicklow (1-13 to 0-4) and Dublin over Laois (2-14 to 2-8). The news continued; Meath swamped Westmeath (4-12 to 1-5), but were then sent packing by Dublin (3-13 to 2-7), who were joined in the final by Offaly who eased by Kildare (2-14 to 1-10). In the final Offaly came from behind to deny Dublin a record seventh successive provincial title (1-10 to 1-8).

In the West, Monaghan opened the defence of their provincial honours with a 0-13 to 0-11 win over Down. Armagh had it easy against Fermanagh (3-8 to 1-4) while Tyrone beat Antrim with some difficulty (1-11 to 1-7). In further action Cavan bowed to Kerry (2-9 to 2-7), Tyrone beat Donegal (1-17 to 0-9) while Armagh retained the champions (0-12 to 0-5). Tyrone eased past Cavan to earn a final spot, but Armagh took the title in a high-scoring decider (4-10 to 4-7).

Kerry were detailed to stand aside while the counties fought for the other place in the Munster final and the fare was even enough until Cork came in at the semi-final stage. Before that Tipperary beat Waterford (1-15 to 2-10) while Down beat Clare on a replay and then the Premier county by 1-11 to 2-7. Cork, however, swamped the Shannonsiders (5-19 to 1-6), but then lost easily to Kerry (2-12 to 3-13). In Connacht, Mayo ousted Sligo by 2-11 to 1-7 and then easily accounted for Leitrim (1-17 to 1-8). But there was no real opposition to defending champions Roscommon who beat London (9-19 to 1-10), Galway (1-14 to 0-10) and Mayo in the final by 3-13 to 0-6.

High scoring was the order of the semi-finals. Roscommon beat Armagh by 2-20 to 3-11 and in an eight-goal thriller Kerry held off Offaly by 4-15 to 4-10. In a free-roamed final Roscommon had their chances, but Kerry retained the crown by 1-9 to 1-6.

Fifty Years Ago
1955

Defending Ulster champions Cavan had a comfortable 1-10 to 2-1 win over Antrim as Tyrone faded to a 1-5 to 0-13 defeat at the hands of Derry. A point separated Donegal (winners) and Monaghan (3-6 to 2-8), while Armagh had six to spare (1-8 to 0-5) at Lurgan against Down. Cavan were pushed all the way in the semi-final by Donegal (2-5 to 1-6), but at the same stage Derry easily defeated Armagh - 3-4 to 0-2. The champions retained their title by 0-11 to 0-8 over the Oak Leaf.

In the West, Galway failed dismally to Roscommon (0-3 to 1-6) and Leitrim had no answer to Mayo (0-9 to 3-11) at Sligo. Roscommon continued to display promising form as they disposed of Sligo (1-8 to 0-4), but they were never in the hunt in the final, which Mayo won by 3-11 to 1-3.

Limerick declined to take part in Munster and conceded a walk over to Waterford. Tipperary were always in command against Clare (1-10 to 0-7), but were on the other end when losing to Cork (0-7 to 2-8). Kerry opened their campaign with an easy win over Waterford at Listowel (3-7 to 0-4), although despite being at home in Killarney found Cork a tough proposition in the final, but held on to win by 0-14 to 2-6.

Four one-point wins marked the beginning of the race in Leinster with Westmeath (over Wicklow), Carlow (Laois), Louth (Longford) and Kildare (Wexford) the victors. Dublin had too much power for Carlow (3-9 to 0-6) while Offaly defeated Louth by 3-6 to 1-7. Meath drew with Kildare before edging the replay by 1-9 to 0-11, and then ousted Westmeath by 0-10 to 1-6. Dublin had it all to do in defeating Offaly in the semi-final (1-9 to 2-3), but little to do in trouncing Meath by 5-12 to 0-7 in the decider.

Both All-Ireland semi-finals were drawn. In the replays Kerry had an easy 4-7 to 0-5 win over Cavan, but Dublin were pushed to the limit by Mayo before sneaking a 1-8 to 1-7 win. In the final Kerry's consistent marksmanship opened a gap that late Dublin efforts failed to bridge - 0-12 to 1-6.

Seventy-Five Years Ago
1930

Mayo opened the defence of their Connacht title with a 3-4 to 1-1 win over Leitrim at Sligo while Sligo easily defeated Roscommon at Boyle by 2-7 to 0-5. Continuing to show good form, Sligo ended Galway's interest (2-4 to 1-5), but a staunch Mayo rearguard played a big part in the county's final win by 1-7 to 1-2 at Tuam.

Tyrone and Armagh took two hours to decide their first-round tie - a 1-6 to 2-3 stalemate preceding the Orchard county's 1-8 to 1-3 replay victory. Antrim beat Fermanagh (3-3 to 2-5), but the losers had the verdict reversed on an objection. Monaghan were in sparkling form as they trounced Down by 7-8 to 1-6 and Cavan also had it easy against Fermanagh (3-3 to 1-0). Monaghan remained on course beating Armagh by 2-2 to 0-5 and Cavan in the final by 4-3 to 1-5.

Limerick and Waterford opted for junior fare in Munster as the old order remained undisturbed. Cork beat Clare (3-8 to 2-4) and then lost to Tipperary by double scores - 1-3 to 2-6. However, there was no real threat to Kerry's dominance as provincial honours remained in the Kingdom (3-4 to 1-2).

Kildare was the team to beat in Leinster, but Offaly never looked like doing so at Tullamore (6-7 to 2-4). There were easy wins for Wexford over Kilkenny (4-2 to 1-2), Laois over Louth (2-7 to 0-3), Dublin over Westmeath (2-8 to 0-4) and Meath over Longford (1-12 to 1-5). The Lily Whites resumed their march with comfortable wins over Wexford and Laois, but in the final Meath made a brave bid and held the favourites to a 1-3 to 0-6 draw, but a week later Kildare made no mistake and took their fifth successive provincial title by 2-6 to 1-2.

In the All-Ireland semi-final Kerry had their expected win over Mayo (1-9 to 0-4) at Roscommon, but there was a shock in store at Croke Park where Kildare faltered and Monaghan reached the final for the first - and only - time. However, the final was a disaster as the Ulster side froze completely and even by half time the verdict was in. The final score was 3-11 to 0-2.

One Hundred Years Ago
1905

Setting out in search of a third successive All-Ireland title, Kerry looked the part as they beat Tipperary (5-8 to 1-4) at Cork, while the Leesiders also impressed as they defeated Waterford at Dungarvan - 3-8 to 0-5. The only real close contest in the province saw Limerick beat Clare (0-6 to 0-4), but Kerry swept to the title with wins over Cork (1-7 to 0-5) and Limerick in the final at Tralee - 2-10 to 1-6.

There was a poor turnout in Ulster where only three games were played. Antrim beat Down by 1-11 to 1-3 and then withdrew as did Derry after their 2-2 to 0-2 win over Donegal. Cavan and Monaghan's first outing was the provincial final which the Breffni men won by 0-7 to 0-3. Sligo made their first-ever championship appearance when taking on Mayo at Claremorris but went down by 0-4 to 1-5. At the same venue Roscommon created a surprise by defeating Galway by 0-8 to 0-3, and an even bigger one in the final as Mayo were beaten by 0-7 to 1-2.

Westmeath, Longford, Carlow and Wicklow opted for the inaugural junior championship competition in Leinster, but had little effect on the senior race. Kilkenny opened with an impressive 2-7 to 1-5 win over Wexford as did Louth with a 1-8 to 1-1 verdict over Laois. Dublin had an unusually early joust with London which they won by 1-9 to 1-4, while Offaly accounted for Meath (0-8 to 0-1). Kildare beat Dublin by 0-6 to 0-2 and then Offaly by 1-6 to 0-6. Louth joined the Lily Whites in the final when they pipped Kilkenny (0-6 to 0-5) on a replay, but Kildare just held off the Wee county by 1-8 to 1-7 in the decider.

The Roscommon-Kerry All-Ireland semi-final at Limerick was closely contested for half an hour; then the Kingdom upped the pace and the Connacht champions drifted to a 1-3 to 2-10 loss. At Jones's Road there was never the semblance of a contest despite Cavan's earnest efforts. Kildare strolled into the final on a 4-15 to 1-6 scoreline. The final at Thurles was a grim battle in which Kildare held a slight edge all through, which was reflected in the final scoreline of 1-7 to 0-5 as the Lily Whites took the title for the first time.

The 'Boy Wonder' who became The Master

Seán Purcell's death mourned nationwide, in all walks of life

By MICHAEL J. CORNEY (Sports Editor, Tuam Herald)

THE great Seán Purcell, man of incomparable sporting ability and enduring renown; hero, gentleman, friend to many, admired and loved by all who knew him, died on Saturday evening, August 27th, in a Tuam hospital, but the legend will live on.

At 70, Seán - affectionately known as "The Master" - should have had many more years ahead of him, but illness claimed his life a mere five weeks after heart operation.

His family and closest friends knew he was seriously ill coming up to the final weekend, but it was still heartbreaking when he breathed his last.

There was shock, followed by overwhelming sadness, in Tuam, throughout the Galway and the West, and across the country at large and in many Irish communities abroad, when the news of his death became known.

Great sadness, too, that such a legendary Galway sporting figure should

pass away so soon after the loss of his friend and former county team-mate Mattie McDonagh, on April 10th, and only 17 months after the death of a third Gaelic football hero, Enda Colleran.

Enda, Big Mattie and "The Master" won eight All-Ireland Senior Football Championship medals between them: Seán Purcell in 1956, Mattie McDonagh in '56, '64, '65 and '66, and Enda Colleran the three-in-a-row, the latter two as captain.

What all three had in common, in addition to their great sporting deeds, was the esteem in which they were held, and the warmth of feeling, which never cooled, towards them.

The depth of that powerful feeling was also a recognition that sporting heroes have a special place in our hearts. A place made secure, despite the passage of time, by happy memories.

Seán Purcell was selected at centre half-forward on the Gaelic football Team of the Century, announced in 1984 - the

Centenary Year of the G.A.A.

A great honour, and in Seán's case it was heightened in an extraordinary way by the fact that he was the only one of that famous 15 to receive 100 per cent of the nominations for his position, which in itself made him Footballer of the Century.

In 1999, in the build-up to the new century, he was similarly honoured, along with Enda Colleran, by selection on the An Post / G.A.A. Team of the Millennium, with An Post producing a set of commemorative stamps to mark the greatness of the chosen 15.

From Bishop Street, Tuam, Seán Purcell won every honour in the game, including:

- An All-Ireland Senior Championship medal in 1956.
- Six Connacht Senior Championship medals: 1954, 1956-60 (five-in-a-row).
- A National League medal in 1957.
- Three Railway Cup medals with

Connacht in 1951, '57 and (as captain) '58.

- All-Ireland Colleges Senior Championship (Hogan Cup) in 1947.
- A Sigerson Cup medal with U.C.G. in 1950.
- Selection on both the Combined Universities and Ireland teams which played representative games against each other, of considerable prestige, from 1950 to 1963.
- Ten Galway County Senior Championship medals with Tuam Stars, including a remarkable 7-in-a-row: 1947, 1952, 1954-60, 1962.
- All-Stars All-Time Hall of Fame: 1991.

He was considered a "boy wonder" when he helped St Jarlath's win their first Hogan Cup in 1947 and before long he was on the Galway senior team alongside his fellow Tuam men Jack Mangan, the goalkeeper, and the great Frank Stockwell, who usually played at full-forward with Seán outside him.



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Seán and Frank had such a brilliant understanding of each other's play, they became known as "The Terrible Twins," an affectionate joint-nickname that stuck to them all their lives.

As a player, Seán had it all: pure skill on the ball, an unrivalled versatility which enabled him to play at full-back, midfield, centre-forward or full-forward, and great physical strength, which for a man of his high reputation he needed in the days of extra-tough man-to-man marking.

Possibly Seán's greatest ever display in a Galway jersey was given at full-back in the 1954 Connacht semi-final, against a star-studded Mayo team.

Against all odds, Galway won that game, with no fewer than four Mayo men, including his own good friend John Nallen, tried on him - without success. The other three were Dan O'Neill, Peter Solon and Tom Langan.

Seán played on with Galway and Tuam until the early 1960s and then he served as Football Board chairman, and in more recent years as President of the Football

Board. He was thrilled to see Galway bring back the "Sam" in 1998 and was especially delighted for Tuam's own Ja. Fallon, who he thought very highly of since he first saw him as a Juvenile footballer.

Yet, though his illustrious career has been well chronicled down through the years, a little known fact is that both Seán Purcell and Frank Stockwell, two of Ireland's great ever sportsmen, were first taught how to play football - as far back as the late 1930s - by a nun!

Seán himself was very proud of that fact, and indeed that nun also became famous in her own right: Sister Furse Morris, a native of Headford who was an important figure in musical circles. She passed away over ten years ago, when she was in her mid-90s.

It was a mark of the esteem in which Seán Purcell was held that his epic deeds on the football fields were not forgotten, and that he remained a much loved personality the length and breath of the country.

As a younger man, he briefly took to

playing golf at the Tuam club and won a Captain's Prize.

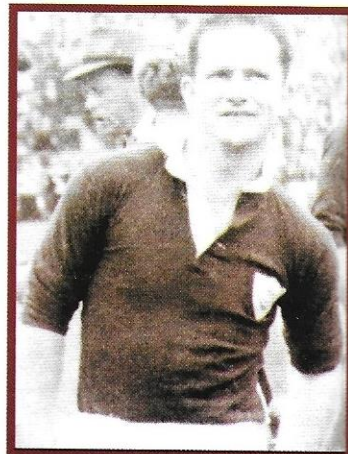
His other two main sporting interests were greyhound racing - he was a very successful owner and was considered a great judge of both breeding and training - and horse racing, socially and for a small bet.

He was delightful, charming company; he could sing well and he was a beautiful dancer, with a deceptively light step.

He loved his 'day job' too, as a National School teacher at Strawberry Hill, near Dunmore.

In 1962, I twice saw Seán Purcell play for Galway, including the Connacht final at Castlebar against Roscommon, on the famous day the crossbar broke; and in the same year I saw him play for Tuam Stars in their county final win over Dunmore MacHales.

I first got to know him in September 1968 and I enjoyed his friendship for the past 37 years. He was one of my heroes, as a footballer and even more so as a man, and I will forever cherish the

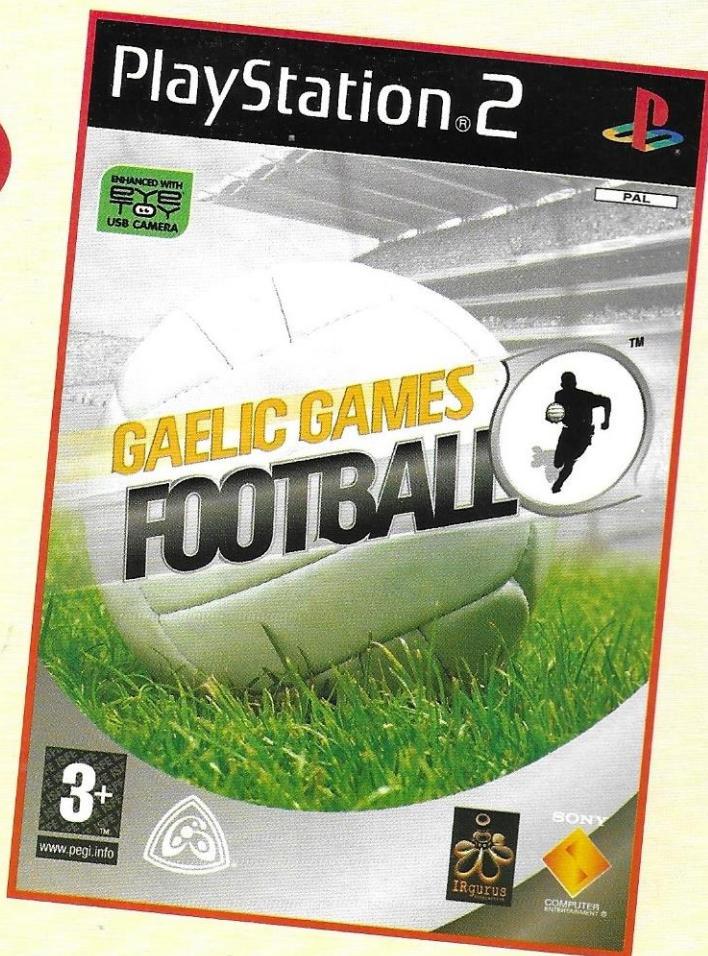


memory of his gentleness, his goodness and the inspiration of his presence in our lives.

"The Master." He was well named.

Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam.

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THE GOAL GAP

Scoring a goal in an All-Ireland final can be the highlight of a player's career - especially if the score contributes to his team's success. Scores of players have had that experience, but few could match that of the great Frank "Joyce" Conlon of Kildare who raised the green flag in finals 14 years apart! The great Lily White forward scored the only goal of the game when Kildare won their first All-Ireland final at Thurles in 1905 and he was still registering three-pointers when Kildare won the 1919 final from Galway; his 17th minute major setting his team on the road to victory.

There is no record of any other player raising the green flag in All-Ireland finals 14 years apart and "Joyce" Conlon's record is unlikely to be equalled.

Experience Croke Park throughout the seasons!

The championship season may be drawing to a close, but fans of gaelic games can still experience Croke Park with a behind-the-scenes stadium tour. The guided tour brings visitors through the dressing rooms, players' tunnel, premium and corporate levels, VIP section, media centre, service areas and, of course, pitch-side.

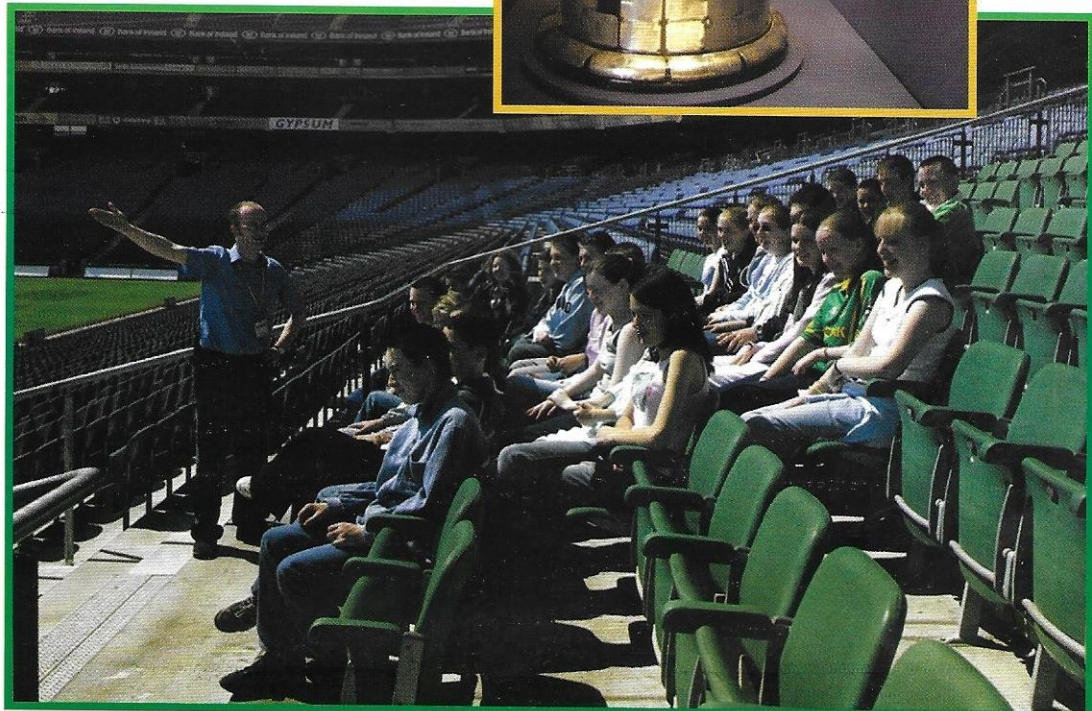
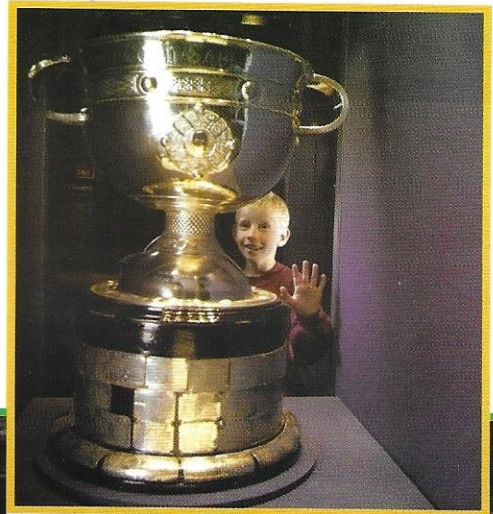
The tours run on a daily basis throughout the year, leaving from the G.A.A. Museum which is located under the Cusack Stand in Croke Park.

Until October 31st, tour times Monday to Saturday are 12pm, 2pm and 3pm and on Sundays and Bank Holidays at 1pm, 2.15pm and 3.30pm. From November 1st until the end of March, there will be a guided tour at 2pm Monday to Saturday and at 1pm and 3pm on Sundays.

Stadium Tour admission (which includes the museum) is €9.50 for adults, €6.00 for children, €7.00 for students and senior citizens and €24.00 for a family (2 adults + 2 children).

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A LATE DECISION

All-Ireland finals are usually decided in the afternoon, though on several occasions in the early years of the last century, All-Ireland finals had a throw-in time of 12 noon. However, the honours decided at midnight on October 23rd 1925 did not require floodlights as the destination of the title was decided at a meeting of the Central Council, and not on the field of play. At that meeting the most important item on the agenda was what should be done about the championship impasse, which by now had assumed almost farcical proportions.

The semi/finals had created the problem. One pairing (Cavan and Kerry) had resulted in both counties being disqualified, which should have left the destination of the title resting between the other pairing in which nominated Mayo had beaten Leinster champions Wexford. But

when the delayed Connacht final was played on October 18th, Galway's victory really "put the cat amongst the pigeons", with no one having the faintest idea of how things stood.

The authorities, however, acted quickly and the following Friday night, sometime around midnight, voted that Galway should be declared champions. It was, for obvious reasons, a decision that few of the Council members were entirely satisfied with and no statement was issued after the meeting.

Most people were in the dark until a report appeared in the "Irish Independent" on November 7th relating just what had happened at the meeting. The whole affair was unsatisfactory as the Mayo County Board claimed that they had won the only All-Ireland semi/final and that they should be declared champions.

However, the decision of the "midnight court" stood!



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LADIES FINAL PREVIEW

Rising TIG4 All-Ireland ladies champions Galway hope to retain the Brendan Martin Cup at Croke Park next Sunday, but Cork - who have never won the title - want to spoil the party.

Next Sunday's All-Ireland final is a repeat of the National League decider from earlier this year which was won comfortably by Cork in the Gaelic Grounds, 2-13 to nil.

It was Cork's first League title and now they stand on the verge of a possible double by winning the Championship for the first time as well.

Galway - who won the All-Ireland for the first time only last year - are just one victory away from successive titles. So both teams are going for their own unique double. In the junior final, Sligo will meet Armagh.

Recently Galway have actually looked stronger than last year and victory next Sunday would confirm that they are now the best team in ladies football. They annihilated Dublin in the semi-finals, 2-10 to 0-7.

But following the league final defeat to Cork, Galway seemed to be struggling and lost their opening Connacht Championship game to Mayo in early May, 2-12 to 0-10.

However, those brace of defeats woke Galway up and no team has got within touching distance since. They hammered Roscommon 5-17 to 0-8 and then

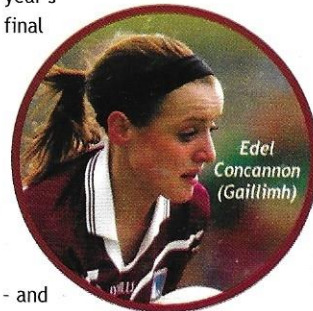
got revenge over Mayo in the provincial final, 3-10 to 1-9. They made light work of Kerry in the quarter-finals, 4-13 to 2-10, before the victory over Dublin. They have been lethal in front of goal with Niamh Duggan, Niamh Fahy, Lorna Joyce and Geraldine Conneely particularly potent.

Cork staged a sensational comeback to beat Mayo in the semi-finals, scoring four points in the final three minutes to win by the minimum, 0-13 to 1-9.

Star player Valerie Mulcahy, who didn't start because of injury, scored three points when she came on in the closing stages and captain Juliet Murphy pointed the winner with just over 20 seconds left on the clock.

Cork's path to the decider has also been impressive and they have not lost a single game. They easily beat Kerry, Waterford and Clare to win the Munster title while they accounted for Meath in the All-Ireland quarter-finals, 2-19 to 3-10.

There's no doubt that the two best teams have made it to this year's final



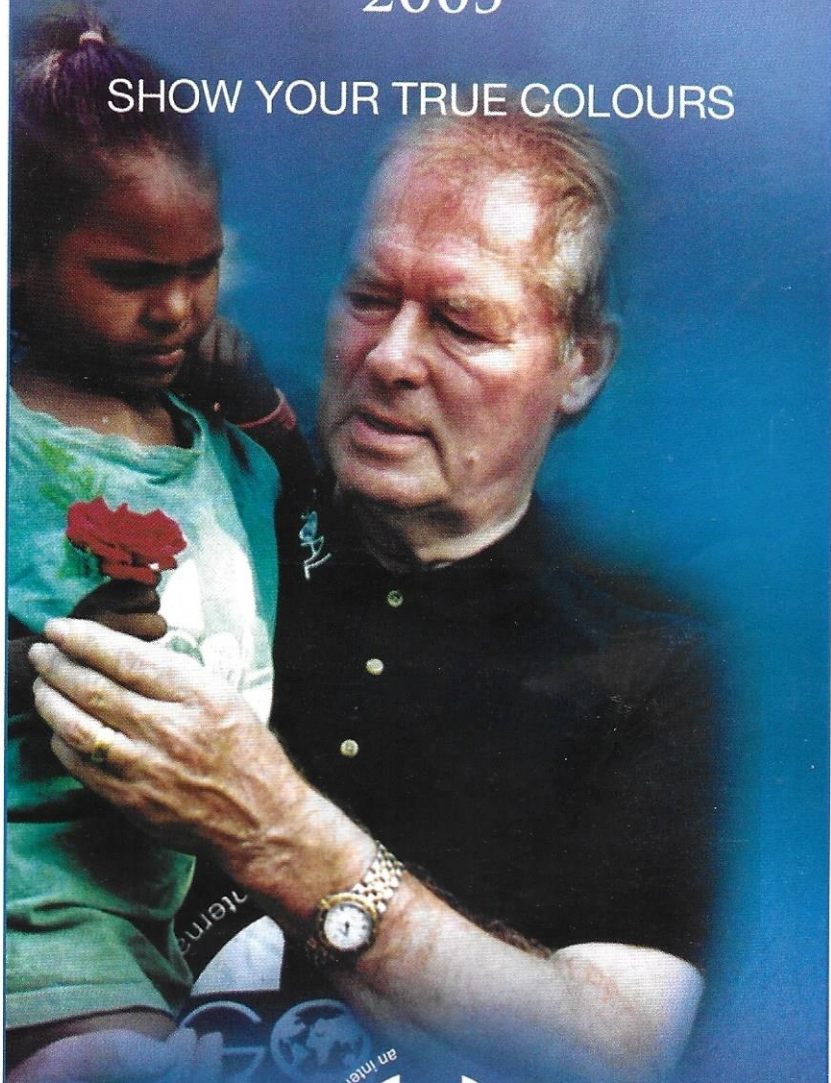
- and with both playing an open brand of attacking football next Sunday's game should well be a high scoring classic.

The only question left now is which one of them will achieve their double?



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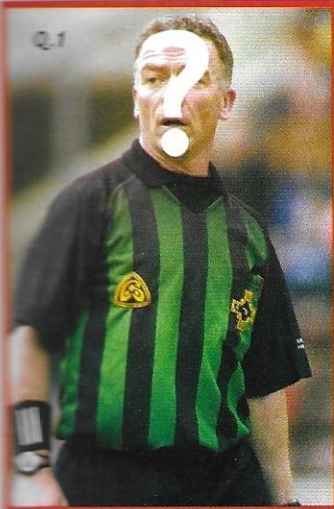
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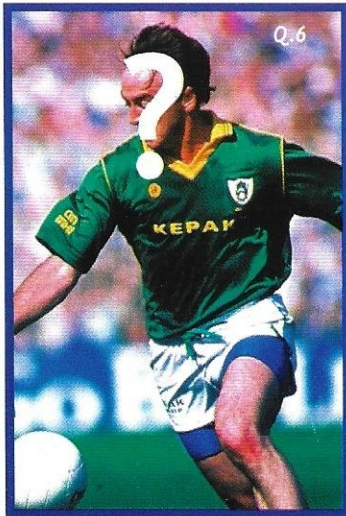
ALL-IRELAND SENIOR FOOTBALL FINALS

1. Who refereed last year's All-Ireland senior final?
2. What county lost their All-Ireland senior final debut to Kerry in 1953?
3. Mayo recorded their last All-Ireland senior final win in 1951. They beat Kerry, Dublin or Meath in that game. Your choice!
4. Who led Cavan to their last Sam Maguire Cup win in 1952—Mick Higgins, Simon Deignan or Edwin Carolan?
5. Name the two captains in the 1995 All-Ireland senior final.

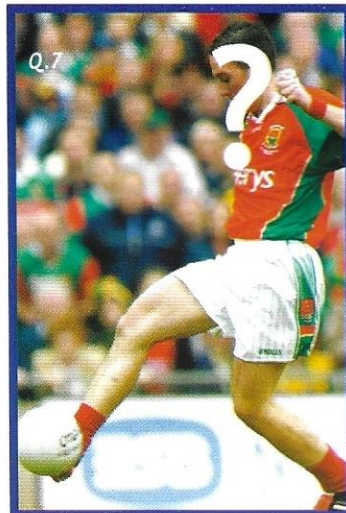


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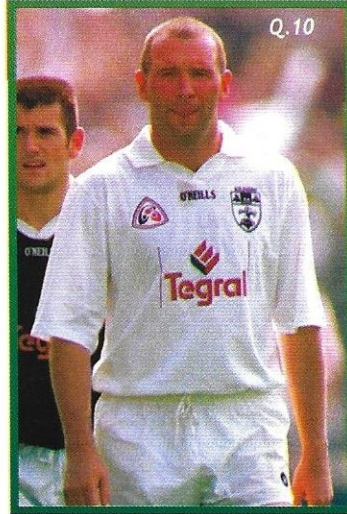
6. Who scored the late, late point with a shot from 70 yards from the Mayo goal that hopped over the bar to earn Meath a draw with the Connacht county in the 1996 All-Ireland senior final?



7. Who was Mayo's top scorer in last year's Sam Maguire Cup tie?



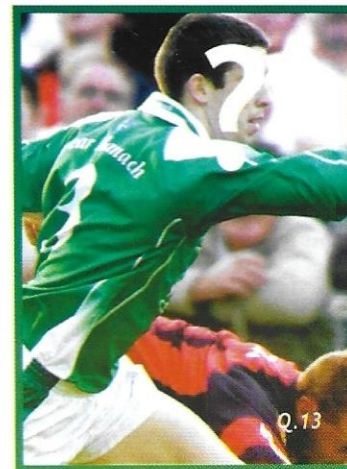
8. Stephen Lawn lined out in what position for Tyrone in the 1995 All-Ireland final?
9. Philip Clifford captained Cork in their last All-Ireland senior final appearance in 1999. True or false?



10. In what year did Glen Ryan captain Kildare in their last All-Ireland senior final appearance?

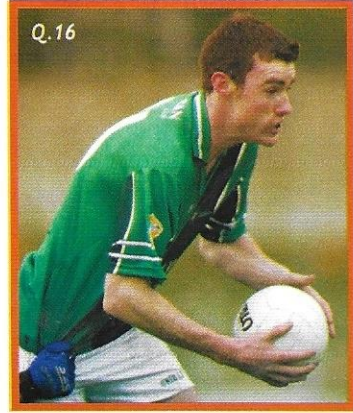
GENERAL REVIEW

11. Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) won his second, third or fourth All-Ireland senior softball singles 60 x 3 title in handball earlier this month?
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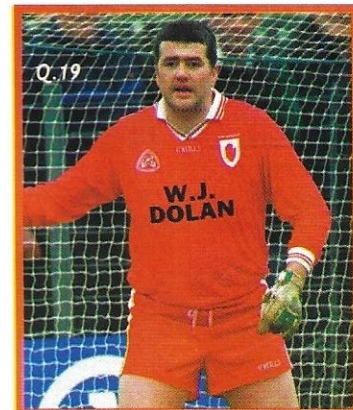


14. Name the only Ulster county to have won the old and new Sam Maguire Cups?

15. Cork, Down or Dublin won last year's All-Ireland Junior Camogie title. Your choice!



16. Name the only Carlow footballer included in the preliminary panel for the Ireland team to visit Australia next month for the International Rules Test series.
17. Sean Boylan, who announced his retirement as Meath senior football team manager recently, guided the Royals to how many All-Ireland senior football titles?
18. Cork made a successful debut in a final for the new Sam Maguire Cup in 1989 at the expense of what county?



19. An Ulster footballer has not been chosen as goalkeeper in a Vodafone All Stars team since 1996. Who was honoured in that position that year?
20. Who captained the Offaly team that in 1982 ended Kerry's bid for a record-making five All-Ireland senior football titles in succession?

FREAGRAÍ

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REFEREEING MATTERS IN 2005

Seamus Gardiner (Spokesman for Referees)

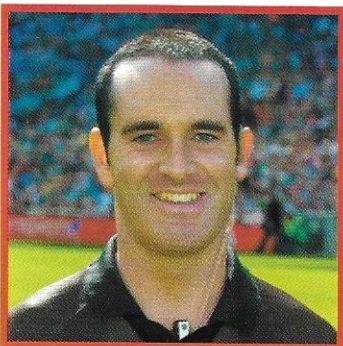


Assessment of Referees in the Championship

In this year's championship 64 games have been played. Disbelief has been expressed at the general summary of match assessments published by Coiste na Réiteoirí. The difficulty occurs, I think, because of the general comment which the present assessment form requests - Poor, Fair, Good, Very Good. If the referee makes a serious mistake in an otherwise very good performance - how should he be rated? Should this one mistake take totally from his very good performance. Of these 64 games very, very few were affected by serious refereeing mistakes. There should be none - agreed. But we are dealing with human beings.

Newer Referees

The policy of the Central Appointments' Committee was to give more experience to some newer referees. Three referees took charge of their first Senior Provincial Final. Dave Coldrick of Meath refereed the Munster Final, John Geaney of Cork the Connacht Final, Joe McQuillan of Cavan the Leinster Final. Today Michael Monahan of Kildare referees his first Sam Maguire Final. Our more experienced referees continue to give great service particularly in what were seen as crunch games requiring their experienced presence. Many of our supporters have no appreciation of the huge responsibility resting on the referee in a vital championship game. The tension is not confined only to the players. The referee wants to get it right. When the two



teams play positive, attacking football where there is still scope for blocking, tackling, physical contact, the referee enjoys the game. After the game the shake hands from the manager and players is much appreciated. If this congratulations/thank you comes from the defeated team, it's appreciated all the more. But the referee's day is still not over. He must wait to see how the Sunday Game analysts will judge his efforts. Monday's Sportscall can at times be a sounding off opportunity from disappointed and disgruntled supporters of the losing team. Most experienced referees say they mostly rely on the views of their umpires, their fellow referees, the assessor or a supportive friend who is not afraid to tell it how it was.



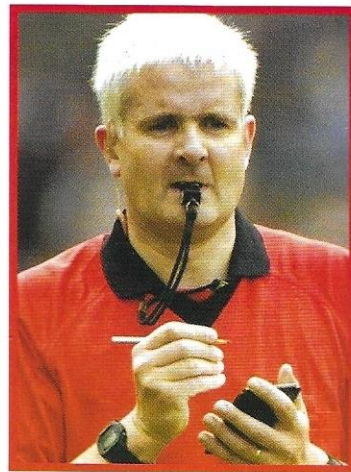
Talking-Points from Championship 2005

1. The late tackle on the player who has played the ball to prevent him from advancing was prevalent in some games. Often the referee's problem is that in his wish to give what he thinks is advantage to the tackled player's team and if play continues for some time, he forgets or omits to penalise the offending player.
2. The Surrounded Player: An interesting debate has arisen about the modern practice of 3 or 4 players surrounding the player in possession, maybe after a high catch. Is there a change in the way referees judge this situation? Not really but, of course, the player in possession can be surrounded and no foul may be committed. But is the player in possession pushed, held in any

way? Many of the fouls occur in the use of the fist by a surrounding player. Rule 5.18 Aggressive Fouls: "To use the fist on or around the body of an opponent for the purpose of dispossessing him of the ball". I recall arguing this with an experienced football selector. "Can a player not fist the ball from an opponent's grasp"? What do you think?

Rule 1.4 States quite clearly: "The ball may be knocked from an opponent's hand(s) by FLICKING it with the open hand". That's it - no fist.

3. Other Issues. The free from the hands is still causing problems - is it being taken from the designated spot? Particularly this arises in a free from the wings. When the referee does cancel the free it is greeted by howls of derision from many. The referee is often called fussy. Are frees often given particularly against defenders when the forward falls with the defender on top of him and yet it is the forward who has trapped the defender's hand/arm? It's often a difficult call for the referee if the players have their backs to him.



shows a mistake by the referee. The debate in other codes is intense. In the semi-final programmes I quoted FIFA President Sepp Blatter as saying - "There will be no video referee as long as I am FIFA President". He has changed his opinion since. Four stadia are being fitted out with adidas "smartball" technology for the FIFA U17 world championships in Peru which will see the referee sent a signal every time the ball goes out of play or into the goal. President Blatter now says that goal-line technology will be used in next year's World Cup finals if this experiment proves successful. But he added that FIFA were reluctant to go any further down the road in bringing in new technology. "This goal-line technology is enough. Football must keep its human face and must accept errors. If we start to make it too scientific this game will lose its fascination". Irish Examiner September 2nd.

Video Referee

In the semi-final programmes the pros and cons of a video referee were discussed. As of now there is very little serious debate in the GAA - the only discussion is after television

Focal Scoir

There may be a tendency to berate the standard of football in recent years. But in this year's championship we have seen some excellent games - open, end to end, physical contact, blocking, tackling etc. We have seen some forwards whose terrific skills would grace any team of any era. Surely we should credit our referees for their huge contribution also! The whole refereeing scene has changed dramatically for the better, I would argue, in the last number of years. But in the September issue of Gaelic Games, in a very humorous piece, Liam Horan bemoans the demise of the phenomenon known as the Local Ref. We'll leave the final word to Liam: "Anyway, the Thomond College revolution finished off the Local Ref. Fitness assessments came into play. Referees had to tog out. And run. Hand-signals were deployed to denote different types of fouls". "The Local Ref slipped away quietly into the sidings and spent the rest of his days a frustrated individual. We have done him a great disservice".



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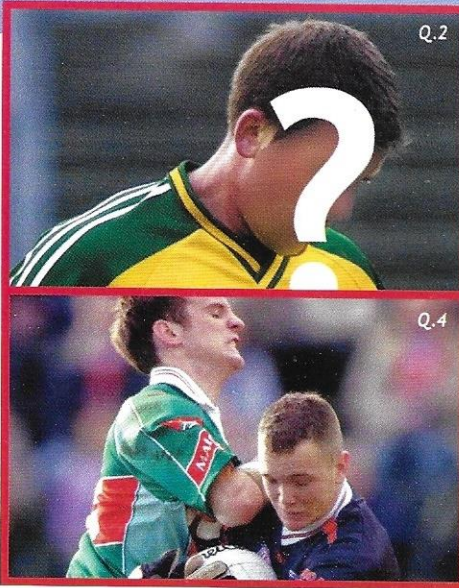
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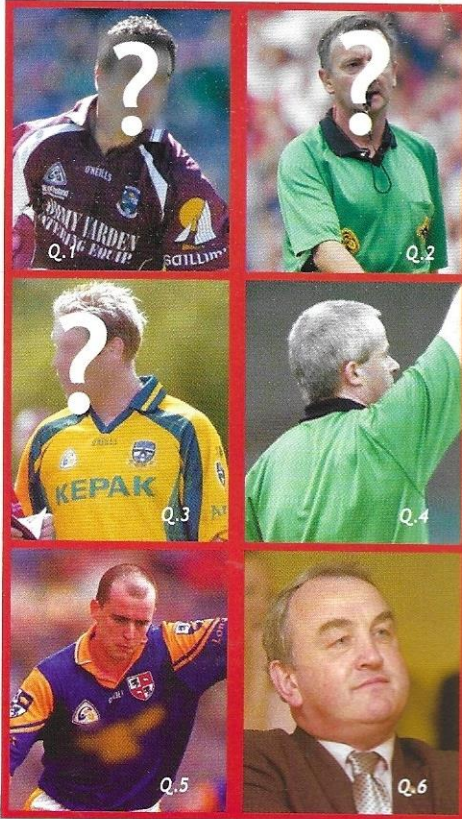
Tráth na gCéist

1. What county lost to Laois in this year's Leinster minor football final?
2. Tyrone beat what county in last year's All-Ireland minor football final?
3. Who captained Kerry in last year's Sam Maguire Cup tie win?
4. What county won the All-Ireland under-21 football title for the first time last year?
5. Who finished runners-up for this year's Allianz Football League title?



Personality Parade

1. Who led Galway to the Connacht senior football title during the summer?
2. Name the well-known intercounty football referee from the Austin Stacks club in Kerry.
3. Graham Geraghty, Trevor Gilles or Mark O'Reilly led Meath to their last All-Ireland senior football title in 1999. Your choice!
4. What is the first name of well-known intercounty football referee Quigley, of Wexford?
5. What is the home county of well-known intercounty footballer Pdraig Davis?
6. Who is the current President-elect of the G.A.A.?



Match the trophy with the Championship

Hogan Cup

Connacht Senior Football

Anglo Celt Cup

All-Ireland Colleges' Football

Tom Markham Cup

Ulster Senior Football

Andy Merrigan Cup

All-Ireland Minor Football

Bob Nestor Cup

All-Ireland Club Football

What's My Name?

1. I play club football with Crossmolina and won an All-Ireland club medal as a midfielder in 2001. I was on duty with my county in last year's All-Ireland senior final and was in action again at left full back in a recent All-Ireland quarter-final.
2. I have been one of the leading scorers in senior intercounty football in recent years. My club is Kilanerin and I am my county's only Vodafone All Stars award winner in football. However, I have still to win a Leinster senior medal.
3. I captained my county to a national title in senior intercounty football earlier this year. I am a half back and my club is Magheraclaone. My county lost their opening round in the provincial championship, but recovered to reach Round Four of the All-Ireland Qualifiers before bowing out of the Sam Maguire Cup chase.
4. I am a well-known intercounty goalkeeper and won a Vodafone All Stars award three years ago. I won my second provincial senior medal in July and my club is Parnells.
5. I am a leading scorer in intercounty senior football. My club is Killeavey and I won an All-Ireland senior medal and my second Vodafone All Stars award two years ago.



Find The Half Back

Each of the five groups of footballers below includes one half back. Can you find the half back in each group?

Jason Sherlock, Brian Mallon,
Barry Cahill, Brian Maloney.

Daithí Regan, David Gallagher,
Eamonn Fitzmaurice, Chris Conway.

Tom Kelly, Niall Sheridan,
James Gill, Adrian Sweeney.

Dessie Sloyan, B. J. O'Sullivan,
Odran O'Dwyer, Anthony Lynch.

Connacht senior football. What's My Name?: 1. James Nallen (Mayo). 2. Mattie Forde (Wexford). 3. Damien Freeman (Monaghan). 4. Stephen Cluxton (Dublin). 5. Steven McDonnell (Armagh). Find the Half Back: 1. Barry Cahill (Dublin). 2. Eamonn Fitzmaurice (Kerry). 3. Tom Kelly (Laois). 4. Anthony Lynch (Cork).

Tráth na gCéist: 1. Offaly. 2. Kerry. 3. Dara Ó Cinnéide. 4. Armagh. 5. Wexford. Personality Parade: 1. Pdraig Joyce. 2. Aidan Mangán. 3. Graham Geraghty. 4. Thomas. 5. Longford. 6. Nicky Brennan (Kilkenny). Match The Trophy With The Championship: Hogan Cup—All-Ireland Colleges'. Anglo Celt Cup—Ulster senior football. Tom Markham Cup—All-Ireland Minor Football. Andy Merrigan Cup—All-Ireland Club Football. Bob Nestor Cup—

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Cumann na mBunscol

Cumann na mBunscol promotes a love of Gaelic games in over 3,000 primary schools throughout the country. All 32 counties have Cumann na mBunscol units and the organisation also has provincial and national committees. In addition to providing a coaching and games, promotion programme for boys and girls, Cumann na mBunscol administers flagship promotions such as the INTO-GAA Mini-Sevens, The Roadstone National Awards and the McDonald's Catch and Kick & Lift & Strike Challenges.

Bambi and Sonia Centre-Stage

The referees for today's INTO - GAA Mini-Sevens are Bambi Fasanya and Sonia McGlynn. They are members of the Allianz - Cumann na mBunscol 'Junior Whistlers' refereeing scheme devised and run by Cumann na mBunscol, Ath Cliath. Bambi has

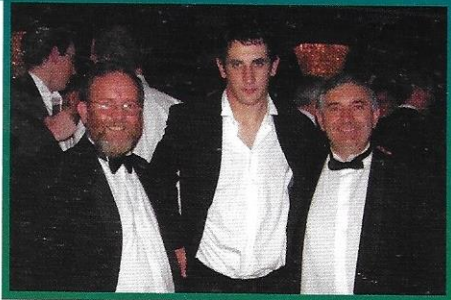


just moved to Navan, Co. Meath having attended primary school in Holy Trinity School, Donaghmede. He played on a winning school teams in Croke Park and in Parnell Park and represented Dublin against Belfast in the annual Cumann na mBunscol sporting exchange. Sonia is a pupil in Sancta Maria secondary school Ballyroan and attended Scoil Treasa, Firhouse. She played in a Cumann na mBunscol final in Croke Park with Scoil Treasa and is a member of Ballyboden St. Enda's. Bambi and Sonia are second and third from left in the front row of the picture.

Photo: GAA President Seán Kelly and Allianz Chief Executive Brendan Murphy met the 2005 Allianz 'Junior Whistlers' in the Croke Park when the scheme was launched during an Allianz National Football League final. Also in the picture is Cumann na mBunscol Chairman Edward O'Riordan - back row 1st on left. The children include Dónal and Conor Butler, Kate Mulvey, Mark Bagnell, Bambi Fasanya, Joseph McCarthy, Niamh Fallon, Sonia McGlynn, Kevin Morahan, Colm Dunne, Patrick O'Meara and Conor O'Riordan.

All-Star Mini

Kerry's Paul Galvin has really blossomed as a senior footballer over the past few years and established a permanent place in the Kingdom line-up. He showed great promise as a youngster in Lixnaw N.S where he excelled at both hurling and football. He represented



Lixnaw NS in Mini-Sevens hurling wearing the Down jersey - a memento he still treasures and wears to training. His brother, Raymond also played in the Mini-Sevens. He went on to represent Kerry at minor and u.21 level and had the unique honour of becoming the 1,000 GAA All-Star at the Vodafone All-Star Banquet in City West Hotel last autumn. Paul now teaches in Cork. After two outstanding displays in Croke Park this summer his former teacher John McAuliffe wishes him well today as he pursues further glory in the green and gold.

Photo: Kerry star Paul Galvin with fellow Kerry men Jerry Grogan, Cahirciveen and Tim Maher, Lixnaw, at the Vodafone All-Star banquet in City West Hotel.

* Seán Brosnan from Kilmurry NS, Cordal is Kerry's only representative in today's Mini Sevens. Barry and Louise Kelly represent Tyrone. Barry attends St. Mary's PS, Killyclogher while Louise is a pupil in St. Mary's, Cabragh.

Rostrevor Abú!




St. Mary's Boys' School, Rostrevor, Co. Down, are on the crest of a football swave at present having achieved double success in Cumann na mBunscol competition in the county. Their close relationship with the local club also bears fruit this afternoon as five past pupils take the field with the county minor team. Peter McGrath and Aidan Farrell - full-forward on the last All-Ireland winning team - are among notable past pupils of St. Mary's school staff are to be commended on their high standard of coaching. Cumann na mBunscol, An Dúin, are extremely proud of their achievements and loud in their praise of the high standard of play and sporting behaviour throughout all competitions in the county this year. Coiste An Dúin wish the team every success in today's minor final and thanks all teachers and club mentors who have contributed to making this dream come true for a very dedicated group of athletes - ádh mór orthu.

Photo: The St. Mary's Restrevor double-winning team celebrating victory in the Allianz-Cumann na mBunscol league.

Little Red Hands



The Tyrone Mini-Sevens team from this year's All-Ireland semi-final included children from eight different counties including Team Manager Maura Mulally [left] and INTO President Sheila Nunan with Lorus Dunne, St Rynagh's N.S. Co. Uí Fháili, Fiona Gallagher, Auhagarron N.S. Co Longfoirt, Hayley Keen, Scoil Phóil Naofa, Baile Átha Cliath 5, Courtney Rooney, Holy Child P.S. Anderstown, Co. Aontroma, Daire Kelly, Scoil Cholmille, Termon, Co. Dhún na nGall, Zoe Loughran, St. Mary's P.S. Cabragh, Co. Thír Eoghain, Aoife Lyons, Sonna N.S. Slanemore, Co. Iar Mhí, Laura Kelly, Scoil Dominic Naofa, Co. Bhaile Átha Cliath, Saelene Nagle, St Rynagh's N.S., Co. Uí Fháili and Seainín Caldwell, Holy Trinity P.S., Maghrafelt, Co. Dhoire.



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