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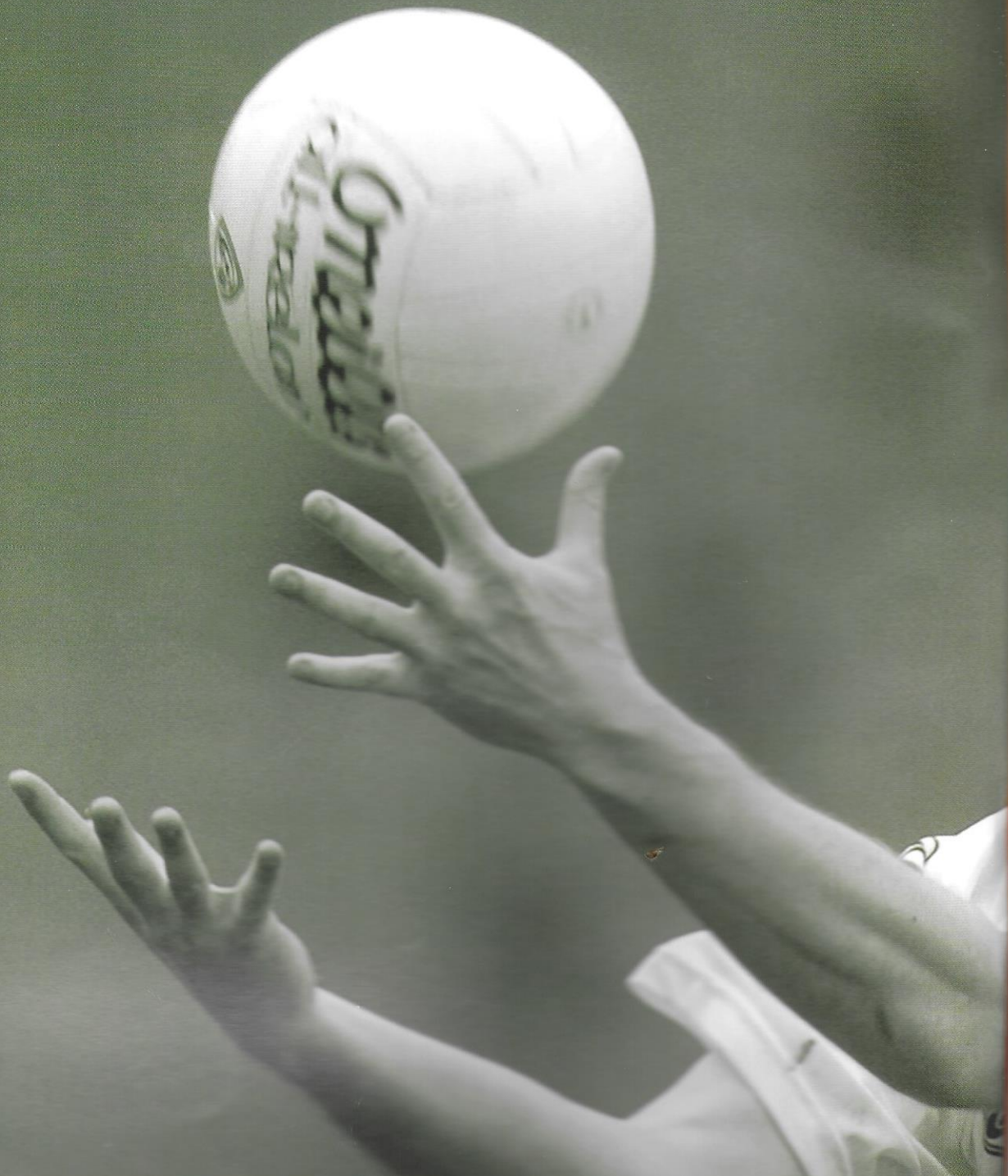


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ESB ALL-IRELAND MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Ciarraí v. Ros Comáin

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Linesmen: Pádraig Hughes (Ard Mhacha) STAND-BY REFEREE

Derek Fahy (An Longfort)

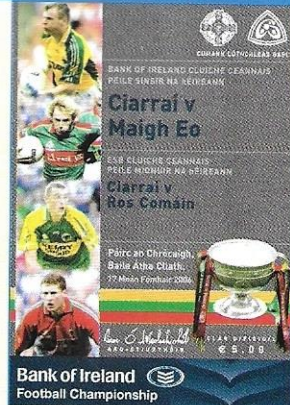
Sideline Official: Martin Higgins (Fear Manach)

Umpires:

Mike Doyle, Rich Doyle,
Alex Ryan, Paddy Sullivan

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Our cover shows:
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(Ciarraí),
Conor Mortimer
(Maigh Eo),
Kieran Donaghy
(Ciarraí) and
David Clarke
(Maigh Eo).



3.30 i.n.

BANK OF IRELAND ALL-IRELAND SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Ciarraí v. Maigh Eo

Réiteoir: Brian Crowe (An Cabhán)

Linesmen: Maurice Deegan (Laois) STAND-BY REFEREE

Michael Hughe (Tír Eoghain)

Sideline Official: Seamus McCormack (An Mhí)

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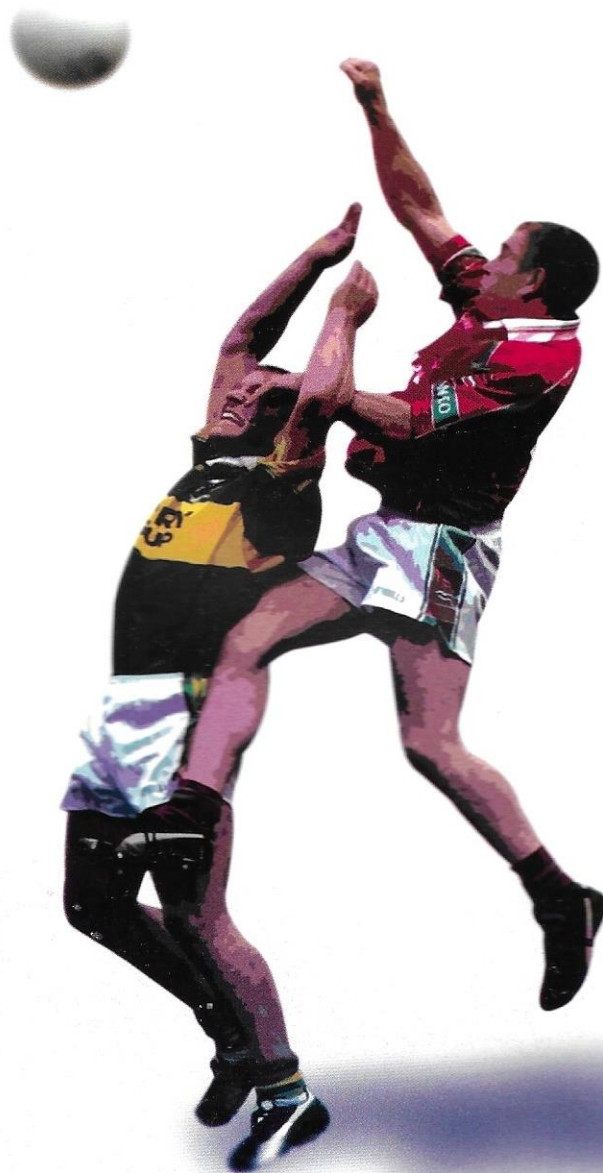
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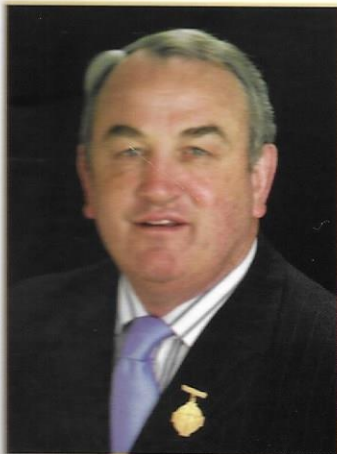
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Tá an lá mór tagtha agus tá lucht leanta na peile bailithe sa cheannáras ó chuile áit sa domhain. Fáilte is fiche romhaibh uilig. Tá taithí maith ag Ciarraí ar chonas cluichí ceannais a bhfuil ag bhfuil neart intinne acu i mbliana chun an ruaig a chur ar mhuintir na Ríochta. Mar sin, a chairde, tá lá iontach i ndán dúinn. Beimid ag faire freisin ar réaltaí an tiodhchail. Go n-eirí go geal leis na fir óga ó Ros Comáin agus ó Chiarraí. Tá fonn díoltais ag Ros Comáin agus ag Muigheo. B'fhéidir go bhfuil a seans tagtha dóibh. Tá féin-mhuinín acu agus mar sin tá an saol ag tnúth le caighdeán ard caide um thráitnóna.

Fáilte

On behalf of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, I welcome the Players, Team Mentors, County Board Officials and Supporters from the three counties to Croke Park this afternoon. I also welcome the two referees, their umpires and linesmen and I wish them well. Finally, I welcome the representatives of our sponsors, Bank of Ireland and the ESB and I thank them for their on-going support.

Kerry v Mayo

When you look at the respective records of today's senior opponents, history is very much on the side of Kerry. Their thirty three titles to Mayo's three clearly shows why the Kingdom sits proudly at the top of the tree as the most successful county at senior level. It is a very impressive and proud

record. Mayo on the other hand have to go back to 1951 for their last success and in the intervening years the Kingdom amassed seventeen more titles. While Kerry have experienced their share of defeats over the years, the players and supporters of Mayo have endured huge disappointments, particularly their last three All-Ireland Finals in 1996, 1997 and 2004.

The two counties experienced contrasting routes to this year's All-Ireland Final. Although Kerry reached the Munster Final, their form along the way was far from impressive and while it took a replay for Cork to capture the title, there was no doubting the Leesiders superiority over their great rivals. For the Kerry mentors it was time for a serious review as they headed into the unfamiliar route of the Qualifiers. A few positional switches and a major refocus by the players saw the side get back to winning ways. What many would perceive as the real Kerry emerged in the second half against Armagh. The semi-final against their Munster Final conquerors Cork saw a workman-like performance from the Kingdom resulting in a deserved win. Reversing the disappointment of last year's defeat by Tyrone is a major motivational factor for the Kerry boys today.

I attended this year's Connacht Senior Football Final and while Mayo enjoyed a merited victory they did not look like potential All-Ireland finalists. Right from that day though, the team has shown steady progress with improved performances in each of their subsequent games. The last twenty minutes against Dublin in the semi-final saw perhaps the outstanding footballing display of the year. That display will give the players extra confidence as they attempt to win a fourth All-Ireland title and reverse a disappointing trend in recent years in a final. In this year's All-Ireland Under 21 Final, Mayo looked in a precarious position at half time against Cork, but a powerful second half performance brought a deserved win. The relief on the faces of both the players and supporters was very evident at the end of that game. After so much heartbreak, is

Mayo now about to enjoy an historic double victory this year?

Kerry v Roscommon

Kerry minor teams are fairly regular visitors to Croke Park on All-Ireland Final day but their opponents have to go back to 1951 for their last All-Ireland Final appearances which brought a great victory over Armagh. The significance of that victory will not be lost on their supporters as it was also the year that Mayo won their last All-Ireland senior title.

Kerry will always command the highest of respect in a final and this year's crop of players from the Kingdom look a mightily talented lot. Among the players are sons of famous Kerry legends and it is good to see a new generation playing on the biggest football Sunday of the year.

Roscommon's presence in Croke Park this afternoon is both welcome and deserved. The county has not had much to celebrate in recent years both on and off the field and the current minor side has given a huge boost to all G.A.A. followers in the county. The team played very impressively against Meath in their semi-final and will not be overawed by their opponents today

Today's Audience

While the "house full" signs will be up in Croke Park this afternoon, many more will watch the game on television and the internet, not just in Ireland but in many parts of the world. All-Ireland Finals are huge occasions wherever the Irish are gathered and today will be no different. Thanks to the benefit of modern technology our relatives and friends around the world can enjoy the excitement from Croke Park this afternoon.

New Football Structures

In mid-October, Congress and Central Council will debate new championship and league proposals, which will be implemented from 2007 or 2008. The championship proposals would see the elimination of one round of the current qualifiers with some teams playing in the Tommy

Murphy Cup rather than the qualifiers (depending on their concluding league status). Also due for consideration is an open draw format for the qualifiers rather than the present system where teams which met earlier in their Provincial championship could not meet in the qualifiers. The league proposals would see the competition reverting back to a previous format where divisions are structured based on intercounty strength. The new proposals are aimed at improving the standard in both competitions within a more defined timescale, which would allow more time for the playing of club games.

International Rules

The future of the International Rules series is very much at stake when Ireland hosts Australia in Galway and Croke Park in the coming weeks. The last series in Australia will be remembered for all the wrong reasons. Some rules changes have been agreed between the two countries to improve the game and eliminate the type of thuggery we witnessed last year, but ultimately the future of the series will depend on the attitude of the players. There is no doubt that the compromise game is highly entertaining and the large attendances are evident of the high level of interest in both Ireland and Australia. However, the level of indiscipline witnessed last year will not be tolerated in future and while the series will certainly involve some level of physicality, let's hope the upcoming games will be about the skill level of the players and not about disciplinary matters.

Buíochas

Finally, I wish all our patrons an enjoyable afternoon in Croke Park. Thanks for your support and please take special care on your way home.

Tá lá spórtúil i ndán dúinn. Bainigí taitneamh as agus slán abhaile libh.

Níoclás Ó Braonáin

**Níoclás Ó Braonáin,
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Cluichí Ceannais Peile na hÉireann 2006

1.10pm	Ros Comáin enter the field	3.07pm	Maigh Eo enter the field.
1.12pm	Ciarraí enter the field	3.11pm	Player Profiles
1.24pm	Arrival of Uachtarán C.L.G. Níoclás Ó Braonáin agus a bhean; Eirleamh C.L.G. An Dr. Diarmuid Ó Clumháin, Ard Easpag Caiseal agus Imleach.	3.18pm	Uachtarán na hÉireann, Máire Nic Giolla Íosa agus a fear céile, Máirtín, introduced – accompanied by Uachtarán CLG, Níoclás Ó Braonáin agus a bhean, Mairéad
1.27pm	Arrival of An Taoiseach leis an tÁrd Stiúrthóir, Liam Ó Maolmhichíl agus a bhean Máire	3.19pm	Uachtarán na hÉireann meets the teams.
1.30pm	ESB All-Ireland Minor Football Final	3.23pm	Paráid na Fóirne
2.02pm	Half Time	3.28pm	Amhrán na bhFiann sung by Paul Byrom
2.04pm	GAA/INTO Mini-Sevens	3.30pm	BANK OF IRELAND ALL-IRELAND FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL
2.45pm	End of Minor Football Final	4.10pm	Presentation to Ronnie Delaney
2.49pm	Presentation of Minor Football Cup by Dr. Diarmuid Ó Clumháin.	4.13pm	Half Time Entertainment by Liam O'Connor
2.57pm	'Football Brothers' introduced by Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh	5.00pm	Senior Game ends
3.05pm	Ciarraí enter the field.	5.03pm	Presentation of the Sam Maguire Cup to the Winning Captain by Uachtarán CLG, Níoclás Ó Braonáin

ARTANE BAND PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

12.28pm	Band Boys	Ed Chenetil
	Make Way for Melody	Leon E. Metcalf
	High School Cadets	J. P. Sousa
1.00pm	Samba Dance	Rob Ares
1.24pm	Uachtarán CLG Salute	R. O'Reilly
1.27pm	Taoiseach Salute	
2.04pm	Ambiance	Wim Laseroms
3.05pm	On The One Road	A. J. Potter
3.19pm	Presidential Salute	A. J. Potter
3.20pm	Star of the County Down	R. O'Reilly
3.22pm	Parade of the Teams	
	God Save Ireland	J. Lynch
3.28pm	Amhrán na bhFiann.	



NATIONAL ANTHEM SINGER Paul Byrom

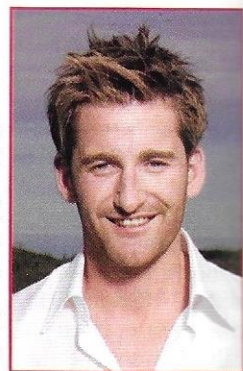
27-year-old Paul Byrom has a wealth of experience in the performance arena, having performed for many dignitaries in recent years including President Mary McAleese and the Japanese Emperor.

Paul performed on the final night of this year's Rose of Tralee and during September and October he is undertaking some intimate shows in Glór, Ennis, Hawkswell Theatre, Sligo and St. Nicholas Church, Galway, accompanied by his 12-piece orchestra and conducted by Joe Csibi

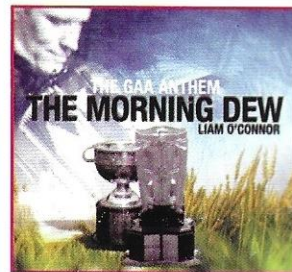
Paul's current album "VELVET" reached No 2 in the album chart and features tracks from the American matinee greats including Mario Lanza, Nat King Cole and Bing Crosby, all newly arranged by former musical director of Riverdance – The Show, Joe Csibi.

Having received many accolades for his outstanding vocal talent amongst them the *Rose Bowl Award in Feis Ceoil* and the *John McCormack Society Bursary*, his peers have hailed Paul as Ireland's Premiere Young Tenor.

Paul is delighted to be making a return to Croke Park to perform Amhrán na bhFiann at today's All-Ireland Football Final 2006.



HALF-TIME ENTERTAINMENT Liam O'Connor



When you have an event that sells out in less than one hour then you know that you have a hot ticket. That is exactly what happened when internationally renowned musician Liam O'Connor recently announced that he was going to play a one-off concert in Muckcross House in Killarney. This is, however, generally the case when he is touring throughout Ireland, or in many parts of the globe, where Liam has brought his special brand of traditional Irish music.

Not one to stand still, Liam has recorded a new single, a very powerful arrangement of the traditional "Morning Dew", which has been taken up as a track to be identified with the GAA. A stirring and emotional tune, it will be used as an intro to matches and radio and

TV shows relevant to this massively popular Irish sporting organisation. Liam is joined on this release by his friend Michael Ó Muircheartaigh, who brings a very special ingredient to proceedings, with the most recognisable voice in Irish sport broadcasting.

Liam, having toured the world as lead musician in Michael Flatley's 'Lord of the Dance' for three years, has also played prestigious performances at Detroit for the 2004 Ryder Cup (and now at the K Club 2006) and the G8 summit in Gleneagles, Scotland. Sell-out tours in Brazil, America, Scandinavia, Austria and Italy in 2005 are just some of the highlights of his career over the last two years.

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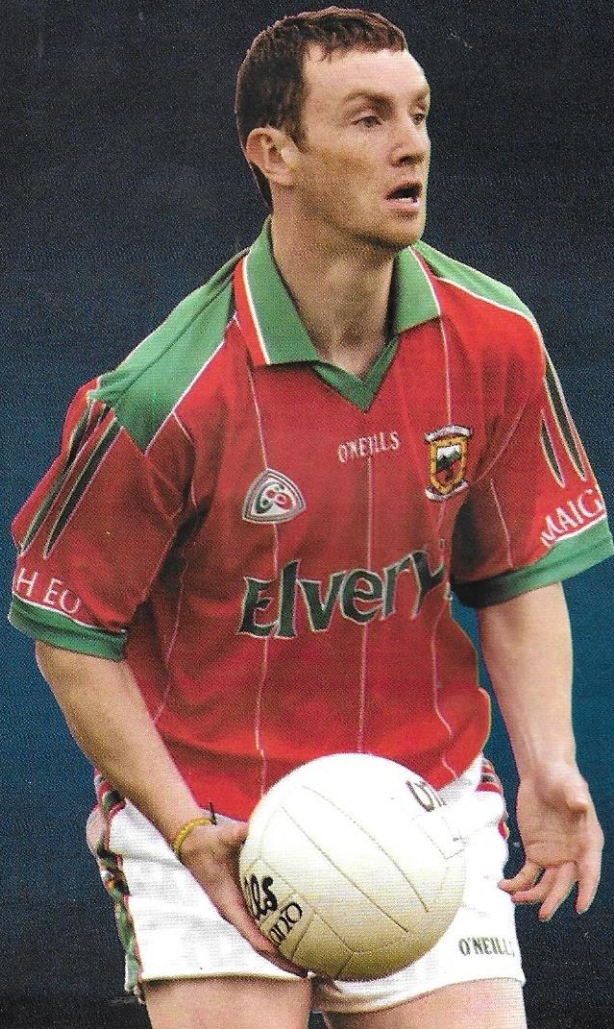
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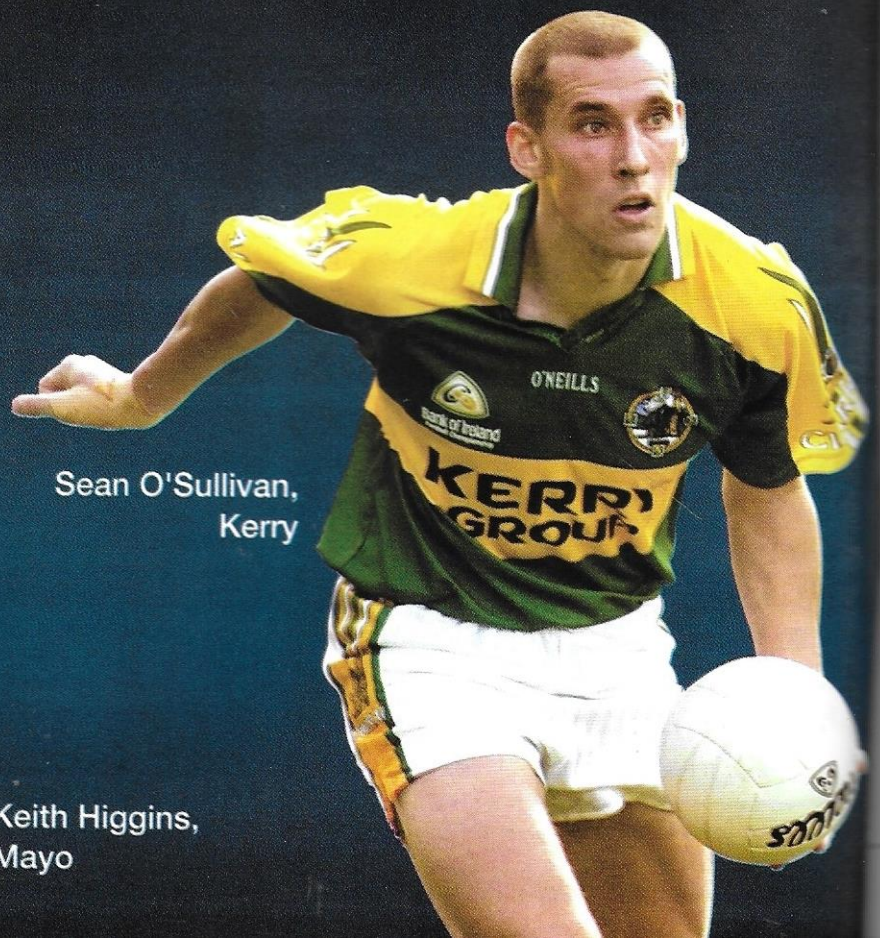


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Welcome to the 2006 Football Final here in Croke Park for what promises to be an exciting afternoon of first class football. Today marks the culmination of this year's season, which has delivered some of the most spectacular football in Championship history. It has been a rollercoaster ride for the fans full of highs and lows, intense matches and, above all, inspiring football.

After five months, 64 matches and 33 contenders, Kerry and Mayo face one another today for the glory of becoming the 2006 Bank of Ireland Football Champions and lifting the Sam Maguire trophy.

Their path to the Final provided some of the great moments of this year's Championship. It was a summer like no other - Dublin retained their Leinster title and Hill 16 was alive with anticipation, Cork brought the Munster title home after an intense and exciting battle against old rivals Kerry, and Laois dethroned the 2005 All Ireland Champions

Tyrone in an action-packed match at Portlaoise.

After reclaiming their Connacht title from the Tribesmen, Mayo have fast become known as a team with steely determination and character and never was it more apparent than in their historic semi-final meeting against Dublin. After this amazing performance featuring an impressive Ciarán McDonald, today they will be keen to re-write history and capture the ultimate prize.

They will be facing an equally strong and determined Kerry side who are chasing their 34th All Ireland win. After their Munster Final defeat to Cork, Kerry staged a re-invention to overcome Longford, and their quarter-final meeting with Armagh proved to be one of the most strongly contested and exciting matches of the Championship. Today, they will be equally determined to repeat their last All Ireland win of 2004, coincidentally against Mayo.

Bank of Ireland are honored to count this year as our 13th year

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This year, Bank of Ireland launched an exciting new marketing campaign, which demonstrates the extraordinary lengths both players and fans go to for this great game. We are proud to be part of such a unique sporting event where extraordinary commitment, passion and energy are brought to life.

May you all enjoy today's encounter and the very best of luck to both Kerry and Mayo in what promises to be a thrilling afternoon of great football and sporting spirit.

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CLASSIC MOMENT



Jack O'Shea (centre) holds off Tom Kearney as Mick Spillane looks on in a half empty stadium. Fewer than 25,000 paid in to Croke Park for the match.

9 August 1981, All-Ireland semi-final, Kerry 2-19, Mayo 1-6

The 1981 All-Ireland semi-final was a meeting of Gaelic football's haves and have-nots. It pitted Kerry, en route to a fourth consecutive All-Ireland title, against Mayo, champions of Connacht for the first time in a dozen years and without an All-Ireland since 1951.

The lead up to the match was marked by much debate on the 'lightening' of the hand pass rule and how Kerry, as the innovators and leading exponents of the open-palmed hand pass, would adapt to it. Referee Paddy Collins travelled to both counties in the week before the match to explain the amended rule that insisted passes must be made with a closed fist. In the event, neither team had any problems in completing the pass correctly.

While Kerry had been unimpressive in disposing of the feeble challenge of Clare and Cork in the Munster championship, no team had as much experience of peaking for August and September as the Kingdom. It was Kerry's seventh semi-final in seven years, Mayo's

first since 1969. Based on their Munster performances, and the toll that the years at the top must be taking on the Kerry men, some in the press had questioned whether Kerry would have the motivation and the necessary desire to win.

They got an emphatic answer. "Last week we asked how this Kerry forward line could be stopped," wrote Peadar O'Brien in the Irish Press. "This morning I suggest a decade of the rosary and a novena of masses." Time had not dimmed the admiration felt by the Independent's Tom O'Riordan either. "Those who first saw them as 'babes' win the All-Ireland final six years ago...might well have wondered had time passed by this great Kerry team."

In a concession to the requirements of black and white TV coverage, the teams wore their provincial colours; white for Mayo and blue for Kerry. Kerry threatened to run away with it in the first half and were well on top in the early stages. Dealing with the aerial threat of Eoin Liston had exercised Mayo minds since the

Connacht final defeat of Sligo. Anthony Egan was detailed with the job of marshalling the Ballybunion colossus but was injured and replaced with less than 20 minutes gone. It threw Mayo's plans awry. Adrian Garvey and Tom Kearney were subsequently handed the task, but neither could stifle the Bomber's threat. Time after time he broke down or unselfishly laid off ball to the on-rushing forwards and, more often than not, scores resulted.

The switch of Willie Joe Padden to midfield helped Mayo gain a foothold and he contributed to the move that ended with Eugene McHale netting a goal. But the Bomber quickly found the net at the other end to leave four points between the teams at the interval. There was little in the first half to suggest the collapse that would befall Mayo in the second. Yes, Kerry looked to be playing within themselves, but Mayo had kept in touch and positional switches had made a difference.

Kerry re-emerged with fire in their bellies. Tim Kennelly came on at

centre half back freeing up Sean Walsh who switched to the middle where he marked Padden out of it. Kerry notched up 0-12 while Mayo threw in the towel and failed to register a score. Kerry forwards ran amok, tormenting the Mayo defence and scoring almost at will. "The only way I could describe them is as a human war-weapon," Mayo forward John P. Kean said afterwards. "They run you into the ground."

Ciarraí: C. Nelligan; J. Deenihan, J. O'Keefe, P. Lynch; P. Ó Sé, S. Walsh, M. Spillane; J. O'Shea (0-1), T. Doyle (0-1); G. Power (1-0), D. Moran (0-3), P. Spillane (0-3); M. Sheehy (0-6), E. Liston (1-2), J. Egan (0-3). Sub: T. Kennelly for Power.

Maigh Eo: M. Webb; M. Gavin, A. Egan, A. Garvey (0-1); H. Gavin, T. Kearney, M. O'Toole; J. Lyons (0-1), W. Nally; JP Kean, WJ Padden, M. Carney (0-1); E. McHale (1-0), J. Burke (0-1), J. McGrath (0-2). Sub: J. Maughan for Carney, G. Feeney for Egan.

Referee: P. Collins (Westmeath).

THE QUEST FOR SAM



Victory in any All-Ireland championship final is invariably a cause for celebration in the successful county, but for Mayo success in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football championship decider would prove just a little extra special.

After all, it is 55 long years since the county last enjoyed such a success.

Mayo went into the 1951 All-Ireland final against Meath as defending All-Ireland champions and also under the shadow of a three points defeat the previous April by the Royal County in the National League "Home" final.

The Westerners, led by Sean Flanagan at left full back, took revenge for the League defeat in a disappointing game. They trailed by three points nine minutes into the first half playing against the wind when full forward Tom Langan set the Westerners on the road to their only Sam Maguire Cup double.

He took a pass from left full forward Joe Gilvary and expertly powered the ball to the Meath net. Mayo conceded just a single point in the second half and finished good winners by 2-8 to 0-9.

Flanagan captained Mayo to the 1950 title and thus joined a select company of captains twice presented with the Sam Maguire Cup.

A FIRST IN 1932

Kerry and Mayo were in opposition at this stage of the championship for the first time in 1932. The Western county was appearing in their first decider since 1921 while Kerry were bidding to equal Wexford's 1915-1918 record of four titles in succession.

The outlook appeared bright for Mayo when they led by 1-4 to 1-1 at the interval. However, the second half had hardly commenced when Tim Landers had the Kingdom level with a good goal and they went on for a 2-7 to 2-4 win.

The game attracted an attendance of 25,816.

LONG WAIT

The counties did not renew final

rivalry until 2004. Kerry were striving to regain the All-Ireland senior title after four years when they faced Mayo before an attendance of 79,749.

Progressive midfield play from Eoin Brosnan and William Kirby and a goal by Colm Cooper after twenty-five minutes were vital planks in building a 1-20 to 2-9 win for Kerry.

Alan Dillon and substitute Michael Conroy were the Mayo goal scorers.

NEW SAM MAGUIRE CUP ERA

Kerry will become the leaders in the new Sam Maguire Cup era if they regain the title. The Cup was first presented for the 1988 final between Meath and Cork.

Kerry share the lead with Meath in terms of Cup wins with three—1997, 2000 and 2004. Meath, captained by Joe Casells, were the first winners of the new trophy. They won the Cup again in 1996 and 1999.

Cork have two successes, 1989 and 1990. Down, 1991 and 1994, Tyrone, 2003 and 2005, Galway 1998 and 2001, Donegal, 1992, Derry, 1993, Dublin 1995, and Armagh 2002 complete the list.

WESTERN DOUBLE

Wins for Roscommon and Mayo would give Connacht the All-Ireland minor and senior football titles double on the same afternoon for the first time since 1966 when Mayo took the minor crown and Galway completed their only treble of All-Ireland senior titles.

LAST KERRY DOUBLE

Kerry last won the All-Ireland minor and senior football finals on the same day in 1980 when the minors beat Derry and the seniors made in three Sam Maguire Cup wins in succession by seeing off Roscommon.

The Kingdom also have a chance of a national senior double, having regained the Allianz League title last April with a 2-12 to 0-10 win over Galway at Limerick.

MAYO ALSO ON DOUBLE TRAIL

Mayo are also in line to complete a national titles double this year. In early May Keith Higgins led the county from left full back to a 1-13 to 1-11 win over Cork, at Ennis, for the county's first All-Ireland Under-21 title in twenty-three years.

NO GOALS

The last final that failed to produce a goal was the history-making clash of Tyrone and Armagh in 2003 when the O'Neill County joined the ranks of All-Ireland senior football champions for the first time with an 0-12 to 0-9 win. Kerry, who did not score a single goal in their campaign in Munster this year, last failed to find the net in their unsuccessful outing against Armagh four years ago.

WHAT PRICE A DRAW?

Today's senior finalists were both involved in drawn games in the last ten years. The bounce of the ball denied Mayo of victory in the 1996 final with Meath. They were a point clear as the game drew to a close when right half back Colm Coyle saved the day for the Royals.

His shot from 70 yards from the Mayo goal dropped behind a number of players in the Western goal area and hopped over the bar to tie the scores at 0-12 for Meath to Mayo's 1-9 and send the game to a replay.

In the replay, quick-thinking by Graham Geraghty and Tommy Dowd orchestrated a Meath win.

The second half was twenty-five minutes old and Mayo were two points ahead. Geraghty won a free some twenty-one yards from the Western goal and quickly picked out Dowd with a pin-point punt.

The Meath captain lost his footing but was still able to poke the ball to the net to put his side a point clear. Meath went on for a 2-9 to 1-11 win.

LAST DRAW

Kerry and Galway were involved in the last drawn final in 2000 when a point in the 66th minute by Pádraig Joyce brought the Westerners level and sent the game to a replay. Final score 0-14 each.

The replay made history—it was the first Sam Maguire Cup tie played on a Saturday.

Seamus Moynihan proved an inspiring captain for Kerry with a man-of-the-match display as the Kingdom won by 0-17 to 1-10.

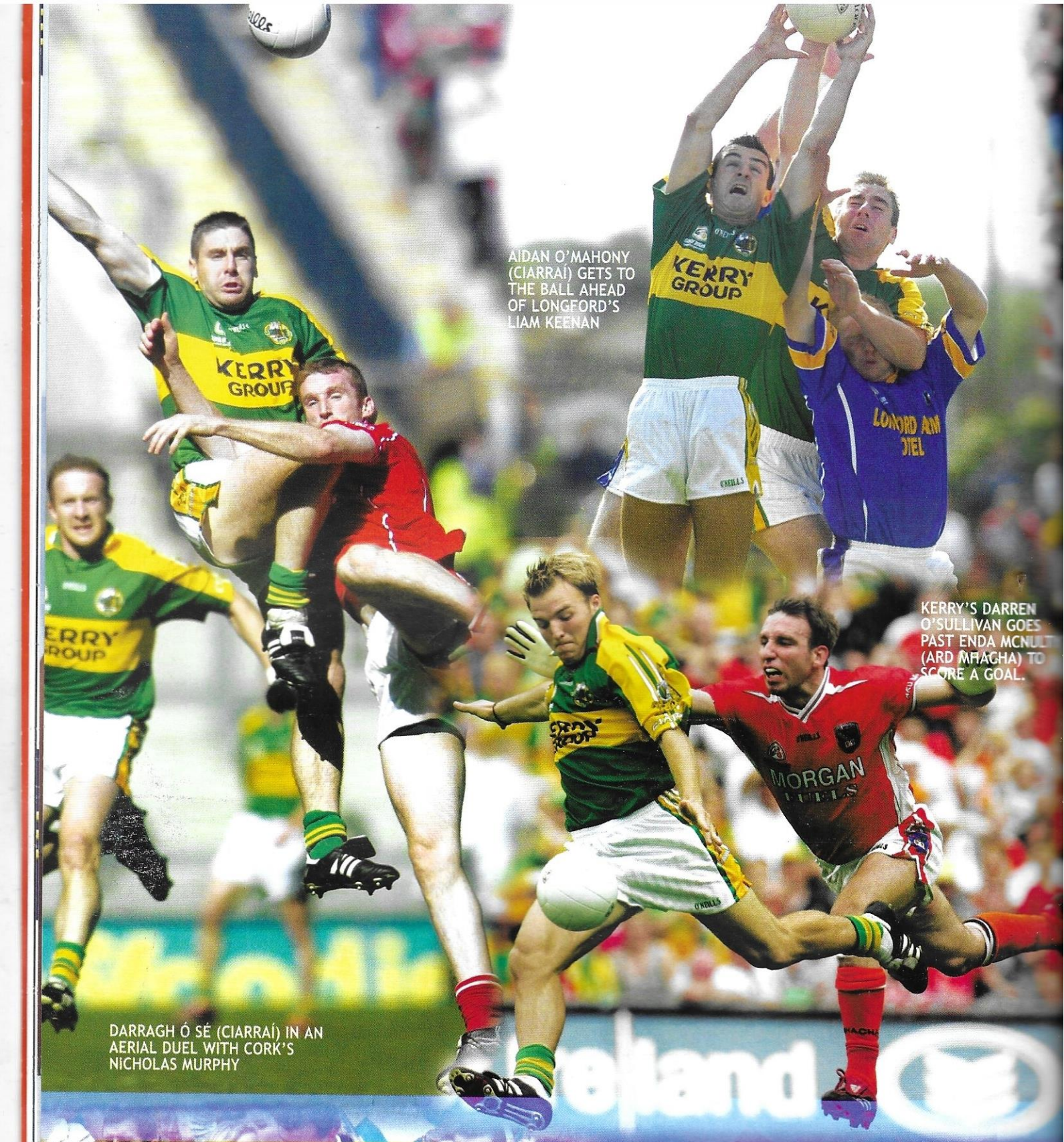
ROLL OF HONOUR

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.
22. Dublin:	1891, 1892, 1894, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1942, 1958, 1963, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1983, 1995.
9. Galway:	1925, 1934, 1938, 1956, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1998, 2001.
7. Meath:	1949, 1954, 1967, 1987, 1988, 1996, 1999.
6. Cork:	1890, 1911, 1945, 1973, 1989, 1990.
5. Cavan:	1933, 1935, 1947, 1948, 1952.
Down:	1960, 1961, 1968, 1991, 1994.
Wexford:	1893, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918.
4. Kildare:	1905, 1919, 1927, 1928.
Tipperary:	1889, 1895, 1900, 1920.
3. Louth:	1910, 1912, 1957.
Mayo:	1936, 1950, 1951.
Offaly:	1971, 1972, 1982.
2. Limerick:	1887, 1896.
Roscommon:	1943, 1944.
Tyrone:	2003, 2005.
1. Armagh:	2002.
Derry:	1993.
Donegal:	1992.



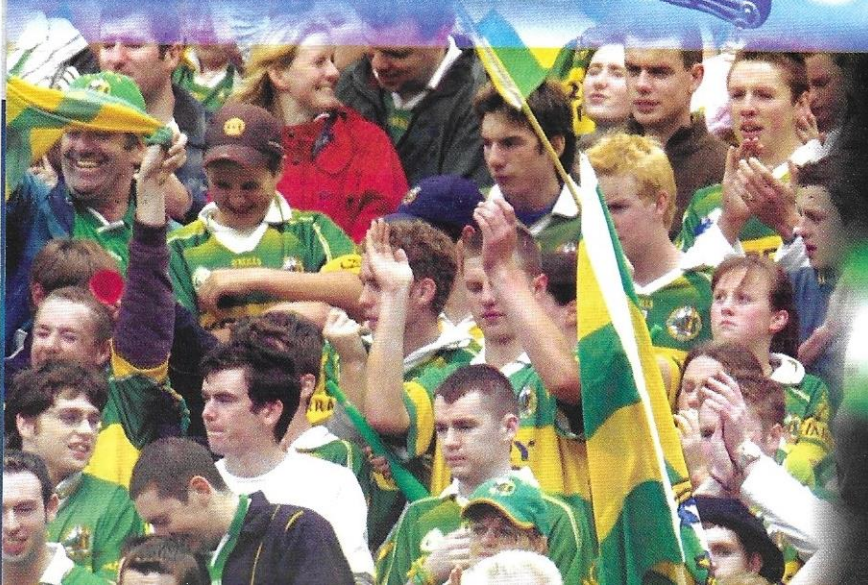
NOTE: No final was played in 1888 due to a visit of hurlers and athletes to the U.S.A. known as "The American Invasion".



AIDAN O'MAHONY (CIARRAI) GETS TO THE BALL AHEAD OF LONGFORD'S LIAM KEENAN

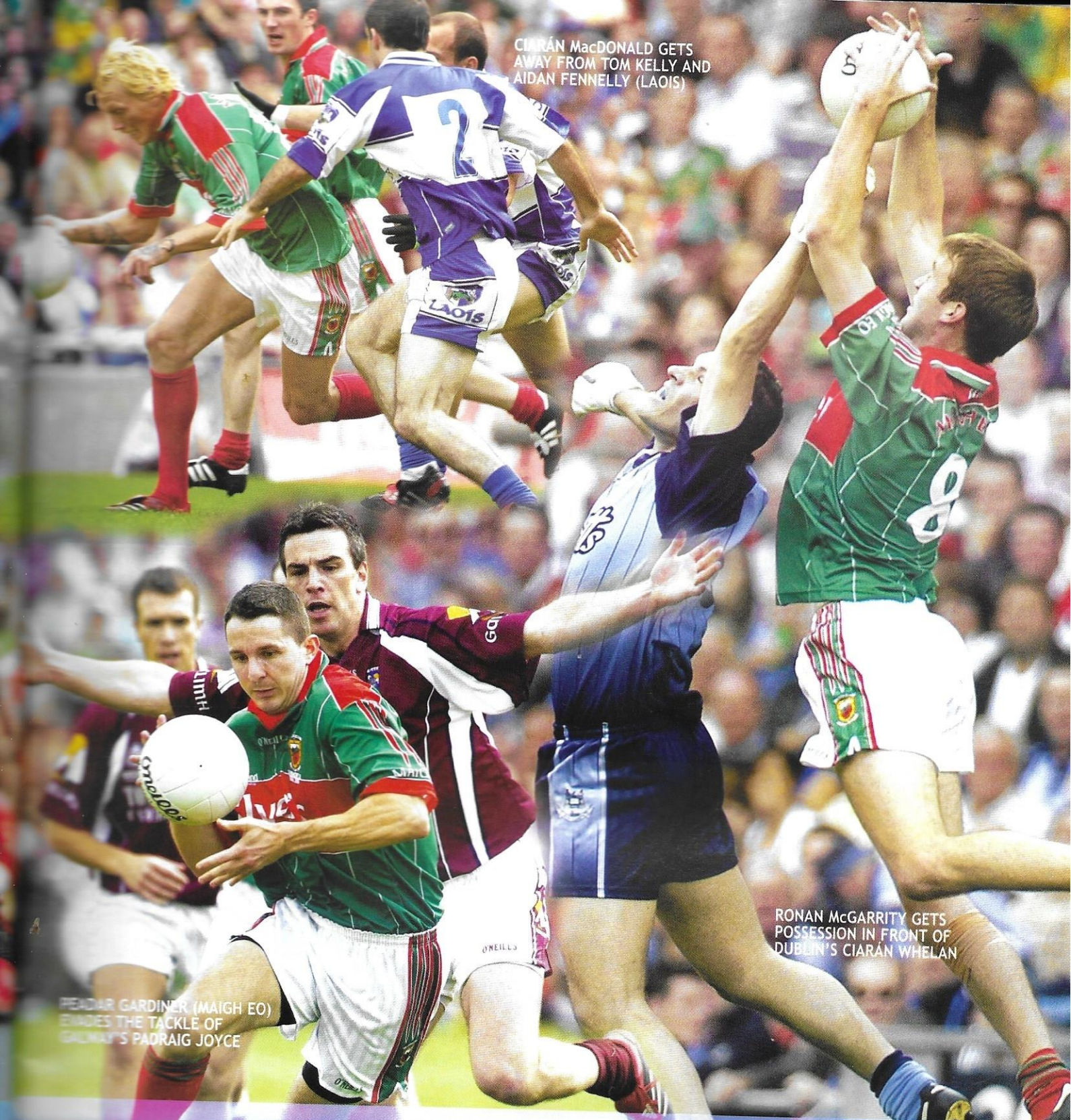
KERRY'S DARREN O'SULLIVAN GOES PAST ENDA MCNULT (ARD MFAGHA) TO SCORE A GOAL.

DARRAGH Ó SÉ (CIARRAI) IN AN AERIAL DUEL WITH CORK'S NICHOLAS MURPHY



SEEKI

CIARÁN MacDONALD GETS AWAY FROM TOM KELLY AND AIDAN FENNELLY (LAOIS)



FEADAR GARDINER (MAIGH EO) EVADES THE TACKLE OF GALWAY'S PADRAIG JOYCE

RONAN MCGARRITY GETS POSSESSION IN FRONT OF DUBLIN'S CIARÁN WHELAN

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Tá na ticéid díolta: tá an t-riamhullmhúchán agus an traenáil déanta ag na bainisteoirí agus na himreoirí: tá páirc na himeartha réidh agus ainlís déanta ar na boime ag lucht leannta na caide sa bhlaire agus i gcéin. Tá an lá mór tagtha ar deireadh agus laochra na Mumhan agus an Iarthar réidh le dul chun catha don duais spóirt is mó sa tír. An mbeidh deireadh le ghorta Mhaighéa um thráthnóna nó an drogfáth fir na Ríochta céim mhór eile ar aghaidh i stair na caide?

Seo an ceathrú huair do Chiarraí agus Mhaighéa aghaidh a thabhairt ar a chéile i gcluiche ceannais Uile-Eireann. Chuaigh siad i ngleic don chéad uair i 1932 nuair a bhí an lámh in uachtar ag na Muimhneigh 2-7 do 2-4. Bhí an bua ag Chiarraí arís i 1997 0-10 do 1-7 agus i 2004 1-20 do 2-9. Beidh cuimhne ag lucht tacaíochta Mhaighéa ar chluiche leathcheannais na bliana 1996 nuair a chloí siad na Deisceartaigh 2-13 do 1-10. B'shin an uair dheireanach a bhuaigh siad cluiche craoibhe in aghaidh a gcéilí comhrac um thráthnóna.

Tá na hIartharaigh ar thóir a ceathrú craoibhe. Bhuaigh siad i 1936, 1949 agus '51. Uimhuir a tríocha ceathar atá a lorg ag fir na Ríochta agus callaíonn sé sin go mbeidh an uair mór ag tuithe go mór do bhua

d'fhir Mickey Moran inniu. Ar fhianaise a chonaiceamar sa chluiche leathcheannais in aghaidh fhir na príomhchathrach b'fhéidir nach mbeidh díoma orthu ag dul abhaile anocht. Bhí feachtas iontach sraithe ag na hIartharaigh i mbliana agus nuair a thosaigh an Craobhchomórtas bhí dóchas ag a lucht leannta go ndéa fadh an fhoireann gaisce éigin i rith an tsamhraidh.

Is fíor nach rabhadar thar mholadh beirteag tús an fheachtais chraoibhe. Chuireadar an ruaig ar Londain agus is beag nár tháinig Liatroim aniar aduaidh orthu i gcluiche leathcheannais Chonnachta. D'éirigh leo Craobh Chonnachta a bhaint ach ba léir go raibh na Gaillimhgh go dona. Diaidh ar ndiaidh, áfach, tháinig feabhas ar Mhaighéa. Is cinnte go raibh tionchur oll-mhór ag Mickey Moran ar chúrsaí agus nuair a thugadar aghaidh ar fhir Micko sa chluiche ceathrúcheannais, agus san athimirt, ba léir go raibh mianach iontu agus féin-mhuinín as an gnách d'fhoirne Mhaighéa. Is sa chluiche leathcheannais a rinneadar an gaisce is mó, áfach.

Bhí fir na hardchathrach mar rogha láidir na coitiantachta ach níor chuir sé sin isteach ná amach ar na Connachtaigh. Bhí an lá leo tar éis taispeántais den scoth. Bhíodar seacht

gcúilíní chun siar ach níor chaill siad an misneach. Bhíodar cróga, sciliúil, láidir agus bhí an céiliúradh ina dhiaidh tuillte go maith acu. Ní ró-fhada a lean sé, áfach, agus thosaigh an tullmhúchán do dhúshlán oll-mhór an lae inniu. Níl amhras ná go gcuirfear dian-scrúdú orthu inniu ach ní bheidh faitíos orthu dúshlán na Ríochta a thabhairt. Tá fíor-choimhlint chugainn gan amhras.

Tá an-taithí ag foireann Chiarraí ar na laethanta móra. Seo an ceathrú chluiche ceannais Uile-Eireann dóibh in imeacht chúig bliana. Bhuaigh siadan Chraobhchomórtas sa bhliain 2000 agus arís i 2004. Chloí fir na Láimhe Deirge iad anuraidh ach tá siad ar ais ar a seantéim arís tar éis tús tubaisteach do Chraobhchomórtas na bliana reatha. Bhíodar oic go leor in aghaidh Phort Lairge agus Tiobraid Arann ach ansin rinne Corcaigh an-ghar doibh. Bhí an chéad chath eatarthu ar chomhscór ach mhúin Corcaigh ceacht peile dóibh san athimirt.

Is ansin a thug Jack O'Connor agus a chomhlgheacaithe faoi ath-mhúnlú na foirne. Chuireadar Ciaran Donaghy os comhair an chúil agus ó shin i leith tá gach mac máthar ag caint faoin réalt nua agus an gaisce atá déanta aige. Chloí na Muimhneigh An Longfort, Corcaigh agus Ard Mhaca agus tá siad

mar rogha láidir na núdar do chluiche an lae inniu. Níl amhras ná go mbeidh tionchur mór ag an bhfear árd Donaghy ar an gcluiche seo ach tá fir láidre eile ag an Ríocht. Ceaptar gur i lár 'a ghoirt a bhuaifear in chluiche seo. Beidh dian-choimhlint idir Darragh O'Sé agus Ronan McGarrity i lár bail. Tá tosaithe den scoth ag an dá fhoireann agus beidh na scóranna á aimsiú ag pé foireann a fhaigheann seilbh i lár na páirce.

Táimid ag súil go mór freisin le coimhlintí eile ar fud na páirce. Cé a rachaidh i ngleic le Ciaran McDonald? Cad faoi Aidan O'Mahony in aghaidh Conor Mortimer agus cé a stopfaidh An Gooch ma bhíonn soláthar íseal, rialta ag dul is teach chuig an naoscaoire draíochta? Tá go leor ceisteanna le freagairt agus, gan amhras, beidh na freagraí againn sara fada. Beidh sé fíor-dheacair Chiarraí a chloí ach tá rud éigin difriúil faoi Mhaighéa i mbliana. Seo uair na cinniúna dóibh. Tá láidreachd coirp agus intinne forbartha iontu ag Mickey Moran agus John Morrison. Ní ghéillfidh siad ró-éasca agus cé nach bhfuil a lucht leannta ag cur brú ró-mhór orthu an babhta seo ní dócha go mbeidh siad ábalta na Deisceartaigh a cheansú um thráthnóna. Bhí an-díomá sa Ríocht anuraidh - ceaptar gur ríméad a bheidh orthu anocht.

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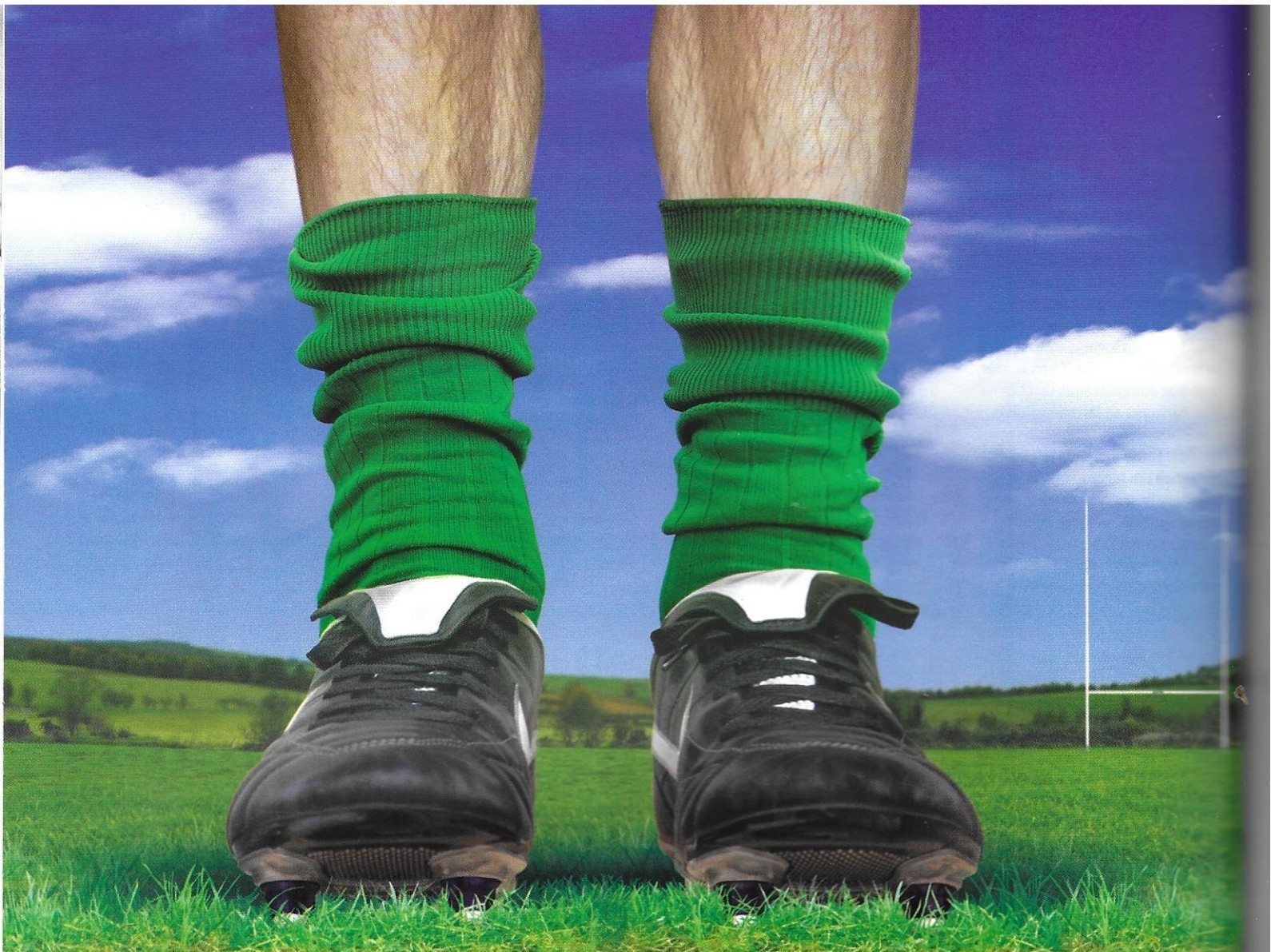


PEIL (Buachaillí)

Team V
Ciarraí: Uaithne is Ór
Pitch: Defending Hogan Stand, Canal End.
1. Conor MacGiollarnáth, Gaelscoil Ultain, Muineachán
2. Shane Mac Uidhir, Gaelscoil Ultain, Muineachán
3. Daniel Donnelly, St Aidan's CBPS, Belfast, Co. Aontroma
4. Eoghan Clancy, Monaleen NS, Luimneach
5. Kieran McGeary, St Mary's PS, Pomeroy, Co. Thír Eoghain
6. Darren O'Sullivan, Scoil Mhuire BNS, Cahirsiveen, Co. Chiarraí
7. Connor Doyle, St Mary's PS, Restorvar, Co. an Dhúin
8. John Kelly, Drimina NS, Tubbercurry, Co. Shligigh
9. Eoin Redmond, Scoil Chroine, Dungloe, Co. Dhún na nGall
10. Connor Cannon, St Anthony's BNS, Ballinlough, Corcaigh

PEIL (Cailíní)

Team W	Team X	Team Y
Maigh Eo: Uaithne is Dearg	Ciarraí: Uaithne is Ór	Maigh Eo: Uaithne is Dearg
Pitch: Defending Cusack Stand, Canal End.	Pitch: Defending Hogan Stand, Hill 16 End.	Pitch: Defending Cusack Stand, Hill 16 End.
1. Gavin Ivory, Scoil Assaim, Raheny, Baile Átha Cliath	1. Amy Devereux, Gaelscoil an Inbhir Mhoir, Co. Chill Mhantáin	1. Orlaith Ní Linnáin, Scoil Neasain, Baile Hearmain, Baile Átha Cliath
2. Kevin Banks, St Patrick's BNS, Ballinamore, Co. Liatroma	2. Caiomhe Hoey, St Mary's NS, Knockbridge, Co. an Lú	2. Katie Crawford, St Bernard's NS, Abbeylara, Co. Longfoirt
3. Patrick Fitzharris, Ballyconnell NS, Co. Cheatharlaich	3. Jenny O'Mahony, St Joseph's NS, Cahirsiveen, Co. Chiarraí	3. Ailish O'Reilly, Maree NS, Oranmore, Co. na Gaillimhe
4. Ciarán Hanrahan, Patrician Primary School, Newbridge, Co. Chill Dara	4. Emer Gallagher, Scoil Cholmcille, Termon, Co. Dhún na nGall	4. Sarah Buggy, Moneenroe NS, Castlecomer, Co. Chill Chainnigh
5. David Booth, Stradbally NS, Co. Laoise	5. Bernadine Brady, Mullahoran NS, Co. Chabháin	5. Mari-Claire Hayes, Convent of Mercy PS, Doon, Co. Luimní
6. Jordan Buckley, St Mary's BNS, Ferbane, Co. Uíbh Fhailí	6. Deirdre Moran, Aughavas NS, Carrigallen, Co. Liathroma	6. Sinéad Ryan, Rathbeggan NS, Co. na Mhí
7. Garvan McVerry, Scoil Naomh Sheosaimh, Bearna, Co. na Gaillimhe	7. Colleen McQuaid, St Patrick's PS, Aughadarragh, Co. Thír Eoghain	7. Maureen Nemej, The Heath NS, Portlaoise, Co. Laoise
8. Niall Scully, St Mary's BNS, Rathfarnham, Baile Átha Cliath	8. Siobhán Ní Chorra, Gaelscoil Ultain, Muineacháin	8. Rebecca Hamey, Rathmore NS, Naas, Co. Chill Dara
9. Stephen Duke, St Joseph's CBS, Gorey, Co. Loch Garmain	9. Niamh O'Dea, Kilfenora NS, Co. an Chláir	9. Carol Hegarty, Oliver Plunkett NS, Ballina, Co. Mhaigh Eo
10. Conor Clarke, Scoil Eimear, Co. Longfoirt	10. Danica Beattie, St Mary's PS, Newtownbutler, Co. Fhear Manach	10. Ashling McGinty, Holy Family SNS, Swords, Co. Bhaile Átha Cliath



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MESSAGE FROM ESB

SPONSORS OF THE ESB ALL-IRELAND MINOR FOOTBALL FINAL



This is the second year of ESB's sponsorship of the All-Ireland Minor Football Final and we are very pleased to be back in Croke Park to share the spectacle of Kerry and Roscommon challenge for the Tom Markham Cup.

All Ireland Final Day is one of the great annual dramas in Irish sport and today we come together to watch a thriller – two counties steeped in the proud traditions of Gaelic football battling before the largest crowd at any single sporting event in the world.

It is hard to believe that both ESB and the GAA Minor Championships have reached their ninth decade; both were founded in the late 1920's. ESB's sponsorship of two of our national sports at Minor level – where the stars of the future are nurtured – is one of the most appropriate business-sporting alliances in Ireland.

Traditions of excellence and high achievement are shared by ESB and the GAA and this sponsorship is helping to develop these qualities both on the pitch and in the workplace.

ESB's sponsorship of the All-Ireland Minor Football Championship has a commercial basis outside of the cultural, social and sporting dimension. As one of the few companies with a presence in every parish, indeed every home and business, it makes perfect sense that ESB should join forces with a sporting organisation that mirrors this deep involvement in Irish society.

I am sure you will enjoy today's encounter and we wish the best of luck to both Kerry and Roscommon in another afternoon of great Minor football in Croke Park.

Pádraig McManus
Chief Executive ESB

ESB MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARD 2006

SONNACHT

27th May. Pearse Stadium:	
Galway 0-12; Sligo 0-3.	
SEMI-FINALS	
21st June. Dr. Hyde Park:	
Roscommon 1-10; Galway 0-9.	
25th June. Carrick-on-Shannon:	
Mayo 2-14; Leitrim 2-7.	
FINAL	
16th July. Castlebar:	
Roscommon 0-12; Mayo 0-9.	

LAIGHIN

25th March. Drogheda:	
Louth 5-8; Longford 0-12.	
25th March. Arklow:	
Wicklow 0-15; Wexford 0-4.	
25th March. Portlaoise:	
Westmeath 4-11; Kilkenny 0-2.	
8th April. Kilkenny:	
Carlow 1-11; Kilkenny 0-4.	
8th April. Wexford:	
Louth 2-9; Wexford 0-3.	
22nd April. Arklow:	
Wicklow 1-13; Louth 2-9.	
22nd April. Pearse Park:	
Longford 3-15; Wexford 1-3.	
29th April. Longford:	
Longford 1-17; Wicklow 1-11.	

29th April. Carlow:

Westmeath 5-17; Carlow 0-5.

6th May. Portlaoise:

Wicklow 3-10; Longford 1-7.

13th May. Droichead Nua:

Meath 0-11; Kildare 0-9.

13th May. Portlaoise:

Laois 0-14; Louth 1-10.

13th May. Mullingar:

Dublin 1-11; Westmeath 0-11.

13th May. Arklow:

Offaly 2-11; Wicklow 1-9.

SEMI-FINALS

5th July. Portlaoise:

Offaly 2-5; Dublin 0-10.

5th July. Droichead Nua:

Meath 1-9; Laois 0-11.

FINAL

16th July. Croke Park:

Meath 1-16; Offaly 2-5.

MUMHA

25th March. Kilmallock:

Cork 1-11; Clare 1-5.

12th April. Dungarvan:

Limerick 2-11; Waterford 2-4.

26th April. Newcastle West:

Kerry 2-10; Tipperary 2-7.

26th April. Cusack Park:

Clare 2-13; Waterford 1-5.

10th May. Limerick:

Tipperary 0-11; Clare 1-7.

SEMI-FINALS

28th June. Tralee:

Kerry 4-11; Limerick 0-9.

29th June. Limerick:

Tipperary 2-7; Cork 2-6.

FINAL

9th July. Killarney:

Kerry 1-13; Tipperary 0-8.

ULADH

7th May. Casement Park:

Cavan 1-16; Down 1-13.

14th May. Clones:

Armagh 0-10; Monaghan 1-6.

21st May. Enniskillen:

Antrim 0-9; Fermanagh 0-8.

27th May. Enniskillen:

Donegal 0-12; Cavan 0-6.

28th May. Omagh:

Tyrone 1-10; Derry 0-10.

SEMI-FINALS

11th June. Clones:

Antrim 2-8; Armagh 2-7.

18 June. Clones:

Donegal 0-11; Tyrone 1-5.

FINAL

16th July. Croke Park:

Donegal 2-12; Antrim 1-5.

ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINALS

29th July. Ennis:

Kerry 2-7; Mayo 0-9.

29th July. Tullamore:

Roscommon 1-12; Tipperary 0-5.

29th July. Clones: After extra time.

Donegal 0-17; Offaly 1-13.

29th July. Clones: After extra time.

Meath 1-17; Antrim 2-10.

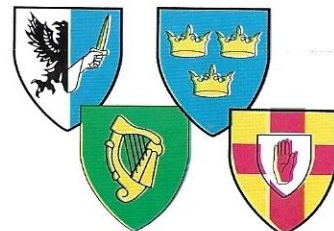
ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL

20th August. Croke Park:

Kerry 2-13; Donegal 1-10.

27th August. Croke Park:

Roscommon 1-10; Meath 0-9.





THE KERRY MINOR SQUAD WHICH DEFEATED DONEGAL IN THE ALL-IRELAND MINOR FOOTBALL SEMI-FINAL AT CROKE PARK:
Back Row (L to R): Stephen Browne, Alan Kelly, Micheál Ó Sé, Liam O'Sullivan, Johnny Buckley, William Devane, Tomás Mac an tSaoir, Daithí Ó Sé, Daniel O'Shea, Michael Moloney, Adam O'Reilly, Tommy Walsh, David Moran.
Front Row (L to R): Patrick Curtin, Gary Sayers, Adrian Greaney, Gary O'Driscoll, Paddy Curran, Eoin Kennedy, Shane Enright, Bryan Costello, Jamie Doolan, Ríci Aghas, Bryan Russell.

KERRY HOPING FOR THIRD TIME LUCKY



Kerry are hoping that their novel ESB All-Ireland minor football championship final with Roscommon will prove a case of third decider lucky. Since winning their last title in 1994 they

have lost at this stage to Laois in 1996 and Tyrone two years ago.

The Kingdom return to the final backed by a good record, featured by a flair for finding the way through to goal as their record of eleven underlines.

They failed in only one game to score more than one goal. That was at Killarney where a goal by Gary Sayers just after the interval helped to set them on the way to their Munster final win over Tipperary, who had shocked Cork in the semi-final.

Eoin Kennedy and John Buckley each scored a goal in a win over Mayo that earned the Kingdom a semi-final outing against Ulster champions Donegal.

After squandering some good scoring opportunities in the opening half, Kerry, with team captain and full forward Paddy Curran leading by example, fared much better after the change of ends to run out good winners.

Donegal led by three points after

twenty-five minutes and looked well placed to make a serious bid for the final ticket. However, the Munster champions sharpened up their finishing after that and ended the half in front by 0-7 to 0-6.

Points by Curran, Kennedy and David Moran boosted Kerry morale further before substitute Jamie Doolan got his side back in goal-scoring mode when he found his way through to the Donegal net after forty-three minutes.

Kerry continued to take the game to the Northerners and Curran, appropriately enough, sealed victory with his side's second goal after fifty-three minutes. The Southerners went on from there for a convincing 2-13 to 1-10 win.

Curran played a real captain's part in a performance that yielded 1-6, three points from frees. Doolan, with his goal, and Moran, who scored three points, also impressed up front.

Midfielders Tommy Walsh and Garry O'Driscoll, who each scored

a point, and defenders Aidan Greaney and Bryan Costello also were key figures in opening the door to this final appearance.

Kerry, then, have left no doubt that they are well armed for this bid to end their titles famine and so play their part in the county's quest for a first national senior and minor double since 1980.

LAST CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS WITH ROSCOMMON

1975

All-Ireland Semi-Final

Kerry 3-12; Roscommon 0-6

1941

All-Ireland Semi-Final (Replay)

Kerry 3-3; Roscommon 5-7

Kerry 3-4; Roscommon 2-7

LAST 5 CHAMPIONSHIP OUTINGS

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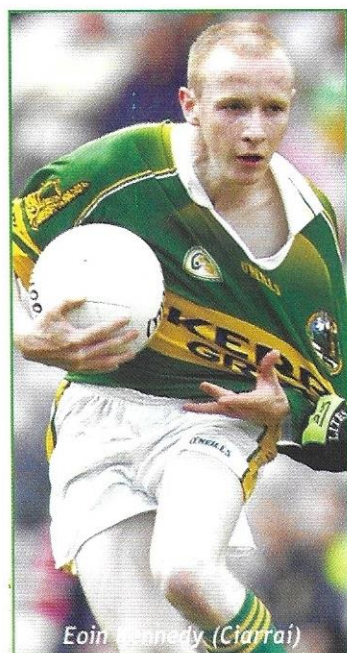
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Eoin Kennedy (Ciarrái)

ROS COMÁIN

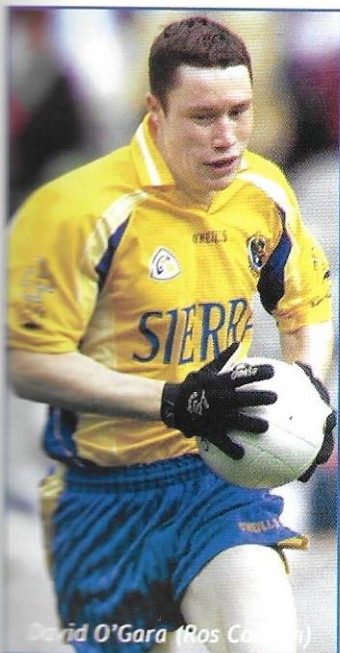


THE ROSCOMMON SQUAD WHICH OVERCAME MEATH IN THE ALL-IRELAND MINOR FOOTBALL SEMI-FINAL AT CROKE PARK.
 Back Row (left to right): Colin Canny, Peter Keane, David O'Gara, Niall Brogan (at back), Peter Domican, James McKeague, Kevin Higgins, Mark Miley (goalie), Paul Gleeson, Cian Smith, David Keenan, Tom O'Grady, Niall Carty, Gary Fallon.
 Front Row (left to right): Keith Waldron, Conor Devaney, Stephen Ormsby, Paul Garvey, Fintan Cregg, David Flynn (Captain), Colm Garvey, Mark McLoughlin, Donal Shine, Alan O'Hara.



MEMORABLE YEAR FOR 'THE ROSSIES'

This is proving a memorable year in more ways than one for Roscommon in the ESB minor football championship. A first win over Galway in the Connacht championship in



David O'Gara (Ros Common)

seventeen years was followed by a first provincial title since 1992. Now the county has direct involvement in an All-Ireland final in the grade for the first time since as far back as 1951.

The minor side, as well as achieving these impressive landmark victories, played good football throughout the campaign and has built up the confidence that is bound to prove a big asset in the ultimate test.

Roscommon, who had a comfortable quarter-final win over Tipperary, clinched their long-awaited return to an All-Ireland final with another impressive performance when beating fancied Meath at Croke Park last month.

The Connacht champions took some time to find the winning formula. They were under strong pressure in the early stages of what proved a low scoring first half and they were a point in arrears close to the interval.

Then they won a penalty kick

and Conor Devaney dispatched a left foot shot to the net. Donal Shine followed with a point to leave the Connacht champions ahead by 1-3 to 0-3 at the break.

Roscommon stepped up the tempo after the restart to build up a six points lead. Meath, to their credit, battled back bravely and were just three points adrift with eight minutes remaining.

But the Westerners refused to buckle. They continued to play with assurance and, with the defence proving a solid bulwark, and the players in general using the ball well, finished worthy winners by 1-10 to 0-9.

This was a good all round display and one in which all departments made solid contributions. Shine, penalty scorer Devaney and Fintan Cregg impressed in attack.

David Keenan fared well in the middle of the field and defenders Mark McLoughlin and team captain David Flynn also made

solid contributions in orchestrate the success.

Roscommon can take much encouragement not only from their Croke Park success but their over-all record this season. A record that indicates they are a formidable side which can make a strong bid to bring a rare All-Ireland title back to the county.

LAST CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS WITH KERRY

1975

All-Ireland Semi-Final

Roscommon 0-6; Kerry 3-12.

1941

All-Ireland Semi-Final (Replay):
 Roscommon 5-7; Kerry 3-3.
 Roscommon 2-7; Kerry 3-4.

LAST 5

CHAMPIONSHIP OUTINGS

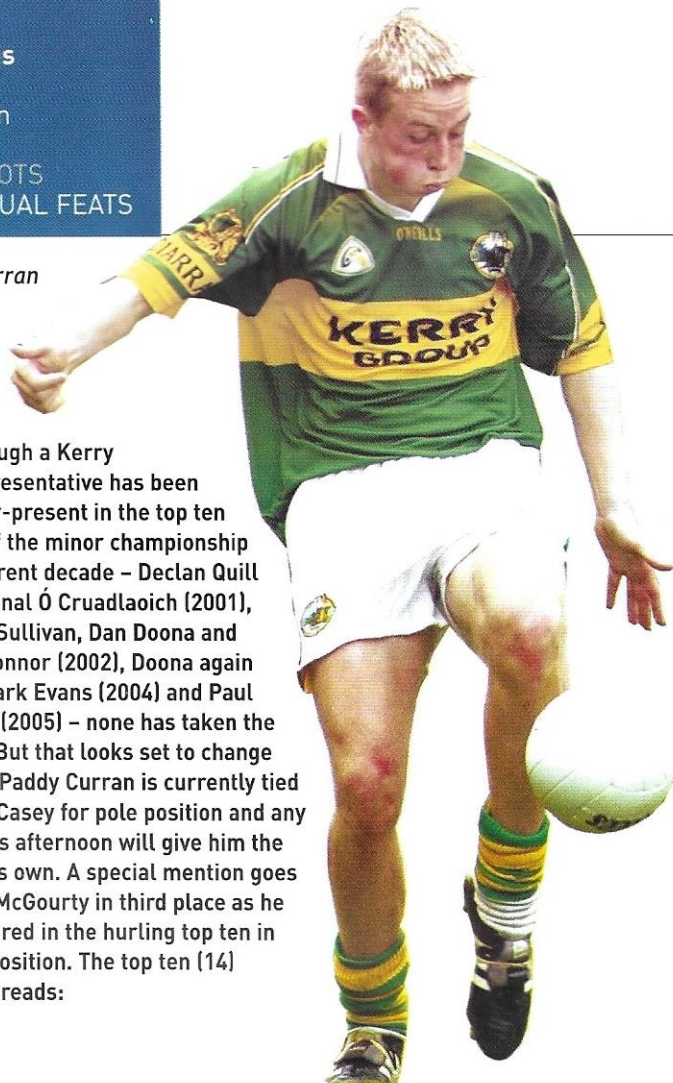
Roscommon 1-10; Meath 0-9.
 Roscommon 1-12; Tipperary 0-5.
 Roscommon 0-12; Mayo 0-9.
 Roscommon 1-10; Galway 0-9.

2005

Connacht Semi-Final

Roscommon 0-7; Mayo 4-12.

Paddy Curran
(Ciarrai)



Although a Kerry representative has been ever-present in the top ten scorers of the minor championship in the current decade – Declan Quill (2000), Conal Ó Cruadlaoich (2001), Declan O'Sullivan, Dan Doona and Colin O'Connor (2002), Doona again (2003), Mark Evans (2004) and Paul O'Connor (2005) – none has taken the top spot. But that looks set to change this year. Paddy Curran is currently tied with Ken Casey for pole position and any return this afternoon will give him the title on his own. A special mention goes to Conor McGourty in third place as he also featured in the hurling top ten in seventh position. The top ten (14) currently reads:

HOT SHOTS MIONÚIR

ALL-IRELAND MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

TOP SCORERS

THE LEADING SCORERS IN THE ESB PROVINCIAL MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS, ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINALS AND SEMI-FINALS ARE:

		SCORE	TOTAL
1	Paddy Curran (Kerry)	2-22	28
	Ken Casey (Offaly)	3-19	28
3	Conor McGourty (Antrim)	2-18	24
4	Kevin McArdle (Louth)	3-14	23
5	Alan Nestor (Meath)	2-15	21
6	Timmy Dalton (Tipperary)	1-13	16
7	D McGoldrick (Longford)	1-12	15
8	Michael Murphy (Donegal)	0-14	14
	K Gill (Longford)	1-11	14
	J Connellan (Westmeath)	1-11	14
	Mike Quilligan (Limerick)	2-8	14
	R O'Halloran (Wicklow)	2-8	14
	Aaron Thompson (Antrim)	3-5	14
	Martin McElhinney (Donegal)	3-5	14

INDIVIDUAL FEATS

QUILLIGAN A LONG-TIME LEADER

The early rounds of the ESB provincial minor football championships were marked by some impressive individual scoring achievements.

Kevin McArdle lost no time in setting a good marker with 2-4 for Louth in their first round win over Longford at Drogheda in late March.

A few weeks later, however, Mike Quilligan passed out that peak with 2-6 for Limerick in their first round Munster championship win over Waterford at Dungarvan.

That still stands as the chart-topper starting this novel show-down between Kerry and Roscommon for the Tom Markham Cup.

Brendan Kelly recorded 3-1 in Westmeath's win over Carlow at Carlow on 29th April and Kelly returned to the premier rankings with 1-7 for Louth in their success at the expense of Laois at Portlaoise in May. Kelly leads the way in the goals return with that trio of majors.

Matthew Byrne (Wicklow) and Pierce Hanley (Mayo) dominate the points review, as distinct from goals and points combined, with 0-8 each.

Byrne recorded his total for Wicklow against Wexford at Arklow in late March, while Hanley joined the review with his return against Leitrim at Carrick-on-Shannon in late June.

INDIVIDUAL FEATS

THE LEADING INDIVIDUAL MATCH RETURNS IN THE ESB PROVINCIAL MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS, ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINALS AND SEMI-FINALS ARE:

2-6:	Mike Quilligan (Limerick) v Waterford at Dungarvan on 12th April.
2-4:	Kevin McArdle (Louth) v Longford at Drogheda on 25th March.
3-1:	Brendan Kelly (Westmeath) v Carlow at Carlow on 29th April.
1-7:	Kevin McArdle (Louth) v Laois at Portlaoise on 13th May.
1-6:	John Connellan (Westmeath) v Kilkenny at Portlaoise on 25th March.
1-6:	Denis McGoldrick (Longford) v Wicklow at Longford on 29th April.
2-3:	A. Giles (Westmeath) v Carlow at Carlow on 29th April.
1-6:	Paul Comiskey (Down) v Cavan at Casement Park on 7th May.
1-6:	Ken Casey (Offaly) v Wicklow at Arklow on 13th May.
1-6:	Conor McGourty (Antrim) v Armagh at Clones on 11th June.
0-8:	Matthew Byrne (Wicklow) v Wexford at Arklow on 25th March.
0-8:	Pierce Hanley (Mayo) v Leitrim at Carrick-on-Shannon on 25th June.



Wins - 11

1931 - Kerry	3-4	Louth	0-4	1963 - Kerry	1-10	Westmeath	0-2
1932 - Kerry	3-8	Laois	1-3	1975 - Kerry	1-10	Tyrone	0-4
1933 - Kerry	4-1	Mayo	0-9	1980 - Kerry	3-12	Derry	0-11
1946 - Kerry	3-7	Dublin	2-3	1988 - Kerry	2-5	Dublin	0-5
1950 - Kerry	3-6	Wexford	1-4	1994 - Kerry	0-16	Galway	1-7
1962 - Kerry	6-5	Mayo	0-7				

Losses - 11

1936 - Louth	5-1	Kerry	1-8	replay - Galway	1-11	Kerry	1-11
1938 - Cavan	3-3	Kerry	0-8	1979 - Dublin	0-10	Kerry	1-6
1949 - Armagh	1-7	Kerry	1-5	1982 - Dublin	1-11	Kerry	1-5
1954 - Dublin	3-3	Kerry	1-8	1990 - Meath	2-11	Kerry	2-5
1965 - Dublin	2-8	Kerry	2-4	1996 - Laois	2-11	Kerry	1-7
1970 - Galway	1-8	Kerry	2-5	2004 - Tyrone	0-12	Kerry	0-11

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ROSCOMMON'S PERFECT RECORD

Nineteen counties have won All-Ireland minor football titles. Eighteen of these have also appeared on the losing side in finals of this grade. Only one county has an unblemished record – never losing a final – and that county is Roscommon who were victorious in the three finals they contested.

1939

When Roscommon lined out in the semi/final of the Connacht championship at Elphin they were seeking the county's first win in the grade since 1934. In a closely-contested game with Leitrim the scores were level at the interval and still tied nearing the end until two late Roscommon points gave them a 1-8 to 1-6 victory.

Mayo in the final were reckoned to be a big test, but Roscommon dominated the first half at Castlerea with Joe Tiernan, Henry Winston and Joe Bambrick on the mark as they built up a 0-7 to 0-2 lead. For a time in the third quarter Mayo threatened to overhaul the leaders, but gradually midfielders Seamus Lavine and Tim Lynch regained control and O'Beirne's late goal ensured a comfortable 1-10 to 1-3 win for Roscommon – provincial champions for the first time.

The All-Ireland semi/final also brought a new force to the scene – Cork, who had also won their first provincial crown. At no stage was there much between the sides at Croke Park and they were tied at the break – 0-4 to 1-1. Scores were still level with ten minutes remaining but points by Henry Winston and

Gerry Kilduff lifted Roscommon to a 0-10 to 1-4 win.

Appearing in their first All-Ireland final, Monaghan played like veterans and at the break deservedly led by 1-5 to 0-3. Things didn't improve for Roscommon in the third quarter and with ten minutes remaining they trailed by seven. However, in a remarkable rally Roscommon scored 1-6 without reply to take their first title by 1-9 to 1-7. The team that captured their first title was – Sean Naughton, Larry Cummins, Bill Carlos, Des Boyd, Paddy Sweeney, Liam Gilmartin, Tony Murray, Seamus Lavin, Tim Lynch, Cathal O'Beirne, Joe Tiernan, Jim McDermott, Joe Bambrick, Gerry Kilduff, Henry Winston. Sub – Wilson Penny.

1941

After the disappointment of surrendering their title to Mayo the previous year, Roscommon were unlikely to be caught napping when they took on Sligo at Boyle. A blistering first half saw Roscommon in front by 2-3 to nil, but it took some sterling defensive work by Gerry Dolan, Tim Lynch and Brendan Lynch to secure a 2-6 to 1-4 victory.

The Leitrim challenge in the semi/final at St. Coman's Park was not as strong as expected and two Brian O'Rourke goals helped Roscommon into a 2-5 to 1-1 interval lead. Leitrim failed to add to their interval total while Roscommon notched 1-2 for a twelve-point win.

Galway had won many admirers by the manner in which they eliminated Mayo and were the favourites for the final, but at Tuam the visitors performed

superbly and were full value for their 2-6 to 0-6 victory.

Taking on Kerry in the All-Ireland semi/final at Tralee was a major assignment but Roscommon were equal to the task. It was a titanic contest which was level at the break and also at full time thanks to O'Rourke's late point (2-7 to 3-4). The replay at Roscommon saw the home side eke out an interval lead of 2-3 to 2-1, but in the second period the locals pulled away to win by 5-7 to 3-3.

Pearse Park, Longford was the venue for the All-Ireland final against Louth, who had just three of the previous year's winning side on duty. An even first half saw the challengers slip into an interval lead of 1-3 to 0-5 thanks to Paddy Hanley's goal, and the game was won before Gerry Kilduff's green flag made it 3-6 to 0-7. The fifteen players who secured Roscommon's second title were – Gerry Dolan, Tom F Bannon, Tom Lynch, Leo Kelly, Paddy Donnelly, Brendan Lynch, Pakie Hoare, Bill Carlos, Eamon Curran, Bartley O'Gara, Paddy Duignan, Brian O'Rourke, Christy Murray, Gerry Kilduff, Paddy Hanley.

1951

Roscommon's quest began on a somewhat subdued note at St. Coman's Park where a weak Sligo team made few demands of the home side. An interval lead of 1-5 to nil eventually turned into a winning score of 2-7 to 0-2 as Roscommon ambled to victory.

However, Galway in the provincial final at Tuam showed they were made of sterner stuff and all through the first quarter

the home side attacked constantly to lead by 0-4 to nil. Slowly the visitors came to terms with the challenge and trailed by just a point – 1-1 to 0-5 – at the change of ends. The perfectly balanced exchanges seemed likely to produce a draw until a late point gave Galway victory by 1-8 to 2-4.

That wasn't the end of Roscommon's season however as, when an objection was lodged, the Connacht Council found in their favour and they were awarded the title. The deliberations had taken a long time and it was November before the All-Ireland semi/final with Louth took place. Roscommon led by 1-3 to 1-2 at the break and scores were level at the 40th minute before Mick Shivan's goal and Mick Kelly's brace of points decided the issue – 2-5 to 1-3.

Croke Park in mid-December presented an unusual scene when Armagh and Roscommon lined out for the final. Against the slight breeze in the opening half Roscommon performed well and points by Hugh Penny and John O'Brien just before the break gave them a 1-4 to 1-3 advantage. The game was finally balanced until the closing stages when Leo Duffy's goal and a brace of points from John Rafferty settled the issue – 2-7 to 1-5. The team that brought Roscommon its third minor title was – Pat Muldoon, Ollie Murray, John Lynch, Eddie O'Connor, Barry Molloy, Tommy Finnegan, Gerry Healy, Harry Connolly, Johnny Rafferty, John O'Brien, Joe Campbell, Eamon Duignan, Leo Duffy, Mick Shivan, Hugh Penny. Sub – Mick Kelly.

A GOOD OMEN

This afternoon Roscommon play just their fourth All-Ireland minor final and the Connacht champions have reached this stage of the competition without conceding a goal as Galway (0-9), Mayo (0-9), Tipperary (0-5) and Meath (0-9) all failed to raise the green flag against them. The last occasion on which a minor team qualified for the final without conceding a goal

was Dublin in 1979 when they overcame Louth (0-6), Wexford (0-8), Meath (0-8) and Mayo (0-7) to face Kerry in the final. And though the Metropolitans did concede their first goal of the campaign in that final, it wasn't enough to deprive them of the title as they won by 0-10 to 1-6.

A good omen perhaps for Roscommon today?



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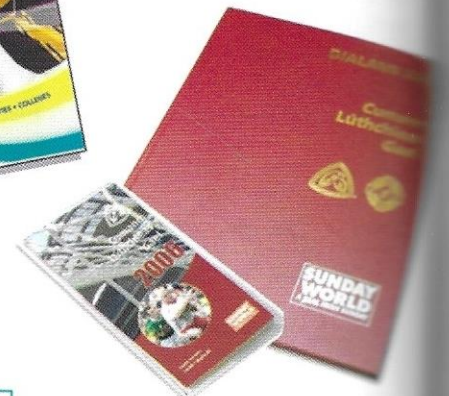
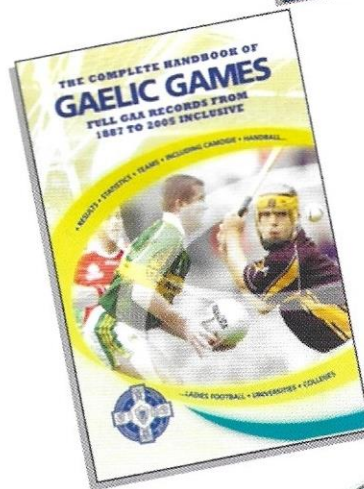
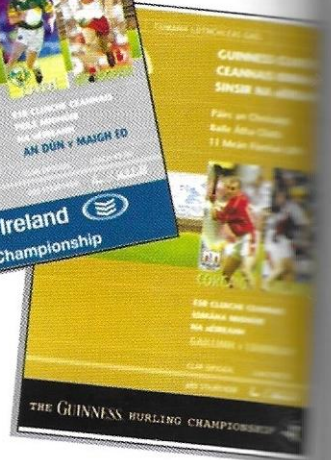
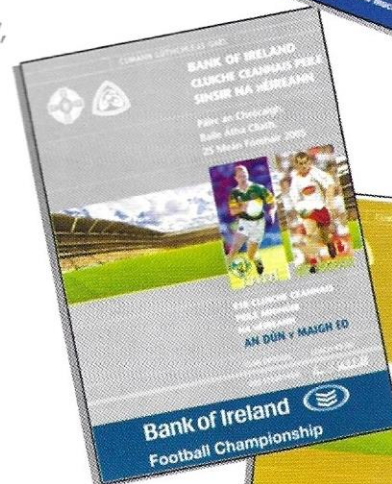
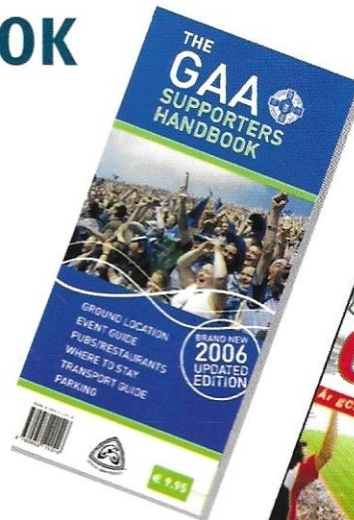
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THE ROAD TO THE MINOR FOOTBALL SUMMIT

CIARRAÍ

Kerry are appearing in an All-Ireland minor football final for the first time since 2004 when they lost to Tyrone by 0-12 to 0-10.

Their last final win was in 1994, 0-16 to 1-7 at the expense of Galway.

Kerry's bid for a fifth successive Munster title was ended by Cork in the concluding round in 2005. They regained the provincial crown earlier this year.

This is their record so far this season.

26th April. Newcastle West:

Kerry 2-10; Tipperary 2-7.

28th June. Tralee:

Kerry 4-11; Limerick 0-9.

9th July. Killarney:

Kerry 1-13; Tipperary 0-8.

29th July. Ennis:

Kerry 2-7; Mayo 0-9.

20th August. Croke Park:

Kerry 2-13; Donegal 1-10.

Total Scored: 11-54 (87 points).

Total Conceded: 3-43 (52 points).

Average: 1.67

ROS COMÁIN

Roscommon bridge a very long gap with this All-Ireland minor football final appearance. The last outing by a team from the county in the concluding round was as far back as 1951 when Roscommon beat Armagh to regain the title after ten years and bring their All-Ireland titles total to three.

On the way to this final Roscommon captured the Connacht title for the first time since 1992.

This is how they secured that long-awaited return to an All-Ireland final appearance:

25th June. Roscommon:

Roscommon 1-10; Galway 0-9.

16th July. Castlebar:

Roscommon 0-12; Mayo 0-9.

29th July. Tullamore:

Roscommon 1-12; Tipperary 0-5.

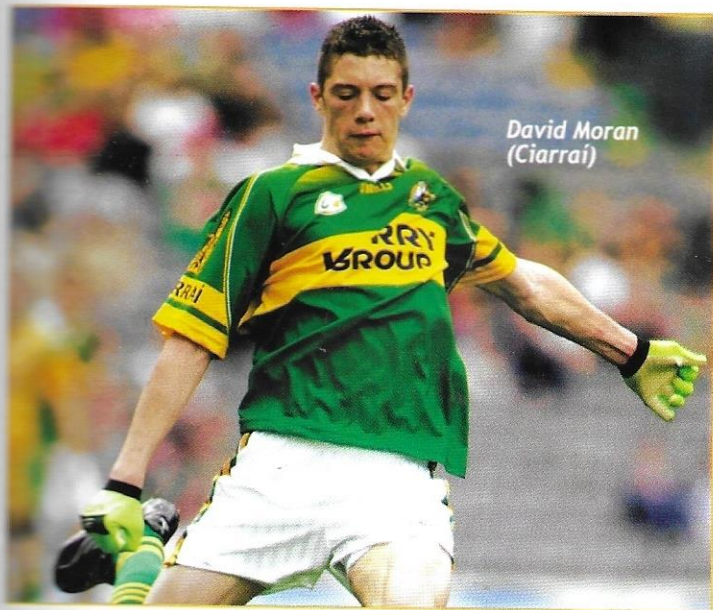
28th August, Croke Park:

Roscommon 1-10; Meath 0-9.

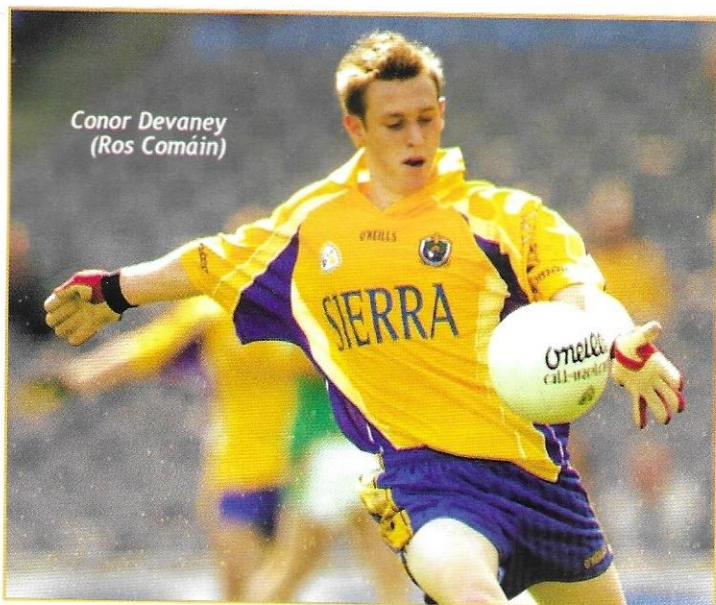
Total Scored: 3-44 (53 pts).

Total Conceded: 0-32.

Average: 1.65



David Moran
(Ciarraí)



Conor Devaney
(Ros Comáin)

SCOREBOARD

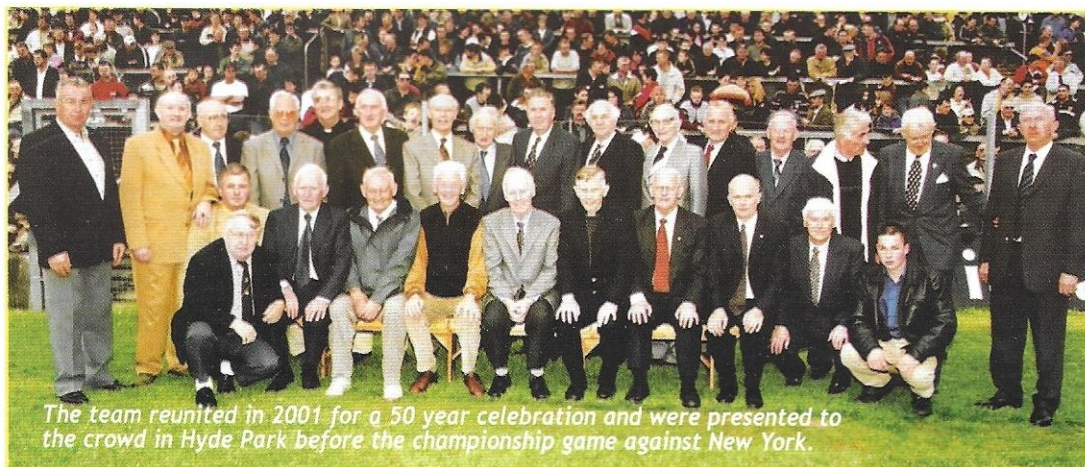
	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
Paddy Curran	1-2	0-5	0-6	0-3	1-6	2-22
David Moran	0-2	0-3	0-2	0-1	0-3	0-11
Gary Sayers	0-3	—	1-2	0-2	—	1-7
James Doolan	1-1	—	0-1	—	1-0	2-2
Patrick Curtin	—	2-1	0-1	—	—	2-2
John Buckley	—	1-1	—	1-0	—	2-1
Eoin Kennedy	0-1	—	—	1-0	0-2	1-3
Tommy Walsh	—	1-1	—	0-1	0-1	1-3
Gary O'Driscoll	0-1	—	0-1	—	0-1	0-3

SCOREBOARD

	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
Donal Shine	0-3	0-5	0-2	0-3	0-13
Conor Devaney	0-1	0-2	1-2	1-0	2-5
Fintan Cregg	0-3	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-8
Paul Garvey	—	—	0-1	0-2	0-3
James McKeague	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-5
David O'Gara	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-4
Kevin Higgins	1-0	—	0-1	—	1-1
David Flynn	0-1	0-1	—	—	0-2
Colm Garvey	—	0-1	0-1	—	0-2
Keith Waldron	—	—	—	0-1	0-1



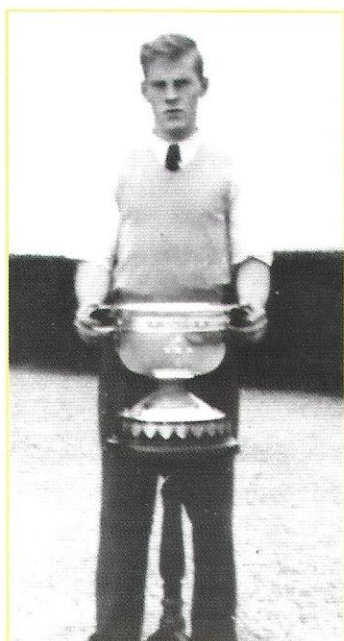
Memories of Roscommon's Minor All-Ireland title win of 1951



The team reunited in 2001 for a 50 year celebration and were presented to the crowd in Hyde Park before the championship game against New York.

The 1951 Minor championship will go down in the history books for many reasons. Roscommon played Sligo in St. Coman's Park on July 8th and won by 3-5 to 0-2. Incidentally, the admission was one shilling (about 7 cent) with the sideline costing an extra shilling.

Roscommon then faced Galway in the Connacht Final in Tuam a week



Roscommon Captain Barry Molloy with the 1951 trophy.



The victorious Roscommon team taken in Croke Park in 1951.

later. The admission had doubled to two shillings. Galway won by a point but after objections and counter-objections, Roscommon were awarded the match.

The All-Ireland semi-final was played on November 25th in the CBS sportsfield because St. Coman's Park was flooded. Roscommon beat Louth in an exciting game by 2-5 to 1-3. The final brought them to Croke Park to play the favourites, Armagh, on a sunny Sunday, December 16th. The title was taken on a scoreline of 2-7 to 1-5.

The players celebrated in O'Connell Street by going from ice-cream parlour to ice-cream parlour, including the famous Cafolla's. It

was a rare occasion to visit Dublin at that time, with the remains of the war years still in evidence.

Of that team, Fr. Eddie O'Connor, John Lynch, Ollie Murray, Harry Connolly, Michael Shivan and Barry Molloy went on to play with the county seniors during the 1950s and 1960s.

REUNION


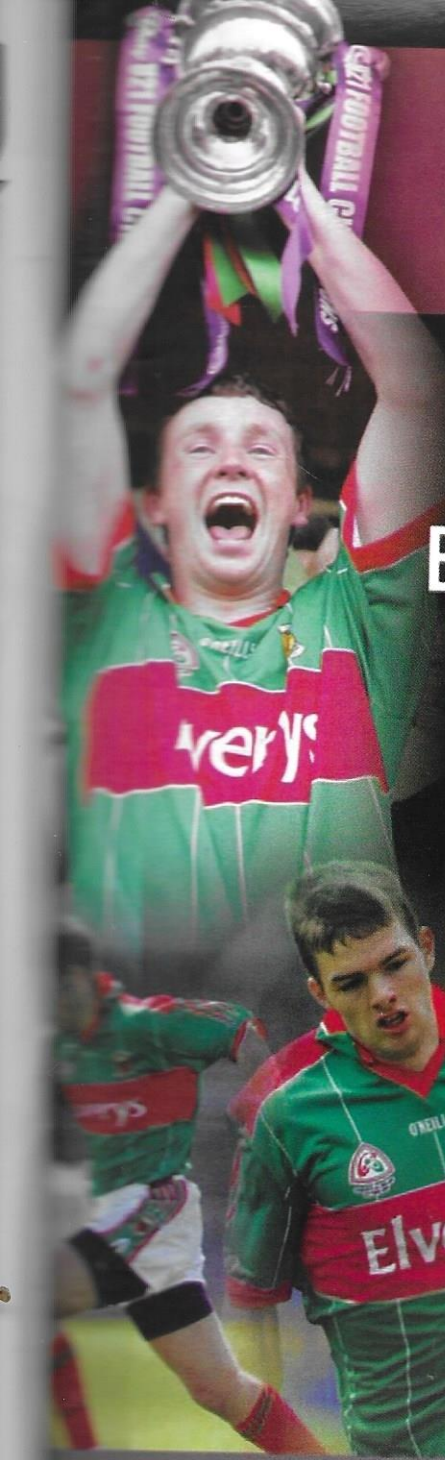
Of the panel of 25 players, twenty-one attended a golden jubilee reunion in 2001. After that length of time they had to introduce themselves and start all over again to renew lost memories. The reunion was also attended by the 1951 County Board Chairman, Dr. Hugh Gibbons, and Team Selector, Paddy Walsh.

The Mass was concelebrated in the CBS by Fr. Eddie O'Connor and Fr. Eamonn Duignan. The team was later presented to the crowd at Dr. Hyde Park during the interval of the Roscommon v. New York senior championship game.

Today, fifty-five years later, 23 of that panel of 25 are still alive and hopefully many of them will be here in Croke Park today to cheer on the blue and primrose.

OWN POINT

Johnny Rafferty, the Roscommon mid-fielder, made his own bit of history in the All-Ireland Final, scoring for BOTH sides. He received slight concussion in a collision with an Armagh player. From the resultant free, he gained possession and soloed through an amazed Roscommon defence to score a point for Armagh. He was, however, quickly to make amends by scoring a point for Roscommon.



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PADDY CURRAN



Paddy's leadership, clever play and sharp-shooting has contributed in rich measure to Kerry's return to

the All-Ireland minor final. This is his third year on the county side.

He enjoyed considerable success with Coláiste na Sceilge, Cahirciveen, in Colleges' competitions. He helped the school to their last Corn Uí Mhuirí (Munster Colleges' Championship) win in 2003 and he has also won Frewen Cup and Corn Uí Mhorafain medals.

Curran is one of the leading scorers in the campaign for the All-Ireland minor title.

JOHN KENNEDY



This is John's first year as manager of the Kerry minor side. However, he is a former county minor selector and also has

managerial experience at inter-county level, having filled the manager's post with Clare senior team for a number of years.

Kennedy also made his mark as a footballer. He was right half forward in the Kerry team that beat Dublin in the 1984 All-Ireland senior final and went in as a substitute in the successful defence of the Sam Maguire Cup a year later at the expense of the Metropolitanans.

He was also in the substitutes panel when the Kingdom completed the three-in-a row in 1986.

DAVID FLYNN



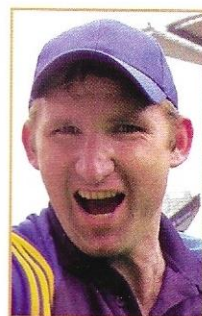
It has been so long since Roscommon last won the All-Ireland minor title that it will be an extra special day for David if

he steps up to receive the Tom Markham Cup.

He has led the team to the decider in splendid fashion with his cool, dependable play and leadership at centre half back. His clearances are also well placed, and he is also capable of finding the scoring target.

It is an indication of Flynn's football skills that he is already a senior with the Clan na Gael club. He has played in all grades with the club.

FERGAL O'DONNELL

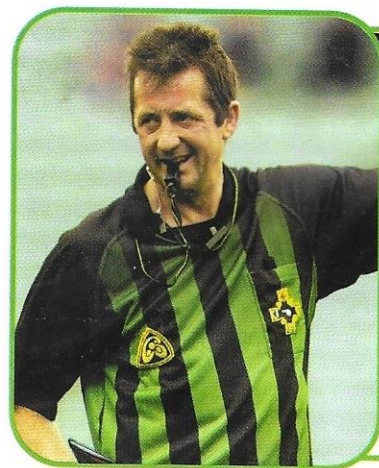


Fergal was a midfielder in the Roscommon team that won the Connacht minor football title in 1989 and played in a

grades with the county. He played a true leader's role as captain and influential right midfielder in the team that beat Mayo in 2001 for the county's last Connacht senior title.

O'Donnell won county medals with Roscommon Gaels and also has experience of management at club level.

He has lost no time in making an impact in his debut season as county minor manager by guiding Roscommon to a first All-Ireland final in 55 years.



AN RÉITEOIR

Syl Doyle (Loch Garman)

Syl was engaged earlier this year in the Allianz National League and also refereed two Munster championship games involving Cork—their semi-final with Limerick at Limerick in June and the final replay against Kerry at Páirc Uí Chaoimh in July.

He is a member of the Ballyhogue club and played football in all grades. He also won county championship medals at minor and intermediate.

Doyle has been refereeing locally since 1995 and has controlled county finals in all grades. He has also refereed Leinster finals at minor, under-21 and club.

Syl carves out a little piece of history today as he is the first Wexford official to referee an All-Ireland Minor football final.

MIONÚIR

MINOR SIDELINES

AN HISTORIC GAME

The All-Ireland minor football final today makes history as it is the first between Roscommon and Kerry.

The Western county goes into the game with the perfect record from their appearances in the concluding round. They had a winning debut against Monaghan in 1939 (1-9 to 1-7), beat Louth two years later by 3-6 to 0-7 and Armagh by 2-7 to 1-5 in their last

outing as far back as 1951.

Kerry lead the Roll of Honour with eleven titles, with their last success twelve years ago at the expense of Galway, a scoreline of 0-16 to 1-7.

They have lost two finals in the meantime—to Laois in 1996 and Tyrone two years ago.

LONG WAIT

A Roscommon win would not only end a long wait for the

county but also for the province. The Tom Markham Cup, the trophy for the winners of the All-Ireland minor football championship, has not been carried in triumph across the Shannon since Galway won their fifth title in 1986.

LAST MUNSTER SUCCESS

The last final win by a Munster county was in 2000 when Cork beat Mayo by 2-12 to 0-13 for a tenth title. The Rebel County has

not appeared in the concluding round in the meantime.

NOVEL PAIRING

The inaugural All-Ireland minor football final in 1929 provided a novel football pairing, with Clare beating Longford in a goal feast—5-3 to 3-5. Despite that great start the Banner County has not won a single crown in the meantime.

Kerry won their first All-Ireland title in 1931 with a 3-4 to 0-4 win over Louth.

DATHANNA: UAITHNE IS ÓR

CIARRAÍ



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TOMÁS Mac an tSAOIR
T. Mac an tSaoir
<i>(An Ghaeltacht)</i> | |
| 2
BRYAN RUSSELL
B. Ruiséil
<i>(Spa)</i> | 3
MICHAEL MOLONEY
M. Ó Maoldomhnaigh
<i>(Dr. Crokes)</i> | 4
DAITHÍ Ó SÉ
D. Ó Sé
<i>(An Ghaeltacht)</i> |
| 5
SHANE ENRIGHT
S. Mac Ionnrachtaigh
<i>(Tarbert)</i> | 6
ADRIAN GREANEY
A. Ó Gráinne
<i>(St. Pat's)</i> | 7
BRYAN COSTELLO
B. Mac Coistelbha
<i>(John Mitchels)</i> |
| 8
TOMMY WALSH
T. Breathnach
<i>(Kerins O'Rahilly's)</i> | 9
GARRY O'DRISCOLL
G. Ó Drisceoil
<i>(Skellig Rangers)</i> | |
| 10
JOHN BUCKLEY
S. Ó Buachalla
<i>(Dr. Crokes)</i> | 11
DANIEL O'SHEA
D. Ó Sé
<i>(Currow)</i> | 12
DAVID MORAN
D. Ó Moráin
<i>(Kerins O'Rahilly's)</i> |
| 13
GARRY SAYERS
G. Mac an tSaoir
<i>(Keel)</i> | 14
PADDY CURRAN
P. Ó Curráin (Capt.)
<i>(Waterville)</i> | 15
EOIN KENNEDY
E. Ó Cinnéide
<i>(Asdee)</i> |

FIR IONAIÐ

- [16] **Alan Kelly**
A. Ó Ceallaigh
(Dr. Crokes)
- [17] **Patrick Curtin**
P. Mac Cuirtín
(Moyvane)
- [18] **Stephen Browne**
S. de Brún
(Castlegregory)
- [19] **Jamie Doolan**
S. Ó Dulainn
(Dr. Crokes)
- [20] **Ríci Ághas**
R. Ághas
(An Ghaeltacht)
- [21] **Liam O'Sullivan**
L. Ó Suilleabháin
(St. Pat's)
- [22] **Micheál Ó Sé**
M. Ó Sé
(An Ghaeltacht)
- [23] **Adam O'Reilly**
A. Ó Raghallaigh
(Spa)
- [24] **William Devane**
L., Ó Dubháin
(Dingle)

ROGHNÓIRÍ

John Kennedy (Trainer), Vince Cooper, Paddy Creagh, Brendan Donnelly, Liam Ó Rócháin.

DATHANNA: BUÍ IS GORM

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MARK MILEY
M. Ó Maolaoidh
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| 2
PAUL GLEESON
P. Ó Glasáin
<i>(Roscommon Gaels)</i> | 3
MARK McLoughlin
M. Mac Lochlainn
<i>(St. Aidan's)</i> | 4
STEPHEN ORMSBY
S. Armas
<i>(St. Faithleach's)</i> |
| 5
PETER DOMICAN
P. Domacáin
<i>(St. Brigid's)</i> | 6
DAVID FLYNN
D. Ó Floinn (Capt.)
<i>(Clann na nGael)</i> | 7
COLM GARVEY
C. Ó Gairbhith
<i>(Kilmore)</i> |
| 8
DAVID KEENAN
D. Ó Cianáin
<i>(St. Barry's)</i> | 9
KEVIN HIGGINS
C. Ó hUiginn
<i>(Western Gaels)</i> | |
| 10
CONOR DEVANEY
C. Ó Dubhánaigh
<i>(Kilbride)</i> | 11
JAMES MCKEAGUE
S. Mac Thaidhg
<i>(St. Ciarán's)</i> | 12
DONAL SHINE
D. Ó Seighin
<i>(Clann na nGael)</i> |
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PAUL GARVEY
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<i>(Kilmore)</i> | 14
FINTAN CREGG
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<i>(Elphin)</i> | 15
DAVID O'GARA
D. Ó Gadhra
<i>(Roscommon Gaels)</i> |

FIR IONAIÐ

- [16] **Darren O'Malley**
D. Ó Máille
(Michael Glavey's)
- [17] **James Coyle**
S. Mac Giolla Chomhail
(St. Aidan's)
- [18] **Niall Carty**
N. Ó Cárthaigh
(Pádraig Pearse's)
- [19] **Cathal McHugh**
C. Mac Aodha
(St. Brigid's)
- [20] **Alan O'Hara**
A. Ó hEára
(St. Michael's)
- [21] **Cian Smith**
C. Mac Gabhann
(Boyle)
- [22] **Colin Canny**
C. Mac Annaidh
(St. Ciarán's)
- [23] **Tom O'Grady**
T. Ó Grádaigh
(Kilbride)
- [24] **Keith Waldron**
C. de Bhaidraithe
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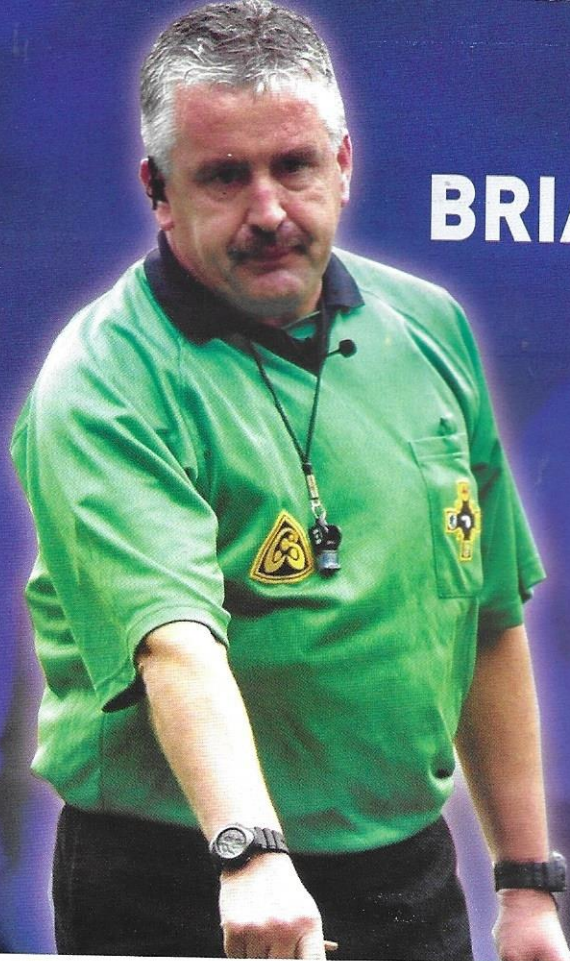
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AFTER taking charge of two All-Ireland club finals, a Connacht decider and a Munster showpiece, Cavan's Brian Crowe has reached the summit of refereeing with today's Bank of Ireland All-Ireland football final. Crowe was the man in the middle for the 2003 club final clash between Cork's Nemo Rangers and Mayo outfit Crossmolina and two years later he was back for the AIB-sponsored competition climax when Mayo's Ballina Stephenites claimed a famous triumph over Laois champions Portlaoise.

On the intercounty stage, the highlights of Crowe's career to date are the 2000 Connacht SFC final between Galway and Leitrim and the Munster decider in 2003 involving Kerry and Limerick. A member of the Cavan Gaels club, Crowe's love affair with refereeing stretches back to the early 1980s when he first seriously considered making a career of the whistle.

BRIAN CROWE

BIG MATCH REFEREE



A former Colleges footballer with St Pat's in Cavan, Crowe committed to full-time refereeing in his early twenties and after first making the Ulster list, he progressed steadily through the ranks to the highest stage of all. Crowe's early assignments were Colleges games in Ulster, McRory Cup and Ulster vocational matches, but his first major breakthrough was a local derby in the 1996/97 NFL between Westmeath and Roscommon in Kiltoom.

In 1997, Crowe had his first taste of Croke Park on big-match day when he refereed the All-Ireland minor semi final between Laois and Mayo. In 1998, Crowe took charge of his very first Ulster SFC match — Antrim v Donegal at Casement Park — and the

following year he was handed the Crossmaglen/Bellaghy Ulster club SFC final. The Leinster championship game between Westmeath and Laois in 1999 was his first senior outing at Croke Park and, interestingly, Crowe bridges a nine-year gap today with his direct involvement in another Kerry v Mayo final. In 1997, he was a linesman when the Kingdom defeated their Connacht rivals and, in 2001, Crowe was the stand-by referee for Michael Collins when Galway beat Meath to win the Sam Maguire.

Crowe, (48), boasts an impressive CV and, based at the O'Neill's Military base in Cavan, he has access to a nearby pitch and gymnasium facilities for training. Two of Crowe's umpires today,

John Sheridan and Michael Lyons, are from the Drumalee club, Jimmy Galligan is a Killygarry clubman and Philip Devine represents Laragh United. "Phil has come in for the past two years and replaced a great man, Paddy Ferncombe, originally from Holycross in County Tipperary who later settled in Drumalee," Crowe explained. "Paddy worked with me from day one, gave some great service but retired from umpiring two years ago." In an era when referees must be in peak physical condition, Crowe pays a special word of thanks to work colleague Cecil O'Reilly, a fitness tutor in the early months of this year when Crowe added daily power-walking to his regime.

It's already been a good season

for Crowe, who refereed throughout the Allianz League earlier in the year when his assignments included the Kerry-Dublin tie last April in Killarney. The Cavan Gaels clubman won plaudits for his handling of the All-Ireland quarter-final between Dublin and Westmeath and now he's looking forward to the pinnacle of his career. "It's a tremendous honour for the whole family, my club Cavan Gaels and the province of Ulster," said a proud Crowe. "I'd also like to mention the people that have sent me emails, text messages and who phoned to wish me luck. And the house resembles Christmas at the moment with the amount of cards I have received! I'm deeply indebted to all the folk that took time out to get in touch."



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FEATURE
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MY OWN HILL 16

It's Sunday morning around eleven, my alarm starts ringing and I realise that it's the big day! The match is today and I jump from the bed and wake up my brother.

I am going to attend my first ever football match, and to make it more exciting it's going to be the semi-final between Dublin and Mayo in Croke Park. All week I've been telling people that my brother and me have tickets for Hill 16 and they cannot believe it.

I wanted to arrive really early so I was almost running. Kids with their fathers or grandfathers, young couples, whole families, fans of both teams are walking with me. Their faces showed that today nothing else matters, there is no work or family problems, or anything that could worry them. Their team is playing and that's the only important thing in the world.

I stopped at one corner because there were lot of people at a pub called the Hill 16. That's where I am going to see the match I thought, I never imagined in that moment what watching a game in the Hill 16 would be like.

The colours were changing in the streets, from now on the blue of Dublin and red and green of Mayo were the ones that predominated in every direction. My heart started to beat faster and faster, I was just five minutes away from the entrance.



I proudly took out my ticket and gave it to the man on the turnstile. He looked at me, and I don't know how he realised it was my first match, but he winked at me and said, "Enjoy it".

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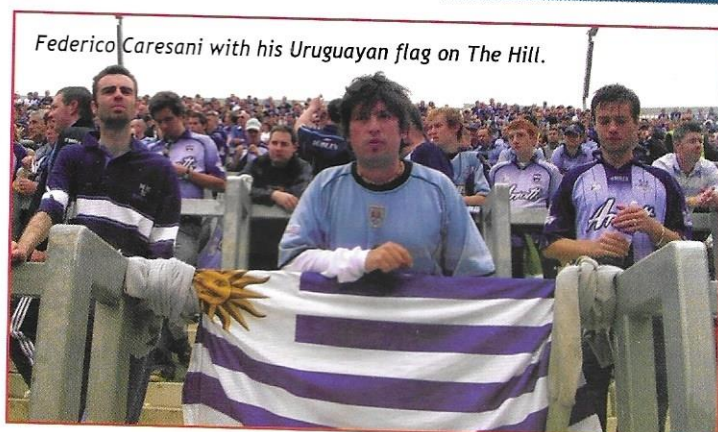
Finally the moment arrived and I walked onto the Hill 16. I am not joking when I say that it took me more than ten minutes to start talking again. The stadium struck me dumb. I have been to many stadiums at home and in Europe but this is the biggest stadium I have ever seen. It's incredible that the rest of stadium is so big, but Hill 16 is so small, but I loved it.

After that I looked around and thought to myself, "I am in Croke Park on the Hill 16 about to see the All-Ireland semi-final match, is there any better place in the world to be right now?" The atmosphere started as soon as the teams came onto the field. I didn't realise until I was told later that Mayo doing their warm up in front of the Hill 16 was a provocation to Dublin. Maybe it affected Dublin because they did not start too well.

IMPRESSIONS

Of course as everybody can tell I am not a specialist and I cannot analyse the match, but I will give my impressions anyway. It was a very bad start for Dublin because they couldn't score for long time. The Hill 16 fans - in that moment I was one of them - didn't stop supporting them at any time. After the first Dublin goal came was a moment I will never forget in my whole life, the Hill exploded and I was hugging all the people around me.

When the first half ended I just wanted the match to continue, but now that we are in the first half break I can make a small review



Federico Caresani with his Uruguayan flag on The Hill.

of myself. My name is Federico and I am a sport journalist from Montevideo, Uruguay. Soccer is the main sport there; it's almost like a religion. Every Sunday I go to the stadium and support my team Peñarol so I know what loving and suffering for a team means. Incidentally, Peñarol wears the same colours as Kilkenny so I was happy to see them win the hurling final.

SPECIAL

I like sport in general and since I am living here in Ireland I have a special feeling with Gaelic sports. Lots of things call my attention to them. One of the main ones is that it is amateur. For me, that is really admirable and I hope it will never change because I know that the players really feel for the game and play with all their hearts for the colours of their team.

I think that's enough from me, so I will continue with the great Sunday. During the half time break the Hill 16 was furious, they wanted their warriors to come out again and fight on the pitch, and so did I. My Uruguayan flag was fitting in well and there was so much blue that it seemed the whole country was supporting Dublin.

The second half started with Dublin scoring lots of times and everything was pointing to their victory, but Mayo's courage and pride didn't let them: With Conor Mortimer as the main warrior Mayo scored from everywhere and

won the game by just one point. I must say that the precision of the footballer's kicks was one of the things that surprised me most, as well as the strength and physical quality of the players.

That point sent Mayo to the final and Dublin away. Looking at Dublin supporters' faces was too hard; I was feeling very bad as well. People cried and the old ones were trying to explain to the small kids what happened. One of them looked at me and, almost crying, he told me, "Next year will be better," and turned away with his head down and left.

EXHILARATED

Once on the street outside and still exhilarated with what I had just witnessed on the field, I saw the Mayo supporters singing and shouting; their happiness contrasted with the Dublin sadness. I ran to one of the most enthusiastic ones and asked him how he was feeling. He just said, "This year is ours," and started jumping and screaming again.

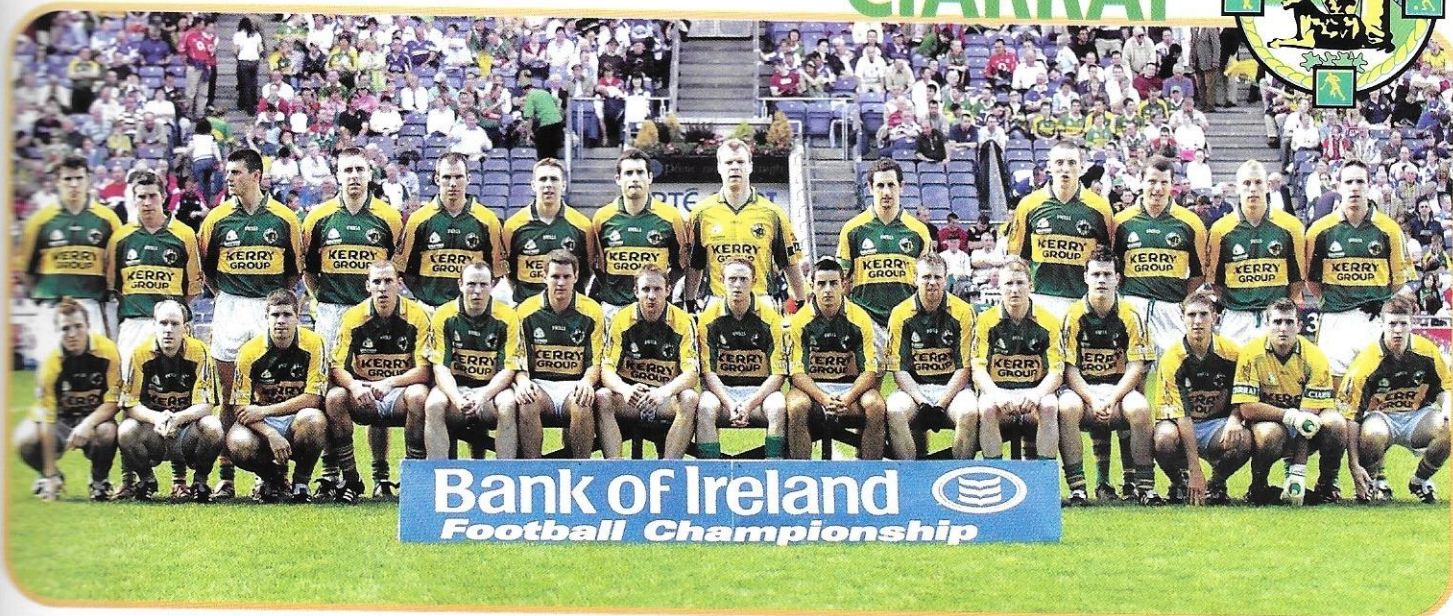
I looked up and saw the gigantic Croke Park standing there and I remembered everything I watched and felt just minutes ago. My face changed and with a smile I said loudly "This day was mine!" My brother looked at me and smiled, we turned around and started to walk home, carrying a part of the Hill 16 that will always be with us.

Federico Caresani is a sports journalist from Montevideo, Uruguay.

Seán O'Sullivan
(Ciarraí)

Kerry can feel very well pleased with the come-back that has brought them from their Munster final replay defeat by Cork at Páirc Uí Chaoimh in July to this third successive Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football final appearance.

KERRY BOUNCE BACK IMPRESSIVELY



THE KERRY SQUAD WHICH OVERCAME CORK IN THE ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL AT CROKE PARK:
 Back Row (L to R): Ronan O'Connor, Paul O'Connor, Aodán Mac Gearailt, Darragh Ó Sé, Michael McCarthy, Marc Ó Sé, Tom O'Sullivan, Diarmuid Murphy, Paul Galvin, Kieran Donaghy, Brendan Guiney, Ronan Hussey, Declan O'Sullivan.
 Front Row (L to R): Darren O'Sullivan, Mossie Lyons, Eamonn Fitzmaurice, Sean O'Sullivan, Seamus Moynihan, Eoin Brosnan, Tommy Griffin, Colm Cooper, Aidan O'Mahony, Tomás Ó Sé, Mike Frank Russell, Pádraig Reidy, Killian Young, Kieran Cremin, Kieran O'Leary.

Three impressive wins since that defeat in Munster, plus seven goals following a goals famine in the South, indicate that the Kingdom are well back on track for this bid to regain the Sam Maguire Cup after two years.

The switch of Kieran Donaghy to full forward following the loss in Munster has played a big part in the come-back. He was again to the fore with a man-of-the-match display as Kerry took a handsome revenge over Cork at Croke Park in their All-Ireland semi-final last month.

The Munster champions put up a spirited performance and provided the Kingdom with some testing problems before bowing out by six points.

Kerry took some time to find their rhythm

and were two points adrift after eighteen minutes. However, they stepped up in form after that, and late in the half two points by Colm Cooper and one from Mike Frank Russell helped them to an interval lead of 0-8 to 0-5.

Kerry continued to move with poise and authority after the restart as Cork battled on tenaciously. A solid defence that gave little away cheaply and good points scoring ensured that the purposeful Kingdom side finished good winners by 0-16 to 0-10.

Donaghy made a major contribution with his high fielding and clever play that created scoring opportunities for his colleagues. Russell also did well up front and finished as his team's leading marksman with six

points, while team captain Cooper also made a good contribution.

Darragh Ó Sé got though much valuable work in the middle of the park, while Seamus Moynihan highlighted a fine display in defence with a vital interception just after the start of the second half as Cork looked on course for a goal. Tomás Ó Sé and Michael McCarthy were others who were prominent at the back.

A much improved side since the defeat that cost them their Munster crown, Kerry has a rich framework of players who know what is required for an All-Ireland final victory. The Munster county has a lot going for it in the quest to regain the game's top prize.

LAST 5 CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS WITH MAYO

2005 All-Ireland Quarter-Final		
Kerry	2-15; Mayo	0-18.
2004 All-Ireland Final		
Kerry	1-20; Mayo	2-9.
1997 All-Ireland Final		
Kerry	0-13; Mayo	1-7.
1996 All-Ireland Semi-Final		
Kerry	1-10; Mayo	2-13.
1981 All-Ireland Semi-Final		
Kerry	2-19; Mayo	1-6.

LAST 5 CHAMPIONSHIP OUTINGS

2006		
Kerry	0-16; Cork	0-10.
Kerry	3-15; Armagh	1-13.
Kerry	4-11; Longford	1-11.
Kerry	0-9; Cork	1-12.
Kerry	0-10; Cork	0-10.

EOIN LISTON

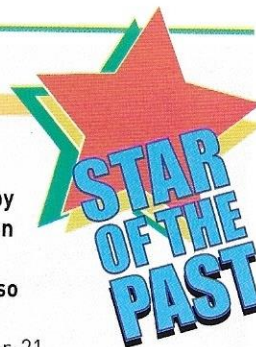


It is not often that a player celebrates his All-Ireland senior football final debut by scoring three goals. Eoin Liston achieved that feat in 1978 in Kerry's win over Dublin. He also chipped in with two points.

Liston won an All-Ireland under-21 medal in 1976 and made his competitive senior debut in the 1976-77 League. He added further All-Ireland medals to his collection in 1979, 1981, 1984 and 1985.

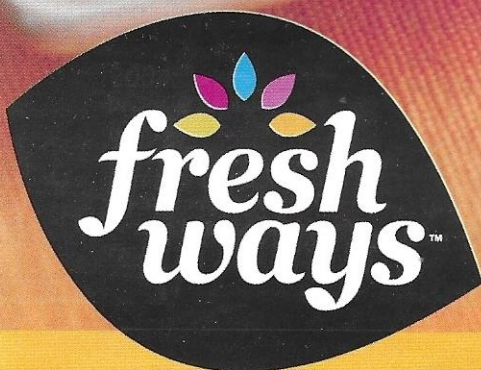
It also says much for the class of the Beal clubman that he won four All Stars awards, three at full forward and the last at centre half forward, between 1980 and 1984, as well as National League and Railway Cup souvenirs.

He is a member of the Ireland backroom team for the upcoming International Rules Test series against Australia.



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AN BAINISTEOR



Jack O'Connor

Jack is back for the third successive year on All-Ireland senior football final duty as team manager.

He had the best possible start to his debut season in this role in 2004 when he guided Kerry to the big double of the Allianz National League Division I title and the Sam Maguire Cup.

However, O'Connor was far from a stranger to successful involvement at All-Ireland level when he took over the management of the Kingdom. He was a selector when Kerry beat Mayo in the 1997 senior final and filled that position again when the premier title was regained in 2000.

He also had a spell as manager at Under-21 and guided Kerry to the 1998 All-Ireland title and also to the national final a year later when they lost to Westmeath.

Jack also had success as team manager at both Vocational Schools' and Munster Colleges' levels. Earlier this year, of course, Kerry regained the League title.

AN CAPTAEN DECLAN O'SULLIVAN

That Declan O'Sullivan was always going to climb Kerry's footballing ladder and make the senior grade was doubted by few after a hugely impressive underage career.

However, taking on the team captaincy at the tender age of 22 must have surprised even him when the accolade came his way.

The classy attacker took on the role by virtue of South Kerry's place of prominence on the county scene in recent years and given his background as a Dromid Pearses clubman few would be as clued in to the ability he brings to the game as fellow clubman, Kerry team manager Jack O'Connor.

O'Sullivan first demanded attention with his exploits with Coláiste na Sceilge where his football path once again crossed that of O'Connor.

While many players have honed in on the importance of the wins over Longford and Armagh as potential season turning points for the men in green and gold, the team captain cites the Munster final replay defeat to Cork in July as the hinge that the 2006 campaign swung on.

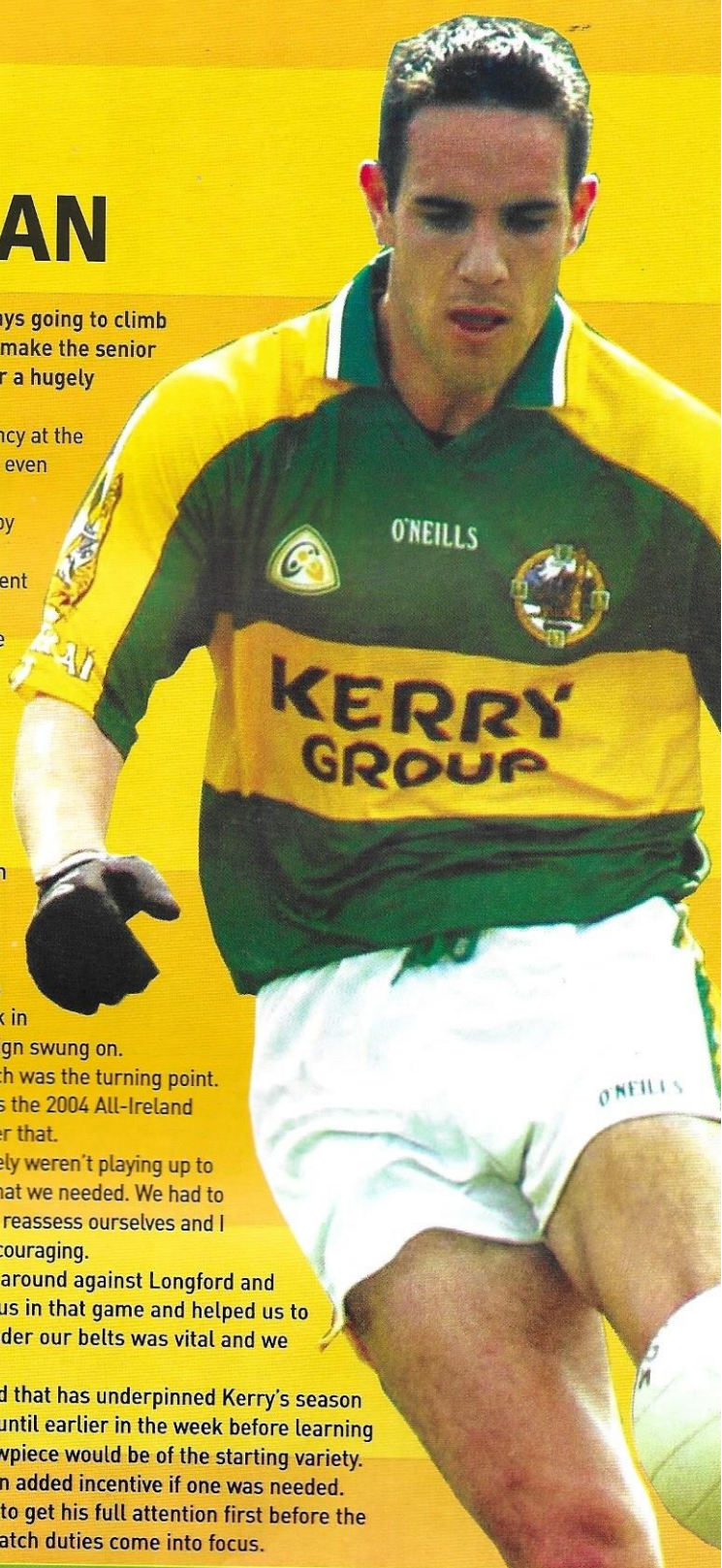
"I wouldn't say that the Armagh match was the turning point. Cork was a crossroads for us," outlines the 2004 All-Ireland winner. "It was sink or swim for us after that.

"It was very disappointing. We definitely weren't playing up to our potential. It was the wake-up call that we needed. We had to go away back to the drawing board and reassess ourselves and I think the way lads reacted was very encouraging.

"It was great how we turned things around against Longford and Kieran Donaghy was a revelation for us in that game and helped us to settle down early. Getting that win under our belts was vital and we worked on things from there."

It's probably a sign of the turnaround that has underpinned Kerry's season that the Kingdom captain had to wait until earlier in the week before learning whether or not his role in today's showpiece would be of the starting variety. That he's starting provides him with an added incentive if one was needed.

However, expect his on-field duties to get his full attention first before the possibility of extra-curricular post-match duties come into focus.



CIARRAI

21st May, Killarney:

Kerry 0-16; Waterford 0-8

11th June, Killarney:

Kerry 0-17; Tipperary 1-5

9th July, Killarney:

Kerry 0-10; Cork 0-10

16th July, Pairc Uí Chaoimh:

Kerry 0-9; Cork 1-12

29th July, Killarney:

Kerry 4-11; Longford 1-11

5th August, Croke Park:

Kerry 3-15; Armagh 1-13

20th August, Croke Park:

Kerry 0-16; Cork 0-10

Scored: 7-94 (115 pts.);

Conceded: 4-69 (81 pts.); Average: 1.4

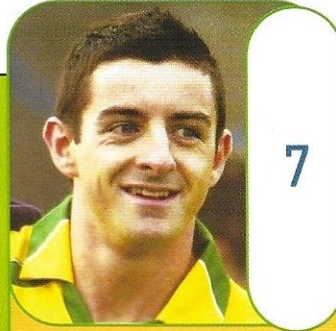
PATH TO THE FINAL

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Colm Cooper	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-3	0-3	0-4	1-15
Mike Frank Russell	—	0-1	—	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-6	0-12
Eoin Brosnan	—	—	—	—	3-0	1-0	—	4-0
Declan O'Sullivan	0-4	0-1	0-1	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-8
Paul Galvin	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-8
Kieran Donaghy	—	0-2	—	—	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-4
Sean O'Sullivan	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-6
Darren O'Sullivan	—	—	0-1	0-1	—	1-0	—	1-2
Eamonn Fitzmaurice	0-1	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-3
Tomas Ó Sé	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-3
Darragh Ó Sé	—	—	—	0-2	0-1	—	—	0-3
Marc Ó Sé	—	—	—	—	—	0-2	—	0-2
Paul O'Connor	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
Aidan O'Mahony	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
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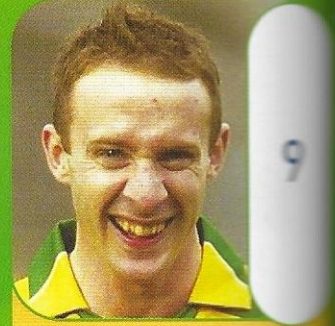
TOM O'SULLIVAN
(Rathmore)
Age: 27yrs. Ht. 1.89m (6'2"). Wt. 82.5kg (13st.)
Occupation: Garda
Honours Won: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 5 Munster SFC, 1 All-Ireland U-21, 2 Munster U-21, All-Ireland Vocational Schools, 3 County SFC, 2 NFL, 1 All-Star.

The Rathmore Garda has had yet another solid year at corner back and has been one of the main stays of the Kingdom defence over the past couple of years.



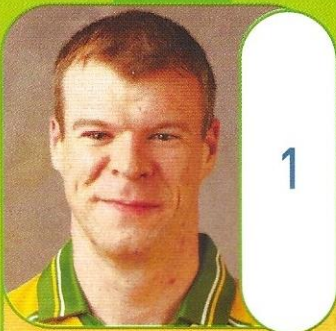
AIDAN O'MAHONY
(Rathmore)
Age: 25yrs. Ht. 1.8m (5'11"). Wt. 82.5kg (13st.)
Occupation: Garda
Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 2 NFL, 2 SFC.

A very solid and tight marking defender who had a dream debut season in 2004 when he won his first All Ireland final with the Kingdom.



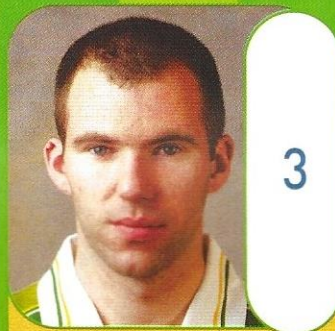
TOMMY GRIFFIN
(An Daingean)
Age: 28yrs. Ht. 1.89m (6'2"). Wt. 82.5kg (13st.)
Occupation: Publican
Honours Won: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 1 All-Ireland U-21, 3 Munster U-21, 1 Munster MFC, 2 NFL.

In many ways the unsung hero of the Kingdom he performs a huge amount of hard work away from the field. A great team player, his partnership with Ó Sé has blossomed this summer.



DIARMUID MURPHY
(An Daingean)
Age: 31yrs. Ht. 1.9m (6'3"). Wt. 91kg (14st.5lbs.)
Occupation: Insurance Clerical Officer
Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 2 All-Ireland U-21, 3 Munster JFC, 4 Munster SFC, 2 NFL, 2 All-Stars.

Has filled the considerable void left by the departure of Declan O'Keefe with some aplomb. A very reliable custodian and an All Star winner for the last two years.



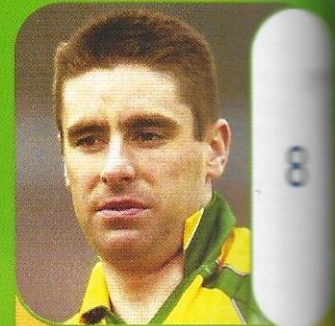
MICHAEL MCCARTHY
(Kilcummin)
Age: 28yrs. Ht. 1.83m (6'0"). Wt. 89kg (14st.)
Occupation: Draftsman
Honours Won: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 1 All-Ireland U21, 1 Munster MFC, 5 Munster SFC, 3 All-Stars, 2000, 1 NFL.

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



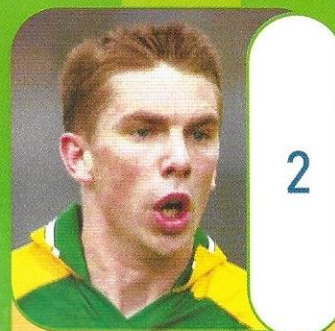
SEAMUS MOYNIHAN
(Glenflesk)
Age: 32yrs. Ht. 1.8m (5'11"). Wt. 82.5kg (13st.)
Occupation: Company Representative
Honours Won: 3 All-Ireland SFC, 3 NFL, 1 Railway Cup, 4 Sigerson Cup, 1 All-Ireland Colleges, 6 Munster SFC, 2 Munster U-21, 1 Munster MFC, International Rules 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 3 County SFC, 2 All-Stars, 1997 and 2000.

One of the biggest names in Gaelic football, he has seen and done it all. One of Kerry's onfield leaders, he recovered from an injury setback in 2004 to return to form over the last two years.



DARRAGH Ó SÉ
(An Ghaeltacht)
Age: 30yrs. Ht. 1.83m (6'0"). Wt. 89kg (14st.)
Occupation: Auctioneer
Honours Won: 3 All-Ireland SFC, 2 All-Ireland U-21, 3 NFL, 1 Railway Cup, All-Star 2000, International Rules 2001, 2 County SFC, 2 Munster Club

An outstanding player who won his first All-Ireland medal for the Kingdom in 1997. Always looking for his fourth All Ireland senior medal in his highly decorated career. Playing better than ever.



MARC Ó SÉ
(An Ghaeltacht)
Age: 26yrs. Ht. 1.83m (6'0"). Wt. 76kg (12st.)
Occupation: Teacher
Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 1 Munster MFC, 3 Munster SFC, 2 County SFC, 2 NFL, 1 Munster Club.

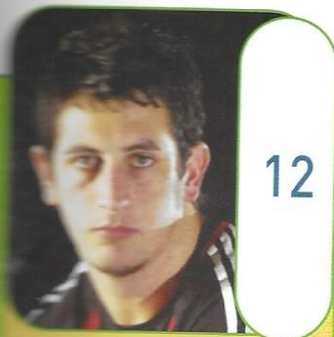
The youngest Ó Sé brother, he played at corner back in the 2002 final against Armagh but was on the wing when winning his first All Ireland medal against Mayo in 2004.



TOMÁS Ó SÉ
(An Ghaeltacht)
Age: 27yrs. Ht. 1.8m (5'11"). Wt. 78.5kg (12st.5lbs.)
Occupation: Teacher
Honours Won: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 1 All-Ireland U-21, 3 Munster U-21, 1 Munster MFC, 6 Munster SFC, 2 County SFC, 2 NFL, 1 Munster Club, 2 All-Stars, Player of the Year 2004, Texaco Award 2004

An outstanding player for Kerry over the years, he has frequently provided the drive for his team and knows where the posts are too. Toured Australia with the Ireland team last year.

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PAUL GALVIN
(Tralee)
Age: 23yrs. Ht. 1.83m (6'0"). Wt. 76kg (12st.)
Occupation: Teacher
Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 1 County Kerry SFC, 2 Munster SFC, 1 Munster U-21, 1 Munster MFC, 2 NFL, 1 Munster Club (UCC), 1 All-Star, 2 Munster Junior Club, 1 All-Ireland Junior Club.

Without a work rate over the last three seasons he has brought a fresh dimension to the Kerry team. Named in the 1,000th All Star in November 2004, he is an accomplished hurler.



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MIKE FRANK RUSSELL
(Laune Rangers)
Age: 28yrs. Ht. 1.8m (5'11"). Wt. 73kg (11st.7lbs.)
Occupation: Teacher
Honours Won: 3 All-Ireland SFC, 2 All-Ireland U-21, 1 All-Ireland MFC, 1 All-Ireland Club, 1 All-Ireland Colleges, 3 NFL, 1 Sigerson Cup, 3 County SFC, 1 All-Star 2000.

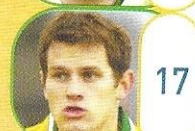
Enjoying something of a renaissance this summer, Russell was particularly effective in the semi-final win over Cork. Has been involved with Kerry at senior level since 1997 when he played against Mayo in the All Ireland final.

KIERAN CREMIN (Dr. Crokes)
Age: 25yrs. Ht. 1.83m (6'0"). Wt. 92kg (14st.7lbs.)
Occupation: Garda
Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 2 NFL, 2 Munster SFC, 1 Munster U-21, 1 Munster JFC, 1 Munster MFC.



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EINO BROSANAN (Dr. Crokes)
Age: 26yrs. Ht. 1.9m (6'3"). Wt. 82.5kg (13st.)
Occupation: Solicitor
Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 1 County Kerry SFC, 4 Munster SFC, 1 Cork County SFC with UCC, 1 Munster MFC, 1 Munster Club, 2 NFL.



17

DARREN O'SULLIVAN (Glenbeigh/Glencarr)
Age: 19yrs. Ht. 1.77m (5'10"). Wt. 79.3kg (12st.7lbs.)
Occupation: Student
Honours Won: 1 Munster MFC, 1 Munster SFC, 1 NFL.



18

EAMONN FITZMAURICE (Finuge)
Age: 28yrs. Ht. 1.86m (6'1"). Wt. 89kg (14st.)
Occupation: Teacher
Honours Won: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 2 All-Ireland U-21, 1 All-Ireland MFC, 5 Munster SFC, 1 McGrath Cup, 2 Munster U-21, 1 Munster JFC, 1 County SHC, 1 Cork County SFC (UCC), 1 Munster Club (UCC), 2 NFL, 2 Munster Junior Club, 1 All-Ireland Junior Club.



19

BRYAN SHEEHAN (St. Mary's)
Age: 21yrs. Ht. 1.87m (6'2"). Wt. 82.5kg (13st.)
Occupation: Student
Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 1 NFL, 3 Munster MFC, 3 Munster Colleges Corn UI Mhuiri, Co. League Div.1 & Div. 2, Co. IFC, County MFC, County U-21.



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MOSSIE LYONS (Castleisland Desmonds)
Age: 28yrs. Ht. 1.77m (5'10"). Wt. 70kg (11st.)
Occupation: Actuary
Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 1 NFL, 3 Munster SFC.



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BRENDAN GUINEY (Listowel Emmets)
Age: 25yrs. Ht. 1.83m (6'0"). Wt. 82.5kg (13st.)
Occupation: Teacher
Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 2 NFL.



22

RONAN O'CONNOR (St. Michael's/Foilmore)
Age: 25yrs. Ht. 1.83m (6'0"). Wt. 82.5kg (13st.)
Occupation: Engineer
Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 2 NFL, 2 Munster SFC, 1 Munster U-21, 1 Munster MFC, U-17 International Rules 1998



23

PADRAIG REIDY (Scartaglin)
Age: 19yrs. Ht. 1.83m (6'0"). Wt. 76kg (12st.)
Occupation: Area Manager MCM
Honours Won: 1 NFL, 2 Munster MFC, 2 Munster SFC, 1 Junior International Rules 2004.



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PAUL O'CONNOR (Kenmare)
Age: 19yrs. Ht. 1.77m (5'10"). Wt. 73kg (11st.7lbs.)
Occupation: Student
Honours Won: 1 Munster MFC.



25

KILLIAN YOUNG (Renard)
Age: 19yrs. Ht. 1.83m (6'0"). Wt. 76kg (12st.)
Occupation: Student
Honours Won: 1 Munster MFC.



26

RONAN HUSSEY (Sneem)
Age: 24yrs. Ht. 1.83m (6'0"). Wt. 79.3kg (12st.7lbs.)
Occupation: Student
Honours Won: 2 County SFC.



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KIERAN O'LEARY (Dr. Crokes)
Age: 19yrs. Ht. 1.8m (5'11"). Wt. 66.5kg (10st.7lbs.)
Occupation: Student
Honours Won: 1 Munster MFC.



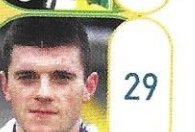
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AODHÁN MacGEARAILT (An Chaeiltacht)
Age: 27yrs. Ht. 1.86m (6'1"). Wt. 82.5kg (13st.)
Occupation: PE Teacher
Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 1 All-Ireland U-21, 2 Munster U-21, 1 Munster U-21, 2 Munster SFC, 2 County SFC, 1 Munster Club.



29

ADRIAN O'CONNELL (St. Michael's/Foilmore)
Age: 22yrs. Ht. 1.83m (6'0"). Wt. 82.5kg (13st.)
Occupation: Quantity Surveyor
Honours won: 2 Minor County, 2 U-21 County, 2 Senior SFC.



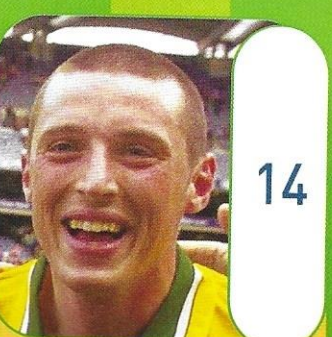
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DECLAN O'SULLIVAN (CAPTAIN)
(Dromed PEarses)
Age: 23yrs. Ht. 1.83m (6'0"). Wt. 76kg (12st.)
Occupation: Merchandising
Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 3 Munster SFC, 1 Munster MFC, 1 Munster U-21, 2 NFL.

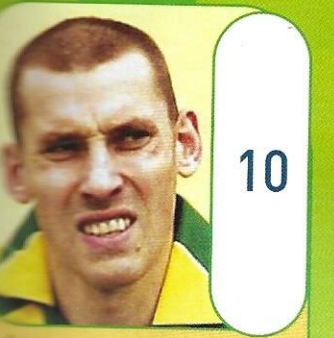
Irish centre forward who is a very useful ball player. Has been in and out of the team this year, but there is no doubt that when he hits top form he can be devastating.



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KIERAN DONAGHY
(Austin Stacks)
Age: 23yrs. Ht. 1.95m (6'5"). Wt. 92.25kg (15st.)
Occupation: Manager O Sports, Tralee
Honours Won: 1 NFL, 1 Munster SFC.

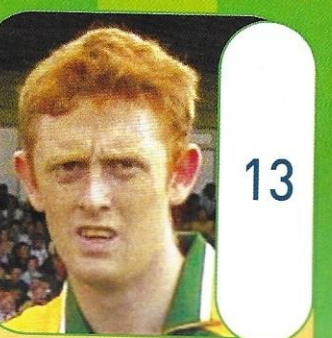
Jack O'Connor's decision to deploy the Tralee man on the edge of the square has transformed Kerry's season. His ability to win the ball and set up vital scores for those around him marks him apart.



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EIOIN O'SULLIVAN
(Dromed)
Age: 23yrs. Ht. 1.86m (6'1"). Wt. 76kg (12st.)
Occupation: Bank Official
Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 1 NFL, 1 Munster MFC, 1 Munster U-21, 1 Munster SFC, 1 Walsh Cup 1999 with LIT.

Has picked some outstanding points in what has been a very impressive season with the Kingdom where he has blossomed in his role on the wing. A young man with a very bright future.



13

COLM COOPER
(Dr. Crokes)
Age: 23yrs. Ht. 1.8m (5'11"). Wt. 63.5kg (10st.)
Occupation: Bank Official
Honours Won: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 1 Munster MFC, 1 Munster U-21, 4 Munster SFC, 2 NFL, 3 All-Stars, Texaco Player of the Year 2004.

The Dr. Crokes player is one of the most naturally gifted forwards in the game and in full flight is a joy to watch. Has been quietly effective this year and is always capable of being a match winner.

CIARRAI



DOUBLE ENDEAVOURS

The pursuit of the minor-senior double has gone on for three quarters of a century and this year Kerry celebrate the 75th anniversary of their first double. In fact, Kerry's dual triumph in 1931 was the first recorded by any county. Incidentally, in qualifying for the finals that year, Kerry overcame Mayo in both senior and minor semi-finals and it might be said that the double defeat at Tuam that year ushered in decades of frustration in this particular arena for the green and red.

Kerry repeated the feat 12 months later and were heading for a third successive double in 1933 (they reached and won the minor final) but were shocked by Cavan in the senior semi-final. Mayo came within a single point of contesting both finals in 1936 when Kerry beat them by the minimum margin at Roscommon; but it was a memorable day for Mayo, however, as their seniors recorded a first-ever championship win over the Kingdom.

Cavan was the second county to contest both finals (1937) and, having won the minor decider by defeating Wexford, they appeared to have won the senior with a late point at Kerry's expense only to have the score disallowed – a decision that not many in the crowd noticed. Kerry won the replay. The Breffni had sweet revenge a year later when they beat Kerry in the minor final and it was a double defeat for the Kingdom as the seniors lost to Galway on a replay.

KERRY RETURN

But Kerry were back on the victory trail in 1946 – beating Dublin in the under-18 decider and Roscommon in the senior. Mayo looked to be poised for the double in 1950 only

to go down to Wexford in the minor semi-final by two points (1-8 to 2-7) at Wexford Park. What was generally regarded as the end of a great Cavan era came in 1952 when the senior final was won on a replay but the minors lost to Galway.

Kerry, for the first time in the 1950s, contested both finals in '54 only to lose to Dublin (minor) and Meath (senior). A year later Dublin had to accept a division of the spoils before they recorded their only double in 1958 with Derry (senior) and Mayo (minor) the vanquished.

Final wins over Roscommon and Mayo gave Kerry their fourth double in 1962, but there was no repeat three years later when both finals were lost to Galway (senior) and Derry (minor). As Mayo's fortunes at senior level took a turn for the worst in the 1960s, the minors continued to match the best winning five provincial titles in that decade and going all the way in '66 – a year in which the senior fell to eventual All-Ireland champions Galway by just a point in the provincial decider. That's how close Mayo were to the elusive double.

Just how difficult the double has come to be achieved is borne out by the statistics of the past 40 years during which counties have contested both finals on no fewer than 12 occasions with Cork, Kerry, Meath and Dublin all in line for double success at various times; the long litany of disappointments is broken only by Kerry's successes in 1975 and 1980.

The most recent double bid was two years ago, but Tyrone defeated Kerry in the minor final by two points to leave the Kingdom still in pursuit of their seventh senior-minor double...a pursuit that will continue this afternoon.

KERRY'S MAGNIFICENT SIX

Today Kerry are striving to record one of the most difficult feats in Gaelic football – winning the senior and minor titles. Since 1929 on only seven occasions had this particular double been recorded and Kerry won six of them; Dublin in 1958 was the only other county to do so.

1931

SENIOR

In the senior campaign Kerry received a bye to the provincial final in which they crushed Tipperary by 5-8 to 0-2 at Tralee having led by 4-0 to 0-2 at the break. At Tuam, Kerry's bid almost came to an end when, having led Mayo by 1-5 to 0-1 at the break, they held on desperately for a 1-6 to 1-4 victory. In the All-Ireland final against Kildare the Kingdom trailed by 0-4 to 0-6 at the change of ends but shrewd switches and a somewhat lucky goal earned them a 1-11 to 1-8 triumph.

Team - C.Brosnan, D.O'Keefe, D.O'Connor, J.Barrett, J.Walsh, P.Russell, J.O'Sullivan, T.Landers, R.Stack, J.J.Landers, M.Doyle, E.Fitzgerald, J.Ryan, P.Whitty, M.Regan.

MINOR

A semi-final clash with Waterford saw Kerry coast to the easiest of victories at Tralee (4-5 to 0-1). Having contained Tipperary's early assaults in the final, two goals left the Kingdom leading by 2-4 to 0-1. The Premier county battled hard in the second period but never looked like overcoming the deficit and Kerry took their first provincial crown by 3-6 to 0-7. In the All-Ireland semi-final at Tuam Mayo were never in the hunt as Kerry

won by 3-10 to 0-2. Louth put up a better display in the final but Kerry's goals saw them off by 3-4 to 0-4.

Team - B.Reidy, F.O'Neill, P.Walsh, E.Mahony, D.McCarthy, J.O'Keefe, T.O'Sullivan, J.O'Gorman, P.McMahon, T.Murphy, P.O'Sullivan, M.Buckley, T.Chute, C.O'Sullivan, B.Healy.

1932

SENIOR

Conceding ground advantage to Limerick at Newcastlewest was no problem as Kerry won comfortably by 1-11 to 1-3. Nor was conceding the advantage to Tipperary at Carrick-on-Shannon a problem as the visitors won the provincial final by 3-10 to 1-4. The All-Ireland semi-final with Dublin was a remarkable affair with neither side raising a flag in the opening half. Kerry managed 1-3 in the second period while Dublin replied with 1-1. In the final Kerry trailed by three points at the break but a great second half saw them defeat Mayo by 2-7 to 2-4.

Team - D.O'Keefe, D.O'Connor, J.Barrett, Jack Walsh, P.Russell, J.O'Sullivan, P.Whitty, R.Stack, John Walsh, C.Geaney, M.Doyle, T.Landers, J.Ryan, C.Brosnan, J.J.Landers. Sub - W.Landers.

MINOR

Kerry were assuming control of the grade in Munster as indicated by an 8-6 to 0-3 win over Limerick and though Cork put up a brave show in the final at Clonakilty, Kerry retained the title by 4-5 to 2-5. In the All-Ireland semi-final at Croke Park, Galway, making their debut at this stage, put up stern resistance but in the end fell by 3-



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KERRY'S MAGNIFICENT SIX

The 4-6. The final at Roscrea saw Lams have the better of the opening half to lead by 1-3 to 1-2, but Kerry took control in the second and held the O'Moore county scoreless to win by 3-8 to 1-2.

Team - B.Reidy, F.O'Neill, E.Healy, J.P.Doyle, P.McMahon, P.Ronan, S.McCarthy, J.O'Sullivan, T.Weir, B.McMahon (Listowel), T.Wrenn, P.Fennier, M.Brosnan, T.Leary, C.O'Sullivan.
Sub - P.Lawlor.

1946

SENIOR

Kerry ousted All-Ireland champions Cork in the first round (1-8 to 1-4) and then had to battle hard to overcome Clare at Ennis by 1-6 to 0-7. However, they sailed through the final against Waterford by 2-16 to 2-1, but again found the going tough in the All-Ireland semi-final against Antrim but sneaked through by 3-3 to 0-10. Against Roscommon in the final Kerry appeared to be heading for certain defeat but two late goals earned them a second chance - 2-4 to 1-7. And a vastly improved display won the replay although a last-minute goal gave them a flattering winning margin - 2-8 to 0-10.

Team - D.O'Keeffe, D.Lyne, J.Keshane, P.B.Brosnan, J.Lyne, W.Casey, E.Walsh, Teddy O'Connor, P.Kennedy, J.Falvey, Tom O'Connor, B.Garvey, E.O'Keeffe, P.Burke, D.Kavanagh.
Sub - G.Cremin.

MINOR

Beating Cork on a replay by 1-8 to 1-3 cleared the way for easy wins over Limerick (4-3 to 0-1) and Tipperary (4-17 to 0-2) in the provincial final. Mayo proved to be opponents of a different calibre in the All-Ireland semi-final and at

Tralee the home side were relieved to snatch it by 3-5 to 2-5. Dublin, the reigning All-Ireland champions, were firm favourites to retain their title and led by 1-3 to 0-2 at the interval. However, Kerry put in a storming second half to win by 3-7 to 2-3.

Team - J.Ryan, S.McCarthy, B.O'Sullivan, D.Murphy, S.O'Sullivan, D.Sheehan, J.Fenton, T.Moriarty, T.Ashe, M.Lynch, D.O'Regan, P.O'Sullivan, J.O'Brien, J.Madden, P.Godley.

1962

SENIOR

Although Down had recently dented Kerry's image, they were still supreme in Munster as they demonstrated by crushing Waterford by 2-18 to 0-6 and Cork in the final at the Athletic Grounds by 4-8 to 0-4. Dublin, too, were easily overcome in the All-Ireland semi-final by 2-12 to 0-10.

Roscommon, back in the final after a lapse of 16 years, were expected to test Kerry, but they didn't and a goal in the opening minute led to a dreary game which the Kingdom won by 1-12 to 1-6.

Team - J.Culloty, S.Murphy, N.Sheehy, T.Lyons, S.Óg Sheehy,

N.Lucey, M.O'Dwyer, M.O'Connell, J.Lucey, D.McAuliffe, T.O'Sullivan, J.O'Riordan, G.McMahon, T.Long, P.Sheehy. **Subs** - J.J.Barrett, K.Coffey.

MINOR

Waterford posed no problems for Kerry on their first outing and Cork, the defending All-Ireland champions, were also overcome with something to spare at the Athletic Grounds by 2-9 to 0-9. Offaly looked to have the measure of the Kingdom for much of the way in the All-Ireland semi-final but Kerry held on for a 1-7 to 1-6 victory. The final with Mayo was evenly balanced for the first half but then Kerry cut loose to win by 6-7 to 0-5.

Team - S.Fitzgerald, D.Lovett, C.O'Connor, S.Burrows, T.Fitzgerald, P.O'Donoghue, A.Burrows, D.O'Sullivan, T.Doyle, S.O'Mahony, A.Barrett, D.O'Shea, S.Flavin, R.O'Donnell, T.Mulvihill.
Subs - S.Corrigan, T.Kenneally.

1975

SENIOR

It was a familiar scene in Munster with Kerry and Cork way ahead of the rest. Cork were the provincial

champions and Kerry qualified to meet them by way of a 3-13 to 0-9 win over Tipperary. Kerry won the decider by 1-14 to 0-7. Sligo presented few problems in the All-Ireland semi-final as indicated by the 3-13 to 0-5 scoreline.

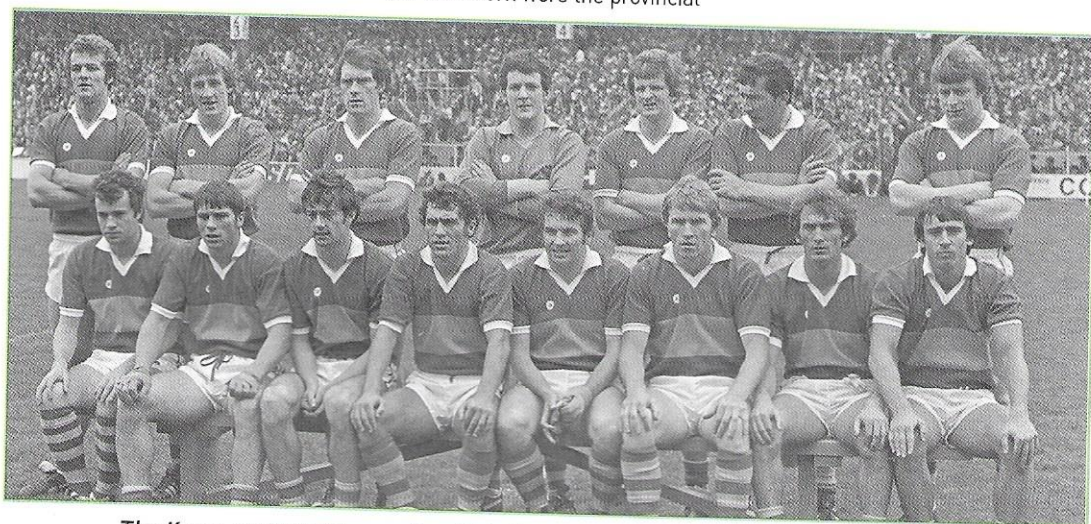
Champions Dublin were favoured to hold on to their title but Kerry relished them of it by 2-12 to 0-11.

Team - P.O'Mahony, G.O'Keeffe, J.O'Keeffe, J.Deenihan, P.O'Shea, T.Kennelly, G.Power, P.Lynch, P.McCarthy, B.Lynch, D.Moran, M.O'Sullivan, J.Egan, M.Sheehy, P.Spillane. **Sub** - G.O'Driscoll.

MINOR

At Clonmel, Kerry recorded one of the highest scores ever by a Kingdom side - 6-23 to Tipperary's 0-5. Cork proved much tougher in the final, but Kerry advanced by 3-7 to 1-11. Roscommon, who had impressed in winning Connacht, were surprisingly easily overcome in the All-Ireland semi-final by 3-12 to 0-6. In the final Tyrone never looked likely to win as Kerry cruised to the title by 1-10 to 0-4.

Team - C.Nelligan, J.O'Connor, M.O'Sullivan, M.Colgan, J.J.O'Connor, M.Spillane, J.Casey, S.Walsh, N.O'Donovan, F.Scannell, J.Mulvihill, R.Bunyan, C.O'Connor, J.O'Shea, P.Sheehan.



The Kerry team which won the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship in 1980.



KERRY'S MAGNIFICENT SIX

1980

SENIOR

Not for the first time Kerry were aiming for a third successive All-Ireland title and a bye to the provincial final saw them play just once in the province – defeating Cork by 3-13 to 0-12 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. The All-Ireland semi/final with Offaly was a superb game producing eight goals as Kerry advanced by 4-15 to 4-10. It was a disappointing final however, and although Roscommon got the ideal start Kerry gradually got on top and eventually wore them down

for a 1-9 to 1-6 win.

Team - C.Nelligan, J.Deenihan, J.O'Keefe, P.Lynch, P.O'Shea, T.Kennelly, G.O'Keefe, J.O'Shea, S.Walsh, G.Power, D.Moran, P.Spillane, M.Sheehy, T.Doyle, J.Egan. **Sub** - G.O'Driscoll.

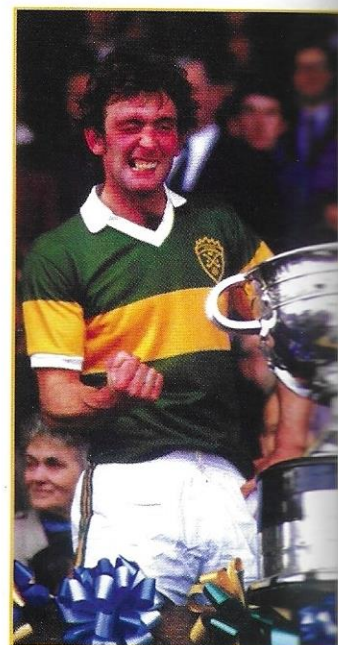
MINOR

An easy 5-15 to 0-3 win over Waterford preceded two tough encounters as Tipperary (4-8 to 3-9) and Cork (1-12 to 1-10) were overcome. Meath had come through Leinster with impressive credentials and again Kerry were taken to the limit before edging through – 3-5 to 0-10. The All-

Ireland final with Derry was a more comfortable affair with the Kingdom taking the title on a scoreline of 3-12 to 0-11.

Team - R.O'Brien, D.Keane, M.Crowley, M.Counihan, J.O'Sullivan, T.Sheehy, T.O'Sullivan, P.O'Donoghue, A.O'Donovan, T.Dee, J.Shannon, L.Kearns, T.Parker, W.Maher, M.McAuliffe.
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Ambrose O'Donovan played at midfield for the Kerry Minor team in 1980. He is pictured here lifting the Sam Maguire in 1984.



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PLAYER PROFILE COLM COOPER

BY ALAN MILTON
THE IRISH SUN



There is hardly a more celebrated attacking force in the game than the man affectionately known as Gooch to his legion of admirers and even if he hasn't fired on all cylinders for the duration of the 2006 season he was still the man entrusted with the captaincy when Declan O'Sullivan failed to make the starting line-up.

It just so happened that the arrival of the captain's responsibilities in his lap coincided with a return to something like the form that we've come to expect from the classy forward. Those extra duties in no way fazed the Dr. Croke's clubman and while acknowledging the obvious honour of captaining the most successful county in football he remains focussed on coming up with the goods in terms of his contribution on the field of play.

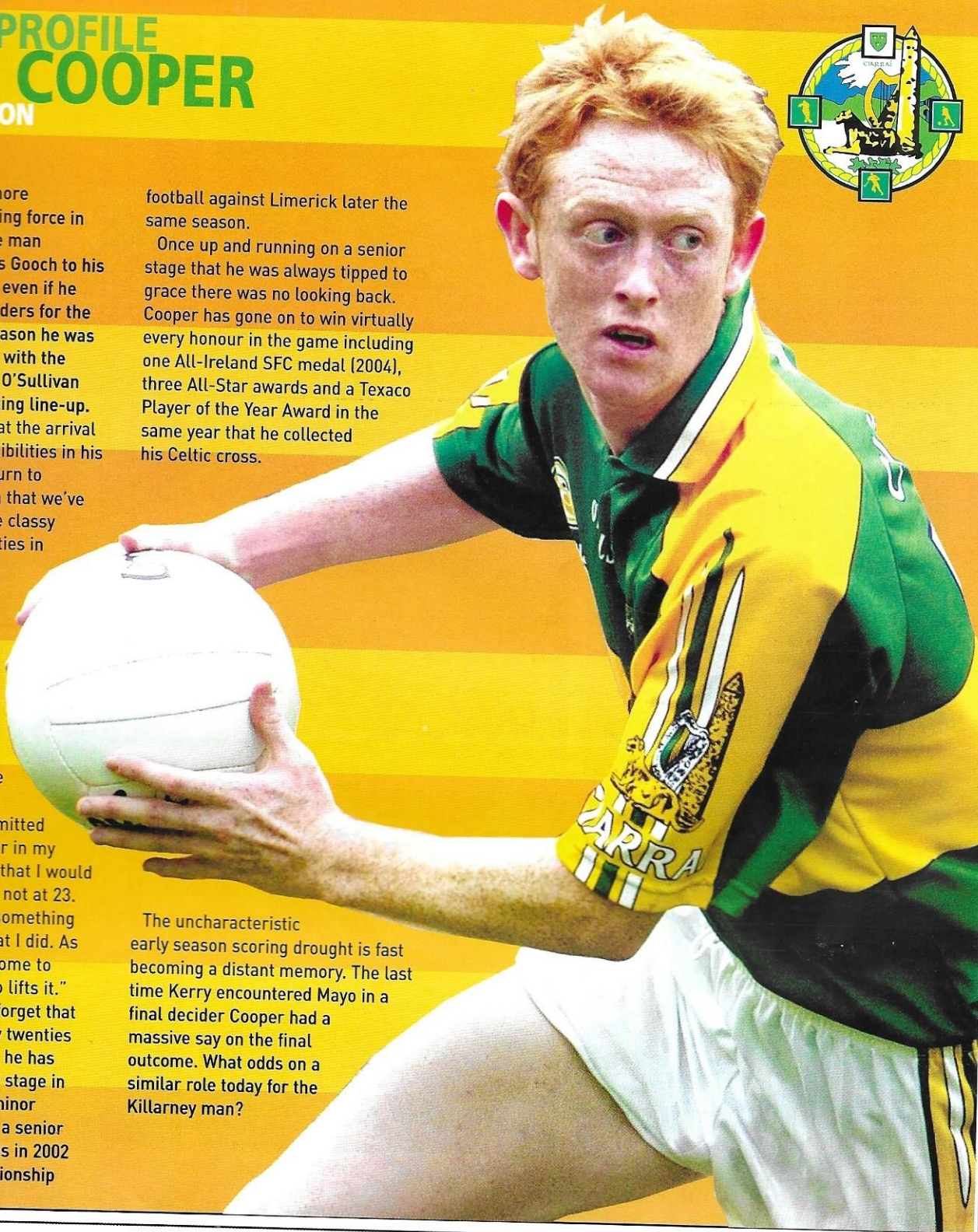
"It's a bit strange," admitted the bank official. "I never in my wildest dreams thought that I would get to captain Kerry and not at 23. I don't do it again it's something that I can at least say that I did. As long as Sam is coming home to Kerry we don't mind who lifts it."

Sometimes it's easy to forget that Cooper is still in his early twenties given the experience that he has amassed at such an early stage in his career. Two years of minor football were followed by a senior league debut against Laois in 2002 and a first taste of championship

football against Limerick later the same season.

Once up and running on a senior stage that he was always tipped to grace there was no looking back. Cooper has gone on to win virtually every honour in the game including one All-Ireland SFC medal (2004), three All-Star awards and a Texaco Player of the Year Award in the same year that he collected his Celtic cross.

The uncharacteristic early season scoring drought is fast becoming a distant memory. The last time Kerry encountered Mayo in a final decider Cooper had a massive say on the final outcome. What odds on a similar role today for the Killarney man?



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CONNACHT

14th May. New York:
Roscommon 1-14; New York 0-9.

27th May. Pearse Stadium:
Galway 0-19; Sligo 1-12.

28th May. Ruislip:
Mayo 1-18; London 0-8.

SEMI-FINALS

18th June. Roscommon:
Galway 3-7; Roscommon 1-8.

25th June. Carrick-on-Shannon:
Mayo 1-10; Leitrim 1-9.

FINAL

16th July. Castlebar:
Mayo 0-12; Galway 1-8.

Top Scorers: Michael Meehan (Galway) 1-16 (19 points) in three games. **Average:** 6.33 points. Conor Mortimer (Mayo) 1-16 (19 points) in three games. **Average:** 6.33 points.

LAIGHIN

14th May. Croke Park:
Meath 1-15; Louth 0-10.

14th May. Croke Park:
Offaly 0-15; Westmeath 0-11.

21st May. Wexford Park:
Carlow 4-9; Wicklow 0-12.

28th May. Croke Park:
Offaly 3-9; Kildare 0-15.

28th May. Croke Park:
Wexford 1-19; Meath 1-13.

4th June. Longford:
Dublin 1-12; Longford 0-13.

4th June. Portlaoise:
Laois 1-17; Carlow 1-9.

SEMI-FINALS

25th June. Croke Park:
Dublin 3-17; Laois 0-12.

2nd July. Croke Park:
Offaly 2-15; Wexford 1-14.

FINAL

16th July. Croke Park:
Dublin 1-15; Offaly 0-9.

Top scorers: Mattie Forde (Wexford) 1-19 (22 points) in two games.

Average: 11 points. Niall McNamee (Offaly) 2-16 (22 points) in four games. **Average:** 5.5 points.

MUMHA

21st May. Killarney:
Kerry 0-16; Waterford 0-8.

21st May. Limerick:
Limerick 2-5; Clare 0-8.

SEMI-FINALS

11th June. Killarney:
Kerry 0-17; Tipperary 1-5.

11th June. Limerick:
Cork 0-9; Limerick 0-5.

FINAL

9th July. Killarney:
Kerry 0-10; Cork 0-10.

16th July. Pairc Uí Chaoimh: (Replay)
Cork 1-12; Kerry 0-9.

Top scorer: Billy Sheehan (Kerry) 0-21 in four games. **Average:** 5.25 points.

ULADH

7th May. Casement Park:
Down 1-13; Cavan 0-11.

14th May. Clones:
Armagh 0-10; Monaghan 0-10.

20th May. Clones:
Armagh 1-13; Monaghan 0-10.

21st May. Enniskillen:
Fermanagh 1-9; Antrim 0-9.

28th May. Omagh:
Derry 1-8; Tyrone 0-5.

4th June. Ballybofey:
Donegal 1-12; Down 1-11.

SEMI-FINALS

11th June. Clones:
Armagh 0-11; Fermanagh 2-5.

18th June. Clones:
Donegal 1-13; Derry 0-11.

25th June. Clones: (Replay)
Armagh 0-16; Fermanagh 1-8.

FINAL

9th July. Croke Park:
Armagh 1-9; Donegal 0-9.

Top scorer: Oisín McConville



(Armagh) 0-19 in 5 games. **Average:** 5.8 points.

ALL-IRELAND QUALIFIERS

ROUND 1

17th June. Waterford:
Longford 1-16; Waterford 1-9.

17th June. An Uaimh (After extra time):
Tyrone 2-16; Louth 2-16.

17th June. Clones:
Monaghan 2-19; Wicklow 3-6.

17th June. Casement Park:
Clare 1-13; Antrim 2-9.

17th June. Markievicz Park:
Sligo 1-7; Down 0-4.

18th June. Mullingar:
Westmeath 0-20; London 0-8.

18th June. Carlow:
Meath 1-17; Carlow 0-12.

24th June. Omagh (Replay):
Tyrone 1-12; Louth 1-7.

24th June. Droichead Nua:
Kildare 1-18; Cavan 1-13.

ROUND 2

1st July. Mullingar:
Westmeath 0-13; Limerick 1-9.

1st July. Celtic Park:
Derry 1-17; Kildare 0-11.

1st July. An Uaimh:
Meath 1-19; Roscommon 0-9.

1st July. Longford:
Longford 1-23; Tipperary 1-10.

8th July. Portlaoise:
Laois 0-9; Tyrone 0-6.

8th July. Clones:
Wexford 0-8; Monaghan 0-6.

8th July. Ennis:
Fermanagh 0-15; Clare 0-10.

9th July. Carrick-on-Shannon:
Sligo 1-7; Leitrim 0-9.

ROUND 3

15th July. An Uaimh:
Laois 2-13; Meath 0-12.

15th July. Enniskillen:
Fermanagh 2-12; Wexford 0-11.

15th July. Longford:
Longford 1-16; Derry 2-12.

15th July. Markievicz Park (After extra time):
Westmeath 1-12; Sligo 0-14.

ROUND 4

29th July. Killarney:
Kerry 4-11; Longford 1-11.

29th July. Pearse Stadium:
Westmeath 1-8; Galway 0-12.

30th July. Enniskillen:
Donegal 0-11; Fermanagh 0-8.

30th July. Portlaoise:
Laois 1-9; Offaly 0-4.

ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINALS

5th August. Croke Park:
Kerry 3-15; Armagh 1-13.

5th August. Croke Park:
Cork 1-11; Donegal 1-12.

12th August. Croke Park:
Dublin 1-12; Westmeath 0-5.

13th August. Croke Park:
Mayo 0-15; Laois 0-15.

20th August. Croke Park (Replay):
Mayo 0-14; Laois 0-11.

ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINALS

20th August. Croke Park:
Kerry 0-16; Cork 0-12.

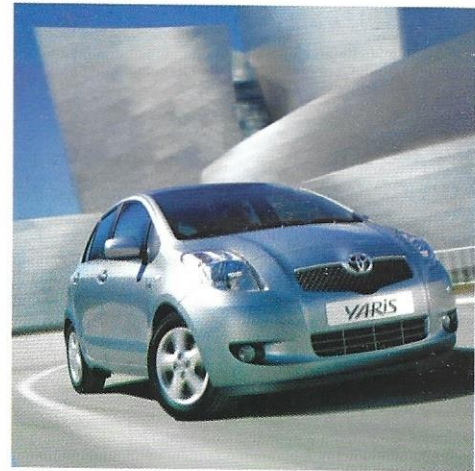
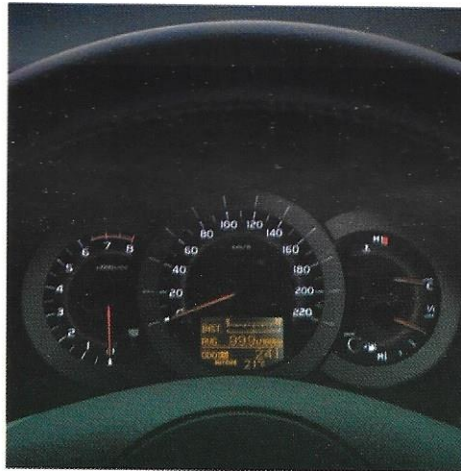
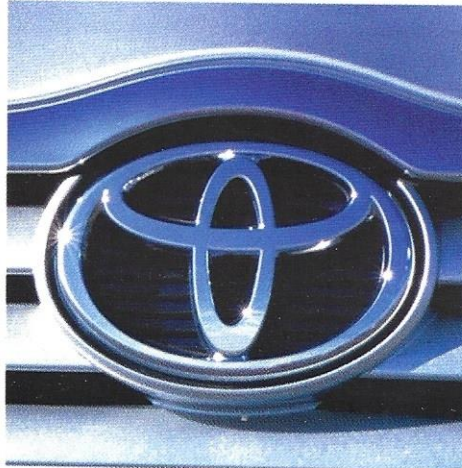
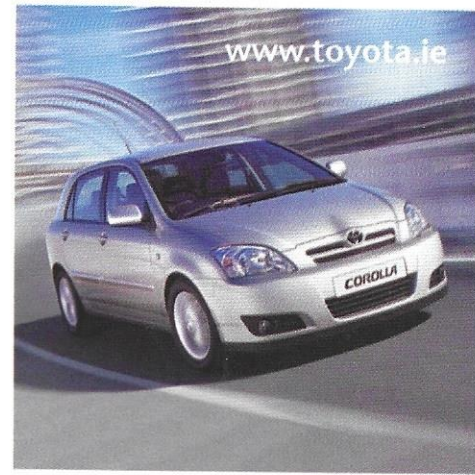
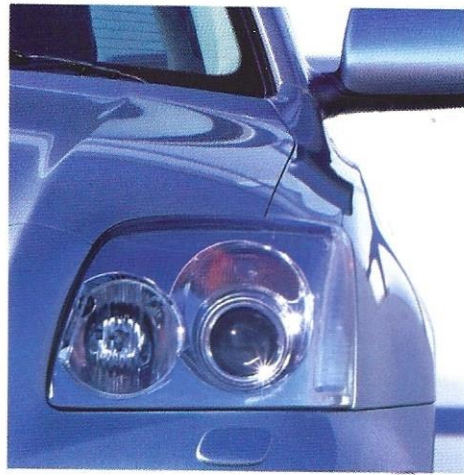
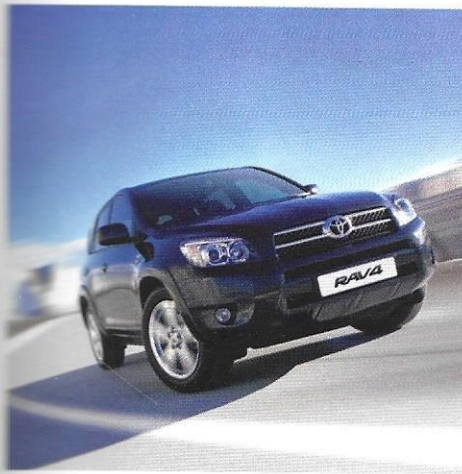
27th August. Croke Park:
Mayo 1-16; Dublin 2-12.

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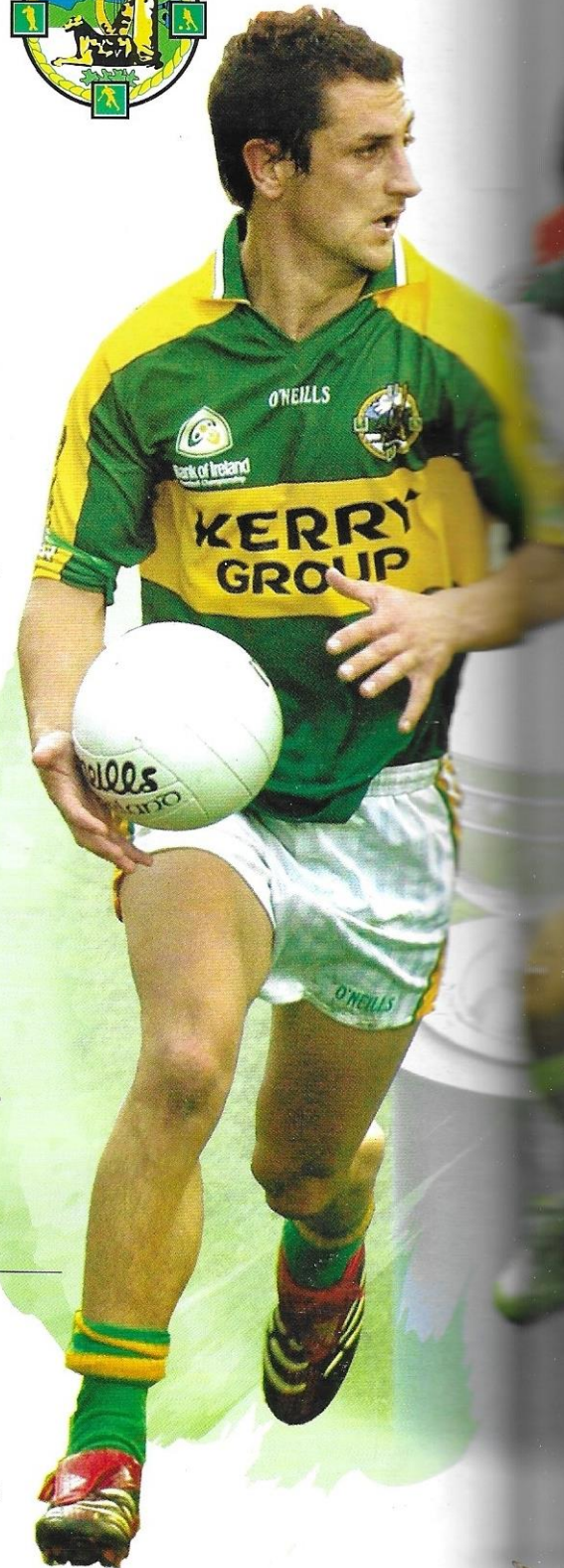
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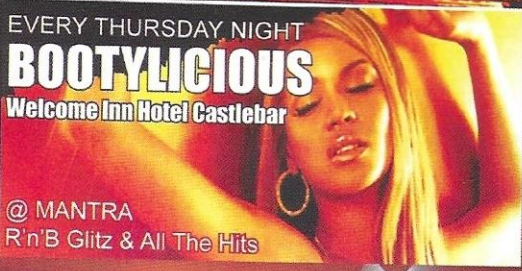
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INDIVIDUAL FEATS

Conor Mortimer is already assured of ranking as the first footballer from Mayo to top the nation-wide chart of leading scorers for an annual campaign since Maurice Sheridan filled that role in 1996.

He leads the way with 1-33 (36 points) from six games at the very good match average of six points and is twelve points clear of Kerry's leading marksman, Bryan Sheehan.

Mortimer has also already bettered by a point the 1-32 scoreline from six games that earned Sheridan the premier position ten years ago. His match average is just fractionally below Mortimer's at 5.83 points.

The current pace-setter is nine points short of the 1-42 (45 points) in seven games that earned him second place in the 2004 national chart. He finished two points behind Matty Forde (Wexford), who scored 3-38 in five games at an average of 9.4 points.

Forde has by far the top match average this season at a splendid 9.33 points for a return of 1-25 (28 points) in three games and is in joint third place with Ross Munnely (Laois), whose match average, however, is well down on the Wexfordman's.

Holding down second position is James Masters with 1-29 (32 points) in his five outings with Cork at an average of 6.4 points.

The odds now must be firmly in favour of Pádraig Joyce retaining for at least another season his ranking as the footballer with the highest annual return for the opening seasons of this century.

In 2001 Galway lost a Connacht semi-final to Roscommon but bounced back to win what now ranks as their last All-Ireland title. Joyce scored 3-45 (54 points) in eight games at an average of 6.75 points.

However, that return is still well down on the record peak, which stands to the credit of Brian Stafford (Meath) in 1991, the year of those four memorable games between the Royal County and Dublin. Stafford recorded 4-62 (74 points) in ten games at an average of 7.4 points a match.

Mortimer, incidentally, becomes the first Connacht footballer since Joyce to top a national annual chart.



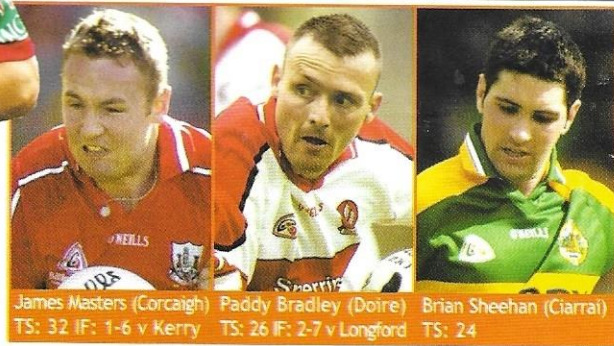
MORTIMER FIRST FROM MAYO IN TEN YEARS TO TOP CHART

ALL-IRELAND FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

TOP SCORERS

THE LEADING SCORERS IN THE BANK OF IRELAND PROVINCIAL SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS, ALL-IRELAND QUALIFIERS, QUARTER-FINALS AND SEMI-FINALS ARE:

Points		Score	Games	Average
36	Conor Mortimer (Mayo)	1-33	6	6.0
32	James Masters (Cork)	1-29	5	6.4
28	Matty Forde (Wexford)	1-25	3	9.33
28	Ross Munnely (Laois)	2-22	7	4.0
27	Brian Kavanagh (Longford)	1-24	5	5.4
26	Paddy Bradley (Derry)	2-20	4	6.5
25	Conal Keaney (Dublin)	1-22	5	5.0
24	Brian Sheehan (Kerry)	0-24	6	4.0
23	Michael Meehan (Galway)	1-20	4	5.75
23	Paul Barden (Longford)	1-20	5	4.60
23	Tomás Quinn (Dublin)	3-14	5	4.60
23	Chris Conway (Laois)	0-23	7	3.28



James Masters (Corcaigh) Paddy Bradley (Doire) Brian Sheehan (Ciarraí)
TS: 32 IF: 1-6 v Kerry TS: 26 IF: 2-7 v Longford TS: 24

INDIVIDUAL FEATS

BRADLEY SETS HIGH TARGET IN INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

Paddy Bradley powered impressively to the top of the individual chart on his last appearance of the championship season. He scored 2-7, one goal from a penalty kick, for Derry at Longford in an All-Ireland Qualifiers third round tie but still finished on the losing side.

The Oak Leaf sharpshooter passed out by a point the return of 0-12 by Matty Forde that had the Wexford man in an early-season top of the chart position. He recorded that total in the Slaneysiders' win over Meath at Croke Park in their initial appearance in the Leinster Championship in late May.

A few weeks later Owen Mulligan joined Forde in the top spot with 2-6 for Tyrone in their All-Ireland Qualifier first round draw with Louth at An Uaimh. However, the O'Neill County man reached that peak in a game that went to extra time.

Forde leads the way in the points review, as distinct from goals and points combined, with his score against the Royal County.

Showing the way on the goals front is Eoin Brosnan, who helped himself to three in Kerry's All-Ireland fourth round tie against Longford at Killarney in late July. He did not score a point in that game.

INDIVIDUAL FEATS

THE LEADING INDIVIDUAL SCORING RETURNS IN THE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, ALL-IRELAND QUALIFIERS QUARTER-FINALS AND SEMI-FINALS ARE:

2-7:	Paddy Bradley (Derry) v Longford at Longford on 15th July.
0-12:	Matty Forde (Wexford) v Meath at Croke Park on 28th May.
2-6:	Owen Mulligan (Tyrone) v Louth at Páirc Tailteann on 17th June.
0-11:	Michael Meehan (Galway) v Sligo at Pearse Stadium on 27th May.
1-8:	Conor Mortimer (Mayo) v London at Ruislip on 28th May.
1-8:	Tomas Freeman (Monaghan) v Wicklow at Clones on 17th July.
0-10:	Denis Glennon (Westmeath) v London at Mullingar on 18th June.
1-7:	Matty Forde (Wexford) v Offaly at Croke Park on 2nd July.
1-7:	Niall McNamee (Offaly) v Wexford at Croke Park on 2nd July.
2-4:	Ross Munnely (Laois) v Meath at An Uaimh on 15th July.
2-3:	Tomas Quinn (Dublin) v Laois at Croke Park on 25th June.
1-6:	John Doyle (Kildare) v Cavan at Droichead Nua on 24th June.
1-6:	James Masters (Cork) v Kerry at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on 16th July.
3-0:	Eoin Brosnan (Kerry) v Longford at Killarney on 29th July.
1-5:	Ger Heneghan (Roscommon) v New York in New York on 14th May.
0-8:	Conal Keaney (Dublin) v Longford at Longford on 4th June.
0-8:	James Masters (Cork) v Limerick at Limerick on 11th June.
0-8:	Brian Kavanagh (Longford) v Tipperary at Longford on 1st July.
0-8:	Dessie Dolan (Westmeath) v Sligo at Markievicz Park on 15th July.
1-5:	Steven McDonnell (Armagh) v Kerry at Croke Park on 6th August.

TEAM STATISTICS

PLAYERS' CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS



CIARRAÍ

Names	Debut	App	Scores	Names	Debut	App	Scores
Eoin Brosnan	2001	39	12-31	Kieran O'Leary	—	0	0-0
Colm Cooper	2002	33	9-86	Darragh Ó Sé	1994	61	1-25
Kieran Cremin	—	0	0-0	Marc Ó Sé	2002	32	0-6
Kieran Donaghy	2005	9	1-4	Tomás Ó Sé	1998	48	3-10
Eamonn Fitzmaurice	1998	46	0-7	Paul O'Connor	2006	3	0-1
Paul Galvin	2003	21	0-18	Ronan O'Connor	2002	7	0-1
Tommy Griffin	2000	15	0-1	Aidan O'Mahony	2004	20	0-3
Brendan Guiney	2004	2	0-0	Darren O'Sullivan	2005	8	1-2
Ronan Hussey	—	0	0-0	Declan O'Sullivan	2003	22	3-17
Mossie Lyons	2001	12	0-0	Sean O'Sullivan	2002	19	1-19
Aodán MacGearailt	1999	25	5-25	Tom O'Sullivan	2000	44	0-0
Michael McCarthy	1999	46	0-1	Pádraig Reidy	—	0	0-0
Seamus Moynihan	1992	60	0-4	Mike Frank Russell	1997	51	8-117
Diarmuid Murphy	2004	20	0-0	Bryan Sheehan	2005	12	0-28
Adrian O'Connell	—	0	0-0	Killian Young	2006	1	0-0

MAIGH EO

Names	Debut	App	Scores	Names	Debut	App	Scores
David Brady	1996	26	0-12	Pat Kelly	2004	13	0-1
Ger Brady	1999	6	1-5	Aidan Kilcoyne	2005	5	0-4
Stephen Carolan	2001	9	0-10	Colm Lyons	—	0	0-0
David Clarke	2005	6	0-0	Ciarán McDonald	1997	30	5-44
Michael Conroy	2004	4	1-1	Ronan McGarrity	2004	16	0-5
Alan Dillon	2003	20	1-33	Andy Moran	2004	15	1-13
Peadar Gardiner	2004	16	0-1	Barry Moran	2005	7	0-2
Dermot Geraghty	2004	12	0-0	Conor Mortimer	2002	24	3-107
James Gill	2000	24	0-15	Trevor Mortimer	2000	21	2-29
Pat Harte	2006	6	0-2	James Nallen	1995	46	1-2
John Healy	2006	4	0-0	Austin O'Malley	2004	7	2-11
David Heaney	1997	35	0-5	Liam O'Malley	2005	4	0-0
Aidan Higgins	1999	17	0-3	Kevin O'Neill	1993	13	2-34
Keith Higgins	2005	8	0-1	Billy Joe Padden	2005	10	0-7
Trevor Howley	2006	1	0-0	Barry Regan	2006	1	0-0

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Brothers who won All-Ireland senior football medals on the field of play between 1990 and 2005 will be the recipients of this year's Irish Nationwide GAA Jubilee Awards.

The awards will be presented by Nickey Brennan, Uachtarán, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and Michael Fingleton at a celebration lunch in Croke Park today and the award winners will be introduced on the field before the start of the big game.

The celebration also marks the 25th anniversary of the introduction of the Jubilee Awards in 1981. The

football brothers who will receive the awards are, in the alphabetical order of their counties:

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Enda & Justin McNulty.

Derry:

Henry & Seamus Downey
Damien & Fergal McCusker

Donegal:

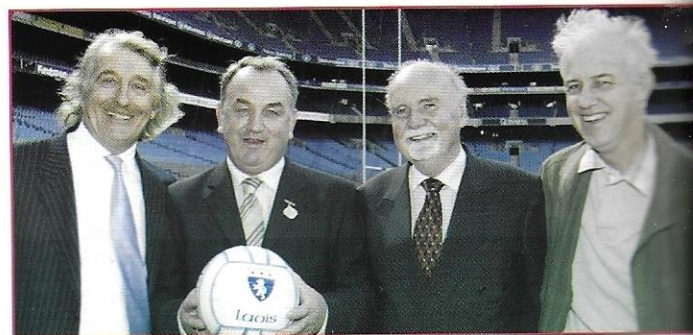
James & Martin McHugh

Galway:

Gary & Richie Fahey
Pádraig & Tommy Joyce
Tomás & Declan Meehan

Kerry:

Tomás, Darragh & Marc Ó Sé
Liam & Mike Hassett



Pictured from left to right: Aengus Fanning, Editor, Sunday Independent; Nickey Brennan, Uachtarán, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael; Michael Fingleton, Managing Director, Irish Nationwide Building Society and Seán Ryan, Deputy Sports Editor, Sunday Independent

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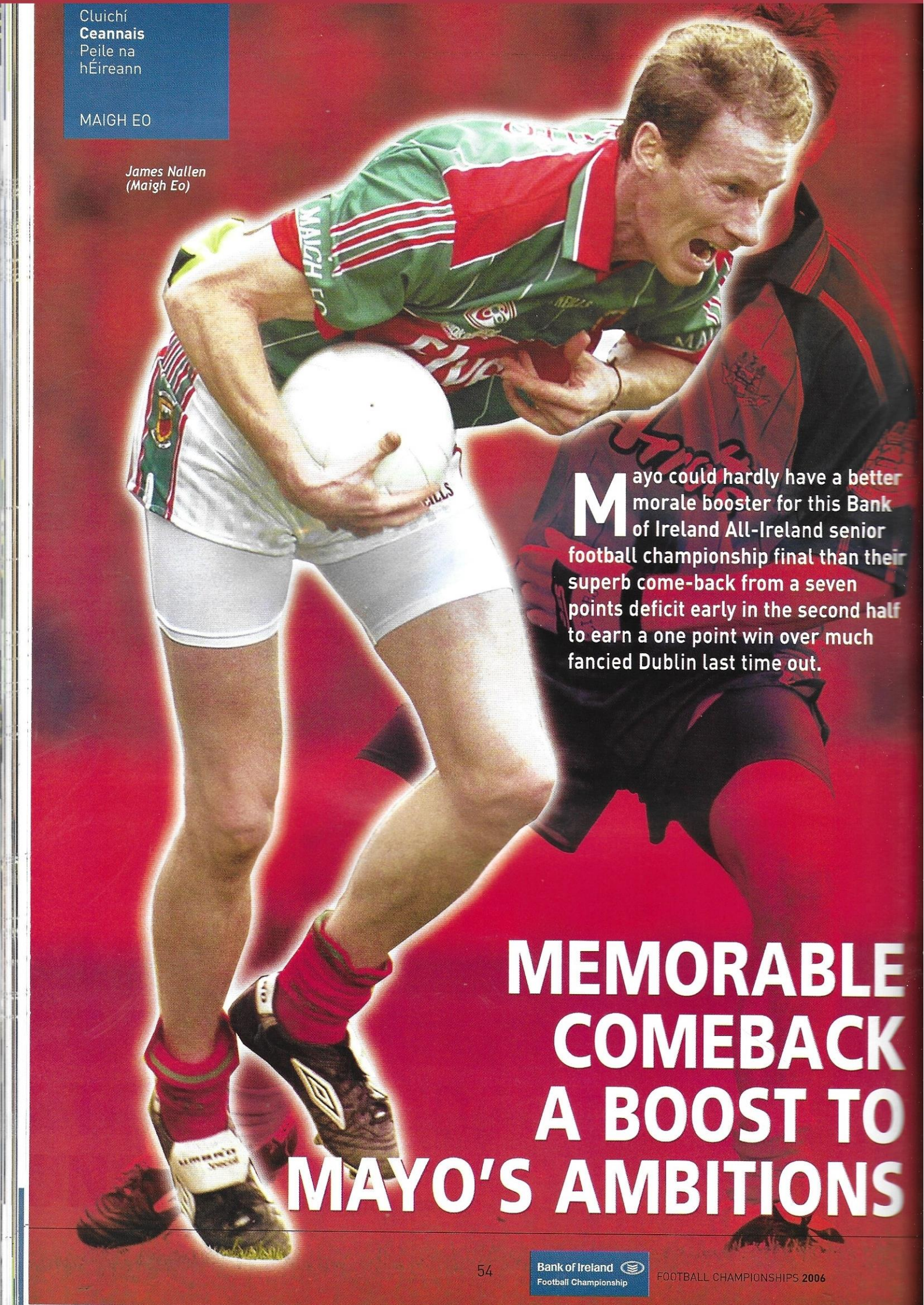
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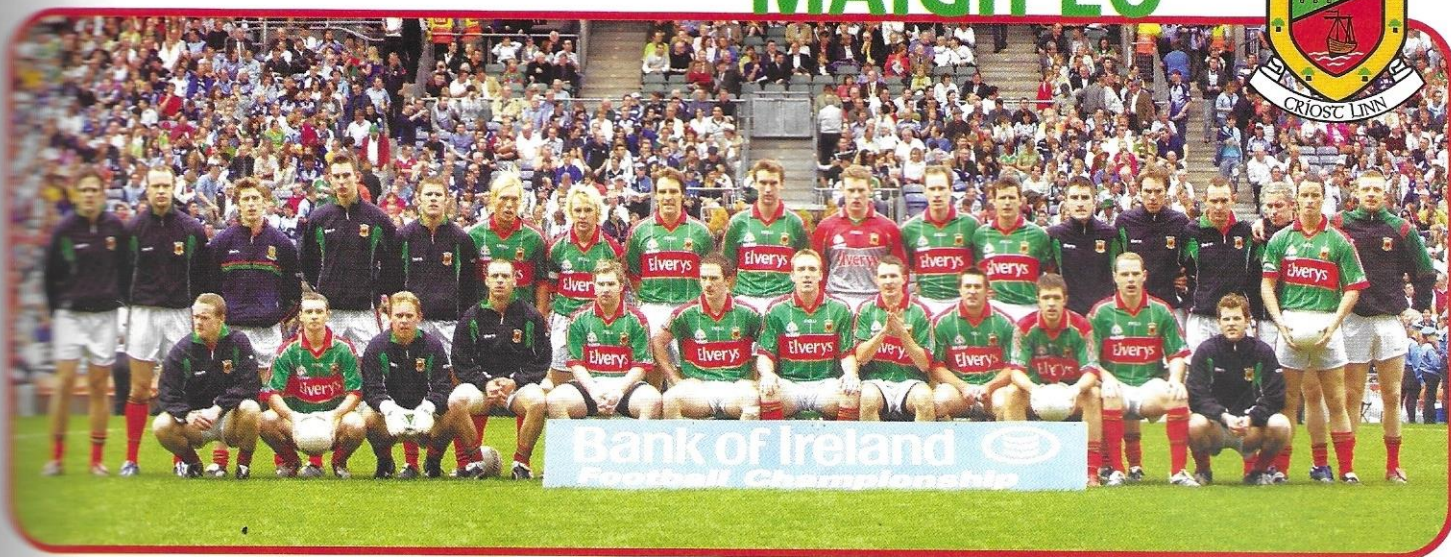
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James Nallen
(Maigh Eo)



Mayo could hardly have a better morale booster for this Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football championship final than their superb come-back from a seven points deficit early in the second half to earn a one point win over much fancied Dublin last time out.

MEMORABLE COMEBACK A BOOST TO MAYO'S AMBITIONS



THE MAYO SQUAD WHICH OVERCAME DUBLIN IN THE ALL-IRELAND FOOTBALL SEMI-FINAL AT CROKE PARK:

Front row (l-r): Andy Moran, Keith Higgins, John Healy, Trevor Mortimer, Michael Conroy, Alan Dillon, David Heaney (Captain), Peadar Gardiner, Dermot Geraghty, Pat Harte, Ger Brady, Trevor Howley.

Back row (l-r): James Gill, David Brady, Liam O'Malley, Barry Moran, Aidan Kilcoyne, Ciarán MacDonald, Conor Mortimer, Billy Joe Padden, Ronan McGarrity, David Clarke, James Nallen, Aidan Higgins, Barry Regan, Colum Lyons, Pat Kelly, Stephen Carolan, Kevin O'Neill, Austin O'Malley.

The Connacht champions lost little time in making light of their outsiders role in what proved to be one of the best games in a long time. They took up the challenge from the throw-in in great style and, with midfielders Ronan McGarrity and Pat Harte powering the way, built up an encouraging 0-5 to 0-1 lead after twenty minutes.

They conceded a goal and soon after McGarrity retired injured, but Mayo provided early evidence of the character that was to spark their second half comeback by recovering well to lead at the break by 0-9 to 1-5.

But a brilliant start by Dublin to the second half that brought 1-6 after eleven minutes for a seven points lead suggested they were poised to go on to earn their expected ticket to the summit.

A real test, then, for Mayo character and football ability and they responded splendidly

with a comeback that must rank as one of the best, not only of this season but for a long time.

Substitute Andy Moran provided the spark for the revival with a goal after fifty-seven minutes. The Connacht champions maintained the momentum with skilled play and a real will to win. They conceded just a single point in the last twenty minutes.

The game was still delicately balanced with the scores level coming up to the end of the match. Then Ciarán McDonald stepped into the picture with a magnificent point to close the scoring.

Dublin had a couple of late chances from a "45" and a free to earn a replay but no scores resulted and Mayo earned a first-ever senior championship win over the Metropolitans by 1-16 to 2-12.

McDonald's superb late winning point from a narrow angle in the tension-laden atmosphere will long be talked of in the Western county.

But that score, his second of the day, was just one highlight of a good all round display by the Crossmolina man, whose clever play all through contributed greatly to the success.

Alan Dillon had an outstanding game with his creative football and finishing that yielded four vital points. Conor Mortimer, Harte and McGarrity, during his limited appearance, and defenders David Heaney and Peadar Gardiner were others who stamped their presence impressively on the success.

Mayo called on all five substitutes during the match and each made his presence felt in big way, with Andy Moran proving that vital touch with his second half goal.

A win to remember, then, for Mayo, and a really good stepping stone on the road to their bid to record a first All-Ireland senior final win within the lifetime of so many in the county.

LAST 5 CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS WITH KERRY

2005 All-Ireland Quarter-Final

Mayo 0-18; Kerry 2-15.

2004 All-Ireland Final

Mayo 2-9; Kerry 1-20.

1997 All-Ireland Final

Mayo 1-7; Kerry 0-13.

1996 All-Ireland Semi-Final

Mayo 2-13; Kerry 1-10.

1981 All-Ireland Semi-Final

Mayo 1-6; Kerry 2-19.

LAST 5 CHAMPIONSHIP OUTINGS

2006

Mayo 1-16; Dublin 2-12.

Mayo 0-14; Laois 0-11. REPLAY

Mayo 0-15; Laois 0-15.

Mayo 0-12; Galway 1-8.

Mayo 1-10; Leitrim 1-9.

T.J. KILGALLON



T. J. was an outstanding midfielder and a great team leader in a number of grades. He captained St. Colman's College, Claremorris, to the 1977 All-Ireland Colleges' senior title, and a year later was prominent at midfield as Mayo won the All-Ireland minor crown.

A Sigerson Cup (Universities' Championship) medallist in 1980 and 1981 with U.C.G., he graduated to the county senior team in 1981 and won a provincial senior medal that season

Kilgallon, from Balla, went on to prove a consistent campaigner with Mayo throughout the eighties and captained the county for a number of years. He added provincial senior medals to his credit in 1985, as captain, 1988 and 1989 and was honoured by Connacht in the Railway Cup.



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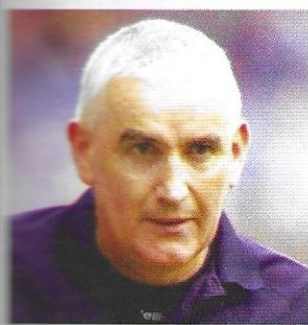
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to the
Mayo Team
in today's
All Ireland Final





AN CAPTAEN DAVID HEANEY

AN BAINISTEOR



Mickey Moran

It will be a great achievement for Moran if he helps to fashion a rare All-Ireland senior football title win for the second time in his career. He was coach under manager Eamonn Coleman when Kerry won their only Sam Maguire Cup in 1993 and now, in his first season as team manager, he has brought Mayo one hurdle away from a first title since 1951.

A win would also provide an added dimension for Moran himself, as he was manager of The Derry team that lost to Kerry in an All-Ireland semi-final just over two years ago.

The Derry native had a spell as Sligo county manager during which he guided them to the Connacht final of 1997 before joining Donegal. Under his stewardship Donegal reached the 2002 All-Ireland quarter-finals before bowing out in a replay with Dublin.

Earlier this year Mickey was manager of the University of Ulster, Jordanstown, in the Sigerson Cup (Higher Education Championship).

Connacht honours are not in short supply with virtually all of the playing members of the Mayo panel but the chance to finally land All-Ireland medals once again presents itself to team captain David Heaney and his team mates today.

The 29 year old Swinford clubman has been one of the longer serving stalwarts of the current county panel and will captain a team looking for All-Ireland honours for the first time since 1951 from full back today. Heaney signalled his promise at U21 level back in 1997 by helping the county to win a provincial title. Since that, four senior crowns have followed on the same stage as well as FBD honours.

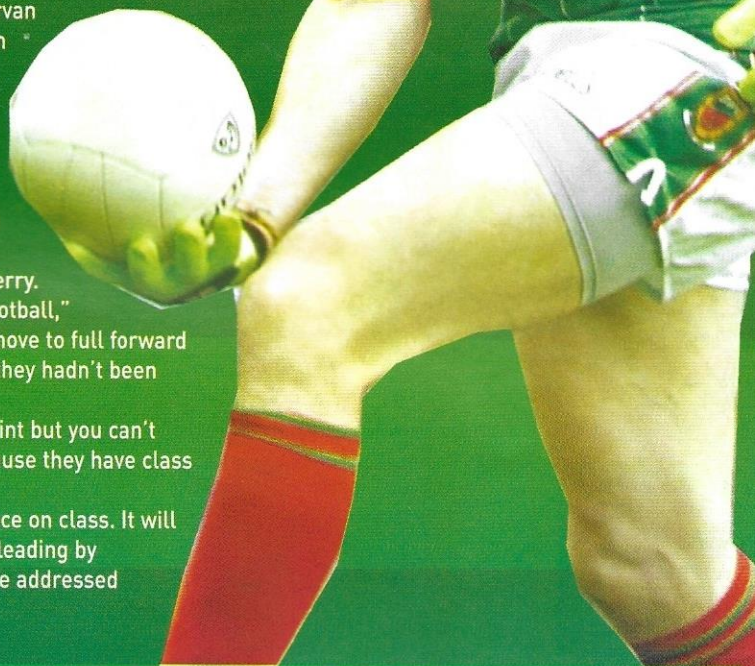
The high profile exploits of the quantity surveyor have not been restricted to his role with the county either. His county form caught the attention of former Irish manager Pete McGrath and he was part of the International Rules panel that beat Australia with ease in 2004 before losing badly while touring 12 months later. Heaney enjoyed stints at midfield and half back earlier this year during a promising league campaign that finally ran aground at the semi-final stage before he was drafted back into the full back slot.

Interesting tussles with Noel Garvan and Conal Keaney have unfolded in recent games and if things go as planned he will go head to head with Kerry's Kieran Donaghy today. Heaney is more than aware of the threat posed by Donaghy but equally wary of falling into the trap of thinking that stopping the Tralee man equates to stopping Kerry.

"He's a big man, playing great football," says Galway-based Heaney. "His move to full forward has turned around Kerry's year - they hadn't been playing well up to then.

"At the moment he's the focal point but you can't concentrate on him too much because they have class everywhere."

Kerry don't have a total dominance on class. It will be no surprise to witness Heaney leading by example if Mayo's long wait is to be addressed during 70 minutes today.



MAIGH EO

28th May, Ruislip:

Mayo 1-18; London 0-8

25th June, Carrick-on-Shannon:

Mayo 1-10; Leitrim 1-9

16th July, Castlebar:

Mayo 0-12; Galway 1-8

13th August, Croke Park:

Mayo 0-15; Laois 0-15

20th August, Croke Park:

Mayo 0-14; Laois 0-11

27th August, Croke Park:

Mayo 1-16; Dublin 2-12

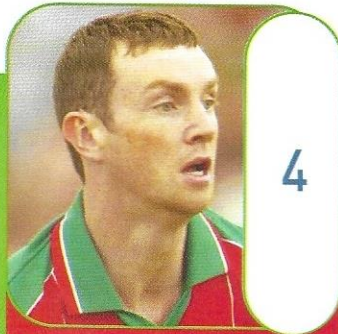
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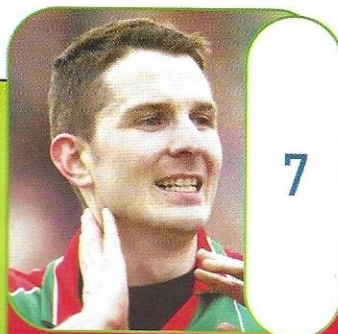
PATH TO THE FINAL

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Conor Mortimer	1-8	0-4	0-4	0-7	0-5	0-5	1-33
Alan Dillon	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-4	0-12
Ciarán McDonald	0-3	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-11
Ger Brady	0-1	1-0	0-1	—	0-1	0-2	1-5
Andy Moran	0-2	0-1	—	0-1	—	1-0	1-4
Kevin O'Neill	0-1	—	0-1	—	—	0-2	0-4
Aidan Kilcoyne	—	0-1	—	0-2	0-1	—	0-4
Billy Joe Padden	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-1	—	0-3
Pat Harte	—	0-1	0-1	—	—	—	0-2
Aidan Higgins	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-2
Peadar Gardiner	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
Barry Moran	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
David Heaney	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	0-1
Keith Higgins	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-1
Ronan McGarrity	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-1



KEITH HIGGINS
(Ballyhaunis)
Age: 21yrs. Ht. 1.8m (5'11"). Wt. 70kg (11st.)
Occupation: Bank Official.
Honours won: All-Ireland Under 21 (2006), Connacht SFC (2006), Connacht U-21 (2006), Connacht Under 21B Hurling (2006), Railway Cup (2005), Sigerson Cup (2005), Ryan Cup (2005), Connacht Colleges B (2001, 2002), Datapac Hotshot (2005), Cadbury Hero of the Future (2006).

Mayo's dual star, Higgins was a member of the Mayo hurling team defeated by Laois in this year's U21 B All Ireland final. Won an All Ireland medal with his county's U21 team earlier this year.



PEADAR GARDINER
(Crossmolina)
Age: 27yrs. Ht. 1.83m (6'0"). Wt. 79.3kg (12st.7lbs.)
Occupation: Company Director
— Right Choice Mortgages
Honours won: All Ireland Club (2001), Connacht Club (1999, 2000, 2002), Connacht SFC (2004, 2006), Connacht MFC (1997).

Another who featured two years ago, Gardiner has been in tremendous form for his county this year. Attacks to great effect from his position at wing back.



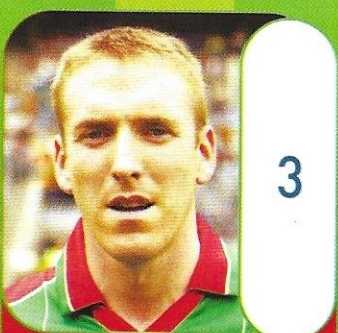
PAT HARTE
(Ballina)
Age: 24yrs. Ht. 1.89m (6'2"). Wt. 82.5kg (13st.)
Occupation: Student
Honours won: All-Ireland Club (2005), Connacht SFC (2006), Connacht Club (2005), Connacht U-21 (2003), Sigerson Cup (2004)

Partnering his Ballina clubmate today, Harte has enjoyed a terrific year in the green and red. Was particularly effective in the Connacht semi-final victory over Leitrim before his early departure.



DAVID CLARKE
(Ballina)
Age: 27yrs. Ht. 1.89m (6'2"). Wt. 90.5kg (14st.4lbs.)
Occupation: Garda
Honours won: All Ireland Club (2005), Connacht SFC (2006), Connacht U-21 (2001), Connacht MFC (2000, 2001), Connacht Club Championship (2004).

Reliable net minder who performed admirably in the All Ireland semi-final victory over Dublin. His form keeps clubmate John Healy on the bench today.



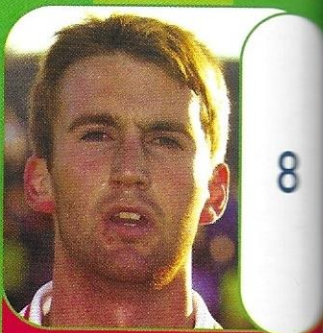
DAVID HEANEY (CAPTAIN)
(Swinford)
Age: 29yrs. Ht. 1.86m (6'1"). Wt. 85.7kg (13st.7lbs.)
Occupation: Quantity Surveyor
Honours won: Connacht SFC (1997, 1999, 2004, 2006), Connacht U-21 (1997), FBD League, Compromise Rules (2004, 2005).

Another who played in the 2004 final, he will be given the task of marking Kerry dangerman Kieran Donaghy. Bids to become the first Mayo man to lift the Sam Maguire since 1951.



JAMES NALLEN
(Crossmolina)
Age: 29yrs. Ht. 1.89m (6'2"). Wt. 82.5kg (13st.)
Occupation: University Lecturer
Honours won: All Ireland Club (2001), Connacht SFC (1996, 97, 99, 2004, 06), NFL (2001), FBD Connacht League (2001, 2003), Connacht Club (1999, 2000, 2002), All Stars (1996, 2004), Compromise Rules (2004), Connacht U-21.

A great servant for his county over many years, Nallen appears in his fifth All Ireland final today. Has won virtually every major honour in the game with the exception of a senior All Ireland medal.



RONAN MCGARRITY
(Ballina)
Age: 24yrs. Ht. 1.95m (6'5"). Wt. 87kg (13st.10lbs.)
Occupation: Bookmaker
Honours won: All Ireland Club (2005), Connacht SFC (2004, 2006), Connacht Club (2004).

Mc Garrity was in sparkling form in the semi-final victory over Dublin before injury forced his withdrawal. A terrific fielder who can be an inspirational figure on his day.



DERMOT GERAGHTY
(Shrule-Glencorrib)
Age: 23yrs. Ht. 1.7m (5'7"). Wt. 76kg (12st.)
Occupation: Student
Honours won: Connacht SFC (2004, 2006), Connacht U-21 (2002), Connacht MFC (2000, 2001)

Lion hearted corner back who keeps going to the end. A survivor from the Mayo team defeated by Kerry in the All Ireland final two years ago.



AIDAN HIGGINS
(Charlestown)
Age: 29yrs. Ht. 1.83m (6'0"). Wt. 78kg (12st.4lbs.)
Occupation: Accountant
Honours won: Connacht SFC (1999, 2006), NFL (2001), 2 FBD Connacht League, 2 Sigerson Cup (2001, 2003), 2 Ryan Cup (2001, 2003), Connacht Club Championship (2000), Connacht Club Player of the Year 2001.

Has been the Mayo saviour in defence on more than one occasion this summer. Denied Ross Munnally a certain goal in the Laois encounter and repeated the feat at Alan Brogan's expense in the semi.

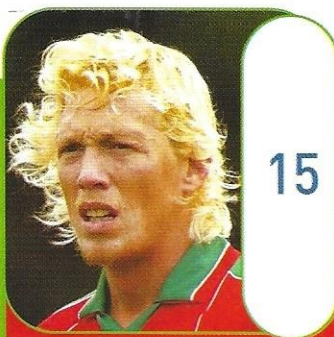
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JAMES GILL
(Ballina)
Age: 25yrs. Ht. 1.77m (5'10"). Wt. 76kg (12st.)
Occupation: Validation Engineer
Honours won: Connacht SFC (2004, 2006), Connacht U-21 (2001, 2003), Connacht MFC (1999, 2000), FBD League, All Ireland School title.

Had the match in the All Ireland semi-final, winning a great year with his county. His finishing has been first rate.



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CIARÁN MacDONALD
(Crossmolina)
Age: 31yrs. Ht. 1.83m (6'0"). Wt. 82.5kg (13st.)
Occupation: Construction Foreman
Honours won: All-Ireland Club (2001), Connacht SFC (1996, 97, 99, 2004, 06), Connacht U-21 (1993, 1994, 1996), Connacht MFC (1992), Connacht Club (1998, 2000, 2001, 2003), Compromise Rules (2004, 2005), All Star (2004).

An All Ireland club medalist with Crossmolina, his point from the sideline against Dublin will live long in the memory. A classy performer, he mixes guile and strength in equal measure.



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JAMES BRADY
(Shrule)
Age: 23yrs. Ht. 1.86m (6'1"). Wt. 81kg (12st.7lbs.)
Occupation: Sports Coach
Honours won: All-Ireland Club (2005), Connacht SFC (2004), Connacht MFC (1996, 1997), FBD League (2003), Connacht Club (1998, 2004).

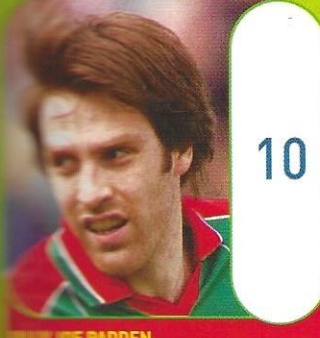
Can hit the ball to great effect at the heart of the defence and will be a key player for the Mayo champions again today. Brother of David, he has finally nailed down a starting position this year.



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CONOR MORTIMER
(Shrule-Glencorrib)
Age: 24yrs. Ht. 1.9m (5'11"). Wt. 76kg (12st.)
Occupation: Student
Honours won: Connacht SFC (2004, 2006), Connacht U-21 (2000, 2002), Connacht MFC (1999), FBD League (2003), Sigerson Cup (2006), Ted Webb.

His accuracy and cool head under pressure is one of the reasons that Mayo find themselves in today's final. Kicked vital pressure frees against both Laois and Galway in earlier games.



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PADDY JOE PADDEN
(Whelan-Whairthead)
Age: 23yrs. Ht. 1.83m (6'0"). Wt. 89kg (14st.)
Occupation: Town Planner
Honours won: Comortas Peil na Gaeltacht (2004), Connacht SFC (2004, 2006), Connacht U-21 (2001), Connacht MFC (1999).

Like the great Willie Joe, the younger Padden has tremendous energy around the field and his attacking style has been central to Mayo's success this year.



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KEVIN O'NEILL
(Na Fianna)
Age: 32yrs. Ht. 1.89m (6'2"). Wt. 85.7kg (13st.7lbs.)
Occupation: Business Development Manager
Honours won: 6 Connacht SFC, 2 Connacht U-21, 1 Connacht MFC, 2 Connacht Club, 1 All-Star.

Hard to believe that O'Neill won an All Star as far back as 1993! Had a vital contribution in the semi-final when introduced off the bench and his ball winning skills could again be vital.

JOHN HEALY (Ballina)
Age: 28yrs. Ht. 1.8m (5'11"). Wt. 82.5kg (13st.)
Occupation: Building Contractor
Honours won: All-Ireland Club (2005), Connacht SFC (2006), Connacht Club (1998, 2004), Connacht S League (2005), Connacht U-21 (1997), Connacht Minor League (1994, 1995).

PAT KELLY (Garda Club)
Age: 25yrs. Ht. 1.86m (6'1"). Wt. 85kg (13st.5lbs.)
Occupation: Garda
Honours won: Connacht SFC (2004, 2006), Connacht U-21 (2001), Connacht MFC (1999), Connacht JFC (2001, 2002), 2 Sigerson Cup (2002, 2004).

TREVOR HOWLEY (Knockmore)
Age: 20yrs. Ht. 1.8m (5'11"). Wt. 82.5kg (13st.)
Occupation: Electrician
Honours won: All-Ireland U-21 (2006), Connacht SFC (2006), Connacht U-21 (2006, 2004).

LIAM O'MALLEY (Burrishoole)
Age: 22yrs. Ht. 1.83m (6'0"). Wt. 79.3kg (12st.7lbs.)
Occupation: Electrician
Honours won: Connacht SFC (2004, 2006), Connacht U-21 (2003, 2004), Connacht MFC (2001).

JAMES GILL (Westport)
Age: 25yrs. Ht. 1.86m (6'1"). Wt. 82.5kg (13st.)
Occupation: Accountant
Honours won: NFL (2001), FBD Connacht League (2001), Connacht SFC (2004, 2006), Connacht U-21 (2001), Connacht MFC (1999).

BARRY MORAN (Castlebar)
Age: 19yrs. Ht. 1.95m (6'5"). Wt. 88.5kg (13st.12lbs.)
Occupation: Student - UL
Honours won: All-Ireland U-21 (2006), Connacht SFC (2006), Connacht U-21 (2006), U-17 International Rules Team (2004).

ANDY MORAN (Ballaghaderren)
Age: 22yrs. Ht. 1.77m (5'10"). Wt. 79.3kg (12st.7lbs.)
Occupation: Student
Honours won: Connacht SFC (2004, 2006), Connacht U-21 (2003, 2004), Connacht MFC (2000, 2001), FBD Connacht League (2003), All Ireland "B" Colleges (1999, 2000), Connacht Colleges, Sigerson Cup (2004, 2005), Ryan Cup (2005), Datapac Hotshot (2005).

AIDEN KILCOYNE (Knockmore)
Age: 20yrs. Ht. 1.83m (6'0"). Wt. 78.9kg (12st.6lbs.)
Occupation: Student
Honours won: All-Ireland U-21 (2006), Connacht SFC (2004, 2006), Connacht U-21 (2004, 2006), Connacht Colleges - Senior (2003).

AUSTIN O'MALLEY (Louisburgh)
Age: 25yrs. Ht. 1.86m (6'1"). Wt. 83.5kg (13st.2lbs.)
Occupation: Student
Honours won: Connacht SFC (2004, 2006), Connacht JFC (2000, 2001), Sigerson Cup 2003, Ryan Cup (2002, 2003), Intermediate Colleges All Ireland (2003), All Ireland Colleges 7-a-side (2000).

MICHAEL CONROY (Davitts)
Age: 21yrs. Ht. 1.8m (5'11"). Wt. 79.3kg (12st.7lbs.)
Occupation: Student
Honours won: All-Ireland U-21 (2006), Connacht SFC (2004, 2006), Connacht U-21 (2004, 2006), Ted Webb (2000).

BARRY REGAN (Ballaghaderren)
Age: 23yrs. Ht. 1.86m (6'1"). Wt. 89kg (14st.)
Occupation: Process Engineer
Honours won: Connacht SFC (2006), Connacht U-21 (2003), All-Ireland Colleges (2000).

STEPHEN CAROLAN (Béal an Mhuirthead)
Age: 29yrs. Ht. 1.75m (5'9"). Wt. 76kg (12st.)
Occupation: IT Project Manager
Honours won: NFL (2001), Comortas Peil na Gaeltachta (2006), Connacht Senior Championship (2006), Connacht JFC (2001), FBD League (2001, 2003).

TREVOR MORTIMER (Shrule-Glencorrib)
Age: 25yrs. Ht. 1.83m (6'0"). Wt. 82.5kg (13st.)
Occupation: Quarry Manager
Honours won: NFL (2004), Connacht SFC (2004, 2006), Connacht U-21 (2000, 2001), Connacht MFC (1997), FBD League, 2 Connacht Colleges.

COLM LYONS (Breaffy)
Occupation: Financial Trader
Age: 25yrs. Ht. 1.9m (6'3"). Wt. 84.3kg (13st.4lbs.)
Honours won: Connacht SFC (2006), Connacht U-21 (2001), Ted Webb (1996).

DAVID BRADY (Ballina)
Age: 30yrs. Ht. 1.89m (6'2"). Wt. 95.25kg (15st.)
Occupation: Medical Representative
Honours won: All-Ireland Club (2004), Connacht SFC (1996, 97, 99, 2004, 06), Connacht U-21 (1994, 1995, 1996), Connacht Club (1999, 2004), FBD League.



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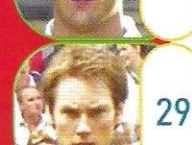
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MAJOR CHANGES



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CIARRAÍ & MAIGH EO
THREE FINALS

CIARRAÍ & MAIGH EO...THREE FINALS

1932

Kerry 2-7; Mayo 2-4

This meeting of Kerry and Mayo was their fourth in four years but it was the first occasion they had clashed in the final with Kerry having won the three semi/final meetings in 1929, 1930 and 1931 by margins of 12, eight and two points. Mayo were determined to gain their first victory over the Kingdom, but it was a tall order as the Munster side had not been defeated in league or championship for four years.

However, the Connacht champions were not deterred in the least by Kerry's record and before 26,000 spectators they made an impressive start with points by Gerald Courell, Paddy Moclair and Paddy Munnelly giving them a three-point lead after five minutes. A Don Brosnan goal brought the champions level before Tom Landers edged them in front for the first time, but the challengers resisted the half strongly and a Moclair point and a Courell goal gave them an interval advantage of 1-4 to 1-1.

Within 60 seconds of the restart Kerry were back on terms thanks to Tom Landers' goal and the rest of the third quarter was played almost entirely in Mayo territory. Despite some fine defensive work by the underdogs, Kerry still registered points from Landers, Brosnan, Jackie Ryan (2) and Mike Doyle to lead by five.

Finally in the fourth quarter Mayo lifted the siege but for nearly ten minutes they failed to trouble the scoreboard operator. Then John Forde smashed home a goal to reduce the deficit to just a couple of points, but that was as close as they got and Ryan's late point

ensured Kerry had equalled Wexford's record of four successive All-Ireland titles.

Kerry scorers: T.Landers 1-2, C.Brosnan 1-1, J.Ryan 0-3, M.Doyle 0-1.

Mayo scorers: G.Courell 1-1, J.Forde 1-0, P.Moclair 0-2, P.Munnelly 0-1.

Ciarraí - Dan O'Keeffe, Din O'Connor, Joe Barrett, Jack Walsh, Con Gainey, Paul Russell, Paddy Whitty, Johnny Walsh, Bob Stack, Con Brosnan, Joe O'Sullivan, J.J.Landers, Tom Landers, Mike Doyle, Jackie Ryan. Sub - Bill Landers for Geaney.

Maigh Eo - Tom Burke, Mick Mulderrig, Sean Gannon, Paddy Quinn, Purty Kelly, Tom Tunney, Seamus O'Malley, George Ormsby, Mick Ormsby, Paddy Munnelly, T.J.Hanley, Patsy Flannelly, Gerald Courell, Paddy Moclair, John Forde.

1997

Kerry 0-13 Mayo 1-7

The first final meeting of Kerry and Mayo for 55 years attracted an attendance of 65,601 to Croke Park and they witnessed the Kingdom win their first title in eleven years while the Connacht champions lost their second final in twelve months in a disappointing contest. The opening ten minutes gave a clear indication of how the game was progressing as Pa Laide, Dara Ó Sé and Maurice Fitzgerald pointed for Kerry while in the same period Mayo shot four wides (Kerry had none to that point).

An accidental clash between Fitzgerald and Billy O'Shea deprived the leaders of the latter but they continued on their way with Fitzgerald making it 0-4 to nil at the close of the first quarter. Mayo finally opened their account

at the 24th minute through Maurice Sheridan, but two minutes later Fitzgerald restored Kerry's four-point lead. Sheridan did reduce the deficit to three at the half hour mark but by the interval the Munster champions were five in front - 0-8 to 0-3.

An early exchange of points between Ciarán McDonald and Fitzgerald left the interval position unaltered before Fitzgerald and John Crowley found the target to make it 0-11 to 0-4 at the 44th minute. The game was slipping away from Mayo but by the end of the third quarter they had closed within two points; points by Colm McManaman and James Horan sandwiched McDonald's expertly-taken penalty.

The momentum appeared to be with Mayo and when Horan narrowed the gap to a single point early in the final quarter it looked promising. However, that proved to be Mayo's last score and a brace of points from Fitzgerald was enough to secure a more comfortable victory than suggested by the winning margin of three points.

Kerry scorers: M.Fitzgerald 0-9, P.Laide 0-2, D.Ó Sé 0-1, J.Crowley 0-1.

Mayo scorers: C.McDonald 1-1, M.Sheridan 0-3, J.Horan 0-2, C.McManamon 0-1.

Ciarraí - Declan O'Keeffe, Killian Burns, Barry O'Shea, Stephen Stack, Seamus Moynihan, Liam O'Flaherty, Eamon Breen, Dara Ó Sé, William Kirby, Pa Laide, Liam Hassett, Denis O'Dwyer, Billy O'Shea, Dara Ó Cinnéide, Maurice Fitzgerald.

Subs - John Crowley for O'Shea, Donal Daly for Kirby, Mike Frank Russell for Ó Cinnéide.

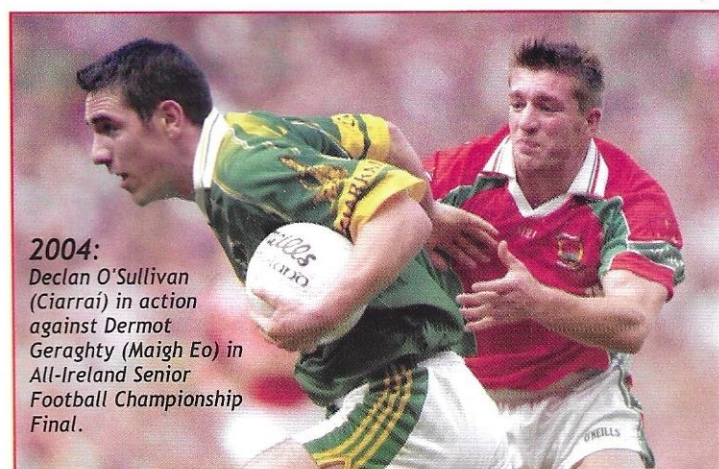
Maigh Eo - Peter Burke, Pat Holmes, Kenneth Mortimer, Dermot Flanagan, Fergal Costello, James Nallen, Noel Connelly, Pat Fallon, David Heaney, Maurice Sheridan, Colm McManaman, John Casey, Ciarán McDonald, Liam McHale, David Nestor.

Subs - James Horan for Flanagan, Diarmuid Byrne for Sheridan, P.J.Loftus for Nestor.

2004

Kerry 1-20 Mayo 2-9

The biggest attendance yet at a Kerry-Mayo final - 79,749 - saw the poorest of the three deciders with the verdict all but in by half time with the Kingdom holding an eight-point lead. That was also the margin at the full-time whistle but in truth it was the losers who were slightly flattered by it. Such an outcome seemed highly unlikely as Alan Dillon goaled for the Connacht side in the fifth minute, but Kerry



2004:
Declan O'Sullivan (Ciarraí) in action against Dermot Geraghty (Maigh Eo) in All-Ireland Senior Football Championship Final.

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THREE FINALS... continued

remained unperturbed and calmly got back on track before going on to build up their interval advantage.

From an early stage Eoin Brosnan and William Kirby were on top at midfield and their supply was turned to account by



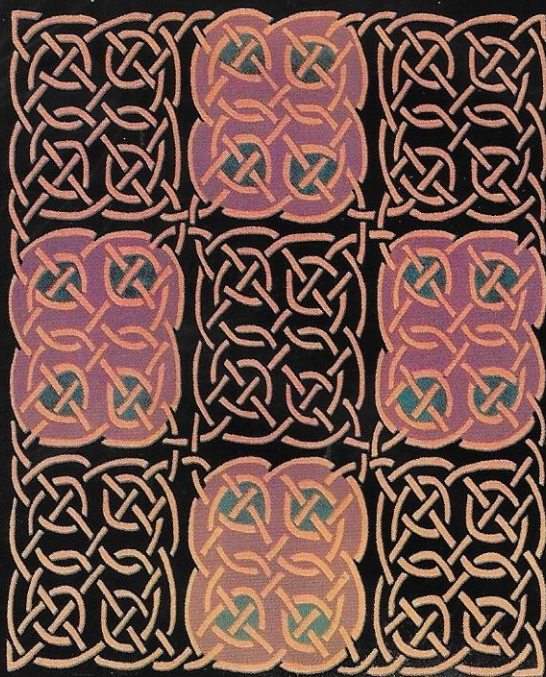
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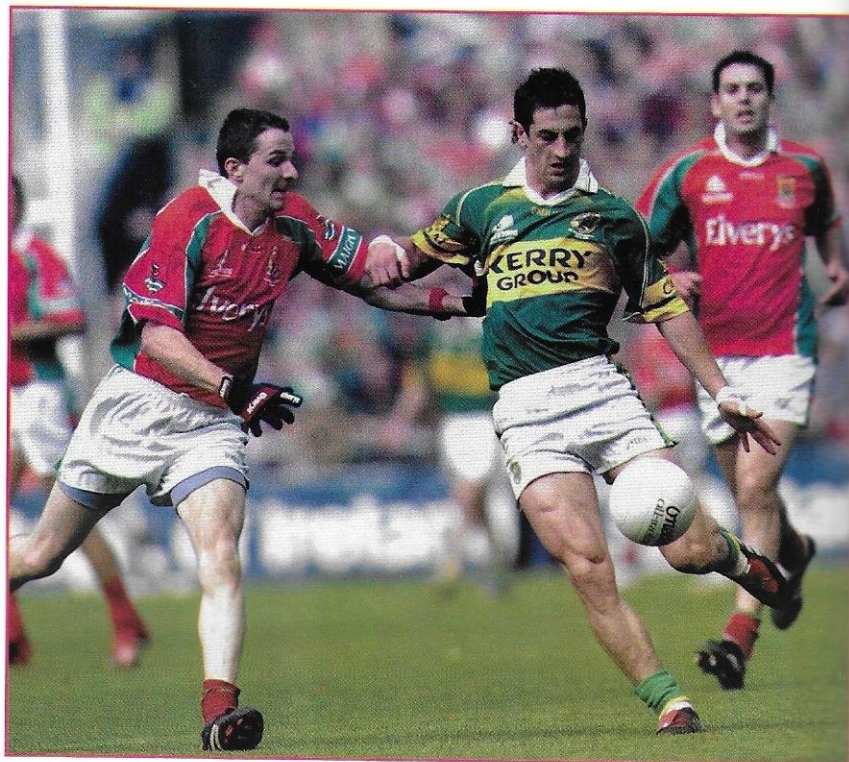
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2004: Paul Galvin (Ciarraí) in action against Peadar Gardiner (Maigh Eo) in the All-Ireland Senior Football Final.

Colm Cooper and Dara Ó Cinnéide. Although already in command, it was Kerry's 25th-minute goal that really signalled the parting of the ways as Cooper fetched Eamon Fitzmaurice's pass before driving the ball past Mayo 'keeper Peter Burke.

On the change of ends it was 1-12 to 1-4 and it was going to take at the very least an early Mayo goal on the resumption to instil any doubt as to the game's outcome. A chance did present itself just after the 40th minute but Conor Mortimer blazed his shot over the bar. Mayo added just one more point in the third quarter while Kerry added five to lead by eleven - 1-17 to 1-6.

Kerry eased back on the throttle somewhat and as the Mayo crowd drifted home the green and red had three of the next five scores before substitute Michael Conroy had their second goal at the 69th minute. It barely raised a cheer and it was left to Kerry substitute Mike Frank Russell to close the scoring with a lovely point in injury time.

Kerry scorers: D.Ó Cinnéide 0-8,

C.Cooper 1-5, W.Kirby 0-3, M.Ó Sé 0-1, D.O'Sullivan 0-1, P.Galvin 0-1, M.F.Russell 0-1.

Mayo scorers: A.Dillon 1-2, M.Conroy 1-1, C.McDonald 0-3, B.Maloney 0-1, A.Moran 0-1, C.Mortimer 0-1.

Ciarraí - Diarmuid Murphy, Aidan O'Mahony, Michael McCarthy, Tom O'Sullivan, Marc Ó Sé, Eamon Fitzmaurice, Tomás Ó Sé, William Kirby, Eoin Brosnan, Liam Hassett, Declan O'Sullivan, Paul Galvin, Colm Cooper, Dara Ó Cinnéide, John Crowley.
Subs - Seamus Moynihan for Hassett, Mike Frank Russell for Crowley, Ronan O'Connor for Ó Cinnéide, Paddy Kelly for Galvin, Brendan Guiney for Tomás Ó Sé.

Maigh Eo - Peter Burke, Dermot Geraghty, David Heaney, Gary Ruane, Peadar Gardiner, James Nallen, Pat Kelly, Ronan McGarrity, Fergal Kelly, Trevor Mortimer, Ciaran McDonald, Brian Maloney, Conor Mortimer, James Gill, Alan Dillon.
Subs - David Brady for Fergal Kelly, Conor Moran for Geraghty, Michael Conroy for Gill, Andy Moran for Conor Mortimer, Paddy Navin for Heaney.

MAYO HOLD ON IN LEAGUE MEETING



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LAST
LEAGUE MEETING

MAYO 1-15 KERRY 1-14

At Tralee last February, this league game opened at a furious pace with Kieran Geraghty almost setting up a home goal in the first minute, but shortly after the visitors found the net at the other end when Austin O'Malley placed Billy Joe Padden who comfortably beat Kerry keeper Kieran Cremin. Despite conceding a fifth-minute goal to Declan O'Sullivan, by the end of the first quarter Mayo led by six, forcing the hosts to introduce Colm Cooper.

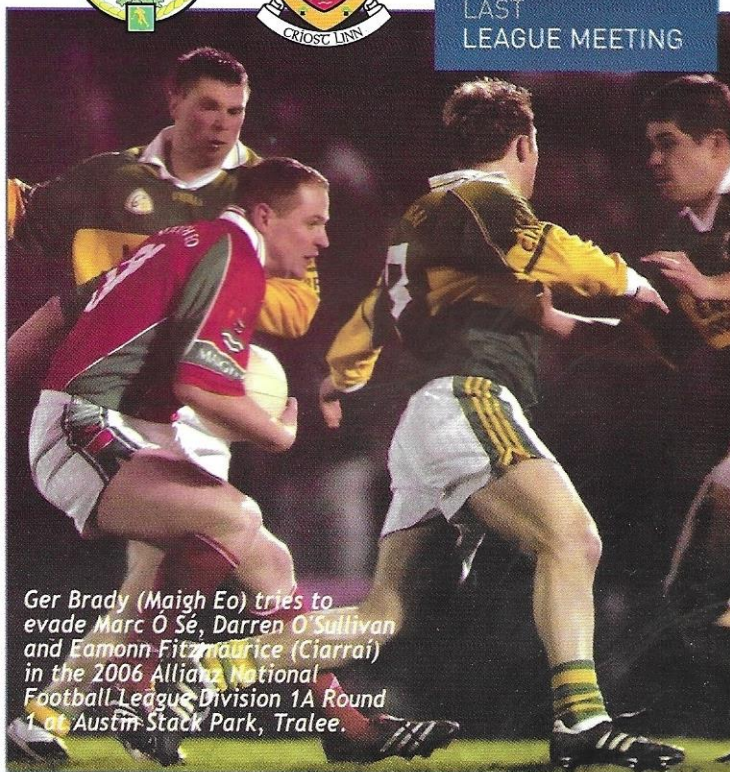
His introduction did have the desired effect, but Ger Brady's point just before the break kept Mayo three in front (1-10 to 1-7) at the change of ends. The leaders had the better of the third quarter to again extend their advantage to six (1-14 to

1-8), but the final quarter was played out almost exclusively in Mayo territory. In that period Kerry did find the half dozen points required but they also conceded a single and that was enough to give Mayo the victory. **Mayo scorers:** B.J.Padden 1-2, G.Brady 0-4, C.Mortimer 0-3, A.Moran 0-2, P.Kelly 0-1, J.Gill 0-1, A.Dillon 0-1, P.Casey 0-1.

Kerry scorers: M.F.Russell 0-6, Declan O'Sullivan 1-2, E.Brosnan 0-2, C.Cooper 0-2, P.O'Connor 0-1, Darren O'Sullivan 0-1.

Maigh Eo – F.Ruddy, T.Howley, D.Heaney, K.Higgins, P.Kelly, J.Nallen, P.Gardiner, B.J.Padden, J.Gill, A.Dillon, G.Brady, A.Moran, C.Mortimer, A.O'Malley, P.Casey. Subs – B.Moran for O'Malley, D.Geraghty for Gardiner, L.Brady for Casey.

Ciarraí – K.Cremin, P.Reidy, M.McCarthy, M. Ó Sé, A.O'Mahony,



Ger Brady (Maigh Eo) tries to evade Marc Ó Sé, Darren O'Sullivan and Eamonn Fitzmaurice (Ciarraí) in the 2006 Allianz National Football League Division 1A Round 1 at Austin Stack Park, Tralee.

E.Fitzmaurice, M.Lyons, D. Ó Sé, T.Ó Sé, K.Donaghy, E.Brosnan, P.Kelly, Darren O'Sullivan, Declan O'Sullivan, M.F.Russell. Subs –

C.Cooper for O'Mahony, P.O'Connor for Kelly, T.O'Sullivan for Fitzmaurice, K.O'Leary for Darren O'Sullivan.

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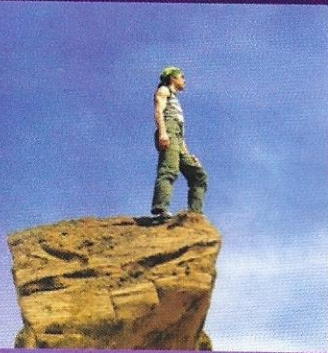
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Question 1

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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
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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 nights a week	1 SCORE	2 to 3 nights a week	2 SCORE	Once a week	3 SCORE	Once or twice	4 SCORE	Not at all	5 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 to 3 times a week	3 SCORE	Once a week or less	4 SCORE	Not at all	5 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
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PLAYER PROFILE BILLY JOE PADDEN

BY ALAN MILTON
THE IRISH SUN



Not many footballers get the chance to grace Croke Park on All-Ireland football final day. Fewer still get to trace the footsteps of their father but it's an honour Billy Joe Padden will get today. While the older of the Paddens - Willie Joe - needs no introduction to football supporters in Mayo or indeed further afield, Billy Joe has carved out his own identity as a county footballer in the last number of seasons.

The versatile Belmullet man earned his second Connacht senior medal this year after Mayo pipped Galway in Castlebar but after recent disappointments at the final hurdle there is no doubt about the aim of this Mayo team. Padden believes that most assessments of Mayo football focus entirely on their final

failures while ignoring their position of prominence in the game over a prolonged period.

"I think Mayo football has been quite strong over the last 10 years," says the 24 year old Town Planner who studied at NUIG and QUB and lists half forward as his preferred position. "Apart from Armagh and Tyrone, who have been exceptional in recent times, are there any counties who have been challenging Kerry? I think we are probably the next best county.

"OK, we came out on the wrong side of a couple of big games and 2004 was a disaster for us but I don't think it damaged us psychologically that much. We're back here again. We're just looking at this final and trying to go out and put in a big performance. If you're going to win an All-Ireland you have to beat the best teams. We've beaten Galway and Dublin who have probably won more All-Irelands than anyone bar Kerry. If we were to come out tops in the final it would be a proper All-Ireland."

Expect a double celebration to take place in the Padden household if Billy Joe manages to land the medal that eluded his father.



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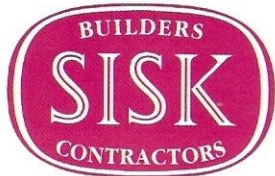
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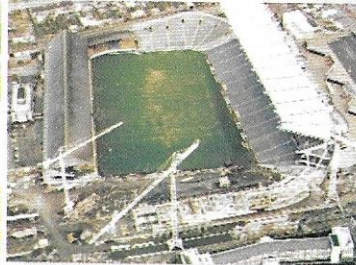
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1996: MAYO SURPRISE KINGDOM IN LAST WIN



Mayo 2-13 Kerry 1-10

With just three wins from 15 encounters against the Kingdom, Mayo were not expected to record their first success in more than three decades in this semi-final, but in front of a disappointing attendance of 33,165 the green and red recorded a six-point victory and it was a margin that flattered the losers.

The Connacht champions opened the scoring at the second minute through Maurice Sheridan and at the tenth minute John Casey doubled their lead. Maurice Fitzgerald opened Kerry's account 40 seconds later and the same player levelled matters at the 15th minute. Another Fitzgerald point gave Kerry the lead at the close of the first quarter before points by Noel Connelly, Sheridan and Casey made it 0-5 to 0-3.

Another Fitzgerald point reduced Mayo's lead to the minimum and that was still the case after James Nallen and Sean Burke swapped goals within 60 seconds of each other. However, the Westerners finished the half strongly and points by David Nestor and Sheridan (2) gave them a 1-8 to 1-4 interval lead.

A brace from Fitzgerald on the restart halved Kerry's deficit and there was still two points between the sides after the Kerry ace and Sheridan pointed frees. A further exchange between Fitzgerald and Horan left Mayo two in front entering the final quarter.

The swapping of points continued into the final quarter as Eamon Breen and Dara Ó Cinnéide were on the mark for Kerry with Casey watching a brace in return. But

with four minutes remaining Mayo ended any doubt about the outcome with a quick 1-1 – Sheridan's free was followed almost immediately by James Horan's goal.

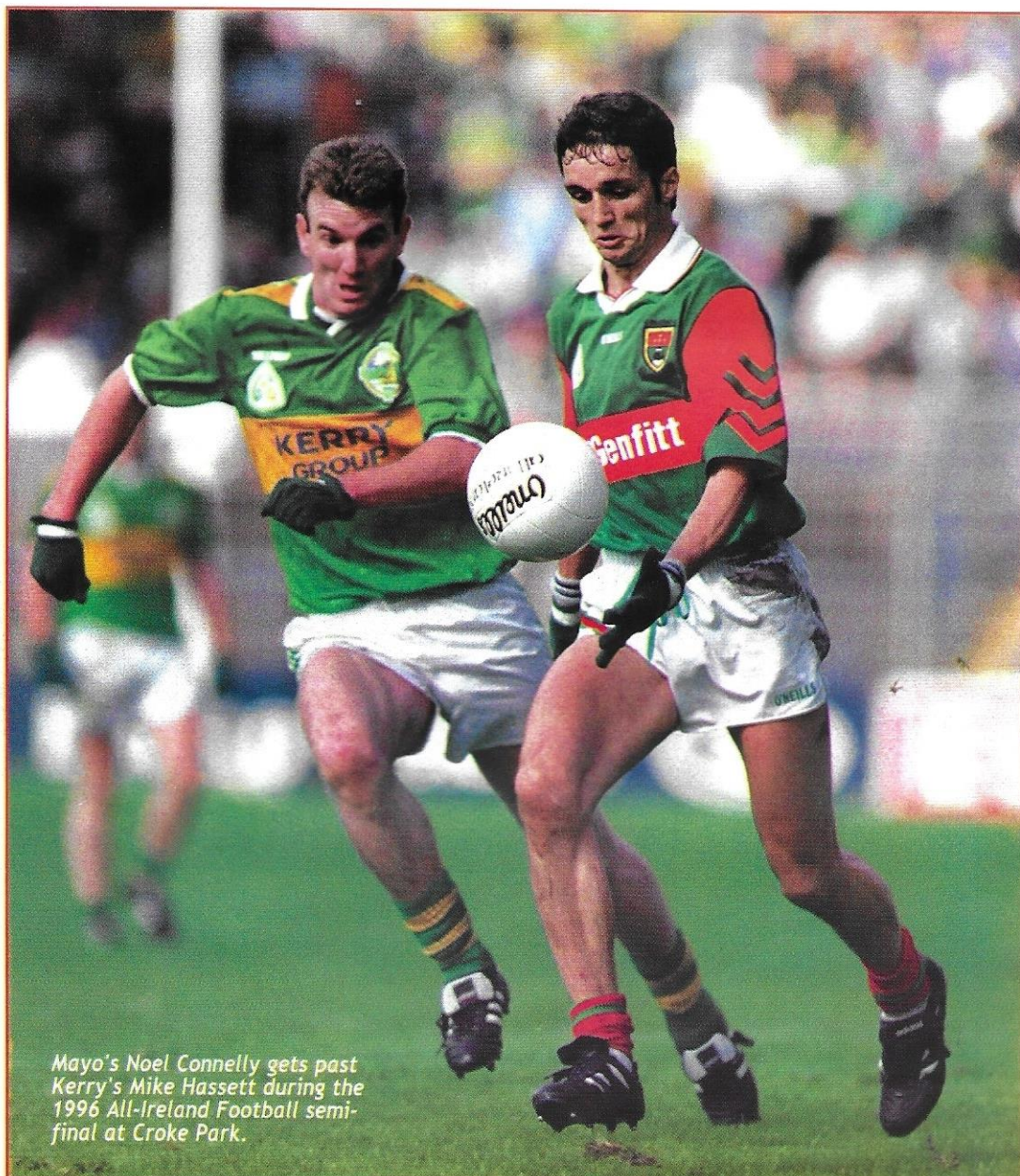
Mayo scorers: M.Sheridan 0-6, J.Casey 0-4, J.Horan 1-1, J.Nallen 1-0, D.Nestor 0-1, N.Connelly 0-1.

Kerry scorers: M.Fitzgerald 0-8,

S.Burke 1-0, E.Breen 0-1, D.O'Cinneide 0-1.

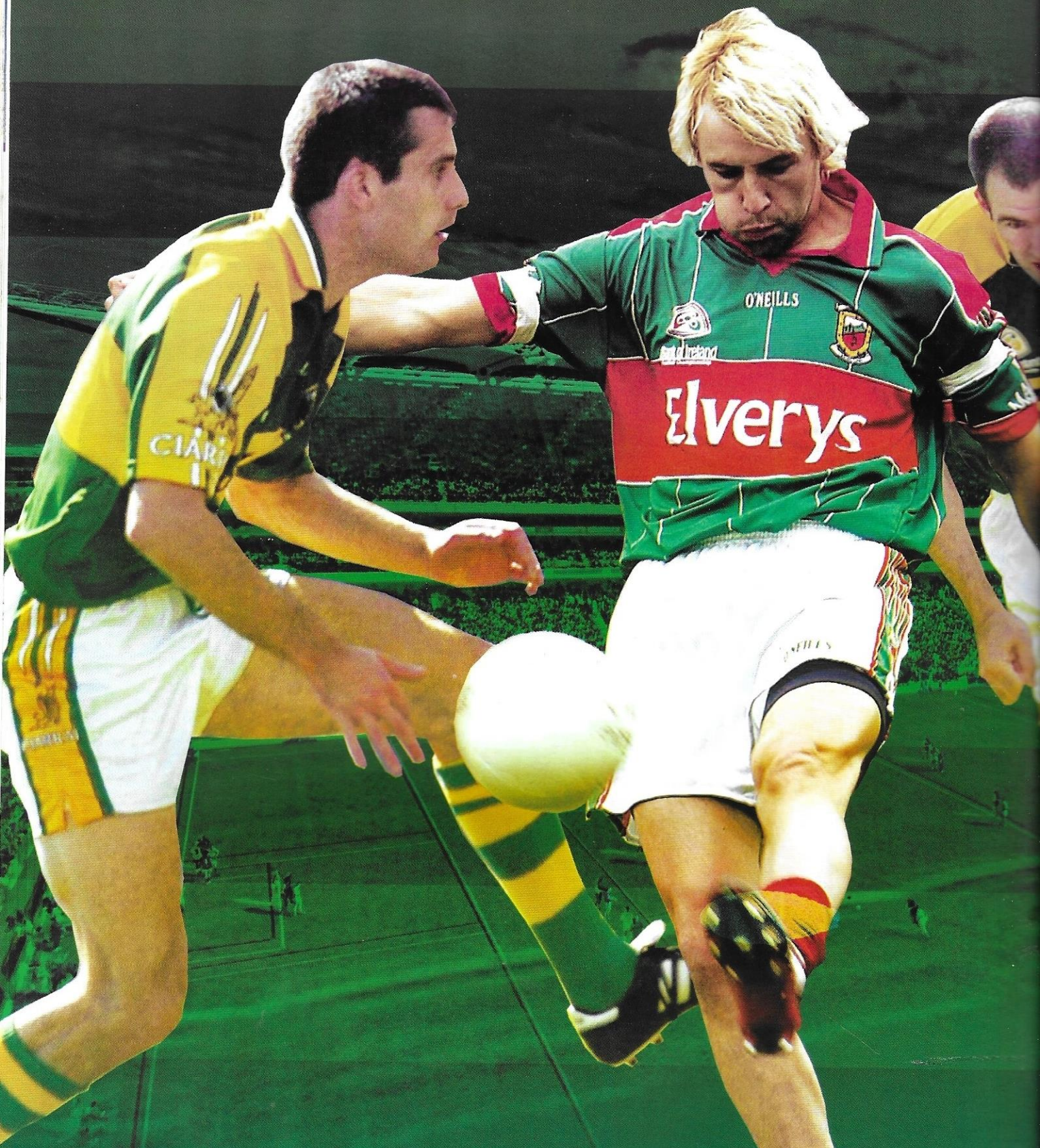
Maigh Eo – John Madden, Kenneth Mortimer, Kevin Cahill, Dermot Flanagan, Pat Holmes, James Nallen, Noel Connelly, Liam McHale, Pat Fallon, James Horan, Colm McManamon, Maurice Sheridan, David Nestor, John Casey, Raymond Dempsey. Subs – Kevin O'Neill for Horan,

Anthony Finnerty for Nestor. **Ciarraí** – Declan O'Keeffe, Stephen Stack, Mike Hassett, Charles McCarthy, Killian Burns, Sean Burke, Eamon Breen, Dara Ó Sé, Seamus Moynihan, John Crowley, Maurice Fitzgerald, Billy Ó Sé, Gene Farrell, Liam Hassett, Dara Ó Cinnéide. Subs – John O'Driscoll for McCarthy, Brian Clarke for Hassett, Denis Dwyer for Crowley.



Mayo's Noel Connelly gets past Kerry's Mike Hassett during the 1996 All-Ireland Football semi-final at Croke Park.

LIVEWIRE V. SOLID



TOM O'SULLIVAN

CONOR MORTIMER

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CONOR Mortimer is hoping that after learning how to lose against Kerry in the 2004 final, Mayo can finally sample that winning feeling in today's decider. Mortimer has been in a rich vein of form for the Connacht champions in this championship season — and his 1-33 haul from six matches sees him comfortably out in front of the hard-working Alan Dillon in the Mayo top-scoring stakes.

In Mayo's remarkable semi final victory here three weeks ago, Mortimer was a constant thorn in the Dublin defence and his five-point performance was arguably his most complete display for his county. Mayo's victory left Mortimer's Dublin pals Bryan Cullen, Stephen Cluxton and Paul Casey devastated — the four had played together for Dublin City University, who captured glory in this year's Sigerson Cup. Now, Mortimer is anxious that Mayo end this 55-year wait for an All-Ireland senior crown and he would love nothing better than to honour the memory of his late grandfather George, a true gentleman of Shrule, who passed away recently.

During their formative years, George was a huge influence on Conor and his brothers Trevor and Kenneth, who have all played on All-Ireland final day. Kenneth was full back on the Mayo team of 1997 that lost to Kerry and two years ago, Conor and Trevor lined out in attack as the Kingdom broke their hearts again. Conor said: "For me personally, this All-Ireland final is vital for our family, on Kenneth's behalf and my grandmother after the loss of our grandfather. This is an All-Ireland we have to win and dedicate towards our family," the blond-haired attacker explained. "My grandfather was one in a

million," added a proud Conor. "Since I started, maybe 14 or 15 years of age playing U16 in Mayo, he was the one that brought me everywhere. Trevor and Kenneth are the same — we all owe a chunk of our life to him and to our gran who was there with him. As long as we're playing, his memory will live on. Everybody has great esteem for him."

During his final days, George was still keen to keep a close eye on Mayo's progress. And Conor smiled: "The last couple of weeks, he'd be sleeping when you'd get there and you wouldn't get to have a chat but the day after the Dublin game, he was awake. At least he got to see one of the best games that Mayo have ever been involved with."

Mike McCarthy and Tom O'Sullivan are the contenders to pick up livewire Mortimer in today's final — and O'Sullivan noted the Mayo man's display against Dublin. But O'Sullivan is one of the game's finest man-markers and he did a superb job on Cork dangerman James Masters in the semi final clash. "I have had my ups and downs this year," said O'Sullivan. "I was marking James Masters against Cork and did all right and next day now, I am not sure to be honest, it could be Mortimer or Ciarán McDonald. Mortimer is playing well at the moment, he had a great game there against Dublin but hopefully he won't be as good against us." Much-maligned earlier in the year, Kerry's defence has been much more solid in the last two championship outings against Armagh and Cork. "We got things back together against Armagh," O'Sullivan explained. "There were no closed doors, training was open to

everyone and we were hiding nothing. We just went out there and trained as hard as we could — we got things back on track. I also think that improvement in the form of the half forward line has been a big asset to us.

"The ball is moving faster and so they are not bunching on top of the half back line, not crowding out midfield and not playing too close to the full forward line either." O'Sullivan (27) is one of the most under-rated footballers on the Kerry team but traditionally defenders don't tend to grab too much of the limelight. The Rathmore Garda played his first league game for the seniors against old rivals Cork in 1999 and made his championship debut against the Rebels in 2000. His debut championship season was one to remember as Kerry defeated Galway in the All-Ireland final and two years ago he was part of the Kerry team that had a comfortable victory over Mayo.

O'Sullivan is also the proud holder of five Munster senior medals and three county senior football championships.

Mortimer (24) has been involved in PR work for Right Choice Mortgages during the summer and with two Connacht senior medals in his back pocket (2004 and 2006) he now wants to land the big one. Mortimer was a member of the Mayo team that won the 1999 provincial title and, at U21 level, he won Connacht medals in 2000 and 2002. Mortimer's movement and finishing skills could pose problems for the Kerry full back line but O'Sullivan and McCarthy are seasoned campaigners and both men were honoured with All-Star awards in 2004 when Kerry last won the All-Ireland title.

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PENALTY PARADE

To date 15 penalties have been awarded in the current campaign which is one more than at the same stage last season. However, there has been a dramatic improvement in the return per penalty as this season twelve goals and one point resulted from the 15 kicks giving a return of 2.47 points per penalty, far in excess of last year's 1.93 (9 goals from 14 penalties). Indeed, it is the best return of the current decade which prior to this season was in 2002 when the APR (average penalty return) was 2.3 points.

Mayo have neither taken nor faced a penalty this year but Kerry have done both with mixed results; Diarmuid Murphy saving against Waterford and Mike Frank Russell failing to find the net against Longford.

Fermanagh's Ciarán O'Reilly and Fergal Byron of Laois were the only players to take more than one penalty with the Ernesider converting both of his while the O'Moore county goalkeeper scored a goal and a point. Byron also faced a penalty but was beaten by Simon Rea.

The 15 penalties awarded in the current campaign and the result of each is as follows:

14TH MAY

Gerard Heneghan (Roscommon) **GOAL** v New York

21ST MAY

Andrew Hobbard (Waterford) **SAVED**
by Diarmuid Murphy (Kerry)

Ciaran O'Reilly (Fermanagh) **GOAL** v Antrim

27TH MAY

Paul Taylor (Sligo) **GOAL** v Galway

28TH MAY

Niall McNamee (Offaly) **GOAL** v Kildare

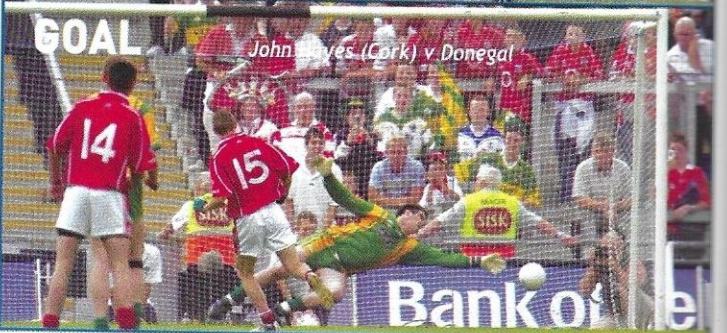
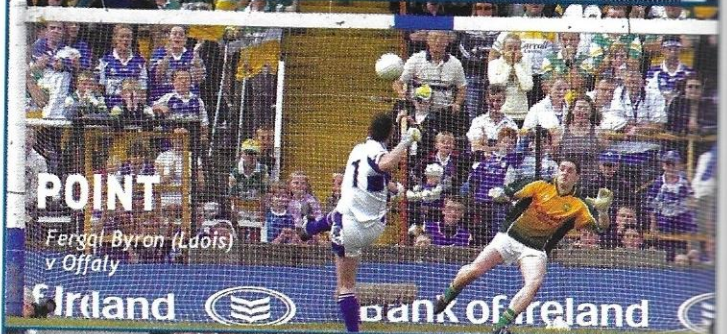
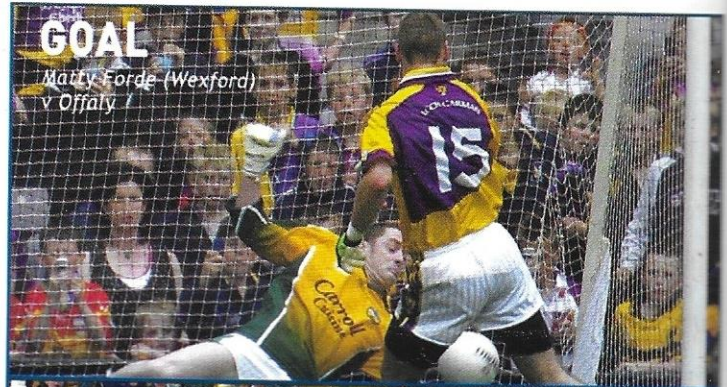
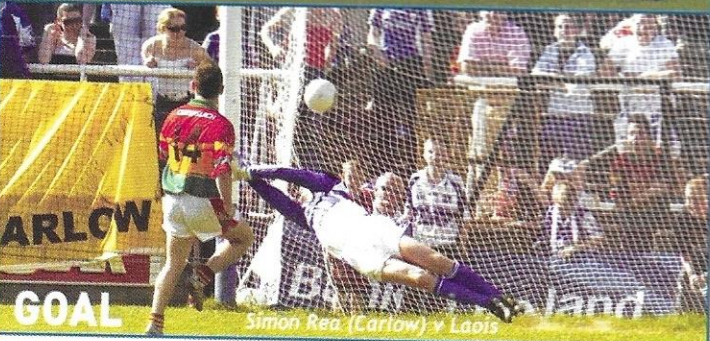
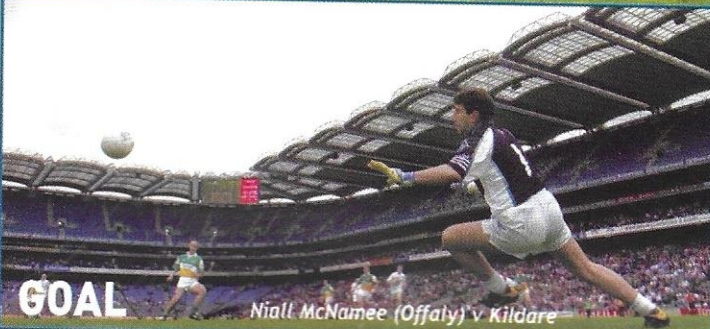
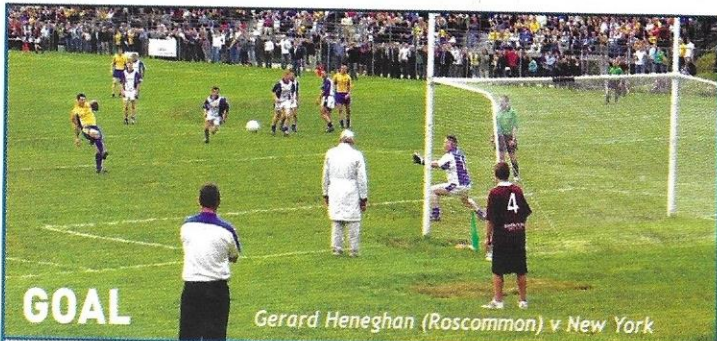
4TH JUNE

Fergal Byron (Laois) **GOAL** v Carlow

Simon Rea (Carlow) **GOAL** v Laois

17TH JUNE

Stephen Hickey (Clare) **GOAL** v Antrim



18TH JUNE

Michael Meehan (Galway) **GOAL** v Roscommon

2ND JULY

Matty Forde (Wexford) **GOAL** v Offaly

15TH JULY

Paddy Bradley (Derry) **GOAL** v Longford

Ciaran O'Reilly (Fermanagh) **GOAL** v Wexford

29TH JULY

Mike Frank Russell (Kerry) **SAVED** by Damien Sheridan (Longford)

30TH JULY

Fergal Byron (Laois) **POINT** v Offaly

5TH AUGUST

John Hayes (Cork) **GOAL** v Donegal

KERRY & MAYO HEAD-TO-HEAD

In all, Kerry and Mayo have met 19 times in the championship with the Kingdom holding a 15-4 lead in the 103-year series, the details of which are:

1903 – semi/final, Limerick:	Kerry	2-7	Mayo	0-4
1908 – semi/final, Limerick:	Kerry	2-4	Mayo	0-1
1909 – semi/final, Ennis:	Kerry	2-12	Mayo	0-6
1910 – semi/final, Tuam:	Kerry	1-7	Mayo	0-4
1924 – semi/final, Croke Park:	Kerry	1-4	Mayo	0-1
1929 – semi/final, Hyde Park:	Kerry	3-8	Mayo	1-1
1930 – semi/final, Hyde Park:	Kerry	1-9	Mayo	0-4
1931 – semi/final, Tuam:	Kerry	1-6	Mayo	1-4
1932 – Final, Croke Park:	Kerry	2-7	Mayo	2-4

1936 – semi/final, Hyde Park:	Mayo	1-5	Kerry	0-6
1939 – semi/final, Croke Park:	Kerry	0-4	Mayo	0-4
replay, Croke Park:	Kerry	3-8	Mayo	1-4
1948 – semi/final, Croke Park:	Mayo	0-13	Kerry	0-3
1951 – semi/final, Croke Park:	Mayo	1-5	Kerry	1-5
replay, Croke Park:	Mayo	2-4	Kerry	1-5
1969 – semi/final, Croke Park:	Kerry	0-14	Mayo	1-10
1981 – semi/final, Croke Park:	Kerry	2-19	Mayo	1-6
1996 – semi/final, Croke Park:	Mayo	2-13	Kerry	1-10
1997 – Final, Croke Park:	Kerry	0-13	Mayo	1-7
2004 – Final, Croke Park:	Kerry	1-20	Mayo	2-9
2005 – Quarter-Final, Croke Park:	Kerry	2-15;	Mayo	0-18



MAYO'S FATAL FOUR

To score four goals in a championship game and especially in an All-Ireland final is almost a guarantee of success. But Mayo didn't find it that way in two All-Ireland finals in the late forties when they found the net four times and still came out on the losing side.

The first occasion was in 1947 when, with the wind behind them in the opening half, the Mayo minors ran up an interval lead of 4-2 to 0-2 against Tyrone. However, that huge margin did not sustain them as they were eventually beaten by 4-4 to 4-3, the winning goal coming just before the full-time whistle.

A year later it was the turn of the seniors to experience the 'fatal four' when they took on Cavan, the reigning All-Ireland champions. Against a howling gale Mayo kept the Cavan forwards in check for 20 minutes, but then cracked to let the Breffni men in for an interval lead of 3-2 to nil. It was 4-2 when Mick Higgins found the net within minutes of the restart.

But against huge odds Mayo found their feet. Peter Solan hit goal number one; Tom Action stabbed home a second before Pdraig Carney beat Benson with a penalty and then Eamon Mongey tied the scores with a fourth major.

In the end, however, there was only heartbreak for Mayo. In a do-or-die effort Cavan regained the lead with a pointed free and when a close-in free at the other end seemed certain to lead to a draw, a Cavan defender charged down Carney's effort (many claimed illegally). Insult was added to injury by the fact that it appeared that a least two minutes of lost time remained when the full time whistle sounded. Mayo lost that decider on a 4-4 to 4-3 scoreline.

Those two finals were the only All-Irelands in which a team scored four goals and lost; and the memories would be especially bitter-sweet for Peter Solan who played in both games and scored in both.

Best wishes to Mayo for 2006



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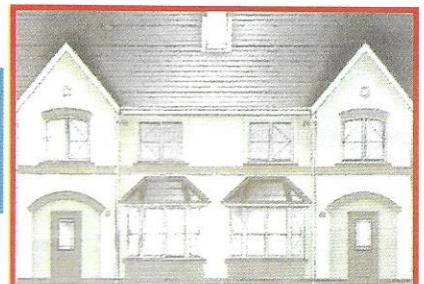
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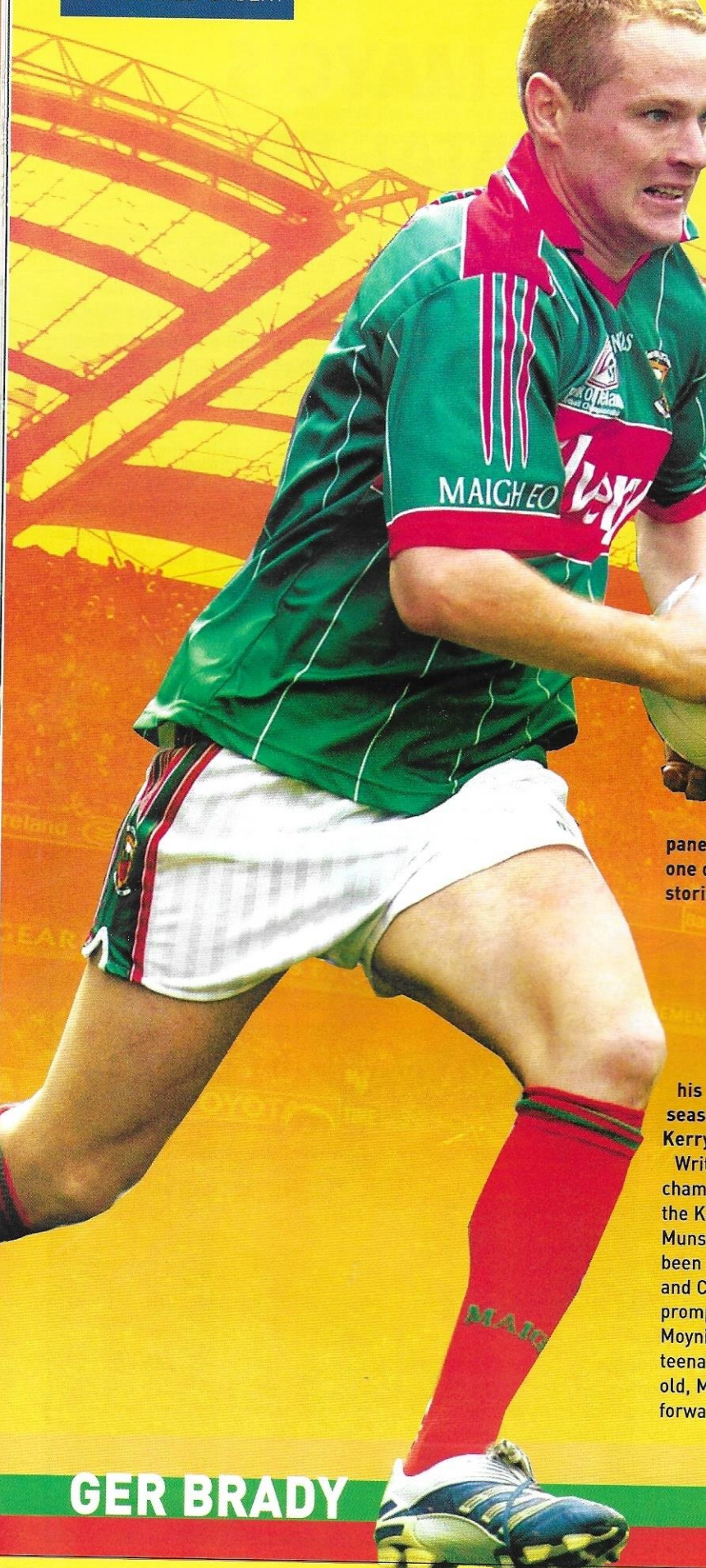
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MAYO boss Mickey Moran is hoping that Ger Brady's direct running style can cause huge problems for the Kerry defence in today's final. Brady was one of the real stars against Dublin in an epic semi-final and he gave Dublin ace Bryan Cullen a torrid time, knocking over two points in the process. Cullen's switch from attack to the pivotal centre back spot was seen as one of the central planks of Dublin's charge to the semi-final but Brady's robust style of play had Cullen on the back foot for the first time all year. The Ballina man, younger brother of panel member David, has been one of the real Mayo success stories this year but he'll face

but there are still few better at diving on breaking ball around the 40 and even fewer who can match his bravery. Moynihan has been an automatic choice for Kerry since making his senior championship debut back in 1992. But it was an ill-fated afternoon for the Kingdom who suffered a shock Munster defeat at the hands of Clare. Moynihan was thrown in at the deep end, replacing Ambrose O'Donovan, and admitted that the experience was nerve-wracking. His credentials were strong having played minor with the county in 1990 and 1991 and the form was good having helped St. Brendan's to a famous All-Ireland colleges success against famed Galway outfit St. Jarlath's.

Since that dramatic introduction to senior intercounty fare, Moynihan has earned the respect and admiration of team-mates and opponents the length and breadth of the county, who acknowledge his leadership skills and no little skill. Moynihan won his first All Ireland senior medal in 1997 and in 1999 his club Glenflesk had

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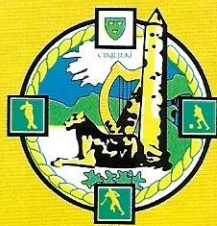
his toughest test of the entire season against evergreen Kerry star Seamus Moynihan.

Written off after last year's championship, and indeed when the Kingdom fell to Cork in the Munster final, Moynihan has been superb against Armagh and Cork. And his form even prompted Moran to quip that Moynihan is playing like a teenager again. Now 32 years-old, Moynihan may not charge forward as often as he used to

the honour of nominating him to captain the county team for the 2000 campaign, when Kerry won another All Ireland. A beaten finalist against Armagh in 2002, injury curtailed Moynihan's 2004 campaign but he was given a hero's welcome when he appeared as a sub in the final against Mayo. Moynihan tasted the pain of final defeat again last year but now he's back and hungrier than ever for a fourth All Ireland senior medal.

GER BRADY

FORWARDS



Moynihan's direct opponent this afternoon, 26-year-old Brady, is an admirer of the Kerry star. And even though observers believe that Moynihan is playing a much deeper role from centre back this season, Brady won't be taking his eyes off him for a second. "The idea of me leaving Seamus Moynihan sitting on his own back there is ridiculous," said Brady, who had a superb game against Kerry in Mayo's very first league match of the year in Tralee. "If he's picking up breaking ball and I'm 40 yards away, that's not helping our cause. Same as the last day

Maughan returned as Mayo boss in 2003. "I was very fortunate to play underage rugby for Connacht and Ireland — I had some great times and memories," said Brady, who played in an U19 rugby world cup semi final against the mighty New Zealand in Llanelli in 1999. "When I was playing with Connacht and Galwegians, Eric Elwood was there and I learned an awful lot from that great guy. His attitude towards training was second to none — the first man on the training pitch and in the dressing room before training. If

"CHASE EXCELLENCE"

against Dublin, when we have the ball, make space and try to get on it. When we don't have the ball, pick up your man, try to close them down and stop them building from the back."

Brady's path to the top has been a long and winding one. A winner of Connacht minor medals in 1996 and 1997, Brady took up full-time rugby with Galwegians and Connacht when he was 19 and didn't return to Gaelic Football until John

there were long runs, he was up at the top and the last man off the training pitch kicking balls. He's a guy who made it and one thing that marked him out was his attitude — there were a lot of guys with as much skill but miles behind in terms of attitude. I try to mirror myself on guys like that, not saying I'm anywhere near as committed as Eric was but you try to chase excellence."

SEAMUS MOYNIHAN

GOLDEN JUBILEE

A special presentation will take place at half-time in today's senior final when former Irish Olympic Gold Medalist Ronnie Delaney will be presented with a mounted replica All Ireland medal to mark the 50th anniversary of his 1500m Olympic final victory in Melbourne in 1956.

A native of Arklow, Co Wicklow, Delaney attended Villanova University in Pennsylvania, where he was coached by the well-known track coach Jumbo Elliott. His qualification for the final of

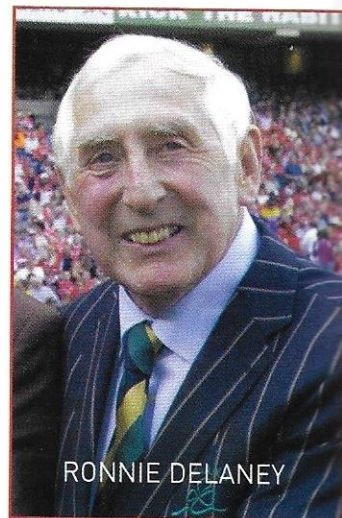
the 1500m at the 1954 European Championships in Berne marked him out as an athlete of some potential. His reputation was enhanced dramatically on June 1st 1956 when he became only the seventh runner to join the club of four minute milers, and he was chosen as part of the Irish team for the 1956 Summer Olympics held in Melbourne. Delaney qualified for the Olympic 1500 m final, in which home runner John Landy was the hot favourite. Landy had followed closely on the heels of Roger Bannister in 1954 in becoming only the second man

ever to run the mile in under four minutes. In a grueling race at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, Delaney kept close to Landy until the final lap, when the 21 year old Irishman started an incredible final sprint for glory (covering the last 300m in 38.63 seconds) which ensured he won the race in a new Olympic Record. In so doing he became the first Irishman to win an Olympic title in athletics since Bob Tisdall in 1932.

Delaney continued his running career in North America, winning four successive AAU titles in the mile, adding to his total of four Irish national titles, and three NCAA titles. John Landy, who finished third in the final, went on to become Governor of Victoria and in this role has hosted receptions for the Ireland International Rules team in the past.

Historically, the GAA and athletics in Ireland have been prominently linked, particularly in the early years of the Association when it was as much concerned with Athletics as Hurling or football. Michael Cusack had also founded the Dublin Athletic club in 1882. Other prominent athletes in the early years included Pat Nally (after whom the Nally terrace is named), Frank Dineen (the man who purchased Croke Park for the GAA) and Maurice Davin – a co-founder of the Association (who was known as the founder of modern athletics).

In 1922, at the instigation of the GAA, the N.A.C.A (National Athletics and



RONNIE DELANEY

Cycling Association) was set-up and became the first unified body to control Irish Athletics (the IAAA – Irish Amateur Athletic Association was wound up and joined with the NACA).

From the foundation of the GAA in 1884 to the setting up of the N.A.C.A in 1922, athletes who had begun their careers under GAA rules broke 36 world records and won 15 Olympic titles. Among these were Tom Kiely of Tipperary – who in 1904 in St Louis (USA) won the world all-round championship and Edmund Barrett, the London All Ireland medal winning hurler who won an Olympic medal in 1908 for Tug-of-War. Kildare footballing legend Larry Stanley (winner of 2 All Ireland medals) held the Irish Hugh Jumping record and represented Ireland at the Olympic Games in Paris in 1924 (Ireland's first Olympics).

When the Tailteann Games were held in Croke Park in 1924, 1928 and 1932 – they were a huge celebration of Irish culture and athletics and the GAA and NACA worked very closely in planning and organising them. It could be argued that it was the Tailteann Games which led to the first major redevelopment of Croke Park as the stadium received 2 new grandstands to help cope with the expected attendances!

So it is most appropriate today that the GAA should honour and remember one of the greatest ever achievements by an Irish athlete when Ronnie Delaney captured Olympic gold for his country 50 years ago.

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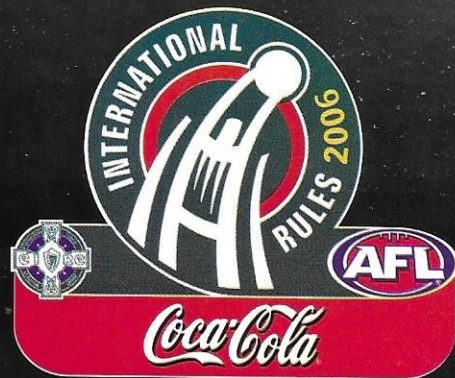
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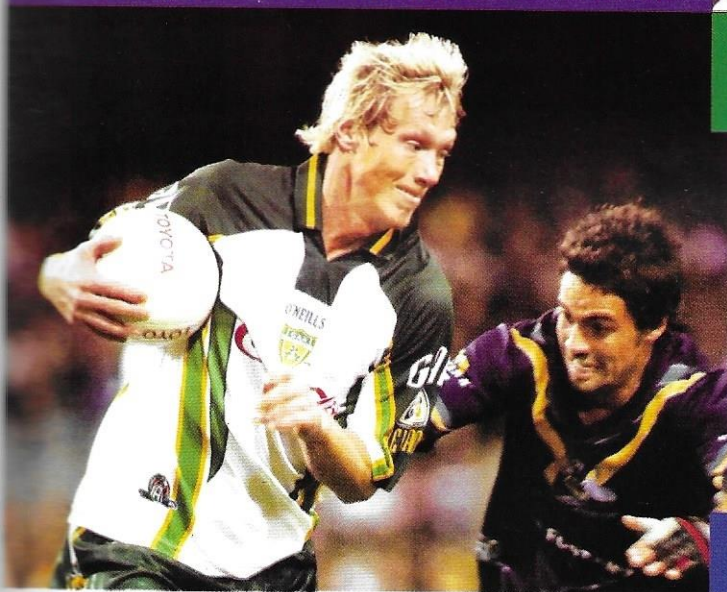
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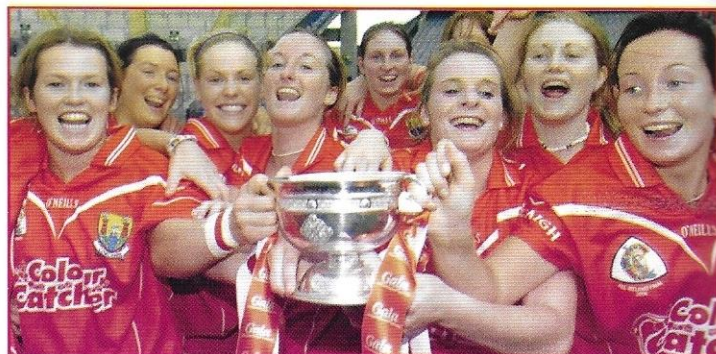
Today the footballers of Roscommon, Kerry and Mayo grace Croke Park and will hope to bring All Ireland honours to their respective counties. Last week it was camogie and hurling in Croke Park and Cork emerged as convincing winners in the Gala All Ireland Camogie Final over a disappointing Tipperary side. Cork have now put together back-to-back titles. Tipperary and Kilkenny served up an exciting draw in the Erin U21 hurling final.

The Tipperary camogie team, which had lost the backbone of its starting fifteen since last year's final, never got to grips with a game in which the Cork half-back line was outstanding. Rena Buckley, Mary O'Connor and Anna Geary closed down Tipperary at every opportunity. Tipperary manager, Paddy McCormack, made a number of substitutions in an attempt to counter-act Cork's dominance throughout the field but found it difficult to

replace players like Ciara Gaynor, Therese Brophy, Angie McDermott, Noelle Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes who retired after last year's final. Captain Philly Fogarty, an outstanding ambassador for the game of camogie, put in a great performance for the Premier County with Una O'Dwyer and Joanne Ryan also doing well.

The doubling up of the Gala All Ireland Senior Camogie Final and the Erin U21 All Ireland Hurling Final was a huge success. Increased attendances and the avoidance of a clash of fixtures meant that the camogie and hurling fans of Tipperary, Kilkenny and Cork were happy. The finals are being played together on a trial basis for a period of two years. Our thanks to Cumann Lúthchleas Gael for facilitating this double header.

Of course there was lots of other entertainment on the day including the primary schools' games involving kids from Derry, Dublin, Louth and Longford. The



The Cork team celebrate winning the Gala All Ireland Camogie Final.

"Gala" teddy bear also provided great entertainment for spectators as they waited for the Cork and Tipperary camogie teams to take to the field!

Of course, there is lots of camogie still being played outside the traditional "hurling" counties. Armagh, Carlow, Laois and Tyrone are fighting for places in the All Ireland Junior Shield final while Monaghan, Louth, Mayo, Donegal and Westmeath will participate in an All Ireland Junior Championship blitz on September 23rd. This will be Mayo's second time to field at intercounty level this year having already put up a good show at the National League Junior Blitz in Monaghan last July. A lot of work is being done jointly between Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael and Cumann Lúthchleas Gael in Mayo to promote hurling and camogie with Camogie Regional Development Co-ordinator Caroline Murray, Connacht Hurling Administrator Damien Coleman and Mayo Games Development Officer Billy McNicholas working closely. Roscommon County Camogie Board continue to work hard to promote camogie in the county and are helping to develop the

game in the rest of the province also. The East Mayo Camogie club will register under-age teams with Roscommon next year, a move that will benefit both the East Mayo club and the under-age Roscommon clubs.

The five camogie clubs now up and running in Kerry are flourishing with membership increasing all the time. Causeway, CillÁrd, AbbeyLix, Laune Rangers and Duagh have girls between the ages of 8 and 16 playing camogie and a number of fun blitzes have taken place throughout the summer. Indoor blitzes are now planned for November to keep girls playing throughout the winter. Mary O'Connor, Cork camogie and ladies football player, and the Regional Development Co-ordinator for camogie in Munster is working to establish camogie clubs in Kenmare, Killarney and Tralee.

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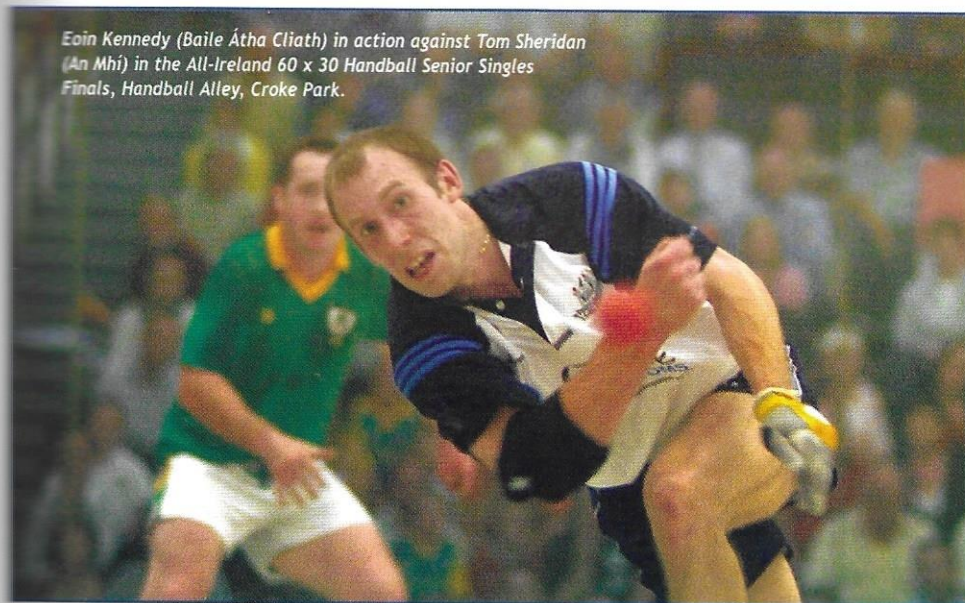
Having won the Waterford Crystal World Open Doubles title (with Tony Healy from Cork) in August, Eoin Kennedy from the St. Brigid's Club in Dublin retained his M Donnelly All-Ireland Senior Softball Singles title on the eve of the All-Ireland hurling final. In doing so became the first player from the capital to win the title three times in a row since the championships began in 1925. However, he had to resist a very strong challenge from the 2002 winner, 38 year old Tom Sheridan from Meath in a titanic struggle. Sheridan had his chances to close out the match when he led 15-10 in the second game but the defending champion called on all his reserves of skill and determination to claw his way back from the brink of defeat and expressed his relief at the end when he won out 19-21, 21-19, 21-5.

Kilkenny minor hurler Nicholas Anthony from the Mullinavat club won the Minor Singles final when he defeated Brian Donaghy from Tyrone

21-11, 21-16 to bring the title Noreside for the first time since Michael 'Duxie' Walsh won his third successive minor title in 1984. Robert McCarthy and Liam Cassidy from Westmeath took the Intermediate Doubles crown at the expense of Roscommon's Aengus Cunningham and Dara Rogers on a 21-19, 13-21, 21-13 scoreline.

For Robert McCarthy, this success comes on the back of a magnificent performance at the Waterford Crystal World Championships in Canada where he collected the 19 and Under Singles and, with Brian Carroll from Meath, the 19 and Under Doubles title.

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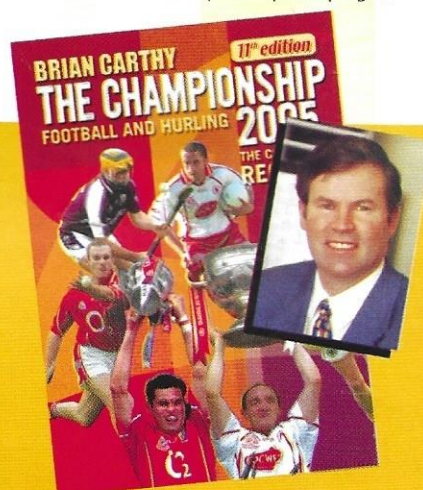
Eoin Kennedy (Baile Átha Cliath) in action against Tom Sheridan (An Mhí) in the All-Ireland 60 x 30 Handball Senior Singles Finals, Handball Alley, Croke Park.

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HISTORIC LADIES FOOTBALL DAY

HISTORIC is the best way of describing the TG4 All-Ireland senior final between Cork and Armagh on Sunday October 1st at Croke Park.

Historic in so many ways. It is the first time in the history of ladies football that a team which won the All-Ireland junior title competed in the senior decider the following year. It will also be the first time that the reigning junior and senior champions meet in an All-Ireland final.

The game will also provide Cork with the opportunity to finish 2006 with a 100 percent win record in competitive games. Astonishingly, the Rebels have not lost a single competitive game since February 2005.

It's a startling record and if they can retain the Brendan Martin Cup this year then it's one which will take some beating. And for yet

more history, if Cork do win the All-Ireland this year then they will have achieved a back to back league and championship double.

To make it even more impressive, three years ago Cork had never won either a senior league or championship title. They won both the league and championship for the first time in their history last year.

They have already successfully defended their league title and are now just one win away from retaining the Brendan Martin Cup as well. And there are actually a few Cork girls going for another special double-double - by winning back to back senior ladies football and senior camogie All-Irelands.

Briege Corkery, Angela Walsh, Rena Buckley, Mary O'Connor, Elaine O'Riordan and Catriona Foley were all on the Cork camogie team which beat Tipperary here at

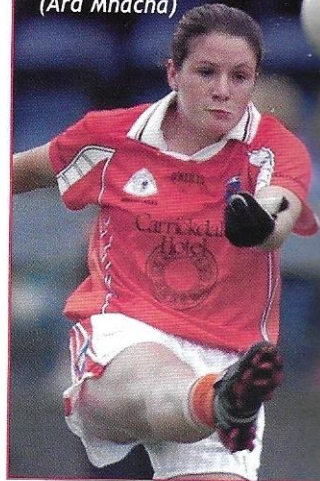
Croke Park last Sunday to win a second successive title. They will all be part of the ladies football panel as well when they meet the Orchard County. Impressive? Just a little bit.

Armagh have been writing their own chapter in the history books this year as well. The Orchard County girls were in Croke Park on All-Ireland final day last year - but that was to contest the junior decider.

Armagh beat Sligo in that decider and have not looked back ever since. They have made the step up to the senior grade look easy. They created history by beating then defending champions, Monaghan, in the Ulster senior final to win the provincial crown for the first time and also at the first time of asking. Their semi-final win over Galway was shrouded in controversy after the Tribe County appealed the result on the basis that Barbara Hannon's last gasp effort - which was waved wide - was in fact a point.

Galway manager P.J. Fahy was adamant that it was a point. "The shot was about four feet over the crossbar and about a foot inside the upright", he said. "We are not talking about one that went over the top of the post, this is crystal clear once you look at the video. One of the umpires went to award a point, another signalled it wide and the referee deemed it to be wide. Armagh came down the field then and won the game."

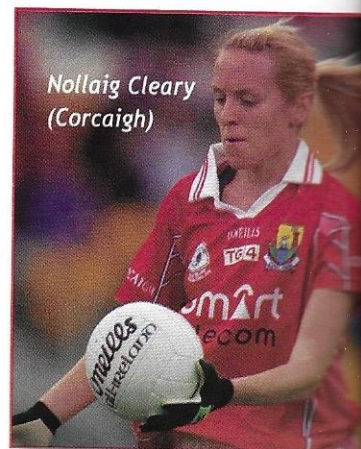
Aiteen Matthews
(Ard Mhacha)



However, Armagh argued that many decisions had gone against them over the course of the game as well. Either way, Armagh were impressive against Galway in that semi-final at Hyde Park. The Connacht champions entered the game as favourites but Armagh showed a great team ethic to push them all the way. Armagh worked harder than Galway, looked stronger and even hungrier. Indeed, Galway might have been taken aback by Armagh's work rate.

Meanwhile, in the All-Ireland junior final Sligo will face Leitrim in an all-Connacht affair. Sligo have lost the last three junior finals.

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ROUNDERS REPORT

As the season draws to a close for Comhairle Cluiche Corr, with only the Semi Finals and Finals of the Minor and Senior Mixed Championships and the Interprovincial Tournament to be played, the Council is pleased to report that a number of new clubs participated in the 2006 Championships. It is the turn of Connacht to host the Interprovincial championships.

The eighteen female and male All Stars will be announced in October with a presentation function to be held in November. The All Star Ladies travelled to Bristol in May to compete in the International between Wales and Ireland. Unfortunately the weather played havoc with the plans on the day but all returned pleased with their efforts.

As always, the Underage Féile was again held in King's Hospital School, Palmerstown in August. A great number of teams fielded on the day and the U/14 & U/16 Mixed Finals were particularly entertaining.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago 1981

Armagh opened the defence of their Ulster crown with a comfortable 2-15 to 0-13 win over Donegal while Monaghan, too, had it relatively easy as they ousted Tyrone by 2-9 to 0-6, but Antrim had to fight all the way to beat Cavan by 2-13 to 2-12.

Fermanagh pushed Derry to the limit before going down by 0-10 to 0-12, and then followed two great games between Down and Monaghan; a 0-10 all draw before the Mourne men edged it by 3-4 to 1-9. With an easy 4-7 to 1-3 win over Antrim, Armagh qualified for the final while Down just held off Derry by 0-12 to 0-9. And Down regained the Ulster crown after a lapse of three years with a 3-12 to 1-10 win over a disappointing Orchard county.

The Munster scene was a mere formality. Clare beat Tipperary by 3-14 to 0-9 and Limerick and Waterford drew (0-10 all) before the Decies moved on - 0-10 to 1-4. Kerry, in search of a fourth successive All-Ireland title, demolished Clare by 4-17 to 0-6 at Listowel while Cork travelled to Dungarvan to end the home side's interest - 2-18 to 0-7. There was never a real threat to the champions in the final at Killarney where Cork could muster no more than 0-3 in reply to Kerry's 1-11.

One-sided encounters marked the early stages in Connacht with Mayo beating London by 3-11 to 1-4 at Ruislip and Galway trouncing Leitrim by 2-16 to 0-6.

Roscommon suffered their first defeat in the province since 1976 when going down to Sligo by 1-8 to 2-9 at Markievicz Park and Mayo joined them in the final by defeating Galway by 2-8 to 1-9. At the same venue Mayo took their

first title since 1969 with a 0-12 to 0-4 win over the home side.

Wicklow, Wexford, Westmeath and Laois were first-round winners over Carlow, Kilkenny, Longford and Louth. Dublin struggled to beat Wicklow (0-10 to 0-8) as did Offaly to beat Westmeath (1-14 to 1-9). Wexford surprised Meath (2-9 to 1-11) while Laois easily disposed of Kildare (3-13 to 1-9) at Tullamore and then shocked Dublin by 2-9 to 0-11 at the same venue. Offaly joined Laois in the final by beating Wexford by 1-16 to 0-14 and at Croke Park the Faithful county retained their title with a 1-18 to 3-9 win over their neighbours.

The All-Ireland semi/finals were disappointing. Offaly beat Down by 0-12 to 0-6 while Mayo failed to Kerry by 1-6 to 2-19. In the final the Kingdom bridged a gap of almost half a century back to their first four-in-a-row by beating Offaly by 1-12 to 0-8.

Fifty Years Ago 1956

There were no surprises in the early rounds in Leinster with Wicklow beating Carlow by 4-12 to 1-4, Longford defeating Laois by 3-7 to 1-6 and Wexford accounting for Westmeath by 2-11 to 1-5. Nor was Kildare's 1-9 to 0-9 defeat of Louth unexpected while the Garden county's long agony at the hands of Dublin continued for yet another year at Enniscorthy (0-5 to 0-11). The first surprise was at Droichead Nua where Offaly beat Meath by nine points (1-14 to 1-5), but Kildare's 1-12 to 2-6 win over Longford reflected current form. The semi/finals, however, did not run according to form as Kildare beat Offaly by 1-8 to 0-7 and Wexford saw off Dublin by 2-7 to 0-7. Form

was restored for the final which the Lily Whites won by 2-11 to 1-8.

Mayo, the reigning Connacht champions, were sensationally crushed by Galway (5-13 to 2-5) at Castlebar while Sligo were pushed all the way by Leitrim before emerging winners by 3-5 to 0-11 at Sligo. Galway continued to dominate and hardly needed the advantage of playing at Tuam as they dismissed Roscommon by 1-9 to 0-2. Nor did Sligo present any problems in the final at Markievicz Park as a final scoreline of 3-12 to 1-5 indicates.

Tipperary opened the Munster campaign with a 2-4 to 0-7 win over Clare at Limerick and then caused All-Ireland champions Kerry a few anxious moments at Tralee before bowing out by 3-2 to 2-7. Cork's debut saw them enjoy a comfortable passage at Waterford's expense (0-12 to 0-4) and in the final, having been held to a 2-2 to 0-8 draw, the Rebels won the replay at Killarney by 1-8 to 1-7.

In Ulster, Tyrone had their expected win over Derry (3-7 to 2-4), Monaghan over Donegal (0-14 to 1-5) while champions Cavan crushed Antrim by 3-15 to 2-4. Armagh were relatively comfortable against Down (2-5 to 0-6) as were Tyrone in the semi/final against Monaghan (2-9 to 0-7). Cavan joined them in the final and at Clones history was made as Tyrone took their first provincial title by 3-5 to 0-4.

The All-Ireland semi/finals were dour goal-less affairs. Cork beat Kildare by 0-9 to 0-5 while Galway ended Tyrone's interest by 0-8 to 0-6. The final, however, featured some great scoring and five goals. Cork registered their highest score of the championship (3-7) but it wasn't enough to deny Galway with 2-13.

Seventy-Five Years Ago 1931

The difference in standards between Kerry and the rest of the province was acknowledged by the Munster Council when they gave them a bye to the provincial final, with the other five counties battling it out for the dubious privilege of meeting the champions. Cork opened with a 3-4 to 1-2 win over Clare at the Mardyke; Tipperary beat Limerick by 4-4 to 0-1, followed with a 0-7 to nil win over Waterford and qualified for the final by beating Cork at Clonmel by 2-11 to 3-1. The provincial crown remained in the Kingdom, however, as Kerry strolled to a 5-8 to 0-2 win at Tralee.

The dramatic decline in Kilkenny football was emphasised by Westmeath's 8-8 to 1-5 win at Tullamore, but provincial champions Kildare just held off Laois (2-4 to 1-6) at Portlaoise. Torrential rain caused the Meath-Offaly game to be abandoned after 20 minutes at An Uaimh, but three weeks later at the same venue the Royals won by 3-5 to 1-2. Dublin were impressive winners (5-6 to 1-5) over Louth and equally dominant when beating Wexford (4-3 to 1-3) at Carlow. It took two hours to decide the Kildare-Meath semi/final; after a 1-4 all draw the champions marched into the final by 1-5 to 0-4. Westmeath created a big surprise by beating Dublin (2-4 to 1-4) at Tullamore, but the Lily Whites held on to their title with a 2-9 to 1-6 win at Croke Park.

Derry and Fermanagh dropped back to junior ranks in Ulster where Monaghan, the holders, impressed in defeating Tyrone by 3-9 to 1-3. Armagh struggled to get the better of Down (0-6 to 0-4), but Donegal, who recorded an easy 2-4 to 0-1 win over Antrim, went out on

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an objection by the losers. Monaghan were dismissed surprisingly easy by Armagh (1-9 to 0-4) and Antrim fell tamely to Cavan - 2-3 to 4-9. In a hectic final the Breffni men just did enough - 0-8 to 2-1.

Mayo were the team to beat in Connacht but no one did. Roscommon beat Leitrim by 5-6 to 0-1 before the green and red took over; they beat Sligo by 1-8 to 1-3 at Tuam, Galway by 3-5 to 1-4 at Castlerea and Roscommon in the final by 2-10 to 3-2.

The All-Ireland semi/finals were close-run affairs. At Tuam, Kerry just held off a great Mayo rally to win by 1-6 to 1-4 while at Breffni Park Kildare also had two points to spare over Cavan - 0-10 to 1-5. The fifth Kerry-Kildare final in seven years may not have matched any of the previous encounters and the Kingdom celebrated their first three-in-a-row on a 1-11 to 0-8 scoreline.

One Hundred Years Ago 1906

For the first time all five Connacht counties were involved in the championship with defending champions Roscommon early in action to see off Leitrim by 5-6 to 0-3. The holders then disposed of Sligo by 3-1 to 1-1 at Ballaghaderreen. Mayo had home advantage at Ballina where they had three goals to spare over Galway (3-7 to 0-7) before regaining the provincial crown with an easy 2-13 to 0-5 win over the champions at Tuam.

There was another first in Ulster as all nine counties entered the race where Derry beat Tyrone by 1-3 to 0-2 and Down accounted for Armagh by four points also (1-5 to 0-4). The Oak Leaf then recorded the highest score of the campaign when they hammered Donegal by

0-18 to 0-2 on home turf. Antrim travelled to Newry to beat Down by 1-8 to 0-9, but then Derry surprisingly dropped out of the race by conceding a walkover to Monaghan, who then eliminated reigning provincial champions Cavan at Cootehill by 2-4 to 0-5. Fermanagh came in and almost ousted the Oriel county at Newbliss where the final scoreline was 0-10 to 1-6. Monaghan became Ulster champions for the first time since 1888 when they beat Antrim by 2-10 to 1-2 at Clones.

With Westmeath, Longford, Carlow and Wicklow opting for junior competition, Leinster had eight entrants with Dublin opening proceedings with a 1-9 to 0-5 win over Kilkenny at Enniscorthy. Wexford ousted Offaly at Jones's Road (1-6 to 0-6) and Louth crushed Laois by 2-18 to 0-4. Defending All-Ireland champions Kildare opened with a hard-earned 0-8 to 0-2 win over Meath and followed with an easier 0-13 to 0-1 verdict over Wexford. Dublin joined the champions in the final at Louth's expense and then beat them by 1-9 to 0-8 at Kilkenny.

Down South, Kerry were easy winners over Clare (2-8 to 0-1) and Cork disposed of Waterford by 2-7 to 1-2. Tipperary and Limerick drew (0-6 all) before the Premier won the replay at Fermoy by 1-9 to 0-2 and then just lost to Kerry by 1-3 to 0-7. Cork, however, won the final surprisingly easy at Tipperary town - 1-10 to 0-3.

Two months before Dublin beat them in the Leinster final, nominated Kildare had beaten Monaghan by 2-10 to 1-3, and the Metropolitans qualified for the final after defeating London by 2-7 to 0-3. Cork qualified to meet the capital side with a 0-10 to 0-6 win over Mayo at Limerick, but it was Dublin who secured their ninth title when they edged out the Leesiders at Athy by 0-5 to 0-4.

A SINGLE POINT

To score just one point in a competitive game and still survive to another day is something of a rarity in gaelic football, to say the least. But both Kerry and Mayo did just that when they met in the final of the Croke Cup at the Markets Field in Limerick on January 7th, 1906. On a raw winter's day defences ruled the roost and at the end of the hour the scores were deadlocked at 0-1 apiece. The replay at the same venue some weeks later saw an improved performance by both sets of forwards as evidenced by a 1-2 to 0-4 scoreline in favour of Mayo.

Each county had further experience of a single point. For Kerry it was in the 1918 Munster final at the Cork Athletic Grounds when they lost to Tipperary by 0-1 to 1-1. That was a remarkable failure by the Kingdom as they had shot 5-3 in defeating reigning provincial champions Clare in the semi-final. Mayo had a better experience of notching 0-1 as in the 1924 Connacht final with Galway they conceded just single point as well in an extraordinary game at Balla. In the replay at Tuam the visitors won by 2-6 to 0-5.

Incidentally, Mayo's win in the 1906 Croke Cup was their first in a competitive game over Kerry, but it wasn't repeated in the championship for 30 years.

FAR APART

September 14th, 1947 was a special day in the history of the G.A.A. when for the first (and only) time an All-Ireland final was staged in New York. For Kerry it was a special occasion as on that day they became the only county ever to have been involved in two All-Ireland finals on the same day at venues 3,000 miles apart.

The games were the Polo Grounds final and the All-Ireland Junior Football "Home" final with Meath. It wasn't one of Kerry's happiest days as a few hours before they lost to Cavan, the juniors went down to Meath by 3-3 to 1-12 at Croke Park. Despite the results it did leave Kerry with a distinction that is most unlikely to be emulated.

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TOMMY MURPHY CUP



Participation in the Tommy Murphy Cup continued to grow this year as from a low of just four entrants in 2004, no fewer than 13 teams (three more than 12 months ago) took part in this year's competition. Defending champions Tipperary had a difficult first outing at Dungarvan where Declan Browne scored all but two points in their 0-12 to 1-7 victory. Carlow and Louth enjoyed two-point victories over Wicklow and Clare respectively, while Cavan had four in hand over Roscommon at Breffni Park. Kilkenny hadn't played at senior level since the O'Byrne Cup in January and it showed as they were easily defeated by Antrim at Casement Park.

Leitrim relieved the Premier county of their title in the quarter/final at Thurles and that was the only 'last eight' victory away from home. Carlow defeated London at Dr Cullen Park, Antrim eased by Cavan at Casement Park and Louth had two goals to spare over Monaghan at Dundalk. Shane Lennon's 3-5 for the Wee county on that occasion was the highest individual return of the competition.

The semi/finals were less than enthralling. At Dundalk, visitors Antrim proved no match for the home side and went down by 14 points, while goals by Donal Brennan and Ciarán Duignan helped Leitrim to a comfortable win at Birr over Carlow.

The final also proved to be a little disappointing as Louth stormed into an eleven-point lead after half an hour - 2-7

to 0-2. Leitrim knocked three points off the deficit before the break and by the third quarter had closed within five points - 1-9 to 2-11. However, Louth took it up again and had nine points to spare at the final whistle.

1st Round

21st July, Dr Cullen Park:

Carlow 1-10; Wicklow 0-11

22nd July, Dungarvan:

Tipperary 0-12; Waterford 1-7

23rd July, Casement Park:

Antrim 1-23; Kilkenny 1-8

25th July, Breffni Park:

Cavan 2-12; Roscommon 0-14

25th July, Ennis:

Louth 2-14; Clare 3-9

Quarter/Finals

29th July, Thurles:

Leitrim 0-14; Tipperary 1-6

29th July, Dr Cullen Park:

Carlow 1-11; London 0-7

29th July, Casement Park:

Antrim 2-14; Cavan 2-9

4th August, Dundalk:

Louth 3-13; Monaghan 1-13

Semi/Finals

12th August, Dundalk:

Louth 0-22; Antrim 0-8

13th August, Birr:

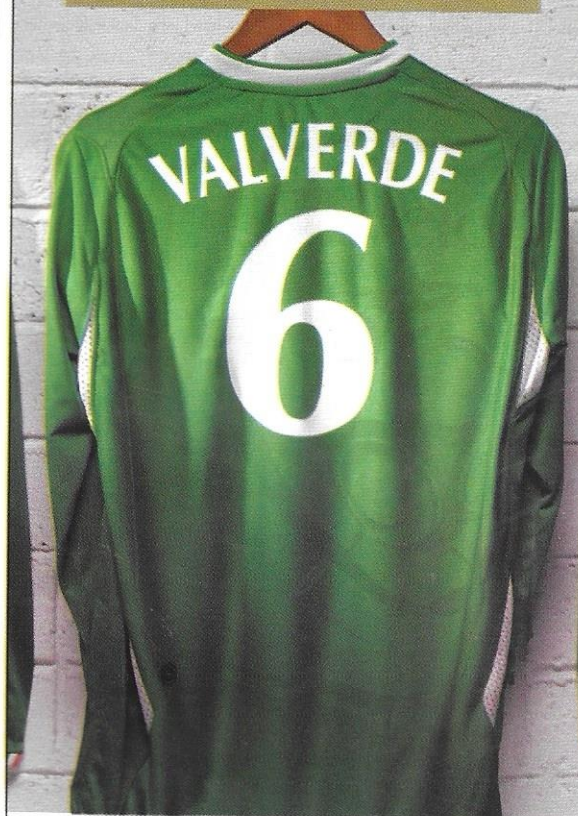
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Final

27th August, Croke Park:

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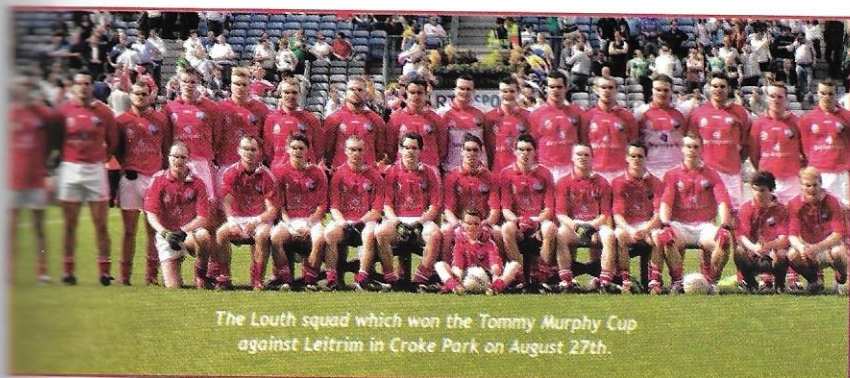
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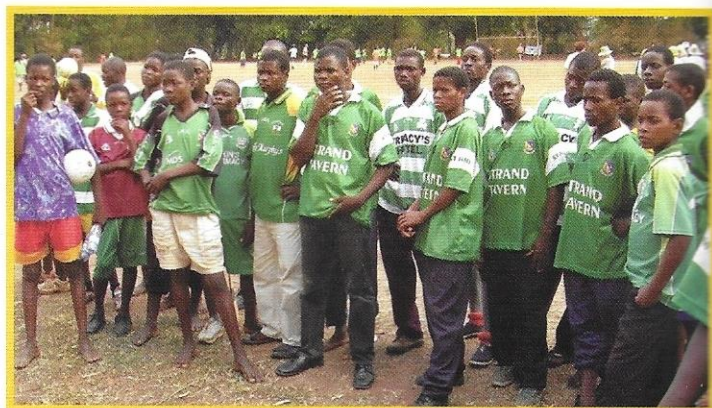
members to lend their support to the Self Help Campaign.

The GAA President said: "We will be writing to all clubs and county boards to ask for support and are asking each club to consider making a contribution and donating a jersey. If each club gave a jersey and €200, Self Help would be able to help close to one million people get on the food sufficiency ladder".

'Jerseys that are donated from clubs around the country will be distributed to schoolchildren in Self Help's project areas in Africa, while the proceeds of the appeal will be invested in our long-term rural programmes', Self Help's Nancy Aburi said. 'Collecting jerseys is a good way of establishing a clear link between the clubs themselves, and the work that we are doing in Africa'.

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A couple of years ago a Limerick man named Gerard McDonnell reached the top of Everest, produced a hurley and sliothar and pucked a shot from the top of the world's highest mountain.

That lustrous achievement should cause no surprise to assiduous students of Irish history. After all, more than two thousand years ago, atop of the Hill of Tara in the Royal county of Meath, didn't young Setanta drive a sliothar into the mouth of Culann's guard dog, killing the poor animal and immortalising himself as Cú Chulainn? However, even the lads and lassies in the nearby Kilmessan hurling and camogie club would admit that climbing Everest to puck a sliothar is a somewhat tougher proposition than doing so from the pinnacle of the two hundred metres height of the storied Hill. Apparently, the Limerick man gave the sliothar a right good puck and drove it somewhere out into the snowy fastnesses of Nepal. 'Twould have been unfortunate if some poor sherpa painstakingly making his way to the top was to be knocked off the slopes by a belt of a sliothar.

It is little known outside a small band of alternative historians that Gaelic games and some of the great events in Irish history have long been intertwined.

For example, as Theobald Wolfe Tone approached Bantry Bay in 1796 on board the French vessel 'La Surveillante', he and the matelots were not engaged in playing deck quoits, but were actually tricking around with a sliothar and a few hurleys in a game of rounders. No better men than the Inner Council of the Irish Republican Brotherhood to engage in a few games of handball before setting off for yet another secret meeting to plot a Fenian rising. No wonder a few of the same IRB lads were in the 'shnug' in Hayes' Hotel in Thurles waiting for the word from the Billiards Room up above, the night in 1884 that Cusack, Davin, Bracken, Nally and the rest of them founded the GAA.

Have you ever tried soloing a football up and down the gangway of a submarine speeding along a hundred feet deep beneath the stormy waves of the Atlantic? Well, that was how Sir Roger Casement whiled away the time aboard the German U-17 in April 1916 as he headed for the coast of Kerry. Later that same month, the GPO garrison in Dublin whiled away most of Easter Week with a seven-a-side Gaelic football tournament played in the back yard, in between taking pot shots at the British 'Tommies' of the Lancashire Regiment and the Sherwood Foresters.

In the final, finished shortly before the blazing edifice was evacuated, fine displays by Harry Boland and Mick Collins led C Company, 1st Dublin Battalion of the Volunteers to a 2-7 to 1-4 victory over a ragbag team of undernourished inner city dwellers drawn from the Citizen Army. Up to now, it has always been assumed that the

Labour leader, James Connolly, had to be stretchered from the GPO because of wounds sustained in the fighting. However, a confidential eyewitness report, filed with the Bureau of Military History in Cathal Brugha Barracks in Dublin, reveals that he was actually injured by an off-the-ball tackle by Collins.

It is believed in certain historical circles that Countess Markievicz and the women of Cumann na mBan passed their incarceration in Kilmainham Jail by playing camogie in the stonebreakers' yard. Later, under the influence of Mrs. Tom Clarke and some of the older women, the Countess invented Ladies Gaelic Football, but the long skirts worn by the Cumann

members hindered the development of the game. However, some of the lads in the Wee County of Louth have now challenged the Limerick man to an even greater feat of mountain hurling. The Louth lads say pucking a ball off the top of Everest is nothing compared with winning the testing 'Poc Fada' in the Cooley Mountains. So maybe a Limerick man will go down in history as the first person to win a 'Poc Fada' on both the Cooleys and Everest.

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MEDICAL SCIENTIFIC/WELFARE COMMITTEE

I was honoured to be asked by the Uachtaráin, Nicky Brennan, to chair the inaugural medical scientific/welfare committee established at Congress in April 2006.

It has indeed been a privilege for me to work over the past five months with many established experts in the field of sports and exercise medicine who are prepared to contribute voluntarily in the interest of "best practice" for our players.

Our first priority has been to look at the tragedy that is "sudden death" in athletes, explore the role of screening and make recommendations to the management committee.

Whilst widespread screening simplistically seems the way forward, the "reality" is very different.

Firstly, no matter how elaborate the screening process many causes of potential sudden death will not be picked up.

Secondly, interpretation of screening tests is often times extremely complex and many times players are left uncertain as to whether it is safe to participate in sport.

Thirdly, mass screening will exclude many thousands of players from competitive sport without absolute certainty that they are, in fact, at risk.

The only screening tool that appears to be unequivocally useful in detecting those at risk of sudden cardiac death is a questionnaire focusing on:

- (a) sudden death in first degree relatives under 40 and
- (b) symptoms associated with exercise.

It is likely that we will recommend to management that all players over 14 years of age participating in GAA activities should fill in an appropriate questionnaire which we are actively putting together. Obviously those who are positive on the questionnaire should be referred for further evaluation.

From the overall screening point of view, it is likely that with the support of management we will embark next year on a pilot project involving 150 footballers and 150 hurlers encompassing the entire spectrum of GAA players.

This project would involve full screening of these athletes.

From this project we will acquire a pool of scientific knowledge that hopefully will enable us to make more clear-cut recommendations at that stage as to how we should proceed within the GAA.

Our second major venture involves establishing a player injury database.

As healthcare providers we would like to embark on research in the areas of incidence of injury,

how various training techniques may contribute to injuries, the issue of overtraining and the role of rest.

We would particularly like to address the issue of the young, talented dual player who may be expected at any one time to play for six or eight teams.

Any research in this area, however, is impossible until we first of all establish a baseline injury database. This project will be challenging.

We are also in the process of establishing a player website, where "best practice protocol" can be posted for use by our players on a regular basis.

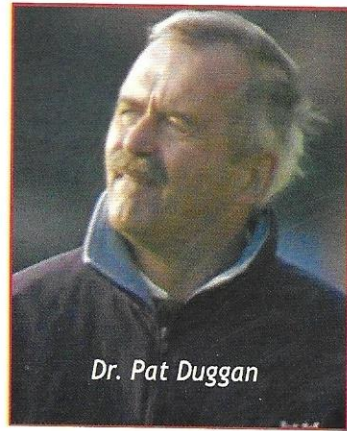
We feel that medical facilities at grounds throughout the country need to be improved and we are at present looking at ways of doing this.

The role of defibrillator use is also a pressing issue.

The science in this case, however, supports the use of a defibrillator as being of critical value.

We will again probably recommend that all GAA clubs should have a defibrillator in place. The limitations however are:-

- (a) Everyone must know where the defibrillator is in the event of an emergency and



Dr. Pat Duggan

- (b) we need to establish a training protocol in defibrillator use among club members.

We have established a medical education subcommittee to provide ongoing training for the medical/scientific personnel involved with our teams.

Other issues which we are actively pursuing are the wearing of helmets for all intercounty hurlers and the danger of personal jewellery and sideline flags.

It is indeed a challenging time for those of us who provide medical care for our players. However, I am confident that with the support of the Uachtaráin and the management committee; together with the quality of personnel working within the committee, we can make much progress over the next three years.

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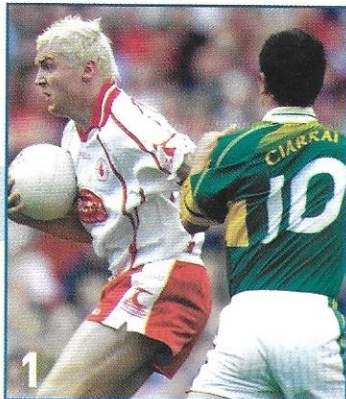
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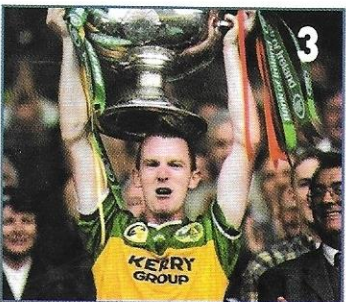


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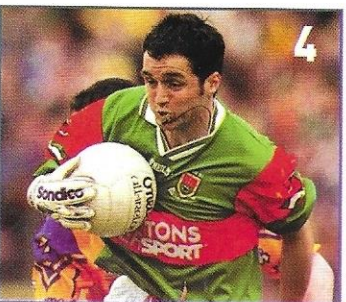


ALL-IRELAND SENIOR FOOTBALL FINALS

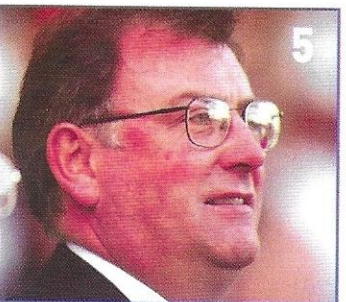
1. What was Tyrone's winning margin over Kerry in last year's final—two, three or four points?
2. Before Armagh won their only title in 2002, what was the last county to join the ranks of All-Ireland senior title winners?
3. Who led Kerry to their 1997 final win over Mayo?



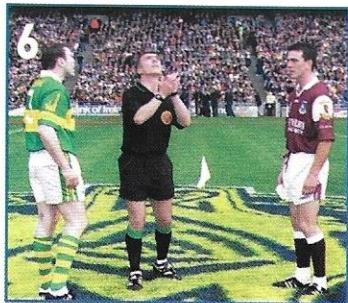
4. And, who captained the Connacht county in that game?



5. Who was President of the GAA when Galway won the Sam Maguire Cup in 1998?

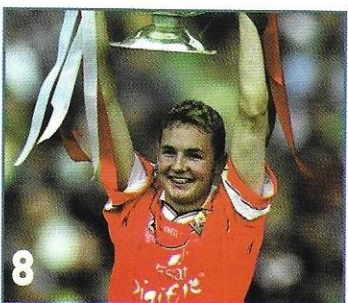


6. The All-Ireland senior final of 2000 ended in a draw. Who refereed that game—Pat McEnaney (Monaghan), Brian White (Wexford) or John Bannon (Longford)?

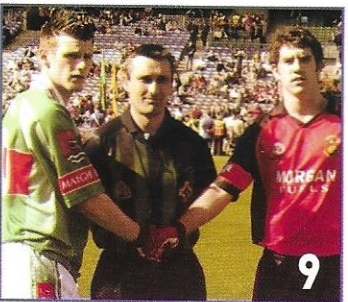


ALL-IRELAND MINOR FOOTBALL FINALS

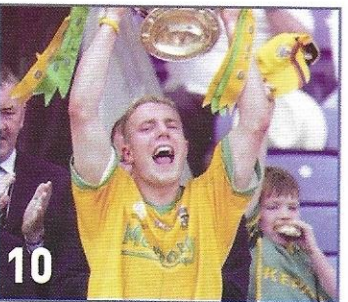
7. What two counties contested last year's All-Ireland final?
8. James Masters led Cork to the Tom Markham Cup in 1999, 2000 or 2001. Your choice!



9. Maurice Deegan (Laois) refereed last year's under-18 decider. True or false?



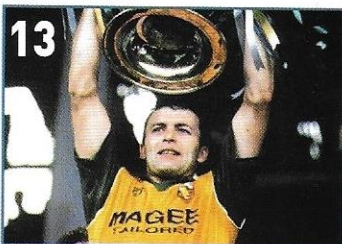
10. Paddy Brady led Offaly, Meath or Donegal to an ESB provincial title this summer. Your choice!



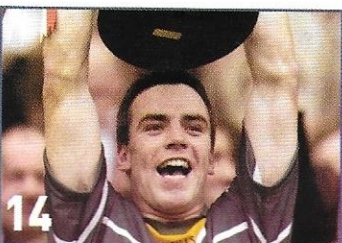
11. Name the two counties that won provincial minor titles at Croke Park this year.

PERSONALITY PARADE

12. Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) retained his All-Ireland senior singles 60 x 30 softball title in handball earlier this month. Was that his second, third, or fourth successive title?
13. Who led Donegal in 1992 to their only All-Ireland senior football title win so far?



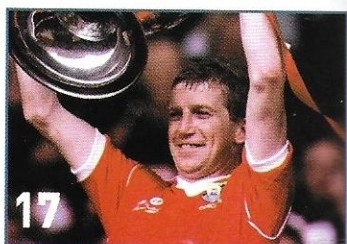
14. This winner of All-Ireland senior medals as a forward in 1998 and 2001 captained Ireland in a recent International Rules Test series against Australia. Who is he?



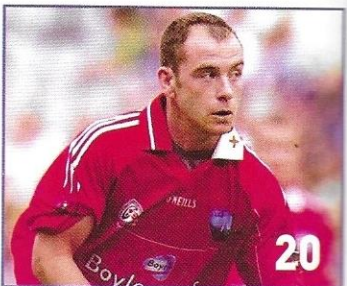
15. Sean Boylan, Ireland team manager for the upcoming International Rules Test series, guided Meath as manager to how many All-Ireland senior titles?
16. Mick Curley (Galway) has the distinction of being the last Connacht man to referee an



17. Who was the first Munster man presented with the new Sam Maguire Cup after an All-Ireland senior final win—Páidí Ó Sé, Seamus Moynihan or Dinny Allen?



18. Who was President of the G.A.A. from 1994 to 1997?
19. Name the 2005 All Stars goalkeeper in football.
20. Who was top scorer for Louth in the Tommy Murphy Cup final at Croke Park last month?



All-Ireland Senior Football Finals
1. Three points—1-16 to 2-10. 2. Derry in 1993. 3. Liam Hassett from centre half forward. 4. Noel Connelly from left half back. 5. Joe McDonagh, of Galway. 6. Pat McEnaney.
All-Ireland Minor Football Finals
7. Down, the winners, and Mayo. 8. 2000, when Cork beat Mayo in the final. 9. True. 10. Meath. 11. Donegal, in the Ulster final, and Meath.
Personality Parade
12. Third. 13. Anthony Molloy. 14. Pádraig Joyce (Galway). 15. Four—1987, 1988, 1996 and 1999. 16. 1999. 17. Dinny Allen, who led Cork to the 1989 final, the second year the new trophy was the prize for the winners. 18. Jack Boothman (Wicklow). 19. Diarmuid Murphy (Kerry). 20. Darren Clarke with seven points.

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REFEREEING MATTERS IN 2006

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CHAMPIONSHIP 2006



In this year's championship 64 games have been played. There were some games played in a negative way and

as well as creating huge problems for the referees involved also caused some dismay at the state of modern day football. Happily there were some outstanding games too and one, Mayo v Dublin, drew the comment from Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh that it was the best game he ever saw. There were, during the championship, different talking points and criticisms of some refereeing decisions. Referees are always advised to take great care in issuing cards and not to be hurried in their decisions. It's more important to get it right than to be worried about holding up play. The new disciplinary procedures do put an increased onus on referees to get it right - more especially re sending-off offences. As one of our top referees said to me recently - "You have to be very sure for a sending-off offence. If there's a doubt in your mind, well then you don't give a straight red". Decisions now can be more easily overturned. We have seen proved again that both teams can be highly motivated, can play with strong physical contact, we have seen how entertaining a game it can be and how few problems there are for the referee.

HIGH FIELDING

This summer we have seen great examples of the spectacular skill of high fielding. We have all delighted in this great skill of, among others, Nicholas Murphy, Darragh Ó Sé, Ronan McGarrity, Ciarán Whelan. But when the high fielder returns to earth he is normally surrounded by several players. If they do just that - surround him - and do not hold him down, push him, punch at him i.e. if he is not fouled, he must release the ball. Many times, of course, the player in possession is fouled but it can be sometimes a difficult call for the referee. Is he being fouled or is he holding on too long to the ball? Our admiration for the high catch does not automatically mean the player is rewarded with a free.

VIDEO BACK-UP

After the opening weeks of the Premiership league in England there are already renewed calls for the use of video back-up for referees because of some decisions made by their top referees. An interesting article on the topic in The Mail on Sunday August 27th: "Fourth officials, for example, have access to TV monitors next to the benches at Premiership games. It would not take too much time for them and the referee to communicate if they want a video replay. And the argument that the game has to be the same on Hackney Marshes as in a World Cup game no longer holds water. It is a different game at the highest level. Yes, of course, the referee's authority on the field of play is paramount and his decision should be final. It would help the referees' cause, though, if they, as well as the players and fans, had confidence they had got it right". The arguments will continue - pro and con - but, as of now, it's revealing that the only use of video back-up in rugby and soccer is checking if the ball has been grounded for a try.

REFEREES PRAISED!

It is a pity to read or hear public criticism of referees from team officials. It is appreciated the huge disappointment in losing, having given so many hours and such massive effort in managing a modern intercounty team. We appreciate too the frustration if a manager feels some refereeing decisions have gone against his team and how, in the immediate aftermath of a game, the desire to lash out and blame somebody is strong. The loaded post-match interview question - what did you think of the referee? - can provide such an opportunity. This summer we already admired Mickey Harte's comments after his teams' defeat by Laois. We were heartened to read the comments of Dublin manager Paul Caffrey after his team's narrow defeat by Mayo in their terrific semi-final: "The bottom line is - I think the standard of refereeing was great all year, it's too easy to stand here as a defeated manager and have a swipe at the referee. He (Paddy Russel) had a tough time after the Omagh game

ALWAYS TIME FOR HUMOUR

Referee before game: "Do ye see this yoke, lads? I'm going to blow it now and blow it again at the finish and whatever happens in between ye can sort out yerselves".

Sporting Foot and Mouth. John Scally

and I'm delighted to see him back in Croke Park. It's too cheap for beaten managers to criticise. If we take that line we'll never get anyone to referee matches". *Irish Independent* August 28th. I have no doubt that Mickey Harte and Paul Caffrey felt no less disappointed at the narrow defeat of their teams and yet were big enough not to blame the referees. To be fair, most managers are very gracious in defeat. If it could only extend to the referee also.

THE FUTURE - WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A REFEREE?

Many counties are experiencing a shortage of referees to cover all their fixtures both at adult and juvenile level. For example at a recent meeting of Bord na nÓg Officers in only one province, Munster, it was estimated that in the grades under 12 to under 16 a total of 15,000 games were played in the year. Add to that figure approx. 2,000 games at second level schools. When one considers that Leinster and Ulster are much bigger provinces, the number of referees required in all four provinces is huge. So, many counties are experiencing a shortage. The National Referees' Committee has decided to launch a national recruitment drive in the autumn of this year. It will be launched by Uachtarán Nickey Brennan on November 14th in Croke Park. A new support and guide for referees called Refereeing Matters will be published replacing the current Referee Handbook. The National Committee will be responsible for setting up the courses in the counties, providing the material, trained tutors, examinations in knowledge and fitness and the conferring of certificates at the end of the course. The Committee will depend on the Referee Administrators at Provincial and County level with the County Committees to get the people for these courses. The courses will be widely publicised in the autumn and

will give the opportunity to be properly trained and also helped in refereeing practice.

We asked a few of our younger intercounty referees the straight question - Would you encourage others to take up refereeing? Some of their answers:

ENJOYMENT FROM REFEREEING?

Barry Kelly (All-Ireland Senior Hurling 2006): "I'd encourage any

young lad to have a look at refereeing - 95 per cent of the job is enjoyable although the other 5 per cent is a tough and lonely existence.

But we're all well looked after, we have seminars and there is great communication with Croke Park. There is a huge network system from fellow referees".

Derek Fahy, Longford (Leinster M.F. and All-Ireland M.F. semi-final

2006): "I would encourage others to take up refereeing because it gives a marvellous opportunity to be involved. It's a great

opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. It gives one an opportunity to say 'Yes, I can make a difference'".

James McGrath, Westmeath (Christy Ring Cup Final 2006):

"Despite opinions to the contrary, refereeing is very enjoyable. It provides an excellent opportunity to maintain high fitness

levels but not under the same pressure and intensity as intercounty training. Working with a regular team of umpires enhances the enjoyment leading to a sense of our own team spirit and comradeship".

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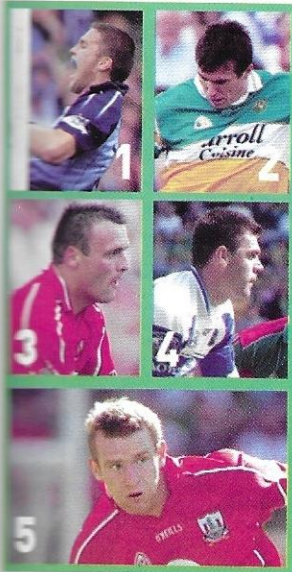
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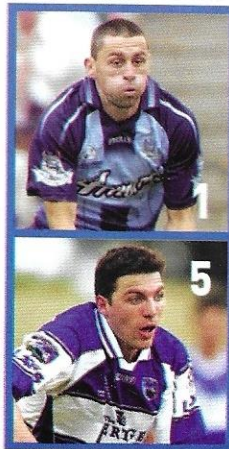
Each of the five footballers featured in this section played earlier this year in the senior championship.

1. I won a provincial senior medal in July and scored my team's first goal in their All-Ireland semi-final, but we lost that game. My club is Ballyboden St. Enda's.
2. I am one of the most experienced International Rules Test footballers. My club is Tubber and I am usually at midfield, where I helped my county in an unsuccessful provincial final bid in July.
3. My club is Glenullin and I am one of the leading scorers in senior football. I recorded a big tally on my last championship appearance in June, but my county still lost away from home. I played with Ulster in the interprovincial championship last year.
4. I am a regular in goal with my county senior side, but I still know a thing or two when it comes to taking penalty kicks. My club is Courtwood. I also captained my county team this year.
5. Although I am a defender I scored the late, late point that earned my county an All-Ireland quarter-final win in early August. We lost next time out to old rivals from our own province. My club is Ballygarvan.

FIND THE COUNTY

If each of the questions is answered correctly, the first letter in each answer will reveal the name of a county.

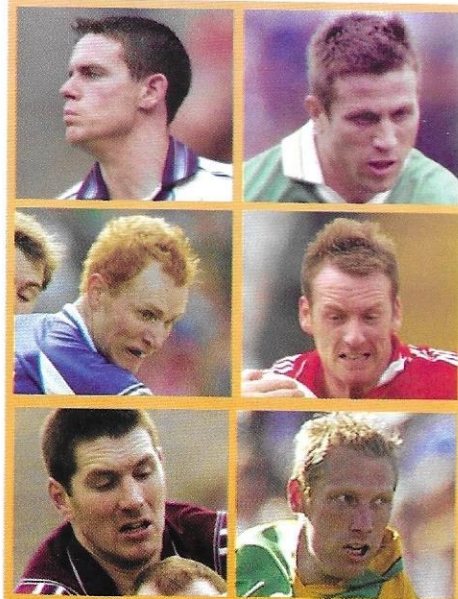
1. This footballer was in fine form in attack for Dublin in the senior football championship and also scored four points in their unsuccessful All-Ireland semi-final outing in August. His club is St. Oliver Plunkett's/Eoghan Ruadh.
2. The number of points scored by Kerry in their unsuccessful Munster final replay against Cork in July.
3. This county won the second Tommy Murphy Cup in football last year.
4. This county had a successful visit to New York in May for their opening game in the senior football championship.
5. First name of Fitzgerald, who led Laois to the 2003 Leinster senior football title and was in action with the county again in this year's campaign.
6. The last Leinster county to win the All-Ireland senior football title.



CLUB TIME

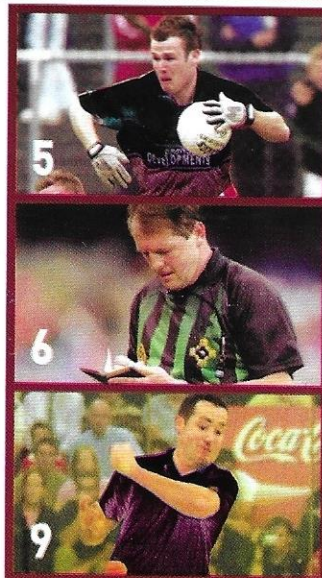
Listed below are six well-known intercounty footballers and six clubs. Can you match each player with the correct club?

Stephen Cluxton	Seneschalstown
Karol Slattery	Killeavey
Pádraig Clancy	Gracefield
Mark Stanfield	Garrycastle
David O'Shaughnessy	Timahoe
Graham Geraghty	Parnells



GENERAL REVIEW

1. What county lost to Kerry in the Allianz National Football League Division I final earlier this year?
2. Where was that game played?
3. Louth beat Donegal in an Allianz National Football League Division II final replay earlier this year. Where was that game played?
4. How did Galway fare this year in their opening game in the Bank of Ireland senior football championship?
5. Simon Rea was in action with what county in this year's provincial championship?
6. Who is the referee pictured here?
7. He won a Leinster senior medal with Raheens. True or false?
8. He refereed this year's Ulster senior football final. True or false?
9. Who lost to Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) in the M. D. Donnelly All-Ireland senior singles 60 x 30 softball final earlier this month—Paul Brady (Cavan), Tony Healy (Cork) or Tom Sheridan (Meath)?
10. What is the official name of the county grounds in An Uaimh?



Name That Footballer:
1. Conal Keaney (Dublin), 2. Ciarán McManus (Offaly), 3. Paddy Bradley (Derry), 4. Fergal Byron (Laois), 5. Ger Spillane (Cork).
Club Time:
Stephen Cluxton (Dublin)—Parnells, Karol Slattery (Offaly)—Gracefield, Pádraig Clancy (Laois)—Timahoe, Mark Stanfield (Louth)—Killeavey (Armagh), David O'Shaughnessy (Westmeath)—Garrycastle, Graham Geraghty (Meath)—Seneschalstown.
Find The County:
1. Alan Brogan, 2. Nine, 3. Tipperary, 4. Roscommon, 5. Jan, 6. Meath.
General Review:
1. Galway, 2. Limerick, 3. Kingspan Breffni Park, 4. They beat Sligo at Pearse Stadium, 5. Carlow, 6. Mick Monahan (Kildare), 7. True, 8. True, 9. Tom Sheridan, 10. Páirc Tailteann.

Fragraí



TWENTY UP FOR 'MINIS'

The INTO-GAA Mini-Sevens is this year celebrating 20 years in existence. The scheme enables 240 children each year to showcase the Gaelic games skills they learn in almost 3,000 Primary schools in all 32 counties. Having a child appear in Croke Park, on the biggest days in the GAA calendar, is a unique honour for children, their families, teachers and school communities. GAA clubs and parishes throughout the length and breadth of the country celebrate the achievements of every young star who makes it to the INTO-GAA Mini-Sevens roll of honour. Some former participants have gone on to savour intercounty success but all of the lucky ones will retain vivid memories of their great day in Croke Park and are likely to remain committed to Gaelic games either as playing club members, club officials or committed patrons attending games at county and provincial venues for years to come. As the sevens nears a quarter of a century in existence, we salute the many teachers who give their time and energy to teaching youngsters the skills of our games and an appreciation of the key part the Gaelic Athletic Association plays in our cultural history.

Double Act for Whistling Duo

Niall Scully from St. Mary's, Rathfarnham will wear the Mayo colours in Croke Park today as a Mini-Sevens participant. The Templeogue/Synge Street clubman is unlikely to be fazed by the big occasion, however, as he has taken centre-stage at GAA headquarters twice already this season as a key member of the Cumann na mBunscol, Áth Cliath Allianz 'Junior Whistlers' refereeing team. He took charge of the whistle at the Cork v Kerry quarter-final and, along with school colleague Seán Keller, a member of Ballyboden/St. Enda's, made a return visit for the hurling final. Amazingly, the talented duo were both selected to play in this year's Minis. Seán had his big day during the game while Niall will wear the Mayo number 8 shirt this afternoon. The boys have also had the distinction of representing St. Mary's in an Allianz Cumann na mBunscol final in Croke Park when Seán played in goals and Niall at corner forward in a Corn Oideachais U11 final in 2004. Perhaps the boys' next appearance in Croke Park will be in

the Dublin shirt and their experience of the big time will certainly stand to them.

* This afternoon's Junior Whistlers are Mark Ryan, St. Lorcan's N.S., Palmerstown and Nicola Carroll, Holy Trinity NS, Donaghmede. Both have refereed in Croke Park before. Nicola is an accomplished footballer and a member of the Dublin U14 development squad. Mark, a son of well-known Dublin referee, Dónal Ryan, a proud Tipperary native, made a big impression on his last appearance at the Camogie final, prompting former referee Tony Jordan to write - 'I was very taken by the young lad who refereed the game at the Canal End. He was obviously well aware of the rules; his signals were crystal clear and he looked very sharp....if he keeps up his interest and trains hard, he will be back in Croke Park in charge of an All-Ireland final'. High praise, indeed, and great encouragement for a boy with a big future in refereeing.

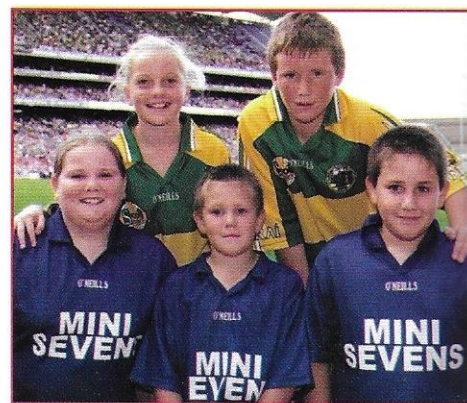


Allianz 'Junior Whistlers' Niall Scully and Seán Keller at the All-Ireland hurling final.

Boys and Girls from Barr na Sráide

Scoil Naomh Iósáif, and Scoil Mhuire in Cahirciveen are still in celebration mode having swept the boards in The Kingdom this year with double success in girls' and boys' Mini-Sevens football competitions respectively. The reward for all the hard work by coaches Pa O'Connell, a former St. Mary's star and teammate of Jack O'Shea and Maurice Fitzgerald, and Peter Murphy and the commitment of teachers Mrs. Casey, Miss Kissane, Mrs. Browne and Majella Kelly was the selection of Sarah-Louise O'Connell, and Denis Daly to play at the All-Ireland semi-final and today Jenny O'Mahony and Darren O'Sullivan will get a chance to show their skills on another great day for the football-mad town made famous in the Sigerson Clifford song

'The Boys of Barr an Sráide'. Sarah-Louise made 'the town that climbs the mountain' proud again this week when she appeared on RTÉ's Den TV afternoon schedule in a preview of today's games. Mayo was ably represented by Matthew Golden from Carrowholly NS, nephew of former Mayo selector, George Golden. Matthew is a member of the Kilmeena GAA club and his school principal Peter Carney is very proud of him.



Sarah-Louise O'Connell and Denis Daly with Mini-Sevens umpires Louise, Declan and Jeremiah Moran in Croke Park.

Mayo's Best



Stephen Conroy and Stephen Morrin, Neale/Cross NS and Marie Hegarty, Oliver Plunkett N.S., Ballina when they played during the Mayo v Dublin game. Marie's twin sister Carol will wear the number 9 Mayo shirt in today's Mini-Sevens.

All entries have now been received for the Gaelic Telecom-Cumann na mBunscol National Awards 2006. Categories remain the same as last year and the Awards Banquet will be held in The Berkeley Court Hotel on December 9th. Further information, including county links, can be found on www.scoilspport.org

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The policy to prohibit such encroachment in the future has been taken to avoid further injuries and possible fatality and has been taken on the advice and promptings of the safety authorities, namely the Gardaí, Dublin City Council, Fire Brigade and the ERHA.

Supporters are sincerely thanked for their co-operation to date and are asked to continue this co-operation in the future to ensure that games can be enjoyed without recourse to fencing or avoidable obstructions to seeing the action from all vantage points. Together we can ensure that a Croke Park experience is both enjoyable and safe, particularly for the young and vulnerable.

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OF THE GROUND.



MEDICAL ASSISTANCE/ LOST CHILDREN

Cusack Stand Lower:

First Aid Centre rear of Section 312.

Canal Stand Upper:

First Aid Centre rear of Section 724.

Hogan Stand Lower:

First Aid Centre rear of Section 329.

Hill 16:

First Aid Centre rear of Section A

Lower Hogan:

Medical Centre

The Site Medical Officer will be situated on the pitch in front of the Cusack Stand.
All Treatment Centres are staffed by St. John Ambulance Brigade members.



Lost Children -

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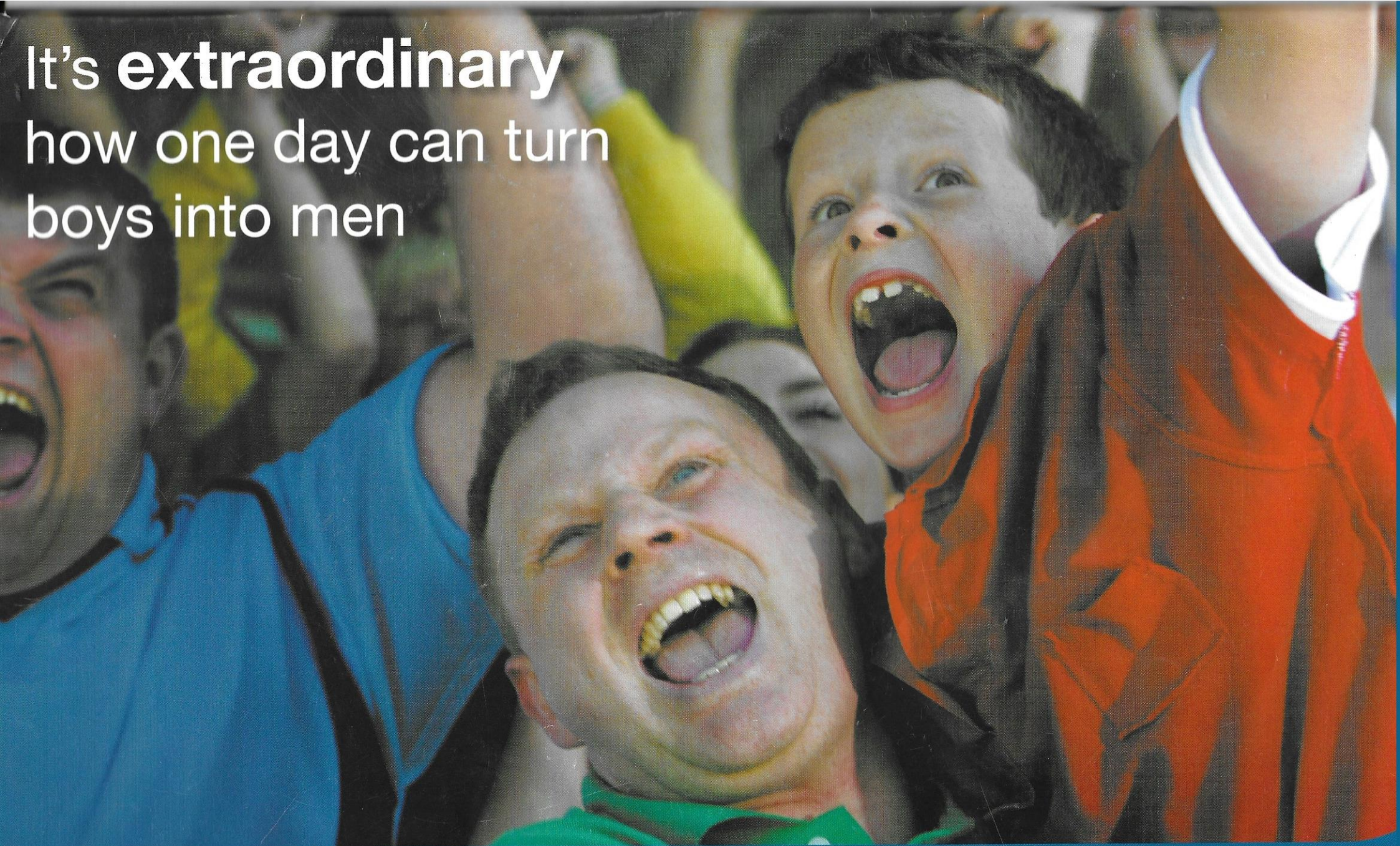


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